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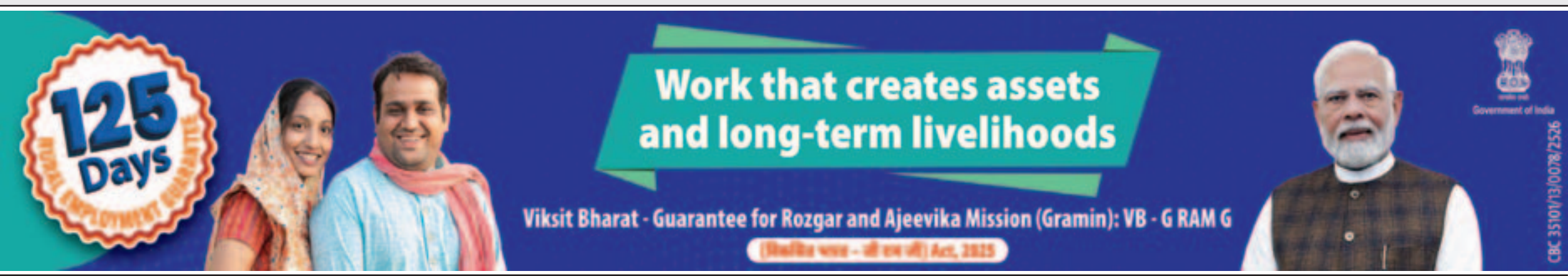
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NEWS BRIEFS

Four prominent leaders join BJP in Punjab

CHANDIGARH: The BJP got a boost in Punjab on Friday as four prominent leaders joined the party at its Chandigarh office, signalling growing political realignments ahead of upcoming electoral battles.
Among those who joined BJP is Charanjit Singh Brar, a former senior leader, along with Onkar Singh, who served as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. Their induction is being seen as a significant political development, particularly due to their earlier association with the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). Also joining the BJP were Ripjeet Singh Brar and Jasmeet Brar, further strengthening the party's organisational presence.
in the state.

Rupee crashes 50 paise to settle near all-time low at 90.84

MUMBAI: The rupee tumbled for the third straight session and lost 50 paise to settle near its lowest level at 90.84 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, amid rising crude oil prices and sustained outflow of foreign funds. Volatile global sentiment and a firm American currency accelerated the withdrawal of foreign institutional investors, even as domestic investors resorted to value buying, forex traders said.

States to get time-limit of six months to come 'on board' with VB-G RAM G

NEW DELHI: States will get a time-limit of six months to come 'on board' as soon as Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin law (G RAM G) commences, sources in Ministry of Rural Development said. "States will get six months' time to notify their own schemes, which is similar to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) where the scheme was notified by each state government," ministry sources said.

BJP triumphs over Thackerays in Mumbai, defeats Pawars in Pune Municipal polls

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Breaking the nearly three-decade-old dominance of the undivided Shiv Sena, the BJP on Friday emerged as the single largest party in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections, and also triumphed in Pune, where it made mincemeat of the alliance of NCP factions.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Shiv Sena-led Mahayuti have gone well past the halfway mark in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) polls, leading on 122 of 227, as per the last trends at 8:30 PM BJP is emerging as the largest party in India's richest municipality, with 93 seats, with its alliance partner Shiv Sena leading on 29. The Thackeray brothers trail at 70 seats, with Shiv Sena (UBT) gaining 61 seats and MNS nine. In response to MNS chief Raj Thackeray's 'rasamalai' jibe against Tamil Nadu BJP leader K Annamalai, Mumbai BJP chief spokesperson Niranjan Shetty and others celebrated the party's victory by distributing rasmalai. Raj Thackeray had taken a sharp jibe at the BJP leader whom he mockingly referred to as 'rasmalai'.Congress, which clinched Latur, winning 43 of 70 seats, was leading on 15 seats in Mumbai, while NCP (SP) led on one. BJP-Shiv Sena have managed to outrun the uncle-nephew duo of Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad. In Pune, the BJP was leading on 90 seats out of the total 162, with Shiv Sena leading on two seats, and Mahayuti well above the majority mark. NCP was leading on 20 seats .

PM hails BJP-Sena victory in Maharashtra civic polls

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday hailed the BJP-Shiv Sena-led victory in the Maharashtra civic polls, attributing the win to the "pro-people good governance" agenda.. As per trends, the alliance was also leading with a thumping majority in Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Nagpur, Nashik and Ulhasnagar, among the 29 municipal corporations that went to polling on Thursday.Expressing gratitude to the electors, PM Modi said that the NDA's "vision for development has struck a chord" with the people of the state.He wrote on X, "Thank you, Maharashtra! The dynamic people of the state bless the NDA's agenda of pro-people, good governance! The results of various municipal corporation elections indicate that the NDA's bond with the people of Maharashtra has further deepened.

Time for Indian startups to focus even more on manufacturing: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called upon the Indian startups ecosystem to focus more on manufacturing and create new, best-quality products for the world."Over the past decades, we have done quite remarkable work in digital startups and the service sector. Now is the time for our startups to focus even more on manufacturing. We will have to create new products. We will have to create products of the world's best quality," PM Modi said, addressing the ten years of the Startup India programme.In technology, too, the prime minister said Indian startups will have to take the lead by working on unique ideas. "The future belongs to this. I assure you, the government stands with you in every effort of yours," he assured the Indian startups.Previously, the fear of compliance requirements, lengthy approval cycles, and inspector raj were major obstacles to innovation, he noted. "To address this, we created an environment of trust and transparency. Under the Jan Vishwas initiative, more than 180 provisions have been decriminalised. We have streamlined processes to save your time, allowing you to focus on innovation rather than getting entangled in litigation," PM Modi said. In particular, startups now benefit from self-certification facilities across numerous laws. Additionally, procedures for mergers and acquisitions have been simplified, making it easier for businesses to grow and innovate. Startup India is not just a scheme, but a "Rainbow Vision"; it is a means of connecting different sectors to new opportunities, the prime minister said.Addressing entrepreneurs and stakeholders of India's startup ecosystem, the Prime Minister, on the occassion of National Startup Day, said that for him, the confidence and impression of startups matter more than numbers alone.He also lauded the risk appetite of India's startups."I have consistently emphasised risk-taking, because it has also been my long-standing habit. Tasks that no one was ready to take up, tasks that previous governments avoided for decades because they feared losing elections or power -- I have always considered it my responsibility to take them on.

CM Mann pitches for stronger trade ties with British Columbia

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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Friday underscored the need to strengthen trade relations with Canada, particularly British Columbia, to expand cooperation that delivers tangible benefits for businesses and people on both sides.

During a meeting with the Premier of British Columbia David Eby, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Canada has always been a strong partner for India and Punjab, and we deeply value this relationship. We appreciate the strong trade and investment ties between Canada and Punjab and look forward to strengthening this foundation further." He added, "Punjab is fully prepared and enthusiastic to collaborate with Canadian businesses in sectors of mutual importance."

Highlighting Punjab's economic strengths, the Chief Minister said, "Punjab is a leader in agro-processing, textiles, engineering goods, IT services, and renewable energy. With robust infrastructure and a skilled workforce proficient in the English language, Punjab offers an ideal destination for Canadian investors."

He further noted, "Punjab ranks among the leading states in the country in Ease of Doing Business, and through Invest Punjab, we provide a single-window clearance system along with comprehensive investor support."

The Chief Minister pointed out that British Columbia's expertise aligns closely with Punjab's development priorities. "British Columbia's strengths in sustainable farming, food security, and greenhouse technologies align perfectly with Punjab's agricultural modernization goals. We foresee significant opportunities in precision farming, post-harvest systems, and value-added food processing," he said.

On education, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "Education and skill development is another promising area where partnerships with Canadian universities in research and vocational training can have a transformative impact."

Emphasising sector-wise opportunities, the Chief Minister said, "In healthcare and life sciences, there are immense opportunities for Canadian firms in pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and telemedicine." He added, "Renewable energy is a shared priority, and Punjab welcomes joint ventures in solar parks and bio-energy projects."

50% of Anganwadi workers to be promoted as Supervisors: Haryana CM

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Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that during the previous budget, 66 announcements were made concerning Women and Child Development, out of which 59 have already been implemented. Besides this, work on three announcements is currently in progress.

The Chief Minister was presiding over a meeting organized to review the announcements related to the Women and Child Development Department. Women and Child Development Minister Smt. Shruti Choudhry was also present in the meeting.

The Chief Minister said that an important decision has been taken for Anganwadi workers in the meeting of the Women and Child Development Department. Under this, Anganwadi workers who have completed 10 years of service and fulfill the eligibility criteria for the post of Supervisor will be promoted to the post of Supervisor. He said that now 50 percent of the Supervisors will be promoted from among Anganwadi workers, while the remaining 50 percent will be appointed through direct recruitment. The Chief Minister said that an announcement was made to provide additional funds to free malnourished children from malnutrition, and work on this is being carried out rapidly. Such children are being provided with boiled black gram, churma, and kinnow. He said that due to the government's sincere efforts, out of 80,000 malnourished children identified last year, 54,000 children have been freed from malnutrition. Only 26,000 such children remain in the state, and efforts are being made to free them from malnutrition at the earliest. He added that the government aims to implement the recipe being run in the aspirational district of Nuh across all Anganwadi centres in the state, so that children throughout Haryana can be made free from malnutrition. The Chief Minister said that in line with the announcement to convert 2,000 Anganwadi centres into Saksham Anganwadi Centres, work is progressing rapidly to upgrade 2,807 Anganwadi centres.



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I, Kulwant Singh S/o Ajaib Singh R/o Vill Choure PO. Udhanwal, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur. I have changed my name from Kalwant Singh to Kulwant Singh. Please concerned note.

10005

I Gagandeep Gill W/o Jatinder Verma R/o H.No. 270, Shivalik City , Landran Road, Kharar, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have change my name from Gagandeep Gill to Gagandeep Verma.

100071

I, Himanshu Pal S/o Pawan Kumar R/o Jubbal, Tehsil Radaur, Distt. yamunanagar have changed my name from Himanshu to Himanshu Pal.

511363

I Karmvati w/o Sh. Jai Singh R/o Village Kartarpur, Post Office Alahar, Tehsil Radaur, Distt Yamunanagar have changed my name from Karamvati to Karam wati.

511363

I, Karam Wati W/o Sh. Jai Singh R/o Village Kartarpur, Post Office Alahar, Tehsil Radaur, Distt Yamunanagar state that in my passport my father's name is written as Santokh Singh, which is incorrect. While correct name is Sandook Singh.

511363

I, Lakhwinder Singh S/o Sh. Mukhtiar Singh R/o Village Jansua, P. O. Jansui, Distt Ambala have changed my name from Lakhvinder Singh to Lakhwinder Singh.All concern note.

78645

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I Usman Siddiqui age 27 years (Aadhar Card No. 8256 1196 5577) son of Sh. Jamal Husain, Resident of Nagawa, P.O. Nandauri, District Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh 271604, do hereby that my name is mentioned in my Aadhar Card as Usman Siddiqui and my father name as Jamal Husain.That my name is mistakenly mentioned in my educational certificate as Usman Siddiki & father name as Jamal Siddiki. That the deponent wants to correct his name in the record of education certificate from Usman Siddiki to Usman Siddiqui And father name Jamal Siddiki to Jamal Husain. All Concerned please note.

481259

I No. 6947323P Hav Manoj Kumar S/o Satyvir Singh R/o Unit 7010 EME BN C/o 56 APO, Permanent residing at Village Khachroli (147), District Jhajjar, Haryana, India-124106 declare that in my Army record my father name is wrongly entered as Satyavir Singh Whereas his correct name is Satyvsir Singh.

63372

I, Army No. 01581243F Ex-SEPOY Chhinder Pal S/o Shankar Singh R/o Vpo. Majara Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar Pin-144526 Punjab, India, declare that in my army record my wife name and Date of Birth wrongly entered Chharanjit Kaur Date of Birth 01-07-1963 But wife correct name Charanjit Kaur and Date of Birth 17-11-1979 so amended my wife name from Charanjit Kaur and Date of Birth 17-11-1979 in my army record.

63372

I, Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Surinder Kumar R/o H. No-176, Sonda Road, Sonda (114), Ambala City, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134003 have changed my name from Anil Dubey to Anil Kumar.

78645

I, Shashi Anand S/o Sita Ram R/o House No. 92, Sector-19, Part-I, HUDA, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I known with three names Shashi Anand, Shashi Mangal and Shashi Anand Mangal. My all three names Shashi Anand, Shashi Mangal and Shashi Anand Mangal are correct and used for the same one person that is me. All concerned please note.

100047

I Lakshya Deep Goyal S/o Tarsem Lal Goyal R/o H No. 211, Amrik Singh Road, W No. 47, Veer Colony, Bathinda have changed my name to Lakshay Goyal

100078

I, Saroop Singh S/o Lal Singh R/o House No 943, Sunny Enclave, Sec-125, Kharar, SAS Nagar Mohali have Changed my name from Saroop Singh to Saroop Singh Bhamrah for all purposes.

524479

I,PANKEJ W/o ASHWANI GARG Resident of HNO. 4B, Laxman Dass Monga Street, Mandi Dabwali, Distt. Sirsa, State Haryana have changed my name to Pankaj GARG

524479

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ਮੈ, ਮਨਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਬਲਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿਰਥਾ ਪੱਤੀ ਧੂਰਕੋਟ ਤਹਿ:ਤਪਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਪਤੇ ਦੀ ਪੱਕੀ ਵਸਨੀਕ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰਾ ਆਧਾਰ ਕਾਰਡ ਨੰ:2863 1829 6331 ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਬੂਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਧੂਰਕੋਟ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ।ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੈ ਆਪਣੇ ਉਕਤ ਲੜਕੇ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ।ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਉਕਤ ਲੜਕੇ ਨਾਲ ਜੋ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰੇਗਾ, ਖੁਦ ਜੁੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰੀ ਕੋਈ ਜੁੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀ ਹੈ।ਇਹ ਕਿ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ ।

514467

I, Parmjit Kaur W/o No. 3389280M Rank Hav (Retd) name Machhinder Singh Resident of Vill: Siloani Po. Bassian Teh-Raikot Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)-142032 hereby declare that I have changed my name as per my civil records from Paramjit Kaur to Parmjit Kaur but in the Army Record of my said husband my name is reflected as Paramjit Kaur which is incorrect. The DO Part-2 for my correct name as Parmjit Kaur please be published. Affidavit dated 15-01-2026 at Raikot.

63372

I, Buta Singh is the father of Service No. 19001736K Rank Hav name Jasvir Singh presently posted at 2 SIKH Regiment C/O 99 APO, Po. & P.S. Barrackpore Distt. North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700120, West Bengal and permanent resident of Bhai Patti Daroli Bhai Moga Punjab-142048 declare that in my Son Service record my wrongly entered DOB 04-06-1963. But my correct DOB is 05-03-1963. So amended my DOB from 04-06-1963 to 05-03-1963 in my son Service record.

63372

I, Susheel Kumar S/O Gaze Singh Resident of VPO Sirsi Distt. Karnal Haryana India, hereby inform you that my Daughter Himani. whose Passport No. V0831795 issued dt. 30-04-2021 valid upto 29-04-2031 decare that shows my name as (Sushil kumar), which is incorrect. My correct name is (Susheel kumar) in all documents. All concerned please noted.

100046

I,Rekha wife of Susheel Kumar Resident of VPO Sirsi Distt. Karnal Haryana India, hereby inform you that my Daughter Himani. whose Passport No. V0831795 issued dt. 30-04-2021 valid upto 29-04-2031 decare that shows my name as (Rekha Davi) which is incorrect. My correct name is (Rekha) in all documents. All concerned please noted.

100046

I, Mohit Balyan S/o Sh. Mange Ram R/o Village Chogawan, Tehsil Indri, Distt. Karnal have changed my minor daughter name from Tejal to Tejal Balyan.

100046

I, JESSICA, W/o Vishwajeet Singh, R/o House Number 520P, Sector 6 MDC, Panchkula, Haryana; have changed my name to JESSICA SANGWAN, for all purposes.

989666

I Kamalpreet D/o Nirmal Chand R/o Vill Kot Khurd , PO Kot Kalan , Jalandhar , Punjab , have changed my name from Kamalpreet to Kamalpreet Kaur in which given name Kamalpreet and Kaur is my surname . All concerned please note.

900026

I Ravinderjit W/o Satish Kumar Bhardwaj R/o Vill Wazidowal , PO Mehli , Teh Phagwara , Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Ravinderji to Ravinderjit Bhardwaj in which given name is Ravinderjit and Bhardwaj is my surname. All concerned may note.

900026

I Vanita Kumari Bhardwaj alias Ravinderjit Bhardwaj W/o Satish Kumar Bhardwaj R/o Vill Wazidowal , PO Mehli , Teh Phagwara , Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Vanita Kumari Bhardwaj alias Ravinderjit to Ravinderjit Bhardwaj. All concerned may note.

900026

I Satish Kumar S/o Brham Dutt R/o Vill Wazidowal , PO Mehli , Teh Phagwara , Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Satish Kumar to Satish Kumar Bhardwaj. All concerned may note.

900026

I, Salina Akter spouse of Akramul Hossain, Unit 339 Med Regt, C/o 56 APO Presently residing Vill- Baikunthapur, Post Office- Sarbamangala, Teh - Gangarampur, Distt- Dakshin Dinajpur, State- WB have changed my name from Salina Akter to Salina Aktar vide E-stamping/Affidavit No IN-PB11193-6612556340Y date 16 Jan 2026 before Notary, Jalandhar (PB).

900026

I, B Narasamma mother of No. 15813364Y L/NK Dresser B Subba Rao resident of Gopalpur On Sea, Deegipur, PO Venkataraipur, District Ganjam, State Odisha, Pin-761002, have changed my name from B Narasamma to Boddu Narasamma Vide Affidavit Dated 16/01/2026 Before Executive Magistrate, Jalandhar .

900026

I Vishnu Panhalkar father of No. JC776999L Sub Gajanan Panhalkar R/o Vill & PO Kudremani, Teh & Distt Dist-Belagavi, Karnataka-591128 I have changed my name from Vishnu Panhalkar to Vishnu Laxman Panhalkar. Vide affidavit dt 16/01/2026 before Notary, Jalandhar

778934

I, Gurbagh Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o Vpo Baba Bakala Tehsil Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar, Declare That Have Changed My Name From Gurbagh Singh To Gurbhag Singh. Please Note.

98748

I Pooja Puri W/o Diwakar Soni R/o H.No.422, Sabji Mandi, W.No.6, Kurali, Distt SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name to Pooja Soni for all future purposes.

63372

I, Harbhajan Lal S/O Sh. Balwant Ram R/O Village Mahmu Joyia, District. Fazilka (Pb) Have Changed My Name To Harbhajan Lal Kamboj.

63372

I, Anita Kumari W/o Sarjiwan Kumar R/o H.No.162 W.No.5 Kurali, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab, have changed my name from Geeta alias Anita Kumari to Anita Kumari for all future purposes.

63372

I, Parmjit Kaur W/o Kashmir Singh Sidhu R/o H.No. 390 Patti Sukhna Vill: Chak Bakhtu Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Parmjit Kaur Sidhu.

63372

I, Kashmir Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o H.No. 390 Patti Sukhna Vill: Chak Bakhtu Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Kashmir Singh Sidhu.

63372

I hitherto known as Nisha D/o Karamvir, R/o Prachian Mohalla, Nurmahal, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar (Punjab) Pincode-144039, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nisha Rani.

63372

I Harry D/o Pawan Kumar, Hussainpura, Ludhiana, Po: Ludhiana, Dist: Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harry Rani.

63372

I Nirbhay Mohan Sharma S/o Brij Mohan Sharma R/o #4606, Janta Chowk, Kharar, Distt Mohali have changed my name to Nirbhay Sharma pls note.

63372

I, Akshya Kumar Singh is legally son of army No. JC-780024F Rank Sub name Vijay Kumar Singh of unit 64 Engr Regt LRW, C/o 56 APO presently residing at Vill: Jadua Bagtola Po. Jadua Teh-Hajipur Distt. Vaishali, State Bihar Pin-844101 have changed my name from Akshya Kumar Singh to Akshay Kumar Singh.

63372

I Manjit Kaur W/o Harbhajan Singh R/o Vill-Mehandipur Po Kulam Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar-144514 Pb declared that my given name is Manjit and surname is Kaur.

63372

I, Mamta W/O Kamaljit R/O Vpo Mukandpur Tehsil Banga Distt Sbs Nagar, Pb. Have Changed My Name From Mamta To Mamta Kahlon.

63372

I Dalvir Kaur W/o Dilbag Singh R/o Vill-Chak Phullu Po Sahungra Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur-144532 Pb have changed my name from Dalvir Kaur to Dalbir Kaur Loi.

63372

I, Prabhjot Singh S/O Davinder Singh, R/O Vill Jandali Kalan, Tehsil Ahmedgarh, Distt, Malerkotla 148021, Have Changed My Name To Prabhjot (As Given Name) Singh (As Surname).

63372

I, Mintu Singh S/o Fakir Singh R/o #11132 Gate No. 2 Rambag Road Bathinda have changed my name to Sukhdev Singh.

63372

I, Rajwinder Singh S/o Major Singh R/o Vpo Jeeda District Bathinda have changed my name to Rajwinder Singh Brar.

63372

I, Amritpal Kaur Mann W/o Tarsem Singh R/o Bhai Patti Daroli Bhai Moga have changed my name to Amritpal Kaur.

63372

I, Daljit Kaur W/O Gurjant Singh R/O Village Jaipura, Po Doraha, Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name From Daljit Kaur To Baljinder Kaur. Please Note.

63372

I hitherto known as Hardeep S/o Ram Lubhaya, employed as Self employed Residing at VPO Barnala Kalan Tehsil Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar-144516, Punjab have changed my name shall hereinafter be known as Hardeep Ram.

63372

I, Jatinder Pal S/o Kamaljit Bains R/o Ward No. 11, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Garhshankar, Teh-Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, declare that my given name is Jatinder and in which Pal is my surname.

63372

I, Gurcharan Singh S/o Husan Lal R/o Vill-Bilron, Po. Rampur Bilron, Teh-Garhshankar, Distt Hoshiarpur Have changed my name Gurcharan Singh to Singh Gurcharan.

63372

I, Urmila Devi alias Radha Rani W/o Jaswinder Kumar R/o Vpo. Kang Khurd Teh-Shahkot Distt. Jalandhar have changed my from Urmila Devi alias Radha Rani to Radha Rani.

63372

I Mandeep Singh S/o Tarsem Singh Vill-Pandori Ganga Singh Teh-Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur I have changed my name Mandeep Singh to Mandeep is my given name and Singh is my surname please note.

63372

I, Kuldeep Sobti alias Kuldeep Kumar Sobti S/o Daulat Ram Sobti R/o #2281 New Sunny Enclave Sector-123 Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Kuldeep Sobti.

63372

I Shubh Lata W/O Vijay Pal Sharma House No. 1101, Chandigarh Road Palm City Kohara, Ludhiana Have Changed My Name As Shubh Sharma.

63372

I, Jaspreet Singh Jhandi S/o Charan Singh R/o Village Sidhupur Kalan (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Jaspreet Singh.

63372

I Riya D/o Surinder Kumar R/o H.No 5419 Partap Nagar, Ward No 06 Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Riya Katyal.

63372

I Sahijpal Singh Nahar S/o Darshan Singh R/o Vpo Galib Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Sajpal Singh.

63372

I Jaswinder Singh Dhaliwal S/o Hardev Singh R/o Vpo Lakha Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jaswinder Singh.

63372

I Neeru W/O Novlesh Kumar R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Neeru Rani.

63372

I Jatinder Kumar Gupta S/O Ashok Kumar Gupta R/O #29, Ist Floor, Sector-15-A, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Jatinder Kumar.

