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Husband stabs wife to death in Kasauli

UNI SOLAN: Following altercation, husband brutally murdered his wife at Shanogi village under Kasauli police station in Solan district of Himachal on late Sunday evening. Police has arrested the deceased's husband Chatar Singh. Preliminary investigations by police revealed that one resident of Shanogi village reported to the Kuthar police that Chatar Singh had attacked his wife Suman with a knife and locked himself in a room. The police after reaching the spot found that Chatar Singh's wife, Suman, was lying dead in her room in a pool of blood. Serious wounds were found on the deceased's neck and body, inflicted by a sharp-edged weapon. The police said that at the time of incident, Pooja, a resident of nearby Dakkhana Shamati village who was present at the scene told the police that on the evening of January 31, 2026, her father-in-law received a call from Narendra Singh, a resident of Shanogi village, on her mobile phone.

Rupee rises 42 paise to close at 91.51 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee gained 42 paise to close at 91.51 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, a day after the Union Budget 2026-27 was presented, largely as crude oil prices retreated from their elevated levels. Forex traders said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) seemed to be defending the 92 per dollar level with a lot of resolve. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 91.95 against the US dollar, then gained some ground to touch an intraday high of 91.45 and a low of 91.95 against the greenback.

CBI arrests cybercriminal after massive search operation across 10 states

NEW DELHI: The CBI has arrested an alleged cybercriminal after conducting a massive countrywide search operation across 35 locations as part of a sweeping multinational crackdown on cyber-enabled financial crimes, officials said on Monday. Christened Operation CyStrike, the crackdown was launched on January 30 in coordination with law-enforcement agencies in the United States, the United Kingdom, Kuwait et, Ireland, and Singapore.

US tariffs have "no influence" on customs duty overhaul announced in Budget: Sitharaman

NEW DELHI: The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the United States (US) tariffs have "no influence on customs duty overhaul." "Custom duty overhauling exercise has been going on for the last two years. The US matter has had no influence" on Budget," Sitharaman told reporters in the national capital in the context of the proposals announced in the Union Budget 2026-27 for the deduction in Customs and Central Excise for certain products.

LS adjourned amid uproar over Rahul's reference to Ex Army Chief's memoirs

UNI NEW DELHI, FEB 2

The Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day on Monday following two earlier adjournments triggered by a heated uproar over Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi's reference to excerpts from an unpublished memoir of former Army Chief General Manoj Naravane during the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address.

The first adjournment came soon after Gandhi cited the unpublished book, as reported by 'Caravan' Magazine, raising concerns about India's defence preparedness and border security, including claims that Chinese forces had approached with tanks. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh immediately objected, stating, "Mr Gandhi should not speak about this matter as the book is not published."

Speaker Om Birla upheld this objection, emphasising that citing unpublished books or magazines is against parliamentary rules. He ruled, "No book or news report shall be read unless it has a connection with the proceedings of this House," and instructed Gandhi to confine his remarks to the President's address.

Despite the Speaker's ruling, Gandhi persisted in referring to the unpublished memoir after the House resumed, prompting renewed protests from the ruling benches. This led to a second adjournment within minutes of proceedings restarting. The disruption escalated into a sharp exchange between members of the ruling party and the Opposition. Home Minister Amit Shah and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju backed the Defence Minister's objections.

Shah stressed, "Once the Speaker has given a ruling, it must be respected. Members cannot quote writings of others in violation of House rules." Rijiju added, "Parliament functions according to established rules, and persistent refusal to follow the Speaker's rulings would make it difficult to enforce discipline, especially among new members."

Speaker Birla warned Gandhi against disrespecting the Chair, stating, "No member has the right to disrespect the Chair. If the ruling is not followed, another member will be given the opportunity to speak." He subsequently called on Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav to address the House. Gandhi later defended his decision to raise the issue, saying that he was compelled to respond after BJP leader Tejasvi Surya questioned the patriotism of his party during the debate. This further intensified protests by Congress and other Opposition members.



The turmoil unfolded amid the ongoing discussion on the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address. Gandhi, also criticized the union Budget 2026-27 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1, as ignoring the country's pressing challenges, describing it as "completely hollow."

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju condemned Gandhi's conduct in a press statement: "Right from the beginning, Rahul Gandhi flouted rules by quoting from a book whose publication and authenticity are not clearly established. The Defence Minister and all of us stated that the House must function as per rules. One cannot challenge the Chair."

With a total of 18 hours allocated for the Motion of Thanks debate, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to respond on February 4.

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For New Delhi, however, this entire exercise is moot. Government sources told NDTV that the "so-called illegally constituted" CoA continues to "hold parallel proceedings (in addition to the neutral expert). Since we do not recognise the legitimacy of the CoA, we do not respond to any of its communications."

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India holds firm against International Court order on Indus Waters Treaty

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formally placed the Indus Waters Treaty "in abeyance" and, for the first time since 1960, explicitly linked water cooperation to Pakistan's continued use of terrorism as an instrument of state policy.

The move came alongside Operation Sindoor and marked a decisive shift in India's Pakistan policy – cooperation cannot continue amid hostility. Islamabad's reaction has been frantic. In

the nine months since, Pakistan has summoned envoys, rushed delegations to world capitals, written to the United Nations, initiated over ten legal actions and held multiple international conferences – all centred on one narrative that India has targeted its most sensitive vulnerability.

Nearly 80-90 per cent of Pakistan's agriculture depends on the Indus River system. Its water storage capacity barely covers a month of flow. Its major reservoirs – Tarbela and Mangla – are reportedly near dead storage. What was once a technical treaty arrangement has now become a strategic pressure point.

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Dalai Lama honored with Grammy as messages of peace and compassion take center stage



UNI LOS ANGELES: The Dalai Lama was honored with a Grammy Award for his audiobook, 'Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness' The Dalai Lama, at the prestigious 68th Grammy Awards on Monday. He won over nominees including Elvis, Rocky & Me: The Carol Connors Story by Kathy Garver, Into the Uncut Grass by Trevor Noah, Lovely One: A Memoir by Ketanji Brown Jackson, and You Know It's True: The Real Story of Milli Vanilli by Fab Morvan. In a statement shared by his office, the Dalai Lama said, "I receive this recognition with gratitude and humility. I don't see it as something personal, but as a recognition of our shared universal responsibility. I truly believe that peace, compassion, care for our environment, and an understanding of the oneness of humanity are essential for the collective well-being of all eight billion human beings. I'm grateful that this Grammy recognition can help spread these messages more widely." British musician Yungblud took home the Grammy for Best Rock Performance for his rendition of Changes, a cover of Black Sabbath's original.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini meets PM Modi in national capital

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Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital, where the two leaders discussed several key issues.

A day earlier, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini welcomed the Union Budget 2026-27, describing it as people-focused and aligned with the vision of a developed India by 2047. Speaking in Panchkula, Saini said the Budget reflects the resolve of Narendra Modi to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047 and will be seen as a milestone in that journey. Calling it a visionary document, he said, "The vision of Prime Minister Modi, his resolve for a developed India



by 2047, will see this budget as a milestone in achieving that developed India. This is a visionary and historic document. It is a glorious day for all of us. On this auspicious occasion of Guru Ravi-

das Jayanti, this budget is truly dedicated to the welfare of the people and the spirit of upliftment of the poorest of the poor." He added that the three main pillars of the Budget are speed, capacity

and inclusive growth. On Sunday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2026-27 in Lok Sabha, her ninth consecutive Union Budget. Some of the key announcements of the budget were that public capital expenditure has been increased to Rs 12.2 lakh crore for FY 2026-27, up from Rs 11.2 lakh crore in the previous year, underlining the government's continued focus on infrastructure-led growth. Key initiatives include the development of seven high-speed rail corridors connecting major cities, new dedicated freight corridors, and the operationalisation of 20 national waterways over the next five years to promote environmentally sustainable transport systems.

SC grants bail to Bikram Majithia in disproportionate assets case

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Bikram Singh Majithia and former Punjab Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), who has been accused in a disproportionate assets case. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta noted that the petitioner had already been granted bail in the earlier NDPS case in 2022, and the appeal filed by the Punjab government against that order was dismissed in 2025. It further observed that the disproportionate assets case pertains to the period between 2006 and 2017, though the FIR was registered only in 2025. In these circumstances,

the Court granted him bail. The Court also noted that Majithia has been in custody since the last seven months. The case against Majithia was registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, for allegedly amassing disproportionate assets exceeding ₹540 crore. He was arrested by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau. In December last year, the Punjab and Haryana High Court had rejected Majithia's bail plea by noting that there was a possibility of the investigation being influenced by him. Earlier, the apex court had agreed to consider an interim bail plea filed by the SAD leader in the matter.

Pb has always led from front in sacrifices for nation's unity: CM Mann



BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

A delegation of the National Defence College, New Delhi, currently on a study tour of Punjab, called on Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday, during which he highlighted the state's unparalleled contribution to the nation's unity and sovereignty, its legacy of valour and communal harmony, and Punjab's enduring role as the sword arm and food bowl of India.

Interacting with a delegation of the National Defence College that called on him here today, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Punjab has given the Indian Armed Forces distinguished military leaders and braveheart soldiers who have always made supreme sacrifices for the country." He said, "It is heartening to learn that the National Defence College, New Delhi, is on a visit to Punjab from February 2 to 6." Welcoming the delegation upon their arrival in the state, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "This socio-political study tour is aimed at understanding and learning about Punjab's social, economic, political and other sectors." Extending a warm welcome to the delegation on the sacred soil of Punjab, the Chief Minister said, "The state government feels privileged to host you." He apprised the delegation, saying, "Punjab is the holy land of great Gurus, saints, seers, prophets and martyrs, and it is known as the land of brave and hardworking people."

Manali receives snowfall, Mercury dip across mid hills

UNI SHIMLA, FEB 2

Tourist resort Manali, received a light spell of snowfall, bringing back wintry cheer even as minimum temperatures dipped across the mid-hill regions of the state.

According to the latest weather bulletin issued by the Meteorological Centre, Shimla, Manali recorded about 2.5 cm of snowfall, while higher reaches in adjoining areas experienced a more pronounced winter spell.

Snowfall was reported mainly from higher and mid-hill stations, with Kothi recording the highest snowfall of 15.0 cm, followed by Kalpa (13.6 cm) and Sangla (10.5 cm). Other stations witnessing snowfall included Jot (6.5 cm), Keylong (3.0 cm), while Kufri reported only a trace of snowfall. The light snowfall in Manali added to the winter charm of the tourist resort, though higher reaches continued to dominate



snowfall activity.

Rainfall activity was observed across several mid and lower hill stations, with Gohar recording the highest rainfall of 20.0 mm, followed by Sarahan (18.5 mm) and Sujapur Tira (18.4 mm). Dharamshala received 16.3 mm,

while Murari Devi recorded 13.2 mm. Other stations included Jogindernagar (13.0 mm), Bhuntar and Sundernagar (11.6 mm each) and Pandoh (11.5 mm).

The snowfall was accompanied by a sharp fall in night temperatures. Manali recorded a minimum tempera-

ture of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius, marking a severe cold day as both minimum and maximum temperatures remained significantly below normal.

Minimum temperature of Tabo in Lahaul Spiti emerging as the coldest station at minus 7.9°C, followed by Kukumsheri (minus 6.6°C) and Kalpa (minus 3.8°C). Manali recorded a sub-zero minimum of minus 0.4°C, indicating severe cold conditions. In the mid hills, Palampur recorded 3.0°C, Dharamshala 3.3°C, Shimla 3.5°C, and Bhuntar 4.6°C. Warmer night temperatures were recorded in lower regions, with Mandi at 6.6°C, Bilaspur and Una at 7.0°C, Nahan at 8.3°C, while Paonta Sahib was the warmest at 11.0°C. The Meteorological Centre has indicated partly cloudy conditions in the coming days, with a fresh western disturbance likely to affect higher reaches from the night of February 2, raising the possibility of more snowfall in the upper Himalayas.

Classified

I, Anil Kumar Yadav S/o Durga Prasad VPO-Nihaloth, Tehsil Buhana, District Jhunjhunu Rajasthan-333515 declare that I have changed my minor daughter,s name from Himanshi to Hanika.

514466
I, Anil Kumar Yadav S/o Durga Prasad VPO-Nihaloth, Tehsil Buhana, District Jhunjhunu Rajasthan-333515 declare that I have changed my minor son,s name from Kanishk to Kanisik.

514466
I Devinder Kaur (UID 7349 9107 4044) W/o Parvinder Singh R/o House No. 277, Sector 4, Mundi Kharar, SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name from Devinder Kaur to Davinder Kaur.

100071
I, Simpy W/o Lokesh Thakral R/o H.No. 217 , Sector 20 , Huda, Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Simpy To Simpy Pruthi. Concerned Please Note.

84451
I, Uday Singh, son of Rajpal, resident of village Ranakauli, Tehsil Baudkalan, District Charkhi Dadri, Haryana, have changed the name of my minor son from Durvesh Panwar to Rudransh. In the future, my son should be known and identified by the name Rudransh.

524482
I Maan Singh S/o Malkit Singh Resident of #185, Ward No.21, Lohgarh, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab hereby solemnly declare that in my passport No. H4621484 my father name mentioned Malkeet singh instead of Malkit Singh, the both names Malkit Singh and Malkeet Singh refer to one and the same person.

989666
PUBLIC NOTICES
ਸ੍ਰੀ ਭਿੱਤ੍ਰ ਖੁੱਬਾ ਆਧਾਰ ਨੰਬਰ (743149579454) ਚੁੱਕ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਨਾਥੀ ਰਾਮ ਗਾਂਭ ਗਲੀਡੀ ਰਹੱਸੀਲ ਕ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਾਪੁਰ ਜਿਲਾ ਯਮੁਨਾਨਗਰ ਕਾ ਨਿਕਾਸੀ ਹੂੰ। ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ ਗਾਮੀ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਨੇ ਸੁਨਨੇ ਸੇ ਆਹਰ ਹੈ ਦੁਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਅਪਨੀ ਮਨਮਜੀ ਕਰਨੀ ਹੈ। ਫ਼ਲਿਵਿਏ ਮੈਂ ਅਪਨੀ ਹਕੀਕੀ ਪੁਤ੍ਰੀ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ ਗਾਮੀ ਕੀ ਅਪਨੀ ਚਲ ਅਚਲ ਸੰਪਤਿ ਸੇ ਬੇਦਕਲ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੂੰ। ਖਠਿਥਥ ਮੈਂ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ ਗਾਮੀ ਕੇ ਸਾਧ ਕੌਡਿ ਲੇਨ ਦੇਨ ਕਰੇਗਾ ਸਵਯ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਗਾ। ਫ਼ਲਮੇਂ ਮੇਰੀ ਕ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੌਡਿ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਗੀ।

100046
ਮੈਂ ਚੁੱਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਲਕੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਕੰਗਟੀਵਾਲਾ ਤਹਿ: ਫਿਲੌਰ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਬਿਅਨ ਰਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਪਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਦਿਲਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਲੜਕੇ ਸੁਖਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੌਲ-ਅਚੌਲ 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।

63372
I, Kiranjot Pabla, daughter of Shri Paramjit Singh Pabla, resident of Basiala, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, am now permanently residing abroad at LANITOY 36A PARMA ATTIKIS ATHENS GREECE and I have never been married anywhere in India before and I am now getting married in abroad. If anyone has any objection in this regard, he can raise his objection within 15 days. Please note the relevant information.

63372
I Avtar Singh (Army No.15589098A Rank-L/NK) S/o Pritam Singh R/o Vill, Sherpur Taiban Distt Moga Declare that in my Army record My father date of birth is wrongly written 15-06-1962 but her actual date of birth is 01-01-1957. Please note.

63372
I, No.19001775H L/Hav Gurmel, Unit 5 Sikh C/o 56 Apo declare that in my Army record my wife Date of Birth is wrongly entered 15/04/1990. Whereas her correct Date of Birth is 15/04/1991.

I, Amarjeet Singh Dhillon S/o Balour Singh Brar Residing At Jaitu Road, Village Laleana, Kot Kapura District Faridkot Punjab-151204 Have Changed My Minor Daughter Age 06 Year Name Prabhgun Dhillon To Prabhgun Singh Dhillon It Was Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection

90002
I Hitherto Known As Geetampreet Singh Sekhon S/o Jaswinder Singh Residing At House. No. 368, Near Peer Khana, Vill Borawal, Teh. Budhlada, Distt. Mansa, Police Station-bhikhi, Punjab-151502 State Of Punjab, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Geetampreet Singh. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection

90002
I Hitherto Known As H Lalmanpuri W/o Lal Ram Zauva Residing At Smq-188/3, Hal Area, Air Force Station, Barrackpore, North Barrackpore (m), North 24 Parganas, West Bengal-743122, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As H Lalmanpui It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection

90002
I Hitherto Known As Jaspal Singh Sandhu S/o Balkar Singh Residing At, Village Mahni Khera Tehsil Malout Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab 152115 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jaspal Singh It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection

90002
I, Manoj, son of Shri Gopi Nath, resident of Lane No. 8, Sanoli Road, Dhup Singh Nagar, Panipat, hereby declare that my son, Manish Kumar (aged 21 years), has gone astray due to bad company and is no longer under my control. Therefore, I am completely disinheriting him from all my movable and immovable property. From today onwards, he will have no connection or dealings with me or my family. If any person engages in any kind of transaction with Manish Kumar, they will be solely responsible for the consequences. Neither I nor my family will be responsible for any legal or illegal actions of Manish Kumar.

100046
I, Amar Singh S/o Teja Singh R/o Village Mushkabad, Tehsil Samrala, District Ludhiana Declare That My Son Jagroop Singh is out of my control. So, I Diswoned my moveable and immovable property. If anybody Dealing With them at their own risk.

63372
I, Kanchan Goel W/o late Rakesh Goel R/o H.No. 373, Gilco Velly, Sector 127, Kharar, Tehsil Kharar, Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali, declare that the deponent had disowned of his son namely Gaurav Goel S/o late Rakesh Goel by publishing a notice in the Newspaper. The son of the deponent in now her central and now the deponent withdraw that notice of disowner ship.

63372
I Avtar Singh (Army No.15589098A Rank-L/NK) S/o Pritam Singh R/o Vill, Sherpur Taiban Distt Moga Declare that in my Army record My Mother name is wrongly written Surjeet Singh But her actual name is Surjeet Kaur and her date of birth is wrongly written 15-06-1964 but her actual date of birth is 01-01-1964. Please note.

I, Mandip Kumar Arora S/o Chiman Lal Residing At Vpo Kheowali District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab - 152113 Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Mannat Arora, Aged 10 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Mannat It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection

90002
I, Roopam Agarwal W/o Rajvinder Agarwal Residing At H. No 02, Adarsh Model School St, Near Co Operative Bank, Kotkapura Road, Muktsar, Po: Muktsar, Dist: Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab - 152026 Have Changed The Name Spelling Of My Minor Son Jay Agrawal , Aged 10 Years And He Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jay Agarwal It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection

90002
I Hitherto Known As Sahil Kumar S/o Balwinder Kumar, Amamghar, Samana, Patiala, Punjab 147101 India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Sajan It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection

90002
I hitherto known as Zinnia Bansal D/O Ashok Bansal residing at # 667 Luna factory wali Gali ward no 2 nai Dabwali Sirsa Haryana 125104 Have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Zinnia It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002
It Is General Information That I Pushpinder Rathore S/o Baldev Singh Residing At Village Bagasan Post Office Nerwa Tehsil Nerwa Shimla Himachal Pradesh 171210 India Declared That Name Of Mine My Wife And My Daughter Has Been Wrongly Written As Pushpender Rathour & Aruna & Anitha In My Minor Daughter Anahita Rathour Aged 16 Years In Her Cbse Class 10th Marksheet The Actual Name Of Mine My Wife And My Daughter Is Pushpinder Rathore & Aruna Kumari & Anahita Rathour May Be Amended Accordingly It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection

90002
I Manpreet Kaur D/o Kulwant Singh Village Joti Shah Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Surname as Kaur and my Givenname is Manpreet to Manpreet Kaur pl note it.

