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Family of 5 found dead with gunshot wounds in Saharanpur

SAHARANPUR: Police have recovered the bodies of five members of a family, including a couple, from a colony in the Sarsawa police station area of Saharanpur district on Tuesday morning, police said. According to police, the deceased included a land surveyor named Ashok Rathi (40), his wife Ajanta (37), his mother Vidyawati (70), and their two sons, Kartik (16) and Dev (13). The bodies were discovered in the same room, and three loaded pistols were found next to Ashok Rathi's body, police said.

Anindita Mitra assumes charge as CEO of Punjab

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CHANDIGARH: Anindita Mitra has assumed charge as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Punjab. Prior to this appointment, she was Administrative Secretary, Department of School Education, Higher Education and Languages, Government of Punjab.
A 2007-batch Indian Administrative Service officer, Mitra brings with her wide administrative experience and institutional knowledge of public governance.
After assuming charge as CEO, Punjab, Anindita Mitra said she is honoured to have been entrusted with the responsibility of leading the constitutional and democratic institution in the State of Punjab.

Hindu Mahasabha seeks action over misbehaviour with Shankaracharya

MEERUT : The Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha on Tuesday held a meeting here to protest the alleged misbehaviour with Jyotish Peeth Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati and his disciples during the Magh Mela in Prayagraj on the occasion of Mauni Amavasya, and demanded strict action against those responsible.
At the meeting held at the organisation's office on Sharda Road, speakers termed the incident "condemnable" and alleged that no action had been taken against any official even three days after the episode.

TCS, Infosys retain top spots as Indian IT dominates global brand value ranking

NEW DELHI: India's information technology behemoths continue to dominate the global landscape, with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Infosys maintaining their positions as the world's second and third most valuable IT services brands, respectively, according to the latest 'IT Services 25 (2026)' report by Brand Finance.
India stood toe-to-toe with the US in the global IT rankings, with both nations fielding eight firms each in the top 25 list. The report, which tracks the brand value and strength of the world's leading IT firms, highlighted that Accenture (USD 42.2 billion brand value) has retained its position as the world's most valuable IT services.

Nitin Nabin becomes BJP's youngest chief

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Nitin Nabin, the youngest ever, on Tuesday took charge as the national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the party headquarters in the national capital.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh were among the senior leaders present on the occasion.

He is a five-term MLA and emerged as the sole candidate in the race, making him the youngest leader to hold the top position in the party's history.

PM Modi felicitated Nitin Nabin after handing him the certificate of election as BJP national president at the party headquarters in Delhi. Outgoing BJP national president JP Nadda, along with Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, and Nitin Gadkari, also congratulated the newly elected president.

Addressing party leaders and workers, Nadda congratulated the new president and said that Nitin Nabin, have taken on the responsibility as the 12th National President of such a great party.

Reflecting on recent electoral performances, he added, "The results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections did not meet our expectations. These results surprised not only the party but also the general public. A sense of disappointment arose among the country's voters, and a feeling of resentment developed. The voters resolved that in upcoming elections, they would give their full support to Modi ji and work to further the party's progress."

Nadda recalled that after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the opposition was very confident in the Haryana elections.

"They were already making arrangements to distribute sweets even before the results were declared. They didn't realize that voters had decided to correct the minor mistakes caused by overconfidence.

He is my boss in party matters: PM Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday congratulated Nitin Nabin on his election as the BJP national president and declared that the young leader will be his boss in matters related to the party.
Addressing a gathering at the party headquarters here, Modi described 45-year-old Nabin as a "millennial" who belongs to a generation that has witnessed a great deal of change in India.
Nabin was declared the BJP national president at the party headquarters at the conclusion of the Sanghatan Parv, which saw elections to various party posts from booth level to the national level.

Punjab approves Rs. 68.50 per quintal subsidy on sugarcane

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Farmers stood at the centre of a high-performing Cabinet meeting on Tuesday as the Punjab Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, approved a 68.50 per quintal direct subsidy out of the fixed State Agreed Price (SAP) for sugarcane growers, reinforcing Punjab's position as the state offering the highest sugarcane price in the country.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by the Chief Minister, which also delivered a series of significant approvals spanning healthcare reform, public fitness initiatives and urban governance, underlining a decisive, outcomes-driven policy push by the government.

Disclosing the decisions taken by the Cabinet, the Chief Minister's Office stated that the subsidy of 68.50 per quintal out of the fixed State Agreed Price will be paid directly to sugarcane farmers on behalf of private sugar mills for the crushing season 2025–26. Punjab already offers the highest State Agreed Price for sugarcane in the country at 416 per quintal, reflecting an increase of 15 from the previous year. This ensures that Punjab's cane growers remain the best compensated in the country and the present decision will further strengthen income security for farmers.

As part of the Punjab government's sustained focus on public health and wellness, the Cabinet also approved the creation of 1,000 additional posts of Yoga Trainers under the 'CM di Yogshala' project. It was stated that a budgetary provision of 35 crore will be made for this initiative during the financial year 2026–27, aimed at promoting a healthy and fit Punjab.

In another key decision to strengthen healthcare services, the Cabinet approved the complete transfer of Civil Hospitals at village Badal in Muktsar district, Khadur Sahib in Tarn Taran district, Community Health Centre Jalalabad, and the Tertiary Care Centre in Fazilka district to Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS), Faridkot.

The transfer will enable residents of these areas to access improved treatment and diagnostic services, leveraging the university's advanced medical infrastructure and expertise.

Haryana allows 'Kirpan' and 'Mangalsutra' for candidates in examinations

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The Haryana Government has issued detailed instructions to address recurring problems faced by Sikh students and married women candidates during examinations conducted by schools, colleges, universities, and recruiting agencies across the state.

According to a notification issued by the Chief Secretary's Office, Sikh students and candidates appearing in examinations will be permitted to wear and carry a Kirpan subject to prescribed limits. The Kirpan should not exceed 9 inches (22.86 cm) in total length, with the blade length not exceeding 6 inches (15.24 cm). Such candidates have been advised to report to the examination centre at least one hour before the scheduled time.

The notification further states that married women candidates wearing Mangalsutra will also be allowed to wear the same during examinations. These candidates are required to report to the examination centre at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time.

The decision has been taken in the light of various judgments of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court and the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, which emphasized safeguarding religious and cultural rights while ensuring smooth conduct of examinations. All Administrative Secretaries have been directed to ensure that heads of departments, boards, corporations, universities, and recruiting agencies under their control issue necessary instructions so that examination staff, invigilators.

SC reserves order on pleas seeking directions to curb hate speech

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its order on a batch of petitions seeking directions for effective action against incidents of hate speech nationwide. A Bench comprising Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta, reserving the order, directed the parties to file brief written submissions within two weeks.

The petitions are being heard in the backdrop of the Court's earlier directions mandating that whenever speech or conduct attracts offences under provisions such as Sections 153A, 153B, 295A and 505 of the Indian Penal Code, authorities must take suo motu action to register cases and proceed against offenders, even in the absence of a formal complaint.

Senior Advocates Siddharth Aggarwal, M.R. Shamshad, Sanjay Parekh and Sanjay Hegde, along with Advocate Nizam Pasha, appeared for the petitioners. Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju and Senior Advocate D.S. Naidu represented the respondents. Advocate Nizam Pasha, appearing for several petitioners, pointed to a persistent reluctance on the part of law enforcement agencies to act against hate speech, particularly when the accused are linked to ruling establishments.

He submitted that the problem lies not in the absence of legal provisions but in their poor implementation. Despite repeated directions of the Court, he argued, "usual suspects" continue to deliver inflammatory speeches with impunity, FIRs are often not followed by arrests, and authorities fail to act even when events are advertised in advance with a clear indication of impending hate speech.

The petitioners also flagged the evolving nature of hate speech in the digital age. Senior Advocate Siddharth Aggarwal referred to an application concerning an AI-generated video allegedly using communal narratives for political purposes. He also raised concerns over the refusal to register an FIR in a hate speech matter on the grounds of lack of sanction, contending that a sanction is required only at the stage of cognisance and not for registration of an FIR or investigation.

Senior Advocate Sanjay Hegde highlighted how hate speech now follows a lifecycle originating as a slogan or phrase, spreading through social media, and eventually being amplified by mass media. Citing instances such as the "UPSC Jihad" broadcast, he urged the Court to explore ways to make hate speech unprofitable for large corporations and digital platforms.

Noida techie death: Builder accused of negligence arrested

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Police on Tuesday arrested the director of a real estate group in connection with the death of a 27-year-old software engineer, whose car had plunged into a water-filled pit at a construction site in Noida's Sector 150, officials said.

"Abhay Kumar, director of MZ Wiztown Planners and one of the accused in the case, has been arrested from Sector 150," Additional Commissioner of Police (Greater Noida) Hemant Upadhyay said. Yuvraj Mehta was killed in the early hours of Saturday after his car skidded in dense fog, broke a drain boundary and fell into a deep, waterlogged pit, dug for the basement of an under-construction commercial complex near a drain. The police had filed an FIR against two real estate developers -- MZ Wiztown Planners and Lotus Greens -- on a complaint by the victim's father, Raj Kumar Mehta, who alleged negligence by local authorities and sought accountability. While Kumar of Wiztown Planners has been arrested, there was no official update as of Tuesday afternoon from the police on action against the other accused firm.

India imposes 30 per cent duty on yellow peas imported from the US



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een as a reciprocal measure, India has imposed a 30 per cent import duty on yellow peas imported from the US, causing concern among some US lawmakers.

The 30 per cent import duty comes after the US imposed a 50 per cent tariff against India and threatened to raise it to 500 per cent for buying Russian oil.

The increase in import duty has drawn concern from US senators from major pulse-producing states like North Dakota and Montana. They said it places American farmers at a significant competitive disadvantage and urged the Trump administration to negotiate its removal.

The import duty on US yellow peas was imposed on October 29, 2025, and came into effect from November one, 2025. The duty has been imposed to contain imports of imported yellow peas to support domestic pulse prices and local pulse growers.

The Foreign Agricultural Service of the US Department of Agriculture said ''On October 29, 2025, the Government of India (GOI) imposed a total import duty of 30 per cent ad valorem on CIF value on yellow peas. The new duty increase went into effect on November 1, 2025, reversing the policy of allowing duty-free imports since December 2023.

It said the duty includes a 10 per cent basic duty and 20 per cent agriculture infrastructure development cess (AIDC), and has been applied to shipments dated on or after November 1, 2025.

Sensex, Nifty tumble over 1 pc on geopolitical worries

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Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty tanked over 1 per cent on Tuesday due to heavy selling pressure in market heavyweights Reliance, Bajaj Finance and M&M amid escalating geopolitical tensions.

Besides, ongoing weakness in the rupee and persistent foreign fund outflows dented investors' sentiment.

Extending its previous day's decline, the 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 1,065.71 points, or 1.28 per cent, to settle at 82,180.47. During the day, it dropped 1,235.6 points, or 1.48 per cent, to 82,010.58.

Rupee traded flat near 90.90 remaining range-bound with participants awaiting fresh triggers from the Union Budget. Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited said, "Domestic markets remained cautious ahead of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Trump-era tariffs, with renewed uncertainty over U.S. trade policy prolonging the recent consolidation. Continued FII outflows, rising U.S. and Japanese bond yields, and a weakening rupee weighed on investor confidence. Mid- and small-cap stocks underperformed the benchmarks, and sentiment was broadly negative across all sectors.

In near term, market sentiment will hinge on the earnings season, while geopolitical developments and global trade conditions remain important influences"Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities said, "Bears resumed control as bulls were increasingly marginalised amid ongoing transatlantic trade tensions. Supports looked fragile as the Nifty kept breaking them on the back of strong institutional selling. Indicators remained in a bearish crossover and are approaching the oversold zone. On the daily chart, the index appears to be drifting towards the 200-DMA.

Immediate support is seen around 25,100-25,150. If this level holds, a decent pullback can be expected."Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, a SEBI said, "The aggressive and often unpredictable use of tariffs by the U.S. administration as a foreign policy tool is creating widespread unease among global market participants, triggering sharp volatility across financial markets. This has weighed heavily on risk assets while pushing safe-haven gold and silver prices higher. Fresh threats by U.S. President Donald Trump to impose additional tariffs on European nations opposing the U.S. move to take control of Greenland have triggered another bout of global equity selling, with Indian markets also witnessing broad-based pressure."

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I, Ram Tirth Son Of Balvir Singh Resident Of Patti Mohanpuria, Vpo Jandiala, Teh. Phillaur, Jalandhar Have Changed My Speeling Name From Ram Tirth To Ram Tirath Aulakh And Shall Hereinafter Be Known As Ram Tirath Aulakh.

400011

I,vishal S/o Binder R/o Vpo. Sharakpur Tehsil Nakodar District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Vishal To Vishal Sahota. All Concerned Note Please.

100066

I, Harpreet Singh Son of Harbans Singh, Village Bamal (Dhuri) Sangrur have changed my name to Harpreet Singh Marahar

98724

I, Gurmeet Singh Son of Gurdial Singh, Village Manna, Tehsil Dhuri (Sangrur) have changed my name to Gurmit Singh.

98724

I Sukhjit Pal Singh Karwasra S/o Avtar Singh R/o Sardulgarh (mansa) Changed My Name Sukhjit Pal Singh .

100071

I, Ranjeet Mehato S/o Yogendra Mahato R/o 109, Sarangpur colony, Bherion Kiser, Kalka Panchkula, Haryana, 133302 have changed my name from Ranjeet Mahato to Ranjeet Mehta and father name Yogendra Mahato to Joginder Mehta.

60013

I Sunita Rani w/o Pardeep r/o house no 813 sector 45 Burail Chandigarh have changed my son name Sachin to Sachin Rana.

60013

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

511363

I, Harish Kumar S/o Kashmiri Lal R/o Village Jhaguri, Post Office Baindi, Tehsil Radaur, Distt. Yamunanagar have changed my name from Harish Kumar to Deepak Kumar.

511363

I, Bhupinder S/o Sh. Chaman Lal R/o 289 C, Singhpura, Barara, Tehsil Barara, Distt Ambala, Haryana have changed my name from Bhupinder to Bhupinder Sharma. In future I may be known as Bhupinder Sharma.

78645

I, Sanny S/o Sh. Parkash, R/o H.No. 790, Ward No. 27, New Bank Colony, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal declare that I have changed my name from Sanny to Sunny. In the future, I should be known as Sunny.

100039

I, Jyoti W/o Sh. Sunny R/o H.No. 790, Ward No. 27, New Bank Colony, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal declare that I have changed my name from Jyoti to Jyoti Devi. In the future, I should be known as Jyoti Devi.

100039

I, Babita Rani, W/o Sumit Bansal, R/o Kaithal declare that I have changed my name from Babita Rani to Kanika Bansal. In the future, I should be known as Kanika Bansal.

100039

I, Satish, S/o Manohar Lal, R/o House No. 1217/11, Ward No. 11, Ambala Road, New Model Town, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal declare that I have changed my name from Satish to Satish Kumar. In the future, I should be known as Satish Kumar.

100039

I, Kishan Chand S/o Hari Chand R/o House No. 612/10, Behind Koel Complex Ward No. 13, Kaithal, District Kaithal (haryana), Have Changed My Name From Kishan Chand To Krishan Chand, Please Let Me Be Known As Krishan Chand In Future. Concerned Please Note.

100039

I , Samiksha D/o Vikas Sharma R/o Vill Bandrana , Po Barot Distt Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Samiksha To Samiksha Sharma. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I Sr. Anjali Francis D/o Makhan Singh R/o 27, The Mall Road, Jalandhar-II, P.O- P.A.P Lines Jalandhar Cantt, District Jalandhar, (Punjab). Have Changed my name from Anjali Francis to Anjleena. Please Note.

9000A

I, Jaspreet Kaur Sidhu, wife of Tejwinder Singh, resident of Handiaya, have changed my name to Jaspreet Kaur. Please note.

78521

I, Ramandeep Kaur C/o Ramandeep Kaur virk R/o Virk Kalan , Bathinda have changed my name from Ramandeep Kaur to Ramandeep Kaur Virk

524479

I, Ritu Dhiman, resident of House No. 1009/1 near Hotel Shafire Sawanpuri Gadhi Mundo Jagadhri District Yamuna Nagar Haryana, declare that my husband's name is wrongly written as Amit Dhiman in my passport whereas the correct name is Amit Kumar Dhiman.

524479

I Gurdeep Singh S/o Himmat Singh Rai R/o VIllage Bakhatgarh, Distt Barnala. I Have Changed my name to Gurdeep Singh Rai.

524479

I, Hajara Khatun W/o Mr. Jaheer Alam R/o House No-10, Shahid Udham Singh Colony, Mohali, Tehsil & District S.a.s Nagar, Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Garima Sood To Hajara Khatun.

524479

I Neelu Mongia Alias Neelu Batheja W/o Sunil Kumar (d/o Mohan Lal Mongia) R/o H. No-3, Dashmesh Colony, Rajpura, Distt. Patiala Have Changed My Name To Neelu Batheja

524479

I, Shrwan Kumar S/o Sh. Shyoram R/o Village Mehra Tehsil Ladwa Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Shrwan Kumar to Sharvan Kumar

989666

I, Subhash Chander Goyal, son of Madan Lal Goyal, resident of MCB-Z4-04773, Street No. 5, Basant Vihar, Bathinda, hereby declare that I have changed my name from "Subhash Goyal" to "Subhash Chander Goyal".

989666

I, Renu Bala, wife of Subhash Chander Goyal, resident of MCB-Z4-04773, Street No. 5, Basant Vihar, Bathinda, hereby declare that I have changed my name from "Renu Goyal" to "Renu Bala".

989666

I, Susheel Kumar S/O Gaze Singh Resident of VPO Sirsi Distt. Karnal Haryana have changed my name from (sushil kumar) to (susheel kumar) for all purposes in future

100046

I, Rekha wife of Susheel Kumar Resident of VPO Sirsi Distt. Karnal Haryana have changed my name from (Rekha Devi) to (Rekha) for all purposes in future

100046

I, Mahadevi, Mother of Mr Aralkar Shekhar Mahaling resident of Vill & PO - Kond, Teh-Osmanabad, Distt - Dharashiv, State - Maharashtra have changed my name from Mahadevi to Mahadevi Mahaling Aralkar Vide E-Stamping/Affidavit No. IN-PB12948221582133Y Date 20 Jan 2026 Before Notary, Jalandhar (PB).

600022

I, Premshila is legally Mother of JC 777405X Rank-Sub Name-Nagendra Kumar Singh presently residing at 223 ABOD Suranussi, Jalandhar, Punjab and permanent resident of Vill - Tihaitanpur, Post - Sangrampur, Teh - Amethi, Distt - Amethi, State - Uttar Pradesh Pin Code - 230501 have changed my name from Prem Shila Devi to Premshila Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB12116596-880023Y Dated 17-01-2026 Before District Court Jalandhar.

600022

I, Sanju Devi is legally wife of JC 777405X Rank-Sub Name- Nagendra Kumar Singh presently residing at 223 ABOD Suranussi, Jalandhar, Punjab and permanent resident of Vill - Tihaitanpur, Post - Sangrampur, Teh - Amethi, Distt - Amethi, State - Uttar Pradesh Pin Code - 230501 have changed my name from Sanju Singh to Sanju Devi Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB12116967954357Y, Dated 17-01-2026 Before District Court Jalandhar.

600022

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Kulvir Singh R/o Vill: Gorsian Nihal Ramewal Distt. Jalandhar declare that my given name is Gurpreet and my surname is Singh.

63372

I, Ram Partap S/o Mool Chand R/o Mandi Mullanpur Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name Ram Partap to Ram Partap Goyal.

63372

I, Shankar Dass S/o Ram Partap Goyal R/o Mandi Mullanpur Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name Shankar Dass to Shankar Dass Goyal.

63372

I, Harmel Singh S/o Raghbir Singh R/o Vill-Kabbar Wachha Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Harmail Singh.

63372

I, Sukhjinder Singh S/O Chanchal Singh R/O Village Barapur, PO Kot maira, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India have changed my name from Sukhjinder Singh to Singh Sukhjinder.

63372

I, Simranpreet Kaur W/O Sukhjinder Singh R/O Village Barapur, PO Kot maira, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India have changed my name from Simranpreet Kaur to Kaur Simranpreet.

63372

I, Mohit S/O Bhupinder Singh V.P.O. Binjon Teh.Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Mohit to Mohit Singh.

63372

I, Davendra Jain S/o Manoj Jain R/o 37 Near Mittal City Mall Tagore Nagar Bathinda have changed my name from Davendra Jain to Devendra Jain.

63372

I, Chanchal Rani W/o Shami Kumar R/o H.No. 24 Jhungian Road NRI Enclave Kharar Po. Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Chanchal.

63372

I, Jaspal Singh Dhindsa S/o Major Singh R/o Vill: Khadial Teh-Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Jaspal Singh.

63372

I, Kulbir Chand S/o Shankar Dass R/o Vpo. Birampur Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Pb, India, have changed my name to Kulvir Chand.

63372

I, Gulsher Singh Malike S/o Malkeet Singh R/o Ward No. 2, Bhikhi (Mansa) have changed my name to Gulsher Singh. Note it.

63372

I, Bharpoor Singh S/o Sarwan Singh R/o Chandigarh Colony Malerkotla, Teh & Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name from Bharpoor Singh to Bharpur Singh.

63372

I Paramjit Singh Nahar S/o Joginder Singh Village Bagrian, Po. Bagrian, Tehsil Amargarh District Malerkotla Change my name Paramjit Singh.

63372

I, Gudiya D/o Sanjay Kumar R/o H.No. 2487A W.No. 11 Mundi Kharar Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Sukhdeep Kaur.

63372

I Inderjeet Khan S/o Gulzar Khan Village Naromajra Tehsil Ahmedgarh District Malerkotla Have Changed My Name Inderjeet Khan to Inderjit Khan.

63372

I, Gurbakhsh Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh R/o Vill-Sikanderpur Po: Panam The-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Pb, India, I have changed my name from Gurbakhsh Kaur to Gurbax Kaur.

63372

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Jasvir Singh R/o Vill: Mehatpur Oladiani Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Usha Rani.

63372

I, Rajni Wadera D/o Vishnu Kumar W/o Late Rajdeep Singh R/o H.No.183/13, Opposite Railway Station W.No.13, Ahmedgarh Teh-Ahmedgarh Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name to Rajni.

63372

I, Sangeeta Sharma W/o Kamal Kishore Sharma R/o 86 Urban Estate Phase-1 Jalandhar declare that I have changed my name from Sangeeta Sharma to Sangeeta Bhatara.

63372

I, Kishore Kumar R/o H.No. 959/1 B-14 Islam Ganj Ludhiana Po. Central Post Office Distt. Ludhiana declare that my given name is Kishore and my surname is Kumar.

63372

I, Mehak Kaur D/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vill: Bhar Singhpura Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Mehak to Mehak Kaur.

63372

I Gurdip Singh S/O Karnail Singh Village Sodon, Po. Dayalpur Distt Jalandhar, Punjab India-144419 Have Changed My Name Gurdip Singh to Gurdeep Singh.

63372

I, Pankaj Kumar Rajpati S/o Rajpati Pandey R/o #144,Near Gaushala, W.No.8, Raman Mandi Teh-Talwandi Sabo Bathinda (Punjab)151301 have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Pankaj Kumar Pandey.

63372

I, Lakhwinder Singh S/o Dalbir Singh R/o Village Asal Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my Minor Daughter name from Harmeet Kaur to Harmeet Kaur Gill.