63372

I Gurdeep Singh Momi S/O Mukhtiar Singh R/O Tharaj Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Gurdeep Singh.

63372

I, Sonia W/o Gurpreet Kumar R/o Vill: Saloh Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Sonia Kumari.

63372

I, Devi Lal S/O Hardawari Lal R/O Jain Sabha Wali Gali, Sardulgarh Distt. Mansa (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Devi Lal Makkar.

63372

I, Khushi Ram S/o Pakhar Ram R/o Vpo. Mukandpur Distt. SBS Nagar-144507 declare that my given name is Khushi and my surname is Ram.

63372

I, Jagjit Singh S/O Jagir Singh R/O Village Dhada Khurd PO Dhada Kalan tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Jagjit Singh to Singh Jagjit.

63372

I, Hardeep Singh S/O Chanan Singh R/O Village Birampur, PO Rampur Bilron, tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Hardeep Singh to Bahra Hardeep Singh.

63372

I, Chagger Tajinder Kaur W/O Hardeep Singh Bahra R/O Village Birampur, PO Rampur Bilron, tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Chagger Tajinder Kaur to Bahra Tajinder Kaur.

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I, Tushar S/O Harmesh Lal R/O Village Chuharpur PO Mallewal tehsil Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Tushar to Mundan Tushar.

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I, Vikram Das S/o Lachham Das R/o H.No. 86 W.No. 1 Garden Colony Morinda Distt. Ropar have changed my name to Vikram Singh.

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I Poonam D/o Des Raj, Street No 3, Adesh Nagar, Opposite People Petrol Pump, Sector 1, K.K Road Muktsar, District Shri Muktsar sahib have changed my name to Poonam Nanda.

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I, Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal C/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Near Gurudwara Sahib, Ransih Khurd, Moga-142055, have got correction in my name from Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal to Jasvir Singh and shall henceforth be known as Jasvir Singh.

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I, Priyanshu S/o Ashok Kumar R/o H No B 1/250 Guru Ravidass Nagar Maqsudan Jalandhar, Punjab declare that I have changed my name from Priyanshu to Priyanshu Kumar (Kumar as surname) All please note.

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I Mandeep Singh S/o Tarsem Singh Vill-Pandori Ganga Singh Teh-Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur I have changed my name Mandeep Singh to Mandeep is my given name and Singh is my surname please note.

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I, Butta Singh is the father of Service No. 19001736K Rank Hav name Jasvir Singh presently posted at 2 SIKH Regiment C/O 99 APO, Po. & P.S. Barrackpore Distt. North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700120, West Bengal and permanent resident of Bhai Patti Daroli Bhai Moga Punjab-142048 have changed my name from Butta Singh to Buta Singh.

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I, Kamaldeep Kaur W/O Aasif Qureshi R/O Green Avenue Street, Malerkotla, Tehsil & Distt: Malerkotla have changed my name from Kamaldeep Kaur to Kashish.

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Awareness program organized in Bhadson against burning of solid waste

BHADSON (RAKESH JINDAL): As per the guidelines of the Punjab Pollution Control Board, a special awareness program was organized today at the Municipal Council Bhadson by the Regional Office of the Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala, to strictly stop the practice of burning municipal solid waste in the Municipal Corporation/Municipal Council areas. On this occasion, the Board officials held discussions with the Municipal Council's sanitary inspectors and sanitation workers.



They were apprised in detail about the serious environmental damage caused by burning municipal solid waste and its adverse effects on public health.

The board officials clarified that a zero tolerance policy should be adopted towards burning of solid waste and such illegal activity will not be tolerated under any circumstances. All the employees were instructed to maintain cleanliness in their area and ensure proper disposal of waste.

NEWS BRIEF

Blood donation camp to be organised in Bhogpur on January 18

PINJORE: A blood donation camp will be organised on Sunday by the Mahadev Welfare Society Kalka in collaboration with the Bhogpur Yuva Team.Sharing details, vice-president of the society Chaman Rana said the camp is being organised by secretary Saurav Sharma along with his Bhogpur Yuva Team and will be dedicated to the sacred memory of departed villagers. The camp will be held on January 18 (Sunday) from 10 am to 3 pm at the Government School, Bhogpur.The organisers have appealed to residents to participate in large numbers and contribute to the noble cause of blood donation.

AMURT Punjab–Chandigarh unit organises Narayan Sewa in Panchkula



J.K. BATTA

CHANDIGARH: Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT), Punjab–Chandigarh Unit, organised Narayan Sewa near Government Hospital, Sector 6, , on Wednesday under the guidance of its President, Mr. Ravinder Thakur. During the service activity, free food was served to more than 500 people, including patients, their attendants, daily wage workers, and needy persons in the surrounding area. Volunteers of AMURT, including Ms. Mamta Thakur and Ms. Mani Taneja, actively participated in distributing the food with a spirit of service and compassion. The purpose of Narayan Sewa is to serve humanity by seeing God in every person and helping those in need with dignity and love. Local people appreciated the initiative and expressed gratitude to AMURT for their continuous social service activities.

Former soldier killed in road accident near Jagraon



SUKH NAHAR

JAGRAON : Due to dense fog, a former soldier lost his life in a road accident in Jagraon on Friday morning. A speeding car hit his bicycle. The police reached the spot and sent the body for postmortem. A case has been registered against the unidentified driver and an investigation has been initiated. The accident occurred on the Sidhwan Bet Road near village Ramgarh. The deceased has been identified as Satvir Singh (45), a former soldier and a resident of village Dholan. He is survived by two daughters.

Governor urges youth to serve nation and society through success in career

JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, JAN 16



Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria on Friday called upon the youth to utilise their capabilities and education for the welfare of the nation and society, asserting that students are the future of the country on whom India's progress depends.

Addressing the 21st Convocation Ceremony of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jalandhar, as the Chief Guest, the Governor said a convocation is like one of the biggest festivals in a student's life, marking the day when years of hard work bear fruit.

Congratulating the graduating students, he urged them to achieve high positions through their abilities, improve the lives of their families and contribute actively towards building a strong and progressive nation.

A total of 1,454 students were conferred degrees during the ceremony, including 1,011 B.Tech, 237 M.Tech, 23 MBA, 90 M.Sc and 92 PhD graduates. In recognition of outstanding academic performance, 31 medals — comprising 30 discipline-wise medals and one Overall B.Tech Topper Medal — were awarded. The Governor described NIT Jalandhar as one of the country's premier institutions, stating that students passing out from here go on to achieve success and bring laurels to the nation on global platforms.

He emphasized that along with degrees, character building is equally important for creating a great nation. He also lauded the institute's contribution in producing world-class engineers and praised its work in research and innovation.

Calling for collective efforts, the Governor sought cooperation from youth in building Rangla Punjab and urged them to take the lead in water conservation, empowering farmers, women empowerment and eradication of drugs.

Illegal property of drug smuggler demolished in SAS Nagar





SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, JAN 16

As part of the ongoing statewide anti-drug campaign 'Yudh Nasheyan Virudh', an encroached property belonging to the possession of a drug smuggler was demolished today at Gorakhnath Colony, Barhmajra, under Police Station Balongi, in a coordinated action by the police authorities and Village Panchayat.

The demolished property belonged to Sanjay Shah S/o Poshan Shah, resident of Gorakhnath Colony, Barhmajra, who is involved in multiple criminal cases related to drug trafficking. The illegal construction had encroached upon Panchayat land.

The demolition drive was carried out under the supervision of SP (PBI) Ms Deepika Singh and DSP Kharar Sh. Karan Singh Sandhu in the presence of BDPO Stawant Singh Randhawa following due legal procedure, with adequate police deployment to ensure smooth execution of the operation.Sharing details, SSP SAS Nagar Sh. Harmandeep Singh Hans, IPS, informed that the accused is involved in five FIRs, out of which three cases are registered under the NDPS Act at Phase 1, Mohali and Balongi Police Stations.

He stated that such actions are aimed at dismantling the illegal infrastructure created through the proceeds of drug-related crimes. "Under the 'Yudh Nasheyan Virudh' campaign, sustained and coordinated police action is being undertaken to break the financial backbone of drug smugglers.

Faridkot police arrests gang planning to commit robbery

SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, JAN 16



Under the leadership of Dr. Pragya Jain IPS SSP Faridkot, Faridkot Police is continuously taking strict action against the bad elements. Under this link, under the guidance of Jogeshwar Singh Goraya SP (Investigation) Faridkot and under the direction of Sanjeev Kumar DSP (SD) Kotkapura, Sadar Police Station Kotkapura has succeeded in arresting 05 persons involved in a gang who were planning to commit robbery at the point of sharp weapons before they could commit the crime.

The arrested accused include Beant Singh alias Kala, resident of Dhilwan Kalan, Rajveer Singh, Jinderpal Singh alias Jinda, Gurpreet Singh alias Golu and Harjinder Singh, resident of village Sandhwa. 01 iron saber, 02 knives and 01 iron axe have been recovered from the accused.

According to the press note issued by the police, Inspector Guraditta Singh, under the supervision of the Chief Officer of Police Station Sadar Kotkapura, Assistant Police Station Officer Surinderjit Singh, was present at the bus stand, village Sandhwa, along with the police party, in connection with the checking of suspicious persons, when they received information that the said alleged accused are friends among themselves and are used to committing incidents, who are sitting near the Sandhwa to Bhana link road with the intention of committing an incident with sharp weapons. On which the police party took immediate action and reached the spot and arrested all the said alleged accused on the spot. From whom the police party recovered 01 iron saber, 02 knives and 01 iron axe. In this regard, a case has been registered at Police Station Sadar Kotkapura. During the initial investigation, it was revealed that these alleged accused were planning to commit a major incident. By arresting them, Faridkot Police has succeeded in preventing a major incident.

IIT Ropar collaborates with Ambala College of engineering and applied research to launch its 19th cyber-physical system & first CPS Lab in Haryana



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, JAN 16

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar, with support from the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, proudly inaugurated its 19th Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) Lab at Entrepreneurship Promotion and Incubation Council, Technology Business Incubator (TBI) - NIDHI TBI, Ambala College of Engineering and Applied Research (Under Shri Ram Swarup Memorial Trust, and affiliated to KUK). This marks the first CPS Lab in Haryana, setting a milestone in strengthening research, innovation, and skill development in CPS technologies across the region. The event began with the inauguration of the new CPS Lab. The ceremony was graced by Sh. Sanjeev Chawla; Additional Development Commissioner MSME DFO, Chief Guest alongside Sh. Nalini Kant; Chairman, MDI and ACE, GP. CPT. CS Sharma (Retd.); Registrar, ACE, Dr. Meenu Saini; HOD ECE Department, ACE, Dr. Radhika Trikha; Chief Executive Officer, AWaDH, Dr. Mukesh Kestwal; Chief Innovation Officer, AWaDH. Following the inauguration, Sh. Rama Kant delivered an address providing an overview of EPIC and the CPS framework, emphasizing their role in fostering innovation and problem-solving capabilities.

Rajan Mahajan President sector 24 market donates blood for 107th time

TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, JAN 16



Rajan Mahajan (State Awardee) President sector 24 D market. Star blood donor and donating blood regularly and have already donated 107 times.He have completed my century time's in blood donation camp at Punjab Raj Bhawan on World blood donor day. Pursur the traders and other citizens to donate the blood as it is a noble cause.He also arranged the blood required by in case of emergency and other activities of charitable nature and committed for social services.

He organize Blood donation camps in different markets with Market Associations and also arrange Langer in sector 24 market on different occasions and honoured by Sh. Gain Chand Gupta x Speeker Haryana Vidhan sabha maney times & also Chairman Star blood donor Coordination Committee . He have been honoured by different markets Associations and other Social Organization's for donating blood in there camps repeatedly including Head of the Department P.G.I.and State Awardee and also was facilitated at Independence day function at Parade Ground sector 17 on dated 15th August 2021, by Honble Former Administrator Sh. V. P. Singh Badanor.He is Prasident of Anti Corruption Foundation of India at Chandigarh State and

also x member telephone Advisory committee Chandigarh and honoured by Raster Gorav Awared.

ASP Gajalpreet Kaur's crackdown sparks panic among criminals in Zirakpur

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, JAN 16

In Zirakpur, Dabang ASP of Zirakpur, Gajalpreet Kaur is continuously cracking down on those who commit criminal acts. The work that no police officer has been able to do for the past many years is being done continuously by the ASP and with this action of hers, those who commit criminal acts in Zirakpur have started panicking. First, she broke the backs of those who do prostitution in Zirakpur and closed all the spa centers, after that she took action on the hotels involved in prostitution and sealed the hotels. After that, action was taken against those who made fake cheese and other dairy products and their factory was sealed, and a company that had been making fake Mobil oil for a long time in the warehouse area of Zirakpur was sealed. Now, late last night, a raid was conducted on a company that made fake medicines in the warehouse area of Zirakpur and a large quantity of fake medicines was seized and the factory was sealed. Their action is being discussed from house to house in Zirakpur and their action is being praised everywhere. Late last night, on the basis of secret information, two factories that made fake medicines were raided in the warehouse area of Zirakpur and a large quantity of fake medicines were recovered. After this operation that lasted for 6 hours, samples of these medicines were collected by the Food Safety Department and the Drug Control Department. Fake allopathic medicines, Ayurvedic medicines, food supplements and beauty products were being manufactured on a large scale in these factories. After the operation, the factories were sealed by the department. ASP Gajalpreet Kaur said that she had received secret information that a racket of manufacturing fake medicines has been going on in the warehouse area of Zirakpur for a long time.

Chairman of Punjab trades commission, Ranjitpal Singh, honors new members of trade wing



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): With the aim of further strengthening the Trade Wing, the Chairman of Punjab Trades Commission (Mohali), Ranjitpal Singh, appointed new members. On this occasion, a simple yet dignified ceremony was organized at his office.During the event, Madan Lal, Rajesh Rana, Gurcharan Singh, Malkit Singh, Padam Bhushan, and Ravi Kumar were inducted as members of the Trade Wing.

Ranjitpal Singh honored all the newly appointed members by presenting them with traditional siropas and congratulated them on their new responsibilities by offering sweets.Addressing the gathering, Ranjitpal Singh said that with the inclusion of experienced and dedicated individuals in the Trade Wing, the issues of traders in Punjab would be raised more effectively. He expressed confidence that the new members would work with full dedication for the welfare of the trading community.

Kharar Beopar Mandal President Ashok Sharma meets SDM regarding illegal encroachments by rehri-farhi vendors in main market



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): The main roads, markets, and streets of Kharar city have been taken over by rehri-farhi (street vendors). People have now started referring to Kharar as a city of street vendors. There is hardly any road or market left in Kharar where street vendors have not encroached.

These views were expressed by Ashok Sharma, President of Beopar Mandal President, in a memorandum submitted to Kharar SDM Madam Divya P. The president of Kharar Bar Association Deepak Sharma was also present on this occation . He said that due to the encroachment by these street vendors, severe traffic jams occur on the city's roads and in the markets. Movement of local residents becomes extremely difficult. Because of this, the rate of accidents in Kharar has also increased. In case of any incident, it becomes difficult for the police to reach the spot. He further stated that, as per the law, setting up street vendors on the main roads and in the main markets of the city is an offence. However, this offence is being committed on a daily basis.

Lohri festival celebrated with great enthusiasm at 13 Bn CRPF, Sector-43



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, JAN 15

The Lohri festival celebrated with great enthusiasm and traditional fervour at 13 Battalion, CRPF campus, Sector-43, Chandigarh. The celebration reflected the rich cultural heritage of Punjab and strengthened the spirit of unity, brotherhood, and companionship among the personnel of the battalion.The programme graciously led by Commandant Smt. Kamal Sisodiya, in a disciplined and joyful manner. Officers and Jawans of the unit participated wholeheartedly in the celebrations, showcasing their cultural spirit despite demanding professional commitments.A traditional Lohri bonfire was lit as per custom, symbolizing prosperity, warmth, and happiness. The personnel offered traditional items such as Peanuts, Rewari, Popcorn, and sesame seeds to the holy fire, followed by prayers for peace, good health, and well-being of the nation and the Force.The atmosphere filled with joy as personnel sang folk songs and exchanged festive greetings. The celebration served as a refreshing break from routine duties and provided an opportunity to reinforce morale, mutual bonding, and cultural harmony within the unit.

MCM celebrates National Startup Day



CHANDIGARH, JAN 16

The Start Up Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Post Graduate Department of Commerce, under the aegis of Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) 8.0, successfully organized an interactive session titled "The Startup Spark".

This event was organized on the occasion of National Start-up Day with the aim of spreading awareness and motivating the students to opt for innovative and start-up-related paths. The event included the Investiture Ceremony of the newly constituted core team of the Start Up Cell, which saw the responsibility of leadership being delegated to the students. The key speaker for this event was Ms. Anubhi Khandelwal, who is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer at the deep-tech startup, Terafac Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Ms. Khandelwal spoke about her experience as an entrepreneur, her insights into new startup culture, and new government policies related to funding and assistance available to new startups in India. The event was well-attended, and the students seemed to have been motivated by the topic that was discussed.

Dhuri Vikas Manch seeks restoration of Kakarwal Chowk traffic lights



RAJESHWAR PINTU
DHURI, JAN 16

The Dhuri Vikas Manch (Regd.) today submitted a memorandum to Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Gurpreet Singh, demanding the immediate restoration of defunct traffic lights at the busy Kakarwal Chowk.

The delegation, led by Chairman Jagseer Singh Jaggi Dhindsa, Vice Chairman Advocate Rajeshwar Chaudhary highlighted that the intersection is a vital junction connecting Dhuri with Sangrur, Barnala, and Malerkotla. Being situated on a State Highway, it witnesses heavy traffic flow throughout the day. Representatives pointed out that the non-functional lights have led to frequent traffic jams and a rise in road accidents. "The chaos poses a significant risk to pedestrians and school children," they stated, urging the administration to ensure permanent maintenance of the lights. They further requested the deployment of additional traffic personnel until the technical faults are repaired.

DSP Gurpreet Singh assured the Manch members that the issue would be resolved promptly to ensure the safety of commuters and local residents.

23rd annual installation ceremony of Shri Shanidev Maharaj Ji on January 18th



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, JAN 16

A special meeting was held in the temple under the chairmanship of President Varinder Sehdev (Pappu) regarding the 23rd annual installation ceremony of Shri Shanidev Maharaj Ji.

In this regard, President and social worker Varinder Sehdev (Pappu) and Director Dhruv Giri Maharaj jointly stated that Like every year, this year too, the 23rd annual installation ceremony of Shri Shanidev Maharaj Ji is being celebrated with great pomp and ceremony on Sunday, January 18th at Shani Mandir, Dalhousie Road, Pathankot. They said that Lord Shani will be bathed in the morning, a havan will be performed at 9 am and a vast storehouse will be opened for devotees from 1 pm to 4 pm. Renowned social worker Varinder Sehdev (Pappu) has invited all the city residents and devotees of Lord Shani Dev Ji to visit Lord Shani Dev Ji Temple located on Dalhousie Road on January 18 and appealed to seek the blessings of Lord Shani Dev Ji. On this occasion Mahinder Pal, Mahant Dhruv Giri, Pandit Vijay Dixit, Varinder Sehdev, Raj Malhotra, Davinder Bahl, Raman Sharma, Bira etc. were present.

Don't let winter take over your knees — stay pain-free with Abrol Hospital



GURDASPUR (VERMA): While the winter season is known for its cold breezes and cozy atmosphere, it also brings several challenges for knee health. As temperatures drop, complaints of knee pain, stiffness, and swelling become increasingly common. According to Dr. Tanveer Ali, Senior Orthopaedic Specialist at Abrol Hospital (A Unit of EMC Hospitals), Gurdaspur, the fall in temperature during winter causes muscles and joints to contract, slowing blood circulation and aggravating knee pain. Patients suffering from arthritis, osteoarthritis, or chronic knee problems need to take extra precautions during this season. Dr. Tanveer Ali explains that physical activity usually decreases in winter as people spend more time indoors and avoid regular exercise.

This negatively affects knee flexibility and strength. In addition, reduced exposure to sunlight leads to lower Vitamin D levels in the body, weakening bones and increasing joint pain. Morning stiffness in the knees or difficulty walking after sitting for long periods are common warning signs of these issues. To keep knees healthy during winter, Dr. Tanveer Ali recommends adopting a few simple yet essential measures.

These include daily light exercises, stretching, and regular walking as part of one's routine. Spending some time in morning sunlight is important to naturally boost Vitamin D levels. To protect against cold, knees should be kept warm using woollen clothing or knee caps, especially during early mornings and at night.

A balanced diet rich in calcium, protein, and Vitamin D is also crucial, along with maintaining a healthy weight to reduce excess pressure on the knees.

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Speaker appeals to shun habit of adulteration

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S Kultar Singh Sandhwan said we are going to run awareness campaign in schools through seminars and functions by showing quality checking of sub standard or adulterated products such as milk, cheese, ghee and milk products. He added that this campaign will be commenced from Kotkapura district Faridkot.

He informed that common people will also be invited to see the way of checking of adulterated products so that they can check the quality of products at their own level. He wants the support of Punjabis in this campaign so that Punjab Government can help in maintaining good health to the people of Punjab.

He highlighted that Punjab Government will leave no stone unturned to eradicate the menace of adulteration. Our government motive is crystal clear that we want to provide quality education and good health to the people of Punjab. Adulteration is serious risk for people of Punjab. Speaker desired that we want to see our Punjab healthier and happiest. He stressed that strict action will be taken against those who found involved in adulteration and no one will be spared inspite of personal relations and kinship.

NEWS BRIEF

Mother school students excel in Karate competition



BALWINDER AZAD

BARNALA: Students of Mother Teacher School brought laurels to the school by winning gold and bronze medals in a karate competition organized by the Kyo Rin Shotokan Karate-Do Association of India. These young karatekas displayed exceptional skill, discipline, and sportsmanship. Guntaash Kaur of Class 3 gave a stellar performance, winning a gold medal in the Under-11 category. Adding to the school's pride, Manvesh Malik of Class 4 secured a bronze medal in the Under-11 category, while Aashita of Class 8 won a bronze medal in the Under-14 category. The school management congratulated the winners and appreciated the efforts of their coaches and parents. This achievement reflects the students' dedication and the school's commitment to promoting sports and holistic development.

After yoga girl video in Parikrama of Sri Darbar Sahib, "wuzu boy" video has surfaced



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA

AMRITSAR: After a video of a girl doing yoga in the Parikrama of Sri Darbar Sahib went viral, another video related to performing wuzu is now being discussed. This video is available on an Instagram page named "The Gym Lover." In the video, a Muslim man is seen sitting on the steps built at the Sarovar (holy pool) of Sri Darbar Sahib. First, he washes his feet and then drinks water three times by cupping his hands. An Islamic song can be heard playing in the background of the video. After that, he washes his face and comes out. Later, while standing in the plaza of Sri Darbar Sahib, he says that everyone there is wearing a turban, and that he had gone to Sri Darbar Sahib wearing a cap, but no one stopped him or questioned him about his cap. He says, "This is the kind of India we want." After this video, titled "Muslim Sher," became viral, the Chief Secretary of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), S. Kulwant Singh Mannan, said that due to being busy he has not yet seen the video.

Strict action will be taken against those who sell and buy China Dor: DSP Satbir Bains

BALWINDER AZAD



BARNALA: The police administration is keeping a close watch on the buying and selling of China Door in the city along with checking so that its use can be completely banned, if any shopkeeper is found selling China wire or any person is found buying China Door, strict action will be taken against him. DSP Barnala Satwinder Singh Bains made this statement during a special conversation. He said that this China wire is not only deadly for humans, but also very deadly for birds, due to which the district administration is raiding kite and wire shops by forming teams with masts regarding China wire so that it can be eliminated from the Barnala area as soon as possible. He has appealed to the general public and the intelligent people of the city that in any area they see it being sold, they should immediately inform the nearest police station so that strictest action can be taken against that shopkeeper. He has appealed to the people to celebrate this kite flying festival with their own highly skilled prepared string instead of China string which proves fatal for the people. S. Satwinder Singh Bains said that cases have also been registered against many people in this regard.