524479
I, Gurkamal Kaur W/o Manpreet Singh Nagra R/o Vpo. Mehandpur Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar declare that my given name Gurdamal Kaur and my surname is Nagra.

I No. JC406539N SUB Shiv Lal Eshrwal R/o Village Bhiyasar, Tehsil Phalodi, District Jodhpur (Rajasthan) Pin Code-342311.Declare that In My Army Service Record My Son Name Mentioned JAY PARKASH Which is incorrect His Correct Name is JAY PRAKASH.

9000A
I Changuri Devi Mother of No. JC850695L NB SUB Kripa Charya Maurya R/o Village-Sakara, PO Kirath Sarai, Dist Mau, Uttar Pradesh-121705 I have changed my name from Changuri Devi to Changuri. Vide affidavit dated 02/02/2026 before Notary, Jalandhar

778934
I Archana Maurya Wife of No. JC850695L NB SUB Kripa Charya Maurya R/o Village Sakara, PO Kirath Sarai, Distt Mau, Uttar Pradesh-121705 I have changed my name from Archana Maurya to Archana.

778934
I, Anu Chanana W/o Vijay Chanana & D/o Vinod Kumar R/o H.No. 2098, St. No. 15, Abohar-152116 (Pb.) have changed my name from Anu alias Ekta to Anu Chanana. Both names belong to one and the same person. All concerned please note

524479
I, Pankaj Kumar, son of Ashok Kumar, resident of Ward No. 2, Pandita's Mohalla, Chamkaur Sahib, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, District Rupnagar, have changed my son's name from Shivam to Shivam Kumar.

524479
I, Vicky Nahar S/o Tek Singh R/o MCB -Z-2,03423, street no 1/4, ward no 16, Dhobiana basti bathinda have changed my name Vicky Nahar to Vicky

524479
I, Sarabjit Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Amarpura alias Gurthari, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda have changed my name Sarabjit Kaur to Sarabjeet kaur

524479
I Rajinder Kaur Alias Paramjit Kaur W/o Satwant Singh, resident of H.No. 2201, Ward No. 4, Purana Bazar, Machhiwara, Teh. Machhiwara, Distt. Ludhiana declare that Rajinder Kaur and Paramjit Kaur is one and same person of both name.

524479
I, Anu Chanana W/o Vijay Chanana & D/o Vinod Kumar R/o H.No. 2098, St. No. 15, Abohar-152116 (Pb.) have changed my name from Anu alias Ekta to Anu Chanana. Both names belong to one and the same person. All concerned please note

524479
I Manpreet Kaur D/o Kulwant Singh Village Joti Shah Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Surname as Kaur and my Givenname is Manpreet to Manpreet Kaur pl note it.

524479
I, Gurkamal Kaur W/o Manpreet Singh Nagra R/o Vpo. Mehandpur Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar declare that my given name Gurdamal Kaur and my surname is Nagra.

I Shiv Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar, R/o 46, Kings City, G.N.D.U. Road, Ladhewali, Near Shehanshah Garden, Dhadda, PO Hazara, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab - 144025 have changed my name from Shiv Kumar to Shiv Kumar Pahwa. All concerned may note.

900026
I Silky W/o Shiv Kumar Pahwa, R/o 46, Kings City, G.N.D.U. Road, Ladhewali, Near Shehanshah Garden, Dhadda, PO Hazara, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab - 144025 have changed my name from Silky to Silky Pahwa. All concerned may note.

900026
I, Shankar father of Gite Kailas Shankar, Unit 339 Med Regt, presently residing Vill & PO Pangra Dole, Tehsil Lonar, District - Buldhana, State-Maharashtra, PIN 443302, have changed my name from Shankar to Shankar Rambhau Gite vide E-Stamping/Affidavit No. IN-PB16634264246284Y, Date 02-Feb-2026 before Notary, Jalandhar.

600022
I, Yashoda mother of Gite Kailas Shankar, Unit 339 Med Regt, presently residing Vill & PO Pangra Dole, Tehsil Lonar, District - Buldhana, State-Maharashtra, PIN 443302 have changed my name from Yashoda to Yashoda Shankar Gite vide E-Stamping/Affidavit No. IN-PB16633907895678Y, Date 02-Feb-2026 before Notary, Jalandhar.

600022
I Rupinder Kaur W/O Hardial Singh R/O Vpo Nangal Lubana teh Bholath Kapurthala pin 144631 Punjab Have Changed my Name To Rupinder (Kaur) As Surname. All concerned please note.

600022
I, Manju Rani Gill W/o Gurjant Singh R/o Sunam Distt. Sangrur From Today I have changed my name from Manju Rani Gill to Manju Rani.

63372
I, Babbli W/O Pawan Kumar R/O Mohalla Bhadindian, Malerkotla, Teh. & Distt: Malerkotla have changed my name to Babi.

63372
I Satgur Singh S/o Jaspal Singh Vpo. Gharachon Teh. Bhawanigarh Dist. Sangrur have Changed My Name to Satgur Singh Ghuman.

63372
I, Daljit Kaur W/o Mukhtiar Singh R/o Vill: Raiwal Bet Teh - Shakhkot Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Daljit Kaur to Baljit Kaur.

63372
I, Gurkamal Kaur W/o Manpreet Singh Nagra R/o Vpo. Mehandpur Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar declare that my given name Gurdamal Kaur and my surname is Nagra.

63372
I Mohit Kumar S/o Raj Kumar R/o Vpo. Gohawar, Distt. Jalandhar declare that my name be read as given name Mohit and surname Kumar.

63372
I, Balwinder Kaur W/o Balvir Singh Sekhon R/o Patti Dhillon, VPO Buttar, Distt. Moga, 142040, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Balwinder Kaur Sekhon.

I, Manjinder Kaur W/o Mohan Lal Resident of VPO Manguwala, Teh. Nawanshahr, Distt. S.B.S Nagar have changed my minor daughter name from Mannat to Mannat Kaur.

63372
I Meenakshi W/o Satish Kumar Bansal R/o H.No. 861 W.No.06, St.No.03 Apex Colony, Dosanjh Road Moga have changed my name to Meenakshi Bansal W/o Satish Kumar Bansal.

63372
I Narinder Pal S/o Suraj Bhan, 111 Urban State Phase-1, W.No.12, Bathinda have changed my name to Narinder Pal Goyal S/o Suraj Bhan.

63372
I Sonika W/o Sunil Singla R/o H.No. 1247 St.No.10, W.No. 35 Vedant Nagar Moga 142001, I have change my name Sonika to Sonika Bansal.

63372
I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Hukum Chand R/o W.No. 4 Near Kiran Hospital Maur Mandi-151509 Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Sandeep Bansal.

63372
I, Joga Singh S/o Telu Ram, Village Shahabpur, Tehsil Nawanshahr, District, S.B.S Nagar, Punjab, India, Have Changed My Name From Joga Singh To Singh Joga, Surname As Singh.

63372
I, Ishpreet Singh Bhullar S/o Devinder Singh R/o Village Bhullran Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name Ishpreet Singh.

63372
I, Rinku S/o Gurmeet Ram R/o Boonker Gujran P.O. Karyana Kalan, Teh. & Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name as Rinku Ram.

63372
I, Paramjit Kaur Mall W/o Parminder Singh Mall, R/o H.No. 1290, Block No. 04, Backside Telephone Exchange, Sant Ishar Singh Nagar, Doraha, Teh. Payal, Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Paramjit Kaur Mall.

63372
I, Sunita W/o Sandip Kumar R/o Vill: Lalpur Po. Dhahan Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Sunita to Sunita Banger.

63372
I Neeraj Bhanot alias Neena W/o Sandeep Kumar, Hno. B-14, Ganesh nagar geeta bhawan road Nawanshahr Distt SBS nagar have changed my name from Neeraj Bhanot alias Neena to Neena.

63372
I Rakesh Singla S/o Tarsem Chand R/o 13, Thandi Sadak, Near Mandir, Somsons Colony, Malerkotla have changed my name Rakesh Kumar Singla.

63372
I Naseem Akhtar W/o Mohd Jamil R/o Village Bhaini Kamboan P/O Khanpur Dstt. Malerkotla have changed my name Nasim Akhtar.

63372
I, Balwinder Kaur W/o Balvir Singh Sekhon R/o Patti Dhillon, VPO Buttar, Distt. Moga, 142040, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Balwinder Kaur Sekhon.

63372
I, Balvir Kaur W/o Surinder Singh R/o Vill: Bika Po. Khan Khana Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, have changed my name from Balvir Kaur to Balvir Kaur Sandhu.

I, Shamsheer Singh, formerly known as Shamsheer Singh Brar, S/O Jagraj Singh, resident of Village Veroke, District Moga, have changed my name from Shamsheer Singh Brar to Shamsheer Singh for all future purposes.

63372
I Manjeet Singh Sekhon S/o Sampuran Singh R/o Lalle (Ferozepur) changed my name to Manjit Singh.

63372
I, Esha Bansal W/O Amrish Mittal R/O H.No. 500/36a, Street No. 4, Shastri Nagar, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana, Punjab, India - 142026, Changed My Name To Esha Mittal.

63372
I, Iqbal Singh S/o Arjan Singh R/o Village Chuslewar Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Iqbal Singh to Iqbal Singh.

63372
I Bhupinder Pal Kaur W/O Gurjeet Singh R/O Village Bangian, District Ropar Have Changed My Name To Bhupinder Pal Kaur Madhra.

63372
I Harpreet Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o 33944, St No.21, Partap Nagar Bathinda have changed my name to Harpreet Singh Ahluwalia.

63372
I Jagdev Singh Dhaliwal s/o Nachhatar Singh R/o Village Dasaundha singhwala, PO Mithewal ,Tehsil Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla have changed my name to Jagdev singh.

63372
I hitherto known as Harry S/O Amarjit, R/o Mohalla Ravidas Pura, Nurmahal, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar (Punjab) Pincode-144039, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harry Sunder.

63372
I hitherto known as Inder W/o Sahib Ram R/o Vill-Maujgarh Teh-Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Indra Devi.

63372
I, Ranjeet Singh Boparai S/O Gurmeet Singh R/o Ahmadpur (Dhaler Kalan) Dist Malerkotla have chaged my name to Ranjeet Singh.

63372
I Amandeep Singh S/O Kartar Singh R/O VILL. Kotla Heran PO Kular (Jalandhar) Have Changed My Name To Singh Amandeep. Singh Is Surname and Amandeep is Given Name.

63372
I, Harpreet Kaur W/o Baljit Singh R/o Vpo. Jandiala Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Harpreet Kaur to Kaur Harpreet. I have used Kaur as my surname.

63372
I Kuldeep Singh Gill S/o Major Singh R/o Village Dangian Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh.

63372
I, Rajneesh Gupta S/o Tirlok Chand R/o H. No 1015/RA-1, St. 03, Green Park , Bajwa Colony Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have changed my name from Rajneesh Kumar Gupta to Rajneesh Gupta.

63372
I, Jasmel Kaur W/o Surjit Singh R/o Village Bathian Distt Malerkotla declare that I am known by Jasmel Kaur and Gurmel Kaur both names.

I Gagandeep Kaur W/o Amanpreet Singh Farwaha R/o Vpo Hathur Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Gagandeep Farwaha.

63372
I, Gagandeep Singh S/O Lakhvir Singh R/O Kussa Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Singh Gagandeep.

63372
I Manmohan Lal S/O Amarjit R/O Vpo Mau Sahib Teh- Phillaur, DIST: Jalandhar Punjab - 144035 have changed the name to my minor daughter from Arshadeep Kaur to Arashdeep Kaur.

63372
I, Sunita Devi Alias Swati Madaan wife of Narinder Kumar Madaan resident of 17, Gali No. 1, Harbans Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab, India have changed my name from Sunita Devi to Swati Madaan. All concerned please note.

63372
I, Prabhdeep Kaur Sidhu W/O Charanjit Singh Sidhu, R/o H No. 159, Phase 7, Sirhind Road, Tricone City, Patiala, PO: Patiala, Dist: Patiala, Punjab- 147001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Prabhdeep Kaur Bhullar.

63372
I, Munish Gupta S/O Vinod Kumar, R/o House No 525, Street No 3, Sheetal Colony Hira Mahal Nabha, Nabha, PO: Nabha, Dist: Patiala, Punjab- 147201, I have changed the name of my minor Son Panav Garg aged about 12 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Ishan Gupta.

63372
I, Kamal Kishor S/O Ram Lal, R/o P/o Chor Sidhwan, Chaguwala, Gurdaspur, Punjab- 143521, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Radhika aged about 10 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Radhika Rani.

63372
I, Sukhvir Singh S/o Basant Singh Brar R/o H.No. 202 Sector-53 Phase-3/A Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Sukhvir Singh Brar to Sukhvir Singh.

63372
I, Mohammad Ashraf Ali S/O Mohd Moti Ur Raheman R/o #179/1 Desu Majra Colony Sec-126 Model Town Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Mohd Ashraf Ali to Mohammad Ashraf Ali.

63372
I, Johra Biwi W/o Mohd. Moti Ur Raheman R/o #179/1 Desu Majra Colony Sec-126 Model Town Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Zohra Bibi to Johra Biwi.

63372
I Balwinder Kaur W/o Balvir Singh Sekhon R/o Patti Dhillon, VPO Buttar, Distt. Moga, 142040, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Balwinder Kaur Sekhon.

63372
I, Balvir Kaur W/o Surinder Singh R/o Vill: Bika Po. Khan Khana Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, have changed my name from Balvir Kaur to Balvir Kaur Sandhu.

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CHANDIGARH: Reinforcing the timeless relevance of public institutions and the need to engage meaningfully with the younger generation, Punjab Circle's second N-Gen themed, revamped Post Office was inaugurated at PGIMER, Sector-12, Chandigarh by Professor (Dr.) Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER, in the august presence of senior officers from the Department of Posts and PGIMER. The inauguration was attended by Dr. Amanpreet Singh, Director Postal Services (HQ), Punjab Circle; Dr. Parveen Kumar Saraswat, Director Postal Services (Region), Punjab Circle; and Shri Satyam Tiwari, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Chandigarh Division, along with officers, staff members and students. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Vivek Lal highlighted the unmatched credibility and human commitment of India's postal services and urged the younger generation to draw inspiration from its enduring values as he stated, "Nothing can match the human face, the human commitment."

Secretary education and director school education conduct surprise inspections of Government Schools in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

Ms. Purna Puri, IAS, Secretary, School Education, and Sh. Nitish Singla, PCS, Director, School Education, UT Chandigarh Administration, today conducted surprise inspections of government schools to assess on-ground conditions and review educational as well as infrastructural facilities.

During the inspections, the officers visited Government Model High Schools at Dhanas (RC-1, RC-2 and RC-3). They examined school infrastructure, drinking water arrangements, sanitation facilities, classrooms, playgrounds, and overall cleanliness of the school premises. The officers also interacted with students, teachers, and school staff to understand their concerns and requirements, while holding discussions on academic practices,



student welfare, and effective utilisation of resources.

The officials observed several shortcomings, including the need for repairs in school buildings and playgrounds, as well as non-functional water purifiers and coolers. The Heads/Principals of the concerned schools were directed to ensure rectification of the deficiencies within 15 days, failing which personal accountability would be fixed. Earlier in the

day, Sh. Nitish Singla, Director School Education, also conducted a surprise visit to the office of the District Education Officer (DEO), Sector-19, Chandigarh, to review its functioning and administrative processes. The surprise inspections were undertaken with the objective of strengthening monitoring mechanisms, ensuring quality education, and enhancing governance in government schools across UT Chandigarh.

'Gangstran Te Vaar': 4233 individuals arrested with 116 weapons in two weeks

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

As the decisive 'Gangstran Te Vaar' campaign launched on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to make Punjab a gangster-free state completed two weeks, Punjab Police has arrested 4,233 individuals including gangsters and criminals associated with them after conducting 14,382 raids across the state since the launch of the campaign.

As per the information, the "Gangstran Te Vaar"—a decisive war to make Punjab a gangster-free state was launched by the Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav on January 20, 2026. Police teams from all the districts in coordination with Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) Punjab have been conducting raids at the identi-



fied and mapped locations linked to associates of gangsters.

As part of the 'Gangstran Te Vaar' campaign, well-coordinated strong nakas were set up under the supervision of Inspectors/DSPs on Monday, and an extensive checking of vehicles and suspicious people is being conducted across the state.

Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla, while interacting with media after in-

specting the naka at Godrej Chowk in Mohali, said that police teams have recovered 116 weapons along with 262 live cartridges and 23 magazines from the possession of arrested individuals.

Apart from this, preventive action has been initiated against 2,311 persons, whereas, 4,008 persons were verified and released after questioning, he said, while adding that Police teams have also arrested 283 proclaimed offenders

(POs) in last 14 days.

On Day 14, Police teams arrested 172 individuals after conducting 613 raids, while, preventive action has been taken against 159 persons and arrested nine proclaimed offenders (POs).

People can anonymously report information related to wanted criminals and gangsters, and also share tips on crime and criminal activity, through the Anti Gangster Helpline number 93946-93946.

Flyover built under Bharat Mala project and toll plaza at nearby village Bajheri becomes operational

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, FEB 2

Motorists going from Banur to Kurali got a big relief yesterday when National Highway No. 205A under Bharat Mala project, which is going from the Airport to Kurali, became operational and the toll plaza built near village Bajheri started functioning.

Now these motorists will not have to pass through Lan-

dran and Kharar nor will they have to waste time in the daily traffic jams here. Today, this correspondent visited the place and got information that this flyover is 31 km long. 16 fastway lanes have been built at the toll plaza built near village Bajheri.

Through which only fast-way vehicles can pass. Similarly, 2 booths with cash counters have been built. There is a provision to make a pass of

Rs 340 per month for private vehicle drivers living within a 20 km radius of this toll plaza. With the commissioning of this flyover, many vehicles going to Himachal, Jammu and Kashmir or other areas of Punjab will reach Kurali directly from the airport and will be able to save a lot of time. Along with this, people will also get relief from the daily traffic jams on Landran Road Kharar.

Inaugural function of SAKSHAM 2026 organised

J.K. BATTA
CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

The inaugural programme of SAKSHAM 2026 was held at Rani Laxmi Bai Bhawan, Sector 38 C in the esteemed presence of Shri Diprava Lakra, IAS, Finance Secretary-cum-Secretary Transport, Chandigarh Administration.

Under SAKSHAM 2026, the oil industry will hold activities for a fortnight from the 1st Feb '26 to 15th Feb '26, with an aim to raise mass awareness about the importance of conserving petroleum products.

The awareness will be held throughout Punjab and Chandigarh (UT). Notably, the inaugural function was jointly organised by State

Level Coordinators (SLCs) of Oil Industries of Chandigarh(UT) and Punjab. The event was coordinated by Sh. Ashutosh Gupta, State Level Coordinator, Oil Industry, Punjab and Executive Director & State Head, Punjab State Oil, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL); Sh. Sushant Goyal, State Level Coordinator, Oil Industry, Chandigarh U.T. and Chief Regional Manager, Chandigarh Retail, RO Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL); Sh. Akash Bhawan, General Manager and Zonal Head, Chandigarh Zonal Office, Gas Authority of India Ltd(GAIL) and Sh. Ramlal, DGM(Retailing Initiatives), Punjab, J&K, and Chandigarh, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).