63372

I, Arshdeep Singh Sandhu S/o Tehal Singh R/o Village & PO Chhintanwala, Tehsil Nabha, Distt Patiala have changed my name to Arshdeep Singh.

63372

I, Harshdeep Singh S/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Vill.Kotli Bhan Singh Tehsil.Batala Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name Harshdeep Singh to Singh Harshdeep.

63372

I, Harman S/o Sh. Balbir Kumar R/o H.No. 421, Ward No 12, Moh. Arya Nagar, Kartarpur, Distt. Jalandhar have Changed my name from Harman to Harman Paul. Surname as Paul. All concerned please note.

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ਮੈਂ ਰਾਜਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਜਰਨੈਲ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਗਦਰਾ ਤਹਿ: ਫਿਲੌਰ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਉਰਫ ਨਿੰਦਾ ਵਾ ਨੂੰਹ ਮਨਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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ਮੈਂ ਜਗਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਟਿਵਾਣਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਰਗੁਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਲਸੋਈ ਤਹਿ ਵਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮਾਲੇਰਕੋਟਲਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਟਿਵਾਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੀ ਨੂੰਹ ਦਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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ਮੈਂ ਸ਼ਰਦ ਮੋਹਨ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਬ੍ਰਿਜ ਮੋਹਨ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਬਸੀ ਕਲਾਂ ਥਾਣਾ ਚੱਬੇਵਾਲ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਦੋ ਲੜਕੇ ਇਸ਼ਾਨ ਰੱਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਰਥ ਰੱਤੀ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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ਮੈਂ ਦੇਵ ਰਾਜ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੇਟ. ਮਹਿੰਗਾ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਭੁੱਲੇਵਾਲ ਗੁੱਜਰਾਂ ਡਾਕ: ਰਾਮਪੁਰ ਝੰਜੇਵਾਲ ਤਹਿ: ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੰਕਰ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਦੀਪ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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I, Baldev Singh S/o Karam Singh Resident of Village Johal Dhai Wala Tehsil Khadur Sahib District Tarn Taran declare that my son Fateh Singh and his wife Gurjit Kaur both are totally out of my control. I disown them from all my movable and immovable property. I and my family will not be responsible for any good or bad deeds done by them.

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I, Saloni D/o Jagdish Raj, born on November 1, 1994 at Batala, Punjab, India, and presently residing at 523-543 Richmond Street West Toronto, M5V 0W9, Ontario, Canada declare that in my previous documents including educational certificate, driving license Passport, my last name was not included. So addition of my last name Angural in all my official documents, including my Passport. My full name is Saloni Angural.

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ਮੈ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਨੂਰਪੁਰ ਦੋਨਾਂ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਵਾ ਜਿਲਾ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਇਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ।ਮੇਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਲੜਦਾ ਝਗੜਦਾ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਮਾੜਾ ਵਿਵਹਾਰ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ।ਮੇਰੀ ਕੋਈ ਬਾਤ ਨਹੀ ਪੁੱਛਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਮਨ-ਮਰਜੀਆਂ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਮੈ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਹਰ ਕਿਸਮ ਚਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਾਲ ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਸਬੰਧ ਰੱਖਦਾ ਹੈ, ਕੋਈ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਸਦਾ ਉਹ ਖੁਦ ਜੁੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ

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ਮੈਂ ਹਰਭਜਨ ਸਿੰਘ (ਆਧਾਰ ਕਾਰਡ ਨੰਹਰ-6855 3720 8850) ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸਾਧੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ: 161/27, ਕਿੱਲੇ ਵਾਲਾ , ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਇਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਵਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਸ਼ਮਸ਼ੇਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਲ 2020-21 ਦੋਰਾਨ ਅਖਵਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ , ਪਰ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਮੇ ਤੋ ਉਸਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਵਿਵਹਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਧਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਮੇਰੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਦੇਖਵਾਲ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੇਰੇ ਵਲੋ ਉਕਤ ਬੇਦਖਲੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਵਾਪਿਸ ਲੈ ਰਿਹਾ ਹਾਂ। ਸਾਰੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ ਜੀ।

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I, Talwinder Singh S/o Baz Singh R/o H.No. 213 Malkit Singh Nambardar Wali Gali Wada Ghar Po. Baghapurana Distt. Moga declare that in my Passport No. G3019179 my father name wrongly entered Baaj Singh and my mother name wrongly entered Dalbir Kaur. But my father correct name is Baj Singh and my mother correct name is Dalvir Kaur. so amended my father name & my mother name in my Passport.

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I, Ashni Kumar S/o Sada Ram, R/o Maksudpur, District S.B.S. Nagar, Pb do hereby declare and inform the general public that I am the biological father of Deepak Kumar and Pooja Rani. In my personal and official documents, my name is recorded as Ashni Kumar, whereas in the documents of above-named children, my name has been recorded as Ashwani Kumar. I hereby solemnly declare that Ashni Kumar and Ashwani Kumar refer to one and the same person i.e. myself.

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I, Sarbjeet Kaur W/o Jarnail Singh R/o Vill: Gajipur Po. Gardley Teh & Distt. Ropar Punjab, declare that my husband service record No. 4464192W Ex-Hav Jarnail Singh my name & DOB entered wrongly Sarabjit Kaur & DOB 20-02-1971. But my correct name & DOB Sarbjeet Kaur & 03-01-1974. So amended my name & DOB in my husband service record.

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I Simranjit Kaur W/o Khushwinder Singh Army No JC-286932X Rank Sub(OpR) R/o Village Bhanglan, Po. Manki, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) Punjab, declared that, I changed my name Simranjit Kaur Maan to Simranjit Kaur, All concern pls note.

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It is for general information that I, Surinder Singh, son of Bachitar Singh, residing at Dhamral, PO Dinanagar, Dist Gurdaspur, Punjab-143531, India, declare that the name of my father has been wrongly written as Bachhitter Singh in my Passport Document Number K9593989. The actual name of my father is Bachitar Singh, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

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ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ

ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ।



(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)



ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 1540, ਫੇਜ 5 ਸੈਕਟਰ-59 ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ Sh.Dev Raj Singh S/o Jasmer Singh R/o House No. 1540, Phase-5 SAS Nagar, Mohali ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 11-10-2024 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਲਾਟੀ Sh.Dev Raj Singh S/o Jasmer Singh ਵਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਪਤਨੀ Jasminder Kaur Tiwana W/o Sh. Dev Raj Singh ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੰ. 391, ਜਾਇਦ ਬਹੀ 3, ਮਿਤੀ 18-08-2021 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਡ ਹੈ।

ਉਕਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ Jasminder Kaur Tiwana W/o Sh. Dev Raj Singh R/o House No. 1540, Phase-5, SAS Nagar ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 1540, ਫੇਜ 5, ਸੈਕਟਰ 59 ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਪ), ਗਮਾਡਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਭ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮ੍ਰਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਪ) ਗਮਾਡਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 1540, ਫੇਜ-5 ਸੈਕਟਰ-59, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ, ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਲਾਭ ਪਾਤਰ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਪ)

ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ

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NOTICE

This is to inform and seek objections, if any from general public that our client Smt. of Kripa Devi W/o Suneel Kumar R/o H.N. 16 Raipur Sulemanpur, Shahjanpur U.P. is purchasing the below mentioned property i.e Residential House no. 339/17, 132 Sq yards Anand Nagar 4 Marla Sonipat, 131001

The following original document is lost:

• Conveyance Deed dated 12-06-1996/Appendix XXIV In favour of Subash Chand S/o Tharia .

That the FIR/DDR/Lost property report in respect of the same is lodged vide Application No. 132390712600139/2026 That in case of any person having any claim, right title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange mortgage, charge lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever, shall bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing with supporting documents/evidence with in a period of 10 days from the date of this Notice failing which such claim if any shall be considered to be waived, abounded and it shall be presumed that no person has any claim of any nature, in respect of the above said property and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients or their successors/nominee/assignees in any manner whatsoever.

Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Limited
Through
Dr. Vinay Chhikkara Adv.
Chamber No. 208
Distt. Courts Sonipat
9031506000

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LOST & FOUND

I, Manjit Kaur W/O Gurpal Dass R/O village Khanpur tehsil Garhshankar district Hoshiarpur, have lost the original sale deed no 599 dated 03.06.2014 situated walia rakba garhshankar tehsil garhshankar executed by resham kaur w/o darshan for herself and also as GPA of jasvir kaur d/o darshan singh and manjeet Singh s/o darshan singh and surjeet singh s/o darshan singh in favor Pawan Rana S/O Kashmir Singh. If any person found or objection the contact me within 15 days.
Mobile num 9876107449

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Sandeep (Army no 16127951Y, Rank spr) s/o Jaikaran r/o village Kaluwas (13), Bhiwani declare that in my service records my father name is wrongly mentioned as Jai Karan Singh, his correct name as per Aadhar is Jaikaran and date of birth is wrongly mentioned as 25.10.1965 while his correct date of birth as per Aadhar is 1.1.1960. Also my mother name is wrongly mentioned as Sheela Devi, her correct name as per Aadhar is Sheela and date of birth is wrongly mentioned as 1.1.1968, her correct date of birth as per Aadhar is 1.1.1960.

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Amarjit Singh Toor elected VP of IT Gazetted Officers' Association, North West Region



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): The elections of the 'Income Tax Gazetted Officers' Association (North West Region)' were conducted on Saturday at Rajasthan Bhavan, Chandigarh, in an exemplary democratic and transparent atmosphere. A total of 566 officers cast their votes, registering an impressive polling percentage of over 86%, which reflects the strength, unity and vibrant democratic spirit of the Association. In this significant electoral process, Amarjit Singh Toor, Income Tax Officer from Sirhind, secured a resounding victory and was elected as the Vice President. His extensive experience, dedication towards service, and unwavering commitment to professional integrity earned him the confidence and trust of the voting members.

NEWS BRIEF

Gurwinder Singh Rana Koonar takes charge as member, district planning board Ludhiana



AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA: Aam Aadmi Party Organisation Incharge S. Gurwinder Singh Rana Koonar formally assumed charge as Member, District Planning Board, Ludhiana, during a ceremony held at the Board office in Ludhiana. He thanked the Punjab Government and AAP leadership and said he would work with honesty and commitment to implement development projects for public welfare under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Mann.On the occasion, District Planning Board Chairman S.Jatinder Singh Khangura honoured the attendees with siropao. Those present included Gurdarshan Singh (District President Rural-2), Jatinder Pal Singh Gill (Chairman/District President Rural), Tejinder Mittheo, TejinderPal Singh Grewal, Dashmesh Singh, Master Avtar Singh, Navdeep Navi, Master Hari Singh (Senior Leader), Balwinder Singh (Block President), Keemti Jai Singh, Harvinder Singh, and others. Party leaders congratulated Rana Koonar and expressed hope that his appointment would boost development in Doraha and Ludhiana district.

Prince Dhaliwal meets Punjab Youth dev board Chairman Parminder Goldy



J.K. BATTA
CHANDIGARH: Senior Aam Aadmi Party youth leader Prince Dhaliwal met with Parminder Singh Goldy, Chairman of the Punjab Youth Development Board, to discuss the youth structure. He was recently appointed as a ward coordinator for the Aam Aadmi Party's youth wing and discussed this role during the meeting. The party is expected to give him an important responsibility in the coming days. On January 22nd, Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will launch a health scheme worth Rs 10 lakh, in which the youth will play a crucial role. During the discussion, Goldy stated that the Punjab government, through the Youth Development Board, is developing grounds in villages and providing grants to various youth clubs. The Punjab government is committed to protecting young people from drug abuse and promoting sports.

Major infrastructure boost for Mohali: MLA Kulwant Singh flags off construction of 11.38 km of new roads

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, JAN 20



MLA Sardar Kulwant Singh today laid the foundation stones for the development of link roads and village periphery roads (phirnis) across various villages in the constituency, marking the commencement of construction works covering a total length of 11.38 kilometres.

These projects will be executed at an estimated cost of ?246.88 lakh and are scheduled for completion within six months.Addressing the gathering, S. Kulwant Singh stated that the construction of these roads would significantly strengthen inter-village connectivity and provide much-needed relief to residents by improving transportation facilities. He assured that all works would be carried out strictly in accordance with prescribed quality standards, ensuring durability and long-term sustainability of the roads. Providing project-wise details, the MLA informed that the 1.96-kilometre-long Nanumajra–Sambhalaki–Sukhgarh–Saneta road will be repaired at a cost of Rs 41.73 lakh, with an additional Rs 3.33 lakh earmarked for five years of maintenance. Of this stretch, 420 metres will be constructed using paver blocks, while the remaining portion will be finished with bituminous surfacing. The 0.75-kilometre-long phirni of village Sambhalaki will be repaired at a cost of Rs 11.58 lakh, with Rs 2.41 lakh allocated for five years of upkeep. This road will also be constructed with bituminous material.The 1.10-kilometre link road from Kharar–Banur Road to Raipur Kalan will be repaired at a cost of Rs 16.20 lakh, with 400 metres laid using paver blocks and the remaining stretch with bituminous surfacing. Similarly, the 1-kilometre-long Saidpur–Chuharmanjra road will be repaired at a cost of Rs 19.52 lakh, along with Rs 2.88 lakh for five years of maintenance. The road from Gobindgarh to Dhelpur, measuring 2.17 kilometres, will undergo renovation at a cost of Rs 41.16 lakh, with Rs 5.64 lakh allocated for its maintenance over five years. Additionally, the 1.19-kilometre-long link road from Dhelpur to Gadana will be repaired at a cost of Rs 19.67 lakh, with Rs 2.40 lakh reserved for maintenance. The 0.88- kilometre-long phirni of Giga Majra will be developed using 60 mm paver blocks at a cost of ?24.86 lakh. Meanwhile, the Manoli–Siaun link road and the Premgarh approach road, with a combined length of 2.33 kilometres, will be repaired at a cost of Rs 48.47 lakh, with Rs 7.04 lakh set aside for maintenance over five years.

India–Sri Lanka cooperative dialogue on trade and capacity building held at RICM, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, JAN 20



The Regional Institute of Co-operative Management (RICM), Chandigarh, in collaboration with Unati Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Society, Hoshiarpur, Punjab organized the India–Sri Lanka Cooperative Dialogue on Trade and Capacity Building on 20 January 2026 at the RICM campus.

The Dialogue was convened in the context of the visit of Dr. Shantha Jayarathne, Sr. Consultant to the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development, Hon'ble Minister of Cooperatives, Government of Sri Lanka and Director of National Institute of Cooperative Development, Sri Lanka brought together select cooperative leaders, representatives of cooperative institutions, and development practitioners from India.

The programme commenced at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Conference Session at 11:00 a.m. The Dialogue aimed to provide a focused platform for interaction and exchange on strengthening cooperative-to-cooperative collaboration between India and Sri Lanka, particularly in the areas of trade, institutional partnerships, and capacity building.

Welcoming the participants, the Director, RICM, Dr. Rajiv Kumar highlighted the deep historical, cultural, and institutional linkages between the cooperative movements of the two countries and emphasized the need for structured engagement to translate shared values into practical collaboration. Dr. Shantha Jayarathne, in his address, shared insights into Sri Lanka's cooperative ecosystem, policy perspectives, and emerging opportunities for bilateral cooperation.Key discussion themes included scope for cooperative-led trade in agriculture, value-added products, fisheries, and services; joint initiatives in training, leadership development, and exposure visits; and institutional collaboration between cooperative training and research institutions of both countries.

The Dialogue concluded with agreement on identifying two to three concrete collaboration pathways, exploring pilot initiatives.

PAU-PABI startup 'CRASTE' features on "Bharat Ke Super Founders"

LUDHIANA, JAN 20



Punjab Agricultural University's Punjab Agri Business Incubator (PABI) incubated startup "CRASTE – Innovating Sustainable Materials from Crop Residue" has done marvels by featuring on the national platform "Bharat Ke Super Founders – Season 1, Episode 2" on Amazon MX Player.

During the episode, CRASTE showcased its innovative climate-first manufacturing model and successfully secured investment support, highlighting the growing national recognition for sustainable agribusiness innovations emerging from Punjab. This achievement reflects CRASTE's strong commitment to developing eco-friendly materials from agricultural residues, while creating scalable solutions for environmental sustainability and rural economic value creation. The feature also underscores the rising impact of startup incubation support in enabling grassroots innovations to reach national and global platforms.

Dr MS Bhullar, Director of Extension Education, congratulated the entire CRASTE team for this remarkable milestone and wishes them continued success in scaling sustainable manufacturing solutions from Bharat to the world. Dr TS Riar, Principal Investigator, PABI, extended heartiest congratulations to the team CRASTE. "This recognition at a national platform is a testament to their innovation strength and persistence. We are proud to support startups that create real environmental and economic impact," he said. Dr Poonam Sachdev, Co-PI, PABI, observed, "CRASTE's journey reflects the power of innovation-driven agribusiness entrepreneurship. Wishing the team continued growth and larger impact in the sustainable materials sector." The team PABI in their message to the winning startup said, "Congratulations Team CRASTE! Your achievement inspires young agripreneurs and validates the importance of climate-focused innovation.

Ram Swaroop Sharma celebrates his birthday by serving at Gaushala



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JAN 20

Senior leader of the Aam Aadmi Party and Municipal Council member of Kharar, Ram Swaroop Sharma, set an example for society by celebrating his birthday at the local Municipal Council's gaushala by providing fodder for cows.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Sharma, along with his wife and family, visited the gaushala and arranged several quintals of fodder for the cows.

On the occasion, he performed gau puja and also encouraged the volunteers working there.Mr. Sharma is not only actively involved in social service but is also a member of the District Planning Board. Speaking on the occasion, he said that instead of celebrating birthdays in hotels, people should celebrate them at gaushalas and religious places.

He further added that birthdays should also be celebrated at old-age homes, orphanages, and night shelters for girls.

Malwa college continues academic excellence in BA fourth semester



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, JAN 20

Malwa Group of Colleges, Sardulewala, a leading institution in higher education in the Sardulgarh region, has once again delivered an outstanding performance in the BA Fourth Semester examinations conducted by Punjabi University, Patiala, for May 2025.

Continuing its tradition of academic excellence, the college recorded impressive results, bringing cheer to the management, faculty, students, and parents. Students of the BA Fourth Semester secured high marks, enhancing both the institution's reputation and their families' pride. According to the results, Sneha Garg, daughter of Subhash Garg, secured 90 percent marks, achieving first position in the college as well as topping the district. Ramandeep Kaur, daughter of Kuldeep Singh, stood second with 80 percent marks, while Prabhjot Kaur, daughter of Sukhwinder Singh, and Gaganjit Kaur, daughter of Mewa Singh, jointly secured third position with 79 percent marks each. Congratulating the achievers, Chairman Jatinder Singh Sodhi said that the institution aims not only to impart quality academic education but also to ensure the overall development of students. Managing Director Raj Sodhi added that the college focuses on nurturing social, moral.

Cyber crime police conduct workshop on Cyber Slavery awareness in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH, JAN 20

Police Station Cyber Crime has organized a sensitization workshop on Cyber Slavery at the Multipurpose Hall, Police Lines, Sector-26, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), aimed at raising awareness about emerging cyber exploitation and trafficking-related frauds.

The workshop witnessed participation from around 100 representatives of various immigration firms. Participants were sensitized about the evolving modus operandi of cyber-crime syndicates, early warning signs of cyber slavery, and effective preventive measures to curb such exploitation. During the session, Sh. Yashu Deep Singh, IFS, the Protector of Emigrants, Chandigarh, along with along with Sh. A. Venkatesh, DANIPS DSP Cyber, Insp. Eram Rizvi, SHO, Police Station Cyber Crime, highlighted how vulnerable individuals are often lured abroad with false promises of lucrative employment. These victims are subsequently subjected to coercion, threats, and illegal confinement, forcing them to engage in cyber fraud and other illicit activities. The participants were sensitized the critical role of immigration firms in preventing such crimes by conducting thorough due diligence, verifying the authenticity of overseas job offers.

If Channi ever changes his party, people should not vote for him: Charanjit Singh Channi

BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): "If Channi ever changes his party, people should never vote for him, I am a soldier of Congress, I will always work for the Congress party." These words were expressed by former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi while talking to reporters after attending the death anniversary of martyr Sewa Singh Thikriwala of Thikriwala village in Barnala district.



On this occasion, he emphasized that he is and will remain a 'soldier of Congress' amidst the ongoing tussle in the leadership of the Congress party in Punjab. In response to questions about the discussions about changing the party, Channi said, "I openly say that if Channi ever changes his party, people should not vote for him."

The former Chief Minister said that he has always raised issues based on public demand. Channi said, "When farmers invite me, I speak for them. When backward classes come to me, I raise their concerns. When members of upper castes seek redressal of their grievances, I set up a commission for them." Channi stressed that during his brief tenure as Chief Minister, he did not work for any one group, but for the welfare of all communities. He said, "The focus of my government was on inclusive development." On this occasion, he was accompanied by MLA from Barnala constituency Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon, Jasmail Singh Dairiwala District Chairman S. C. Department Barnala and prospective candidate Halka Mehal Kalan, Bibi Surinder Kaur Balia Senior Women Leader Halka Bhadaur, Rahulinder Singh Bhattal, former MLA Pirmal Singh Khalsa etc., besides other Congress leaders.

Police encounter near Sohal Jagir, two accused arrested; one injured

BUNNY SODHI
JALANDHAR, JAN 20



Two accused involved in a firing incident were arrested following a police encounter near village Sohal Jagir, while one of them was injured during the exchange of fire.

Police also recovered an illegal firearm, ammunition and the motorcycle used in the crime. Sharing details, Harvinder Singh Virk, Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar Rural, said that a firing incident took place on January 11, 2026, at the residence of Sukhchain Singh in village Sohal Jagir.

In this connection, FIR No. 14 dated January 13, 2026, was registered at Shahkot Police Station under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Arms Act. During the investigation, police received information that the accused were roaming near Sohal Jagir with weapons and were planning another crime. Police teams immediately laid a blockade in the area. When two suspects arrived on a motorcycle and were asked to stop, they opened fire at the police. The police retaliated in self-defence.In the encounter, accused Karanvir of village Marhana in Tarn Taran district was injured in the thigh and admitted to hospital under police guard.

The second accused, Angrej Singh of the same village, was arrested on the spot.Police recovered a .30 bore pistol, one live cartridge, one empty shell and a Splendor motorcycle from the spot.

Allegation of use of banned chemicals for ripening fruits in Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JAN 20

Leaders of the Bharatiya Kisan Union have alleged that illegal and banned chemicals are being used to ripen fruits, especially bananas, in the grain market of Kharar. Fruits ripened using such chemicals are harmful to public health. In this regard, Union leaders Devinder Singh Dehkala and Jaspal Singh Nayamians, among others, stated that bananas are brought in truckloads to the Kharar vegetable market, where they are ripened locally. They said that when Union leaders conducted a check at a store the other day, they noticed a strong and unpleasant smell of chemicals coming from there. This raised suspicion that illegal chemicals are being used inside the stores to ripen fruits. They demanded a thorough investigation to determine whether illegal chemicals are being used. They also demanded an inquiry into how many trucks of bananas and other fruits arrive here daily and how much revenue the Kharar Market Committee earns from these fruits. When contacted, Gurnam Singh, Secretary of the Kharar Market Committee, stated that he has written to the officials of the Health Department, Mohali, informing them that raw bananas are being ripened here.