Foot march awareness rally organised in Doraha under "War Against Drugs" campaign



AMRISH ANAND

DORAHA: Under the Punjab Government's "War Against Drugs" campaign, a foot march awareness rally was organised in Doraha town of the Payal Assembly constituency to sensitise people about the harmful effects of drug abuse. The rally began from Doraha Railway Station, passed through the main market, and concluded near Doraha Bridge.The march was led by Payal MLA S.Manwinder Singh Giaspura, along with Mr.Sudarshan Sharma Pappu and Member of district planning board Youth leader S.Gurwinder Singh (Rana)Addressing the public, MLA Giaspura said that the fight against drugs must be turned into a people's movement, with active participation from all sections of society. He urged citizens, especially the youth, to take a pledge to keep their homes and surroundings drug-free.Several leaders and workers of the Aam Aadmi Party, including Sudarshan Sharma Pappu, Gurvinder Singh Rana, Kamaljeet bittu, Manga German,Kaka bajwa ,Harnek singh ,Sukhvir talwara,Bobby tiwari, Bobby kapila , Devinder Raja ,Mani arora, Inderjit Singh Fouji and others, participated in the rally and appealed to residents to support the campaign to build a drug-free Punjab.

Govt launches Phase II of 'Sade Bazurag, Sada Maan' campaign

GAURAV GOEL
MOHAL, JAN 16



Punjab Minister for Social Security, Women and Child Development Dr Baljit Kaur on Tuesday launched Phase II of the flagship campaign "Sade Bazurag, Sada Maan" from Kalkat Bhawan (Kisan Vikas Chamber) in Mohali, reaffirming the Punjab Government's commitment to ensuring dignity, care and social security for senior citizens across the state. The campaign is being implemented on a district-wise basis to deliver health, welfare and social security services directly to elderly citizens.

Addressing the gathering, Health Minister Dr Baljit Kaur said, "Under the leadership of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is fully committed to ensuring a dignified, secure and respectful life for our senior citizens. For Phase II of the 'Sade Bazurag, Sada Maan' campaign, an amount of ?786 lakh has been earmarked to conduct district-level camps so that essential services can be provided at the doorstep of the elderly."

Referring to the response received during the first phase, the Health Minister said, "During Phase I, which was launched in 2023, as many as 20,210 senior citizens were registered. This strong participation reflects both the need for such initiatives and the trust people have placed in the government's welfare programmes." She informed that the remaining districts of Punjab will be covered under Phase II from February 2 to February 18. Elaborating on the services being offered, Minister Dr Baljit Kaur said, "These camps are designed to provide comprehensive care to senior citizens. Facilities include eye check-ups and cataract examinations, ENT and orthopaedic consultations, screening for non-communicable diseases and dementia, as well as homoeopathic and ayurvedic treatment. On-the-spot enrolment for social security pensions, issuance of Senior Citizen Cards and ALIMCO cards are also being facilitated."

She added that assistance and awareness regarding the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana and the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, along with information on other legal rights, are integral components of the camps.

The Minister further said, "Essential assistive devices such as near-vision spectacles, hearing aids, walking aids, cervical collars, belts and wheelchairs are being distributed on the spot to senior citizens who need them.

In addition, a toll-free helpline number 14567 is already operational to provide assistance to elderly citizens across Punjab."

The camps provided immediate relief through health and eye check-ups, assistance in accessing pensions and other monetary benefits, and legal literacy sessions. During the state-level camp in Mohali, Dr Baljit Kaur handed over ALIMCO kits and sanction letters for old age pensions to beneficiaries present on the occasion.

Punjab again recognised as 'Top Performer' in States' startup ecosystem ranking: Sanjeev Arora

CHANDIGARH, JAN 16



He added that this repeated recognition reflects Punjab's sustained and focused efforts towards building a robust, inclusive, and innovation-driven startup ecosystem.

Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora informed that Punjab has once again achieved a significant milestone in strengthening its startup and innovation ecosystem, with the Government of India recognising the State as a "Top Performer" for the second consecutive time in the States' Startup Ecosystem Ranking – 5th Edition, released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The Certificate of Appreciation was conferred upon the Government of Punjab, Department of Industries & Commerce, on the occasion of National Startup Day, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, in the august presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

He added that this repeated recognition reflects Punjab's sustained and focused efforts towards building a robust, inclusive, and innovation-driven startup ecosystem. The State's performance underscores the impact of progressive startup policies, strong institutional mechanisms, incubation and acceleration support, improved access to finance, mentorship initiatives, and ease-of-doing-business reforms implemented by the Government of Punjab.

Expressing happiness over the achievement, Shri Sanjeev Arora, Cabinet Minister for Industries & Commerce, Punjab, stated: "This consecutive recognition by the Government of India as a 'Top Performer' is a strong validation of Punjab's unwavering commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and innovation. Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab has created a supportive ecosystem for startups, particularly for youth and first-generation entrepreneurs. The Government will continue to strengthen policy support, incubation infrastructure, and market access to make Punjab a preferred destination for startups and investors." The State's performance was evaluated on key parameters including startup policy implementation, institutional support systems, incubation infrastructure, funding mechanisms, capacity building, mentorship, and market linkages, he added. Reaffirming the Government's commitment, the Minister Sanjeev Arora emphasised that Punjab will continue to focus on innovation-led economic growth, employment generation, and technology-driven development, ensuring that startups remain at the core of the State's economic transformation.

Special activities for children organised in MTS Barnala



BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): The puppet show classroom activity organized for students from pre-nursery to class II in MTS Barnala presented a beautiful blend of education and entertainment. The aim of this activity was to promote language development, imagination and moral values among the children.The colorful puppets attracted the attention of the little children through charming stories, simple dialogues and meaningful messages.

The teachers happily taught values like kindness, truth, sharing and respect with acting voices and gestures. The children participated with great enthusiasm, laughing and smiling.The puppet show played an important role in improving the art of listening, emotional expression and creative thinking. The applause and smiles at the end of the activity indicated the success of this child-centered learning experience.

State govt is continuously making efforts to empower women: Speaker Sandhwan

SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, JAN 16



Due to the efforts of the Punjab Government, the District Administration Faridkot organized the Punjab Sakhi Shakti Mela at Dr. Hari Singh Sewak School of Eminence Kotkapura. In which the Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kultar Singh Sandhwan inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. Deputy Commissioner Poonamdeep Kaur was specially present on this occasion.

Speaker S. Sandhwan in his address said that the district administration has made very good arrangements for this event. He said that stalls of various types of high quality materials including handicrafts, food items, household items, handmade goods were set up in the fair. He said that this fair is a great opportunity for women who do handicrafts sitting at home in the villages to show their skills. He said that a huge gathering and enthusiasm of people was seen in this fair. Continuous efforts are being made by the Punjab government to empower women. He said that the Punjab government is also standing with them economically. Deputy Commissioner Poonamdeep Kaur visited the stalls during the fair and said that in the fair, information is being given about government schemes related to women and social welfare by various government departments, so that the residents of the district can get maximum benefit from these schemes. She said that this fair will be organized till January 18. She appealed to the residents of the district to participate in the fair along with their families and contribute to the development of the district by purchasing local products.

On this occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Malhotra welcomed the chief guest and dignitaries. He said that the main purpose of this fair is to provide opportunities to women who work by forming self-help groups to strengthen their economic status. Apart from this, it is also to provide opportunities to housewives.

Workshop organized at Punjabi University



TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, JAN 16

There is a special need to pay attention to mental health aspects while inspiring youth to become entrepreneurs." These views were expressed by Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jagdeep Singh while presiding over the inaugural session of the workshop organized today by the Directorate of International Affairs and Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub at Punjabi University. This international workshop, aimed at motivating youth to become entrepreneurs with a special focus on mental health, saw participation from more than 150 delegates representing over 40 countries.

In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jagdeep Singh emphasized that while there is a special need in the present era to encourage youth to become entrepreneurs instead of pursuing traditional jobs, there is also an equal need to create a conducive environment for entrepreneurship. He said that the aspect of mental health cannot be ignored in this regard.

He added that educational institutions should take special initiatives in this direction. The international workshop titled 'Promoting Entrepreneurship Amongst Youth: Focus on Life Skills and Mental Health' began with an address by Dr. Damanjit Sandhu, Dean of International Affairs. She highlighted the important role of mental health and psychological well-being in becoming an entrepreneur in today's time.

Civil hospital Hathur organizes Shri Sukhmani Sahib Path



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, JAN 16

Civil Hospital Hathur welcomed the new year with a spiritual celebration held at Government civil Hospital on 15 January. On this occasion Path Shri Sukhmani Sahib was recited followed by kirtan, ardaas and langar. On this occasion, Civil Surgeon Ludhiana Dr. Ramandeep Kaur Ahluwalia and MLA Sarvjit Kaur Manuke participated as chief guests. Dr Aman Sharma SMO of Hathur block honored both distinguished personalities on their visit to Hathur. After Ardaas, MLA Manuke praised SMO Dr. Aman Sharma for his tireless efforts to uplift health services in Hathur block. Civil surgeon of Ludhiana Dr. Ramandeep Ahluwalia took round of Hospital and interacted with hospital staff and indoor patients. She expressed her satisfactory remarks and encouraged health staff to continue performing with same diligence in future as well. Civil surgeon madam and MLA Jagraon honoured and facilitate SMO Dr Aman Sharma for his meritorious health services and excellent management as incharge of Hathur block delivering services to 53 villages with 45 health centres.

DC reviews progress of revenue schemes with officials



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 16

Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain today chaired an important review meeting with district revenue officers, where the progress of various revenue-related matters and pending works were discussed in detail.During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the current status of the Svamitva Yojana (Svamitva Scheme) and directed officials to prepare property cards in villages in a time-bound manner and deliver them to beneficiaries, ensuring the general public faces no difficulties related to ownership rights.The Deputy Commissioner also discussed the progress of the Easy Registry process, stating that providing transparent, simple, and speedy services to the common people is the administration's top priority. She instructed officials to promptly clear the pendency of mutations (name transfers) delayed due to software issues. She took a detailed review of recoveries related to stamps and registration.

Innovative road safety drive conducted by Sardulgarh police

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, JAN 16



With the objective of preventing road accidents and creating awareness among the general public about traffic rules, Sardulgarh Police organised a unique and meaningful road safety awareness campaign on Friday. The initiative was led by SHO Sardulgarh, Ganeshwar Kumar Sharma.

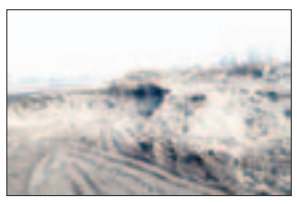
The campaign received special support from the social welfare organisation Paryas Welfare Trust, Sardulgarh, with its representative Kaka Uppal present on the occasion. Students from the School of Eminence, Sardulgarh, also actively participated in the drive, extending full cooperation to the police.

During the campaign, in the presence of SHO Ganeshwar Kumar Sharma, commuters who were found strictly following traffic rules were honoured by being presented with roses, sending out a positive message encouraging responsible driving behaviour.

At the same time, motorists who were not wearing helmets or seat belts were politely stopped and sensitised about the importance of traffic regulations by the police and students. They were also given roses, along with a gentle reminder to remember the lesson in future and avoid putting their own lives and those of others at risk. Addressing the public, SHO Ganeshwar Kumar Sharma stated that traffic rules are not meant merely for issuing challans, but are designed to protect precious lives. He added that the police would continue to organise similar awareness campaigns in the future. Residents of the city appreciated the joint efforts of the Sardulgarh Police, Paryas Trust and the students of the School of Eminence, describing the initiative as a commendable and exemplary step for society.

Illegal sand mining thrives under cover of darkness along Sutlej in Machhiwara

DEEPAK KUMAR
MACHHIWARA SAHIB, JAN 16



Those involved in the illegal sand trade are allegedly making huge profits day and night, as unlawful mining of sand continues unabated along the Sutlej river in Machhiwara block. Areas near villages Isapur–Daulatpur and Mand Jodhewal have reportedly turned into hotspots where sand is being extracted fearlessly during the night, pointing to a failure of both the government and the local administration to curb the menace.

During a visit to the Sutlej river stretch flowing alongside Isapur–Daulatpur, it was observed that those engaged in sand mining have created makeshift routes to move tractor-trolleys at night. These trolleys were seen entering sand pits formed in the riverbed, clearly indicating that illegal sand mining is being carried out under the cover of darkness. According to information received, at times sand is even sold openly during daylight hours, with trolleys being filled and dispatched without fear.

It is noteworthy that last year, heavy floods in the Sutlej led to the accumulation of large quantities of sand. Under the 'Mera Khet Meri Rait' scheme, the government had permitted farmers to lift sand from their fields.

Bhog ceremony of Dr. Raghubir Suri

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, JAN 16



Today, the people of Sirhind and the surrounding areas will pay their final homage to Dr. Raghubir Suri — an extraordinary personality whose life was devoted to service, compassion, and social upliftment. The Rasam Pagri and Antim Ardaa of Late Dr. Raghubir Suri will be performed today at Rana Heritage, Sirhind.

Born on 15 September 1945 in Dhamoki, Sialkot, Dr. Suri lived through the painful era of Partition, transforming early hardships into a lifelong commitment to humanity. The values instilled by his father, Shri Rana Khairati Lal Suri, and mother, Smt. Krishna Devi, shaped him into a person of simplicity, patriotism, and unwavering dedication to society. A doctor by profession but a humanitarian at heart, Dr. Suri dedicated his life to selfless service. From running a free dispensary and promoting cattle welfare to creating employment opportunities through small-scale industries, his efforts touched countless lives. Between 1972 and 1976, as an RSS Pracharak, he embodied discipline and national devotion. His arrest during the Emergency stood as a testament to his firm belief in democracy and constitutional values. For nearly seven decades, Dr. Suri remained associated with the RSS and the Bharatiya Janata Party, also serving twice as District Mahamantri. His passion for education led to the establishment of Rana Munshi Ram Sarvhitkari Vidya Mandir, a school that continues to empower young minds with knowledge and strong cultural values. As an entrepreneur, he founded the Rana Group with the vision of generating employment and promoting ethical business practices. His wife, Smt. Rama Suri, along with his children and grandchildren, continues to uphold his ideals with dedication and grace, preserving the legacy he built.

Dr. Raghubir Suri departed for his heavenly abode on January 7, 2026, but his teachings, vision, and noble spirit remain eternal. Today's ceremony is not merely a farewell—it is a reaffirmation of his ideals and a collective pledge to carry forward his mission of service, humility, and nation-building. Dr. Raghubir Suri will forever remain alive in the hearts of people, inspiring generations with his extraordinary life and timeless values.

Rose Public School, Suliyali holds annual prize distribution ceremony

SULIYALI (VERMA): Rose Public School, Suliyali, celebrated its Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony with great enthusiasm, honoring the academic excellence of students from Classes 1st to 12th and recognizing the dedicated service of its teachers. The event was graced by Principal Mr. Sanjay Sharma and Vice Principal Mrs. Babita Sharma, who presented awards and mementos to the achievers.Students from all grades were felicitated for their outstanding performance in academics, with each recipient receiving a certificate and a trophy.

The school's commitment to nurturing young talent was evident as young scholars from Class 1st to 12th were celebrated on stage.The ceremony also highlighted the invaluable contributions of the school's teaching staff. Teachers including Mr. Sanjay Pathania, Mr. Sunil Dutt, Mrs. Manju, Nancy, Shivani, Miss Kashish, Santosh, Devbala, Veena, Ritu, Sunita Dhiman, Bhawani, Suman, Minakshi Gupta, Pallavi, Shavnam, Uma, Virender, Seema, Sonica, Alka, Minakshi Thakur, Aman, Sushil, Miss Bhawna, Manu, Kamlesh, Chandresh, Sunil Dutt, and Mr. Sanjay Pathania were honored for their dedication, devotion, sincerity, and punctuality. Each was presented with a memento in recognition of their tireless efforts and commitment to the school's growth.Principal Mr. Sanjay Sharma expressed his gratitude, stating, "Our teachers are the backbone of this institution. Their hard work and dedication have brought laurels to the school. I also congratulate our students for their excellent academic achievements and encourage them to continue striving for excellence."

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Newly appointed district magistrate offers prayer at Baba Balak Nath Temple

ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: New Deputy Commissioner of Hamirpur cum Commissioner of the SidhBaba Balak Nath Temple Trust, Deotsidh, Gandharva Rathore, offered prayers at the Baba Balak Nath temple complex in Deotsidh on Thursday evening and visited the holy cave of Baba Balak Nath. This was Gandharva Rathore's first visit to the Baba Balak Nath temple after assuming the charge of District Magistrate. She sought the blessings of Baba Balak Nath and prayed for the well-being of all the residents of the district. After visiting the holy cave, she also reviewed the various arrangements and ongoing construction work in the temple complex and its surrounding areas and issued necessary instructions to the concerned officials. The Chairperson of the Baba Balak Nath Temple Trust and Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Barsar, Swati Dogra, Tehsildar Dharampal Negi, and other officials welcomed the District Magistrate and apprised her of the latest status of the various arrangements and construction works in the temple complex.

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Rajender Rana thanks all for making Sujanpur Army Day event a historic success

RAJNEESH SHARMA



HAMIRPUR: Founder of Sarv Kalyankari Trust and former MLA Rajender Rana has expressed heartfelt gratitude to ex-servicemen, women, men, youth and all distinguished guests for making the Army Day in Sujanpur and the Trust's silver jubilee celebrations a historic success. Rana also specially thanked all office-bearers and volunteers of the Trust, who worked tirelessly for nearly 20 days, day and night, to ensure the successful organisation of the event. He said the overwhelming participation of people, who came out in large numbers to honour soldiers, was truly remarkable and inspiring. He noted that the august presence of Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, BJP national vice-president Saudan Singh, Maharana Pratap's descendant Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar and former Lieutenant General B S Jaswal, among other dignitaries, greatly enhanced the stature and splendour of the programme.

Govt advances 'Vyavastha Parivartan' vision for sustainable livelihoods of Pastorals: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 16



Guided by the transformative vision of "Vyavastha Parivartan" articulated by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the present State Government has embarked on sustained and strategic efforts to ensure the growth, resilience and long-term sustainability of the State's pastoralist community. Recognizing pastoralists as a vital pillar of the rural and mountain economy, the government is pursuing systemic reforms to ensure inclusive development for traditional communities.

In furtherance of this vision, the Government has approved an ambitious project titled "Sustainable Small Ruminant and Empowered Himalayan Shepherds under Pastoralists Employment in Himalayan Ecosystems for Livelihoods (PEHEL)". The PEHEL project reflects the core ethos of 'Vyavastha Parivartan' by integrating livelihood security with ecological conservation, modernization of pastoral practices, preservation of indigenous breeds and the creation of robust market linkages to ensure sustainable and resilient incomes for pastoral households. The Chief Minister stated that the objective of the project was to secure livelihoods, strengthen the rural economy, preserve ecological balance in high-altitude regions, modernize traditional pastoral systems and conserve indigenous small ruminant breeds. He emphasized that Himachal, with its substantial population of migratory sheep and goat herders, stands to benefit immensely from a focused and forward-looking Small Ruminant Development Policy.

The project proposal envisions comprehensive breed improvement through the introduction of superior germplasm and the establishment of farms modeled on advanced sheep and goat rearing practices. To enhance productivity and economic sustainability, the government plans to integrate modern technologies such as digital registration of livestock, structured cross-breeding, genetic improvement programmes, artificial insemination and mobile veterinary services. Special emphasis will be placed on the preservation, propagation, and strengthening of indigenous breeds such as Gaddi sheep and goats, Rampur Bushari sheep and Chegu goats, ensuring the conservation of their genetic diversity and their natural adaptation to the Himalayan ecosystem. Recognizing the critical importance of assured market access, the government will develop adequate infrastructure for marketing pastoral products including wool, goat milk, butter, and meat with measures such as certification of wool quality standards, promotion mechanisms etc to enhance returns for pastoralists. The policy also includes financial incentives, insurance coverage, and social security measures, with special provisions for pastoralists safeguarding sensitive border areas.

CEO, HP to make presentation at India's International Conference of Democracy

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 16



The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Himachal Pradesh, Nandita Gupta, will deliver a joint presentation with representatives from the Federal Republic of Germany on the theme "Ease of Identification at the Ballot" at the upcoming India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM) 2026. The conference will take place from 21st to 23rd January 2026 at the iconic Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. She stated that this significant responsibility reflects the global community's confidence in India's democratic values, institutional strength, and electoral integrity. She further emphasized that the conference stands as a testament to India's unwavering commitment to democratic excellence and International collaboration. Ms. Nandita that it was the largest global conference of its kind ever hosted by India in the field of elections and democracy bringing together nearly 100 International delegates, representing Election Management Bodies from across the world, along with participants from International organizations, foreign missions and leading academic and professional institutions. The conference carries forward the visionary agenda articulated by the Chief Election Commissioner of India, Gyanesh Kumar, she remarked.

Welfare schemes must reach every eligible beneficiary: MLA Suresh Kumar

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, JAN 16



Chairing a meeting of the District Welfare Committee, MLA Suresh Kumar directed officials to ensure wide publicity of all schemes run by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department so that needy sections of society can avail their full benefits. Addressing the meeting held at Hamir Bhawan, the MLA said that during the previous financial year, an amount of Rs 96.06 crore was spent under various departmental schemes in the district, while Rs 68.62 crore has already been utilised during the first three quarters of the current financial year. At present, 52,322 beneficiaries in the district are receiving social security pensions, and 1,795 new pension cases have been approved this year. He informed that under the Inter-Caste Marriage Incentive Scheme, Rs 30.75 lakh was provided to 62 couples, while seven couples received Rs 2 lakh under the Disability Marriage Grant Scheme. Scholarships amounting to Rs 6.39 lakh were granted to 70 students with disabilities. Under the National Family Assistance Scheme, financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh was provided to 50 families. The meeting was also informed that 21 economically weak families belonging to SC, ST and OBC categories will be given Rs 1.5 lakh each for house construction under the Swarn Jayanti Awas Yojana. In addition, 102 applications received from Hamirpur district under the Chief Minister's special housing grant of Rs 3 lakh for widows and single women have been forwarded to the Chief Minister's Office.

Education Minister chairs second steering committee meeting of UNESCO HP FUTURES Project

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 16



Education Minister Rohit Thakur today presided over the Second Steering Committee Meeting of the HP FUTURES Project (Himachal Pradesh: Foundation for Upskilling, Teacher Excellence, Understanding, Readiness, Equity and Sustainability) organized by Samagra Shiksha. He reviewed the progress made so far and discussed the way forward for this key education reform initiative of the present State Government. He said that the meeting was organized to share updates on completed activities, learning's from field consultations, review implementation progress and set priorities for the next phase. He said that since the first Steering Committee Meeting held in September 2025, consultations have been conducted with civil society organizations, Samagra Shiksha, SCERT and DIETs on Competency-Based Education. School visits and interactions with teachers, students, policymakers and School Management Committees were also undertaken, along with focused engagements on Greening Education with institutions such as HIMCOSTE. The Education Minister said that the HP FUTURES Project was launched in 2025 following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Himachal Pradesh and UNESCO. He said the project aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework 2023 aims to strengthen the quality, relevance and equity of education in the state by improving teaching-learning practices, promoting sustainability and nurturing values among students.

Paras Agarwal takes charge of the sub-division Amb



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: The work of disseminating the schemes implemented by the central and state governments for the welfare of the public will be prioritized. SDM Paras Agarwal stated this on Friday during a courtesy call with journalists after assuming charge of the Amb subdivision. He stated that he will work with the public's interests in mind. He noted that while many tasks are now being implemented through online modules, many people still continue to visit offices for even minor tasks, which not only wastes their time but also places unnecessary strain on their pockets. Paras stated that he will strive to ensure that people can complete their work online at their doorsteps, and that most of the certificates and other documents they apply for can be obtained at their doorsteps. He added that revenue department-related work will be expedited to provide relief to the poor and ensure timely justice. Along with this, work will be done to remove the deficiencies prevailing in the office of the Revenue Department and provide necessary facilities to the employees working there.