Computer teachers protest against imposition of duty to make insurance cards during exams

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, FEB 2

The Computer Teachers Union held a meeting under the leadership of District President Amandeep Singh and Sangharsh Committee Convener Rakesh Saini and expressed strong protest against the non-academic duties imposed on teachers.

The union, in particular, termed the deployment of computer teachers to create Chief Minister Health Insurance Cards as completely unfair. District President Amandeep Singh said that while forming the government, the Chief Minister had clearly announced that no non-educational work would

be taken from the teachers. But despite this, the administration has taken the opposite step and assigned the duty of computer teachers to make insurance cards. He said that currently, annual written and practical examinations are being conducted in schools and computer teachers are already performing their responsibilities in the practical examinations of class 10th and 12th conducted by the Punjab School Education Board.

Union leaders strongly demanded from the administration that these duties be immediately canceled and that the process of ordering hardware from schools be stopped.

Semi-final matches of cricket tournament held under Jalandhar Premier League

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, FEB 2

Under the Punjab Government's 'War on Drugs' initiative, semi-final matches of cricket matches were held under the Jalandhar Premier League being organized by Valsal Education in collaboration with the District Administration to encourage the youth towards sports.

In these matches held at the local CT Shahpur Campus, School of Eminence Ladowali Road defeated Police D. A. V. Public School by three runs in the super over and entered the final. In the second semi-final match, Government Senior Secondary School Lamba Pind defeated Cambridge In-

ternational School and secured its place in the final. Government Senior Secondary School Lamba Pind scored 156 runs in the stipulated 20 overs and chasing the target, the Cambridge International School team could only score 127 runs in the stipulated overs. Government Senior Secondary School Lamba Pind and School of Eminence Ladowali Road will face each other in the final match. On this occasion, Harpreet Singh Vice Chancellor C. T. University, Adit Mittal, Dr. Surjit Lal Secretary District Red Cross Society, Satpal Sports Officer C. T. Group, Vikas Chadha Coach, Ravi Chaurasia Umpire and Sunil Kumar were also present.

Sandhwan, Khudiyani and Sond attend turban-wearing ceremony of Kunwar Abhiudepartap Nabha at Hira Mahal



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudiani and Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond today attended the turban-wearing ceremony of Kanwar Abhiudepartap Singh, son of Maharaja Hira Singh and Maharaja Ripudaman Singh of Riyasat-e-Nabha, at Hira Mahal.

Here at Gurdwara Darbar Siropao Sahib, Bhai Raja Singh Kaljhriani performed the Akhand Path of Sri Guru Granth Sahib while sitting in a 48-hour circle. The prayer at the end of the prayer was offered by Bhai Harpal Singh, the Head Granthi of Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, and the turban-wearing ceremony was performed. During the ceremony, Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and the Punjab Government congratulated the family, while Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Saund congratulated Kunwar Abhiudepartap Singh and the entire family on the occasion of donning the turban and said that it is a matter of pride for us to carry out ancient traditions while remembering our glorious history.

Annual Sports Day showcases excellence and community spirit at Maxim Merry School

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, FEB 2

Maxim Merry School hosted its Annual Sports Day for students of Classes IV to XI with distinction, reflecting the institution's commitment to holistic education and sporting excellence. The programme commenced with a dignified torch-bearing ceremony followed by an impeccably coordinated march past by the school houses setting a tone of discipline and unity. Students participated in the oath ceremony, reaffirming values of fairness and sportsmanship. The opening segment was en-

riched by a musical presentation, after which students of Class III delivered a precise and graceful drill, earning appreciation from parents and guests. Competitive events were conducted in Under-10, Under-14, and Under-17 categories for both boys and girls. Matches in Dodgeball, Kho-Kho, Chess, and Basketball witnessed enthusiastic participation and high levels of skill. A dance performance added vibrancy and cultural expression to the day's proceedings. Parental involvement emerged as a highlight, with parents participating in a friendly Kho-Kho match.

Bihari Janhit Mahasabha donates Rs 1 lakh 15 thousand for construction of Shri Ram Temple

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, FEB 2

Bihari Janhit Mahasabha, an organization formed by the migrant community, donated Rs 1 lakh 15 thousand yesterday for installing marble at the sanctum sanctorum of the Shri Ram Temple under construction in Kharar.

On this occasion, among others, the president of the Sabha Rajan Paswan, vice president Hira Lal, secretaries Sunil Kumar and Sikander, treasurers Ashok Rai and Bhim Kumar were present. It is worth mentioning that the idol installation and Pran Pratishtha at this Ram Temple is being done on

March 26, the day of Ram Navami. Work is going on there at a fast pace for this event. While handing over the cheque of this amount to the organizers, all the members of the migrant community assured that while they will participate in the idol installation ceremony in large numbers, they will also provide more support in this work.

It is worth mentioning that they have already provided financial assistance in this work. On this occasion, the administrators of Shri Ram Temple assured them that the migrants will also be represented in the administrative committee of this temple.

MCM's educational visit exposes students to grassroots entrepreneurship



CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

Start-Up Cell and Viksit Bharat Abhiyan Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in collaboration with the Postgraduate Department of Commerce and under the aegis of Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organised an educational visit to Mehr Baba Charitable Trust (MBCT), Bassi Pathana, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.

The visit envisioned to offer students experiential learning through firsthand exposure to grassroots entrepreneurship, social innovation, and women-led sustainable livelihood initiatives.

During the interaction, students engaged with women artisans trained in diverse market-oriented skills such as garment making, phulkari craft, machine embroidery, aari and zardozi embroidery, and rug making. They gained firsthand knowledge of the production processes and valuable insights into the transformation of traditional crafts into viable income-generating enterprises. The visit also underscored the significance of social entrepreneurship in promoting inclusive growth, women empowerment, and rural development, sensitising students to community-centric development models.

Atal memorial programme held in Ram Mandir complex, Dera Bassi

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, DEC 2

A dignified memorial programme was organised at the Ram Mandir complex, located near the railway crossing in Dera Bassi, on the sacred occasion of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and three-time former Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Filled with reverence, respect, and patriotism, the event paid heartfelt tributes to Atalji's towering personality and his enduring ideas.

Delhi-based Minister of State Dushyant Gautam attended the programme as the chief guest. He was joined by BJP

Vice President Subhash Sharma, District President Sanjeev Vashisht, Dera Bassi BJP leader and State Secretary Sanjeev Khanna, former Amloh Pradhan Pradeep, mandal president Pawan Dhiman, Rajinder Kaushik, executive member Mukesh Gandhi, Radhey Shyam, Ravinder Rana, Gurudarshan Singh Saini, along with all former and present mandal presidents, a large number of party workers, and local residents, who graced the occasion as special guests. The dignitaries remembered Atalji's life, his ideals, and his invaluable contribution to nation-building, describing him as a strong pillar of modern India.

Bhog of Akhand Path Sahib held at conclusion of NSS camp in Miri Piri Khalsa College

BALWINDER AZAD
BHADOUR, FEB 2

At Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadour, the leading institution of the area running under the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, a seven-day NSS camp was organized under the able leadership of Principal S. Malwinder Singh and as per the directions of NSS Coordinator of Punjabi University Patiala Dr. Anhad Singh Gill and Shri Arun Kumar (NSS Coordinator Schools). On the occasion of the conclusion of the NSS camp, Bhog of Sri Akhand Path Sahib was held in the college. The sangat of the area participated in large numbers on the occasion of Bhog. In which local dignitaries

Sajjana, Bhadaur Shiromani Akali Dal Haqqa Incharge Satnam Singh Rahi, Amar Singh BA former member (Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee), Jathedar Baldev Singh Chughna (Member, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee), Municipal Council President Manish Kumar, Nishan Singh (President, Mata Sahib Kaur Girls College, Gehal) attended as the chief guests, along with them Dr. Satinder Kaur Mann (Principal Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa College, Bhagta Bhai Kal), S. Sandeep Singh (Principal) Takhtupura, S. Major Singh (Principal) School of Eminence (Boys), S. Sukhdev Singh Principal Government High School Jangiana.

Desh Bhagat University observes World Leprosy Day with outreach and awareness initiatives



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Desh Bhagat University marked World Leprosy Day with a strong message of awareness, compassion, and social responsibility through combined initiatives led by the School of Nursing and the Faculty of Pharmacy.

While the School of Nursing conducted meaningful outreach activities at Kusht Ashram, Khanna and Fatehgarh Sahib to promote empathy, inclusive healthcare and stigma reduction, the Faculty of Pharmacy, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized a one-day awareness programme focusing on education and student engagement.

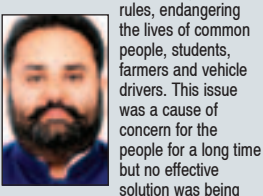
Together, both events emphasized early diagnosis, proper treatment, and community acceptance, reinforcing the university's commitment to health education and social awareness.

The School of Nursing's programme was organized under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Prabhjot Singh, Deputy Director, and Prof. (Dr.) Lovesampurnajot Kaur, Principal, School of Nursing and was meticulously coordinated by Ms. Bhupinder Kaur and Ms. Poonam, Nursing Tutors.

NEWS BRIEF

Major govt action against illegal cuts on Faridkot-Bathinda National Highway

SURINDER DAMDAMI
FARIDKOT: Due to the illegal median cuts made at many places on Faridkot-Bathinda National Highway-54, there was a risk of accidents every day. These roads were created without permission and were violating traffic



rules, endangering the lives of common people, students, farmers and vehicle drivers. This issue was a cause of concern for the people for a long time but no effective solution was being found at the administrative level. In view of this situation, social worker and senior leader of Aam Aadmi Party Arsh Sachar took this issue seriously. The steps taken by Arsh Sachar - on-site field visits and direct interaction with the public, documentation by collecting photo and video evidence, written complaints to the National Highway Authority, District Administration, continuous follow-up and demand for official action and making road safely a major issue of public interest - as a result of his continuous efforts, now the National Highway Authority has issued an official letter with strict instructions to immediately close the illegal cuts.

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Trophy reaches CU, students wish Indian team to win it again



ARVIND PATHAK SULTANPUR LODHI: The ICC Men's T20 World Cup - 2026 Trophy Tour continued its inspiring nationwide journey on Monday with a visit to Chandigarh University, celebrating the journey of India's ace left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, who is currently pursuing his studies at the university. The Chandigarh University campus came alive as students welcomed the ICC Men's T20 World Cup trophy with a ceremonial guard of honour, followed by a vibrant atmosphere of celebration and engagement. CU students enthusiastically participated in interactive games and challenges alongside 'Blaze and Tonk', the official tournament mascots. The visit reinforced the idea that the trophy represents more than global success, it stands as a symbol of possibility, belief and ambition for young aspirants who see reflections of their own dreams in the journeys of players like Arshdeep Singh. The visit marked another significant chapter of the 'Class of 26' initiative, an ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 storytelling and fan-engagement campaign conducted as part of the Trophy Tour with DP World, which celebrates the early journeys of current Indian World Cup squad members by reconnecting the iconic trophy.

Inauguration of street construction works in Bharoli Kalan



VERMA GURDASPUR: Continuing the series of development works initiated by the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab, the construction of streets was formally inaugurated today in Corporation Ward No. 45 and 46 (Bharoli Kalan) of Haikha Sujanpur. Aam Aadmi Party Haikha in-charge Thakur Amit Singh Mantu was specially present on the occasion and officially launched the project. Addressing the gathering, Thakur Amit Singh Mantu said that the promises made to the public during the elections by the government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann are now being fulfilled on the ground. He stated that providing basic facilities such as electricity, water, and better roads is being addressed on a priority basis. Development works are being carried out across the state without any discrimination.

Punjab, farmers neglected in Budget: Daulatpura BKU Lakhwal



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA: During the meeting of Bharatiya Kisan Union Lakhwal, a press statement was issued through District Media Secretary Balkaran Singh Dhillon condemning the budget presented by the central government. While informing the media, Bhupinder Singh Daulatpura District President BKU Lakhwal said that the budget for 2026-27 is not farmer-friendly. This budget is only about giving relief to the corporate and big families. Farmers have been demanding for a long time that to make agriculture profitable, MSP should be given for all crops, vegetables, fruits, milk and wood and it should be legally guaranteed, that the debt of Rs 19 lakh crore incurred by farmers due to the wrong policies of the central and state governments should be cancelled. But the sad thing is that the budget is silent about these, while Rs 16.5 lakh crore of corporate families were waived off in the past years. Regarding the agricultural profession, in this budget, only farmers-dairy producers, fish farmers have been given only encouragement that your income will increase, so plant valuable crops. Similarly, those who grow coconut, coffee and sandalwood have also been told. Punjab, which is contributing a large share to the country's food grains, is getting its groundwater poisoned, no provision has been made in the budget regarding this.

Union budget sidelines Punjab yet again, threatens democracy: Cheema

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Sunday called out the BJP-led Centre for completely ignoring Punjab's needs and sacrifices in Union Budget 2026, pointing out that there is no mention of Punjab anywhere in the budget and no reference to the long-pending Rural Development Fund (RDF) of Rs 8,500 crore that is legitimately due to the state.



Declaring the budget anti-farmer, anti-education and anti-health, the Punjab Finance Minister said Punjab has once again been pushed to manage on its own despite bearing the burden of national food security, facing the impact of repeated natural calamities and responsibly handling RDF-related obligations, while receiving no relief for common people and no meaningful support from the Centre for the 12th consecutive year. Addressing a press conference at Punjab Bhawan, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the budget repre-

sents a deliberate attempt to derail the growth of Punjab, a state that has made unparalleled sacrifices for the nation. "The mindset of the BJP in power at the Centre has become a big threat to the country's democracy and especially Punjab.

The Union Budget 2026 is anti-education, anti-health and inimical to the farmers, the poor, traders and even the security of Punjab. Through this budget, a nasty attempt has been made to derail the growth of Punjab, which has made great sacrifices for the country," he said.

The Finance Minister said that Punjab has been completely sidelined for the 12th consecutive year in the budget presented by the BJP-led Central Government. "The memorandum submitted by Punjab to the Union Finance Minister has been blatantly ignored. Punjab has always stood firm in the defence of the country and has not reduced its contribution to the Central food pool. In fact, our contribution has increased every year. Because Punjab has continuously replenished the country's food reserves, 117 blocks of the state's groundwater have gone into the dark zone," he said. Taking strong objection to the approach of the 16th Finance Commission, the Punjab Finance Minister said the Centre has turned a blind eye towards the states. "The poor financial condition of states has been completely ignored. The vertical devolution which is the total share of all states in the tax pool, has been kept unchanged at 41 percent. There is no increase at all despite the fiscal stress faced by

states. The 16th Finance Commission has not recommended any Revenue Deficit Grants, whereas the 15th Finance Commission had done so. Conditions imposed on the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) are overly restrictive and will severely affect states like Punjab in effectively mitigating and managing disasters," he said. Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the Union Government has once again ignored the legitimate concerns of Punjab's farmers, exposing its hollow claims of being pro-farmer. "There is neither any increase in the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund nor any concrete assistance to strengthen mandi infrastructure. There is absolutely nothing for farmers of Punjab in terms of increased allocation to the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund or for strengthening mandi infrastructure in Union Budget 2026. States will now be forced to do all this from their own funds. The budget talks about high-value crops but has completely left out Punjab," he said.

Mundian holds meetings with various unions, assures fulfilment of legitimate demands



CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

Punjab Revenue and Housing & Urban Development Minister S. Hardeep Singh Mundian today held marathon meetings with various unions.

During separate meetings held at Punjab Bhawan here with representatives of the Revenue Patwar Union, Kanoongo Union, Sanjha Mulazim Manch PUDA and the All India Terrorism Victims Association, the Cabinet Minister assured that all their legitimate demands

would be addressed on priority. S. Hardeep Singh Mundian said that under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is fully committed to the welfare of every section of society. The Revenue Minister sympathetically listened to the demands put forth by various associations and unions. He said that demands which can be resolved at the departmental level will be settled expeditiously on a priority basis, while matters re-

quiring intervention at the level of the Chief Minister or the Finance Department will be taken up soon through meetings with Chief Minister and Finance Minister. The Revenue Minister informed representatives of the Patwari and Kanoongo associations that Patwaris and Kanoongos showing commendable performance in discharge of their duties will be honoured and encouraged. He also urged all employees to perform their duties with dedication, honesty and responsibility.

Dharna continues in front of police station over false cases registered against people of village Dehla Sihan

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA, FEB 2

Permanent dharna held in front of Moonak police station under the leadership of BKU Sidhupur to get false cases registered against people of village Dehla Sihan cancelled by police of police station Moonak continued for second day today.



Speaking on the occasion, Bhartiya Kisan Union Ekta Sidhupur Block Lehragaga and Moonak President Bhura Singh Saleemgarh, General Secretary Ramphal Singh Jalur, Treasurer Lakhwinder Singh Dudia, Vice President Rinku Moonak, Village Unit President Sukhwinder Singh, Harpal Singh said that the entire village supported Gagandeep Kaur, widow daughter-in-law of village Dehla Sihan, to get her right from her in-laws and with their consent, she was given a room built in a side street in her in-laws' house.

However, later, on the basis of an application filed by Gagandeep Kaur's father-in-law Gurcharan Singh, the police registered cases against dozens of

people, including the current and former sarpanches of the village. On the same day, a large number of police reached the village to arrest them. The atmosphere became tense due to the police harassing the village dignitaries, so the police registered another case against the above people. Since the time of filing the complaint, the leaders of the organization and prominent people of the village have been meeting the DSP and SHO Moonak, who have been assuring us that the complaints will be rejected every time, but the action has not progressed beyond this, due to which we have been forced to hold a permanent protest in front of the police sta-

tion since February 1 to get the false complaints rejected. The leaders said that talks have been going on with the police administration since yesterday but no meaningful result has been achieved yet. The leaders said that our protest will continue till the false papers are rejected. On this occasion, Major Singh Surjan Bhaini, Binder Lehal Kalan, Ramphal Dadian, Jaspal Singh Sarpanch Dehla, Malkit Singh Sarpanch Ballar, Jaswant Singh former Sarpanch, Sukhdev Singh Bal, Kaka Singh Saleemgarh, Avtar Singh Rampura Gujjar, Harpal Singh, Kulwant Singh, Hardeep Singh Balourti, Bhagwan Singh Balourti,

Central Government's annual budget: Appreciated by its own, rejected by opposition parties



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA, FEB 2

India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the annual budget for 2026-27 in the Parliament yesterday, after which the leaders of various political parties have given mixed reactions to this budget, in which the supporters of the central government have praised this budget, while the opposition parties have described this budget as not being beneficial for the people.

This budget will take the country on the path of progress: Dharam Singh Fauji Dharam Singh Fauji, BJP in-charge of Bhadaur assembly constituency, has highly appreciated the budget presented by the central government. He said that this budget of the country will take the whole of India towards new progress. He said that the budget presented by the BJP government at the center under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is

going to provide relief to every section. This budget will play an important role in making India a leading country in terms of development in Indian history. He said that Modi's vision for a developed India is very clear that poverty should be eradicated from the country, education should be ensured for all, good health facilities should be provided, employment should be obtained and the country should become self-reliant. This budget is fulfilling all these things. The budget does not include any concrete policy for youth employment and women: MLA Dhillon MLA from Barnala assembly constituency Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon said that all the countrymen had full expectations regarding the budget presented by the central government that big relief would be given to the people, but nothing much of that kind could be seen in this budget that could make the budget live up to the expectations of the people.