Barinder Kumar Goyal to unfurl national flag in Jalandhar on Republic Day



JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, JAN 20

Punjab Mines and Geology, Water Resources and Soil and Water Conservation Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal will perform the ceremony of hoisting the national flag at the district level function being celebrated at the local Guru Gobind Singh Stadium on January 26 on the occasion of Republic Day. Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) Amaninder Kaur, while reviewing the ongoing rehearsal of the district level function at the stadium today, gave necessary directions to the students of participating schools and colleges and their teachers. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Navdeep Kaur was also present on the occasion. She said that this important day will be celebrated by the district administration with full devotion, enthusiasm and patriotic spirit, for which elaborate arrangements are being made. She said that during the district level function, march past, PT by students of various schools Apart from the show, cultural performances full of patriotic spirit will be presented. He said that during the district level function, apart from the freedom fighters who contributed to the country's freedom struggle, personalities who have achieved fame in various fields and officers/employees of various departments with excellent performance will be honored.

MP Manish Tewari launches India's first verified volunteering platform



R N KHERA
CHANDIGARH, JAN 20

Member of Parliament Shri Manish Tewari will inaugurate Leeche, a digital platform designed to bring transparency and accountability to volunteer coordination in India.

The launch event will feature a panel discussion on challenges facing NGOs and volunteers, followed by CSR awards recognizing organizations demonstrating exemplary social impact. On this occasion chandigarh Congress President H S Lucky was also present.

"Volunteering is fundamental to civic engagement, but without proper infrastructure, impact remains difficult to measure or scale," said Sumeir, founder of Leeche. "We're not building another donation platform. We're creating verified infrastructure for time-based contributions where attendance is confirmed by organizations, not self-declared."

Leeche connects volunteers with NGOs through a structured workflow. Organizations publish opportunities in a public directory with verified details, volunteers register for events aligned with their interests, and service hours are digitally confirmed after participation.

This creates a permanent, transparent record that schools and institutions can trust.

PPCB & MC officials aware shopkeepers for China dor



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JAN 20

The officials of the Punjab pollution control board (PPCB), regional office, Sangrur including, Er. Dharam Soni, SDO and Er Ritakshi Dhariwal along with the representatives from the MC, Sangrur conducted a surprise inspection of shops regarding the ban on China Dor popularly known as Manja.During the inspection operation, a total number of 15 of shops in Sangrur city were inspected and the shopkeepers were duly sensitized about the prohibition on the purchase, sale, and use of China Dor.

The shopkeepers were also instructed to prominently display the relevant awareness banner regarding China dor in their respective shops.

CDOE Panjab University organises placement camp to enhance employability of distance learners



CHANDIGARH: The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), Panjab University, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the District Bureau of Employment and Enterprises (DBEE), Mohali, organised its second annual Placement Camp cum Workshop for distance learners ranging from Class XII to post-graduate programmes. The initiative reflects the University's sustained efforts to integrate employability, skill development, and academic progression for learners enrolled in distance and online modes.

The placement camp witnessed an encouraging response, with 545 students registering for the drive. Fourteen companies participated, offering students valuable exposure to industry expectations, career pathways, and placement opportunities. As a significant outcome of the event, 101 candidates were shortlisted, underscoring the relevance and impact of the initiative.

The primary objectives of the programme were to enable students to become self-reliant in financing their further education, bridge the gap between academia and industry, and equip learners with market-relevant skills. The workshop sessions were conducted by Mr. Amit Setia, Vice President, Xeam Ventures, along with DBEE officers Ms. Sukhaman Kaur and Ms. Sukhman Bath, who served as resource persons.

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Educated women build empowered societies: Dr. Deepak Jyoti



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Placing education at the center of development is the most powerful way to empower women, asserted noted social worker Dr. Deepak Jyoti, during a special interaction on women's advancement held today. She said that while conversations around women's empowerment are widespread, real transformation begins only when girls receive quality education from an early age. Dr. Jyoti stressed that an educated woman has the ability to shape not only her own future but also influence the progress of her family, community, and the nation. "Education equips women with the confidence to build strong careers, earn sustainable livelihoods, and maintain better physical and mental health," she noted. According to her, early educational intervention creates a positive cycle where knowledge leads to opportunities, and opportunities lead to financial independence. She further highlighted that educating one girl is equivalent to empowering two families, as the benefits naturally multiply across generations.

NEWS BRIEF

Operation Prahaar decisive war against gangsters: Karmjeet Kaur



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: District Planning Committee chairperson Karmjeet Kaur welcomed the Punjab Police's statewide "Operation Prahaar" against gangsters, describing it as a historic step towards restoring peace and law order in Punjab. She stated that under the fearless and decisive leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Police has declared a direct and resolute war against organised crime and gangster networks.Kaur informed that under the leadership of the Director General of Police (DGP), around 2,000 police teams comprising nearly 12,000 personnel have been actively conducting raids across Punjab since today.

Auxilium International school presents new vision of Global and holistic education



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SHAHPURKANDI : A grand press conference was organized today at Auxilium International School, Pathankot, where the school's future vision, innovative academic model, and value-based education system were presented in detail before the media. On this occasion, a new and global perspective in the field of education was shared.The press conference was chaired by Ms. Ruchi Chouhan, Academic Chancellor (Chairperson and Principal). She was accompanied on the dais by Mr. Mithun, Head of Administration and State President (Pathankot) of the All India Principals Association (AIPA). Addressing the media, Ms. Ruchi Chouhan stated that Auxilium International School is a future-ready educational institution where students will be provided with an integrated, balanced, and practical academic approach drawn from CBSE, CISCE, and IB boards.

PPS Nabha riders emerge overall champions in showjumping at dream alliance season-5



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: The riders of The Punjab Public School (PPS), Nabha, delivered an outstanding performance to clinch the overall first position in showjumping at the Dream Alliance Season-5. The prize distribution ceremony of the prestigious equestrian event was held at the PPS campus on January 19, 2026. As many as twelve teams from renowned schools and institutes participated in the competition, making the event highly competitive. Demonstrating exceptional skill, discipline, and teamwork, the PPS riders dominated the showjumping events and secured the top overall slot. The PPS contingent won an impressive total of nine medals, including two gold, three silver, and four bronze medals. Lovinder Singh won one gold and one bronze medal, while Kanwar Jaideep Singh also bagged one gold and one bronze. Dhanveer Singh added to the tally with two silver medals, Jujharveer Singh secured one silver medal, and Birkunwar Singh bagged two bronze medals. Headmaster Dr DC Sharma felicitated the officials and office-bearers of Dream Alliance on the occasion. Congratulating the riders on their remarkable achievement, he lauded their dedication and hard work and complimented the team for bringing laurels to the school. He also encouraged the students to continue striving for excellence in sports alongside academics.

Free breast cancer screening camp for women organised

BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR: Under a special initiative taken by Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Walia in collaboration with ACT Grants Organisation, the first of it's kind free medical screening camp for women organised at the Aam Aadmi Clinic located in the District Administrative Complex. During the camp, breast cancer screening was conducted using an AI-based thermal device. Along with this, all tests including cervical and oral cancer screenings were conducted free of cost. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Rupnagar Shri Varjeet Walia stated that this free medical screening camp was organised keeping in mind the health of women. The main objective of the camp was to ensure timely detection and treatment of serious diseases like cancer among women.
Deputy Commissioner informed that during this free medical screening, women above the age of 30 were screened using AI technology for breast cancer, cervical cancer, oral cancer, and other necessary medical tests, all at no cost. After examination by doctors and paramedical staff, guidance for further treatment was also provided wherever required. He said that due to lack of awareness about cancer or financial constraints, many women are unable to get their health checked in time, which often leads to the disease becoming severe. Keeping this in view, the district administration has taken this initiative so that women can get their health checked without any financial burden. Shri Varjeet Walia emphasized that a healthy woman is the foundation of a healthy family and society.



Police launches 72-hour operation Prahar against gangsters

CHANDIGARH, JAN 20 (UNI)



The Punjab Police on Tuesday launched a statewide 72-hour drive named Operation Prahar to intensify action against gangsters and organised crime networks.

Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav announced that nearly 2,000 special police teams, comprising around 12,000 personnel, have been deployed across Punjab to identify, track and act against criminals, their associates and those supporting their activities.

The DGP said the operation focuses not only on active gangsters but also on individuals involved in facilitating crime, including financial backers and those providing logistical support.

He stated that family members found playing any role in criminal activities will also face legal action. To seek public cooperation, the Punjab Police has released a helpline number 93946-93946 for sharing information related to gangsters and organised crime. Soon after the launch of the operation, encounters were reported in Jalandhar and Mandi Gobindgarh.

In Mandi Gobindgarh, police had taken a gangster identified as Shiva for the recovery of weapons when he allegedly opened fire on the police party, injuring a Home Guards personnel. The police retaliated in self-defence, during which the accused was injured and subsequently arrested. In Jalandhar, two suspects were intercepted by the police and allegedly fired upon the police team. During the exchange of fire, one of the accused, identified as Karan, was injured, while his associate managed to flee from the spot.

The suspects are accused of opening fire on Sukhchain Singh, a youth who had recently returned from the United Kingdom. Police investigations indicate that the conspiracy had links abroad and was allegedly executed through hired shooters following a financial dispute involving overseas associates.

The DGP informed that about 60 major gangsters currently operating from foreign countries have been identified. The police have also mapped nearly 1,200 associates and around 600 family members linked to these networks. Red Corner Notices have already been issued against 23 gangsters, while efforts are underway to initiate similar proceedings against others, including those illegally staying in South and Middle Eastern countries, he said.

He said the operation will also target criminal financing, money laundering and drug trafficking. Properties linked to drug traffickers have been frozen, and action will be taken against assets or businesses found to be connected with criminal activities.

The police will also proceed against illegal travel agents who assist criminals in fleeing abroad after committing offences. To strengthen action against absconding criminals overseas, the Punjab Police has set up an Overseas Fugitive Tracking and Extradition Cell under the Counter-Intelligence wing.

Sond launches handbook on BoCW schemes and procedures



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JAN 20

The Punjab Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (BoCW) organized an awareness programme for stakeholders of the Labour Department, during which a Handbook on BoCW Schemes and Procedures was formally launched by Labour Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond.

The programme aimed to create awareness about BoCW schemes, procedures, and timelines, and to promote a worker-friendly approach for timely assistance to construction workers. A panel discussion on labour reforms was also held, focusing on implementation challenges and field-level experiences. The discussion also covered procedural alignment of BoCW schemes under the new Labour Codes, with emphasis on transparency, ease of compliance, and stakeholder coordination. During the function, best-performing districts were felicitated and letters of appreciation were presented to the concerned Deputy Commissioners. Appreciation letters were also awarded to best-performer Assistant Labour Commissioners and Labour Inspectors for their effective implementation of welfare schemes. Anurag Kundu, Member PDC and Secretary Labour Manvesh Singh Sidhu, highlighted the reforms undertaken by the BoCW Board to simplify procedures, reduce unnecessary documentation, and ensure timely delivery of welfare schemes. The achievements of the Board in improving outreach and service delivery to construction workers were also shared. Special felicitation was given to the Rajiv Gupta Labour Commissioner-cum-Secretary, BoCW Board, Deputy Secretary BoCW Board Padamjit Singh and officials of the Punjab Development Commission for their extraordinary efforts in compiling the Handbook and for initiatives taken to reduce unnecessary procedural requirements. The programme was also attended by Director Rural Development Amit Talwar, DC Sangrur, Rahul Chabba, ADCs of Patiala and Fazilka, Assistant Labour Commissioners, Deputy Director Factories, Labour Inspectors and officials of the BoCW Board and Labour Welfare Board.

Earring snatcher arrested within 24 hours, gold recovered



LEHRAGAGA (GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA): The accused who snatched the earring from the ear of a woman sunbathing in Ward No. 1 of the local city yesterday was arrested by Lehragaga Police along with his motorcycle within 24 hours and the earring snatched from him has also been recovered.DSP Lehra Mr. Ranbir Singh, while giving the above information, said that on January 19, a woman named Kamlesh Rani was sitting in front of her house in Ward No. 1 and was sunbathing. Meanwhile, an unknown person wearing a mask reached there and snatched the gold earring from her ear and escaped.

He said that on the statement of the family, a case was registered in the Lehragaga police station and the police immediately chased the accused with the help of technical and human intelligence and arrested the accused Baldeep Singh alias Deepu, son of Baljit Singh, resident of Ward No. 6, Lehra.

He said that the motorcycle used in the incident (No. PB-13-AA-4760) and the stolen gold earring have also been recovered from the accused.DSP Ranbir Singh PPS Deputy Superintendent of Police Sub-Division Lehra said that several cases of theft and robbery have been registered against Baldeep Singh in the past. He said that to get more clues from the accused, he will be produced in the honorable court and remanded.

Sirsa tractor driver wins Rs 10 crore in Punjab state Dear Lohri Makar Sankranti bumper draw

LUDHIANA, JAN 20



The Punjab State Lotteries Directorate conducted the draw of the Punjab State Dear Lohri Makar Sankranti Bumper 2026 lottery scheme on January 17, 2026, in Ludhiana. Under this scheme, the first prize of Rs 10 crore was guaranteed to be drawn only from the sold tickets.

In the draw, the first prize of Rs 10 crore was won by Prithvi Singh, a resident of village Mohammad Puriya in Rania subdivision of Sirsa district.

The prize winner works as a tractor driver in his village.Prithvi Singh visited the Punjab State Lotteries office on January 19, 2026, and submitted his prize claim form. He said that he plans to utilise the prize money to meet his family's needs, secure his children's future and invest in agriculture. Expressing his happiness, the prize winner said that lottery draws conducted by Punjab State Lotteries are carried out with complete transparency, due to which there is considerable enthusiasm among the general public regarding the lottery schemes run by the department. Meanwhile, the department has announced that the draw of the Punjab State Dear Holi Bumper 2026 will be held on March 14, 2026, in which a first prize of Rs 3 crore will be drawn with a guaranteed assurance from the sold tickets.

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CM yogshala classes prove to be boon for Mansa residents



KULWINDER KARWAL
MANSA, JAN 20

The Punjab Government's flagship initiative 'CM di Yogshala' is bringing transformative health benefits to the residents of Mansa district, empowering thousands to embrace a fitter, happier lifestyle through free yoga sessions.

In a remarkable show of community enthusiasm, over 6,070 people are actively participating in 196 dedicated yoga classes across the district. These sessions are expertly led by 21 trained yoga instructors, making high-quality guidance accessible to everyone.

Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Navjot Kaur IAS said that yoga not only boosts physical fitness but also fosters deep mental peace and emotional balance. Through CM di Yogshala, Mansa residents are making positive changes in their daily routines.

Open to all age groups—from children and youth to women and senior citizens—the classes welcome everyone eager to prioritize health. Interested residents can form a group of just 25 people and contact the helpline at 78888-40130 or visit the portal https://cmdiyogshala.punjab.gov.in for registration.

Deputy Commissioner Navjot Kaur appealed to all Mansa residents to get registered and take advantage of free classes.

Mining dept seizes four tippers for illegal mineral transport in Garhshankar

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 20



The Mining Department seized four tippers carrying minerals without valid documents during routine checks and issued challans under the Punjab Minor Mineral Rules (PAMMR) Act 2013. The vehicles were handed over to the police. SDO Mining Harpreet Singh (note: corrected from "Harkanwal" for standard transliteration) stated that checks at Garhshankar and Kotfatuhi uncovered the violations. The tippers—PB 10 HQ 9391, PB 07 CD 3037, PB 10 HD 8787, and PB 10 JZ 7269—were transporting mining materials like dust without paperwork, leading to their impoundment under Rules 74 and 75 of the Act. Three tippers were parked at the Garhshankar Truck Union, and one at the Kotfatuhi police post, with authorities notified. The fines for the four vehicles total around Rs 4.5 lakh. SDO Singh affirmed that the department's enforcement drives will continue unabated.

Punjab DIPR organises 4th annual reigious function



CHANDIGARH, JAN 20

Punjab Information and Public Relations Department organised fourth consecutive religious function here at Gurdwara Sahib of Punjab Civil Secretariat-1 here, on Tuesday.

The function was organised to observe the Prakash Purb of Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji with full devotion and religious fervour. Sri Sukhmani Sahib Paath and Ardas was organised for Sarbat Da Bhalla (Blessings for Everyone).

Following which shabad kirtan was recited by Bhai Saroop Singh. Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab President & Employment Generation, Skill Development & Training Minister Mr. Aman Arora, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian, Revenue Minister S. Hardip Singh Mundian, General Secretary AAP and Media Incharge Mr. Baltej Singh Pannu, Secretary Information and Public Relations Mr. Ramvir, Secretary General Administration Ms. Gauri Prashar Joshi, Special DGP Amardeep Singh Rai, OSD CM (Media) Mr. Amanjot Singh, Director Media Communication to Chief Minister Mr. Anil Saini, Director DIPR Dr. Akshita Gupta, Deputy Secretary DIPR Mr. Deepankar Garg, Joint Secretary GAD Mr.

Tejdeep Singh Saini, Additional Director (Admin) Mr. Sandeep Singh Garha, ADO Sukhwinder Singh, State Information Commissioner Harpreet Singh Sandhu and Dr Nirmal Jaura joined the staff of DIPR to pay obeisance and seek blessings from the Almighty. Large number of media fraternity and staff from various departments including Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2 and Punjab Vidhan Sabha thronged to participate in this religious event.

AAP govt tightens noose around those running gangs from jails and from abroad; special police teams constituted: Tinu



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JAN 20

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab leader and spokesperson Pawan Kumar Tinu has praised the "Gangsters te Vaar" campaign launched by Punjab Police against organised crime, following the successful 'War Against Drugs' campaign carried out against drug smugglers.

Addressing a press conference in Jalandhar, Tinu said that this campaign has been launched as per the clear and strict directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, with the objective of completely freeing Punjab from gangsterism and organised crime. On this occasion, AAP leaders Tarandeep Singh Sunny, District Media In-charge Sanjeev Bhagat, Media Coordinator Anmol Khanna and Media Coordinator Naresh Kumar were also present. He said that the safety of the people of Punjab is the top priority of the AAP government. Anyone who tries to disturb Punjab's peace and brotherhood will not be spared.

School students take part in an awareness programme on career opportunities in agriculture sector

SUSHIL GOYAL
SANGRUR, JAN 20



Under the aegis of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), Ludhiana Chapter, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU)–Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kheri (Sangrur), organised an awareness programme for school students in the premises of the KVK, Kheri.

The programme, focused on Career Opportunities in the Agriculture Sector creating awareness among adolescents about the mandates and activities of the KVKs, was witnessed by about 100 students from Government Smart High School, Kheri, and marking a significant step towards sensitising the younger generation about agriculture-related careers and scientific interventions.

Dr. Mandeep Singh, Associate Director, KVK, Kheri, led the session and highlighted the vast spectrum of career opportunities available in the agricultural sector. He provided detailed information on various degree programmes in agricultural sciences and discussed the changing dynamics of agriculture, emphasizing the role of innovation, mechanization, and modern technologies in shaping the future of the agro-industry. Dr Vitasta, Assistant Professor (Home Science), shared information about the vocational trainings being conducted at the KVK and emphasized the importance of a balanced diet during adolescence, a critical stage for physical and mental development.

PPCB conducts kite string inspection in Morinda market, issues strict warning against Chinese thread

MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA): A team of the Punjab Pollution Control Board carried out an inspection drive in the Morinda market to check the sale of banned kite strings, particularly Chinese thread. The team was led by SDO Shubham Rai.



During the inspection, various shops were checked with a special focus on traders selling kite strings. The PPCB team included Gursharan Singh, supervisors Gurlal Singh and Yashpal Mehta, and Aamir Hasan, while a Morinda police party was also present during the operation.

No objectionable or banned material was recovered from any of the shops during the checking. However, shopkeepers found selling kite strings were issued a strict warning and clearly instructed not to sell Chinese thread under any circumstances in the future. The officials cautioned that if any complaint regarding the sale of banned Chinese thread is received later, immediate legal action will be initiated against the concerned shopkeepers.

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Delegation of Himachal Pradesh School Lecturers Association meets Education Minister

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A delegation of Himachal Pradesh School Lecturers Association met Education Minister Rohit Thakur under the leadership of State President of Lecturers Association Ajay Negi. The delegation apprised the Education Minister about the pending demands of the Lecturers Association like implementation of CBSE related arrangements etc. and submitted a written memorandum. This information was given to Himachal Pradesh by State Chief Media Secretary of Lecturers Association Rajan Sharma.



NEWS BRIEF

Two youth die in two separate incidents in Amb area

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Two young men died in two separate incidents on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, under the jurisdiction of the Amb police station. In the first incident, Raman Kumar (17/18), son of Ashok Kumar, a resident of the village and post office of Kuthera Khairla, Tehsil Amb, died after falling from a ladder while working at home. The accident occurred around 9:15 am. Police arrived at the scene, took possession of the body, and have begun further investigation. In the second incident, the body of Praveen Kumar (25), son of Joginder Singh, a resident of Jijar village, Tehsil Amb, was recovered from a ditch in the village. The deceased was reportedly an alcoholic. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation. Necessary legal action is being taken by the police in both the cases.

CM dedicates projects worth Rs. 63.56 cr in Manali



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 20

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated and laid foundation for eight projects totaling around Rs. 63.56 crore during his tour of Manali Assembly Constituency. The Chief Minister inaugurated up-gradation works of Nathna-Jana road under PMGSY completed at a cost of Rs. 10.69 crore, up-gradation works of Manali-Kanyal road at a cost of Rs. 5.04 crore and metalling and tarring works of the Bebli-Jindaud road at a cost of Rs. 13.19 crore. He laid foundations of 33/11 KV GIC Power sub-station Ibex chowk Manali to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 13.52 crore, a bridge on Beas river at Rangdi with Rs. 15 crore, landslide control prevention works for Rangdi and Batahar on the left bank of Beas river to cost Rs. 2.90 crore, hot water bath service at Kalath to cost Rupees One crore and District Panchayat Resource Centre, Bashing, Kullu, to cost Rs. 2.22 crore.

NSUI's 'Drug-Free Campus' campaign inaugurated



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated the NSUI District Mandi's 'Drug-Free Campus' campaign from Shimla. The main aim of the campaign is to make young people aware of the harmful effects of drugs especially chitta in school and college campuses and to encourage them to take part in education, sports and other positive activities. On the occasion, the Chief Minister said that NSUI Mandi's 'Drug-Free Campus' campaign strengthens the state government's vision of a drug-free Himachal and gives further momentum to the government's ongoing drive against drug abuse, including chitta. He appreciated the initiative and said that such campaigns were extremely important to keep the youth away from drugs. NSUI District Mandi President Anit Jaswal said that the campaign was inspired by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's anti-chitta campaign and aims to make school and college campuses free from drugs. He said that the campaign would include awareness programmes, anti-drug pledges, anti-chitta walkathons and sports tournaments. The campaign would run from 23 January to 15 February, with programmes first being organised at the school level and later at the college level. MLAs Sanjay Awasthi and Rakesh Kalia were also present on the occasion.