Maharashtra civic polls reaffirm Narendra Modi as nation's most trusted leader: Rajiv Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL



SHIMLA: Rajiv Bindal, state president of the Bharatiya Janata Party and former Speaker of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly, on Sunday said the results of the Maharashtra urban local body elections have once again proved that Narendra Modi is the country's best and most reliable leader, enjoying unwavering public confidence in his policies, work culture and decisive leadership. Reacting to the results, Bindal said the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance created history by securing 130 seats and an absolute majority in the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, the country's largest civic body. In contrast, the Congress was reduced to just 14 seats in the 230-member corporation, reflecting a steady erosion of its public support. He said that out of 29 municipal corporations in Maharashtra, the BJP–Mahayuti alliance secured a clear majority in 23, underlining strong public endorsement. "After Bihar, the people of Maharashtra have also delivered a clear message that the leadership of the NDA and the BJP is steering the country in the right direction," he said, calling the outcome another warning signal for the Congress. Bindal pointed out that while the Congress managed only six seats in Bihar, its tally of just 14 seats out of 230 in Mumbai further demonstrates that the party's policies, leadership and functioning are out of sync with public expectations. He said the elections were not merely for local bodies but amounted to a popular verdict against the Congress. He added that the Maharashtra civic polls effectively served as a referendum, with voters expressing faith in Modi's leadership while decisively rejecting what he described as the Congress's negative politics.

Indian Army is soul of the nation, soldiers never retire from service: Lt Gen Daljit Singh

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JAN 16



A solemn and inspiring programme was organised at the BJP district office to commemorate Indian Army Day, paying rich tribute to the courage, sacrifice and dedication of the Indian Armed Forces. The event was presided over by Sadar MLA Trilok Jamwal, with AIIMS Bilaspur Executive Director Retired Lieutenant General Daljit Singh (AVSM, VSM) as the chief guest and Retired Brigadier Jagdish Singh Verma (VSM) as the special guest. AIIMS Deputy Director Colonel Vishwas Pradeep and BJP Ex-Servicemen Cell District Convenor Colonel Rupendra Singh Chandel were also present. On the occasion, an oath was administered to build a drug-free society, and a special calendar based on Operation Sindoor carrying a strong anti-drug message was released. Veteran soldier Subedar Lobhiram was also honoured for his exemplary service. Lt Gen Daljit Singh in his address described the Indian Army as the soul of the nation, stating that citizens can sleep peacefully only because soldiers remain vigilant at the borders.

He said a soldier never truly retires, as service to the nation continues throughout life. Paying homage to martyrs, he remarked that the honour enjoyed by ex-servicemen today is a result of the supreme sacrifices made by brave soldiers. He urged society to remain connected with the families of martyrs and called upon ex-servicemen to actively contribute to eradicating social evils, especially drug abuse. MLA Trilok Jamwal said that for the BJP, the nation has always come first. He highlighted how strong leadership since 2014 has transformed India's global standing and empowered the armed forces to respond decisively through surgical strikes, air strikes and Operation Sindoor.

28th CSPOC conference postponed indefinitely; Pathania stresses need for social media monitoring to ensure accurate information

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 16



The 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC), scheduled to be held under the aegis of the Indian Parliament at Parliament House, New Delhi, from January 14 to 16, 2026, has been postponed indefinitely. The conference was inaugurated a day earlier by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who also delivered the keynote address. The event saw participation from around 61 national Speakers from 67 Commonwealth countries, along with Speakers and Presiding Officers from 28 Indian states who were specially invited. Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania was also present and actively participated in the sessions, sharing observations on the issues discussed. Before the start of deliberations on themes three and four during the workshop sessions, Lok Sabha Speaker and CSPOC Chairperson Om Birla delivered the inaugural address at 10 am. The special address was given by Dr Christopher Kalila, Chairperson of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The workshop was also addressed by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Guyana and the Speaker of the House of Commons, Canada, Francis Scarpaleggia. Speaking to Sansad TV during the conference, Pathania said the CSPOC conference organised by the Indian Parliament was significant on many counts. He said that at a time when governments in several countries are becoming unstable, governance systems are under threat and state machinery is being used against citizens, India's democratic system has grown stronger over the past 78 years. He said this sends a powerful message to the world. Pathania said India, with a population of 1.46 billion and multiple languages, continues to reflect unity in diversity, which forms the foundation of its strong democracy and robust governance system.

Cong calls for united push under 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' in Arki block

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 16



Arki Block Congress coordinator and Director of the State Cooperative Bank, Hari Krishna Himral, has urged party workers to participate actively in the 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' across the state, following the call of the All India Congress Committee and directions of Pradesh Congress president Vinay Kumar. Addressing party workers in Arki, Himral alleged that the Centre has weakened MGNREGA and removed the name of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, from the scheme, which he termed unacceptable. He said the Centre had "undermined the very soul" of MGNREGA. He further claimed that earlier, development works under the scheme were decided by gram panchayats, but under the new law, these powers have shifted to the Centre, effectively curtailing the authority of panchayats.

Himral called upon former office-bearers and workers of the Arki Block Congress to unite and go door to door in villages and panchayats to inform people about the changes made to MGNREGA and to raise awareness against what he described as the Centre's anti-people policies and decisions. Former Arki Block Congress president Satish Kashyap welcomed Himral and said that programmes assigned by the PCC were being carried out with full dedication and sincerity.

Preparations begin for grand state-level Nalwari Fair 2026, Bilaspur gears up for cultural extravaganza in third week of March



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: Preparations begun for the much-awaited State-Level Nalwari Fair 2026, slated to be held in the third week of March, as the district administration moves swiftly to ensure a grand, vibrant and well-organised celebration of the region's rich cultural heritage. The first preparatory meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar, with senior officials from all departments participating. Describing Nalwari Fair as the pride and identity of Bilaspur, the DC emphasized that the fair will be organised on a larger and more attractive scale while preserving its traditional essence. He directed officials to constitute dedicated committees for cultural programmes, sports events, cattle fair arrangements, exhibitions, traffic management and public facilities to ensure smooth coordination and timely execution. The fair has set dates from it's beginning from March 17 to 23 every year. It was decided that along with traditional attractions like wrestling, folk performances and cattle exhibitions, several new activities would be introduced to engage all sections of society. Cultural programmes highlighting Bilaspur's folk traditions will remain the centerpiece of the fair.

How did Rs. 10 cr registration turn into Rs. 72 cr?: KC Bhardwaj

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JAN 16

Kuldeep Chand Bhardwaj, former Assistant General Manager (AGM) of Kangra Central Cooperative Bank Limited, has leveled serious allegations against KCCB bank officials. He has also submitted a written memorandum in this regard to Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, and other officials. He has also filed a complaint with the Kangra Police Department regarding the use of casteist slurs against him by an official. During a press conference in Dharamshala, he said that the then Managing Director had suspended him.

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Devotees perform Jalabhishek on Lord Shiva at Shri Sangameshwar Mahadev Temple

YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: A monthly fair was held at Sangameshwar Mahadev Temple in Arunay onTrayodashi of Magh month.Thousands of devotees offered water to Shiva Lingam and made their wishes. Bhushan Gautam manager of temple's service committee said that preparations for Mahashivratri festival have begun under the guidance of Mahant Ravinder Puri, secretary of Shri Panchayati Akhara Mahanirvani and national president of All India Akhara Parishad, and secretary Mahant Vishwanath Giri. On February 14, temple will organize a mass marriage ceremony for daughters of needy families.



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Financial literacy camp organised by Kangra Central Cooperative Bank branch Dhumada

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: A financial literacy camp was organised at village Dhusada, under Amb subdivision, by the Dhumada branch of the Kangra Central Cooperative Bank Limited in joint collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The camp was chaired by Punit Singla, branch manager of Kangra Central Cooperative Bank, Dhusada. Addressing the gathering, he educated villagers about various banking and financial schemes, including Kisan Credit Card, UPI, crop insurance, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Self Employment Scheme, and education loans for higher studies. He also explained the precautions to be taken while using ATMs, highlighted the risks of cyber fraud and cautioned people against sharing Aadhaar OTPs with anyone. Singla further briefed the participants about the formation and benefits of self-help groups in rural areas. Bank representatives Punit Singla and Vibha Pathania, along with self-help group members Jaspreet, Renu, Raj Kumari, Kiranjeet, Rekha Rani and other villagers, were present at the camp.

Eight Dharamshala college students serve as 'Sarthi', support elderly patients

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DHARAMSHALA: Eight students of Government Degree College, Dharamshala have actively participated as volunteers under the Himachal Pradesh government's "Sarthi Programme", extending guidance and support to elderly and needy patients in healthcare facilities. Dr. Milap Sharma Principal Dr Rajendra Prasad Govt Medical College Kàngra at Tanda told UNI on Friday that the Sarthi Programme is a people-centric initiative aimed at bridging the gap between healthcare providers and patients who often face difficulties due to illiteracy, lack of awareness, socio-economic constraints and unfamiliarity with hospital procedures. He said that the trained volunteers, known as Sarthis, assist patients in navigating hospital systems and accessing services with dignity and confidence.

Heavy fog returns to UP, spike in road accidents leaves one dead, 40 injured

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LUCKNOW, JAN 16



A sudden return of dense fog across Uttar Pradesh amid biting cold conditions led to a sharp rise in road accidents on Friday, claiming one life and injuring at least 40 people.

After a brief improvement in weather, heavy fog engulfed the state once again, reducing visibility to near zero in several areas. According to reports, dense fog covered Lucknow, Barabanki and nearly 35 districts, severely disrupting road traffic. Poor visibility resulted in at least eight major accidents across the state, involving around 24 vehicles.

In Mainpuri, a truck rammed into an eco-van carrying schoolchildren. The van driver died on the spot, while six children sustained injuries. The truck driver fled the scene. In Shravasti, a truck and a container collided on National Highway-730 near Sita Dwar turn around 6 am. Two people, including the container driver, were injured.

In Rampur, a speeding canter hit three vehicles — a tractor-trolley and an Ertiga car — parked along the Bilaspur Highway near Satkar Resort late at night.

In Firozabad, a mini-bus carrying pilgrims from Ayodhya to Mathura overturned on the Agra–Lucknow Expressway around 6:30 am. Seven pilgrims were injured, four of them critically.

In Aligarh, multiple vehicles heading towards Khurja collided in a chain reaction on the GT Road due to dense fog. More than a dozen people were injured, with several reported to be in serious condition.

In Sambhal, a pickup vehicle collided with a canter on the Agra–Moradabad Highway. The pickup driver was trapped in the steering side and, along with two others, was admitted to a hospital in Chandausi.

In Gonda, an unidentified vehicle hit a motorcycle on the Katra–Colonelganj Road. Two youths, Vishal (25) and Mohit (30), residents of Kalwari village, were critically injured.

In Etawah, two sleeper buses collided on the Agra–Lucknow Expressway and also hit a stationary truck on the roadside. Seven passengers were injured. Both buses were carrying around 40–45 passengers each.

Kurukshetra's significance enhanced by Gita's wisdom bestowed by Lord Krishna: Vij



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, JAN 16

Haryana's Energy and Transport Minister Sh. Anil Vij said that Lord Shri Krishna enhanced the spiritual and cultural significance of Kurukshetra by delivering the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita on this sacred land. He said that the Ganga of knowledge that flowed from this land has become a guiding light for the world, and this stream of wisdom continues to provide new direction to society.The Energy Minister was speaking as the Chief Guest on today at a function organized in Kurukshetra on the occasion of the 96th birth anniversary of Mahant Chiranjeepuri Ji Maharaj. On his arrival at the venue, he was welcomed by the temple trustees with a bouquet of flowers. He bowed before Mahant Chiranjeepuri Ji Maharaj and received his blessings. On this occasion, Vij announced a grant of Rs. 30 lakh for a proposed 100-bedded hospital. Vij said that Mahant Chiranjeepuri Ji Maharaj has been living for the past 40 years on just half a glass of lassi and a loincloth, and that his penance and sacrifice are a great inspiration for society. He said that the Shri Brahmpuri Ann Kshetra Ashram Trust, Kurukshetra, through its "Ashtadash Vibhuti Gyan" initiative, has constructed an 18-storey temple.

Trident accelerates European home textiles expansion with strategic investments and new collections

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, JAN 16



Trident Group one of India's leading integrated home textile manufacturers, is strengthening its presence in Europe as it showcases its latest collections at Heimtextil 2026, the world's largest trade fair for home and contract textiles, held in Messe' Frankfurt from January 13-16, 2026. The participation underlines Trident's focus on expanding its European footprint amid improving trade prospects driven by proposed Free Trade Agreements (FTAs between India, the UK and the European Union). At Heimtextil, Trident presented its TG collection, built around the theme 'Visible Invisible', which brings together contemporary design, sustainability and innovation. The showcase highlighted how everyday home textiles are shaped by thoughtful design choices, responsible sourcing and advanced manufacturing, aligned with the evolving expectations of European consumers. This year at Heimtextil-sustainability and AI in Home Textile was in focus. Commenting on the company's European strategy, Abhishek Gupta, CEO Strategy & Marketing, Trident Group, said, "Europe is a strategic market for our home textiles business. With favorable trade developments on the horizon, we are investing in local leadership and showcasing collections that reflect European preferences for sustainability, quality and design. The global home textiles market is estimated at USD 136-140 billion, with steady growth expected over the coming years. Against this backdrop, Trident is positioning itself to deepen partnerships with European retailers and scale its business responsibly." To support this expansion, Trident has strengthened its local presence with the appointing of dedicated Directors for Germany and France, enabling closer engagement with customers, faster response times and stronger on ground relationships across key markets.

Jal Shakti Abhiyan Central team holds meeting on 'Jal Sanche Jan Bhagidari'

KULDEEP SOOD



BARNALA: A special meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) Barnala Mr. Amit Bambi to effectively implement water conservation works under 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan 2026'. He said that Central Nodal Officer Mr. Rishi Raj has been appointed for technical assistance in this campaign. In this meeting, discussions were held mainly to provide technical assistance for the works to be done under 'Jal Sanche Jan Bhagidari' and MGNREGA scheme. He said that about 100 rainwater harvesting structures have been constructed in primary and secondary schools in Barnala district for rainwater conservation. Apart from this, the work of constructing soak pits will be done in Barnala district so that the kitchen water can be cleaned and put underground. He said that during this financial year, 125 ponds have been cleaned and work is being done to clean other ponds. On this occasion, Central Nodal Officer Shri Rishi Raj from Central Ground Water Board Chandigarh was specially present. He gave necessary guidelines to all the departments and shared information about the technical aspects of water conservation and a detailed discussion was held on the water conservation works to be done under MGNREGA. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) asked all the departments to ensure compliance with the instructions given by the central team.

ISRO's high-tech drones to fly over Kullu's inaccessible mountains

ASHISH SHARMA



KULLU: In a significant step towards strengthening disaster management, high-tech drones of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) will soon be deployed in the inaccessible and mountainous regions of Kullu district. This initiative, jointly undertaken by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) and the Zila Parishad, is being considered a major achievement for the region. Under this ambitious plan, during disaster-like situations, essential food supplies, medicines, and medical assistance will be delivered through drones to extremely remote villages such as Malana, Shakti-Maraud, Tiyun, and Smalang. These drones will have an operational range of approximately 25 to 30 kilometers, making it possible to provide relief even when road connectivity is disrupted. Taking an important step forward, a seven-member delegation led by Zila Parishad Member and DDMA Co-Chairman Pankaj Parmar has left for the ISRO headquarters. The delegation includes three youths from Malana and three representatives from the Shakti-Maraud area. The team will hold discussions with ISRO scientists at the ISRO centre in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Following the meeting, trial runs of the drones will be conducted in Kullu. Speaking to mediapersons, Zila Parishad Chairman Pankaj Parmar said that this is a major milestone for disaster management efforts in Kullu district.

DAVPS, Professor Colony, Ynr hosts CBSE in-house training on NCF–Foundational stage

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 16



DAV Public School, Professor Colony, Yamunanagar, successfully organized a CBSE In-House Training Programme on NCF – Foundational Stage with great enthusiasm and academic fervour on January 15, 2026. The programme commenced on a devotional note with the soulful rendition of DAV Gaan, followed by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony. The training witnessed the active participation of more than 75 educators from DAV Schools of Yamunanagar and Jagadhri, reflecting a strong spirit of collaboration and professional growth among teachers. The highlight of the programme was the presence of Mr. Kapil Batra, a renowned educator and dynamic resource person, conducted an engaging and insightful session on the vision, goals, characteristics, challenges and implementation of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) – Foundational Stage. The interactive approach, practical examples, and learner-centric strategies deeply enriched the participants and helped understanding of early childhood education as envisaged in NEP 2020. Principal Mr. V. K. Kashiv appreciated the initiative by Mr Kapil Batra and lauded such Capacity Building Programmes for empowering teachers with updated pedagogical and technological practices. In his message, he emphasized that continuous professional development is the backbone of quality education and plays a vital role in nurturing confident, competent and compassionate learners from the foundational stage itself. Mr Anup Chopra, Principal DAV Police Public School Jagadhri too attended the workshop & appreciated Mr Batra for enlightening the delegates about NEP-2020 & NCF-2023. The programme concluded on an inspiring note, leaving the educators motivated and better equipped to translate the principles of NCF into effective classroom practices.

National Startup Day 2026 marks decade of the startup India initiative: VC KUK

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, JAN 16



On the occasion of the 10th National Startup Day, the Kurukshetra University Technology Incubation Centre (KUTIC) and the Community Incubation Centre (CIC), UIET, Kurukshetra University, launched a Call for Internship through its incubated startups across multiple domains. The initiative aims to provide students with hands-on industry exposure, experiential learning, and opportunities to work closely with startups, thereby strengthening innovation and entrepreneurship within the university ecosystem. Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that for this occasion, Vice Chancellor, KUK, Prof Som Nath Sachdeva conveyed his message that National Startup Day on 16 January 2026 marks a landmark decade of the Startup India Initiative. Kurukshetra University is setting new benchmarks in the startup ecosystem by actively motivating students to contribute through innovative and creative startup ventures, thereby strengthening a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation on campus.

Dr. Ankeshwar Prakash, Controller of Examination, KUK, emphasized that startups and innovation-led internships play a transformative role in shaping students' academic and professional journeys. He noted that such initiatives enhance practical skills and employability while fostering critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and an entrepreneurial mindset. Lt. (Dr.) Ajay Jangra, Coordinator, KUTIC, highlighted the facilities and ongoing activities at the centre.

Financial literacy camp organised by Kangra Central Cooperative Bank branch Dhumada



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: A financial literacy camp was organised at village Dhusada, under Amb subdivision, by the Dhumada branch of the Kangra Central Cooperative Bank Limited in joint collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The camp was chaired by Punit Singla, branch manager of Kangra Central Cooperative Bank, Dhusada. Addressing the gathering, he educated villagers about various banking and financial schemes, including Kisan Credit Card, UPI, crop insurance, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Self Employment Scheme, and education loans for higher studies. He also explained the precautions to be taken while using ATMs, highlighted the risks of cyber fraud and cautioned people against sharing Aadhaar OTPs with anyone. Singla further briefed the participants about the formation and benefits of self-help groups in rural areas. Bank representatives Punit Singla and Vibha Pathania, along with self-help group members Jaspreet, Renu, Raj Kumari, Kiranjeet, Rekha Rani and other villagers, were present at the camp.

Complaints received at redressal camp should be addressed on priority basis: Vishram Kumar

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, JAN 16



Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said that officers should take all complaints received through grievance redressal camps seriously. Complaints received at camp should be resolved on priority basis so that people do not have to visit offices repeatedly. All complaints received should be uploaded to the portal. No negligence should be shown in this work. DC was giving these instructions to officers during a review meeting of complaints received at grievance redressal camp held in the auditorium of Mini Secretariat today. Earlier, DC directed that complaints received from grievance redressal camp should be resolved within stipulated time frame. He said that departments with pending complaints should resolve them quickly and provide relief to general public.Grievance redressal camp is an effective means of implementing government's commitment to good governance at grassroots level. All heads of departments should ensure that every complaint is resolved within the stipulated time limit. A quality Action Taken Report should be uploaded to portal so that complaint is not reopened. Complaints that cannot be resolved should be categorized as rejected. ADC Vivek Arya, SDM Anubhav Mehta, and officers from various departments were present.

Cong govt locked in endless infighting, people of Himachal bearing the brunt: Bihari Lal Sharma

DINESH AGARWAL



SHIMLA: Bihari Lal Sharma, vice-president of the Bharatiya Janata Party's Himachal Pradesh unit, on Thursday said that the ongoing internal conflict and public sparring within the Congress government have reached a dangerous level, leaving the people of the state to suffer amid administrative paralysis. Sharma said recent statements by Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh, Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi and Panchayati Raj Minister Anirudh Singh clearly indicate a lack of coordination and leadership within the ruling dispensation. He said one minister makes a statement, another contradicts it and a third advises restraint, collectively exposing what he described as the government's chaotic functioning. He alleged that when ministers openly comment on officers through social media and public platforms, only to have other ministers from the same government term such remarks inappropriate, it demoralises the administrative machinery and severely disrupts decision-making. This, he said, is directly affecting development works, law and order, and decisions related to public welfare. The BJP leader said the Congress government's "internal battle" is being paid for by Himachal Pradesh's population of 7.5 million. He alleged that development has slowed and governance has lost stability, with confusion prevailing from the Secretariat to the field offices.

Pad Yatra taken out in cities and villages under the war on drugs campaign

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, JAN 16



Taking forward the second phase of the Punjab Government's campaign War on Drugs, a Pad Yatra was taken out in district Barnala. Regarding this yatra, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith said that the Punjab government is taking up initiatives to curb drugs, under which the district administration and the villagers working as village watchmen against drugs in the urban areas of Barnala district and villages Sukhpura Maur, Kothe Rajinderpura, Kothe Chungan, Dangarh, Kalala, Mallian, Deewan, Gumti, Lohgarh, Pakho Kalan, Kirpal Singh Wala, Dhilwan Patiala, Naiwala and ward number 4 of Barnala, made people aware of the prevention and protection of drugs through advertisements, flags, banners and hand placards. The Deputy Commissioner said that for the complete eradication of drugs, while legal action is being taken against drug peddlers by the Punjab government and their properties are also being confiscated, at the same time, people are also being made aware of its ill effects on a large scale so that the victims of drugs can get treatment in government de-addiction centers. They can be brought back into the mainstream of society and made employable. He said that people participated with great enthusiasm in the "Nasha Mukti Yatra". The purpose of this yatra is to keep the youth away from drugs, spread awareness among the public and lay the foundation of a drug-free society.

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Punjab Governor to attend Shri Ghantakarna Grace Day

CHAMAN LAL

KARNAL: The special Grace Day of the highly powerful deity Shri Ghantakarna Mahavir, on Krishna Chaturdashi, will be celebrated with devotion at the monthly devotees' gathering tomorrow at the Shri Atma Manohar Jain Aradhana Temple on Indri Road, in the holy presence of Bharat Sant Gaurav Upapravartak Piyush Muni Ji Maharaj. The devotional programme will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, featuring melodious devotional presentations, group chanting, discourses, and the recitation of the great Stotra for the welfare of all, with hundreds of devotees expected to be present. Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria and senior minister of Punjab's Finance, Planning, Excise and Taxation departments, Sardar Harpal Singh Cheema, will be specially present at the divine assembly.