Book release ceremony held in soulful literary atmosphere at Doraha



AMRISH ANAND DORAHA, FEB 2

A special literary programme for the release of new books by renowned author Ram Kamal Mahindra was organised in a dignified and emotional atmosphere at Rangarhia Bhawan, near Harkrishan Public School, Doraha.

The event was jointly organised by the Doraha Literary Forum and Arif Publications and proved to be a memorable experience for literature lovers. Author's wife Mrs. Vimal Mahindra was also specially present on the occasion. During the ceremony, the author's books "Main Kuch Naya Kehna

Hai," "Zindagi Di Dhoop Te Chhaan," and "Navi Manzil Di Aur" were formally released. The books reflect life experiences, struggles, self-inspection and progressive thinking in a sensitive and meaningful manner. The stage proceedings were smoothly conducted by National Awardee Dr. Balram Sharma. Prominent speakers included Prof. Dr. Parminder Singh Bainipal, educationist Lok Nath Sharma, Dr. Anil Mohindra, Prof. M.S Bhandari, Surjit Singh Jawanda, Jaskaran Singh (Arif Publications), Principal Ripanjot Kaur Soni Bagga, Dr. Rajinder Singh Dost, Vanita Sood and Col. Yadvinder Sood.

Budget reflects vision of developed India, say BJP leaders



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA, FEB 2

Bharatiya Janata Party leaders have welcomed the Union Budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, describing it as a roadmap towards building a developed India. Speaking on the occasion, BJP District Secretary Jitendra Gumber said the budget was highly beneficial for farmers and small traders and would play a significant role in reducing poverty across the country.

He added that the budget had provisions for every sec-

tion of society and would help India emerge as a global superpower.

BJP Local Body Cell Punjab Secretary Sanjeev Sood said the budget would make medicines for cancer, diabetes and tuberculosis more affordable, besides proposing the establishment of new centres for manufacturing artificial organs.

He said the guiding principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" reflected Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of good governance, ensuring equal opportunities and adequate resources for all.

BJP's budget is anti-people, disappointing for Punjab and farmers: Amit Vij

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Former MLA Pathankot and Punjab Congress treasurer Amit Vij termed the Union Budget as anti-people and said that it did not provide any major relief for the middle class, farmers, laborers, small traders and Punjab. Former MLA Pathankot and Punjab Congress treasurer Amit Vij termed the Union Budget as anti-people and said that it did not provide any major relief for the middle class, farmers, laborers, small traders and Punjab.

He alleged that the economic burden on the states has been increased by reducing welfare expenditure. He said that the share of states in MGNREGA has been increased from 10 percent to about 40 percent, due to which debt-ridden Punjab will not be able to take advantage of this scheme properly. Citing budget figures, he said that major cuts have been made to health, education, agriculture, rural and urban development. Amit Vij said that the cuts in SC, ST, OBC schemes, student scholarships and Jal Jeevan Mission are a direct attack on the poor. The promise of legal guarantee of MSP made to farmers is also missing from the budget. He said that inflation is continuously increasing, the value of the rupee is falling but the government has not taken any steps for relief. This budget is only in the interest of the rich class and is against the rights of the common people, farmers.

75 units of blood donated in blood donation camp organized by Rajpura Press Club

BHUPINDER KAPOOR RAJPURA, FEB 2

Like every year, this year also the 20th massive blood donation camp was organized by Rajpura Press Club, Reg. Rajpura in the memory of martyred journalist Bhola Nath Masoom at the Rotary Bhawan of Rajpura under the joint leadership of Club President Harvinder Singh Gagan, Chairman Jagannand Gupta and Assistant Project Director Contractor Dinesh Kumar with Bhupinder Kapoor, Dinanath, Gurpreet Bal, Inderjit Viridi the support of all the journalists.

In this massive blood donation camp, blood was collected by a team of doctors led by Dr. Paramjit Kaur of Sector 32 Hospital, Chandigarh. In this blood donation camp, leaders of various political



parties, social activists and administrative officials of Rajpura reached and encouraged the blood donors. In their address on this occasion, former MLA Harjial Singh Kamboj, SGPC Interim Committee member Surjit Singh Garhi, Municipal Council President Narinder Shastri said that this huge blood donation camp is organized every year by Rajpura Press Club as a tribute to martyred journalist Bhola Nath Masoom, which is a

very good initiative. The above leaders termed blood donation as a great and noble donation and said that everything else can be made but blood is something that cannot be made by mechanization, which is a natural gift. In this blood donation camp, the members of the society led by Madam Sushma, the members of the Blood Helpline led by Dr. Suresh Ankhli, the members of the Blood Helpline led by Dr. Suresh Ankhli.

Rhythm, ramp and memories: Montessori Cambridge School's Farewell 'Saubhagya' 2025-26 celebrated with grandeur



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Montessori Cambridge School organized a grand and memorable farewell ceremony titled 'Saubhagya' for the outgoing students of the academic session 2025-26, celebrating their journey with joy, talent, and heartfelt emotions. The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of the Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Vinod Mahajan, Vice Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Akash Mahajan, and Principal/Director Mrs. Rashmi Ahluwalia, whose blessings and encouragement added dignity and warmth to the event. The programme commenced with engaging and touching anchoring that instantly connected with the audience and filled the atmosphere with enthusiasm. The students enthralled everyone with their captivating performances. Energetic western dance numbers, melodious songs, and vibrant Bhangra performances created an electrifying ambience. Fun-filled activities such as musical chairs and other interactive games added laughter and excitement to the celebration.

Raj Kumar takes charge as Fatehgarh Sahib DPRO, vows transparent & people-Centric Public Communication

FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): In a significant administrative development, Shri Raj Kumar officially assumed office today as the District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) of Fatehgarh Sahib. His appointment has been welcomed with warmth and optimism, especially as he returns to a district where he previously served for nearly ten months—leaving behind an admirable record of proactive communication and public engagement.

Before this posting, Raj Kumar served as DPRO Moga while also handling the additional charge of Malerkotla. His experience, efficiency, and commitment to strengthening government-public relations have earned him widespread respect within departmental and media circles.

The charge-taking ceremony was graced by the presence of Shri Rashmi Verma, Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab, and senior journalist Shri Surinder Bhardwaj from. Their participation underscored the significance of the occasion and highlighted the expectations associated with the new appointment. Adding to the moment, prominent representatives of the Journalists' Mr. Ravinder Singh Dhindsa, Ranbir Kumar Jajji, Bikramjit Singh Sahota, Deepak Sood and Rajneesh Dalla—extended a warm welcome and felicitated Raj Kumar. They conveyed their best wishes for his new tenure.

Sangrur police register 107 cases, arrest 143 in month-long crackdown

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, FEB 2

The Sangrur district police intensified their efforts against crime in January, registering 107 cases and arresting 143 individuals. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Sartaj Singh Chahal shared details of the drive, stating that under the 'War Against Drugs and Village Guards' (Pindan de Pehredar) initiatives, the force took decisive action against drug traffickers and anti-social elements. He emphasized that the district police remain on 24-hour alert to ensure the safety and security of the residents.

Guru Ravidas Ji's teachings lead society on path of equality and brotherhood: MLA Dinesh Chadha



RUPNAGAR (BAHADURJEET SINGH): On the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Guru Ravidas Ji, a religious and social function was organized at Begampura Ghanauli in an atmosphere of devotion, fellowship and mutual brotherhood. Rupnagar MLA Dinesh Chadha specially attended this function and paid respect to Guru Ravidas Ji.

During the function, Shabad Kirtan dedicated to the life and Bani of Guru Ravidas Ji was performed, while the teachings of Guru Sahib were remembered through the sharing of religious thoughts. Addressing the congregation on this occasion, Dinesh Chadha said that Guru Ravidas Ji gave a priceless message of humanity, equality and justice through his life and Bani. He said that the teachings of Guru Sahib make it clear that the real value of a person is determined by his deeds, not by caste or social status.

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee president Vinay Kumar launched a sharp attack on the Union Budget, alleging that the Centre has merely gone through the motions in the name of budgeting and failed to provide relief or benefits to any section. Addressing a press conference at the Pradesh Congress headquarters, Rajiv Bhawan, Vinay Kumar said the budget lacked both direction



and vision, and amounted to a severe injustice to Himachal Pradesh. He said the state was not seeking charity from the Centre but demanding its rightful dues.

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Union budget 2026 biggest betrayal of Himachal people: Rajat Rana



ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR: Hamirpur Assembly Youth Congress leader Rajat Rana has termed the Union Budget 2026 as an open injustice and betrayal of Himachal Pradesh. He said the budget was completely anti-Himachal and made it clear that there was no place for hill states in the Centre's policies. Rajat Rana said Himachal Pradesh is a disaster-prone state where floods, landslides and heavy rainfall cause extensive damage every year. Despite this reality, the budget has neither announced any special disaster package nor increased relief funds, nor proposed any concrete plan to address these recurring losses. He said that despite the state having four BJP Lok Sabha MPs and three Rajya Sabha MPs, Himachal has received nothing in the budget.

Prepare roadmap to enhance forest cover to 31 percent by 2030: CM to forest deptt

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 2

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has directed the Forest Department to prepare a comprehensive roadmap to increase forest cover in Himachal Pradesh to 31 percent by the year 2030. Presiding over a review meeting of the Forest Department here today, the Chief Minister said that the present forest cover in the State stands at 29.5 percent and needs to be enhanced in a planned and sustainable manner.

The Chief Minister said that global warming has emerged as a major challenge worldwide and its adverse effects were clearly visible. Keeping this in view, the present State Government was according high priority to environmental conservation. He said that about 16,376 square kilometers of area in Himachal was snow-covered, barren or mountainous, where



plantation was not feasible. Therefore, the Forest Department should identify potential areas in each district suitable for plantation and prepare a phased plantation plan accordingly. He also emphasized the plantation of native species, fruit-bearing plants and plants with medicinal value. Sh. Sukhu stressed that the department should focus not only on creating new forests but also on protecting existing ones, while ensuring active participation

of local people and communities. He said that the State Government has launched the 'Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana' to promote community participation in forest plantation and conservation in the State. Under the scheme, plantation was carried out over 924.9 hectares during the previous year. A total of 285 Mahila Mandals, 70 Yuva Mandals, 59 Self Help Groups and 13 community-based organizations actively contributed to this

initiative. He added that under the scheme, the State Government was providing financial assistance of Rs. 2.40 lakh for plantation over two hectares to these groups, along with annual incentives linked to survival rates of plantations. The scheme has received an encouraging response from the targeted groups.

The Chief Minister further stated that a target has been set to undertake plantation over 5,000 hectares in the next financial year under the Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana. Of this, 3,376 hectares have already been identified, while the process of identifying the remaining 1,624 hectares was underway. He also reviewed the progress of other schemes being implemented by the Forest Department. Additional Chief Secretary K.K. Pant, PCCF (HoFF) Sanjay Sood and other senior officers of the Forest Department were present in the meeting.

Deputy CM criticises Central Budget, calls it betrayal of state's interests

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, FEB 2

Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri has strongly criticised the budget presented by the central government, describing it as a direct betrayal of the state's interests. He stated that the budget is unfair to Himachal Pradesh and completely disregards the unique geographical and economic challenges faced by the hill state. In a statement, the Deputy Chief Minister said that this attitude of the Central Government is against the spirit of the federal structure, which will have a direct and serious impact on the development, public welfare schemes and financial stability of the state. He explained that during the 15th Finance Commission period, from 2021-22 to 2025-26, Himachal Pradesh received a revenue deficit grant of approximately ₹38,000 crore from the central government, but this crucial assistance has now been completely eliminated. The state had hoped for an increase in



this grant, given its difficult geographical conditions and limited resources. Mukesh Agnihotri said that abolishing the special grants given to hilly states like North East, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh will not only adversely affect the development works of the state but will also pose serious challenges to public welfare schemes and financial balance. The Deputy Chief Minister, while demanding the Central Government to reconsider the budget provisions said that Himachal Pradesh should be given equitable budgetary support in accordance with its constitutional rights and actual needs.

CM launches Home Stay Portal

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 2

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today took a decisive step toward streamlining Himachal Pradesh's tourism sector by launching the dedicated home stay registration portal, <http://homestay.hp.gov.in> designed to simplify the administrative process. The new platform allows operators to complete their registration online, ensuring a user-friendly experience from the comfort of their homes. The Chief Minister emphasized that the state government was committed to facilitate hotel owners and home stay operators to ensure that their businesses remain unhindered by bureaucratic hurdles. In a significant move to support the hospitality industry, the



Chief Minister issued clear directives that 'renewal of registration' of home stays must not be stalled under the pretext of Fire No Objection Certificates (NOC). He instructed the Tourism Department to grant provisional registrations to such establishments, ensuring that business operations and maintenance can proceed without harassment or unnecessary obstruction. Highlighting the vast potential of the state's tourism landscape, Thakur

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu noted that the Home Stay Scheme is a cornerstone of the government's strategy to foster self-employment. The initiative aims to promote rural tourism and draw visitors to the state's untouched, lesser-known destinations. To maximize these opportunities, the government has expanded the scheme's scope to include urban areas allowing for the registration of home stays with a capacity of up to six rooms.

Himachal to lose Rs. 10,000 crore annually due to 16th Finance Commission: Mukesh Agnihotri

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 2

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri while sharply criticizing the Central Government's budget and the 16th Finance Commission's recommendations, stated that these decisions will inflict a direct annual financial blow of approximately more than Rs. 10,000 crore on Himachal Pradesh.

Describing the move as a "long-term crisis" rather than a temporary setback, the Deputy CM asserted that the weakening of the state's financial structure is completely unacceptable. He said that it is a "Double Blow" to the State Economy as Himachal is already reeling under a dual economic impact in the form of GST earlier and now RDG. The cessation of GST compensation was the first major shock during the central BJP regime which had already proven detrimental to mountain states with limited revenue resources. Secondly, abolition of the 'Revenue Deficit Grant' which was an institutional safeguard for states like ours, the Union Government has given a second major severe blow to the state's fiscal health.

"Ending RDG is a policy injustice that undermines the very spirit of the federal structure," stated Sh. Agnihotri. With a total state budget of approximately Rs. 58,000 crore, a significant portion is already committed to salaries, pensions and mandatory expenditures the Deputy CM said. Over the last five years, Himachal received Rs.38,000 crore via RDG. Given current inflation and economic shifts, the state expected this to rise to Rs. 50,000 crore. Launching scathing attack, he said that as of now the complete removal of this grant threatens to stall ongoing developmental projects and welfare schemes.

Sh. Agnihotri reminded the Centre that Himachal Pradesh was formed with the understanding that its unique geography prevents it from being entirely self-reliant. Since 1952, it has been a national consensus that the Centre would provide special financial assistance to the state of Himachal Pradesh. He emphasized that Himachal's dependence on central support was not a weakness but a part of the Centre's constitutional obligation toward a border and mountain state.

10-day Entrepreneurship development program inaugurated



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: The 10-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme for KVIC PMEGP Beneficiaries was inaugurated at the Punjab National Bank Rural Self-Employment Training Institute Una office by lighting a lamp by Sudhir Kumar Sharma, Director of Punjab National Bank Rural Self-Employment Training Institute and Akhil Kumar, Manager of DIC District Industries Centre Una. On this occasion, DIC Manager Akhil Kumar requested the participants to start their own business after availing the benefits of this training. Sudhir Kumar Sharma requested the participants to remain disciplined and receive the training without any absence and this training will help in availing the subsidy available in the business. For example, in the PMEGP loan scheme, the participant gets 25% subsidy from the general category and 35% subsidy for SC, ST, OBC and women. On this occasion, Program Director and Faculty Member Akash Bhardwaj, Rajni, Office Assistant Hina, Meenakshi and other dignitaries from PNB Rcity Una were present.

Colourful annual function held at SBN International School, Tarkwari



ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: The annual function of SBN International School, Tarkwari, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and vibrant cultural performances. The programme was organised on the school premises in a festive atmosphere, drawing appreciation from parents and guests alike. Joint Excise and Taxation Commissioner Rakesh Kumar Bhartiya attended the event as the chief guest. The function began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. School Chairman Rajeev Sharma, Coordinator Vinod Suman and Headmistress Ambika Sharma were also present on the occasion. Students presented a series of captivating performances based on the theme of "Unity in Diversity" and the idea of Incredible India. Patriotic, cultural and social themes were beautifully showcased through dances, skits, songs and speeches, all of which received warm applause from the audience. During the programme, Headmistress Ambika Sharma presented the school's annual report, highlighting academic achievements, sports accomplishments and various co-curricular activities conducted throughout the year. Meritorious students were honoured with prizes for their outstanding performance. Addressing the gathering, the chief guest praised the efforts of the school management, teachers and students, and extended his best wishes for the bright future of the students.

Union Budget is budget for developed India: Anurag Singh Thakur

AGENCY HAMIRPUR, FEB 2

Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament from Hamirpur constituency, Anurag Singh Thakur described the union Budget for the financial year 2026-27, presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, as a historic budget that will realize the goal of a developed India and fulfill the aspirations of the youth. He termed it a balanced, inclusive, and visionary budget prepared with the interests of every section of society in mind. In a statement released by the party on his behalf, he said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the NDA government is committed to taking India forward on the path of continuous progress and fulfilling the resolve of a developed India. He said, "This budget reflects the three key responsibilities of economic sovereignty, inclusive development, and equitable distribution of resources. The government's commitment towards job creation, accelerating growth, and strengthening social security is clearly visible in this budget." Thakur further said that this budget will further strengthen the "foundation of a self-reliant and developed India." He said that this budget is a significant step towards the empowerment of the poor, women, youth, farmers, the middle class, and other needy



sections of society. Continuing the transformative journey of the Indian economy over the past 12 years, this budget reflects the new work culture and development approach of a new India. He specifically highlighted that public capital expenditure has increased from Rs11.2 lakh crore last year to Rs 12.2 lakh crore, which will lay a strong foundation for making India a robust economy of the future. In the sports sector, Anurag Singh Thakur lauded the new initiatives under the 'Khelo India Mission', emphasising that it will play a crucial role in nurturing talent at the grassroots level. He highlighted that the integration of sports science and technology, the promotion of a vibrant sports culture, the organization of competitions and leagues, and the development of modern sports infrastructure will collectively strengthen the country's sports ecosystem.

Maidi fair to be held from February 24 to March 5, review meeting held for smooth conduct

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, FEB 2

In view of the Holi Maidi fair scheduled to be held at Maidi in Amb subdivision from February 24 to March 5, a review meeting regarding security and administrative arrangements was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Una, Mahendra Pal Gurjar on Monday at the committee hall of the BDO office in Amb. The meeting was attended by SDM Amb Paras Aggarwal, DSP Amb Anil Patial, Medical Superintendent Dr Sukhdeep Singh Sidhu, BDO Ompal Dogra, representatives of the Gurudwara management, local panchayat representatives and officers from various departments. The Additional Deputy Commissioner issued necessary directions to ensure the fair is conducted smoothly, safely and in an



organised manner. He said that responsibilities of all concerned agencies with regard to police deployment, traffic management, sanitation, electricity, drinking water and health services had been clearly defined. A medical post will also be set up in the fair area for the convenience of devotees. He informed that during the fair period, the ADC Una will function as the Fair Officer, while the SDM Amb will be the Assistant Fair Officer. The ASP Una will be the Police Fair Officer and the DSP Amb will serve as the Assistant Police Fair Officer. For security arrangements, 850 police personnel, 125 women police personnel and 750 Home Guards will be deployed. He further stated that the Nishan Sahib ceremony will be held on March 3, while the distribution of Panja Prasad will take place at midnight on March 5. The Additional Deputy Commissioner clarified that during the fair period, the movement of devotees in trucks, tractor-trolleys, tempos and other goods vehicles will be completely prohibited. Such vehicles will be stopped at the border points and strict legal action will be taken against violators.