Revenue Minister presides over Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 20

Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi presides over s meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee held here today. The meeting reviewed the implementation of decisions taken in Cabinet meetings. Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani, along with AYUSH Minister Yadvinder Goma, were also present in the meeting. During the meeting it was informed that between 13 January 2023 and 30 June 2025, a total of 1,160 decisions were taken in Cabinet meetings, out of which 1,116 decisions have been successfully implemented. Discussions were held on the remaining 44 decisions, which relate to the Finance, Health, Industries, Jal Shakti, Multipurpose Projects and Power, Tourism and Transport Departments. Jagat Singh Negi directed the officers to ensure time-bound implementation of the remaining decisions so that the general public can benefit. Town and Country Planning Minister Rajesh Dharmani said that we must not forget the people of the state. Every officer and employee of the state government is accountable to the public. Additional Chief Secretary R.D. Nazeem, Additional Chief Secretary Shyam Bhagat Negi, Principal Secretary Devesh Kumar, Member Secretary Harbans Singh Braskon, Secretary Digital Technology and Governance Ashish Singhmar, Director Tourism and Civil Aviation Vivek Bhatia and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

Nakrana set to soar as Himachal's next adventure & tourism powerhouse: Rahul

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JAN 20

Bilaspur is poised to script a new chapter in tourism as the State Government has approved the ambitious plan to develop adventure and water sports in the scenic Nakrana area near Sri Naina Devi Ji and Govind Sagar Lake. With this approval, the tender process will commence shortly, paving the way for transforming Nakrana into a vibrant, multi-dimensional tourism destination. Chairing a meeting of the Tourism, Sports, Trade and Employment Generation Society, Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur Rahul Kumar highlighted that the district administration's vision for



Nakrana has now received the State's green signal. A district-level team had earlier surveyed the region and found its serene lake waters, panoramic mountain backdrop and proximity to major religious sites perfectly suited for adventure and water-based tourism. In the coming days, tourists and pilgrims will be able to experience a wide range of activities, including boating, kayaking, cruise services, motor boating, jet skiing, banana and sofa rides, shikara rides, canoeing, water skiing and rowing on the pristine waters of Govind Sagar Lake. Strategically located between Bhakra Dam and Shri Naina Devi Ji, Nakrana will seamlessly blend religious tourism with adventure and leisure experiences. The project is expected to bring direct and indirect benefits to 12–15 surrounding Panchayats. It will generate new employment opportunities, strengthen the hotel and hospitality sector, and provide Self Help Groups—especially women—with platforms to sell local products.

Five days Winter Carnival begins in Manali

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU, JAN 20

The Five days National Level Winter Carnival commenced grandly amidst a confluence of faith and folk culture in Devbhoomi (Land of Gods). Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu formally inaugurated the Winter Carnival by flagging off the procession after offering prayers at the Mata Hidimba Temple. On this occasion, cultural troupes from across the country, along with more than 250 women's groups, presented colorful tableaux in traditional attire, immersing Manali in a vibrant cultural atmosphere. The tableaux showcased social messages, folk traditions, and a vivid glimpse of Himachali culture. Along with the Chief Minister, Kullu MLA Sundar Thakur, Manali MLA



Bhuvneshwar Gaud, Milk Federation Chairman Budhi Singh Thakur, APMC Chairman Ram Singh Mian, and several other public representatives and dignitaries were present on the occasion. As soon as the Chief Minister flagged off the procession, the entire area from Circuit House to Mall Road in Manali transformed into a festive atmosphere.

Thousands of locals and tourists flocked to the streets to witness the carnival parade. The tableaux presented by the women's groups captivated the audience, showcasing various facets of life. The local women beautifully displayed their creativity and cultural heritage through the tableaux. The tableaux conveyed messages about traditional lifestyles, social concerns, and folk life.

Una private schools asked to apply online for recognition and renewal by March 15

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: The schedule for recognition and renewal of private schools in Una district for the academic session 2026–27 has been issued by the Office of the Deputy Director of School Education (Elementary), Una. Deputy Director Somlal Dhiman said that under Section 2(n), sub-sections (ii) and (iv) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, all private school managements are required to submit a self-declaration in the prescribed format at least 15 days before the start of each academic session. Applications for recognition and renewal can be submitted online up to March 15, 2026, through the designated education department portal. He said that private institutions whose recognition period of five years has been completed must apply afresh for recognition and submit the required documents in the concerned office. For inspection and grant of recognition, a fee of Rs.10,000 for classes 1 to 8 and Rs.5,000 for classes 6 to 8 will have to be deposited online in the government treasury, while the annual renewal fee has been fixed at Rs. 500. Dhiman cautioned that if any private school is found operating without recognition or despite rejection of recognition, strict action including penalty can be taken against it under Section 18(5) of the Right to Education Act, 2009. He further directed that under Section 12(1)(c) of the Act, all unaided private schools must reserve 25 per cent seats at the entry level for children from economically weaker sections and disadvantaged groups. Making proper arrangements for this and ensuring wide publicity will be the responsibility of the school management.

Annual inspection by Deputy Director Quality Education at PM Shri Govt Model Sr Sec School Amb



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Deputy Director of Quality Education Neelam Kumari conducted the annual inspection of PM Shri Government Model Senior Secondary School, Amb. She thoroughly inspected the school's academic, co-curricular, and administrative activities. During the inspection, the Deputy Director and accompanying officials visited classrooms to observe the teaching-learning process, asked questions of students, and commended the activities being conducted by teachers. They also closely examined the various clubs and activities conducted at the school.

The inspection included all the school's departments, including the ELC Club, NCC, NSS, Scouts and Guides, Disaster Management, and the Sexual Harassment Committee. Following the inspection, the Deputy Director stated that all the school's facilities were well-organized and satisfactory. He particularly praised the school's beautiful, clean, and green campus and stated that the school provides quality education to its students. The Deputy Director expressed his appreciation for the work of the school's Principal, Vinod Vaniyal, and all the staff members.

HP among leading states in NITI Aayog's India Electric Mobility Index: Mukesh Agnihotri

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 20

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, while presiding over the fifth meeting of HP State Transport Development and Road Safety Council here today, said that the State Government is continuously working with priority on transparency, digital reforms, road safety, employment generation, and green mobility in the transport sector. He stated that during the period from January 2023 to December 2025, the Transport Department generated revenue of Rs. 2,597.59 crore, which was Rs 1,098 crore (approximately 73 percent) more than the corresponding period of the previous government. This increase is a direct result of a strengthened enforcement system and digital initiatives. The Deputy Chief Minister said that Himachal Pradesh



being included among the leading states in the NITI Aayog's India Electric Mobility Index reflects the State Government's commitment to green transport and sustainable development. The government will continue to work with full determination to realize the vision of a "Green Himachal." He said that as per the Explanatory Memorandum of the Finance Department for the year 2024-25, the Transport Department ranks second in the state in terms of revenue/tax collection, after the State Taxes and Excise Department. He further said that to make the vehicle fitness system scientific and transparent, Automated Testing Stations (ATS) are being established. In the government sector, these centers will be set up at Haroli in Una and Nadaun in Hamirpur, while in the private sector, ATS have been approved at Ranital in Kangra, Bilaspur, Kangu in Mandi, Nalagarh in Solan, and Paonta Sahib in Sirmaur. Construction of the Ranital ATS has been completed and work at the remaining centers is progressing rapidly.

Participation in organisational festival brings pride; BJP's internal democracy is unique in world: Dr Rajeev Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 20

Himachal Pradesh BJP president Dr Rajeev Bindal on Tuesday said that participating in the election process of the party's new national president under the 'Sangathan Parv' at the BJP Central Office in New Delhi was a moment of immense pride. He described the organisational festival as a powerful reflection of the Bharatiya Janata Party's strong internal democracy, calling it unparalleled anywhere in the world. Dr Bindal said that the organisational event witnessed the participation of the BJP's national leadership along with chief ministers, former chief ministers, state presidents, former state presidents and senior leaders from across the country, showcasing the party's robust organisational structure and democratic traditions.



Congratulating Nitin Nabin on being elected as the national president of the BJP, Dr Bindal extended heartfelt greetings and best wishes on behalf of the entire Himachal BJP family. He said that under Nabin's leadership, the balance of youthful thinking, organisational energy and experience would play a decisive role in taking the party to new heights.

Reflecting on the party's journey, Dr Bindal said that the BJP's rise from modest beginnings to the pinnacle of national politics is not merely the story of a political party, but a saga of sacrifice, dedication and unwavering faith of millions of workers. He recalled that the party was founded by Syama Prasad Mukherjee with the resolve of "one nation, one symbol, one constitution", and later shaped ideologically by Deendayal Upadhyaya, whose philosophy of Antyodaya emphasised the upliftment of the last person in society.

Natural farming offers high returns; retired principal cultivates several quintals of turmeric

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, JAN 20

The efforts made by the state government to promote natural farming on a large scale and increase farmers' income through it are yielding very good results.

The state government is buying wheat grown through natural farming at Rs. 60 per kg and maize at Rs. 40 per kg, while a price of Rs. 90 per kg has been fixed for raw turmeric. Inspired by this scheme of the state government, Subhash Kapila, an educationist from Bairi Brahmna village in Bhukkar Gram Panchayat of Bhoranj sub-division, and his wife Urmila Kapila, have set an excellent example for the farmers and horticulturists of the region by producing



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IMD predicts rain and snowfall in coming days

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SHIMLA: The Meteorological Department had predicted light snowfall and rain in the higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh on January 19, but the weather remained dry in the state during the last 24 hours. According to the Meteorological Department, the weather will remain completely clear today and tomorrow, i.e., January 20 and 21. However, the weather will change from January 22, and a spell of rain and snowfall will begin in the state. This will bring relief to the people who have been suffering from a long dry spell. This will be especially good news for farmers and horticulturists. Meanwhile, a cold wave alert has also been issued in Himachal Pradesh along with the cold weather. The entire state is in the grip of a cold wave. A yellow alert has been issued for cold waves in the morning and evening, especially in the lower and plains areas. The Meteorological Department has warned of cold waves in Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Mandi, and Kangra today.

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NIT Hamirpur to begin survey of IIT extension campus in Bhagotla within week

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: The survey for the construction of the proposed IIT Mandi extension campus in Bhagotla, Palampur, will begin within a week. A team from NIT Hamirpur will conduct the survey. IIT Mandi is taking the necessary steps in this regard. Today, the Chief Minister's Principal Advisor (Innovation, Digital Technology and Governance), Gokul Butail, along with IIT Mandi Director Prof. Laxmidhar Behera and the Palampur administration, visited the proposed site. During the visit, Gokul Butail took feedback from the administration on various matters and issued appropriate instructions. Prof. Laxmidhar Behera informed that the NIT Hamirpur team will begin the necessary work for the construction survey within a week. During the visit, Gokul Butail instructed the officials of the concerned departments to ensure proper road connectivity to the proposed construction site so that construction materials can be transported without interruption.

Cong asks cadres to gear up for panchayat polls, intensify 'Save MGNREGA' campaign: Vinay Kumar

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee president Vinay Kumar has called upon party workers to gear up for the forthcoming panchayat elections and actively enter the field. Welcoming the government's decision to hold panchayat elections before April 30, he said the Congress has always respected and upheld democratic traditions. Addressing party workers, Vinay Kumar advised them to field and support candidates in panchayat elections who are firmly rooted in the party's ideology. He said panchayat elections are extremely important as they play a crucial role in strengthening the ideological foundation of any political party at the grassroots level. He also urged workers to intensify the ongoing 'Save MGNREGA Movement' against what he termed as attempts to remove the name of Mahatma Gandhi from MGNREGA and weaken the scheme.

Rahul Gandhi slams BJP govt on Noida techie death case

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NEW DELHI, JAN 20



The Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Tuesday raised concerns over the lack of accountability after the death of a 27-year-old man who died after his car plunged into the drain in Greater Noida's Sector 150 area. In a post on X, the Congress leader cited the various national issues that claimed innocent lives and attributed them to a lack of accountability, in a veiled attack on the BJP government. "Roads kill, Bridges kill, Fires kill, Water kills, Pollution kills, Corruption kills, Indifference kills; India's urban collapse isn't about lack of money, technology, or solutions. It's about lack of accountability," he wrote in the post. The Congress MP also gave an abbreviation: "TINA: There Is No Accountability.", Gautam Buddh Nagar SDM Sadar Ashutosh Gupta ensured action against the culprit after a 27-year-old Yuvraj Mehta passed away after his car plunged into a drain in Greater Noida."This is a very unfortunate incident, and an investigation is underway. Action will be taken against whoever is found guilty," he said.Meanwhile, the victim's family has alleged gross administrative negligence, claiming that timely intervention could have saved his life as he struggled in the water for nearly two hours.Speaking to ANI, the victim's father, Rajkumar Mehta, said, "My son was struggling to save himself. My son was crying out for help, asking people to help him, but most of the crowd was just watching. Some people were making videos."He further alleged, "My son struggled for 2 hours to save his life. The officials and staff present were unable to save him. They did not have any divers. There is negligence on the part of the administration in this entire matter."Rajkumar Mehta demanded strict action against those responsible and the implementation of improved safety measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Police alert in Ladwa before Republic Day as station in-charge conducts surprise checks

KARAMBIR
LADWA, JAN 20



The police administration appears to be fully vigilant regarding the safety of the people in Ladwa, the Chief Minister's home district. On Tuesday, Ladwa Police Station in-charge Gurnam Singh conducted a surprise inspection at various police checkpoints set up in the city and took stock of the duty arrangements of the deployed police personnel.

The station in-charge visited all the checkpoints and issued strict instructions to the police personnel deployed there that any laxity in security arrangements would not be tolerated. He ordered that all vehicles and people passing through each checkpoint in the city should be thoroughly checked. If any suspicious vehicle or person was seen, they should be immediately stopped, questioned and searched. SHO Gurnam Singh stated that with Republic Day approaching special security precautions were being taken. Consequently, all police checkpoints set up in the city have been personally inspected to ensure that all police officers are performing their duties with utmost honesty and diligence. He issued orders to the police personnel deployed at the checkpoints, stating that no employee should be negligent while on duty and that they should perform their duties with full responsibility. He also directed that action be taken against drivers of vehicles with fake number plates or two-wheelers carrying more than two people and that challans be issued as per the rules. The station in-charge stated that the police's primary objective is to maintain peace and order in the city and ensure the safety of the general public. To this end, continuous checking operations will continue at all checkpoints, and any suspicious activity will be immediately addressed.

Great Khali alleges land fraud by Paonta Sahib officials

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SHIMLA, JAN 20



The Great Khali, alias Daleep Singh Rana, on Tuesday levelled serious allegations against officials of the Revenue Department in Paonta Sahib, accusing them of facilitating large-scale land fraud and claiming that "the entire Paonta Sahib has been sold off through corrupt practices." Addressing a press conference in Shimla, Khali alleged that corrupt officials, including senior revenue functionaries, were operating with impunity and believed themselves to be above the Constitution.

He claimed that he himself is a victim of the alleged scam and that hundreds of other residents have suffered similar losses due to murky land deals carried out with the active connivance of revenue officials. Khali stated that his father had purchased around 16 bighas of land in Surajpur village of Paonta Sahib in 2013. However, years later, the Revenue Department is now claiming that the land belongs to another person.

He further alleged that nearly 12 bighas of his land has been wrongly declared as ravines in official records. Calling the development shocking, Khali said it clearly reflects serious irregularities and manipulation of land records. He alleged that major fraud has also been committed against more than 100 people in the villages of Surajpur and Bhatanwali. According to him, ancestral land holdings of residents were transferred on paper, Khasra numbers were manipulated, and land was illegally sold to others.

Khali alleged that the Tehsildar and other senior revenue officials were involved in the entire scam. Residents Paramjit Kaur and Jasvir Kaur of Surajpur also levelled serious allegations of tampering with their land documents. They said they would meet Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu and demand a thorough and impartial investigation into the matter.

Karnal International School student Shivam selected for National Defence Academy

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KARNAL: Karnal International School proudly announces that its student Shivam has been recommended for the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA) by SSB Bangalore for the 156th NDA Course, Khadakwasla. Shivam will be joining the NDA shortly after completing his medical examination. Shivam received his training at the NDA Wing of Karnal International School, where he was rigorously prepared for both the UPSC examination and the SSB interview. His remarkable achievement reflects his hard work, discipline, perseverance, and a strong sense of duty towards the nation. This success has brought immense pride to his family, the school, and the entire faculty of Karnal International School. On this proud occasion, the Chairman of Karnal International School, Colonel Arun Datta, congratulated Shivam and lauded his dedication and determination. He also acknowledged the continuous efforts of the teachers and staff for their guidance and motivation. The Managing Director of Genesis Classes, Mr. Jitendra Ahlawat, and the School Director, Mr. Prakash Joshi, also extended their heartfelt congratulations, emphasizing that Shivam's accomplishment will inspire other students to aim high and serve the nation with honor. The management, teachers, and staff of Karnal International School wish Shivam a bright and successful future in the armed forces.



CM Sukhu confers Dr. Sanjay Vikrant with Doctors Award 2025

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: Himachal Pradesh has earned a moment of immense pride, Professor and Head of the Department of Nephrology at AIIMS Bilaspur Dr. Sanjay Vikrant has been honored with the prestigious Doctors Award 2025 for his extraordinary contributions to the field of nephrology. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu conferred the award. Dr. Vikrant's journey is a remarkable story of vision, dedication, and public service. At a time when specialized kidney care was almost non-existent in Himachal Pradesh, he took the initiative to establish and strengthen nephrology services, first at IGMC Shimla and later at AIIMS Bilaspur. His efforts led to the launch of the state's first government-level dialysis and kidney transplant services, along with the introduction of home-based CAPD services, among the earliest such initiatives in North India. AIIMS Registrar Rakesh Singh in a release told that under his leadership, round-the-clock emergency dialysis services were ensured across the state, reaching even the most remote and tribal regions. He also played a key role in developing a strong training ecosystem for doctors, dialysis technicians, and nursing staff, laying the foundation for a sustainable and skilled nephrology workforce. Dr. Sanjay Vikrant's relentless commitment has transformed Himachal Pradesh from a "nephrology desert" into a model state with an advanced, comprehensive, and public health–driven kidney care system.



ADC Sushil Kumar holds review meeting regarding preparations for Republic Day celebrations

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, JAN 20



ADC Sushil Kumar said that the Republic Day celebrations would be held at the Police Line grounds and MP Naveen Jindal would also attend as the chief guest. All concerned officials should complete the preparations for the ceremony in a timely manner. To make this event a success, department officials should work in coordination with each other and leave no stone unturned. ADC Sushil Kumar was holding a meeting with officials in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat regarding the celebrations of the Republic Day. He instructed the District Education Officer to prepare a complete outline of the PT show, parade and cultural programs and to ensure proper preparation of the children. The students participating in the program should not face any kind of problem. He thoroughly reviewed the flag hoisting, security arrangements, traffic management, cleanliness, electricity, sanitation, drinking water and medical facilities. The ADC said that all the tableaux included in the ceremony should be grand and attractive. The final rehearsal will be held on January 24. He issued instructions to the police officers that all the platoons should be in coordination with each other during the parade. He said that as per the scheduled time for the Republic Day celebrations, the program will be inaugurated by the Chief Guest hoisting the national flag at 10 am. Prior to this, the Chief Guest will lay a wreath at the Martyrs' Memorial in the city.

Geeta Kanya Sr Sec School organises program under Swadeshi Sankalp Run

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, JAN 20



Geeta Kanya Senior Secondary School, located on Amin Marg, run by Vidya Bharati Haryana and the Hindu Education Committee, organized a program under the Swadeshi Sankalp Run on Tuesday. The program began with the lighting of a lamp in front of Goddess Sharda. Present at the prayer meeting, Swadeshi Jagran Manch District Minister, Lieutenant Mr Ajay Jangra and Swadeshi Jagran Manch District Publicity Chief, Mr. Harikesh Paposa were introduced by the school Principal, Mrs. Suman Bala and honored them with mementos. Addressing the students, Mr. Harikesh Paposa announced that this campaign would run from January 12 Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary to January 23 Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary. These Swadeshi slogans, "Jai Swadeshi, Jai Jai Swadeshi, milk and curd in the plate, Pepsi and cola in the drain, whenever we go to the market, we will buy Swadeshi goods," filled the children with courage and enthusiasm. Addressing the students, Ajay Jangra emphasized that they should adopt as many Swadeshi products as possible. He said that Swadeshi was the only option to take their country on the path of progress. Today we are in the fourth position in the world economy and are moving towards becoming the third economy. He said that they must take care of five major types of Swadeshi items used in daily life - 1 Toothpaste - Babul, Vicko, Dabur, Baidyanath, Patanjali products 2- Soap, Surf, Shampoo - Santoor, Nirma, Shikakai, Neem, Godrej, Patanjali products 3- Shoes and clothes - Lakhani, Liberty, Paragon, Relaxo 4- Food should be Swadeshi and 5- Signature - should be in Hindi language only and maximum number of Swadeshi items should be used.

Focus Gram Panchayat Manthan programme held in Loharpura, Nurpur block



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: The "Focus Gram Panchayat Manthan Programme" was organised on Tuesday for Gram Panchayat Loharpura in Nurpur development block at the Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department rest house, Suliali. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation of around 150 people, including representatives of 10 women's groups, 21 self-help groups from all wards of the panchayat, along with members from Bal Vihar, young women's groups, youth groups, farmers and persons with disabilities. The main objective of the programme was to collectively deliberate on the present status and future roadmap of the nine key rural development goals identified by the Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development (CORD). The programme began with the lighting of the lamp, Guru Stotram and aarti. Senior CORD functionary Vipin Kashyap thereafter gave a detailed presentation on the objectives of the programme. He highlighted the life and work of revered Swami Chinmayanand Saraswati, stating that he was born in Ernakulam district of Kerala and his childhood name was Balakrishna Menon.

Kabaddi Champions League sets to begin on Jan 25



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR, JAN 20

For first time in state, Kabaddi Champions League is set to begin on January 25th. Before competition, league's trophy tour arrived at Umra Sports Village on Monday. A grand program was organized at Umra Kabaddi ground to welcome trophy tour. Rajesh Rathi, owner of Shubhgrov Hisar Heroes team, was chief guest at the event. His father, Sher Singh Rathi, team manager Nalin Nagpal, and Hisar Heroes team coach Jagdeep Singh were also present. Several players from the Shubhgrov Hisar Heroes team also attended the program. In addition, Haryanvi artist Jhandu was present. Sandeep Arya who holds a record for performing Surya Namaskar also attended as a special guest. Haryanvi artist Jhandu entertained the audience with Haryanvi jokes. Several other artists also performed folk songs (Ragni), making audience dance along. Cultural program was also presented. Rajesh Rathi honored members of Umra Sports Association.

Social worker Yograj Sharma seeks Padma Shri award

HISAR: Social worker Yograj Sharma has applied online for Padma Shri award for January 2026. Based on a letter sent by Deputy Commissioner of Hisar to Chief Secretary and after obtaining recommendation from CM Nayab Singh Saini's government, letter was forwarded to President's Secretariat to secure Padma Shri award for social worker Yograj Sharma in January 2026.Social worker Yograj Sharma has risked Rs 20 crore in earnings over 20 years by dedicating himself to social work instead of pursuing his livelihood.To get unpaid social worker Yograj Sharma awarded Padma Shri in January 2026, Nalwa MLA Randhir Panihar also wrote a letter to CM Nayab Singh Saini on November 18, 2025.



Narsingh Das Public School observes death anniversary of Maharana Pratap with reverence and respect



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: The death anniversary of the brave warrior Maharana Pratap was celebrated at Narsingh Das Public School, Taraori on Tuesday in an atmosphere of reverence, respect and inspiration. On this occasion, school director Dharmendra Kheda paid homage to Maharana Pratap by offering flowers to his portrait. Director Dharmendra Kheda elaborated on Maharana Pratap's life struggle, sacrifice and ideals. He said that Maharana Pratap was a symbol of self-respect, self-esteem and indomitable courage. He never compromised on his principles and faced his enemies bravely even in adverse circumstances. He explained that the struggle between Maharana Pratap and Mughal ruler Akbar was not just a battle for power but a battle of principles and values. Although Akbar was Maharana Pratap's greatest enemy, he admired his courage and character.