Govt is promoting social harmony through the timeless teachings of Saints: CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JAN 16

Emphasising the enduring relevance of India's saintly traditions, Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the state government is actively strengthening social harmony by taking the teachings and life philosophies of great saints and spiritual leaders to the younger generation. With this objective, the state government has institutionalised the practice of organising celebrations on the birth anniversaries of revered saints, sending a strong message of unity, equality and social cohesion across society. Continuing this initiative, the Government will organise a grand state-level ceremony on January 31 at Umri in Kurukshetra to mark the birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas Ji. Development, Panchayat Mines & Geology Minister, Sh. Krishan Lal Panwar will preside over the ceremony.

The Chief Minister said this while interacting with the delegation led by Cabinet Minister, Sh. Krishan Lal Panwar and Social Justice, Empowerment ,SCs & BCs Welfare and Antyodaya (SEWA), Minister. Sh. Krishan Bedi, at his residence, Sant Kabir Kutir on Friday. On this occasion, both Ministers formally invited the Chief Minister to attend the Sant Guru Ravidas Jayanti celebrations.



Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the teachings of Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas Ji continue to illuminate society and guide humanity even today. He reaffirmed the State Government's unwavering commitment to celebrating Guru Ravidas Jayanti with utmost devotion, respect and grandeur. The Chief Minister appealed to all stakeholders to work with mutual coordination and active participation to make the programme historic and truly memorable.

Providing details of the preparations, Cabinet Minister, Sh. Krishan Lal Panwar said that the state-level ceremony will be organised on January 31 at Umri, Kurukshetra, with large-scale participation of devotees. He informed that devotees from 14 districts namely Panchkula, Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Panipat, Sonipat, Rohtak, Hisar, Jind, Hansi, Jhajjar and Fatehabad, will participate at the block level, while devotees from the remaining nine districts will join at the district level in large numbers.

He further shared that comprehensive arrangements related to devotee facilities, traffic management, cleanliness, drinking water and security will be ensured well in advance to facilitate the smooth, orderly and dignified conduct of the event. In accordance with the Chief Minister's directions, special committees will be constituted in every district to coordinate the invitation process, including the distribution of invitation cards and mobilisation of devotees.

BJP government pro-OBC, welfare-driven: Madan Chauhan



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JAN 16

A district-level meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party's OBC Morcha was held at the BJP district office, Karn Kamal, Karnal. The meeting was chaired by district OBC Morcha president Advocate Rajesh Saini, while the chief guest was state OBC Morcha president Madan Chauhan.

Addressing the gathering, Chauhan outlined the initiatives and welfare schemes undertaken by the BJP governments at the Centre and in Haryana for the benefit of the OBC community. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has worked to ensure social dignity, economic empowerment and political participation for backward classes.

He said the Centre has taken historic steps such as granting constitutional status to the OBC Commission, launching education and scholarship schemes for backward class students, promoting self-employment initiatives and providing reservation for economically weaker sections. In Haryana, he said, the BJP government led by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has implemented transparent recruitment processes, employment without "slips or expenses", social security pensions, the Ayushman Bharat scheme and several welfare programmes for the poor and backward sections.

BJP Karnal district president Praveen Lathar, district in-charge Bharat Bhushan Jewal, OBC Morcha state general secretary Rameshwar Prajapat, Kesh Kalyan Board chairman Yashpal Thakur, former MLA Ramesh Kashyap, chairman Nirmal Bairagi, state media in-charge Dr Rajveer Arya and district OBC Morcha president Rajesh Saini also addressed the workers. They called for strengthening the organisation, taking government policies to the grassroots and increasing booth-level activity.

Chauhan urged party workers to disseminate information about the government's achievements among the masses and connect the OBC community with BJP policies. Organisational strengthening, upcoming programmes and future strategy were also discussed in detail.

The BJP OBC Morcha, Panipat district, submitted a memorandum addressed to the Haryana Chief Minister through state OBC Morcha president Madan Chauhan, demanding immediate implementation of the full 27 per cent reservation for backward classes in Class I and Class II (gazetted) government services, as per Block 'A' (16 per cent) and Block 'B' (11 per cent).

Joint Team of District Police and RTA Karnal organises road safety and cyber security awareness programme

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, JANUARY 16



A special awareness programme was organised at J.C. College of Women, Assandh, Karnal district, by a joint team of District Police Karnal and the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Karnal to educate NSS students about road safety, traffic rules, and cyber security. From the District Police Karnal, Assistant Sub-Inspector Ajay Kumar, Coordinator, Highway Police Station Karnal, and Sub-Inspector Ram Kumar, Assandh Police Station, and from the RTA Karnal team, T/Sub-Inspector Somi, T/Sub-Inspector Mukesh, and Khem Chand participated in the program and provided information about traffic rules to the students. During the programme, the students were given detailed information about the use of helmets and seat belts, avoiding overspeeding, the consequences of drunk driving, not using mobile phones while driving, pedestrian rules, prevention of cybercrime, online fraud, safe use of social media, and the cyber helpline number 1930.

In addition, under the able leadership of Manisha, NSS In-charge of J.C. College of Women, Assandh, an impressive street play based on road safety and traffic rules was also organised, which was presented in a highly commendable and lively manner by the NSS students. Through the play, the message about the causes of road accidents and the importance of following traffic rules was effectively conveyed. During the program, all the NSS students listened to the speakers with complete discipline and patience and actively participated in the awareness activities. Finally, the officers present urged the students to follow traffic rules themselves and to inspire their families and society to do the same.

Power employees vow to participate in February 12 nationwide strike

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, JAN 16

A crucial meeting of Sarva Karmachari Sangh Haryana and EEFI sub-unit Garhi Birbal, affiliated with All Haryana Power Corporation Workers Union was held on January 19. Meeting decided to give notice to Haryana government through DC Karnal regarding proposed nationwide strike on February 12 and to hold strong demonstration on day notice is served. Demand for immediate implementation of Punjab and Haryana High Court's decision to regularize temporary employees was also raised. Meeting was presided over by Sub-Unit President Jai Kumar, while Sub-Unit Secretary Balinder Kamboj conducted proceedings. All Haryana Power Corporation Workers Union Central Committee member Malkit Singh, Unit No. 1 President Rajiv Rathi, and Sarva Karmachari Sangh Haryana Block Indri Vice President Pawan Khera were specially present at meeting. Speakers said that Haryana government is not serious about long-standing problems of both temporary and permanent employees.Despite repeated protest programs by union, problems remain unresolved.Temporary employees are not being regularized, equal pay for equal work is not being implemented, and the old pension policy has not been restored. Furthermore, a wavering approach is being adopted after announcement of pay commission and cashless medical facilities and ex-gratia policy are also not being properly implemented. Speakers strongly opposed central government's attempt to forcibly implement Electricity Amendment Bill 2025, stating that the bill is against interests of both employees and consumers. It was also decided at meeting that on January 22, in protest against online transfer policy being implemented in electricity department, office bearers of Unit No. 1 will observe a hunger strike from 11 am to 4 pm at the office of Division No. 1. Employees of all sub-units of Unit No. 1 will sit on a dharna in their support during this time.If online transfer policy is not withdrawn despite this warning, every single employee of electricity department will participate enthusiastically in strike on February 12.



Book 'Rajararam' by IPS officer Manbir Singh released at World Book Fair



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

GURUGRAM: The book Rajararam, authored by IPS officer Manbir Singh, was released at the Author's Corner of the World Book Fair here. The release was jointly carried out by Timarpur MLA Surya Prakash Khatri, who was the chief guest, and Padma Shri awardee from Sonipat Santarām Deshwal.

Speaking on the occasion, Khatri said the book on Rajararam would establish new dimensions in Indian history in the future. He said Rajararam was a valiant warrior of the Braj region who organised an armed force against Mughal ruler Aurangzeb and fought against his inhuman policies.

Padma Shri awardee Dr Santaram Deshwal, the guest of honour, said that Manbir Singh's work was the result of extensive research and painstaking effort. He said historians had written very little about Rajararam, despite the fact that he was a warrior who not only organised resistance against the Mughals but also laid down his life to protect the people of Braj. Author Manbir Singh said the book attempts to bring before the public the life of a great but neglected warrior of Indian history, who sacrificed himself for the defence of Braj. He said such a towering figure had largely been ignored by historians, and the book seeks to correct that omission. The programme was conducted by Dr Suryanath Singh.

Poll will be conducted in transparent and impartial manner: Deputy Commissioner Virendra Dahiya

ASHOK CHUGH

PANIPAT: The administration has made a formal announcement regarding the election for the post of District Council Chairman. In accordance with the instructions of the State Election Commission, Haryana, Panchkula, the election for the District Council Chairman will be held on January 28. In this regard, Deputy Commissioner and Presiding Officer Virendra Kumar Dahiya has issued an official notification to all the elected members of the District Council, outlining the election schedule. According to the order issued by the Deputy Commissioner's office, the election will be held in the meeting hall on the first floor of the Deputy Commissioner's office at the District Secretariat. The election process will be conducted in a completely transparent and impartial manner, in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission.

According to the schedule, the election process will begin at 11:00 AM on January 28. From 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM, the attendance of the District Council members will be recorded, and from 11:30 AM to 11:45 AM, if a two-thirds majority is present, election-related guidelines will be given. Following this, from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM, nomination papers for the post of Chairman will be filed, from 12:15 PM to 12:30 PM, the nomination papers will be scrutinised and valid candidates will be announced, and from 12:30 PM to 12:45 PM, the time for withdrawal of nominations has been set. From 12:45 PM to 1:15 PM, preparations related to EVMs and ballots will be completed, from 1:15 PM to 1:45 PM, voting will be conducted through EVMs, and from 1:45 PM to 2:00 PM, the counting of votes will be done and the result will be declared.

Naveen Jindal's National Flag awareness campaign receives support in Ladwa

KARAMBIR
LADWA, JANUARY 16



The National Flag Awareness Campaign-2026, launched by the Flag Foundation of India at the initiative of MP Naveen Jindal, has started receiving support in the Ladwa area. In this connection, a meeting was organised at the establishment of CA Ashwini Jain in Ladwa, where those present appreciated MP Naveen Jindal's initiative and resolved to collect old, damaged, and unusable national flags from their respective areas and send them for respectful refurbishment. In this meeting, CA Ashwini Jain, along with his colleagues Rohit Singla and Vijay Jain, decided that the National Flag Awareness Campaign would be taken to every household in Ladwa and the surrounding rural areas, and citizens would be made aware of the respect due to the tricolor, its proper use, and the dignified refurbishment of old flags.

On this occasion, CA Ashwini Jain said that this initiative started by MP Naveen Jindal is highly commendable and a need of the hour. He said that the tricolor is a symbol of the country's pride, honor, and glory, and respecting it is the duty of every citizen. Refurbishing old and damaged flags in a legal and respectful manner is a true expression of patriotism. He said that he feels proud to be a part of this campaign. Rohit Gupta said that the National Flag Awareness Campaign is not just a program, but a mass movement that reminds citizens of their duties. He said that he would actively promote this campaign in Ladwa and the surrounding areas and try to connect as many people as possible with it. All those present at the meeting unanimously resolved that they would collect old national flags in their areas and ensure their respectful refurbishment through the Flag Foundation of India, so that the dignity of the tricolor is always maintained.

Gyanix Academy organises Road Safety Awareness programme

SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: A road safety awareness programme was organised today at Gyanix Academy in Kaithal. Puneet Dhiman and Ramdayal Singh from Garhi Driver Training Institute and RTO officer Dharamveer from Kaithal were present as special guests. The guests informed the students about road safety rules and highlighted the importance of safe driving. They encouraged the students to wear helmets, use seat belts, follow traffic rules, and drive carefully. During the programme, Sandeep Bura, Amandeep Gopera, Darshan Dhull, Sushil Kumar, and other dignitaries from Gyanix Academy were also present. The academy management expressed their gratitude to the guests and said that they would continue to organise such awareness programmes in the future.



5-Day training program on Innovative Extension Methods for Sugarcane Production concludes

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

NILOKHERI/KARNAL: A five-day training program on "Innovative Extension Methods for Large-Scale Adoption of Sugarcane Production Technologies," jointly organized by Extension Education Institute, Nilokheri under Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, and the Sugarcane Breeding Institute Regional Centre concluded successfully today. Valedictory function was presided over by Dr Sanjay Kumar, Regional Director of Extension Education Institute while Dr MLChhabra, Head of Sugarcane Breeding Institute Regional Centre, Karnal, graced occasion as chief guest and guided participants. Addressing gathering, Dr. ML Chhabra discussed various aspects of sugarcane cultivation in detail.He emphasized that sugarcane crop plays vital role in boosting country's economy and increasing farmers' income.He highlighted importance of selecting improved varieties and adopting modern scientific techniques in sugarcane production, stating that it is crucial for benefits of new research and technologies to reach every farmer in a timely manner. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Regional Director of Extension Education Institute, highlighted significance of this five-day training program in his address. He said that it is essential for agricultural extension officers to understand how to simplify complex technologies and disseminate them to farmers through new extension methods. He expressed confidence tha innovative communication methods learned during this training would prove effective in promoting sugarcane production on a large scale. He informed that Extension Education Institute, Nilokheri, under the leadership of Professor B.R. Kamboj, Vice-Chancellor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, is engaged in training extension officers from various departments such as agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries, forestry and women and child development in states and union territories of North India.



Residents should take precautions to protect themselves from cold: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar has appealed to people, especially children and elderly to protect themselves from cold wave. He said that during cold wave, people should stay indoors as much as possible and minimize travel to avoid cold wind.They should also keep themselves updated on weather through radio and other media.DC said that young people should regularly check on well-being of elderly. To protect agains cold, instead of single-layer clothing, wear loose-fitting, layered, lightweight clothing, a windproof cotton outer layer, and warm woolen inner garments. Use a hat and waterproof shoes to retain body heat. Keep your head covered, as significant body heat is lost through the head.Covering your mouth is essential to protect your lungs. Regularly consume warm liquids.This will help maintain body heat to combat cold. He said that to maintain flow of heat in body, one should consume nutritious food and avoid alcohol to prevent dehydration. In case of frostbite, consult a doctor immediately.



SVSU Registrar Prof. Jyoti Rana receives Academic Excellence Award

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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Prof. Jyoti Rana, Registrar of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University (SVSU), has been honored with the Academic Excellence Award by the Global Institute for Talent Transformation (GIFTT). The award recognizes her outstanding contributions and impact in the fields of academics and administration.

His Excellency Mr. Benedikt Höskuldsson, Ambassador of Iceland to India, presented the award to Prof. Rana on Friday during the Academia-Industry Meet (AIM) 2026, held at Le Méridien, Gurugram.

Expressing her gratitude on this achievement, Prof. Jyoti Rana dedicated the award to the entire SVSU family. She stated that this success was made possible only through the disciplined and dedicated efforts of the faculty, staff, and students.

It is noteworthy that Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, as India's first government skill university, has made unprecedented strides in skill-based programs. By introducing models such as on-the-job training, earn-while-you-learn alongside studies, and industry-integrated programs, SVSU has emerged as an ideal model for skill education in higher education. In terms of administrative efficiency, the university has set an example by fully adopting e-office systems, promoting transparency and speed in administrative processes, making it a model worth emulating.



Registrar Prof. Jyoti Rana also participated as a key panelist. She spoke on the highly relevant topic: 'Bridging the Employability Gap: Academia's Role in Industry Readiness.' This subject is extremely important in today's times, as companies increasingly seek young professionals who are already prepared and ready to contribute effectively from day one.

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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

Merz's India visit signals deeper India-Germany ties

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz's recent visit to India highlighted the growing convergence of interests between the two countries as they grapple with a volatile and unpredictable global geopolitical environment. The changing realities are impacting both countries in different ways. While India is navigating choppy trade waters following a steep rise in American tariffs and continuing challenges from China and the immediate neighbourhood, Germany too is struggling to keep pace with geopolitical shifts in the wake of the United States distancing itself from Europe on security matters, the growing complexities in Ukraine and tensions with China. One of the most important outcomes of his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the announcement of visa-free transit for Indian passport holders passing through Germany. This people-centric decision will resonate far beyond geopolitical and diplomatic domains. For Indian students, professionals and business travellers, this step sends a clear signal that Germany values India as an all-weather friend. Both Merz and Modi have acknowledged that close people-to-people links remain a key pillar of the India-Germany strategic partnership. The focus on higher education and skilling reinforces this message. Germany's growing demand for skilled workers, particularly in the healthcare sector, dovetails with India's demographic strengths. Inviting German universities to open campuses in India can help address skill gaps. The Joint Declaration of Intent on the Global Skills Partnership is a welcome development. At a time when the US is increasingly tightening even legal pathways for skilled immigration, Germany — along with other EU countries — offers an attractive alternative. The Modi-Merz talks yielded tangible outcomes across trade and security. On commerce, both sides reaffirmed their resolve to conclude the long-delayed EU-India free trade agreement by the end of this month, when European leaders will be in Delhi as guests for the Republic Day celebrations. The two countries also agreed to develop a joint roadmap for defence industrial cooperation. Germany has embarked on a massive programme of rearmament in response to Russia's continuing war in Ukraine and growing doubts about long-term American commitment to European security. Over the last four years, it has emerged as the world's fourth-largest defence spender, after the US, China, and Russia. With plans to spend up to 3.5% of the GDP on defence, German military expenditure could approach USD 200 billion annually by the end of this decade. For India, partnership with a rearming Germany opens a rare opportunity to modernise its own defence industry through co-development and co-production. Germany's willingness to simplify processes related to defence trade and commit to co-development and co-production aligns well with the Centre's Make in India goals. It is clear that India and Germany are determined to deepen their partnership despite lingering differences over Russia. By combining security cooperation with enablers like visa-free transit and a comprehensive roadmap on higher education, both countries have laid stress on mutual respect and trust amid global headwinds.

X Tightens Grok AI rules amid concerns over inappropriate content



Social media platform X has rolled out new safeguards for its AI chatbot Grok following complaints about inappropriate content. The updates include blocking the editing of images of real people in revealing clothing, restricting image creation to paid users, and introducing geoblocking in jurisdictions where such content is illegal, reinforcing the platform's commitment to user safety and legal compliance.

In a statement, X said, "We have implemented technological measures to prevent the Grok account from allowing the editing of images of real people in revealing clothing such as bikinis."

The restriction applies to all users, including paid subscribers.

Additionally, image creation and editing through Grok are now limited to paid accounts, a move X said would help identify and hold accountable anyone attempting to misuse the tool.

Geoblocking measures have also been introduced to prevent users from generating such images in regions where it is prohibited by law.

The company also said it has introduced geoblocking measures to prevent all users from generating images of real people in bikinis, underwear or similar attire through Grok in jurisdictions where such activity is illegal.

X emphasised that these changes do not alter its existing safety framework. All AI-generated content must continue to comply/adhere with X Rules, regardless of whether users are free or paid subscribers.

The platform said its safety teams are working continuously to introduce additional safeguards, take swift action to remove violating or illegal content, permanently suspend accounts where required, and cooperate with local governments and law enforcement agencies.

Reiterating its safety commitment, X claimed it has zero tolerance for child sexual exploitation, non-consensual nudity and unwanted sexual content. The company said it actively removes high-priority violative content, including Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) and non-consensual imagery, takes appropriate action against offending accounts, and reports cases related to child sexual exploitation to law enforcement authorities when necessary.

Earlier, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) issued a notice on January 4 seeking an explanation over the alleged misuse of artificial intelligence tools on social media platforms, amid growing concerns about the generation of inappropriate and unlawful content using AI.

The government action followed complaints and public concern over the use of AI chatbot Grok, integrated with the social media platform X, to create or edit images in ways that could violate privacy, dignity and existing laws.

On January 2, Rajya Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi had also lodged a formal complaint highlighting the misuse of Grok, particularly raising concerns over AI-generated and manipulated images and the potential harm caused by such content.

The developments come amid wider scrutiny by the government over the responsible use of AI technologies and the need for platforms to balance innovation with user safety and legal compliance.

EU's two top officials to be Republic Day Chief Guests



The European Union's two highest-ranking officials, European Council President António Luís Santos da Costa and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, will be Chief Guests at India's 77th Republic Day celebrations on January 26.

The two EU leaders will be on a State Visit to India from January 25-27 January 2026 at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

During the visit, the leaders will also co-chair the 16th India-EU Summit on January 27.

The two sides are expected to make an announcement on the India-EU FTA, for which hectic negotiations have been ongoing for several months, and both sides are reported to have resolved most of the niggling trade issues.

During the visit, President Costa and President von der Leyen will meet President Droupadi Murmu, and hold restricted and delegation level talks with Prime Minister Modi. An India-EU Business Forum is also expected to be organized on the sidelines of the India-EU Summit, a statement said.

India and European union are strategic partners since 2004. The 15th India-EU Summit was held virtually on 15 July 2020. Bilateral ties have expanded and deepened across a wide range of areas, particularly following the historic visit of EU College of Commissioners to India in February 2025. Participation of EU leaders as Chief Guests at the 77th Republic Day and the 16th India-EU Summit will further deepen the India-EU Strategic Partnership and advance collaboration in priority areas of mutual interest.

US imposes new sanctions amid nationwide unrest in Iran

Amid the nationwide unrest in Iran, the United States is sanctioning several Iranian security officials, including Ali Larijani, the Secretary of the Supreme Council for National Security (SCNS), the US Department of State said in a statementThe statement noted that, "As the brave people of Iran continue to fight for their basic rights, the Iranian regime has responded with violence and cruel repression



against its own people""In response, the United States is designating the notorious Fardis Prison, an institution where women have endured cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment," it added."Simultaneously, the Department of the Treasury is sanctioning several Iranian security officials, including Ali Larijani, the Secretary of the Supreme Council for National Security (SCNS). Additionally, Treasury is designating 18 individuals and entities tied to Iran's "shadow banking" networks that have laundered proceeds from Iranian petroleum and petrochemical sales. This action also further implements National Security Presidential Memorandum-2 of 2025," it added."The United States stands with the Iranian people, who are protesting for their natural rights. The regime continues to fund destabilizing and malign activities around the world, rather than investing in the welfare of its people at home. We will continue to deny the regime access to financial networks and the global banking system while it continues to oppress the Iranian people," it noted.White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt on Thursday (local time) said that the US President Donald Trump and his team were "closely monitoring the situation in Iran.Addressing a press briefing, White House Press Secretary said, "all options remain on the table for the President""The President and his team have communicated to the Iranian regime that if the killing continues, there will be grave consequences. The President understands today that 800 executions that were scheduled and supposed to take place yesterday were halted. The President and his team are closely monitoring this situation, and all options remain on the table for the President," the White House Press Secretary said.This development comes amid ongoing protests in Iran over rising living costs, with authorities imposing internet restrictions. Trump had previously threatened to intervene but said on Wednesday that killings of protesters had stopped, and he'd "watch and see" about military action.Times of Israel reported that the clashes between protesters and security forces have resulted in an estimated death toll ranging from under 3,000 to over 12,000.