Administration takes charge of development after Panchayat tenure ends, no laxity will be tolerated: Dy CM

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, FEB 2

After the completion of the panchayat representatives' tenure, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri on Monday held a review meeting with officers and employees at Haroli to ensure continuity and effective implementation of development works.

The meeting, held at the Block Committee Hall, Haroli, was attended by senior subdivision-level officers along with all panchayat secretaries, technical assistants, gram rozgar sevaks, and junior engineers. The Deputy Chief Minister directed officials to accelerate development works and ensure time-bound



completion of public welfare schemes on priority. He said that with the panchayat tenure having ended, all powers of the panchayats currently lie with the administrative machinery, and therefore, any laxity in development works will not be tolerated. Emphasizing the government's commitment, he stated that completing people-centric works within the stipulated timeframe and

with quality is the top priority. The Deputy Chief Minister instructed that all development works being carried out under MGNREGA must be completed by April 1, stating that this would strengthen infrastructure development in rural areas. He also directed officials to ensure the availability of all basic facilities, including electricity and water, at the Haroli cremation ground.

Projects worth crores completed, inauguration soon: Nishu Mongra

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 2

The popular Congress government in Kangra has completed several projects worth crores of rupees, which the Chief Minister will inaugurate soon. In addition, several foundation stones will also be laid. It is expected that the CM may visit Kangra soon. In the Kangra constituency alone, the CM will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for more than five new projects this time, which have been completed through the efforts of Nishu Mongra. All these projects have been made possible by the state government's "Har Ghar Dastak" (Door-to-Door Campaign) program. Under the "Har Ghar Dastak" program and the "Save MNREGA"



campaign, Nishu Mongra, the District Chairman of APMC and State Chairman of the Himachal Congress OBC Department, has been going door-to-door on foot. Based on the feedback received, he was able to secure the necessary budget from the government to complete these major projects. Through this program, Nishu Mongra has not only infused new life into the Congress

organization but has also advanced development projects in the Kangra assembly constituency. Nishu Mongra said that the bridge connecting Mandal to Kohala has been completed. Similarly, a temporary road is being constructed for Mataur College at a cost of nine and a half lakh rupees. In addition, a tube well and an electricity board transformer have also been installed. Based on the feedback received from the public, Nishu Mongra had brought this issue to the attention of the government, and now the project is complete. The CM will inaugurate it. Mongra said that based on the feedback received from thousands of farmers, he is also going to lay the foundation stone for the vegetable market in Kachhiari.

Budget focused on record infrastructure investment and job creation

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA:

BJP MLA Sudhir Sharma said that in Budget 2026, the government has proposed increasing capital expenditure for infrastructure development to Rs. 12.2 lakh crore, which will provide a strong foundation for building the country's future economy. This will give new impetus to roads, railways, waterways, logistics, and industrial expansion, and will increase employment opportunities. He said that the government's special focus on infrastructure development in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities will prove extremely beneficial for states like Himachal Pradesh. This will open new avenues for development, investment, and employment in Shimla, Dharamshala, Mandi, Solan, and other cities of the state. Sudhir Sharma said that the announcement in the budget to develop Eco-Friendly Mountain Corridors for hilly states like Himachal Pradesh is a major boon. This will strengthen tourism and connectivity in the state and provide employment opportunities to local youth. He said that the Rs. 10,000 crore Bio Pharma Shakti project will prove to be a boon for Himachal Pradesh's pharmaceutical industry, especially the Baddi-Solan region. This will lead to unprecedented growth in investment, production, and employment. Furthermore, the plans to strengthen the AYUSH sector, the proposal for a medical tourism hub, and the focus on prevention and early treatment in the health sector will bring new recognition and opportunities for Himachal Pradesh.



NEWS BRIEFS

DC inaugurates new library in Dumara



RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: Taking another significant step towards public service, district administration has gifted a modern library to Dumara village. DC Aparajita herself visited village to inaugurate library and wished students success in their future endeavors. During district administration's night stay program a few days ago, villagers had demanded strengthening of educational infrastructure. At that time, the then DC Preeti had assured villagers that a library would soon be built for education of village youth. Following this, library was constructed through CSR funds. Construction of library has been completed and DC formally inaugurated it on Monday by visiting village. Located in General Chaulpa, library has all necessary facilities for students.

People's participation essential for protection of animals and birds: Rao Narbir Singh

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

Haryana's Forest and Environment Minister, Rao Narbir Singh, said that animals and birds have held a special place in human life since ancient times. They are also closely associated with deities, symbolizing our religious and cultural traditions. He emphasized that along with government efforts, public participation is extremely necessary for their conservation.

He was speaking at the Chief Guest at a programme organized in Panchkula on the occasion of World Wetlands Day today. On this occasion, the Forest Minister released the poster of the first Haryana Bird Festival-2026, which will be held across the state from February 2 to February 21, and formally inaugurated the festival by unveiling the calendar of activities planned during the event.

Appreciating the programme's theme, "Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge—A Celebration of Nature and Culture," Rao Narbir Singh said that Haryana has two major wetlands—Sultanpur (Gurugram) and Bhindawas (Jhajjar)—where thousands of migratory birds arrive every year from different countries. He stated that during the COVID period, some species had reached the brink of extinction, but the govern-



ment is now making efforts to provide all necessary facilities at wetlands so that more migratory birds visit every year.

He informed that in Basai, Chandu and three to four nearby villages of Gurugram, thousands of acres of land remain waterlogged. Out of this, a lake can be developed over 200-300 acres and transformed into a tourist destination, which would attract visitors from Delhi-NCR and also help rid the area of polythene and plastic waste.

The Forest Minister said that the manufacture of single-use plastic and polythene has been banned in Haryana

since 2013, yet their use continues. He stressed that the success of this law is not possible without public participation and urged people to take a pledge to stop using single-use plastic and polythene.

He explained that burning polythene releases toxic gases that pollute the environment, while burying it in the ground takes about 450 years to decompose and also blocks urban sewerage systems. The Environment Minister said that his goal is to make Haryana polythene-free, which requires public cooperation. He also stated that nearly 40 percent of pollution is caused by the use of polythene.

He added that the Haryana Wetland Authority and Pond Authority have been constituted, but they have not yet fully achieved their objectives. He stressed that local community participation is essential for cleaning and conserving water bodies such as johads and ponds.

On this occasion, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Vivek Saxena, highlighted the importance of World Wetlands Day and said that it began in 1975. He noted that it is necessary to maintain a balance between development and environment, which is why this day is observed every year with a new theme. This year's theme is "Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge—A Celebration of Nature and Culture."

Shiv Sena Hindustan National president attends Maa Baglamukhi Yagna



YAGYADUTT SHASHTRI PEHOWA, FEBRUARY 2

A grand display of religious and social fervor was witnessed on Sunday in Pehowa, located in Kurukshetra district of Haryana. Shiv Sena Hindustan National President Pawan Gupta arrived at the famous Maa Baglamukhi Yagna. State President Jagir Mor gave him a warm welcome with garlands of flowers. A large number of saints, leaders, and devotees were present on this occasion, including Shiv Sena Hindustan Haryana State President Jagir Mor, Ram Hanuman Seva Dal Haryana State President Mahant Rajendra Puri, and the newly appointed City President Mohit. Shiv Sena Hindustan National President Pawan Gupta said that he was on a visit to Pehowa yesterday. Here, State President Jagir Mor and Ram Hanuman Seva Dal State President Mahant Rajendra Puri gave him a grand welcome. After this, everyone participated in the very famous Yagna of Maa Baglamukhi. They had a proper darshan of Maa Baglamukhi and received her blessings. Pawan Gupta said, "It is a matter of great fortune for me that I got the opportunity to address the Sanatan Hindu society from the stage at a gathering organised under the leadership of the highly respected Banshi Puri Maharaj, the president of the saint community." After the Yagna, everyone visited the world-famous Arunay Shiva Temple

and received the blessings of Lord Shiva. During this time, an official invitation letter was also handed over to Mahant Ji to participate in the 18th Shri Hanuman Chalisa recitation organised by the Ram Hanuman Seva Dal. Addressing the gathering, Pawan Gupta gave a message to the Sanatan Hindu society to remain united, protect traditions, and actively participate in religious events. He said that such Yagnas and gatherings play a significant role in strengthening Sanatan culture.

On this occasion, senior leaders of Shiv Sena Hindustan Haryana State, Roshan Lal, Surendra Kumar, Yuva Sena Punjab Chairman Amarjit Bunt, Shambhu Prasad (priest of Arunay Temple), District President of Ram Hanuman Seva Dal Kurukshetra, and many other dignitaries were present. Office bearers of the saint community also welcomed the National President at the program. This Yagna, held at the sacred site of Pehowa, instilled enthusiasm among the residents of the area. Pawan Gupta said that Shiv Sena Hindustan is committed to the upliftment of the Sanatan Hindu society. They are trying to awaken the society by participating in every religious event. Jagir Mor said that such programs will continue to be organised at the state level so that the younger generation remains connected to its roots. A message was given to the Sanatan society at the gathering to maintain religious unity even in adverse circumstances.

Budget to be a milestone for agricultural equipment manufacturing sector's self-reliance: KAIMA

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 2

The Karnal Agricultural Implements Manufacturers Association (KAIMA) has welcomed the Union Budget 2026-27, describing it as a milestone in strengthening self-reliance in India's agricultural equipment manufacturing industry. KAIMA president Ravindra Dhal and vice-president Indrapal Singh said the ninth budget presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi would provide significant relief to MSMEs and boost domestic manufacturing.

Reacting to the budget, the office-bearers said it would encourage exporters and help India move decisively towards becoming the world's

third-largest economy by 2047. They said the government's industrial policies announced in the budget would benefit new entrepreneurs, while spe-



cial relief measures for exporters would strengthen India's position in global markets. According to them, the budget has taken into account the interests of all sections of society.

They highlighted that the budget has provided record in-

vestment in infrastructure, with public capital expenditure fixed at 12.2 lakh crore for 2026-27. This, they said, would stimulate private investment,

reduce logistics costs and create new employment opportunities. Initiatives such as dedicated freight corridors, inland waterways, ship repair facilities and coastal cargo promotion schemes were termed major steps towards multimodal connectivity. The association also welcomed increased investment in service sectors such as health, education, tourism, skilling and training, calling it crucial for employment generation and inclusive growth. In agriculture, targeted programmes for high-value crops including coconut, cashew, cocoa, walnut and almond are expected to enhance farmers' incomes and promote exports.

Union Budget 2026-27 will make India a powerhouse: Subhash Chandra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 2

Executive Vice Chairman of the Swachh Bharat Mission, Subhash Chandra, has welcomed the Union Budget for 2026-27, stating that it lives up to the aspirations of 140 crore Indians. He said the budget presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is a significant step towards establishing India as a global powerhouse.

Subhash Chandra said the budget lays special emphasis on infrastructure and the manufacturing sector, which will provide fresh momentum to the country's economic strength. He added that the budget will reinforce the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and the commitment to indigenous development, while empowering small and medium enterprises and creating new employment opportunities.

He said the budget ensures



the welfare of every section of society, including the poor, farmers, workers, women, youth and traders. According to him, it will further strengthen public trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and reinforce the foundation of inclusive development.

Highlighting key provisions, Subhash Chandra said the budget's focus on the development of small and religious towns, along with the proposal to build seven high-speed rail

corridors, will significantly strengthen the country's economic framework. He also termed the efforts to promote self-reliance through cooperatives as commendable.

He added that several provisions have been made to empower youth through sports, opening up new avenues for their growth.

The measures aimed at empowering girls, he said, will help bring about positive social change.

Dr Satpal Singh Bagga appointed Deputy District Education Officer



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Dr. Satpal Singh Bagga is known for his hard work and dedication. He assumed post of Deputy District Education Officer in Kurukshetra district today. It is worth noting that Dr. Satpal Bagga has previously served in Kurukshetra district for a considerable period as a lecturer and principal. Former officials have always praised his excellent work, not only for his efficient work style but also for his friendly and amiable nature. On Dr. Satpal Singh Bagga assuming charge of Deputy District Education Officer in Kurukshetra district, District Project Officer Krishna Kumar Nehra, along with retired Principal Bhajan Singh Rathore, Virender Wallia and Shri Rampal Saroha, presented him with bouquets and extended their best wishes, expressing their hope that under Dr. Bagga's leadership, Kurukshetra district will reach even greater heights in field of education. Other lecturers, teachers and staff members were also present.

DAV Public School organizes 100-Havan Yajna to create a drug-free nation

NIRMAL SAINI

RADOUR: Under aegis of Arya Yuva Samaj, DAV Public School, Radour, organized a 100-Havan Yajna and awareness campaign at Jathlana grain market as part of "No Drugs Nation" campaign. Students from school and people from surrounding area participated enthusiastically in program. District Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal was chief guest. Through Vedic chanting and the Yajna, a pledge was taken to make the nation drug-free. An awareness rally was taken out through main streets of village. Through slogans and banners, people were urged to stay away from drugs. During event, an oath was administered to remain drug-free. Principal Raman Kumar Sharma said that under the guidance of DAV Management Committee President Poonam Suri, and at behest of Arya Yuva Samaj National President Yogi Suri, this campaign has been launched in all DAV institutions in state. Younger generation is being administered an oath to abstain from drugs. He said that drug addiction, of any kind, opens door to a person's destruction. Countless families are being torn apart because of drug addiction. We should inspire ourselves and others to stay away from drugs. Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal said that drug addiction has become a major problem in today's society, engulfing youth. Consumption of these narcotics is not only causing physical, mental and economic harm, but is also polluting social environment.



Dayal Singh College wins Gold Medal in state-level inter-college boxing competition

CHAMAN LAL

KARNAL: Dayal Singh College brought glory to college by winning gold medal with an outstanding performance in State-Level Inter-College Boxing Competition (Women's Category), sponsored by Director, Higher Education Department, Haryana. This 4-day competition was successfully organized at Government Women's College, Jagdishpura (Kaithal), where talented boxers from various colleges across the state participated, making competition extremely exciting. A total of 35 women boxers showcased their skills in various weight categories in this prestigious competition. Anchal, a promising student of Dayal Singh College, displayed excellent sportsmanship, technical skill and confidence in 57-60 kg weight category, winning all her matches and securing the gold medal. For this remarkable achievement, she was awarded a gold medal, a certificate and a cash prize of ₹4,000. A grand welcome ceremony was organized in college premises upon her return. College principal, Dr. Ashima Gakkhar congratulated student, saying, "Success in sports is achieved not only through physical strength, but also through discipline, patience, self-confidence and continuous practice."



15 shops of tenants who did not pay rent will be sealed: MC Commissioner

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 2

On the instructions of Municipal Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma, the action to seal the shops of tenants who have not paid rent for the municipal corporation shops has been intensified once again. Under this, the enforcement team has prepared a list of 15 defaulting tenants, against whom the municipal corporation will soon take action. These include 12 shops in Uchani village, 1 in Karn Park Market and 2 shops in Kambopura village. An amount of Rs. 5,49,129 is outstanding on these shops. The Municipal Commissioner said that these tenants were issued a final notice asking them to deposit the outstanding amount, but they did not comply with the notice. Now, the municipal corporation's enforcement team will seal these shops and take possession of them. Action will be taken



against these tenants under the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994. After this, the rent of the shop will be recovered from the concerned tenant.

Giving information about the recovery made by the municipal corporation, she said that so far approximately Rs. 85 lakh has been recovered in the financial year 2025-26. She

said that Rs. 13,51,364 was recovered in the month of January. This amount includes both arrears and interest. She appealed to all tenants to deposit their rent in the municipal corporation's treasury as soon as possible. These shops will be sealed. She said that the list of 15 shops that are to be sealed and taken into possession by the municipal corpora-

tion is as follows:

S. No. Shop Number and Area Name Tenant Name Outstanding Amount:

1. Shop No. 1, Uchani Village Roop Chand Rs. 36251. 2. Shop No. 2, Village Uchani, Surinder 19599. 3. Shop No. 3, Village Uchani Jasbir, 25044. 4. Shop No. 4, Village Uchani Jasbir 25044, Shop No. 5, Village Uchani Savitri 267786, Shop No. 6, Village Uchani Savitri 48008, 7. Shop No. 7, Village Uchani Ram Prakash 24776, Shop No. 8, Village Uchani Rajbir 26778, 9. Shop No. 9, Village Uchani Sunil 6027510, Shop No. 15, Village Uchani Ramesh 6274611. Shop No. 16, Village Uchani Premchand 48856, 12. Shop No. 18, Village Uchani Mulla Ram 58887, 13. Shop No. 44, Karn Park Market Pritam Singh 35717, 14. Shop No. 1, Village Kambopura Rajinder Kumar 37187, 15. Shop No. 2, Village Kambopura Ishram Singh 13193.

Karnal government lawyer Sameep Raja Bathla appointed judge

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 2

Hard work and perseverance never go in vain. This belief has been proved true by Sameep Raja Bathla, a resident of Sector 13, Karnal, who has cleared the judicial services examination and has been appointed as an Additional District Judge, bringing pride to his family and his hometown.



Sameep Raja Bathla, who was practising as a government lawyer in Gurugram, achieved this milestone after years of consistent effort. Though the journey to the judge's chair took several years and included moments of disappointment, he never gave up. After repeatedly ap-

pearing in judicial examinations and interviews, he finally succeeded in 2026.

The confirmation of his selection was received from the Chandigarh High Court on Friday, following which a wave of happiness spread among his family members. He is currently awaiting his posting orders.

Bathla had been working as a government counsel in Gurugram prior to his selection. His father, Bhushan Bathla, is an income tax lawyer, and expressed immense joy on seeing his son achieve this position. His mother, Usha Bathla, attributed her son's success to the blessings of God, saying that divine grace played a key role in helping him reach this stage.

After completing his legal education, Sameep Raja Bathla began preparing for the judicial services in 2009. Over the years, he appeared in interviews three times but did not succeed initially. Despite facing setbacks and moments of self-doubt, he remained determined and continued his efforts with renewed focus. It is said that during his college days, a visit to a court inspired him to decide that he would one day become a judge.

Bathla is married, and he acknowledged that his wife, Meenal Bathla, extended constant support throughout his long journey, which helped him stay motivated during challenging times. Sharing his views on the justice system, Sameep Raja Bathla said that the judiciary functions strictly according to the law and that every citizen has the right to justice.

Natural farming is foundation for saving mother earth, ensuring good health: Acharya Devvrat

RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat said that natural farming is foundation for saving Mother Earth, ensuring good health and a secure future. Under guidance of PM Narendra Modi, natural farming has now become a national mission across country. 40 lakh farmers in country have adopted this method of which eight lakh are from Gujarat alone. Natural farming is being promoted throughout country including Haryana. He cautioned farmers about damage caused by indiscriminate use of chemicals and urged them to return to natural farming. Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat was addressing an awareness program on topic of Natural Farming in India, held at Shanti Farm in Dumada village today as chief guest. Earlier, he also offered prayers at village temple. Former Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta, Nalwa MLA Randhir Panihar, former MP General Dr. D.P. Vats, BJP District President Jyoti Saini, Chairman of Cow Service Commission Shrawan Kumar Garg and Horticulture Mission Director Joginder Ghanghas, along with program organizer former IG Rajpal Singh and several other prominent personalities were present. Speakers highlighted positive effects of natural farming on soil health, livestock, human welfare and environment.