Nitin Nabin, an emerging young leader of Indian politics, will infuse new energy into BJP: Suresh Kashyap

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 20



Former Himachal Pradesh BJP president and MP Suresh Kashyap on Tuesday congratulated Nitin Nabin at the BJP national headquarters in New Delhi on his appointment as the party's new national president, describing him as one of the most dynamic and influential young faces in contemporary Indian politics. Kashyap said that Nitin Nabin's unanimous election on January 20, 2026 as the 12th national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party marked the biggest milestone of his political career so far. He noted that at just 45 years of age, Nabin has become the youngest national president of the BJP, a testament to his organisational acumen, political maturity and leadership skills. He recalled that in December 2025, Nitin Nabin was appointed national working president of the party alongside J. P. Nadda. As the party's in-charge for the Chhattisgarh Assembly elections in 2023 and the Lok Sabha elections in 2024, his role proved decisive in BJP's major electoral successes. Earlier, he also strengthened the organisation as national general secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha and as BJP Bihar state president. Highlighting his legislative and administrative experience, Kashyap said Nabin has an impressive track record, having been elected five consecutive times as MLA from Patna's Bankipur constituency between 2006 and 2025. In the Bihar government, he handled key portfolios such as road construction, urban development and housing, and law, contributing significantly to infrastructure development, urban reforms and improvements in legal processes.

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BJP will become stronger under national president Nitin Nabin: Shivam Bansal

KAMAL SHSARMA



TARAORI: BJP Mandal Taraori President Shivam Bansal said that the Bharatiya Janata Party will become stronger under the leadership of its newly elected National President, Nitin Nabinn. He expressed his happiness on Nitin's unanimous election to this important responsibility and extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to him. Mandal President Shivam Bansal said that Nitin Nabun's leadership is visionary, full of organisational capabilities, and commendable. Under his leadership, the Bharatiya Janata Party will move forward with greater strength, and the organisation's support base will continuously expand.

He said that Nitin Nabin's vision is dedicated to the national interest, and under his leadership, every citizen of India will receive positive, strong, and better guidance. A new enthusiasm and energy will be infused among the party workers, which will further strengthen the organisation from the booth level to the national level. BJP Mandal President Shivam Bansal expressed confidence that with this new responsibility, the Bharatiya Janata Party will further strengthen its commitment to development, good governance, and nation-building across the country.

R-Day: Guv to hoist national flag in Panchkula, CM in Gurugram

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CHANDIGARH, JAN 20

The Haryana Government has issued the schedule of dignitaries who will hoist the National Flag and preside over Republic Day celebrations on 26th January, 2026, at district and subdivision levels across the state. The 'At Home' programme will be held at Lok Bhawan, Chandigarh. The National Flag will be hoisted at 10 am at all Divisions, Districts, Sub-Divisions, Tehsils and other prominent places across the State.

According to a letter issued by the Chief Secretary's Office, the Governor Haryana, Ashim Kumar Ghosh will hoist the National Flag at Panchkula, while Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will preside over the Republic Day function at Gurugram.

Rajya Sabha Member Rekha Sharma will hoist the flag at Ambala, and at the subdivision level, the functions will be presided over by the Divisional Commissioner at Naraingarh, Sub Divisional Officer at Barara and by Kapoor Singh, MLA, Bawani Khera, at Loharu.

Cabinet Minister Ranbir Gangwa will hoist the flag at Bhiwani, while subdivision-level functions will be presided over by Mandeep Dalawas, Chairman, Zila Parishad, Charkhi Dadri, at Tosham and by Ghanshyam Saraf, MLA, Bhiwani, at Siwani.

Member of Parliament Dharambir Singh will hoist the flag at Charkhi Dadri, and the subdivision-level function at Badhra will be presided over by Umed Singh, MLA, Badhra.

Health Minister Arti Singh Rao will hoist the National Flag at Faridabad, while Dhanesh Adlakha, MLA, Badkhal, will preside over the function at Badkhal and Mool Chand Sharma, MLA, Ballabhgarh, at Ballabhgarh.

Deputy Speaker of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha Krishan Lal Middha will hoist the flag at Fatehabad, with subdivision-level functions being presided over by Randhir Panihar, MLA, Nalwa, at Tohana and Suman Khichad, Chairman, Zila Parishad, Fatehabad, at Ratia. Bimla Chaudhary, MLA, Pataudi, will preside over the function at Pataudi, Laxman Singh Yadav, MLA, Rewari, at Badshahpur, Mukesh Sharma, MLA, Gurugram, at Manesar, and Tejpal Tanwar, MLA, Sohna, at Sohna.

Union Minister Manohar Lal will hoist the National Flag at Hansi, while the subdivision-level function at Narnaund will be presided over by Vinod Bhayana, MLA. School Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda will hoist the flag at Hisar, and the function at Barwala will be presided over by Savitri Jindal, MLA, Hisar.

Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Sh. Rajesh Nagar will hoist the National Flag at Jhajjar, while Rajesh Joon, MLA, Bahadurgarh, will preside at Bahadurgarh, Kaptan Singh, Chairman, Zila Parishad, Jhajjar, at Badli, and Sunil Satpal Sangwan, MLA, Charkhi Dadri, at Beri.

Women and Child Development Minister Shruti Choudhry will hoist the flag at Jind, with subdivision-level functions being presided over by Manisha Rani, Chairman, Zila Parishad, Jind, at Julana, Ram Kumar Gautam, MLA, Safidon, at Safidon, Devender Chatar Bhuj Attri, MLA, Uchana Kalan, at Uchana Kalan, and Parmod Kumar Vij, MLA, Panipat City, at Narwana. Member of ParliamentNaveen Jindal will hoist the National Flag at Kaithal, while Satpal Jamba, MLA, Pundri, will preside at Guhla and Sh. Karambir Kaul, Chairman, Zila Parishad, Kaithal, at Kalayat.

Speaker of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha Harvinder Kalyan will hoist the flag at Karnal, while subdivision-level functions will be presided over by Bhagwan Dass, MLA, Nilokheri, at Nilokheri, Ram Kumar Kashyap, MLA, Indri, at Indri, Jagmohan Anand, MLA, Karnal, at Gharaunda etc.

Sonu Verma elected as new president of Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, JAN 20



Election meeting of Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti was successfully held at Mannat Hotel. Committee members unanimously elected Sonu Verma as new president of committee for next two years. Other office bearers of committee were also selected during election process.Sharad Bansal was appointed as Chairman, Susham Kapoor as Convener and General Secretary, Sunil Khurana as Treasurer and Sanjay Garg, Dinesh Pathak and Satish Rajpal as Chief Advisors. Gulshan Papreja, Ashwani Khurana and Pawan Bansal were given responsibility of Vice Presidents. Paras Gaba and Amit Sunny Chugh were selected for post of Sankirtan Convener, and Sujit Kapoor was selected as Pilgrimage Convener. Newly elected President Sonu Verma expressed his gratitude to all members and said that with blessings of Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj, public welfare and social service works being done by committee will be continued and further strengthened. Everyone congratulated newly elected President Sonu Verma and wished him a successful tenure.

Haryana Skill Employment Association to submit memo to CM on demands: Tanwar

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, JANUARY 20



A meeting of executive committee of Haryana Skill Employment Association was held today at Kurukshetra University.Meeting was presided over by association's president, Gurdeep Tanwar. It was decided in meeting that when CM visits Kurukshetra University on January 22, association will submit a memorandum to him outlining their demands and requesting immediate resolution of their problems. Main demands include all Skill Employment Corporation employees working in universities across Haryana under Job Security Act, immediate salary increase based on experience, immediate reinstatement of all employees whose names have been removed from rolls and extending cut-off date for Job Security Act from August 14, 2024, to December 31, 2025. Skill Employment Corporation Association President Gurdeep Tanwar stated that meeting also noted widespread resentment among Skill Employment Corporation employees in universities across Haryana regarding their demands.He urged government to immediately address these issues and provide relief to the contractual employees so that they can work in a secure environment.

Public can give suggestions for Haryana Budget 2026-27 until Jan 31: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JANUARY 20

Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena informed that the Haryana government is ensuring public participation in the budget preparation process for the financial year 2026-27. The Haryana government believes that the budget should be prepared in accordance with public interest, development priorities, and the actual needs of the citizens. With this objective, every citizen of the state has been invited to share their suggestions. He informed that several methods have been made available for citizens to submit their suggestions. Citizens can register their opinions by giving a missed call to 7303350030 until January 31. In addition, the facility to interact through an AI-assistant via a link is also available. For detailed suggestions, citizens can fill out an online form by visiting the link https://bamsharyana.nic.in/.



Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena informed that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is continuously holding meetings with stakeholders from various sectors with the objective of preparing the Haryana Budget 2026-27 with public participation. In these meetings, important suggestions received from various sections, including industry, education, trade, agriculture, and women entrepreneurs, are being seriously considered. Through the AI-based Haryana Budget Public Participation Portal launched by the Chief Minister, common citizens, experts, and stakeholders are directly participating in the state's budget preparation. The facility to give suggestions is available on this portal in all three languages: Haryanvi, Hindi, and English, to ensure the participation of every section of society.

The DC appealed to the residents of the district to share their suggestions in a timely manner so that the budget preparation process can become more inclusive and effective. He said that all the suggestions received will be seriously considered and incorporated into the budget preparation, which will give a new direction to the overall development of Haryana.

Our youth power is greatest strength for all-round development of country: Dr. Major Singh

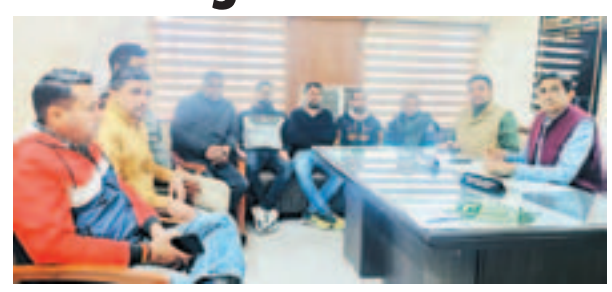
YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA, JANUARY 20

Today was the second day of the National Service Scheme (NSS) camp at DAV College, Pehowa. This day, like the first, was very enthusiastic. The program began with morning yoga, physical exercises, and prayer. The volunteers conducted this activity in a very disciplined manner. In view of government guidelines, a lecture was organized on the topic 'The Place of Youth in the All-Round Development of India' under the 'Youth for My India and Digital Literacy' program. Dr. Major Singh, former Principal of Khalsa College, Karnal, addressed the volunteers. He informed them that India is the world's largest young country. Our youth power is the greatest strength for the social, economic, political, and cultural development of the country. He taught the volunteers to uphold moral values in their lives. In the morning session, Dr. Deepika from the Commerce Department also addressed the volunteers. In the second session, Shri Dharamveer Singh, retired IAS officer and former SDM of Pehowa, from Jindal House, participated.



In his message, he said that education is so important in our lives that all great achievements are attained through it. NSS instills a sense of service in our minds. Doing the work assigned to you well is true social service. On this occasion, he shared information about the schemes being run by Jindal House from time to time. Shri Jeet Ram and Shri Rajendra, Medical Superintendent, were also present with him in this session. Principal Dr. Sumanlata welcomed the guests with bouquets and appreciated the work of the volunteers. Dr. Surendra Sharma from the Economics Department thanked the guests and congratulated the programme officers, Dr. Gurpreet Kaur and Dr. Praveen Kumar, for the success of the camp. Professor Abhishek Sharma and Dr. Sulekha from the English Department encouraged the volunteers to participate in sports and games.

Market Committee meeting held in Ladwa



KARAMBIR

LADWA: A meeting was organised at the Market Committee office located in the Ladwa grain market. In this meeting, the Chairman of the Market Committee, Dr. Ganesh Dutt, said that to ensure that farmers do not face any problems related to the basic facilities available in the market, work should be done to improve the market management. He instructed all market officials and sanitation workers to complete their work on time to address problems related to electricity, water, and sanitation. He said that any broken roads in the market should be repaired as soon as possible. He informed that the upcoming Republic Day program on January 26 will be celebrated in the Ladwa grain market. All the details related to the program were discussed, and the preparations for Republic Day were reviewed.

He said that Republic Day is our national festival, and we should all celebrate this festival with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, Market Committee Chairman Dr. Ganesh Dutt, Market Committee Secretary Satya Kumar, Market Committee members and employees, market commission agents, farmers, and other dignitaries were present.

Nitin Nabin's selection victory for BJP's worker-centric culture: Former Mayor Madan Chauhan

RAHUL KOHLI



YAMUNANAGAR: The selection of Nitin Nabun as the 12th National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party is not merely an organisational decision, but a confirmation of the BJP's ideology where the worker is the greatest strength of the organization. This was stated by former Mayor and State President, OBC Morcha, BJP Haryana, Madan Chauhan, in his special statement. He said that Nitin Nabin's political journey, starting from the Yuva Morcha (Youth Wing), becoming a five-time MLA, serving as a minister in the state government, and now reaching the highest responsibility in the national organisation, is proof that in the BJP, opportunities and responsibilities are given based on hard work, discipline, and loyalty to the organisation, which inspires workers across the country to move forward. Madan Chauhan said that this sentiment was further strengthened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message, in which he congratulated Nitin Nabin and said, "Now Nitin Naveen is my boss, I am an ordinary party worker." He said that this statement is not just a reflection of humility, but of the very soul of the BJP, where every worker is equal and the organisation is paramount, and leadership is considered a means of service, not of power. Madan Chauhan expressed confidence that under Nitin Nabin's leadership, the BJP will become even stronger organisationally, young people and workers will get new responsibilities, and the party's ideology will reach the grassroots level more effectively, enabling the BJP to reach greater heights in the future.

Newly appointed Karnal Cong executive to strengthen district organization: Vaid

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JAN 19



District Congress (Rural) president Rajesh Vaid Valmiki on Sunday congratulated the newly appointed executive bodies of the Karnal District Congress Committee, both rural and urban, and said that the fresh team would significantly strengthen the party organisation in the district.

Rajesh Vaid Valmiki said the newly constituted executive is a strong and committed team that will work dedicatedly to reinforce the Congress at the grassroots level. Congratulating all office-bearers, he expressed confidence that they would discharge their responsibilities with sincerity and take the organisation forward.

He said the core objective of the Congress is to serve the people and work towards building a strong and prosperous India. Expressing optimism, he added that the newly appointed executive would successfully contribute to achieving this goal through collective effort and organisational discipline.

In the rural committee, four district vice-presidents have been appointed, including former Zila Parishad chairman Sanjay Mehla, Krishna Sharma Bastara, Mahal Singh Dacher and Mitra Pal Sharma. Rajveer Sharma has been appointed as organisation general secretary, while Basant Rana has been entrusted with the responsibility of party treasurer.

In addition, eight general secretaries—Rajpal Sharma, Karm Singh Khanpur, Angrez Singh Saini, Ramphal Kamalpur, advocate Vishwanath Sharma, Inderpal Singh, Ratan Singh Indri and Pala Ram Manjoora—have been appointed. Sixteen secretaries have also been named, including former municipal committee president Azad, Sardar Sarvjeet Singh, district councillor Pradeep Rana, Ankit Chauhan, Soni Sharma Kutel, former sarpanch Kehar Singh, Kiran Pal Gheed, Sonu Kashyap, Randhir Rana, Rajender Sharma, Jasveer Singh, Nazim Pradhan, Rishipal Jaini, Anuj Singla, Krishna Rani and Rajpal.

Rajesh Vaid Valmiki reiterated his confidence that the new team, working together, would provide fresh momentum to the Congress organisation in Karnal district and strengthen its connect with the people.

Insulting officials in democracy is most unfortunate: Jyoti Saini

SANJAY SHARMA



KAITHAL: The behavior of Guhla MLA Devendra Hans towards the Guhla SDM regarding the issue of extending the length of shops in the Block Committee complex, treating him like a puppet in public, is not only against the dignity of a responsible public representative but also a direct attack on the respect of administrative officers. BJP Kaithal District President Jyoti Saini strongly condemned the incident, stating that the Congress MLA's actions reflect his arrogance and insensitive mindset. Such undignified behavior towards an officer holding a constitutional post weakens the democratic system. Jyoti Saini said that matters related to the construction and extension of shops are subject to rules, regulations, and court orders. In such cases, the administration has to act according to the law, not under the pressure or influence of any MLA. The MLA's public humiliation of the SDM is reprehensible and cannot be condemned enough. She said that this has been the old working style of Congress leaders – when rules and regulations come in their way, they try to intimidate officials and create a spectacle. The BJP will not tolerate any act that undermines administrative impartiality and the rule of law. The BJP Kaithal District President demanded that Devendra Hans should publicly apologise for this undignified behavior and conduct himself in a manner befitting a public representative in the future.

DAV Police Public School students Mannat and Jhalak win medals at the national level

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 20

To nurture the talents of students, boost their confidence, and guide them towards success, DAV schools regularly organise sports and academic competitions. In this series, the DAV Sports Tournament was organized, in which students from all DAV schools participated. Five students from DAV Police Public School – Jhalak, Nancy, Dhravi, Mannat, and Tamanna – won gold medals at the state level and participated in the national-level karate competition. Student Jhalak won a silver medal in the Under-14 category, and student Mannat won a bronze medal in the Under-17 category, bringing glory to the school. The students received training under the guidance of their teacher, Neha Verma, and achieved this victory.



Jagadhri Deputy Superintendent of Police, Rajiv Miglani, encouraged the winning students by presenting them with medals and trophies. He said that all students, especially girls, should learn karate for self-defence so that they can protect themselves when needed.

The school principal, Anoop Kumar Chopra, congratulated and wished the participating and winning players well. He said that while winning in sports boosts the morale of the players, participating in sports instills confidence in them and also makes them aware of their shortcomings. This inspires the players to work harder, practice more, and compete with greater confidence next time.

Therefore, participation in sports is more important than winning or losing. All players should play with this spirit.

Haryanvi folk songs and devotional hymns fill atmosphere of Saraswati Tirth with devotion

YAGYADUTT SHASTRI



PEHOWA: Haryanvi folk songs, devotional hymns, and folk dances performed in traditional Haryanvi attire filled the atmosphere of the holy Saraswati Tirth with devotion during the International Saraswati-2026 festival. The audience swayed to these songs and greeted the singer with applause. The singer won the hearts of the people of Pehowa by presenting one excellent song after another.

The Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board, in collaboration with the Youth and Cultural Affairs Department of Kurukshetra University, organised a cultural evening featuring renowned singer Prakash Malik at Saraswati Tirth. BJP District President Tijendra Singh Goldie, former BJP District President Sushil Rana, and Municipal Council Chairman Ashish Chakrapani formally inaugurated the cultural evening by lighting the ceremonial lamp. BJP District President Tijendra Singh Goldie honoured singer Prakash Malik and his team with mementos on behalf of the board.

Congress is the voice of poor, farmers, labourers, youth, and BCs: Kiranpal Gheed

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, JANUARY 20



A welcome programme was organised in village Ramba near Tarawadi GT Road for Kiranpal Gheed Valmiki, who was appointed as the Karnal District Rural General Secretary of the Congress Party by the Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee. Prominent villagers and Congress party officials honoured Kiranpal Gheed with garlands of flowers. The villagers distributed sweets and expressed their gratitude to the Congress party for giving him this important responsibility. Addressing the gathering, District Rural General Secretary Kiranpal Gheed expressed his gratitude to the party's national leadership, state high command, and senior leaders for entrusting him with this responsibility. He said that the trust the Congress party has placed in him is a matter of pride for him. He will work with complete honesty, dedication, and actively to take the party's policies, ideology, and commitment to public service to every person. Kiranpal Gheed said that the Congress party has always stood as the voice of the poor, farmers, labourers, youth, and backward classes. Strengthening the organisation at the grassroots level will be his priority so that the benefits of the party's policies reach every section of society.

He said that in future he will work with party workers to strengthen the organisation and will continuously strive to address and resolve the problems of the people. He expressed his gratitude to the national leadership of the Congress party, the state president, senior leaders, and all the workers, saying that with their cooperation, the Congress party will be made even stronger in the region. On this occasion, Master Balbir Sangoha, Rishipal, Ajay Kumar, Sukhbir, Rajbir, Kaka, Krishna Kumar, Rajkumar, Ravi Kumar, and a large number of other dignitaries were present.

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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

Trump's 'Board of Peace' for Gaza

US President Donald Trump's invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to join his (Trump's) brainchild 'Board of Peace', for lasting peace in Gaza, may sound like a diplomatic lullaby, but its Charter, surprisingly, has no mention of the world 'Gaza' for which it has been created.

The clear indication is, therefore, that its mandate goes beyond Gaza and that President Trump wants to create an alternate UN Security Council (UNSC) and a global security architecture under his (Trump's) control. For India, it is a tightrope walk and, maybe, a bait. Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has also been invited to be a member. Reports said Russian President Vladimir Putin has also been invited. This simply offers ''permanent membership to partner countries who demonstrate deep commitment to peace, security, and prosperity," the White House said.

The 'Board of Peace', chaired by President Trump initially for a three-year term, was established as part of a US-brokered peace plan. The UNSC mandated it through Resolution 2803 in November 2025. Its primary role is to provide strategic oversight and mobilise international resources for Gaza's transition from conflict to peace. It is an invitation-only body, with invited countries having the option of a three-year term or permanent membership for a reported contribution of one billion USD.

The Board's initial authority for the Gaza mission is legally rooted in a Chapter VII UNSC resolution, giving it international legitimacy for the Gaza transition.

A study of the Board's Charter reveals that the US intends to expand it into a global conflict-resolution template, bypassing the UNSC framework and its principles of multilateralism. It is an attempt by President Trump to create an alternative global security architecture under U.S. control, potentially making peace resolutions selective. It is an attempt to negate multilateralism. The word Gaza doesn't find mention even in the Preamble of the Charter.

Chapter one of the Charter describes the Board as an international organisation that seeks to promote stability, restore dependable and lawful governance, and secure enduring peace in ''areas affected or threatened by conflict.'' It says the Board of Peace shall undertake such peace-building functions in accordance with international law and as may be approved in accordance with this Charter, including the development and dissemination of best practices capable of being applied by ''all nations and communities seeking peace.''

The Charter gives sweeping powers to President Trump as Chairman of the Board to invite, nominate, extend membership or even expel any country from the Board, making him the sole authority. It says the countries must be represented only by Heads of State or Government. In other words, Heads of State/Government are subject to President Trump's authority.

New Year, New Momentum: Modi's reforms power India's next leap



Shri Piyush Goyal

The New Year brings renewed confidence and optimism to India's commerce and industry landscape. Decisive steps taken in 2025 are poised to accelerate trade and investment, expand global market access for small businesses and startups, create employment, and further Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission of promoting ease of living for every citizen.

A major initiative of the Modi government has been to promote startups. Today, India has over 2 lakh government-recognized startups.

As the PM said on the 10th anniversary of Startup India, our startups are providing solutions to various problems and helping Indian economy become resilient and self-reliant.

Support for startups is a part of the Modi government's wider strategy of accelerating economic growth to create jobs and improve the lives of every citizen, particularly the poor.

2025 was a landmark year in the transformative journey that India has been on since 2014 under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Modi. Through bold decisions and game-changing reforms, our government has reshaped the business environment while ensuring that every policy contributes to improving the lives of citizens, especially the poorest of the poor.