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praise hair confetti flicked
from their clipper's
silver fingers

lunch-date-butch
studies noodle counter
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my eyes taste butch-
hips squared under
their pressed chinos

later my butch-lips graze
their fade's fresh prickle

your butch I kneel to pump
your tire to pet your dog to rub
your feet

morning butch grins over the sink
rakes the blade from jaw to chin
my fingers slot quarters
into the basement coin-op

soon my outsides butch
in the washed goldenrod jacket
stone & not stone, butch-lovers
flower flame-yellow tops
on limber green stalks

slick & poked, magazines
appear in the mail slot
how butch-
lover appears in
your dreams

By Aishvarya Arora

Pakistan's media machinery turns weaponised as Baloch voices warn of escalating repression



In a sharp denunciation of state policies, Nadia Baloch, sister of imprisoned Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) leader Mahrang Baloch, has accused the Pakistani state of orchestrating what she described as an "engineered media onslaught" to undermine Baloch dissent. She said the state had transformed media platforms into tools for silencing human rights activism and student mobilisation across Balochistan, as reported by The Balochistan Post.According to The Balochistan Post, Nadia stated that enforced disappearances target Baloch youth, and an increasing number of women have surged, even as "fabricated storylines" circulate across mainstream outlets. She noted that these narratives are being pushed deliberately to delegitimise families and activists demanding accountability for long-standing abuses. Nadia stressed that censorship in Balochistan was not a new phenomenon, but warned that the current phase represented a far more "systematic and dangerous" form of control. Mainstream news organisations, she said, were being manipulated to rationalise what she termed "intensifying state violence", while the everyday realities of Baloch communities remained absent from national coverage.She further alleged that after tightening control over television and print media, authorities have shifted focus to online spaces. Nadia described the targeting of Baloch activists' social media accounts as an "alarming escalation". According to her, this expansion of repression was aimed at shutting down one of the few remaining platforms for Baloch voices.Calling it a "coordinated disinformation scheme", she argued that the state was actively concealing enforced disappearances, extrajudicial practices, and other serious violations, all while projecting misleading narratives to the global community. Nadia said Baloch activists now carry a greater responsibility to counter these tactics by using media platforms effectively and ensuring the United Nations and international rights groups are kept informed. She urged them not to allow the world to become a "silent spectator" to what she termed ongoing abuses, as highlighted by The Balochistan Post.Her remarks follow recent allegations by the BYC, which accused Pakistan's military information wing of conducting "media trials" to normalise enforced disappearances. State institutions were circulating "scripted propaganda" to justify intensifying crackdowns in the province, as reported by The Balochistan Post.

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5th day of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha: Description of Govardhan Leela



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: On the fifth day of the seven-day Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Gyan Yagya, organised for mutual brotherhood, peace and prosperity in society, a huge crowd of devotees gathered at the venue. The main Leelas (divine plays) of Lord Krishna, especially the Govardhan Leela, were described, which the devotees listened to attentively. This Shrimad Bhagwat Katha is being organised on the premises of Someshwar Rice Mill in Kachhwa village, and will conclude on January 18. On the fifth day, the storyteller Pujya Shri Keshav Acharya Ji Maharaj, who had come from Vrindavan Dham, explained in his simple words that Lord Krishna protected his devotees by lifting the Govardhan mountain and gave the message of abandoning ego.

NEWS BRIEF

Jagraon police bust robbery gang, four arrested



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: District Ludhiana Rural Police has a marvelous achievement as they achieved major success by busting a gang of robbers who had spread terror in the city. Showing promptness, the police solved a sensational robbery case that took place on the intervening night of January 9-10 within just a few days and arrested four accused in connection with the incident. During a press conference, DSP Jaswinder Singh Dhindsa informed that the victim, Mohammad Shahroz Alam (son of Zahoor, resident of Bihar, presently residing near Lehndi Bhaini Chowk, Jagraon), told the police that he and his companions earn their livelihood by selling peanuts. On the night of 09/10-01-2026 at around 2:30 am, while they were sleeping in their room, four youths aged about 25-28 years forcibly entered the room armed with weapons. "Creating an atmosphere of terror, one of the robbers placed a sharp-edged kirpan on Shahroz's shoulder and threatened to kill him if he raised an alarm.

Karnal MC prepares strategy for Swachh Survekshan, focus on visible cleanliness and waste segregation

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JAN 16



With the aim of securing a top ranking in Swachh Survekshan 2025–26, the Municipal Corporation, Karnal, has finalised a comprehensive strategy. A meeting in this regard was held on Friday at the Municipal Corporation office auditorium under the chairpersonship of Municipal Commissioner Dr Vaishali Sharma. Additional Municipal Commissioner Ashok Kumar, Executive Engineer (Sanitation) Priyanka Saini, Chief Sanitation Inspector Surender Chopra, zone in-charges, the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) team, sanitation inspectors and supervisors were present at the meeting.

Addressing the officials, the Municipal Commissioner said that Swachh Survekshan is the biggest test of the cleanliness-related work carried out by the corporation. To achieve the number one position, all departments will have to work with dedication and consistency, strictly adhering to the parameters laid down in the survey toolkit. She stressed the need for intensive monitoring of sanitation works on the ground. Dr Sharma said special emphasis would be laid on ground-level assessment, Water Plus certification and Garbage Free City status. She underlined the importance of visible cleanliness, waste segregation, collection and transportation, solid waste management, access to sanitation facilities, used water management, advocacy for cleanliness, citizen feedback and grievance redressal. She directed officials to ensure thorough cleaning of main roads, public spaces, market areas, community and public toilets, parks and sanitation target units. Along with cleaning, beat inspectors and supervisors were instructed to maintain regular and strict monitoring of their respective areas, calling it the most crucial aspect of the drive. Cleanliness and monitoring of community toilets and parks were also emphasised, with instructions to immediately inform the concerned zone in-charge in case of any shortcomings. The Municipal Commissioner further stated that senior officials would conduct regular inspections across the city to assess sanitation conditions, and she herself would also carry out surprise inspections. She instructed inspectors and supervisors to make their respective beats exemplary, adding that the best-performing beat would soon be selected and the concerned inspector honoured. She also made it clear that all employees must be in proper uniform during duty hours, warning that action would be taken if anyone was found without uniform during inspections. Directives were also issued to ensure segregation of wet and dry waste in every ward. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) team and sanitation inspectors were asked to coordinate with tipper vehicle drivers and ensure that waste is collected only after proper segregation by citizens. Dr Sharma said that all vendors operating within the Municipal Corporation area must keep two dustbins and collect wet and dry waste separately. Zone in-charges were instructed to regularly monitor bulk waste generators in their areas and issue challans to those who fail to manage wet waste at source.

CM Dhami virtually inaugurates National Paralympic Powerlifting Championship

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Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, while virtually inaugurating the National Paralympic Powerlifting Championship on Friday, said that the past decade has witnessed an unprecedented transformation in India's sporting history, making this period a golden chapter for Indian sports. Addressing the championship's inaugural ceremony, held via a virtual platform from COER University in Roorkee, CM Dhami said that this championship is not merely a sporting event but a celebration of India's indomitable willpower, which transforms every obstacle into a challenge and every challenge into an opportunity.

CM Dhami remarked that powerlifting symbolises discipline, patience, courage, and self-confidence. "This sport is not just about strength; it is also a unique example of resilience and self-respect."

Chief Minister Dhami said that India's divyang (persons with disabilities) brothers and sisters are today bringing glory to the nation in every field.

He recalled that India's first Paralympic gold medalist (Sheetal Devi), Murlikant Petkar, won gold in swimming at the 1972 Summer Paralympics. Similarly, Satyendra Singh Lohiya became the first Indian divyang athlete to swim across the English Channel within 12 hours. "India's para archer Sheetal Devi, despite having no arms, won a gold medal at the World Para Archery Championship, proving how weakness can be transformed into strength. In the same way, the Indian Divyang Women's Cricket Team brought pride to the nation by winning the T20 Blind Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 in Colombo," CM Dhami said.

51 Villages in Saha and Barara to be declared TB-free



JAIBEER SINGH
BARARA: A block-level TB Forum meeting was organised under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP) in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat, chaired by Barara Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Satinder Siwach. The SDM took detailed information regarding the treatment of TB and emphasized the timely and mandatory reporting of TB cases by all government and private health institutions. A review of active TB cases in the TB units of Barara and Mullana blocks was conducted. In addition, special attention was given to pediatric TB cases, and early diagnosis and treatment adherence were discussed. The meeting also discussed the status of LFU (Lost to Follow Up) patients, comparison with the national average, progress of other TB units, various ratios, and global standards and targets. Detailed discussions were held on the use of hand-held X-ray machines under household contact tracing, identification of vulnerable groups, HIV-TB cases, social stigma, awareness activities, extrapulmonary TB, latent TB infection (LTBI), CYTB, and TPT. He instructed all departments to work in coordination and cooperation to achieve the goal of TB treatment.

Haryana Youth Congress stages strong protest in Hisar, burns effigy of HPSC chairman

MAHENDER GOYAL



HISAR: Haryana Youth Congress burned an effigy of Chairman of Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) today in front of Gate No 4 of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University. Protest was held over issue of unemployment in state and a large number of young activists participated. Protesters raised slogans against state's BJP government and HPSC chairman alleging irregularities in recruitment processes. Protest was led by Haryana Youth Congress State President Nishit Kataria.He said that youth of state are struggling for employment but policies of government and HPSC are completely failing to provide justice to them. Kataria alleged that delays in recruitment processes, lack of transparency and frequent changes in rules are causing frustration among eligible youth.He said that primary objective of Haryana Public Service Commission is to conduct fair and timely recruitment, but currently, commission is failing to meet expectations of youth.Several recruitments have been pending for years, jeopardizing future of young people.Youth Congress state president clearly stated that their movement will continue until youth get employment and a transparent recruitment process. During protest, Youth Congress workers raised slogans such as "BJP government down with you," "HPSC come to your senses," and "Give employment to youth."

Samadhan camp organised at District Secretariat under chairmanship of DC Rahul Narwal



DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI: A Samadhan Camp was organised on Thursday at the local District Secretariat complex under the chairmanship of District Deputy Commissioner Rahul Narwal. During the Samadhan Camp, a total of 18 problems were presented by citizens. DC Rahul Narwal listened to all the problems seriously and instructed the officers of the concerned departments to ensure the quick and priority-based resolution of each complaint. Regarding the application presented at the camp concerning the improvement of the sewerage system in the lane behind Kath Mandi in Agrasen Colony, the DC instructed the Public Health Department officials to immediately inspect the site and resolve the problem quickly. Other public problems presented at the Samadhan Camp included applications for disability pensions, correction of income details in family identity cards, issuance of ration cards, and correction of electricity bills. Regarding the application related to disability pensions, DC Rahul Narwal instructed the officers of the concerned department to quickly investigate all applications related to social security pensions and ensure that pensions are issued to eligible persons without any delay.

Relief in sight for Pangi Valley residents as restoration of 11 kV power line begins

SUBHASH MAHAJAN



CHAMBA: Residents of the remote Pangi Valley in Himachal Pradesh may soon get relief from prolonged unannounced power cuts, as restoration work on a key electricity line is set to begin. The Electricity Department, in an official press note issued on Thursday, shared important details regarding the revival of power supply in the region. According to the press note, restoration work on the 11 kV high-tension power line from Thirot to Shor, which falls under the Electricity Sub-Division Sach, will be carried out from January 18 to January 25, 2026. The department clarified that if weather conditions remain favourable, electricity supply on the said line may be restored at any time during this period. The Electricity Department has appealed to the general public living in areas from the Thirot Power House to the Shor region to exercise extreme caution while working near the 11 kV high-tension line. As power supply can be resumed without prior notice during the restoration period, people have been advised to remain vigilant to avoid any mishap. Providing further details, Assistant Engineer of Electricity Sub-Division Sach, Er Hem Singh Rana, said that efforts are being made to complete the restoration work at the earliest by taking full advantage of favourable weather conditions. He added that the department is committed to ensuring uninterrupted electricity supply to the residents of Pangi Valley.

Suryavanshi Kamal Chaudhary appointed district president of All India Arora Khatri Punjabi Community

CHAMAN LAL



KARNAL: All India Arora Khatri Punjabi Community Haryana State President and National Executive Member Suryavanshi Om Prakash Chugh, after consulting with National President Suryavanshi Sahib Dayal Wadhwa and with the permission and guidance of founder Suryavanshi Kamal Handa, has entrusted Suryavanshi Kamal Chaudhary with the important responsibility of Karnal District President. The newly appointed Karnal District President, Suryavanshi Kamal Chaudhary, expressed his gratitude to the organization's founder Suryavanshi Kamal Handa, National President Suryavanshi Sahib Dayal Wadhwa, National Vice President Suryavanshi Jyoti Kamal Handa, and State President Suryavanshi Om Prakash Chugh for his appointment. He assured them that he would not let their trust be broken and would strive to unite and strengthen the organization and the community by working even harder than expected. All the office bearers, members of the organisation, and prominent members of the community expressed their happiness at the appointment of Suryavanshi Kamal Chaudhary as the Karnal District President, calling it an appropriate decision in the interest of the organization and society, and extended their best wishes to Suryavanshi Kamal Chaudhary for his new responsibility.

Session at Osho Meditation Garden on Jan 18 will be meditation: A journey of well-being



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: Osho Meditation Garden which strives to guide seekers on path of righteousness, will organize a meditation session on January 18 based on theme "Meditation: A Journey of Well-being." This session to be held from 10 am to 12:30 pm will explain importance of meditation and shed light on concept of well-being. Participants will also be introduced to various meditation techniques.Swami Sanjay, organizer of meditation session said that Osho Meditation Garden located on Sirsa Road, regularly organizes meditation sessions and camps.In this series, seekers will be introduced to the concept of well-being on January 18. He said that seekers should embrace meditation by remaining aware and mindful every moment and completely surrendering themselves to divine.

Officials should seriously address and resolve public grievances promptly: DC



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: Deputy Commissioner Aprajita said that officials should listen to problems and complaints of general public seriously and maintain a courteous demeanor. Complaints that can be resolved on spot should be addressed immediately and for those requiring more time, action should be taken to satisfy complainant. No officer should show negligence at any level.DC was giving necessary instructions to officers and employees during review meeting of complaints received through grievance redressal camps and other portals held at auditorium of Mini Secretariat. She said that all complaints are very important and officials should try to resolve them quickly.They should coordinate with other departments.They should not merely complete formalities through correspondence, but should contact concerned department official via mobile phone to resolve complaint. After resolving complaints, report should be sent to Deputy Commissioner's office.

MLA and Mayor launch 'Yamunanagar Swachhata Heroes App'



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The Municipal Corporation of Yamunanagar-Jagadhri is continuously implementing new initiatives to achieve a better ranking in the Swachh Survekshan 2025. In this regard, the Municipal Corporation has developed the "Yamunanagar Swachhata Heroes App" to raise awareness among citizens about cleanliness, promote waste segregation and maintain a clean city. Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora and Mayor Suman Bahamani formally launched the app in the presence of Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mahabir Prasad and Additional Municipal Commissioner Dheeraj Kumar. The app aims to inculcate cleanliness habits in a playful manner. The app will encourage people to separate wet and dry waste, ensuring household-wide waste segregation. This will not only facilitate better waste disposal but also strengthen the city's overall sanitation system. Additional Municipal Commissioner Dheeraj Kumar provided detailed information about the Yamunanagar Swachhata App. He stated that the app was a powerful tool to transform Yamunanagar's sanitation system. It has been specifically designed to target youth and children. Its purpose is to foster a playful and fun way of inculcating cleanliness habits. It works like a game. In the first round, dustbins will be provided for wet and dry waste.

BJP District President Dr Asha Khedar welcomes CM Saini's initiative to seek suggestions from public before budget

MAHENDER GOYAL



HISAR: BJP District President Dr Asha Khedar has welcomed Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's initiative to seek suggestions from general public before budget calling it commendable.She said that taking suggestions in this manner helps in making budget more aligned with needs of people. BJP District President Dr Asha Khedar said that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has been consistently seeking pre-budget suggestions for the past two years. Under this initiative, he is taking suggestions from Panchayat and Zila Parishad members, progressive farmers and other intellectuals. Suggestions received from these sections are incorporated into budget so that budget is in line with needs of common people and provides them with relief. She termed initiative of seeking suggestions from various sections in Hisar as commendable and said that in programs held at two locations, various sections of society gave valuable suggestions to CM regarding budget. District President Dr Asha Khedar welcomed dedication of city's newest town park to the public. She said that city's town park has been equipped with modern facilities so that every citizen of city can benefit from its beauty and amenities. BJP District Media In-charge Rajendra Sapra and other office bearers also welcomed the Chief Minister's decision to seek suggestions before budget.

Skin needs special care during winter season: Dr. Kartikeya Agarwal

RAHUL KOHLI



YAMUNANAGAR: In winter, cold air, low humidity and the habit of bathing with hot water can cause extremely dry skin. During this time, moisture is rapidly lost from the upper layer of the skin leading to problems like itching, dryness, cracking and irritation. Symptoms often worsen during winter for people suffering from eczema and psoriasis. Therefore, special skin care is essential during this season. This information was provided by Dr. Kartikeya Agarwal, a dermatologist at Yamunanagar's Aggarwal Hospital. Dr. Kartikeya Agarwal explained that even people with normal skin should use a good moisturizer two to three times a day during winter. It's best to use lukewarm water instead of very hot water for bathing and bath times should not be too long. Use a mild, soap-free cleanser instead of soap. If indoor air is very dry, using a humidifier is beneficial. He further said that cotton clothing was best for the skin and woolen clothing should be avoided directly on the skin. For people with eczema, smooth and thick moisturizers, such as petroleum jelly-based creams are more beneficial in winter. Wet wrap therapy can also be helpful in cases of excessive dryness. Meanwhile, psoriasis patients tend to experience increased flaking during winter, so frequent application of thick moisturizers is essential.

Taking free healthcare to the grassroots: 198 patients examined in Tangauli and Bodha



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: A medical van operated by MP Naveen Jindal, aimed at providing free healthcare services to the people, reached Tangauli and Bodha villages. In both villages, a team led by Dr. Pramod Singh examined the villagers and provided them free medicines. In Tangauli, 65 people received medicines and conducted lab tests. In Saran, 117 patients underwent OPD and seven lab tests. A total of 198 people received free healthcare. MP Office In charge Dharamveer Singh stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to a developed India by 2047 has been addressed. MP Naveen Jindal has taken on the responsibility of achieving this goal by 2035. MP Jindal's goal is to ensure that the Kurukshetra constituency excels in education, healthcare, development and employment by 2035 thus contributing to Prime Minister Modi's vision.

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OPPO India Launches Reno15 Series, Ushering in a New Era of AI-Powered Travel Photography

HISAR : OPPO India today unveiled its premium Reno15 Series, a trio of smartphones – the Reno15 Pro, Reno15 Pro Mini, and Reno15 – poised to revolutionize travel photography. Designed to meet the evolving demands of young travelers and photography enthusiasts, this new series introduces groundbreaking AI Portrait Camera capabilities, PureTone Technology, and the innovative Popout feature. Notably, a new Pro Mini variant addresses the growing preference for compact yet powerful devices. The Reno15 Pro 5G and Reno15 Pro Mini 5G lead the series with a remarkable 200MP Ultra-Clear Main Camera, optimized for diverse travel photography scenarios. This is complemented by a 50MP 3.5x optical zoom lens and up to 120x digital zoom. Powered by PureTone Imaging Technology and advanced AI editing tools, these features promise unparalleled clarity and detail. The innovative Popout feature further allows users to transform multiple photos or LivePhotos into dynamic compositions, creating striking out-of-frame effects for unique visual storytelling. Commenting on the launch of the Reno15 Series, Goldee Patnaik, Head of Communications, OPPO India, said, "With over 100 million OPPO users in India, we have closely witnessed how consumer expectations have evolved towards premium experiences, especially with cameras systems, intuitive AI, distinctive design language and user experience. The consistent growth of the Reno Series underscores our commitment to this trend as consumers look for devices that deliver real-world value rather than incremental upgrades. With the Reno15 Series, we are building on that trust, offering significantly-advanced imaging system.

NEWS BRIEF

IndiGo and Nobero Join Hands; Make Shopping More Rewarding for Travelers

CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA: IndiGo, India's preferred airline, and Nobero, the traveller brand from the house of TMRW, today announced a strategic partnership under the IndiGo BluChip loyalty program, unlocking more value for customers across lifestyle shopping and travel. This first-of-its-kind collaboration allows IndiGo BluChip members to earn 1 IndiGo BluChip for every ₹100 spent on any Nobero product. By seamlessly connecting fashion and travel, the partnership transforms everyday apparel purchases into flight rewards, offering customers greater convenience and tangible benefits. Designed to enhance the travel experience both on the ground and in the air, the partnership brings together Nobero's apparel designed for the Modern Traveller who is always on the go, and IndiGo BluChip's rapidly expanding loyalty ecosystem. Customers can now enjoy a rewarding journey that begins with their wardrobe and extends to IndiGo's extensive flight network. The partnership is valid for three years, effective immediately, reinforcing IndiGo's commitment to building meaningful alliances that enrich customer experiences. Neetan Chopra, Chief Digital and Information Officer, IndiGo, said: "At IndiGo, we are committed to creating a compelling value proposition that aligns with our customers' expectations, while recognizing and rewarding their continued loyalty.

IBM Introduces New Software to Address Growing Digital Sovereignty

CHANDIGARH: IBM (NYSE: IBM) today announced IBM Sovereign Core, the industry's first AI-ready sovereign-enabled software for enterprises, governments and service providers to build, deploy and manage AI-ready sovereign environments. Organizations around the world are facing a growing imperative to exercise control over their technology infrastructure. Driven by evolving regulatory requirements, and the need for auditable governance, enterprises and governments are seeking self-managed environments where they maintain complete operational authority, particularly as they deploy AI workloads that amplify sovereignty concerns.

Thums Up Brings the Iconic ICC Trophy Closer to Cricket Fans Across India at Major Airports

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Thums Up, India's homegrown cola giant, is bringing the prestigious ICC T20 Men's World Cup Trophy closer to fans through a high-impact ICC Trophy Viewing Experience in partnership with Delhi Airport and Adani Airports across three of the country's busiest airports. Rooted in its long-standing partnership with the ICC, the initiative celebrates India's deep, emotional bond with cricket by transforming everyday transit spaces into moments of national pride and fandom. The initiative is being brought to life in partnership with airport operators.

Tata Motors Launches All-New Punch with 'Command Max' DNA

CHANDIGARH: Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. (TMPV), India's leading manufacturer of cars and SUVs, has announced the launch of the all-new Tata Punch, introducing the country's most loved SUV in a faster, smarter, safer and bolder avatar. Built on the brand's distinctive "Command Max" philosophy, the new Tata Punch blends enhanced performance, advanced technology, superior comfort and muscular styling, and is priced at an introductory starting price of ₹5.59 lakh (ex-showroom, New Delhi).
The all-new Punch continues to democratize the SUV experience for Indian customers, offering a commanding driving position, robust build quality and an upgraded feature set designed for both city commutes and long inter-city journeys. With its refreshed design language and new-age technology, the SUV aims to set new benchmarks in its segment. Launching the all-new Tata Punch, Mr. Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director & CEO, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd., said the Punch has always mirrored India's evolving aspirations.

Royal Enfield Goan classic 350 2026 edition receives new rider-focused updates

PATIALA : Royal Enfield, the global leader in the mid-size motorcycle market (250-750 cc), has introduced the 2026 edition of the bobber-inspired, free-spirited Goan Classic 350.
The bobber-inspired motorcycle, which celebrates and embodies non-conformity and free-spirited lifestyle, now comes with additional rider-focused features that enhance the overall ride experience.
With a new assist-and-slipper clutch, the Goan Classic 350 offers better control during downshifts, smoother gear changes, and lighter clutch action. The existing USB Type-C charging port on the motorcycle has been upgraded for faster charging, ensuring riders stay connected with essential devices on the go. At the core of the Goan Classic is the popular 349cc air-oil-cooled, single-cylinder engine that balances effortless power with refined character.

Punjab & Sind Bank Launches " PSB Roadways SB Salary Account" Exclusively for PRTC Employees

CHANDIGARH : Punjab & Sind Bank, a leading public sector bank has announced the launch of its exclusive "PSB Roadways SB Salary Account" designed especially for the permanent employees of PEPSU Road Transport Corporation (PRTC). The modified salary account aims to provide comprehensive financial protection, convenience, and value-added benefits to roadways personnel who play a critical role in the nation's transport network. The PSB Roadways SB Salary Account offers a comprehensive suite of insurance and banking benefits tailored to the professional and personal needs of PRTC employees. It provides Personal Accidental Death Cover of up to ₹40 lakh, along with an Additional Air Accident Death Cover of up to ₹120 lakh. The account also includes a Free Child Education Benefit under the Personal Accident Cover of up to ₹24 lakh, ensuring support for dependents in unforeseen circumstances.