Gaushala Sambhali empowered by cow service, over 400 cows receiving regular care

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, FEB 2

Manokamna Siddha Shri Vrindavan Dham Gaushala Sambhali is emerging today as an inspiring center for cow service. More than 400 cows are receiving regular service, care and treatment here. Gaushala patron Mahinder Garg, President Gaurav Garg and Vice President Rajat Garg said that with schemes and support of central and state governments, condition of cow shelters has improved significantly. They said that due to government policies, cows are now receiving safe shelter, timely medical facilities and ample fodder. This has provided great relief to cows that were wandering and suffering on streets. Entire team of Gaushala is dedicated to care

of cows day and night with a spirit of service. Patron Mahinder Garg said that cow service is not only a religious act but also our responsibility towards society. Thanks to gov-



ernment's efforts, cows are now receiving a dignified life. President Gaurav Garg informed that an amount of approximately one crore rupees has been sanctioned by the state government for cow shelters in Nilokheri assembly constituency through efforts of MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi. This support has strengthened basic facilities and ar-

rangements in cow shelters which will prove extremely useful for the future. Vice President Rajat Garg appealed to the general public, urging them to celebrate their children's birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and other joyous occasions at the Gaushala with the cows. This not only brings merit but also contributes to the service and facilities for the cows. Three office-bearers said that on auspicious occasions like the New Year, every person should dedicate some time to serving cows, because there is no greater service than cow service. "Serving cows is government's efforts, cattle have been relieved from roaming streets and better facilities are being provided in cow shelters."

EDITORIAL

Stability over spectacle

If one expected the Union Budget 2026-27 to unveil an overarching vision for the future and big bang reform initiatives, then it was certainly a disappointing day. Finance Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman, presenting the Budget for the ninth consecutive time, chose a restrained, defensive, and incremental approach at a time when the economy is facing external headwinds. The central promise of this Budget appears to be durable growth, which is anchored in manufacturing, infrastructure, and fiscal discipline. There was no relief for the salaried class as the income tax structure was left untouched. Nor were there any major fireworks or headline-grabbing announcements as the government chose to focus on financial stability and restraint. Last year's substantial personal income tax relief left no elbow room for further giveaways. Given the unpredictable global situation, the government is content with supporting growth through targeted interventions rather than one-off announcements in the Budget. The reform measures were largely microeconomic and administrative. Certainly, there was a case for initiating path-breaking reforms to kickstart the economy, particularly against the backdrop of a comfortable position marked by a steady GDP growth, manageable levels of inflation and fiscal deficit. India needs to grow at a consistent rate of 8% over the next two decades to realise the much-touted goal of 'Viksit Bharat'. The public capital expenditure continues to be the most important growth instrument as it is pegged at Rs 12.2 lakh crore in FY2026-27, accounting for nearly 3.4% of the GDP and reflecting nearly a 9% increase year-on-year. The Budget pegs the fiscal deficit at 4.3% of the GDP for the year. This meets the commitment made earlier to bring the deficit below 4.5% by FY2025-26 and signals a steady, rather than accelerated, consolidation path. Fiscal discipline remains the anchor of this Budget. One of the significant features is the major push given to the MSME sector. A Rs 10,000-crore MSME Growth Fund has been announced to provide equity support to scalable firms. Also, professional support structures have been introduced to help MSMEs with compliance, certification, technology adoption, and market access, particularly in small towns. Another important innovation is the creation of an Infrastructure Risk Guarantee Fund to provide partial credit guarantees for infrastructure projects, particularly in early stages where risk perception deters private finance. This mechanism aims to crowd in long-term capital by sharing risk between the state and lenders, rather than replacing private finance with public spending. If implemented well, it could improve bankability for large projects in transport, urban infrastructure, and energy. There is a clear acknowledgement of the need to create jobs for the large number of youths entering the workforce every year. Focus areas include facilitating programmes to train caregivers — a big growth segment going forward — and setting up a committee to identify services sectors that can increase India's share in global services exports to 10% by 2047.

Budget 2026: A game-changer for content creators and orange economy

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Central Budget for 2026-27 in the Lok Sabha. This marked her ninth budget presentation and a historic first in independent India, as it was delivered on a Sunday. The budget prioritises economic growth, capacity building, and inclusive development under "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas." A key highlight is the strong push for the creative industries, known as the "Orange Economy," with multiple announcements that will directly empower content creators.

The Orange Economy refers to the creative sector, encompassing animation, visual effects, gaming, comics (AVGC), and digital content.

Globally, the Orange Economy is growing rapidly. In India, this sector not only generates employment but also promotes cultural exports. In her budget speech, the Finance Minister noted that the AVGC industry will require nearly 20 lakh (2 million) professionals by 2030. Keeping this in mind, the government has decided to infuse new energy into the creative industries. This initiative focuses on equipping youth with digital skills to prepare them for the future.

Young scientist Shreyans Jain from Delhi-NCR says the Finance Minister has gifted enthusiastic young researchers and innovators with her budget proposals. Many research projects were stalled due to lack of government support,



but that will change now. Shreyans Jain, associated with Celestial Aerospace, along with IIT collaborators, is developing a balloon-assisted rocket launch system. In this technology, a large balloon carries the rocket to the upper atmosphere where air is thinner and resistance is lower. Ignition there saves fuel and increases payload capacity by 2-3 times.

The budget describes the Orange Economy as a "new engine for creative jobs." This sector will drive services-based growth. India's creative space is already seeing a surge in startups and jobs, but the skill gap remains a major challenge. The budget takes concrete steps to bridge this gap, such as establishing labs in educational institutions. This will provide

training to content creators right from school and college levels, preparing them for professional entry.

The most prominent announcement is support for the Mumbai-based Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT) to establish content creator labs. The Finance Minister proposed setting up these labs in 15,000 secondary schools and 500 colleges. These labs will train students in animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics creation.

Why are these labs important? Shreyans Jain notes that in today's digital world, content creators earn lakhs on platforms like YouTube and Instagram. However, many youths lack

access to professional tools and training. These labs will teach video production, editing, digital storytelling, and extended reality (XR) skills. Led by IICT, they will nurture talent at the grassroots level, strengthening India's creator workforce. Industry experts believe this will create a new generation of game developers, artists, and storytellers who produce content based on Indian intellectual property (IP).

Additionally, the budget proposes establishing a new National Institute of Design and Development in the eastern region to promote design education, where content creators can learn visual designing.

The budget also proposes

the creation of a Digital Knowledge Grid to digitally document India's historical, cultural, and tourism assets. The Finance Minister stated that this will generate new jobs for historians, researchers, and content creators. The grid will be an open platform, enabling creators to produce videos, documentaries, and digital content based on Indian heritage.

This is highly encouraging because content creators often struggle to find authentic sources. The Digital Knowledge Grid will provide high-quality data, allowing them to create educational and entertainment content. It will also boost tourism, with a pilot programme to upskill 10,000 tourist guides at 20 iconic destinations. Content creators can monetize videos on these sites.

The budget provides indirect incentives, including Rs 10,000 crore for funding creative startups. Additionally, incentives for municipal bonds worth Rs 100 crore will aid infrastructure improvements in major cities, potentially developing creative hubs.

Prof. Prabhanshu Ojha of Delhi University says Nirmala Sitharaman's budget encourages content creators through education, skilling, and job creation. Initiatives like labs and the Digital Knowledge Grid are steps toward making India a creative superpower. This youth-centric budget strengthens the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat', Prof Ojha said.

Budget cuts aid to Bangladesh by half

India's budget has cut the aid it had last year allocated to Bangladesh by half, after having spent less than a quarter of the Rs 120 crore it had allocated in the current 2025026 financial year, a sign of how low the relationships between New Delhi and Dhaka have touched.

also with central Asia, Afghanistan, and even mainland Russia.

Though the figures are shown as central sector projects and schemes, they represent the foreign aid given by India. The total monies allocated under this head has been pegged at 6,997 crore.

port whose Shahid Beheshti Terminal is operated by India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) operates the under a 10-year contract.

India which has been involved in multiple connectivity and energy projects in Bangladesh, such as the Akhaura-Agartala rail link, Khulna-Mongla port rail line, a 1320 MW thermal power station being jointly built rampal, had actually increased its foreign aid allocation for Bangladesh to Rs 120 crore in the budget for 2025-26.

This was done despite the fall of the Sheikh Hasina regime, possibly as India's policy-makers had in the initial phase expected continued good relations with the interim government which came in in August 2024.

However, a tirade of anti-India pronouncements by the Yunus administration's ministers including the chief advisor Prof Yunus, and a tit for tat trade measures by the two countries saw actual expenditure fall to just Rs 34.48 crore. As a result, India has kept a far more modest aid budget of just Rs 60 crore.

The Compass Within: Why Moral Values are the Bedrock of Human Life

In the modern era, our success is often measured by the speed of our internet, the figures in our bank accounts, or the prestige of our titles. Yet, beneath the surface of this material progress lies an ancient, invisible architecture that determines the true quality of our lives: moral values. While laws tell us what we must do, moral values tell us what we should do. They are the silent navigators of the human soul, providing a sense of direction in an increasingly complex world.

The Anchor of Individual Character At its core, morality is the pursuit of "the good life"—not in terms of luxury, but in terms of integrity. When an individual adopts values like honesty, responsibility, and perseverance, they are essentially building a brand of personal reliability.

Honesty, for instance, is more than just telling the truth; it is a commitment to reality. An honest person creates a life free from the exhausting burden of maintaining facades. Similarly, the value of responsibility empowers a person to move from being a victim of circumstance to being an architect of their own fate. By taking accountability for one's actions, an individual develops self-respect, which is the ultimate psychological safeguard against despair.

The Social Glue: Building Trust and Community No man is an island, and it is in our interactions with others that moral values prove their utility most vividly. A society without values is like a building without mortar; it may look impressive, but it cannot withstand the slightest tremor.

Values such as empathy, kindness, and respect serve as the "social glue" that holds communities together. Empathy allows us to step outside our own perspectives and understand the pain and joy of our neighbors. It bridges the gap between "us" and "them," fostering a culture of inclusivity. When kindness becomes a standard rather than an exception, social friction decreases, and cooperation flourishes.

In a professional context, fairness and integrity are the currencies of trust. We see today that the most successful organizations are often those that prioritize ethical behavior over short-term gains. Trust, once broken by a lack of moral grounding, is notoriously difficult to rebuild, whether in a marriage, a business

partnership, or a government.

The Role of Values in a Globalized World As we move further into the 21st century, the challenges we face—climate change, economic inequality, and the ethical dilemmas of Artificial Intelligence—cannot be solved by technology alone. They require a global moral consensus.

Fairness and justice are no longer just local concerns; they are global imperatives. If we do not value the well-being of someone on the other side of the planet, or the well-being of future generations, our collective survival is at risk. Moral values encourage us to look beyond the "now" and consider the "after." They push us toward civic engagement and social responsibility, reminding us that we have a debt to the society that nurtured us.

Cultivating a Value-Based Future The tragedy of modern education is that it often focuses on "how to make a living" rather than "how to live." While technical skills are necessary, they are dangerous without a moral compass. A brilliant doctor without empathy or a talented financier without integrity can cause more harm than good.

Therefore, the cultivation of moral values must begin at the dinner table and continue in the classroom. It is not about indoctrination, but about demonstration. Children do not learn honesty by reading a textbook; they learn it by watching their parents return the extra change to a cashier. They learn respect by seeing how adults treat those who can do nothing for them.

Conclusion: The Foundation of Flourishing In conclusion, moral values are not restrictive rules designed to limit our freedom. On the contrary, they are the very things that make freedom possible. They protect us from our worst impulses and guide us toward our highest potential.

By embracing values like integrity, empathy, and courage, we do more than just improve ourselves; we contribute to the greater good of society. We build a world that is not just technologically advanced, but humanly rich. As we face the uncertainties of the future, let us remember that while our tools may change, the principles of a life well-lived remain eternal. Moral values are, and always will be, the foundation of individual and collective flourishing.



Jaswinder Singh Kainaur

POEMS

Whatever You Need

What cannot be said will be wept
what cannot be wept will be bled
what cannot be bled will be buried
what is buried will rot rot rot

I've got this Adidas track jacket
with a vibrant print of flowers
exploding all over the polyester

It's loud but I like it like I like
mashed potatoes in winter the comfort
of it even if sometimes people comment
on it like the man at the gas station did today

That's a good jacket he nodded
as he got into his car Thanks I replied
I have a collection of them Vintage on eBay

Okay he laughed Fabulous!
Whatever you need
Whatever you need

Which I took to mean my jacket
was a form of weeping thus I wept
as my car got sudsed and buffed
my arms sheathed in exploding flowers
one jacket is enough but I have six

By Tina Cane

A Brush with the Legend: Meeting Khushwant Singh

The sign beside the doorbell at Khushwant Singh's Sujan Singh Park home in New Delhi was blunt as well as quirky, as the man was: "Don't press the bell unless expected." Standing there as a young journalist, still trying to find my feet in the world of writing, those words were enough to make my hands tremble. I had an appointment secured over the phone, but being at the doorstep of this literary giant felt completely overwhelming. This wasn't just another interview. Khushwant Singh was someone I'd looked up to since I was a kid. His novel Train to Pakistan and his fearless columns had sparked my love for storytelling.

In my early days as a journalist, I was brash, chasing interviews for any publication that would have me, full of youthful confidence. But this was different.

Khushwant Singh's reputation, as a sharp editor, prolific writer, and someone who never minced words, made me genuinely nervous. When I

called him (this was before mobile phones, when getting through to someone actually meant something), his voice on the other end was surprisingly simple and direct. My throat went dry, but somehow I managed to fix a time. "Kal 3 baje aaiye" (Come at 3 tomorrow), he said, his tone gruff but not unfriendly.

The wait felt endless. Like those scenes in Mughal-e-Azam where time just stretches and stretches before something momentous happens. Those 24 hours gave me time to obsess over my questions, rephrasing them again and again, trying to match the clarity I admired so much in his writing. To calm my nerves, I actually went to Sujan Singh Park the day before, just to see the neighbourhood where he lived, to absorb the quiet elegance of it all. Like a student checking out the exam hall before the big day.

On the actual day, I made sure to arrive early. Khushwant Singh's punctuality was legendary; he wrote



about it in his memoir On Myself, how he stuck to strict schedules for writing

and meetings. At exactly 3:00 p.m., the door opened. And there he was,

Khushwant Singh himself. His handshake was firm and warm.

"Except for the interview, talk to me in Urdu," he said, settling into his favourite sofa, stretching his legs out onto a low stool. What followed was pure magic. We talked about Saadat Hasan Manto, Ismat Chughtai, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, Ahmed Faraz, and Firaq Gorakhpuri. His love for Urdu literature just poured out, vivid stories about their lives, beautiful shayari, all delivered with such genuine affection. You could see this love in his translations of Faiz's poetry, too, which brought the revolutionary poet to so many readers. The interview itself was a masterclass. His answers were crisp, to the point, completely free of fluff. Ready to type straight away, remember, this was the typewriter era when every word mattered. This precision was vintage Khushwant Singh, something he'd perfected during his years editing The Illustrated Weekly of India. Under his editorship from 1969 to 1978, the magazine became a cultural phenomenon. Circulation jumped from around 90,000 copies to over 400,000

at its peak. He brought in bold content, sharp film reviews, hard-hitting social commentary, and features that challenged conventional thinking. He particularly enjoyed taking on Bollywood's biggest stars, holding people like Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra to account for their work. His editorials, mixing humour with hard truths, made the Weekly essential reading. In an era of limited media, he shaped how people thought and talked about things. But Khushwant Singh's fearlessness went beyond cultural criticism into the dangerous territory of politics. During the Emergency years (1975-1977), he had a complicated relationship with the Gandhi family. He initially supported Indira Gandhi, a stance that earned him a lot of criticism, but later became vocal against her son Sanjay's authoritarian tactics.

He wrote about this candidly in his 2004 essay 'Why I Supported the Emergency'. His willingness to take on powerful people, even when it cost him personally, became legendary.

Colleagues would later recall how he stood by his principles, completely unfazed by political pressure. This integrity defined his journalism, setting a standard for honesty at a time when censorship was being tried to silence dissent. When he finally received the Padma Vibhushan in 2007, India's second-highest civilian honour, many saw it as long-overdue recognition for someone who'd never courted official favour. As our interview wrapped up, I couldn't help myself. "Sir, I've looked up to you since I was a child," I confessed, feeling both vulnerable and in complete awe. His response was warm and generous. "Come back anytime, but call first," he said with a smile that softened his famously craggy face. That turned out to be our only formal interview, though I spoke to him later over the phone for work, when Quratulain Hyder passed away in 2007, when Nirad C. Chaudhuri died in 1999, when Amrita Pritam left us in 2005, or when V.S. Naipaul won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2001.

SUBHASH MAHAJAN CHAMBA: Chamba MLA Neeraj Nayar has termed the Union Budget 2026-27 as being against the interests of Himachal Pradesh, alleging that it has completely ignored the expectations of the state's common people, farmers, orchardists and youth. He said the budget has done injustice to

Himachal Pradesh and has failed to take into account the special geographical and economic conditions of hill states. Nayar pointed out that in recent years the state has suffered losses running into thousands of crores due to repeated natural disasters



such as heavy rainfall, landslides and floods, yet the Centre has made no special provision for disaster-affected regions in the budget. The MLA further stated that the challenges arising from climate change have also been overlooked, with no

concrete assistance announced for hill states to address these issues. Expressing serious concern, Neeraj Nayar said the decision of the central government to discontinue the revenue deficit grant is extremely alarming. He stressed that this grant was vital for a small state like Himachal Pradesh with limited resources.

NEWS BRIEF

Tushar Saini flags off Child Marriage Mukti Rath under Child Marriage Free India Campaign

HANS RAJ YADAV KURUKSHETRA: Chief Minister's media advisor Tushar Saini and District Municipal Commissioner Aman Kumar flagged off the Child Marriage Mukti Rath under the Child Marriage Free India campaign by MDD of India. On this occasion, Dr. Bhanu Gaur, Protection and Child Marriage Prohibition Officer, Assistant Amit Panchal, MDD of India's District Coordinator Ritu Rani, Co-ordinator Ramlal Sirsal, Sports Person Anju, CSW Sheetal Saini and many dignitaries were present. During the program, Chief Minister's Media Advisor Tushar Saini, District Municipal Commissioner Aman Kumar, administrative officers and other dignitaries signed the pledge for a child marriage-free India and called upon the society to end the social evil like child marriage. The Chief Minister's Media Advisor encouraged school students, college students, administrative officers, media representatives, ITI students, members of social organizations and almost all prominent and important citizens of Kurukshetra district to participate enthusiastically in this public awareness campaign.

Union Budget 2026: Pledge for prosperity of nation, says Jagmohan Anand

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MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the Union Budget 2026 is a pledge for the prosperity of the people of the country. Every section of society will directly benefit from the provisions made in the budget. All sections, including farmers, traders, women, and especially the youth, are enthusiastic about the budget announcements. The allocation of ₹1,28,650 crore for the education of the youth will create new opportunities for innovation and employment. This budget also emphasizes the quality of education. The focus on digital education, skill training, and industry-relevant courses will certainly strengthen the youth at the global level. The establishment of five university townships and AI Centers of Excellence for education will prove to be a major effort towards structural changes in the education system for the youth. The MLA said that establishing a girls' hostel in every district is a great gift for women. This will help women pursue higher education and gain



employment. The boost to railway infrastructure is also a major announcement in the public interest. The promise to promote the MSME sector with an allocation of ten thousand crore rupees will benefit every small business owner. The budget has also been prepared keeping in mind the growth of farmers and the agriculture industry, which will benefit the farmers of Haryana. The central government has also shown its commitment to improving the rural economy and increasing farmers' income. The MLA described every provision made by the central government in the budget as beneficial for the state and an historic budget in the direction of improving the rural economy.