India is now the focus of global attention and recognized as a reliable and trusted partner. India's total exports rose by 6 per cent to a record USD 825.25 billion in 2024–25, maintaining growth momentum despite global uncertainty. To further support exporters, the government announced a ₹25,060 crore Export Promotion Mission.

Jan Vishwas and Ease of Doing Business The Repealing and Amendment Act, 2025 eliminated 71 obsolete statutes, some dating back to 1886. Under the Jan Vishwas initiative, the Modi government has removed criminal provisions for numerous minor offences. These reforms enhance governance, promote ease of doing business, and ensure India's legal framework keeps pace with a modern economy. This process will continue with hundreds of such provisions under review for more reforms this year.

During last year's Monsoon Session of Parliament, five landmark bills related to shipping and ports were passed. These laws simplify documentation, ease dispute resolution, and significantly reduce logistics costs. On the commerce front, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade has proactively supported exporters through transparent, facilitative policies that enhance ease of doing business.

These initiatives are unshackling the entrepreneurial spirit of our traders, small businessmen and startups, who can now focus on their work instead of worrying about tedious compliance requirements and fear of imprisonment for some small violation.

FTAs and 'Local for Global' A guiding principle of India's trade and investment strategy has been to champion local entrepreneurs, particularly small businesses, start-ups, farmers, and artisans; and empower them to succeed globally. In pursuit of this vision, India concluded three Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) last year, providing Indian goods duty-free access to the developed markets of the UK, New Zealand, and Oman.

The FTAs are also part of the reform process. Earlier, the UPA government had recklessly signed deals with countries that competed with India globally, ignoring national interest. The Modi government has correctly prioritised FTAs with developed countries and signed win-win deals.

These FTAs will accelerate job creation, boost investment, and unlock transformative opportunities for small businesses, students, women, farmers, and youth across India. Each agreement was negotiated after extensive stakeholder consultations, ensuring balanced outcomes and genuine win-win engagement with the developed world.

Safeguarding India's Interests In addition to these agreements, the FTA with the European Free Trade Association comprising Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein, which was signed in 2024, has been operationalised. A common theme across all FTAs is protection of India's agriculture and dairy sectors, including in agreements with major global dairy exporters such as New Zealand and Australia.

Through these trade agreements, Indian exports benefit from immediate or rapid tariff elimination, while India's own market opening remains calibrated and gradual. New Zealand has committed $USD 20 billion in foreign direct investment over the next 15 years, reflecting the innovative investment-linked provisions pioneered in India's FTA with the EFTA countries. This investment will support agriculture, dairy, MSMEs, education, sports, and youth development, ensuring broad-based and inclusive growth.

India: A Global Investment Destination Over the past 11 financial years up to 2024–25, India attracted USD 748 billion in foreign direct investment—around two-and-a-half times the USD 308 billion received during the preceding 11 years.

This is significant given that the Modi government inherited a mismanaged economy once labelled as one of the world's "Fragile Five." During the UPA era, repeated economic setbacks had led developed countries to disengage from trade talks with India. Through focused, corruption-free governance, bold reforms and fiscal discipline, PM Modi restored confidence in the Indian economy, elevating India's stature as a preferred destination for trade and investment.

Reforms to help the poor. India closed 2025 on a high note, becoming the world's fourth-largest economy by overtaking Japan, and is firmly on track to surpass Germany. Importantly, unlike the UPA era, economic gains have reached the poorest, particularly in rural India.

To increase the benefits for workers, The Modi government has undertaken historic labour reforms, merging 29 fragmented laws into four modern codes. The focus is on fair wages, timely payments, social security and safety. They will also ensure greater female participation in the workforce.

Every Indian citizen has gained from the GST reforms that have created a clean two-slab structure. This will ease the burden on households, MSMEs, farmers and labour-intensive sectors.

The Road Ahead The year 2025 was one of bridge-building: between domestic enterprise and global demand; between policy reform and digital empowerment; and between emerging small businesses and international markets.

There is much more excitement ahead. A panel led by Niti Aayog member Rajiv Gauba is studying a wide spectrum of reforms. This will further accelerate PM Modi's Reform Express. As India moves forward, it has a clear vision to build a Viksit Bharat through competitive trade, innovative industry, and a resilient economy that is confident and self-reliant. The success of India's exporters, manufacturers, farmers, and service providers is the success of the nation itself.

India is not just preparing for the future. It is shaping it. With decisive leadership, bold reforms, and a clear global strategy, the country's ambition is backed by action. As India trades, builds, innovates and engages with the world, it does so on its own terms as strong, self-reliant, and trusted country.

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Industry leaders, policymakers highlight India's transformation, future potential



The 56th World Economic Forum in Davos (Jan 19-23, 2026) is seeing India step onto the world stage with its biggest-ever delegation, a 10,000 sq ft India Pavilion, and a clear message: India is already a key driver of global growth, not just a long-term bet. Top industry leaders and policymakers highlighted India's transformation and future potential at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland, reflecting India's growing influence in global technology, infrastructure, and financial services. Bharat Kaushal, Executive Chairman of Hitachi India, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, highlighted how technology is essential for tackling global disruptions and shaping the future of infrastructure and manufacturing.Speaking to ANI, he noted that Hitachi, with a 90-year history in India, plays a key role in the country's twin push for both physical and digital infrastructure development.Kaushal said, "I think Davos's relevance has come to the central stage once again only because there is too much disruption in the world. A lot of it, by technology or thanks to technology, is also progressive. At the same time, there is a lot of uncertainty as well."He emphasised that the "sea change" in India over the last 15 years regarding implementation and quality consciousness has transformed the country into a hub for globally competitive solutions.Further, Sanjay Kaul, the Group CEO and Managing Director of GIFT City, emphasised the integral role the international financial services centre plays in India's ascent as a top global economy.Highlighting the strategic importance of representing India on a global stage, Kaul noted that Davos serves as a premier platform to engage with C-suite executives and business leaders from the world's most influential companies.In an interview given to ANI, Kaul said, "We see it as a very important forum where two things. One is that we bring to the world the financial services centre of India, number one. Number two, as well as what is it that is on offer here in India, and how can you come and set up business."

India sends 30 tonnes of humanitarian aid to Philippines after Super Typhoon

India on Monday dispatched humanitarian assistance to the Philippines in the wake of the recent Super Typhoon, reiterating its commitment to support partner countries in times of need.In a post on X, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "India stands with the Philippines".Highlighting the support being sent, Jaiswal said an Indian Air Force C-17 aircraft departed for Clark Air Base on Monday



morning carrying around 30 tonnes of humanitarian assistance for relief and recovery efforts."An @IAF_MCC C-17 aircraft departed for Clark Air Base this morning, carrying ~30 tonnes of humanitarian assistance, including NDRF relief material, essential medicines & BHISHM Cube, to assist in the relief & recovery efforts of Philippines Government after the recent Super Typhoon," Jaiswal said.

Reiterating India's humanitarian outreach, he added, "India remains committed to provide #HADR support to partner countries in times of need."The assistance is being dispatched following the impact of Typhoon Fung-wong, known in the Philippines as Super Typhoon Uwan, which struck the Philippines, Taiwan and Japan's Ryukyu Islands in early November 2025.The storm was the twenty-sixth named system and the twelfth typhoon of the 2025 Pacific typhoon season, developing from a broad low-pressure area northeast of Chuuk on November 3 and gradually becoming more organised over the following days.Under increasingly favourable atmospheric conditions, the system intensified rapidly on November 8. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) classified it as a typhoon on November 7, and early the next day, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) upgraded it to a super typhoon.Soon after, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) assessed Fung-wong as a Category 4-equivalent typhoon. It later made landfall in Dinalungan, Aurora, on the evening of November 9.After crossing Luzon, the storm weakened and re-emerged over the West Philippine Sea before recurving towards Taiwan.

POEMS

Occasional Poem

Ms. Marcus says that an occasional poem is a poem
written about something
important
or special
that's gonna happen
or already did.
Think of a specific occasion, she says—and write about it.

Like what?! Lamont asks.
He's all slouched down in his seat.
I don't feel like writing about no occasion.

How about your birthday? Ms. Marcus says.
What about it? Just a birthday. Comes in June and it ain't
June, Lamont says. As a matter of fact,
he says, it's January and it's snowing.
Then his voice gets real low and he says
And when it's January and all cold like this
feels like June's a long, long ways away.

The whole class looks at Ms. Marcus.
Some of the kids are nodding.
Outside the sky looks like it's made out of metal
and the cold, cold air is rattling the windowpanes
and coming underneath them too.

I seen Lamont's coat.
It's gray and the sleeves are too short.
It's down but it looks like a lot of the feathers fell out
a long time ago.
Ms. Marcus got a nice coat.
It's down too but real puffy so
maybe when she's inside it
she can't even tell January from June.

By Jacqueline Woodson

Swedish study reveals when fitness and strength begin to fade



A long-running Swedish study has followed adults for nearly five decades, uncovering when physical decline truly begins. Fitness and strength start slipping around age 35, then worsen gradually with age. The encouraging twist: adults who began exercising later still improved their physical capacity by up to 10 per cent. It's a powerful reminder that staying active matters, even if you start late.

A long-running Swedish study conducted at Karolinska Institutet has followed people for 47 years to examine how fitness, strength, and muscle endurance evolve during adulthood. The findings show that physical performance begins to decline around age 35. The research is part of the Swedish Physical Activity and Fitness study (SPAF), which tracked several hundred randomly selected men and women between the ages of 16 and 63.Published in the Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle, the study offers rare long-term insight into how physical capacity changes over decades rather than snapshots at a single point in time.

Most earlier research in this area relied on cross-sectional data, comparing different age groups rather than following the same individuals.In contrast, the SPAF study repeatedly measured fitness and strength in the same participants across Sweden for nearly half a century, making it one of the most comprehensive efforts of its kind.Fitness Declines After 35, but Activity Still Helps:The results show that both fitness and strength start to decrease as early as age 35, regardless of how much people trained earlier in life. From that point forward, physical decline continues gradually and tends to speed up with advancing age.Despite this pattern, the researchers found encouraging evidence that exercise remains valuable at any stage. Participants who became physically active during adulthood increased their physical capacity by 5-10 per cent."It is never too late to start moving. Our study shows that physical activity can slow the decline in performance, even if it cannot completely stop it.

Now we will look for the mechanisms behind why everyone reaches their peak performance at age 35 and why physical activity can slow performance loss but not completely halt it," says Maria Westerstahl, lecturer at the Department of Laboratory Medicine and lead author of the study.The research is ongoing. Next year, the participants will be examined again when they reach age 68. The team hopes to better understand how changes in physical performance are connected to lifestyle choices, overall health, and underlying biological processes.

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Gurukul students hoist flag of success in NDA

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: selection of students from Gurukul Kurukshetra in NDA is continuously increasing. While three students from Gurukul had achieved success in SSB interview last week, this number has now reached seven. Seven students from Gurukul



Kurukshetra have almost fulfilled their dream of becoming 'high-ranking officers' in army this year, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm in campus. Patron of Gurukul and Governor of Gujarat and Maharashtra, Acharya Devvrat has sent his best wishes to Gurukul President Rajkumar Garg, Director Brigadier Dr Praveen Kumar, Principal Sube Pratap and other faculty members on this glorious achievement.

NEWS BRIEF

Ward-wise verification of Lado Lakshmi, old age & widow pension beneficiaries on Jan 21: Dr. Vaishali

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma said that an Area Sabha meeting will be organized in all the 20 wards of the Municipal Corporation area on January 21 for the verification of the beneficiaries of Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana, old age pension and widow pension. Information to this effect has been uploaded on the website of Municipal Corporation Karnal https://drkarnal.hkcl.net/. She said that the list of beneficiaries of Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana, old age pension and widow pension would be verified in the meeting of the Area Sabha. For this, place and time have been fixed for organizing the meeting in each ward. At these places, the beneficiaries of the respective ward will be verified by the voter list. She appealed to the voters to ensure that they reach the meeting with their voter card, so that the meeting can be made successful.



MP Meet Hayer, CM's OSD Sukhvir Singh inaugurate Rs. 1.36 crore development works in Dhuri

SUMER GARG
DHURI, JAN 20



Member of Parliament from Sangrur, Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, along with OSD to the Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Singh Mann, Sukhvir Singh, today inaugurated development works worth approximately Rs. 1.36 crore in Ward No. 21 of Dhuri city. The projects include construction of nearly 3 kilometres of roads and installation of modern LED street lighting to enhance civic amenities and infrastructure in the area.

Addressing the gathering, MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer said that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has accorded top priority to development from day one, resulting in visible and accelerated progress across the state over the last four years. He said that the government has provided more than 61,000 government jobs, ensured canal water supply up to farmers' fields, and closed 17 toll plazas, thereby relieving citizens of daily financial burdens. He further stated that crores of Rupees has been allocated for village roads, while hundreds of crores of rupees have been invested in strengthening school infrastructure to create a better learning environment for students. Taking a dig at previous regimes, the MP said that while other political parties remained focused on preserving their political interests, the present government is fully committed to safeguarding Punjab's future and driving holistic development. He asserted that the scale of development achieved by the Aam Aadmi Party government in the past four years far surpasses what was done during the previous 75 years. On the occasion, CM's OSD Sukhvir Singh said that block tiles are being laid on approximately 3 kilometres of roads in Ward No. 21 at a cost of around Rs. 80 lakh. He informed that the roads will be constructed with a width of 25 feet, ensuring smooth and safe movement within residential colonies. He further said that 125 modern LED street lights are being installed at a cost of Rs. 55 lakh, which will significantly improve night-time visibility and strengthen public safety. He added that all development works are being executed at war footing to transform Dhuri into a model city.

During the visit, MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer and OSD Sukhvir Singh also paid obeisance at Baba Bansri Wala Mandir and reviewed the ongoing development works being carried out at the site.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Chairman, Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation, Dalvir Singh Dhillon; Chairman, Market Committee Dhuri, Rajwant Singh Gulli; Chairman, Punjab Gau Seva Commission, Ashok Kumar Lakha; Member, Food Commission, Jasvir Singh Jassi Sekhon; Member, Punjab Waqf Board, Dr. Anwar Khan; Director Anil Mittal; Director, Sugarfed, Jaspal Singh Bhullar; along with Bhupinder Singh, Sukhvir Singh, Kulwant Singh, Gurjant Singh and a large number of party leaders and local residents.

Devotees throng morning procession on Guru Ravidas Jayanti



KARAMBIR
LADWA, JAN 20

In celebration of 649th Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Ravidas, Shri Guru Ravidas Sabha of Ladwa is organizing grand morning processions in town.Continuing this tradition, second day's procession was held today with great devotion and enthusiasm, passing through various streets and neighborhoods before concluding at residence of Raghuvir Singh Kataria. Sabha is organizing these morning processions daily from January 18 to February 1, from 5 am to 7am. Procession traverses different areas and markets of Ladwa town and culminates at the Gurudwara on Indri Road. During procession, devotees sing hymns praising glory of Guru Ravidas Ji, creating a deeply devotional atmosphere. Devotees were warmly welcomed during second day's procession. Refreshments and prasad were arranged for congregation at Raghuvir Singh Kataria's residence. He was also honored by Sabha on this occasion. President of Sabha Sube Chand Kataria announced that a grand procession will be taken out in Ladwa town on January 30 to mark Prakash Utsav of Guru Ravidas Ji. An uninterrupted langar will be organized at Gurudwara from 12 pm onwards on February 1. He appealed to residents of Ladwa to participate in morning processions in large numbers and partake in langar to receive blessings.

Review meeting held under aspirational district programme in Chamba



SUBHASH MAHAJAN
CHAMBA: A review meeting under the Aspirational District Programme was held at the conference hall of the Block Development Office, Chuwari subdivision, to assess progress across key development sectors in Chamba district. The meeting was chaired by Dr Rajneesh Kumar, Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India, and Central Prabhari for Aspirational District Chamba. During the meeting, a detailed review was conducted of achievements and ongoing work in various developmental sectors under the Aspirational District Programme. Extensive discussions were also held on key performance indicators of different departments. Dr Kumar appreciated the district administration for its positive performance in line with indicators set by NITI Aayog and encouraged officials to intensify their efforts further. He expressed satisfaction over the utilisation of prize money received from NITI Aayog, under which 20 new libraries have been opened in the district, 17 new pre-primary schools have been established, and construction of buildings for building-less schools has been taken up through CSR initiatives.

Administration on alert ahead of pre-budget discussion, security arrangements for CM's program reviewed



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: Ahead of the Pre-Budget Discussion to be held at the Panipat Gymkhana Club, the administration has intensified preparations for the proposed visit of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. A large number of traders from the city and nearby areas are expected to participate in the program. Considering the importance of the event, elaborate security arrangements have been put in place. Superintendent of Police Bhupender Singh, along with his team including ASP Harshit Goyal, DSP Headquarters Satish Vats, DSP Narendra Kadiyan, DSP Sandeep Sindhu, and other senior police officials, inspected the arrangements at the venue and reviewed all security-related preparations. During the inspection, SP Bhupender Singh stated that complete security arrangements have been ensured at the program venue. Minor shortcomings noticed at some places have been directed to be rectified at the earliest. He assured that during the event, all arrangements will remain fully effective and well-managed. According to SP Bhupender Singh, approximately 200 traders will take part in the Pre-Budget Discussion. The government aims to collect pre-budget suggestions and inputs from the trader community to make the upcoming budget more practical and inclusive.

HSIIDC holds key Pre-Budget Industry meet in Panipat



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: Ahead of the proposed pre-budget programme of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, an important meeting of industrialists was held in Panipat. During the meeting, HSIIDC Chief Coordinator Sunil Sharma interacted with leading industrialists of Panipat and collected their suggestions and demands for the upcoming state budget. A major concern raised in the meeting was the severe impact on Haryana's industries following the 50 per cent tariff imposed by the United States, prompting a strong demand for concrete financial support from the government. During the meeting, Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Vinod Dhamija elaborated on the concerns, challenges, and expectations of the industrial sector in view of the upcoming pre-budget consultation. Vinod Dhamija stated that a pre-budget meeting with the Chief Minister was also held last year, which proved to be historic in many ways. For the first time, the Chief Minister directly interacted with industry representatives and listened seriously to their issues. During that meeting, the industry had placed 23 demands, out of which 18 demands were accepted and incorporated into the state budget.

671st birth anniversary of Shri Lalji celebrated at Shri Lal Dwara temple



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The glory of Satguru Baba Lal Dayal Ji Maharaj in Yamunanagar is immeasurable. Whoever visited his shrine never left empty-hand. Childless devotees were blessed with children and the prayers of those seeking prosperity and wealth were fulfilled. This was stated by Ramesh Mehta, President of the Shri Lal Dwara Managing Committee and Yogesh Sharma, Senior Vice President, while addressing the 671st birth anniversary celebrations of Baba Lal Ji, organized at the Shri Lal Dwara Temple. Thousands of devotees attended the ceremony. Davinder Mehta, President of the Green Park Colony Welfare Association and Alka Mehta were the main hosts of the Havan yagna held in the morning. Acharya Gopal Raj and other scholars conducted the yagna with due rituals. The flag ceremony followed. Mr. Mehta and Mr. Sharma explained that Baba Lal Ji was born in Lahore in 1355 AD. At a young age, Baba Lal Ji had attained numerous siddhis (spirits). During this time, Chaitanya Swami Ji initiated him into self-realization. Baba Lal Ji dedicated his life to the welfare of people and the propagation of religion. Baba Lal Ji has 22 Gaddis in India and abroad. His birthday was celebrated with great pomp and show on Tuesday. A bhajan kirtan was organized at the end of the morning Havan yagya. Acharya Nitin Krishna Das Ji Maharaj delighted the devotees with his hymns: "Mera koi na sahara bin tere, Satguru Lal Sanwariya tere," "Satguru aa jao, Satguru aa jao, darsh dikha jao, darsh dikha jao," the devotees couldn't contain themselves and were compelled to dance to these hymns.

Adesh Hospital to hold advanced gynecology and orthopedics OPDs at Ladwa CHC



GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD: With support of Haryana government, Adesh Hospital, Mohri, has taken another significant step towards providing advanced medical facilities in rural and semi-urban areas.Through District Medical Officer Sukhbir Mehla, Adesh Hospital will conduct advanced gynecology OPDs every Tuesday and orthopedics OPDs every Wednesday at Community Health Center (CHC) in Ladwa. Services have been formally launched. Adesh Hospital's MD, Dr. Guntas Singh Gill, and CHC Ladwa's SMO, Dr. Krishna Kant, officially inaugurated the OPDs. Dr. Guntas Singh Gill stated that through these specialized OPD services, facilities for complex women's health issues, pregnancy-related problems, bone and joint diseases, injuries, pain management, and orthopedic consultations will now be available at CHC level. Dr. Guntas Singh Gill said that providing modern and specialized medical services at grassroots level with cooperation of government and Health Department, is their priority.

Illegal encroachments on Municipality's cow pasture land, mafia eyes govt land



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: A serious case of illegal encroachments on valuable cow pasture land belonging to the Indri Municipality has come to light. Giving details, Balinder and Rajbir stated that out of approximately 52 acres of municipal land, only about 15 acres remain vacant, while rest has been illegally encroached upon. Migrant workers are reportedly building huts and occupying vacant land.In some areas, rice mill owners are illegally dumping ash. It is alleged that this entire operation is being carried out with connivance of municipality. It was revealed that this valuable land is located near bypass and its value is estimated to be in crores of rupees. If municipality had used this land properly and systematically, it could have generated crores of rupees in revenue, which would have accelerated city's development projects. Local residents say that administrative officials and government are aware of this matter, yet no concrete action has been taken so far.

"Girl's Health – Family's Blessing" anemia awareness campaign launched in Barnala



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: "Girl's Health - Family's Blessing" Anemia Awareness Campaign was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith at Government Senior Secondary School (Kanya), Dhanaula. Nodal teachers from ten schools from Barnala district participated in this awareness program. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that only if the health of girls is healthy, then the family and society can move forward on the path of progress. Anemia is a serious problem, about which it is very important to make students as well as parents aware. He appealed to the teachers to go to schools and make children aware about balanced diet, clean lifestyle and regular health check-ups. The Deputy Commissioner also started H.B. (Hemoglobin) tests of students under this campaign. Along with this, a booklet containing information about diet plan for students was issued to create awareness about the symptoms, causes and prevention of anemia in detail.

7th Battalion NDRF conducts mock drill at Baba Gandha Singh Public School



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Today, the 7th Battalion of NDRF, in collaboration with the team of Civil Defense Barnala, conducted a mock drill on handling a natural disaster like earthquake at Baba Gandha Singh Public School Barnala. Led by SDM Barnala Dr. Ajitpal Singh and Commandant NDRF Gurkanwaljit Singh, the team of NDRF, civil and police administration made the students aware. During the mock drill, the NDRF team made the school staff and students practice handling the situation during a natural disaster like earthquake. During this, the team created an earthquake-like situation and safely evacuated the students trapped in the school building. NDRF used its equipment to rescue students from the disaster site.

Minister Shyam Singh Rana to unfurl national flag in Sonepat on 77th R-Day



ANIL KUMAR KHATRI
SONIPAT: Deputy Commissioner Sushil Sarwan said that on the occasion of 77th Republic Day, Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana would attend the district level Republic Day function organized in Sonipat as the chief guest and would hoist the national flag. He said that in the Republic Day programs to be organized at the sub-division level, MLA from Sonipat Nikhil Madaan would hoist the national flag in Gohana sub-division, MLA Pawan Kharkhoda in Kharkhoda sub-division and MLA Devendra Kadian in Ganaur sub-division. He said that various educational institutions would present cultural and patriotic programs at the ceremony. Various departments will present tableaux. During the event, officers, employees, talented students, dignitaries and others will be honored for their outstanding work.