Iconic category leader, blenders pride announces the launch of zenith black edition

FARIDABAD : Blenders Pride, a leader in India's premium whisky segment, proudly announces the launch of the Blenders Pride Zenith Black Edition—a limited-edition expression that unites a bold black aesthetic with the iconic Blenders Pride blend to create a truly distinctive experience.
Encased in a striking black design that signifies elevated luxury and distinction, the Zenith Black Edition is meticulously crafted for discerning whisky connoisseurs—for the One in a Million. With only one million bottles available, this edition is as rare as it is refined.
In the world of luxury, black represents more than just a colour—it is an attitude, a statement of sophistication and power. Long associated with Blenders Pride, black now takes centre stage in an innovative design expression that redefines the codes of premium whisky.

Viksit Bharat – G Ram G Act – an important step towards fulfilling the dream of a Developed India : Rajinder



CHANDIGARH/AMBALA: The Additional Director General (Rural Development), Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Shri Rajinder Chaudhry said that the 'Viksit Bharat – G Ram G' Act is an important step towards fulfilling the dream of a Viksit Bharat and a significant step towards building self-reliant villages in India.
Addressing a dialogue organized in Ambala, Haryana, on the Viksit Bharat–G Ram G Act 2025, the Additional Director General, Press Information Bureau, Delhi, Shri Rajinder Chaudhry, while providing detailed information on the various provisions of this ambitious initiative, said that this law is a concrete effort to strengthen employment generation, expand basic facilities, and promote self-reliance in villages.
He said that under the earlier system of MGNREGA, there was a guarantee of 100 days of employment, but in many places neither was work available on time nor were wages paid on time. Terming this a matter of serious concern, he said that to remove such shortcomings and eliminate corruption, the government has introduced reforms through the 'Viksit Bharat – G Ram G' Act.
He informed that under the new law, the employment guarantee has been increased from 100 days to 125 days. If work is not provided within the stipulated period, workers will be given an unemployment allowance.
Similarly, if there is a delay of more than 15 days in wage payment, interest will also be paid on it.
Shri Chaudhary said that under the new law, the Gram Panchayat has been empowered, and now village assemblies themselves will decide which development works should be carried out in their village. He said that decisions related to development will now be taken at the village level itself.
Shri Chaudhary said that the Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 represents a decisive shift in India's rural employment policy. The new law strengthens a modern, accountable, and infrastructure-centric framework.
On this occasion, Ambala Deputy Commissioner and Chief Guest of the program, Shri Ajay Singh Tomer, said that the new law builds upon previous reforms by addressing their shortcomings through a modern, accountable, and infrastructure-centric framework. He said that by expanding guaranteed employment, aligning national development priorities with works, and incorporating strong digital governance, this law establishes rural employment as a strategic instrument for sustainable development and dignified livelihoods, fully aligned with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
Shri Tomar stated that the guarantee of 125 days of employment increases household income, encourages village-level consumption, and will help reduce migration through digital attendance, wage payments, and data-driven planning. He appealed to the media to make people aware of this law and said that if anyone spreads misleading misconceptions about this law, the media should present a positive, fact-based response.

Himachal Pradesh Emerges 'Top Performer' in DPIIT States' Startup Ranking 5.0



SHIMLA / NEW DELHI: The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, has recognised Himachal Pradesh as a "Top Performer" in developing a strong startup ecosystem under the 5th edition of the States' Startup Ranking (Startup Ranking 5.0).
A total of 34 States and Union Territories participated in the ranking exercise. The results were announced at a special awards ceremony organised by DPIIT on January 16, 2026, which was graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal.
During the ceremony, senior officers of the Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh, were specially lauded for their contribution to strengthening the startup ecosystem. Shri R. D. Nazeem, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Industries), was appreciated for creating an enabling environment for startups and effectively connecting educational institutions with industry stakeholders. Dr. Yunus, IAS, Commissioner Industries, was recognised for shaping the startup landscape through visionary initiatives and effective implementation strategies, while Ms. Deepika Khatri, Joint Director (Industries), was commended for her proactive leadership, particularly in promoting women-led startups across the state.
The award was received on behalf of the state by Shri Anshul Dhiman, Joint Director, SWCA Baddi, and Ms. Deepika Khatri, Joint Director (Industries). DPIIT appreciated several key initiatives undertaken by the Department of Industries, Himachal Pradesh, including: Establishment of five incubators providing mentorship and startup support, each funded with ₹30 lakh (non-recurring) and ₹10 lakh (recurring).
Launch of five state-led initiatives, including pitching sessions to connect startups with investors and facilitate funding.
Provision of patent expense reimbursement of up to ₹10 lakh or 75% of costs under the Industrial Investment Policy, 2019.
Promotion of circular economy startups through research and innovation under the State Technology & Innovation Policy (STIP) 2021. In addition, Himachal Pradesh was also recognised as Institutional Support Pioneer, Infrastructure Support Pathfinder, and Market Access & Reach Champion.
On the occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that the state government is fully committed to strengthening the startup ecosystem and generating employment opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs. He assured that comprehensive facilities would continue to be provided to both existing and new startups through various supportive mechanisms. Industries Minister Shri Harshwardhan Chauhan termed the recognition as the result of sustained and tireless efforts by the Department of Industries, and reaffirmed that institutional and technical platforms would be extended to startups in the future as well. Shri R. D. Nazeem, IAS, informed that the state government is actively working to connect startups with angel investors and e-commerce platforms, while focusing on innovation, plug-and-play facilities, investor linkages and seed funding.
Dr. Yunus, IAS, added that the startup ecosystem will be taken to the next level through knowledge- and technology-based interventions, along with enhanced outreach and awareness programmes to ensure an inclusive and supportive environment.
Shri Tilak Raj Sharma, Additional Director (Industries), highlighted the state's progressive journey under DPIIT's startup rankings—from Aspiring Leaders (2018) to Emerging Startup Ecosystem, Aspiring Leaders (2021), Best Performer (2022) and now Top Performer (2024).

North India's First SkyWalker™ Orthopedic Robotic System Launched at Jindal Hospital, Hisar



HISAR: In a major boost to advanced orthopedic care in North India, the Jindal Institute of Medical Sciences (JIMS), Hisar, has become the first medical institution in the region to introduce the state-of-the-art SkyWalker™ Orthopedic Robotic System for knee replacement surgeries. The cutting-edge technology has been launched in collaboration with U.S.-based MicroPort Orthopedics Inc., marking a significant milestone for healthcare services across Haryana, Punjab, and Rajasthan. The installation of the SkyWalker™ system places JIMS at the forefront of robotic-assisted orthopedic surgery. Globally unique, SkyWalker™ is the only orthopedic robotic platform integrated with the patented True Medial-Pivot Knee philosophy, offering sub-millimeter precision in joint alignment. This ensures superior stability, better functional outcomes, reduced pain, and faster recovery—enabling patients to return to daily activities such as walking and climbing stairs with greater confidence and comfort. The system was earlier formally introduced on the birth anniversary of Late Shri Netram Jindal Ji and Late Smt. Chandrwali Jindal Ji by Smt. Savitri Devi Jindal Ji, reaffirming the Jindal family's long-standing commitment to accessible and advanced healthcare for the masses. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ritu Chopra, Medical Director, JIMS, said that the hospital's legacy of over 57 years has always been guided by patient-centric care and continuous innovation. "The adoption of advanced robotic technology like SkyWalker™ aligns perfectly with our mission to remain at the forefront of medical science.

ACMA Automechanika New Delhi 2026 set to host its Largest Edition with 800+ Exhibitors from 19 countries

LUDHIANA : ACMA Automechanika New Delhi 2026, India's international trade fair for the automotive service and aftermarket industry, will take place from 5–7 February 2026 at Yashobhoomi (IICC), Dwarka, marking its largest edition to date with over 800+ exhibitors from 19 countries.
The expanded edition comes against the backdrop of strong industry momentum. India's automotive components industry recorded 8% export growth in the past year, while the domestic aftermarket grew 6% in FY2025, driven by an ageing vehicle base, increasing formalisation of service networks, and growing adoption of digital and direct-to-consumer channels. The scale of the 2026 edition reflects rising global interest in India as both a sourcing hub and a high-growth aftermarket market.



Spanning 50,000+ gross square metres, the exhibition will bring together 3,000+ brands, including 285 first-time exhibitors. The show will cover the full aftermarket spectrum, including automotive components, electronics and systems, repair and maintenance, diagnostics, body and paint, accessories and car care, along with emerging mobility and service technologies.
International participation will include exhibitors and country pavilions from China, Germany, Iran, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka and Taiwan, reflecting growing interest in India as both a sourcing base and a consumption market for aftermarket products. International exhibitors include GMB, AutoTuner (FR Team International), Horse Powertrain Solutions, Teknorot Otomotiv, Cinbar Otomotiv, Horpol, and the Nagano Industrial and Commercial Encouragement Organization, among others.

Bajaj General Insurance Launches 'Fetal Flourish' Fetal Health Insurance Rider



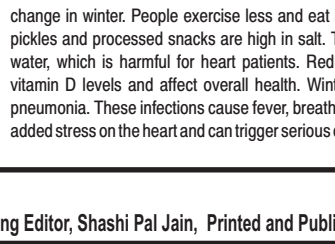
CHANDIGARH: Bajaj General Insurance Limited (formerly Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited), one of India's leading private general insurers, has introduced 'Fetal Flourish', a pioneering insurance rider exclusively designed to support fetal health. Priced at an affordable premium of ₹1,025, the rider provides financial coverage for advanced in-utero medical procedures and high-risk pregnancies—an area largely excluded from conventional maternity insurance plans.
The Fetal Flourish rider is available in combination with Bajaj General Insurance's flagship health products, My Health Care Plan and Health Guard. Unlike traditional maternity covers that primarily focus on childbirth and postnatal care, this innovative offering shifts attention to protecting the unborn child during the most critical phase of development—inside the womb.
With pregnancy-related risks rising due to factors such as delayed motherhood, the need for specialized fetal care has increased significantly. Reports indicate that nearly 17 percent of women in India give birth after the age of 35, leading to a higher incidence of complications.

Punjab & Sind Bank Launches "PSB Rail Coach SB Salary Account" Exclusively for Employees of Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala

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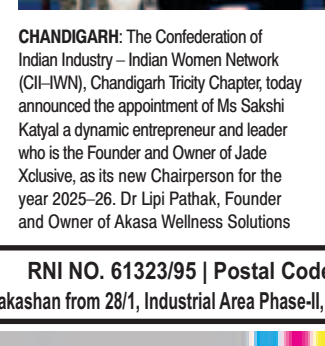
Unstoppable High-Performance Drive: BMW Group India Achieves Record-Breaking Sales in 2025

JALANDHAR : 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 in the country. A total of 3,753 BMW and MINI electric vehicles were delivered in 2025, registering a remarkable 200 per cent YoY growth. EVs accounted for 21 per cent of total sales, up sharply from 8 per cent last year. Long Wheelbase models emerged as a major success story, witnessing 162 per cent growth with sales of 8,608 units and contributing 50 per cent of BMW sales.



Rukam Capital unveils its latest research report

CHANDIGARH: India's consumption-led growth is entering a decisive new phase, one that is no longer centred on its largest metropolitan markets. Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, emerging urban clusters, and small towns are now driving



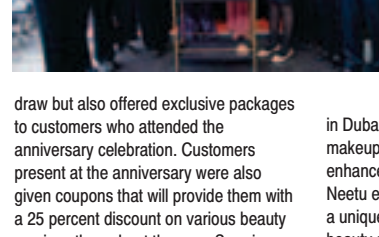
incremental demand, entrepreneurship, and long-term economic momentum. Reflecting this structural shift, Rukam Capital, a venture capital firm backing early-stage consumer brands, unveils how non-metro consumers discover brands, build trust, and make purchasing decisions, in its latest research report- Beyond Metros: The Real Story of Bharat's Next 500 Million.
The report comes at a time when India's economic centre of gravity is clearly moving beyond metros, with 65% of India's population residing in Tier 2, Tier 3, and rural regions. Supported by GST-led formalisation, improving affordability through rate rationalisation, and the rapid scale-up of digital public infrastructure from near-universal 3G/4G coverage to the deep integration of UPI, the report identifies Bharat as the primary engine of India's next phase of consumption growth.
Commenting on the launch of the report, Archana Jahagirdar, Founder and Managing Partner, Rukam Capital, said, "For a long time, Bharat has been spoken about through a metro lens, and that has limited how we understand its consumers. What we saw through this study is a far more confident and deliberate consumer, one who researches deeply, relies on community validation, and values consistency over hype.

Journalist Club condemns Punjab government

Bhiwani. The Journalist Club Bhiwani has strongly condemned the unethical and unlawful action taken by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of Punjab against the leading Hindi daily, Punjab Kesari. Club president Ishwar Dhamu termed this action an attack on press freedom. He said that the attack on the newspaper by the Bhagwant Mann government is reminiscent of the Emergency. The way police personnel and departmental officials scaled the walls to enter the Punjab Kesari press and assaulted the employees working there is highly reprehensible and unethical. He said that this is an insult to journalism. Dhamu said that any government that has attacked journalists has ultimately fallen. Such actions suggest that the AAP government's support base in Punjab is eroding. He questioned why AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal, who often speaks of protecting democracy, is now silent. The Punjab government has crossed all limits. This proves that the Mann government has no faith in democracy. The government wants to suppress the voice of the common man by attacking the media.

Adding Nourishment to Harvest Celebrations with California Almonds

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Makar Sankranti marks the arrival of longer days, fresh harvests, and renewed energy across India. Celebrated in different forms such as Pongal, Lohri, Uttarayan, and Magh Bihu, the festival symbolises abundance, gratitude, and new beginnings. As families come together to prepare traditional dishes and sweets, the season offers an opportunity to balance celebration with mindful nutrition by incorporating California Almonds.



With their unique combination of protein, healthy fats, and antioxidants, almonds help build strength, support immunity and provide sustained energy. Their nutrient-dense profile makes them a natural addition to festive meals, helping balance indulgence while supporting overall wellness during the celebrations.
Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head – Dietetics, Max Healthcare, New Delhi, said,
"Festive foods are central to Makar Sankranti celebrations, but making small, thoughtful ingredient choices can go a long way in supporting health.
Almonds are nutrient-dense, naturally satiating, and help manage blood sugar levels when paired with carbohydrate-rich foods. Whether added to laddoos, savoury dishes, or eaten whole, a handful of California Almonds daily helps families celebrate without compromising on nutrition."
From an Ayurvedic perspective, almonds are considered balya, meaning strength-enhancing, and are known to build ojas, which supports vitality and immunity.

Early Awareness Can Prevent Serious Cardiac Emergencies - Dr Manav Wadhera

LUDHIANA : Winter may feel pleasant, but it can quietly strain the heart. Every year, hospitals see a clear rise in heart-related emergencies during the colder months. Heart attacks and heart failure cases increase in winter. Studies show that heart attacks are almost twice as common in winter as in summer. The risk is higher in older adults and in people who already have heart disease, high blood pressure or diabetes. Dr Manav Wadhera, Associate Consultant – Non-Invasive Cardiology at Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana, said: "Cold weather puts the heart under silent but sustained pressure. Narrowing of blood vessels, rise in blood pressure, thicker blood and seasonal infections together increase cardiac risk. The danger lies in underestimating symptoms or delaying medical care, especially in people who already have heart conditions." When the temperature drops, blood vessels narrow to keep the body warm. This increases blood pressure and makes the heart work harder. Over time, this extra effort can weaken the heart and lead to heart failure. In winter, blood also becomes thicker. This increases the chance of clot formation and raises the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Daily habits also change in winter. People exercise less and eat heavier food. Comfort foods like soups, pickles and processed snacks are high in salt. Too much salt causes the body to retain water, which is harmful for heart patients. Reduced sunlight exposure can also lower vitamin D levels and affect overall health. Winter is also the peak season for flu and pneumonia. These infections cause fever, breathing difficulty and inflammation. This puts added stress on the heart and can trigger serious cardiac problems.



CII–IWN Chandigarh Tricity Chapter Holds Annual Session 2025–26



CHANDIGARH: The Confederation of Indian Industry – Indian Women Network (CII–IWN), Chandigarh Tricity Chapter, today announced the appointment of Ms Sakshi Katyal a dynamic entrepreneur and leader who is the Founder and Owner of Jade Xclusive, as its new Chairperson for the year 2025–26. Dr Lipi Pathak, Founder and Owner of Akasa Wellness Solutions and Partner at Koshaa Life, was formally declared as the Co-Chair of the Chapter. The announcement was made during the CII–IWN Chandigarh Tricity Chapter Annual Session 2025–26, held at the CII Northern Region Headquarters, Sector 31 A, Chandigarh. The annual session also marked the beginning of a new chapter under the theme "Boundless Vision, Bold Future," reflecting the network's commitment to expanding opportunities, driving collaboration and enabling women to actively shape the future of industry and society.
Speaking on her new role, Chairperson Ms Sakshi Katyal shared that building on the momentum of "Redefining Boundaries", the theme for 2025-26, the focus this year will be on visionary leadership, deeper collaboration and bold action. "Boundless Vision, Bold Futures represents our resolve to go beyond limitations and create meaningful, lasting impact. CII–IWN will continue to empower women not only to participate in growth, but to lead, influence and transform the future," she said.
Ms Katyal, under her company Jade Xclusive offers interior design, landscape design, and architectural solutions for commercial and residential projects in India and abroad. She is also the Co-Founder of TheKaksha.com, an online tutoring platform.

Nitz Beauty Lab Holds Lucky Draw on its First Anniversary

CHANDIGARH Nitz Beauty Lab & Company, a salon and beauty center that opened a year ago in Sector 79, Mohali, celebrated its first anniversary today with a cake-cutting ceremony. On this occasion, Nitz Lab not only held a lucky draw but also offered exclusive packages to customers who attended the anniversary celebration. Customers present at the anniversary were also given coupons that will provide them with a 25 percent discount on various beauty services throughout the year. Surprise gifts were also given to the customers who were present at the anniversary.



After cutting the cake, Neetu Thakur, Director of Nitz Beauty Lab, said that the salon's first anniversary is a very special occasion for her. It shows that her beauty salon has not only won the hearts of its customers throughout the year but has also significantly upgraded its unique beauty services. Special Korean facials, pedicures, manicures, hair spas, and hair treatments have been introduced, incorporating a fusion of beauty treatments similar to those offered in Dubai. Whether it's nail art or eye makeup, everything is designed to enhance the beauty of girls and women. Neetu explained that they have launched a unique service at their salon where beauty services can be recharged like a mobile phone.

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Pau's CAET organizes technical workshop on strengthening scientific writing

LUDHIANA: The Alumni Association of the College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology (CAET), Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) organized a two-day technical workshop on "Scientific Writing: From Research Idea to Published Paper" on January 14 and 15, 2026. The technical programme was structured into five comprehensive modules, aimed at strengthening research writing and publication skills among postgraduate students. The technical expert Dr Maninder Singh Dhillon, an alumnus of CAET, PAU, working as scientist in the University of Würzburg, Germany, delivered technical sessions that provided in-depth insights into transforming research ideas into high-quality publishable manuscripts. A total of 55 PG students actively participated in the programme. Dr Manjeet Singh, Dean, College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, motivated the students by highlighting the importance of technical writing in academic and professional growth. Dr Preetinder Kaur, President of the Alumni Association, emphasized the relevance of such workshops and trainings for postgraduate students in enhancing their research output, while Dr Samanpreet Kaur, Vice-President of the Alumni Association and also the Course Coordinator of the workshop, briefed the participants about the objectives and structure of the course. Dr MIS Gill, Dean, Postgraduate Studies, interacted with the students, addressed their queries, and encouraged them to apply the learned concepts in their research work. He highly appreciated the efforts made by the Alumni Association and Dr Maninder Singh for proper structuring of the workshop modules and conducting excellent interactive sessions. He emphasized that this type of workshop should be conducted at the University level as well.

NEWS BRIEF

GMCL Under-19 Leather Ball Exhibition Tournament Launched in Muzaffarnagar

MUZAFFARNAGAR: The Gali Mohalla Cricket League (GMCL) in association with the GM Box Cricket Association (GMBCA) successfully organised the Season 1 (2026–27) Under-19 Leather Ball Exhibition Tournament in Muzaffarnagar district, Uttar Pradesh, marking another significant step towards nurturing grassroots cricket talent in the region. The tournament featured a 10-over leather ball format, with four teams competing in league matches, followed by a high-intensity grand finale. The final turned into a thrilling, last-ball encounter in which Police Line Cricket Club emerged victorious, defeating Elite Super after posting a competitive total of 127 runs. Speaking on the occasion, Baba Inder Preet praised the quality of cricket on display, stating that the young players showcased international-level playing skills. He added that with structured training camps and continued guidance, shortlisted players would soon be groomed for opportunities at the international level.

60 units of blood collected in Zirakpur

MUKESH CHAUHAN

ZIRAKPUR: To meet the shortage of blood in hospitals due to cold Vishvas Foundation Panchkula and Indian Red Cross Society District Branch Mohali organised a blood donation camp in Zirakpur with the blessings of Gurudev Shri Swami Vishvas Ji. This blood donation camp was organized Opposite Metro Store in Zirakpur. The team of Blood Bank AM Care Blood Centre Zirakpur collected 60 units of blood under the supervision of Dr. Kartik Agarwal.

Sadhvi Neelima Vishvas, President of Vishvas Foundation, said that people have a misconception that donating blood causes weakness in the body. There is no weakness due to blood donation, rather everyone must donate blood once in 90 days. This helps the needy as well as keeps the body healthy. A noble deed like blood donation is considered the greatest service.

Dhanda's five-wicket haul wraps up U-23 early as Seniors take 113-run lead

CHANDIGARH: Ahead of the remaining Ranji Trophy fixtures, the Chandigarh Senior Men's team is playing a multi-day practice match against the Chandigarh Under-23 side at the Sector 16 Cricket Stadium as part of their red-ball preparation.

Opting to bat first after winning the toss, the Chandigarh U-23 team found the going tough against a disciplined Senior Men bowling attack. Rohit Dhanda set the tone early, dismantling the top order with pace and accuracy to finish with impressive figures of 5 for 16 in six overs. Supported well by Nishunk Birla (3/5), the Under-23 side was bowled out for 76 in 25.4 overs. In reply, the Senior Men asserted their dominance with a solid batting performance by ending Day 1 at 189 for 8 in 42.4 overs. Team secured a lead of 113 runs at stumps. Skipper Manan Vohra anchored the innings with a composed knock of 80 runs while Shivam Bhambri added 42.

Chairman, PSC for backward classes holds a review meeting



SUMER GARG

SANGRUR: The chairman of the Punjab State Commission (PSC) for backward classes, Malkit Thind, held a detailed review meeting with senior officials of various government departments at the district administrative complex here.

The main objective of the meeting was to review the effective implementation at the grassroots level of welfare schemes being run by the central and state governments for the social and economic upliftment of people belonging to the backward classes (BC).

During the meeting, Mr. Thind stated in clear terms that the real purpose of government welfare schemes will be fulfilled only, when their benefits reach every eligible individual. He directed officials to ensure that people belonging to the BC category receive their due benefits under government schemes in a timely manner.

He sought detailed information from various departments regarding the benefits provided so far under government schemes and reviewed the progress on the basis of data. During this process, he pointed out shortcomings observed at several places and issued clear instructions to the officials to address and rectify these deficiencies immediately.

The chairman also interacted directly with members of the BC community and representatives of social organizations. He patiently listened to their problems, complaints, and suggestions. Several issues were resolved on the spot, while instructions were issued to the concerned departmental officials to resolve the remaining matters within a stipulated timeframe.

He further directed officials to widely disseminate information about welfare schemes in both rural and urban areas so that every section of the BC community is well informed about these schemes and can avail the benefits without any administrative inconvenience.