2026 Budget will give India a new leap forward: Azad Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:

Azad Singh, Vice Chairperson of the Haryana State Sanitation Workers Commission, has described the Central Government's 2026 budget as one that will give India a new leap forward. He said that India is no longer a country of the past. Currently, India is continuously and rapidly progressing in every field, competing with other countries worldwide. Azad Singh said this while speaking to the media. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is moving forward in every sector. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has made the budget special with several key issues. It focuses on Atmabirhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) and emphasizes basic infrastructure. It is based on youth power and has opened doors to employment in many new sectors. There are plans to create approximately 2 million new jobs by 2030. For the first time, the health budget has crossed Rs. 1 lakh crore, which is very significant.



Union Budget gives nothing to Haryana, public disappointed: Parag Gabba

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:

Congress Urban District President Parag Gabba has described the Union Budget as completely disappointing, alleging that the interests of Haryana have been entirely ignored. Reacting to the budget, Gabba said the people of the state had high expectations of relief, but no concrete scheme or special provision for Haryana was announced. He alleged that the budget has disappointed all sections of society, including farmers, unemployed youth, Dalits, backward classes, women and traders. Gabba said Haryana's farmers are already struggling with issues such as fair crop prices, rising input costs and mounting debt, yet the budget failed to offer any substantial relief to them. He further stated that the youth of the state continue to wander in search of employment, but the budget lacks a clear roadmap for job creation.



State-level training of election officials on Special Intensive Revision

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 2

Under the instructions of the Election Commission of India, a state-level training programme for election officials on Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was organised today at Dr. Mangal Sen Auditorium by the District Election Office. Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) from Karnal division (Karnal, Panipat and Kaithal), along with Tehsildars (Election), Naib Tehsildars and Kanungos (Election) from other districts of the state participated in the training. Joint CEO Haryana, Rajkumar, participated as the chief guest. The training was conducted by Pawan Diwan and Santosh Dubey from the Election Commission of India. On this occasion, Secretary Santosh Dubey and Pawan Diwan from the Election Commission of India provided detailed information to the officials about SIR. Diwan said that while summary revision of electoral rolls is done every year, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is being conducted in Haryana after about 24 years, the date of which is yet to be formally announced. Prior to



this, SIR was conducted in the state in 2002. He explained that during this period, many voters have moved to other cities/towns for education, business or other reasons. The objective of SIR is to purify the electoral rolls. The objective is clear - no eligible voter should be left out, and no ineligible person's name should remain on the list. He said that the Election Commission of India had decided to conduct SIR across the country last year. It was first implemented in Bihar. In the second phase, 12 states and three Union Territories are being covered. He informed that according to Article 326 of the Constitution, every citizen of India who has completed 18 years of age is entitled to be registered in the electoral roll.

Pehowa Tirth International Saraswati Mahotsav 2026 concludes on positive note



HANS RAJ YADAV KURUKSHETRA: Dhuman Singh Kirmach, Vice Chairman of the Saraswati Heritage Development Board, said that the 15-day National Contemporary Stone Carving Sculpture Symposium, a special highlight of the sacred Pehowa Teerth International Saraswati Mahotsav 2026 concluded successfully. The symposium featured 16 magnificent modern-day stone sculptures, carefully carved from large natural black marble blocks, over 15 days of painstaking work, organized by the Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board in collaboration with the Department of Art and Cultural Affairs, Government of Haryana. He was speaking at a program held at Saraswati Tirtha Pehowa on Monday. All the sculptors were honored during the event. He stated that building on the success of the symposium, the Saraswati Heritage Development Board, along with the Department of Art and Cultural Affairs is spearheading the creation of a contemporary sculpture park at Pehowa Shrine where these sculptures will be permanently installed and displayed. This proposed park will serve as a year-round creative hub, providing training, infrastructure and resources to young, local, national and international artists.

Nip the ego in bud avoiding inner destruction: Sadhvi Anupama Bharti



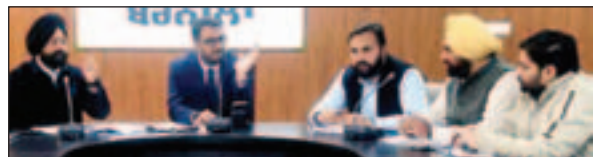
PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: A weekly Satsang was organized at the Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan Ashram located in Bilaspur during which Sadhvi Ms. Anupama Bharti Ji, the disciple of the most revered Divya Guru Ashutosh Maharaj Ji, while providing some valuable sutras to get relief from the disorders of the human mind, said that ego was the root of all disorders because the feeling of "I" was very strong in the ego. No matter how powerful a tree is, termites planted in its roots can completely destroy the tree. Similarly, no matter how impressive and great our personality is if the termite in the form of ego gets stuck in the core of our mind and brain, then our life slides into the depths of degradation within a moment. Humility, patience and balance have been behind the greatness of all the great personalities in history. She further explained in detail that only in the absence of light in the form of prayer and dedication, darkness in the form of ego enters life. It is easy to renounce the world but it is very difficult to give up the ego of this sacrifice. If the seeker does not realize this in time, then even a tiny particle of ego can destroy the seeker's entire life's spiritual practice. Complete surrender at the feet of God is the only panacea to avoid this negativity in the form of ego. Ego can never enter the life of a devotee who lives his life by dedicating his thoughts, words and actions to God.

Two Paths, One Choice: DAV's third 'No Nasha Nation' initiative sends powerful wake-up call



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Under the guidance of Padma Shri Dr. Punam Suri, President of DAV Managing Committee, New Delhi, and the leadership of Shri Yogi Suri, National President of Arya Yuva Samaj, a "No Drug Campaign" is being conducted in Haryana with the objective of creating a drug-free society. Reinforcing its unwavering commitment to building a drug-free society, DAV Public School, Professor Colony, Yamunanagar, organized a 100 Kundiya Yajna and the third consecutive 'No Nasha Nation' awareness programme on February 1, 2026, at the New Thermal Colony Hockey Ground, near Rattanpura Village, Yamunanagar. Students of Classes IV and V, the teaching and non-teaching staff collectively participated with the aim of promoting a drug-free nation. Upon reaching, a 100 Kundiya Yajna was performed under the guidance of religious teacher Sh. Naresh Shastri. During the programme, the *message of National Youth President Shri Yogi Suri ji was conveyed, and all participants were administered an oath to stay away from drugs. The thought provoking speeches, group song and choreography, aimed at awakening social and moral responsibility among students, parents, and the community were presented by students of class VI and VII.

Camps to be held from today to make cards under Chief Minister's Health Scheme: DC



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: Camps will be organized in various villages and cities from tomorrow to make health cards under the Chief Minister's Health Scheme. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner Barnala Harpreet Singh IAS while holding a meeting with various departments at the meeting hall of the District Administrative Complex here. He said that during the first phase, camps will be organized in villages Badbar, Barnala Ward No. 7, Barnala Handiya Ward No. 11, Bhadlawadh, Bhagatpura (Mour Nabha), Bhaini Fatta Bhotna, Chhapa, Deepgarh, Dhurkot, Gehal, Kutba, Nainawal, Nihalawal, Pakhon Kalan, Pandher, Sehjra, Sekha and Thullival of the district from tomorrow, February 3. He instructed the concerned SDMs and BDPOs to make announcements in the concerned villages and wards and make other proper arrangements so that all the eligible persons can take advantage of this scheme and they do not face any problem. On this occasion, District Planning Board Chairman Parminder Singh Bhangu said that this health scheme has been implemented in the entire Punjab since January 22. Under this scheme, about 65 lakh families of Punjab are being covered, due to which about 3 crore people will get free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh. He said that under this scheme, about 900 government and private hospitals have been listed in the state and 2356 treatment packages are included.

Child marriage eradication chariot gets widespread support

ASHOK CHUGH PANIPAT: Under the 100-day campaign against child marriage in the district, the Child Marriage Eradication Chariot is being run by MDD of India, a partner organization of Just Rights for Children. With the special cooperation of the District Legal Services Authority and the Protection and Prohibition of Child Marriage Officer, this chariot is receiving overwhelming support from the general public. Various reactions are being received from people in the villages regarding the Child Marriage Eradication Chariot. Panipat city's Mayor Komal Saini also extended her support to this campaign by signing against child marriage. She welcomed the Child Marriage Eradication Chariot at the Municipal Corporation office and said that this initiative by the organization and the government to make Panipat child marriage-free is highly commendable, and we should all work together to take this campaign to the general public. The Sarpanch of Ujha village, Naresh Kumar, said that this is a very good campaign against child marriage. We will try our best to ensure that no child marriage takes place in the village. The Child Marriage Eradication Chariot raised awareness among people in the colonies of Panipat's Kilah Thana, Ward 13, the railway station, Mahavir Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Ujha, Risalu, Dadola village, and in temples and gurdwaras. People were included in the signature campaign against child marriage and took an oath against child marriage.

Japanese Professor Keisuke Fukaya interacts with students of Narsingh Das Public School



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Professor Dr. Keisuke Fukaya, an internationally renowned educationist from Japan, interacted with the children of Narsingh Das Public School in Tarawadi city. He received a traditional welcome upon arriving at the school for his three-day educational workshop. Dr. Keisuke Fukaya is a Professor of Contemporary Education and Head of the Department of Contemporary Education at Chubu University, Japan. He has also served as a Visiting Scholar at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. The program began with the lighting of the lamp, after which the school students presented a captivating cultural program to welcome the guest. Impressed by the students' performances, the Japanese guest openly praised their talent. On the first day of the workshop, Professor Keisuke Fukaya interacted with students of classes five, six, and seven.

Dr. Krishna Shyokand's inspiring address at the 35th National Kho-Kho Championship



HANS RAJ YADAV KURUKSHETRA: The 35th Sub-Junior National Kho-Kho Championship (Boys and Girls), held in the holy city of Kurukshetra from January 31, is sending a powerful message of sportsmanship, discipline, and values to young athletes across the country. In this context, Dr. Krishna Shyokand, President of the International Jai Dharamshala, Kurukshetra, graced the competition at Keshav Park Sports Ground. Wishing the athletes, who had come from various states of the country, good luck, he urged them to play the game with a sporting spirit, maintain discipline, and stay away from social evils like drug addiction. He emphasized that athletes should enter the field not just for victory, but for character building, brotherhood, and national pride. In his inspiring address, he urged the athletes to play with a resolve to bring glory to their parents, teachers, state, and country. Dr. Shyokand stated that through sports, the young generation can become the nation's greatest strength.

Minister Bains hails Sant Seechewal's dual vision for ecology and education



MEHARJOT SINGH SHAHKOT: Emphasizing the transformative power of female literacy, renowned environmentalist and Rajya Sabha MP Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal stated that an educated daughter does not merely empower herself but serves as the bedrock for uplifting entire future generations. Speaking at a mega-event organized at the Sant Avtar Singh Memorial Senior Secondary School, Seechewal marked a triple celebration: World Wetlands Day, the foundation day of the memorial college, and the school's annual prize distribution function. While celebrating academic milestones, Sant Seechewal expressed concern over the declining standards in the modern education system.

Himachal betrayed by Union Budget, says Rajesh Dharmani; calls it fight for state's rights

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR: Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani has sharply criticised the Union Budget, calling it a grave injustice to Himachal Pradesh and its people. Addressing the media at the Circuit House in Bilaspur on Monday, Dharmani said the state has been "completely shortchanged" by the Centre, with the sudden discontinuation of the deficit grant that had been provided since 1952. He said the people of Himachal Pradesh had high hopes from the Union Budget, but those expectations have been badly shattered. Terming the decision as historically unfair, Dharmani reminded that Himachal Pradesh has played a vital role in national development. He pointed out that by constructing the Bhakra Dam, the state not only helped the nation achieve food self-sufficiency but also made a major contribution to power generation. Highlighting Bilaspur's role, the minister said the district has been central to nation-building and yet continues to be ignored. Such neglect, he said, amounts to a historical injustice against the state. He urged all seven Members of Parliament from Himachal Pradesh to rise above political differences and raise their voices collectively in defence of the state's interests. Calling the issue far more serious than a routine financial matter, Dharmani said it is a direct attack on Himachal Pradesh's rights. He revealed that discussions have already been held with the Chief Minister and announced that a special cabinet meeting or a special session of the Vidhan Sabha would soon be convened to deliberate on the matter.

Police showed lackluster approach in Jodhpur murder attack: Babu Singh Khudi



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Giving information about the meeting, leaders Gurdev Singh Mangewal and Jagraj Singh Hardaspura said that earlier on January 3, Bahadur Singh and his sons from the village of Jodhpur beat up an activist farmer Mukhtiar Singh and Jagga Singh, which was reported to the police but no action was taken. As a result of this lax police performance, the accused again attacked the victim on January 9. During the attack, Mukhtiar Singh's leg was broken in two places and his arm was also broken. After which, despite the registration of a case on the charge of attempt to murder due to public pressure, the attackers are seen avoiding strict action due to alleged collusion with the police. The leaders said that if the police administration had taken concrete action earlier, the accused would not have dared to hurt the victims again. The leaders said that if the police did not take appropriate action even now, the organization would be forced to engage in a fierce struggle without giving any notice. On this occasion, Kulwant Singh Handiyawa, Balwant Singh Thikriwala, Gurmeet Singh Bittu, Satnam Singh Barnala etc. leaders were also present.

IG College Kaithal student Neha wins bronze medal in state level inter-college boxing championship



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: The students of Indra Gandhi (PG) College for Women, Kaithal, have once again brought laurels to the college in the field of sports. The State Level Inter-College Boxing Championship (Women/Men) was organized from January 28 to January 31, 2026, sponsored by the Department of Higher Education, Haryana, at Government College, Kaithal. In this competition, Neha, a second year B.Com student of IG College, performed brilliantly in the 48 kg weight category of boxing (women's category) and won the bronze medal. While congratulating Neha, the head of the college management committee, Mr. Ram Bahadur Khurania said that this achievement is a matter of pride for the college and the management committee will always encourage the girl students to excel in sports. College Principal Dr. Aarti Garg expressed her happiness over this achievement and said that this success is the result of the students' hard work, discipline, and dedication to sports. Congratulating Neha, she said that the college provides every possible encouragement to athletic talent, so that students can make their mark at the national and international levels.

Complaints received at grievance redressal camp are being addressed on priority basis



KARAMBIR LADWA: Sub-Divisional Magistrate Anubhav Mehta said that complaints attending grievance redressal camp are being addressed with utmost seriousness. No complaint is being left pending. He directed all officers of sub-division to resolve complaints related to their respective departments on a priority basis and ensure that updated reports on resolution of complaints are uploaded to grievance redressal cell portal. SDM said that public satisfaction is paramount, people should be provided relief by promptly resolving their complaints through grievance redressal camp. He instructed all departmental officers to ensure that no complaint received at grievance redressal camp remains pending. He said that for convenience of public and as per directions of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, grievance redressal camps are being organized at sub-divisional office every Monday and Thursday from 10 AM to 12 PM to resolve citizens' complaints at a single location and time. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini also monitors complaints received at these camps and holds review meetings periodically.

Fireless Cooking Competition Held at Adarsh Public School, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: A Fireless Cooking Competition was organised on the school campus of Adarsh Public School (APS-20), Sector 20-B, Chandigarh, to encourage creativity and healthy food habits among students. Students of Classes VI, VII and VIII participated enthusiastically, showcasing their culinary skills without using gas or fire. The competition aimed to promote innovation, safety awareness and nutritional understanding among young learners. The budding chefs prepared a variety of attractive and delicious items including cakes, cream rolls, laddoos, mousse, smoothies, fresh juices, and refreshing fruit and vegetable salads—all made without fire. Principal Ms. Sunita Thakur appreciated the creativity and efforts of the participants and motivated them to continue exploring their talents. The winners of the competition were Vani, Pranjal, Aarohi, Aarav Kumar, Evleen and Nayra.



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Budget FY27 Comment by Sakshi Gupta – Principal Economist, HDFC Bank

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Amidst rising global uncertainties, the budget focusses on laying down a medium-term roadmap for boosting domestic growth and productivity. Unlike the previous budget where a push to consumption was prioritised through income tax rationalisation, this budget shifted attention towards promoting manufacturing and the service sector. The setting up of a standing committee for the banking system to achieve the Viksit Bharat goal and focus on tourism, health, education and skilling underpin the government's policy emphasis on increasing the share of Indian service sector in global services to 10%.

Samsung Announces 100% Bespoke AI Air Conditioner Lineup in India, Launches 23 Models

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the launch of its 2026 lineup of 100% Bespoke AI WindFree Air Conditioners. The new range comprises 23 models across segments, including the addition of 4 Star air conditioners. The new lineup, tailored for Indian homes and climate conditions, is a fusion of advanced AI technology, premium design, and smart connectivity. It delivers true comfort by balancing intelligent cooling, energy efficiency and humidity management along with preventive maintenance.

Luminous Power Technologies Inaugurates the First Lithium-ion Battery Assembly Line at its Baddi Facility

BADDISHIMLA: Luminous Power Technologies, India's leading consumer energy fulfillment company, has inaugurated its first lithium-ion battery assembly line at Baddi, Himachal Pradesh. This new assembly line marks an important milestone in Luminous' long-term journey of strengthening advanced energy storage capabilities and reinforces the organisation's commitment to adopting the latest next-generation energy solutions. Rajiv Ganju, Sr. Vice President, Manufacturing & Global Supply Chain, Luminous Power Technologies, said, "At Luminous, manufacturing is a core pillar of our brand promise to deliver reliable, high-quality energy solutions at scale. The inauguration of this advanced lithium-ion battery assembly line strengthens our integrated manufacturing and global supply chain capabilities, while reinforcing our focus on precision, localisation, and future-ready operations."

Budget 2026-27: Rail Infrastructure Gets Major Boost in Punjab, Haryana & Himachal



CHANDIGARH: Railway development in Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh has gained fresh momentum with substantial allocations under the Railway Budget 2026-27, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & IT Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw announced on Monday.

Addressing a virtual meeting from New Delhi, in the presence of Minister of State for Railways Shri Ravneet Singh Bhatu, the Railway Minister shared state-wise budget allocations and progress of major railway projects, highlighting unprecedented investment in rail infrastructure. Shri Vaishnaw informed

that a record capital expenditure of ₹2.93 lakh crore has been proposed for Indian Railways in the Union Budget 2026-27, with focus on high-speed connectivity, freight expansion, passenger safety and sustainability. For Punjab, an allocation of ₹5,673 crore has been made—nearly 25 times higher than the average annual allocation during the UPA regime. Railway projects worth ₹26,382 crore are currently underway in the state. Under the Amrit Station Scheme, 30 stations are being redeveloped, and Punjab has achieved 100% railway electrification. Haryana has been

allotted ₹3,566 crore, with railway projects worth ₹12,000 crore under various stages of execution. The state has also achieved complete electrification, while 34 stations are being modernised. The introduction of Vande Bharat and Amrit Bharat trains has significantly improved passenger connectivity. The Minister also confirmed that hydrogen train trials are underway in Haryana and are expected to be launched soon. Regarding Chandigarh, Shri Vaishnaw said redevelopment of the Chandigarh Railway Station is progressing rapidly. About two years of

Sleepwell presents The Sacred Amritsar Returns in 2026 with Three Days of Music, Mysticism, and Reflection

CANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Sleepwell presents The Sacred Amritsar returns from 20-22 February 2026, bringing together music, poetry, and artistic expression, in one of India's most evocative and historically resonant cities. Curated and produced by Teamwork Arts, the festival is a celebration of mystic traditions, devotional music, and cultural dialogue, drawing from both ancient verse and contemporary expression. The festival opens on 20 February, with an evening reception at Sarovar Premiere, beginning with a welcome address by Sanjoy K. Roy and Namita Gautam, followed by an evocative Ananya Ghazal Set, setting the tone for a weekend of introspection and musical depth. On 21 and 22 February, Morning Music sessions continue at Sarovar Premiere with sarod recital by Soumik Datta, Gurbani rendered by Tarundeep Singh and classical set by Aastha Mandel, offering a serene and devotional start to the day. Reflecting on the festival's vision, Sanjoy K. Roy, Managing Director of Teamwork Arts, said, "Sacred Amritsar brings together voices and traditions that remind us of the power of music to heal, to question, and to unite."