Toyota Boshoku smart classroom inaugurated at GBN Polytechnic, Nilokheri



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI: The 'Toyota Boshoku Hitozukuri Centre,' a state-of-the-art smart classroom and laboratory facility, was grandly inaugurated at GBN Government Polytechnic, Nilokheri.Program DetailsThe center was inaugurated by a high-level delegation from Toyota Boshoku Device India, including Managing Director Naoki Hiraguchi, Vice President Latesh G, Maintenance Head Bhavneet G, and Legal Head Sonal Arora. The project, with an estimated cost of around ?35 lakh, was successfully completed under the leadership of Principal Jwala Prasad and TPO Vikash Sharma.Technical Upgrades (Instrumentation & Control Department)Under the supervision of Head of Department Roshni and the department staff members (Varunendra, Vivek Gandhi, Shivani, and Anil Kumar), several industrial-grade kits were installed in the Instrumentation & Control department:Automation: Advanced PLC and Electro-pneumatic trainer kits.

Tight clamp on mobile networks operating from Jails: Alok Mittal



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: The Haryana Assembly's Committee on Youth Welfare and Youth Affairs on Tuesday visited the District Jail to conduct an in-depth inspection of jail arrangements, the condition of inmates, health services, food facilities, de-addiction programs, education, and employment-related provisions. Prior to the inspection, committee members held a meeting at the District Secretariat conference hall with officials from various departments and the jail administration to gather necessary information. During the jail inspection, committee members interacted with inmates and prisoners to inquire about their well-being. The committee inspected the women's ward, crèche ward, hospital, tailoring center, and other work areas. A clean and positive environment was observed within the jail premises, which was appreciated by the committee. Jail Superintendent Sanjeev Kumar guided the committee members through various wards and provided detailed information about the facilities being provided to inmates.

Birth anniversary of Guru Ravidas will be celebrated on January 23



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: Thousands of devotees from dozens of villages will participate in the block-level Nagar Kirtan to be held on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj. Preparations for this event have been completed. The entire city has been decorated for this grand and extensive Nagar Kirtan organized under the banner of the Shri Guru Ravidas Nagar Kirtan Welfare Society (Regd.). Society President Sheeshpal, Vice President Shamsher Singh, Secretary Sanjeev Kumar, Treasurer Lahari Singh, Media In charge Purna Singh, former President Satish Rai and Kamal Barad stated that Sangat have been invited from all the villages in the block for this 10th grand Nagar Kirtan to be held on January 23. They stated that final touches were given to the preparations on Tuesday. This Nagar Kirtan will begin from the Barad Grain Market. Prior to this, saints and dignitaries will address the Sangat on stage. After this, Sant Mandeep Das Ji of Dera Sirasgarh, Sant Nirmal Das Ji of Dera Kapal Mochan, Sant Som Das Ji of Dera Begumpura Tandwali, and other saints will begin the Nagar Kirtan with prayers.

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NEWS BRIEF

HDFC Bank To Disburse Rs 20 crore To Social Impact Start-ups In 9th Edition of Parivartan Start-up Grants

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, today announced the launch of the FY26 edition of the Parivartan Start-up Grants programme, its flagship initiative supporting social impact-driven innovations. Building on the learnings from previous years, the programme will support 10 strategic initiatives across priority sectors including climate innovation, agriculture and sustainable livelihoods, manufacturing and MSME innovation, financial inclusion, and gender diversity and inclusion, along with emerging areas including AI and deep technology.

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Bharat Electricity Summit 2026

CHANDIGARH: Bharat Electricity Summit 2026, scheduled to be held from 19th till 22nd March at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi under the theme "Electrifying Growth. Empowering Sustainability. Connecting Globally". The Summit will bring together global policymakers, industry leaders, technology providers, investors and experts to shape the future of electricity systems, covering generation, transmission, distribution, storage and smart consumption. The Summit is expected to feature 50+ high-level conference sessions, over 300 speakers, 1,000 delegates, 500+ exhibitors and more than 25,000 visitors, making it one of the largest electricity-focused platforms globally. The Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 is a Ministry of Power and industry led initiative and is being coordinated by Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC India) with the joint support of POWERGRID (nodal), NTPC, PFC, REC, NHPC.
For more information about Bharat Electricity Summit 2026, please visit:
www.bharatelectricitysummit.com

UT team departs for Bangalore ahead of CK Nayudu Trophy clash

CHANDIGARH, The CK Nayudu Trophy (Under-23) team has departed for Bangalore to play their third match of the ongoing tournament against the host team Karnataka. The four-day long match is scheduled to be held from January 23 at Alur near Bangalore. The squad for the match includes players Dushyant Thamman, Dipender Kush, Devang Kaushik, Nikhil Kumar, Sahil Kumar, Adhiraj Singh, Raghav Verma, Arush Bhandari, Ashutosh Gautam, Ivraj Ranauta, Harish Kumar, Tanmay Latka, Arnab Bansal, Jaskirat Mehra and Aryan Duggal. The support staff includes Ravi Sharma (Head Coach), Gulab Rubani (Manager) Ravi (Physiotherapist) and Vinay Singh (Trainer)

IDP Education Organises Study Abroad Expo in Chandigarh for Aspiring Global Students

CHANDIGARH: IDP Education, the global leader in international education services, is organising one of the largest international education fairs in Chandigarh. Scheduled for 21 January at Hotel Taj Chandigarh from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, this event aims to cater to the aspirations of students planning to pursue higher education in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. With participation from around 62 prestigious universities and institutions, the fair offers students and parents an opportunity to explore diverse educational pathways.
This International Education Fair provides a unique platform for students and parents to engage directly with university representatives for personalised consultations on university and course selection, scholarships, internships, visa processes, post-study work opportunities, and student life abroad. Attendees will gain critical insights and expert guidance to make well-informed decisions about their academic and professional futures. Speaking about the fair, Piyush Kumar – Regional Director, South Asia, Canada and Latin America (LATAM), IDP Education, said, "Chandigarh and the broader Punjab region have long been important hubs for international education, with a growing number of students looking to pursue global opportunities to advance their academic and professional goals. As interest in studying abroad continues to rise.

MakeMyTrip Introduces Women-Centric Safety and Assurance Signals in Stay and Bus Bookings

LUDHIANA-: MakeMyTrip, India's leading online travel company, is leveraging technology and user-generated content to help women travellers make more confident choices across accommodation and intercity bus bookings. The approach is informed by behavioural signals observed on the platform, which indicate a more deliberate review journey among women travellers, including higher click-through on reviews, greater time spent on maps and street view, and deeper engagement with guest-uploaded photos before confirming a booking. Rajesh Magow, Co-Founder and Group CEO, MakeMyTrip, said, "Women are already careful in planning their travel. The usage patterns indicate how thoughtfully they evaluate both stays and travel routes. We are trying to make this trip planning process easier for them leveraging our rich data and AI so that they can take informed decisions."
Beneath this lies a dual effort. One layer draws from millions of reviews and user generated signals using AI to understand how women travellers evaluate their stays and travel routes. The other comes from structured partner data across nearly 97,000 accommodation properties and more than 3,500 intercity bus operators, covering amenities, safeguards and operational practices. Together they form the base that enables women to see their options more clearly.

UTCA official Rakesh Jolly appointed as b bserver for India vs New Zealand T20 match

Chandigarh, The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed Rakesh Jolly, Chairman, Cricket Advisory Committee, UTCA as the observer for the India vs New Zealand T20 match scheduled on January 25 in Guwahati. Jolly, a former First-Class cricketer has brought over three decades of experience as player and administrator of the game. He has actively contributed to cricketing affairs in the region and has previously served as a match referee in BCCI's domestic circuit matches. According to Sanjay Tandon, Founder President, UTCA, "Rakesh Jolly's appointment as BCCI observer is a proud moment for UTCA. His decades-long dedication and service to cricket make him truly deserving of this recognition."

Mann government launches 'Gangsters te Vaar'; war level Action against organised crime begins: Baltej Pannu



CHANDIGARH: AAP Punjab Media In-charge Baltej Pannu on Tuesday said that Punjab Police has formally launched the 'Gangsters te Vaar' campaign, marking the beginning of a decisive and large-scale war against organised crime in the state.
Addressing a press conference at the party office, Pannu said this campaign reflects the strong political will of the Mann government to completely uproot gangsterism from Punjab.

Pannu said that after the successful and determined 'War Against Drugs', Punjab Police has now shifted focus to organised crime. He stated that under the anti-drug campaign, many major and minor smugglers were arrested, huge quantities of narcotics were seized, and both the supply chains and street-level networks were broken to a large extent. Being a border state, Punjab faces constant attempts from hostile forces across the border to push drugs, and the government responded firmly by installing anti-drone systems to stop cross-border smuggling.

He said that the 'Gangsters te Vaar' campaign has been launched at a war footing after deep planning and assessment, and it is one of the biggest and most serious crackdowns against gangsterism anywhere in the country. From Tuesday morning itself, multiple raids were conducted across the state by coordinated police teams, yielding initial results, with more significant outcomes expected within the next 72 hours.

Baltej Pannu said the word "gangster" entered Punjab's vocabulary only about 15-18 years ago. Earlier, small criminals were simply known as 'badmash'. He said that between 2007 and 2017, gangsterism was deliberately promoted, young boys were pushed into this culture, and incidents of extreme violence peaked during that period. He cited several grave incidents, including attacks on police personnel, abductions, and the Nabha jail break, as reminders of that dark phase.

He alleged that during the Congress government, no real action was taken to curb gangsterism. Instead, a gangster from Uttar Pradesh was lodged in a special jail in Punjab under political patronage, forcing the UP government to approach the Supreme Court to regain custody. Pannu said it is no secret how traditional political parties nurtured gangsters for personal gains and abandoned them later, and even today, some people continue to indirectly support gangsterism.

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya congratulates Ladakh for showing capability to host Khelo India Winter Games



CHANDIGARH : The curtains went up on the sixth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games at the Nawang Dorjan Stobdan (NDS) Stadium here on Tuesday. The Ladakh phase of the winter Games, that will host ice sports like skating and hockey, will conclude on January 26. This is the third time that the Union Territory of Ladakh is hosting KIWG. The snow leg of KIWG will be held in Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir later this year.
At a colourful opening ceremony, punctuated by traditional music and dance and an exhibition ice hockey match between Army XI and UT Ladakh, Khelo India Winter Games 2026 were declared open by the Hon'ble Lt Governor of Ladakh, Shri Kavinder Gupta. The first leg of Khelo India Winter Games 2026 will be organised by the Youth Services and Sports department of the Union Territory of Ladakh under the supervision of the Sports Authority of India. The technical expertise for the conduct of the Games will be provided by the national sports promotional bodies/federations managing ice sports.
https://www.instagram.com/reel/DTuSGOTgaM1/?igsh=NmphdzlpbWpyaGYw In a message to Ladakh, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Affairs, said: "I congratulate the Union Territory of Ladakh for successfully hosting the Khelo India Winter Games once again and for demonstrating, with confidence and capability, that India's winter sports future is being built from the Himalayas outward. Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ladakh has emerged as a symbol of what focused policy, infrastructure development, and local commitment can achieve. The manner in which these Games have been organised sends a clear national signal that winter sports are now an integral part of India's competitive sporting framework and will be pursued with seriousness, scale, and long-term intent."

Yogesh Shelly Pays Courtesy Call on Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami



CHANDIGARH: Yogesh Shelly, Director of Para Athlete Development and Special Programs, paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, at his residence. During the meeting, several important issues related to para-athletes and athletes with disabilities were discussed in a meaningful and constructive manner. During the interaction, Yogesh Shelly shared his detailed views on the training, education, talent development, and advancement of athletes with disabilities at national and international levels. He also emphasized the need for structured programs and institutional support to promote para sports. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, listened attentively to the points raised and assured all possible positive support from the state government for the empowerment of athletes with disabilities, development of sports, and social inclusion.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Launches the All-Electric URBAN CRUISER EBELLA

CHANDIGARH : Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the launch of the all-electric Urban Cruiser Ebella, marking Toyota's debut in India's Battery Electric Vehicle segment. With Toyota's global expertise in electrified mobility, the all-electric Urban Cruiser Ebella brings together bold SUV styling, interior spaciousness with premium cabin experience, advanced technology and smooth, confident electric performance. Derived from the Urban SUV Concept, the All-Electric Urban Cruiser Ebella represents another important step in advancing Toyota's multipath way approach, offering customers a wider choice of electrified powertrain technologies and supporting India's goal of energy security and decarbonization. Commenting on the new offering, Mr. Masakazu Yoshimura, Chairman, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "The introduction of All-Electric Urban Cruiser Ebella is a key enabler towards furthering our multi-pathway approach, where our aim is to contribute towards carbon neutrality while leaving no one behind. Now, with the launch of All-Electric Urban Cruiser Ebella in India, we remain firmly committed to advancing our support towards India's transition to greener mobility. With our compelling product line-up, technology leadership, strong after sales services, and dealership network, we intend to achieve our sustainable mobility goals while providing freedom of mobility to all."
Present at the event, Mr. Tadashi Asazuma, Deputy Managing Director, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "With three decades of global expertise in electrified technologies, Toyota has consistently invested in focused innovation to address diverse mobility needs.



Amazon launches all-new Echo Show 11 and fourth-gen Echo Show 8 in India



CHANDIGARH : Amazon today announced the launch of its all-new Echo Show 11 and fourth-generation Echo Show 8 smart displays with Alexa in India. The devices feature an all-new audio architecture and Omnisense custom sensor platform, along with a new design that includes edge-to-edge glass displays and thin bezels. These devices offer deep bass and crisp vocals, and simplified smart home routines using motion, presence, and temperature detection. Echo Show 11 and Echo Show 8 have maximised viewing area at 11 inches and 8.7 inches, respectively, compared to previous Echo Show smart displays in India. Through on-screen touch controls and hands-free voice commands to Alexa, Echo Show 11 and Echo Show 8 help customers control compatible smart home devices, set smart home routines, enjoy audio-visual content from compatible apps, and navigate daily tasks like managing calendars and shopping lists, and asking for recipes. "Whether coordinating family schedules, managing a smart home, or staying on top of a busy day, Echo Show 11 and Echo Show 8 are designed to help. These devices serve as home assistants, helping customers stay organised and connected, while adapting seamlessly to the way they live and taking care of routine tasks so they can focus on what matters most," said Dilip R.S., Director and Country Manager, Amazon Devices India.

How High Blood Pressure Affects Heart Valves Over Time



ROHTAK: Hypertension is one of the most significant factors behind several heart diseases, including valve disease. What people often treat as a simple condition can act as a silent trigger and gradually damage the heart and blood vessels over time. High blood pressure happens when the force of blood against the arterial walls remains high, which strains the arteries and increases the risk of heart attack, stroke, and valve disorders.
Dr. Jatin Yadav, HOD & Consultant - Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery, Manipal Hospital, Gurugram, said, "Uncontrolled high blood pressure silently affects the structure of the heart and its valves. When detected early, hypertension can be managed effectively with certain lifestyle changes, preventing long-term valve damage. However, many patients remain unaware until symptoms become severe. Early detection, regular monitoring, and timely treatment can significantly slow valve deterioration. In conditions where high blood pressure has already affected the heart valves, minimally invasive therapies like heart valve repair, replacement, and balloon Valvuloplasty can be the best option.

Škoda Auto unveils the new Kushaq in India



CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA – Škoda Auto India has introduced the new Kushaq, redefining value, safety, dynamics and furthering its strategy of democratising European technology. The Kushaq is the brand's first car under the India 2.0 strategy and has driven the company's growth surge in India. With segment-first technologies like an all-new eight-speed torque converter automatic transmission, Rear Seat Massage function, and numerous all-new features and standard equipment, the new Kushaq follows Škoda Auto India's strategy of making European engineering more accessible on Indian roads.
Klaus Zellmer, CEO of Škoda Auto, said, "The updated Kushaq reinforces the importance of India as the springboard for Škoda Auto's strategy to grow our international markets. The Kushaq has rapidly established itself with customers in India and as an export to ASEAN and the Middle East. Now we are setting the next benchmark for the model's overall value proposition. This update incorporates Modern Solid design elements as well as a broad range of advances from the infotainment and driver assistance features, offering even greater comfort and safety.

Dyson Unveils Its First Dyson Store in Mohali



MOHALI : Dyson, the global technology company, has opened its first Dyson Store in Mohali at the upcoming premium destination, HLP Galleria. This marks Dyson India's 34th store nationwide and its second outlet in Punjab, strengthening the brand's retail presence in the region. The new store offers an immersive and interactive experience, allowing consumers to explore Dyson's problem-solving technologies across home, beauty, and audio categories with live demonstrations by trained Dyson experts. Visitors can test Dyson vacuum cleaners on multiple floor types, experience real-time air quality visualizations, and understand the science behind the products through interactive digital displays. Dedicated styling stations offer complimentary expert consultations using Dyson's latest beauty innovations, including the Airstrait™ straightener, Airwrap i.d.™ multi-styler, and Supersonic Nural™ hair dryer, delivering personalized and engaging experiences.

Punjab govt targets child begging-free state: Sandeep Saini

HOSHIARPUR(DALJEET AJNOHA): Backfinco Punjab Chairman Sandeep Saini stated that the Mann government's clear vision and strong resolve are driving a decisive battle against child begging in the state. Under the state-level special campaign 'Project Jiwan Jot 2.0', significant results have already emerged.Saini shared that the initiative has so far rescued 1,023 children from begging—a major achievement. Of these, 336 have been enrolled in schools to foster self-reliance through education.
Additionally, 8 children have been admitted to anganwadi centres for early education and nutrition.He added that 38 children from economically weaker families have benefited from the sponsorship scheme, ensuring no hurdles in their studies or basic needs. This effort forms a strong link to pull children from begging and guide them towards a dignified future.Chairman Saini emphasized that the Mann government's goal extends beyond mere rescue—it aims to provide education.

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Engineered to conform to stringent global safety standards (ECE R29 03), these trucks maximise earning potential, reduce total cost of ownership and enhance vehicle uptime to deliver greater success to transporters.
Launching the new trucks, Mr. Girish Wagh, MD & CEO, Tata Motors Ltd., said, "India's trucking landscape is undergoing a rapid transformation, driven by progressive national policies, modern infrastructure, and the rising demand for safer, cleaner, and more efficient logistics. Tata Motors has always led the way in setting benchmarks that shape the industry's future. With the introduction of our next-generation portfolio—including the all-new Azura series, two advanced high-efficiency powertrains, India's widest range of zero-emission electric trucks and tippers on our new I-MOEV architecture, significant upgrades to European standard cabins and industry-leading safety features, increased payload and fuel efficiency.

Sudesh Agarwal to be Honored with Honorary D.Litt Degree

Bhiwani: Ajinkya D.Y. Patil University of Pune will confer an honorary Doctor of Literature (D.Litt) degree upon renowned industrialist and social thinker Sudesh Agarwal. This honor will be bestowed upon him on January 24th for his vision, research, and work on the proposed and under-construction "Sanatan Dharma Sthal." It is worth noting that Sudesh Agarwal is counted among the leading industrialists of the country. Through honesty, hard work, struggle, and his abilities, he has made a name for himself internationally. His contribution to the social sector has also been remarkable. Between 2002 and 2008, he established the social organization "Samast Bharatiya Pratishthan" in Haryana and worked for the upliftment of society. In 2008, he founded the "Samast Bharatiya Party" and participated in elections in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Rajasthan. Currently, for the past five years, he has been actively working towards the revival of Sanatan Dharma and the construction of the world's largest pilgrimage site. The model of this project will be displayed in Gurugram in July 2026. Sudesh Agarwal will also be awarded the title of Acharya for his upcoming book "Hindu Sanatan Dharma: Fundamental Knowledge." His ambitious project, "Sanatan Dharma Sthal," will not only spread the core principles of Sanatan Dharma globally but also promote service to humanity and social harmony. The aim of this site is also to end communal disputes and establish mutual harmony and peace.



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Sanjay Tandon hails unopposed election of Nitin Nabin as National BJP President

CHANDIGARH: Senior Chandigarh Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and BJP National Council Member from Chandigarh -Sanjay Tandon, has warmly welcomed and hailed the unopposed election of Mr Nitin Nabin as the National President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, describing it as a moment of pride and renewed confidence for party workers across the country.
In a statement issued today, Sanjay Tandon said that the unanimous election of Mr Nitin Nabin shows the party's strong internal democracy, organizational discipline and collective faith in his leadership abilities. He noted that Mr Nitin Nabin's long-standing association with the party, grassroots experience and deep understanding of organizational functioning will further strengthen the BJP at both the national and state levels. Mr Tandon expressed firm hope that under the dynamic leadership of Shri Nitin Nabin and the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the BJP will emerge much stronger in the coming years with an expanded support base cutting across regions, communities and age groups. He said that Prime Minister Modi's development-oriented governance, strong national leadership and commitment to inclusive growth continue to inspire millions of Indians and energize BJP cadres nationwide. The senior BJP leader further stated that the party is well-positioned to create history in the forthcoming assembly elections in Punjab, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. He said that people in these states are increasingly looking towards the BJP for stable governance, transparent administration and decisive leadership and the party's policies focused on development, national pride and social welfare are resonating strongly with voters. Mr Tandon added that the BJP's organizational strength, disciplined cadre and clear ideological direction will play a decisive role in securing emphatic victories in the upcoming polls. He extended his best wishes to Shri Nitin Nabin for a successful tenure and called upon party workers to unite.



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Tilak, Washington report to BCCI CoE in bid to regain full fitness for T20 World Cup

New Delhi: India players Tilak Varma and Washington Sundar have checked into the BCCI's Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru in a bid to regain full fitness ahead of the 2026 Men's T20 World Cup starting on February 7. Tilak, a mainstay in India's T20I set-up, was ruled out of the first three games of the five-match series against New Zealand, starting in Nagpur on Wednesday, after undergoing an emergency surgery in Rajkot earlier this month for a lower abdominal issue while playing for Hyderabad in the Vijay Hazare Trophy league stage. Washington, on the other hand, suffered a left rib injury while bowling in the ODI series opener against New Zealand in Vadodara on January 11 and has been ruled out of the entire T20I series. In place of Washington, leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi is in the squad, while Tilak is replaced by right-handed batter Shreyas Iyer for the first three games.

"Yes, both Tilak and Washington are at CoE for their respective rehab programmes. For Washington, further tests would be done, and rehab will start as per their outcome. In terms of Tilak, he is yet to be assessed as of now.

"But it is understood that efforts will be made in such a way that he becomes fully fit to join the Indian team for the last two T20Is in Visakhapatnam and Thiruvananthapuram," sources familiar with the matter told on Tuesday. Sources have also informed that India's Test vice-captain, wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, could report to the CoE later this week for starting his rehab for a right side-strain. Pant picked up the injury while batting in the practice session on the eve of the ODI series opener against New Zealand in Vadodara on January 10.