Expedite the work related to Budget announcements- CM



CHANDIGARH – Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the work on the budget announcements related to the Public Works Department (Buildings & Roads). Public Works Minister, Sh. Ranbir Gangwa was also present during the meeting. During the meeting, the Chief Minister conducted a detailed review of the progress of various projects announced in the Budget and directed officers concerned to ensure that all works related to these announcements are completed within the stipulated timelines, making it clear that any avoidable delay at any level would not be tolerated. Reviewing the pending projects, the Chief Minister directed the officers concerned to expedite all ongoing works. He said that road and building projects are directly linked to public convenience, and therefore, equal emphasis must be laid on quality as well as timely execution. Sh. Nayab Singh Saini further directed officers to ensure regular field-level monitoring and to resolve bottlenecks affecting projects at the earliest. He also stressed the need to accord top priority to transparency, accountability, and quality in execution. Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sh. Rajesh Khullar, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, Commissioner and Secretary, Finance Department, Mohammed Shayin, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Dr. Saket Kumar, OSD to Chief Minister, Sh. Raj Nehru, and officers also remained present during the meeting.

State Government continuously implementing policies to increase farmers' income: Shyam Singh Rana

CHANDIGARH— Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Sh. Shyam Singh Rana said the State Government is continuously implementing far-sighted and farmer-friendly policies to increase farmers' income, promote horticulture, and make agriculture profitable.

The Agriculture Minister said that the Haryana Horticulture Nursery Act–2025 has been implemented, the objective of which is to provide high-quality plants of fruits, flowers, vegetables, medicinal plants, and other horticultural crops to farmers and consumers. This Act will ensure quality standards in nurseries and will attract farmers towards horticulture, thereby increasing their income.

Giving information about the Chief Minister Horticulture Insurance Scheme, he said this scheme has been implemented from January 1, 2021, with the objective of providing protection to farmers' crops against losses caused by natural calamities, adverse weather, and climate imbalance. Under this scheme, 46 horticulture crops have been included in the State. A premium of Rs. 750 to Rs. 1,000 per acre is charged for fruits and vegetables, while in case of loss, compensation of up to Rs. 30,000 for vegetables and spice crops and up to Rs. 40,000 for fruits is provided.

Sh. Rana said that the Haryana Government has also approved a JICA-assisted project for the sustainable development of horticulture. The total cost of this project is Rs. 2,738.40 crore, out of which Rs. 2,105.40 crore is the JICA share and Rs. 632.90 crore is the State Government's share. This project will be implemented in two phases over 9 years, and it will strengthen the entire horticulture supply chain, including pre-harvest and post-harvest management.

'National Road Safety Month' celebrated at Green Field Convent School by creating awareness about traffic rules



BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD):- 'National Road Safety Month' was celebrated by creating awareness about traffic rules among the children at Green Field Convent (Senior Secondary) School, Dangarh under the leadership of Madam Jashanpreet. On this occasion, she first gave information about the traffic lights. She said that when the red light is on, we have to stop, when the green light is on, everyone has to go and the yellow light means that the red light is about to come on. Apart from this, she said that there can be many reasons for accidents on the road such as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, trying to overtake each other or the huge increase in the number of vehicles on narrow roads and due to bad weather such as not being able to see the vehicle coming in front in the fog. Madam also told the children about following the rules on the road. She said that one should always walk on the left side of the road. While crossing the road, one should first look right, then left and then right before crossing the road.

Parminder Singh Jatpuri elected as President of Punjab Vidhan Sabha Press Gallery Committee

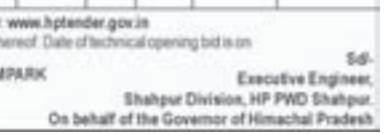


CHANDIGARH :The elections for the Punjab Legislative Assembly Press Gallery Committee were held today in the presence Secretary Punjab Vidhan Sabha Shri Ram Lok Khatana in which Parminder Singh Jatpuri was elected as President, Deepak Sharma as Vice President, and Naveen Sethi as General Secretary of the Press Gallery Punjab Vidhan Sabha. An official spokesperson of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha informed that 24 members participated in this election process. Parminder Singh Jatpuri got 15 votes, while Napinder Brar got 9 votes for President seat. Similarly, Deepak Sharma received 17 votes while his opponent Rohit Bansal Pakka received 7 votes for the Vice President seat. For the General Secretary seat, Naveen Sethi got 16 votes, while Gurupdesh Bhullar got 7 votes.

Civil Hospital Hathur organises Shri Sukhmani Sahib Path

SUKH NAHAR

JAGRAON :- Civil Hospital Hathur welcomed the new year with a spiritual celebration held at Government civil Hospital on 15 January. On this occasion Path Shri Sukhmani Sahib was recited followed by kirtan, ardaas and langar. On this occasion, Civil Surgeon Ludhiana Dr. Ramandeep Kaur Ahluwalia and MLA Sarvjit Kaur Manuke also paid obeisance to Guru Sahib. Dr Aman Sharma SMO of Hathur block honored both distinguished personalities on their visit to Hathur. After Ardaas, MLA Manuke praised SMO Dr. Aman Sharma for his tireless efforts to uplift health services in Hathur block. Civil surgeon of Ludhiana Dr. Ramandeep Ahluwalia took round of Hospital and interacted with hospital staff and indoor patients. She expressed her satisfactory remarks and encouraged health staff to continue performing with same diligence in future as well. Civil surgeon madam and MLA Jagraon honoured and facilitate SMO Dr Aman Sharma for his meritorious health services and excellent management as incharge of Hathur block delivering services to 53 villages with 45 health centres and dispensaries under block Hathur.



Bilaspur emerges as Himachal's digital governance leader, tops state in HP e-office implementation

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: Bilaspur district has created a new benchmark in digital governance by securing the first position in Himachal Pradesh for the effective implementation of the HP E-Office system. This achievement marks a major step towards paperless, transparent, and efficient administration, reflecting the district's strong commitment to technology-driven governance.

Under the HP E-Office system, developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), traditional paper files have been fully replaced by a secure digital workflow. File creation, movement, tracking, and record management are now carried out electronically, ensuring faster decision-making, cost savings, and significant environmental benefits.

In the state-level assessment, Bilaspur recorded an impressive 12,887 files processed through e-filing, securing the top rank. Chamba district stood second with 10,814 e-files, while Mandi secured the third position with 9,018 files. Bilaspur's performance is particularly noteworthy as it surpassed larger districts such as Shimla, Kangra, and Solan, highlighting the efficiency and dedication of its administrative machinery.



Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar congratulated all officers and employees of the district administration for this outstanding achievement. He said that the success reflects disciplined adoption of digital systems, teamwork, and a strong sense of responsibility among officials. He expressed confidence that Bilaspur would continue to lead in digital governance and deliver faster, transparent, and citizen-friendly services in the future.

To strengthen the implementation of the e-Office system, the district administration has regularly organized workshops and training programs for officers and staff, ensuring smooth adaptation to the digital platform. These capacity-building initiatives have significantly enhanced efficiency and productivity. The district administration reiterated its commitment to further strengthening digital governance through continuous training, technical support, and innovation, making Bilaspur a model district for modern, accountable, and technology-enabled administration in Himachal Pradesh.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Shahpur Division on behalf of Governor of HP invites the item bids on percentage rate, in electronic tendering system for following work form the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD as detailed in the table :-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time limit	Cost of Tender Form	Start & Date for down -loading	Deadline for submission of Bids
1	Periodic maintenance of Dhupian to Keon Road km 1/00 to 2/00 under AMP 2025-26 Rural Road in District Kangra (HP)(SH:- Providing and Laying 25mm thick Bituminous concrete laying with paver finisher and hot applied thermoplastic compound in km 1/00 to 2/00)	12,49,609/-	25,000/-	Three Month	500/-	20-01-2026	28-01-2026
2	Shahpur Chakban Lapsana road Km 0/00 to 20/250(Under SCA) (S.H:-C/o RCC Cantilever at KM 17/720 to 17/740, RCC U-Shape drain at KM 17/750 to 17/793 and C/o Breast wall and V-Shape Drain at km 18/010 to 18/030)	15,24,947/-	31,000/-	Two Month	500/-	20-01-2026	28-01-2026
3	A/R and M/O Karen Khas to Kutharna road km 0/00 to 8/720 and Rulehar to Lam Road 0/00 to 3/880. (Under MMSRRY 2025-26) (S.H:-Repair of Pot Hole / patch work at Various Rds.	11,42,955/-	23,000.00	Three Month	500/-	20-01-2026	28-01-2026
4	Construction of link road to village Ladoh Km 0/0 to 0/500 in Tehsil Shahpur, Distt. Kangra (HP) (Under SCDP) (SH:- Construction of 900mm Dia Hume Pipe culvert at Rd 0/050 and wing Wall at RD 0/41.50 to 0/50 & 0/52 to 0/60.50)	4,15,458/-	8350/-	Two Month	350/-	20-01-2026	28-01-2026

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender form the Departmental website: www.hptender.gov.in
The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reason thereof. Date of technical opening bid is on 28-01-2026 at 11:30AM.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Shahpur Division, HP PWD Shahpur.
On behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh

DPR-HP-570712025-2026

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

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

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited A Scheduled Commercial Bank under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002" and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated **04/06/2025** vide Ref. No.: **CB/SAR/13-2/AGR/JUNE-2025/02** Loan Account No. **2406239659849080 & 9001231641329866** calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagors **M/S. SHIVA TRADERS THROUGH IT'S PROPRIETOR MR. KULDEEP SONI (Borrower), MRS. SHALINI VERMA W/O MR. KULDEEP SONI (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MRS. SAVITRI DEVI VERMA W/O MR. SURINDER KUMAR (Guarantor/Mortgagor)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being is **for loan Account No. 2406239659849080 Rs. 12,58,634/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four Only) and for loan account No. 9001231641329866 is Rs. 3,75,036/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Thirty-Six Only) collectively total amount is Rs. 16,33,670/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Only)** as on **04-06-2025** aggregating total due (which includes principal, interest, penalties and all other charges) with further interest and 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 **12th** day 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/Guarantor/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited for an amount of **for loan Account No. 2406239659849080 Rs. 14,74,196/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Six Only) and for loan account No. 9001231641329866 is Rs. 4,50,482/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Two Only) collectively total amount is Rs. 19,24,678/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Only)** as on **08 Jan 2026** and further interest & expenses thereon until full payment.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1. All That Part and Parcel of Commercial Property, Shop Measuring 2 Marla i.e., 600 Sq. Ft., which is 2/120 share of the Total Land Measuring 6 Kanal in Khasra No. 1738/1/2/4(6-0) Comprising Khewat No. 193, Khatauni No. 202, as per the Jamabandi 2015-16 and present Khewat No. 198, Kathoni No. 205, as per jamabandi 2020-21, Situated at Sitto Road, Near Sitto Railway Gate, Abohar III, Tehsil Abohar, Fazilka, Punjab. Vide Sale Deed Dated Dated 24 Nov 2020, Documents No. 2020-21/54/1/2546. Owned By Mrs. Shalini Verma & Mrs. Savitri Devi Verma.

Bounded as Under: -
East: Sitto Road — West: Vijay Kumar
North: Vijay Kumar — South: Vijay Kumar

Date: - 12th. Jan.2026
Place- Tehsil Abohar, Fazilka, Punjab

-Sd-
Authorised Officer
Au Small Finance Bank Limited

AXIS BANK LTD. | **Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001.**

Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmadabad-380006

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd. for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower / Co-borrower: 1. Mr. Mukesh Hans S/o Mr. Ashwani Kumar (Borrower/ Mortgagor) And 2. Mrs. Anita W/o Mr. Ashwani Kumar (Co-Borrower)

Date of Demand Notice : 17-OCT-2025 | **NPA DATE :** 08-OCT-2025

Date of Possession : 15th-Jan-2026

Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.): Rs. 9,04,974/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four Only)

Description of Property: All That Piece and Parcle of Property House Measuring 2.5 Marla, Comprised in Khasra No. 1258, 1259, 1345. Situated in New Vijay Nagar, Chak Hussain Lamba Pind Tehsil & District Jalandhar. Registered Sale deed in the name of Sh. Mukesh Hans S/o Sh. Ashwani Kumar. **Bounded as per Site:- East:** Road, **West:** Gurudwara Land, **North:** H. No. 34/Harpreet Kaur, **South:** Others

Dated: 17-Jan-2026,
Place:- LUDHIANA

Sd/-, Authorized Officer,
Axis Bank Ltd.

AXIS BANK — **Retail Asset Centre:** AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana 141001., **Registered Office:** 'Trishul', 3rd Floor, Opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006.

APPENDIX-IV [REFER RULE – 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 9th-July-2025** calling upon **M/S Maa Durga Trading Company through its Proprietor Mr Amit Syal** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 80,02,741/- (Rupees Eighty lacs two thousand seven hundred and forty one only) as on 9-July-25** together with further unapplied interest and cost thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) above said having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the Public in General that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **13th day of Jan 2026.**

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower (s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) above said in particular and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Axis Bank Ltd.,** for an amount of **Rs. 80,02,741/- (Rupees Eighty lacs two thousand seven hundred and forty one only) as on 9-July-25** together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment & expenses thereon.

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

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL that piece and parcel of Commercial Property Land measuring 00 Kanal 7-1/2 Marla (227 Sq. Yard), being Khewat/Khatoni No. 627/647, comprising Khasra No. 5//19(3-10), 20(3-17), 21(7-18), 22(7-19), 26(0-13), 6//25(2-15), 14//2/2(0-18), 2/1(5-10), Kitte 08 Rakba 33 Kanal 00 Marla share to the extent of 1/88 i.e. 00 Kanal 7-1/2 Marla Situated at Shakti Road Courier Village-Bhabat, Hadbast No. 234, Sub-Tehsil Zirakpur, Tehsil- Derabassi, Distt-S.A.S Nagar Mohali, Punjab- India. bounded as under :East : Na, West: Na, North : Na, South: Na.

Date : 13.01.2026
Place: Zirakpur

Sd/- (Authorized Officer),
Axis Bank Ltd.

Honey Singh apologises over his alleged obscene remarks at Delhi show

Seems like controversies and rapper Yo Yo Honey Singh go hand in hand. Since Thursday morning, he has been at the centre of online attention for all the wrong reasons.A video from one of the shows in Delhi went viral, in which he allegedly made obscene remarks. The comments did not sit well with many, and he was widely called out for them.Hours later, on Thursday night, Honey Singh took to Instagram and issued an apology. He said the video circulating since morning was edited and shared out of context, but added that he understood why it made many people uncomfortable.

" A video of mine has been going viral on Instagram since morning, edited in a way that's offended many people. I want to tell you the whole story...," he said in his apology video. He added, "My intention was never to hurt, insult, or offend anyone. A few days prior to the incident, I had interactions with leading gynaecologist and sexologist who shared about the rising concerns of sexually transmitted diseases among the younger generation due to unprotected sex. This conversation stayed with me. While being a guest at the show of Nanku and Karun, and seeing a large number of Gen Z in the audience, I tried convey a message about importance of protection in a language which they would refer to which is used in OTT they watch."

Honey Singh promised that he would be more mindful of his words and actions going forward."However, I deeply regret that the way I expressed this message was inappropriate and not acceptable to many. I offer my heartfelt apologies to everyone who felt hurt or disrespected. Main apni zubaan pe niyantran rakhunga...Going forward, I assure you that I will be far more mindful and responsible in my words and actions," he said.



Wheel Of Fortune, Hosted by Akshay Kumar, Premieres 27th January on Sony Entertainment Television & Sony LIV



CHANDIGARH : Globally acclaimed show - Wheel of Fortune now launches in India on Sony Entertainment Television on 27th January, 2026.

Hosted by Akshay Kumar, the iconic star marks his much-awaited return to television with Wheel of Fortune. The show kicks off on January 27th and will air on Sony Entertainment Television, with streaming available on Sony LIV, promising viewers an exciting blend of entertainment, thrill, and wordplay every night. Recognised by Guinness World Records as the World's Most Popular TV Game Show and honoured with the Daytime Emmy® Award for Outstanding Game Show, Wheel of Fortune has enjoyed unparalleled global success. As Sony Entertainment Television brings this iconic franchise to Indian audiences, the show is set to deliver exceptional entertainment value for viewers and an unparalleled engagement platform for advertisers and partners.

Don't miss out! Tune in and spin to win. Wheel Of Fortune starts 27th January, Mon-Fri at 9 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television and on Sony LIV.

Border 2 trailer: Sunny Deol roars, Diljit Dosanjh vows to "give hell" to enemies



Finally! the trailer for one of the most-anticipated films of 2026, 'Border 2', has been unveiled. Directed by Anurag Singh, the second instalment of the iconic film brings back Sunny Deol as the main lead, with Varun Dhawan, Diljit Dosanjh and Ahan Shetty joining him to fight the enemies. "Inspired by the true events of the 1971 India-Pakistan War", the trailer opens the door to the powerful world of Border 2 and what happens when India's Army, Navy, and Air Force come together to fight as one. Loaded with powerful dialogues delivered by veteran Sunny Deol, gripping performances by Diljit Dosanjh, Varun Dhawan, and Ahan Shetty, and the soulful revival of the iconic songs from the first film, the Border 2 trailer strikes an emotional chord, leaving viewers overwhelmed, stirred, and goosebump-laden.The trailer opened and closed with Sunny's dialogues, delivered in his signature high-pitched, powerful voice. That thunderous dialogue delivery has always been a defining part of his action-hero persona, and he continues to maintain it even today.This film too clearly reflects just how much strength and impact his voice still carries.Sharing the trailer, Sunny on Instagram wrote, "A war remembered. A legacy continued. #Border2Trailer Out Now! (Link in bio) #Border2 Releasing in cinemas worldwide on 23rd January, 2026!"

"Humein kya haraoge. Arey tumhare Pakistan mein itne log nahi jitne humare yahan Eid par bakre kaate jaate hain," the trailer ended with this dialogue of Sunny. Border 2 is produced by Gulshan Kumar and T-Series in association with JP Dutta's JP Films. The movie will hit the big screens ahead of Republic Day on January 23, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. Mona Singh, Medha Rana, Diljit Dosanjh and Sonam Bajwa also feature in key roles.

Shahid, Triptii's promise intense chemistry in 'O' Romeo' poster

Shahid Kapoor's fans are eagerly waiting for February as his film 'O Romeo' is set to release. In the film, he will be seen in a completely different avatar. On Thursday, the makers unveiled a new poster of the film, giving a sneak peek into the audio of the romantic song 'Hum To Tere Hi Liye'. In the poster, Shahid is seen holding Triptii Dimri close. His eyes fixed on her, as the imagery evokes an intense mix of love and tenderness amid chaos. Adding to its emotional depth, the song features lyrics penned by the legendary Gulzar and is sung by the soulful Arijit Singh.



Sharing the poster, Shahid on Instagram wrote, "Hum toh tere hi liye the. O'ROMEO. In cinemas 13th Feb, 2026. The entire song will be out on Friday. Sajid Nadiadwala presents O'Romeo, a film by Vishal Bhardwaj. Produced under Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, O'Romeo releases in Valentine's Week on 13th February 2026.Disha Patani, Vikrant Massey, Tamannaah Bhatia, Farida Jalal, Nana Patekar, Avinash Tiwary Aruna Irani, Hussain Dalal, Resh Lamba, and Rahul Deshpande are also a part of the film.

Blenders Pride Fashion Tour 2025 concludes with groundbreaking fashion showcases across india



AMBALA: Blenders Pride Fashion Tour 2025 concluded its spectacular edition, setting a new benchmark for fashion experiences across Gurugram, Jaipur, and Kolkata. Creating 'The One and Only' stage that set the tone for what's next in fashion, the tour presented three groundbreaking narratives that pushed the boundaries of how fashion is experienced, celebrated, and imagined. Each city witnessed how Blenders Pride Fashion Tour made fashion move—Gurugram thrust fashion into the futureverse where technology and couture collided in real-time, Jaipur accelerated fashion onto the fast lane with high-octane motorsport aesthetics, and Kolkata challenged traditional notions of craft, transforming them into a bold, modern form.

The tour distinguished itself by setting a new benchmark for immersive, multi-sensory fashion experiences. Gurugram's 'The Futureverse of Fashion' by designers Falguni and Shane Peacock merged haute couture with humanoid robots, holographic technology, and motion-sensing projections, featuring Shahid Kapoor and Tamannaah Bhatia. Jaipur accelerated into 'High Octane Couture' with designers Namrata Joshipura and Abhishek Patni reimagining motorsport aesthetics alongside Miss Universe Harnaaz Sandhu and rapper Raftaar, complete with chrome-wrapped supercars and a three-lap runway experience. The Kolkata finale presented 'Future Is Crafted' through a breakthrough narrative that shattered moulds of craft as it was known. Set against the iconic Howrah Bridge, AK | OK Anamika Khanna deconstructed traditional craft through futuristic tailoring, with Ishaan Khatter as showstopper, transforming the Hooghly River into a floating theatre of fashion.

Debasree Dasgupta, CMO, Pernod Ricard India, said, "Blenders Pride Fashion Tour powered by FDCI has been Indian fashion's most iconic stage. Guided by our 'The One and Only' ambition, we continue to set new benchmarks shaping the evolution of fashion & style in collaboration with India's finest designers. With 'Making Fashion Move', Blenders Pride Fashion Tour asserts its role as a force shaping the future of fashion—driving ideas, collaborations, and experiences that define what comes next. By placing creativity, culture, and innovation at the centre of its universe, the brand continues to set the course for how fashion evolves, engages, and inspires the next generation." Sunil Sethi, Chairman, FDCI, expressed, "FDCI is thrilled with its collaboration with Blenders Pride Fashion Tour, bringing together the two powerhouses of fashion, that amplifies our commitment to shaping its future. This edition brings together diverse design perspectives that celebrates creativity, culture, and sets the pace for the future of fashion in India."

Junaid Khan and Sai Pallavi's 'Ek Din' poster sparks online backlash



Aamir Khan's son, Junaid Khan, is all set for his second big-screen outing with 'Ek Din', co-starring Sai Pallavi, who makes her Bollywood debut with the film.

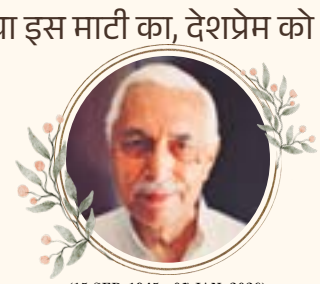
The makers recently unveiled the first poster of the romance drama, which has sparked a wave of discussion online. While many praised the lead pair's on-screen presence, some critics accused the poster of being a direct copy of the original film's artwork.

The 'Ek Din' poster, featuring Junaid Khan and Sai Pallavi, was released on Thursday and quickly became a hot topic on Reddit. Reactions were mixed, with a section of netizens alleging that the poster lacked originality and was directly lifted from the original Thai film. Some also criticised the title of the remake.

One user commented, "The poster looks exactly the same." Another wrote, "Remake of Thai movies, the original movie's poster itself has been used." Some noted, "Title bhi wahi translate karke utha liya (They simply translated and used the same title)," while another joked, "The original Thai movie was called One Day. Inn logo ne ek din kardiya." One Reddit user added, "Poster is also copied. AI should really take over. Real creators are busy copying frame by frame."

On the positive side, many fans were excited about the lead pair, praising Sai Pallavi and Junaid Khan's chemistry. Some even playfully referred to them as "Clark Kent and Lois Lane." 'Ek Din' is a remake of the Thai film 'One Day', directed by Banjong Pisanthanakun, and is scheduled to release on May 1, 2026. The film is directed by Sunil Pandey and produced by Aamir Khan. Originally slated for a November 2025 release, the project was pushed to May 2026. The film was initially titled 'Mere Raho'. Junaid Khan made his acting debut with 'Maharaj' in 2024, followed by 'Loveyapa' in 2025. 'Ek Din' will mark Sai Pallavi's first appearance in Bollywood.

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