"Too early for judgements, give him more time": Gujarat Titans COO on Gill's ODI captaincy

New delhi: Gujarat Titans Chief Operating Officer Colonel Arvinder Singh backed Indian star batter Shubman Gill's captaincy in ODIs and added that his recent poor form in T20Is is just a "hiccup" in his life as a cricketer.After delivering a promising start as Test captain with a 2-2 draw against England in which he scored 754 runs, including four centuries, Gill has not been able to bring in that same form and leadership in white-ball cricket. Speaking to ANI recently on the sidelines of his franchise's 'Junior Titans' programme, third edition, Arvinder said on Gill's captaincy, "I think it is very, very early days to start passing judgment on his credibility as a captain. We need to give him more time. You see, it was just this year, just the last year, that he was captain for the first time in England. And everybody was talking about, you know, how weak the team is and how England is going to crush us, but you saw what the result was. I am sure you would agree that his captaincy played a big role in, you know, the series being drawn."Arvinder hailed Gill for showing the right doses of calmness and aggression as a captain when needed, and for commanding the respect of his contemporaries and seniors."I think what is more important for a captain is to be able to gain the respect of his contemporaries. Whether they are senior to him by virtue of having played earlier or somebody who's, you know, debuted after him. And I think that there is no doubt on the fact that he has the respect of his colleagues, his contemporaries and his peers. I do not think anybody doubts that part. I think it is too early to start passing judgment," he added.In ODIs, his side has lost both their series by 1-2 against Australia away from home last year and recently against New Zealand at home.

You pushed Indian badminton forward: Yuvraj hails Saina Nehwal's 'incredible career'

New Delhi: Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh congratulated Olympic medalist Saina Nehwal, one of India's most outstanding badminton players, who has announced her retirement from competitive sports after nearly two years of absence due to a chronic knee issue.

The 2012 London Olympics bronze medallist last played a competitive badminton match at the 2023 Singapore Open and had not officially announced her retirement until Monday, when, during a podcast, the ace shuttler mentioned that she had left the court on her own terms and "there was no need to announce it."

"Well played, Saina! Congratulations on an incredible career. You pushed Indian badminton forward and inspired a generation. Wishing you the very best for what's next," Yuvraj wrote on X, congratulating the badminton ace on a remarkable career.

"I don't want to change my identity": Suryakumar



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NAGPUR : Ahead of the first T20I against New Zealand on Wednesday, India's T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav has remained optimistic about his poor form in the shortest format.

The right-handed batter had a forgetful run with the bat in T20I cricket in 2025. Suryakumar failed to register a single fifty in 21 matches and 19 innings. SKY scored 218 runs at a below average of 13.62 and a highest score of unbeaten 47.

During the pre-match press conference, Suryakumar said he has been batting really well in the nets and doesn't want to change his identity, which has brought him success over the last three to four years.

The India T20I captain added that he would love to bat the same way, and if everything doesn't go well, he will go back to the drawing board and come back stronger.

"Every game we play in a series is crucial. We try to get something out of it. I have been batting really well at the nets and also talking about the runs; it will definitely come, but at the same time, I can't do things differently. I don't want to change my identity. What has given me success in the past 3-4 years, I would like to bat the same way. And then if performance comes, I will take it. If it doesn't come, then I will go back to the drawing board, practice again, work hard and come back stronger," Suryakumar said.

Suryakumar Yadav said that Team India will miss star players Tilak Varma and Washington Sundar, who are ruled out due to respective injuries. However, the India T20I captain highlighted that other players are grabbing opportunities and performing well for the side in the absence of Varma and Sundar.

"Injury is a big part of a sportsman's life. So, we can't do anything about it. It's not in anyone's control. But at the same time, someone else will get an opportunity to play. I mean, we will obviously miss Tilak and Washington as well. They have done so much for the Indian team whenever they have played this format. But at the same time, someone will have to play in their place. We can't go without nine people. But yeah, someone will get an opportunity, and I wish them all the best," India T20I captain said.

On January 16, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed that all-rounder Washington Sundar was ruled out of the five-match T20I series against New Zealand.

Earlier, Sundar underwent scans after reporting an acute onset of discomfort in his lower rib area while bowling during the first ODI against New Zealand at the BCA Stadium, Vadodara, on January 11.

An in-person consultation with an expert followed, which confirmed that Sundar had a side strain and advised rest for a few days, after which he will report to the BCCI Centre of Excellence (COE) for further management of his injury.

Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu confirmed for Norway Chess 2026



AGENCY

STAVANGER : Indian star Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu has been confirmed for the upcoming 2026 edition of Norway Chess to be played in Oslo in May and June 2026.

One of the leading talents of the new generation, Praggnanandhaa qualified for the 2026 Candidates Tournament after winning the 2025 FIDE Circuit and continues to establish himself among the very best chess players in the world.

"Looking forward to being back in Norway Chess, I enjoyed playing in 2024. Most exciting format I have played!" says Praggnanandhaa.

"Praggnanandhaa delivered some memorable moments at Norway Chess in 2024, and it's great to welcome him back," said Benedicte Westre Skog, COO of Norway Chess.

"From qualifying for the Candidates to achieving major results on the world stage, his consistency and ambition make him an exciting player for both fans and competitors. We're looking forward to seeing what he brings to the tournament in 2026."

Praggnanandhaa's rise in elite chess has been marked by a series of historic milestones. He became a grandmaster at just 12 years and 10 months and first made global headlines two years earlier, when he set the record at the time as the youngest International Master in history.

He later became the youngest player ever to reach a FIDE World Cup final, earning qualification for the 2024 Candidates Tournament and further cementing his reputation as one of the most exciting competitors on the international circuit.

Praggnanandhaa first made his mark at the Norway Chess in 2022, when he won the Open title, earning his place among the tournament's rising talents.

In 2024, Praggnanandhaa claimed his first classical victory over Magnus Carlsen at Norway Chess – a breakthrough moment that underlined his ability to compete with the very best. The same year, he was part of India's gold medal–winning team at the Chess Olympiad, contributing to one of the most successful chapters in Indian chess history.

His consistent performances have led him to a career-high world ranking of number four and a peak rating of 2785. With Praggnanandhaa returning to Norway Chess 2026, fans can look forward to another exciting chapter in his rapidly developing career.

Norway Chess 2026 will take place from May 25 to June 5 at Deichman Bjorvika in Oslo.

Santner confident after New Zealand's recent wins ahead of 1st T20I

AGENCY

NAGPUR: New Zealand's T20I team captain Mitchell Santner said that having recent successes against India across different formats gives the team an edge over the Men in Blue, ahead of the five-match India vs New Zealand T20I series, set to begin on Wednesday at Nagpur.New Zealand will be coming into the T20I series after an impressive 2-1 series win over the Shubman Gill-led Team India in the three-match ODI series. Led by Michael Bracewell, New Zealand put up a special fight to wn the series against an Indian team that saw ODI giants Rohit Sharna and Virat Kohli return. The Kiwis, despite missing key New Zealand players like Kane Williamson, Tom Latham, Matt Henry, and others, registered their first-ever ODI series on Indian soil.Notably, New Zealand also registered a historic 3-0 Test series clean sweep over India back in 2024.Speaking at the pre-match press conference ahead of the Nagpur T20I, Santner said that the team enjoys playing India in India, and the recent successes do give his team an advantage. He emphasised that the series is both about winning and preparing well for the T20 World Cup 2026 by competing against a strong team in similar conditions, calling it an exciting and valuable



series."It obviously gives us an edge. We love playing India, and we love playing in India. We have had some recent successes against India in different formats. We are looking forward to the series. The aim, first of all, is obviously to win the series but also have good enough preparation leading into the T20 World Cup 2026. It's about playing a great team in similar conditions to what we are gonna face in the World Cup. In terms of preparations for the series, it's going to be agreat series," Santner said.

Notably, Santner gave a 'Player of the Match' performance against India in the group-stage match of the T20 World Cup 2016, hosted in India, and helped New Zealand defeat the hosts by 47 runs in a low-scorer. Santner reflected fondly on his match-winning performance against India in the 2016 T20 World Cup, calling it a special memory from his first tour of India. He praised the passionate crowds and fan support, saying players love touring India."I hope it's similar to what it was 10 years ago. But I can't imagine it is. It was great memories. I guess it was my first trip to India. Not really knowing what to expect, but, you know, turning up, playing in front of 50,000 people in the World Cup, it was awesome. And it's been the same every time we've come back.

MI wicketkeeper Kamalini ruled out of remainder of WPL, Vaishnavi named replacement



AGENCY

MUMBAI: Mumbai Indians (MI) wicketkeeper-batter G Kamalini has been ruled out of the remainder of the WPL season due to an injury, with defending champions MI picking Vaishnavi Sharma as a replacement for the remainder of the WPL 2026.

Seventeen-year-old Kamalini had played 5 matches in the ongoing season before being ruled out of the season due to an injury.

"Mumbai Indians (MI) picked Vaishnavi Sharma as a replacement for G Kamalini for the remainder of the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026. Vaishnavi Sharma will join MI for Rs 30 Lakh, WPL said in a release.

The left-arm spinner Vaishnavi, who was a member of India's triumphant ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup squad of 2025, has played 5 T20Is for India, scalping five wickets from the same.

MI had a shaky start to their WPL campaign, as they have managed to register just two wins in five games. Despite the last two results not quite going theit way, the defending champions managed to hold onto the number two spot on the points table, thanks to their superior net run-rate.

With three league games remaining before the playoffs, MI quickly need to get the pieces of this puzzle together when they play bottom placed Delhi Capitals at the BCA Stadium, Kotambi on Tuesday.

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ICC's conditions unacceptable, Bangladesh adviser Asif Nazrul



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DHAKA : Bangladesh on Tuesday rejected, what they termed were "unreasonable conditions" imposed by the ICC regarding their participation in the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup 2026 in India, according to Youth and Sports Adviser Asif Nazrul.

After Bangladesh speedster Mustafizur Rahman was excluded from the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) made it clear that the team would not play in India under the current circumstances.

Despite several rounds of discussions between the International Cricket Council (ICC) and BCB officials, no resolution has been reached, leaving Bangladesh's participation in the upcoming T20 World Cup fate uncertain.

Speaking at the Secretariat on Tuesday, Asif Nazrul said, "If the ICC bows to pressure from the Indian cricket board and imposes unreasonable conditions on us, we will not accept them."

"There are precedents in international cricket, when India refused to play in Pakistan, the ICC changed the venue. We have reasonably asked for a venue Change", he added.

Previously, BCB denied that the ICC had set a January 21 deadline for them to decide on their participation in the T20 World Cup, starting from February 7, with media committee chairman Amjad Hossain saying that "no specific date" has been set for them.

As per ICC sources, the world's cricket governing body had earlier given an ultimatum to BCB to give their final decision on whether they will send the Bangladesh cricket team to India or not for the upcoming ICC WC by Wednesday (January 21). If the BCB refuses to send its team to India, the ICC is likely to name a replacement, and, as per the current rankings, it could be Scotland. The T20 World Cup will kick off on February 7, the sources added.

However, speaking to the media in Dhaka, Amjad said, as quoted by Daily Star, "Last Saturday, on January 17, an ICC representative came, and our cricket board representatives held a meeting with him. Regarding World Cup participation, there was an issue with the venue, and we informed them of our reluctance to play there.

We requested an alternate venue, and we held detailed discussions with the representatives. They told us that they will inform the ICC about the issues and will let us know about the decision later on." "In regard to these talks, they have not mentioned a specific date or when they will let us know. They just told us that they will let us know when the next discussion will take place. Thank you," he added. On the other hand, ICC is firm on not changing the original schedule, which has Bangladesh in Group C with Italy, New Zealand, West Indies and Nepal. For three weeks, no final decision has been made, and Bangladesh's opening game against the West Indies is just three weeks away at Kolkata on February 7.

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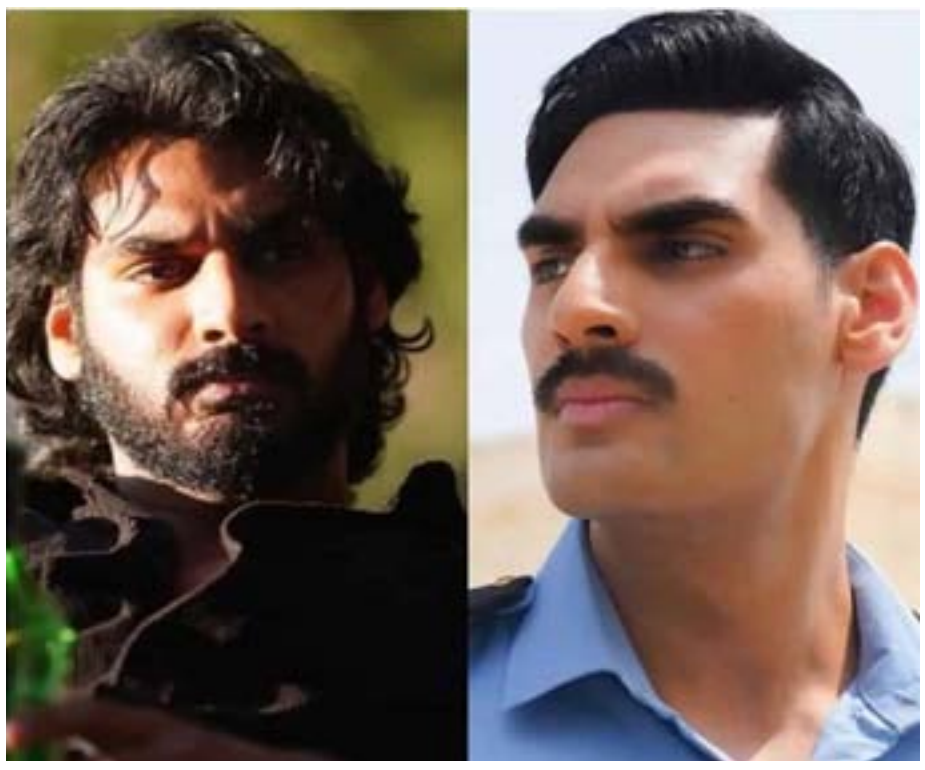
'Space Gen: Chandrayaan' lead cast hails Indian scientists, calls Chandrayaan-3 success a "proud moment"



The star cast of the upcoming series 'Space Gen: Chandrayaan' reflected on the pride and patriotism felt by the Indians during the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, describing science as a powerful form of patriotism that serves both the nation and humanity.The upcoming series 'Space Gen: Chandrayaan-3' is centred on the historic Chandrayaan-3 mission led by Indian scientists. In an interview with ANI, the lead stars of the series, Nakuul Mehta and Danish Sait, highlighted the contribution of scientists to global welfare, saying that scientific achievements by one's own country create a unique sense of national pride within the citizens, especially among children and students. While recalling the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, Danish Sait said, "Being Indian, when Chandrayaan 3 happened, I could feel that every Indian felt so proud and so happy that day. You feel very patriotic when scientists do these incredible things, and I feel like science is patriotism. Especially when you work with ISRO. You're doing it for the country and for humanity."Nakuul Mehta believes that scientific discoveries are not limited to a nation but benefit humanity. He described the success of the Chandrayaan-3 mission as a "big proud" moment for the citizens.

"I feel that when you achieve or discover something in science, it's not just for your country. It's for the whole of humanity. So, you can't do a better service than that, right? But when you discover something from your country, the feeling of pride is different. So, of course, when we went to the moon for the first time, it was a big moment for all of us," Nakuul Mehta said. "But when our Chandrayaan went there for the first time, and when India went to the South Pole for the first time, it was even a prouder moment for us. So, when you do something good in science and discover something, I think the feeling of patriotism becomes even stronger. Especially among children, students, and all of us," added Nakuul Mehta. Shriya Saran called her upcoming series 'Space Gen: Chandrayaan' a tribute to the scientists who make the nation proud. "This mission (Chandrayaan-3) is a matter of pride for the whole of India. But in this story, through this show, we want to tell you that sometimes we forget to celebrate the hardworking scientists behind every mission, their sacrifices, and the dreams they have for the whole of India. They live for it. To bring that story to the people, I think I'm very grateful and really excited," added Shriya Sharan. Inspired by the true events, the series 'Space Gen: Chandrayaan' narrates the story of one of India's greatest scientific comebacks after the failure of the Chandrayaan-2 mission in 2019.'Space Gen: Chandrayaan' will be released on JioHotstar on January 23, 2026.

Ahan Shetty reflects on "quiet struggles, pain, lessons" after debut film 'Tadap', expresses gratitude



Actor Ahan Shetty has reflected on his "quiet struggles" and "lessons" ahead of the release of his second film 'Border 2'. Taking to his Instagram handle, Ahan shared glimpses from both of his films, offering fans a look at his character. In his caption, the actor shared, "December 3, 2021... Tadap, my first film. The beginning of a dream I stepped into with hope, fear, and everything in between. What followed tested me deeply....Periods of uncertainty, quiet struggles, and lessons that only time and patience can teach. Growth rarely comes without pain, and every moment shaped who I am today. I'm grateful for all of it."

Speaking on his upcoming movie 'Border 2', Ahan added, "A new chapter born from patience, perseverance, and belief. With a fuller heart, steadier faith, and the same dream, now stronger than ever. I hope you'll stand with us, experience this journey, and support this film from the heart. It would mean more than words can express."Reacting to the post, fans extended their best wishes for Ahan, while his 'Tadap' co-star Tara Sutaria wrote, "You will shine!"Ahan Shetty's reflective observations came days after his father, actor Suniel Shetty, got emotional sharing his journey. "After his first film, there was a little break. Our lives are sometimes hit by a certain turmoil. Everyone thinks that he is Suniel Shetty's son and receives a lot of work. But there's a lot that he went through in life, but I am so happy he received a film like 'Border 2'", Shetty said at the song launch of 'Jaate Hue Lamhon'.Ahan Shetty, who carries forward his father Suniel Shetty's iconic legacy in 'Border 2', is being showered with immense love across the internet. 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.'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.

A new case. darker secrets. Garundi answers to a different boss in season 2 of Netflix's Kohrra



CHANDIGARH : Leaving Jagrana behind, Assistant Sub-Inspector Amarpal Garundi (Barun Sobti) is posted to Dalerpura Police Station, where he now works under his new commanding officer, Dhanwant Kaur (Mona Singh). Different as they may seem, both share the same passion to throw themselves into a case- even as the walls they've built to escape their pasts crumble right before their eyes.

After a critically acclaimed first season that set a new benchmark for Indian police procedurals, Kohrra returns on February 11, reaffirming its place as one of Netflix India's most prestigious and finely crafted investigative dramas. Created and written by Gunjit Chopra, Diggi Sisodia and Sudip Sharma, Season 2 brings a fresh case and a new pairing, rooted once again in Punjab's bleak, wintry terrain where silence often speaks louder than a confession.

A Film Squad Production in Association with Act Three, produced by Saurabh Malhotra, Sudip Sharma, Manuj Mittra and Tina Tharwani, Season 2 also marks an important creative evolution for the series. Sudip Sharma, the visionary creator and showrunner of Kohrra, steps into the director's chair (alongside Faisal Rahman), bringing an even more intimate and immersive lens to the storytelling.

Showrunner and director Sudip Sharma shares, "It's quite exciting to be back. Season 1 allowed us to explore quieter tensions between people, between past and present. This season as well, we've tried to bring forth as authentic a portrayal of Punjab as possible, with the characters rooted in a universal reality we've seen play out across the country. The show's an emotional roller-coaster. Barun and Mona have done a fantastic job, and I can't wait for people to see it for themselves."

Tanya Bami - Series Head, Netflix India adds, "Kohrra is our cult classic which won many awards, love and accolades from audiences and critics. What makes it unique is its honest simplicity, the unassuming backgrounds that expose deep layers of complexity as the fog lifts episode on episode. Set in a new city against the backdrop of a new crime and new partnership, S02 is even more riveting. I completely credit the expert craftsmanship of Sudip Sharma, who is not only the creator & showrunner, but is also making his directorial debut with S2. For all crime fans, this is an unmissable crime drama thriller." With Barun Sobti returning as Garundi and Mona Singh joining the franchise in a nuanced, compelling new role, Kohrra Season 2 promises a haunting new chapter in Indian noir. One where truth emerges slowly, unbeknownst to greater but more familiar beasts lurking in the mist.

'Summer House' stars Kyle Cooke, Amanda Batula part ways



Summer House' stars Kyle Cooke and Amanda Batula have called it quits. In an Instagram post, the two announced their separation, ending their four-year marriage."After much reflection, we have mutually and amicable decided to part ways as a couple," the statement read.this with a heavy heart and kindly ask for your grace and support while we focus on our personal growth and healing. It feels ironic to ask for privacy during this time since we've always tried to be open and honest about our relationship, but your kindness and respect will go a long way as we try to navigate our next chapter."Cooke has been a main cast member on the Hamptons-set series since it began in 2017, and Batula joined when they started dating in season two. They went on to get engaged on camera in September 2018 and married in September 2021, as per The Hollywood Reporter. Bravo-Con, which took over Las Vegas in November, particularly had fans buzzing after the two seemed to keep their distance from each other while promoting the series.

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CHANDIGARH : Amazon Bazaar is bringing its customers great saving across a wide range of products across categories like fashion, electronic accessories and more, with items starting at INR 99. During the Amazon Great Republic Day Sale 2026, customers can unlock great deals and offers of up to 80% on top products, with cashbacks up to INR 500. Customers can also earn INR 50 in cashbacks on items starting at INR 99, and on their first Amazon Bazaar order. With its ultra-affordable selection and crazy low prices, Amazon Bazaar caters to every customer's diverse needs and choices, and providing access to trendy, budget-friendly products across Bharat. Customers can shop smarter and save more with Amazon Pay through a wide range of payment and reward benefits, including unlimited 5% cashback for Prime members and 3% for non-Prime members on the Amazon Pay ICICI Bank Credit Card, along with welcome rewards worth up to INR 2,500. Eligible customers can also access instant credit of up to INR 60,000 via Amazon Pay Later, enjoy exclusive shopping rewards, and shop affordably through the INR 99/day EMI store across mobiles, electronics, fashion and appliances. With Rewards Gold, customers can earn assured 5% cashback across 15+ brands and categories by completing payments in three months, while shoppers can also avail up to 10% instant discounts on select bank cards and SBI Credit Card .

Cole Walliser defends Jennifer Lopez over viral Glambot video



Canadian filmmaker and music video director Cole Walliser has dismissed allegations that global pop icon Jennifer Lopez was rude to him during her viral Glambot moment at the 2026 Golden Globes, saying he never felt disrespected during the interaction, according to People.Walliser, the creative force behind the popular Glambot slow-motion red carpet videos, addressed the controversy in an Instagram video shared on January 18. The clip came after social media users accused Lopez of being dismissive during her Glambot shoot on January 11 at the awards ceremony.While getting into position for the shoot, Lopez was seen facing away from Walliser as he directed her. A behind-the-scenes video showed the singer-actress posing for the camera before walking away with a wave, which some fans interpreted as rude behaviour, according to People.Clarifying the situation, Walliser said he did not take the moment personally. "I didn't take it personally. It didn't feel rude in that moment," he said, explaining that Lopez was simply focused on completing the shoot as the red carpet was closing."She's just down to business. The carpet was closed. She's ready to go inside. She knew what she was going to do. She got into the position," Walliser explained, adding that it was coincidental that Lopez's position had her facing away from him while he was giving directions.

"It's just unfortunate that the position was that she was facing away from me. So I am talking to her; she is looking away, but she's getting ready for the move," he said, noting that he fully understood what Lopez was doing at the time, as per the outlet. Walliser further pointed out that red carpet environments are often chaotic, with celebrities frequently unsure about what they are approaching. "Sometimes they don't know what they're walking up to. It's just because it's so crazy," he said, adding that such situations are common and not unique to Lopez.Emphasising his broader experience, Walliser stated that he has never felt mistreated by any celebrity.



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