India's Aftermarket and Auto component Industry Steps into the Global Fast Lane at ACMA Automechanika New Delhi

LUDHIANA: India's automotive aftermarket is defining a new phase of growth driven by policy reforms, rising investments and rapid technology adoption. According to the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), the auto component industry is currently valued at USD 80.2 billion in FY25, with the automotive aftermarket accounting for USD 11.8 billion today. The component industry is projected to grow to USD 111-200 billion by 2030. As localisation deepens and export opportunities expand, the auto component and aftermarket industries are emerging as reliable and competitive partners in global aftermarket value chains. Against this backdrop, ACMA Automechanika New Delhi 2026, organised by Messe Frankfurt Trade Fairs India & ACMA is scheduled to take place from 5 to 7 February 2026 at Yashboomi, the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), Dwarka, Delhi. Driven by initiatives such as Make in India, Production Linked Incentive schemes and FDI reforms, the automotive aftermarket and auto components industry continues to attract strong investor interest. Industry estimates point to sustained investments led by capacity expansion, electric mobility and exports, reinforcing India's role as both a manufacturing and innovation hub. The sixth edition of ACMA Automechanika New Delhi, India's premier international trade fair for the auto component and automotive aftermarket industry, will bring together over 870+ exhibitors, serving as a key convergence platform for OEMs, distributors, garages, fleet operators, service providers and international buyers.



Union Budget 2026 Reinforces Infrastructure Led Growth; CMA Sees Boost for Cement Sector

CHANDIGARH: The Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA) has welcomed the Union Budget 2026-27 for reinforcing the Nation's growth balancing the aspirations of the people through inclusivity inspired by the vision of Shri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, for a Viksit Bharat by 2047 and Atmanirbharta. The Budget underscores India's steady economic trajectory over the past 12 years, marked by fiscal discipline, sustained growth and moderate inflation, and offers strong demand visibility for infrastructure linked sectors such as Cement.



Commenting on the Budget, Mr Parth Jindal, President, Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA), said, "As India advances towards a Viksit Bharat, the three kartavya articulated in the Union Budget provide a clear context for the Nation's growth and aspirations, combining economic momentum with capacity building and inclusive progress. The Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA) appreciates the Union Budget 2026-27 for the continued emphasis on manufacturing competitiveness, urban development and infrastructure modernisation, supported by over 350 reforms spanning GST simplification, labour codes, quality control rationalisation and coordinated deregulation with States. These reforms, alongside the Budget's focus on Youth Power and domestic manufacturing capacity under Atmanirbharta, stand to strengthen the investment environment for capital intensive sectors such as Cement. Dr Raghavpat Singhania, Vice President, CMA, said, "The Government's sustained infrastructure push supports employment, regional development and stronger local supply chains. Cement manufacturing clusters act as economic anchors across regions, generating livelihoods in construction, logistics and allied sectors. The Budget's focus on inclusive growth, execution and system level enablers creates a supportive environment for responsible and efficient expansion offering opportunities for economic growth."

Shramdaan 2026: 250+ Volunteers Clear 10,000 kg Waste, Turn Republic Day into Baddi's Achievement Day

BADDI: While the nation marked Republic Day with patriotic celebrations, Baddi observed the occasion as an "Achievement Day" through a large-scale cleanliness drive under Shramdaan 2026. In a single day, over 10,000 kilograms of waste was cleared with the collective effort of more than 250 volunteers, marking the first major milestone of the campaign. The drive began at the New Sabzi Mandi, where volunteers adopted a participatory and behaviour-led approach, cleaning streets and shopfronts alongside vendors and local residents. The initiative, guided by the philosophy "My Waste, My



Responsibility," aims to promote shared civic accountability and create cleaner, healthier surroundings. The campaign was led on ground by Ms. Sonakshi Tomar, IAS, CEO, Baddi Barotiwala Nalaghar Development Authority (BBNDA), whose active involvement inspired strong community participation. Students from Chilkara University, along with support from House of Engagements and the Global Youth Federation, played a key role in the successful execution of the drive. Organisers stated that Shramdaan 2026 is a long-term movement, not a one-day event, with the vision of making Baddi one of India's cleanest and most responsible industrial hubs. A mega mass cleanliness drive is planned in February 2026 at Baddi. Citizens wishing to volunteer can give a missed call at +91 70878 68837.

Punjab & Sind Bank Inaugurates Moga Zonal Office, Strengthens Regional Footprint and MSME Outreach



CHANDIGARH: Punjab & Sind Bank marked an important milestone with the inauguration of its Moga Zonal Office today by Shri Svarup Kumar Saha, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, in the august presence of Shri Rajendra Kumar Raigar, General Manager, and Shri Chaman Lal Sheerimar, Field General Manager, Chandigarh. The inauguration of Zone Moga is a proud moment for the Bank and reinforces its commitment to strengthening regional operations and customer outreach. The occasion also witnessed the launch of MSME SHIKHAR – Mega MSME Credit Campaign, with enthusiastic participation from all Zones under FMO Chandigarh, reaffirming the Bank's focused approach towards MSME growth and credit

Paras Health Panchkula Uses Advanced Brain Navigation to Successfully Remove Complex Tumor

PANCHKULA: Advances in medical technology are making even the most complex brain surgeries safer and more precise. Demonstrating this progress, Paras Health Panchkula has successfully performed a neuronavigation-guided brain tumor surgery on a patient with a tumor located in an eloquent area of the brain—regions responsible for vital functions such as speech, movement, and sensation. The complex procedure was led by Dr. Gaurav Sharma, Senior Consultant – Neurosurgery, and was completed with high precision. The patient is recovering well and has shown no post-operative neurological complications, marking a significant milestone for advanced neurosurgical care in the region. Tumors located in eloquent areas of the brain pose a major surgical challenge, as even a minor deviation during surgery can result in permanent neurological damage. To address this risk, the surgical team used neuronavigation technology, often described as a "GPS for the brain." The system provides real-time, three-dimensional images of the brain, allowing surgeons to accurately locate the tumor while minimising impact on surrounding healthy tissue.

Indiawood 2026 Gears Up to Power India's Growth

SHIMLA: Indiawood 2026 will take place from 26 February to 2 March 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC). Organised by NumbergMesse India, the 26th edition of the biennial event reinforces Indiawood's position as the Global Summit for Woodworking, Furniture Production and Mattress Manufacturing. The event is further supported by EUMABOIS, the European Federation of Woodworking Machinery Manufacturers. Set to be the largest edition in its history, INDIWOOD 2026 will host over 1,000 brands from more than 50 countries, welcome 90,000+ industry professionals, and span 85,000 sqm of exhibition space, marking a 15% growth over the previous edition. The scale and diversity of participation reflect strong global confidence in India's manufacturing capabilities and align with the country's Viksit Bharat vision, where advanced manufacturing, exports and global integration are key growth drivers.

IDFC First Bank Q3 FY26 PAT at Rs. 503 crores, PAT up 48% YoY

CHANDIGARH: The Board of Directors of IDFC FIRST Bank, in its meeting held today, approved the unaudited financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2025. 89% of the YoY growth in loans and advances of the Bank is constituted by growth in Mortgage Loans, Vehicle loans, Consumer loans, Business Banking and Wholesale loans. Credit Cards in force reached 4.3 million during Q3 FY26. Wealth management Business of the Bank grew by 31% YoY to reach Rs. 58,957 crores. Provisions for the Quarter reduced by 3.7% QoQ from Rs. 1,452 crores to Rs. 1,396 crores. Commenting on the results, Mr. V. Vaidyanathan, MD and CEO said "We are seeing a strong business momentum across all our main lines of businesses, including lending, deposits, wealth management, transaction banking etc. Our asset quality has improved with GNPA at 1.69% and Net NPA at 0.53% as of 31st December 2025."

Salt Substitutes vs Iodised Salt: Understanding WHO's Call for Lower Sodium Intake

PATIALA/SANGRUR: In the pursuit of healthier eating, salt has increasingly come under scrutiny due to its link with several lifestyle-related diseases. Adding to the debate, the World Health Organization (WHO) has urged people to replace regular table salt with lower-sodium salt substitutes (LSS) as part of global efforts to reduce excessive sodium consumption. According to WHO estimates, nearly 1.9 million deaths every year are associated with high sodium intake. While the organisation recommends consuming no more than 2 grams of sodium per day, the current global average stands at about 4.3 grams per day.

With CM Saini Steering Farmer-Centric Reforms, Pilot Neeraj Sehrawat Discusses VB-G RAM G Act in Haryana



PANCHKULA: Pilot Neeraj Sehrawat, National Incharge – Research and Policy, BJP Kisan Morcha, interacted with farmers at an anaj mandi in Haryana, holding detailed discussions on the transformative Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025. The engagement focused on how the proposed legislation marks a decisive shift in rural employment policy while strengthening farm livelihoods, infrastructure creation, and income security. Addressing farmers, Pilot Neeraj Sehrawat said, "The Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 is not merely an employment scheme; it is a nation-building instrument. By linking guaranteed work with productive assets, water security, and rural infrastructure, this Act strengthens agriculture, stabilises incomes, and empowers villages. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister and the committed governance of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini ji, Haryana's farmers are well-positioned to lead India's journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047."

SAKSHAM 2026 Launched in Chandigarh; Fortnight-Long Fuel Conservation Campaign Begins

CHANDIGARH: The inaugural function of SAKSHAM 2026, a nationwide fuel conservation campaign, was organised at Rani Laxmi Bai Bhawan, Sector 38-C, Chandigarh, in the presence of Shri Diprava Lakra, IAS, Finance Secretary-cum-Secretary



(Transport), Chandigarh Administration. Under SAKSHAM 2026, the oil industry will conduct a fortnight-long awareness campaign from February 1 to February 15, 2026, aimed at promoting mass awareness on the conservation of petroleum products. The activities will be carried out across Punjab and Chandigarh (UT). The inaugural programme was jointly organised by the State Level Coordinators (SLCs) of Oil Industries of Punjab and Chandigarh (UT). The event was coordinated by Shri Ashutosh Gupta, SLC (Punjab) and Executive Director & State Head, IOCL: Shri Sushant Goyal, SLC (Chandigarh UT) and Chief Regional Manager, HPCL; Shri Akash Bhawan, General Manager & Zonal Head, GAIL; and Shri Ramlal, DGM (Retailing Initiatives), BPCL. During the programme, the oil industry outlined various initiatives across the transport, industry, agriculture and domestic sectors to promote oil and gas conservation. The message of the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh on fuel and energy conservation was read out, emphasizing the importance of judicious use of petroleum and natural gas for economic growth, environmental sustainability and a cleaner, climate-resilient future. Citizens were urged to actively participate in SAKSHAM 2026.

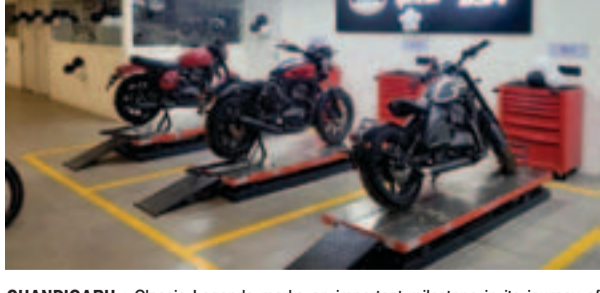
Union Budget 2026 Boosts AYUSH & Biopharma Shakti for Preventive Healthcare: Hamdard

CHANDIGARH: Hamdard Laboratories (India) has welcomed the Union Budget 2026 announcements, particularly the government's continued thrust on strengthening the AYUSH ecosystem and promoting preventive and holistic healthcare across the country. Reacting to the Budget, Mr. Abdul Majeed, Chairman & Managing Trustee, Hamdard Laboratories, said the focus on upgrading AYUSH pharmacies and drug testing laboratories, expanding skilled human resources, and promoting evidence-based research would significantly enhance quality standards and public confidence in traditional systems of medicine. He also lauded the proposal to establish three new All India Institutes of Ayurveda, calling it a strong step towards institutional capacity-building and formal education in traditional medicine.

Akshay Kumar promises a date if Contestant Vaishnavi wins on Wheel of Fortune

CHANDIGARH: The Wheel of Fortune's recent promo highlighted a light-hearted moment and a memorable conversation between Akshay Kumar and contestant Vaishnavi about empowering women to be confident in their own skin. Following the conversation, it ended with a playful exchange, leaving the audience smiling during the episode. Adding a fun twist to the episode, Akshay Kumar surprised contestant Vaishnavi with a promise. He said that "ladkiyonko apna reels bana ke inspire kari hai." Following that, Vaishnavi said, "mere jaisa aisa bahut saare ladkiya hai jo plus size hai society unko beautiful nahi maanti." Following that, Akshay Kumar said, "agar apne apne contest jeeti hai toh apni apni maidaate pe challege". Vaishnavi instantly blushed with the expression of Oh My God! at the unexpected promise, while the audience and crew burst into laughter, making it a playful standout moment of the episode. More than just a game, the episode captured the thrill, determination, and unforgettable moments of the Wheel of Fortune journey, where every spin brings a chance to win big. Watch Wheel Of Fortune, hosted by Akshay Kumar, every Monday to Friday at 9:00 Pm only on Sony Entertainment Television & Sony LIV

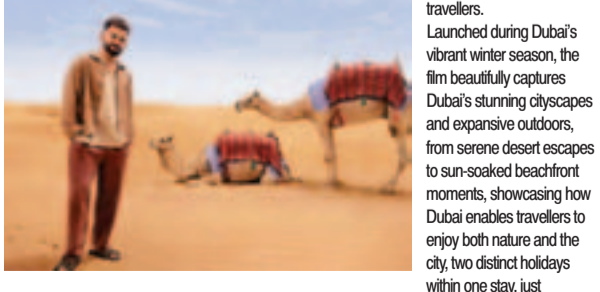
Classic Legends inaugurates National Training Centre to advance technical capability and service excellence



CHANDIGARH: Classic Legends marks an important milestone in its journey of strengthening technical capability and service excellence with the inauguration of the Advanced National Training Centre at its Pithampur plant in Indore. The new facility underlines the company's continued commitment to building future-ready talent and investing in world-class training infrastructure. Strategically developed to deliver advanced, hands-on and skill-oriented technical training, the National Training Centre will focus on real-world diagnostics, precision repair practices and structured skill development. It is designed to support technicians and service professionals across developments. The facility will play a critical role in standardising service quality and enhancing after-sales excellence. Anupam Thareja, Co-founder, Classic Legends, said, "As our brands continue to grow, strengthening our service capability ecosystem becomes extremely important."

'Dubai, Ready For A Surprise': Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli's winter journey is showcased in new campaign film

CHANDIGARH: The Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Visit Dubai), part of the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism (DET), has unveiled the latest film in the 'Dubai, Ready for A Surprise' series featuring India's power couple, Anushka



part of their ongoing destination partnership with Dubai. This new chapter builds on the success of the previous film and follows the couple through a day of thoughtful surprises planned by Anushka, highlighting the depth, variety, and convenience that make Dubai an effortless choice for Indian travellers. Launched during Dubai's vibrant winter season, the film beautifully captures Dubai's stunning cityscapes and expansive outdoors, from serene desert escapes to sun-soaked beachfront moments, showcasing how Dubai enables travellers to enjoy both nature and the city, two distinct holidays within one stay, just moments apart. The film ends with a gentle hint from Anushka about how spectacular the view might be when summer arrives, reinforcing Dubai as a city for every season. The story begins with a tranquil desert escape at the Presidential Villa at Al Maha.

The WE Foundation and Grant Thornton Partner to Combat Urban Waste

GURUGRAM: To commemorate National Cleanliness Day, The WE Foundation (TWF), a leading non-profit dedicated to creating inclusive societies, has announced a strategic partnership with Grant Thornton to execute a comprehensive Pan-India Cleanliness Drive. This initiative mobilizes corporate professionals to take direct action in waste management and community sensitization across 12 major locations across the country. The drive is designed as a high-impact employee volunteering engagement, transcending corporate social responsibility from financial contribution to boots-on-the-ground action. Approximately 30 Grant Thornton employees per location will lead cleanup efforts, focusing on critical urban areas including Sector 57 in Gurgaon, Jhilmil Colony in Delhi, and Shanti Colony in Bangalore. "Our objective is to create a sense of ownership within the community and among corporate citizens," said Nabanita Banerjee, Director of The WE Foundation. "Just as our flagship 'Smart Schools' program ensures no child is left behind digitally, this initiative ensures that our environment is not left behind in our pursuit of progress. By partnering with Grant Thornton, we are integrating professional expertise with grassroots environmental action." At Grant Thornton, we believe that sustainable growth is only possible when we take active responsibility for the ecosystems we inhabit, said.

PhysicsWallah Announces Free Doubt Resolution Support and Mock Preboards for Class 10 CBSE Students across India
GURUGRAM: Education company PhysicsWallah (PW) announced a student support initiative aimed at assisting aspirants appearing for the Class 10 CBSE Board Exams in 2026. Students across the country can avail free doubt resolution and expert guidance. This initiative is not only open for PW students but any Class 10 student across the country. The initiative is designed to help reduce academic pressure during the exam season. Ankit Gupta, CEO of Vidyapeeth-Offline of PhysicsWallah (PW), said, "Education should never be restricted by boundaries, especially when a student is preparing for a defining moment like the Board Exams. Many students lack immediate access to quality exam support and we know even a single unresolved doubt can cause stress. By opening our Vidyapeeth, Pathshala and Tuition centres to every student, regardless of whether they are enrolled with us or not, we are simply doing what is right for the student community."

JAIBEER SINGH
BARARA: Embracing the teachings of Guru Ravidas Maharaj, a free health camp was organised by the Health Department in Suhaata village on the auspicious occasion of Guru Ravidas Jayanti. The camp was conducted with the cooperation of District Council member representative Jaswinder Suhaata and under the supervision of ASMO Dr. Birbal. A total of 102 patients were examined during the camp, including 30 ECGs, 44 blood sugar tests, 42 blood pressure tests, and blood tests for 34 people. Free medicines were also distributed to all needy patients.



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Congress's harmony march receives overwhelming support across state: Dr. Gadhiya



PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: The Harmony March being organised by the Congress party across the state is receiving widespread public support in Yamunanagar and other districts. Dr. Rajesh Gadhiya, Senior National Vice President of the Congress INTUC Federation, said that upon the arrival of the Harmony March in Yamunanagar, party workers and common citizens gave it a grand welcome at various places. Through this march, the Congress party is working to take its pro-people policies, ideology, and programmes to every citizen. Dr. Gadhiya said that the public is fed up with the anti-people and oppressive policies of the current BJP government. There is deep anger among the people regarding inflation, unemployment, the plight of farmers, and the future of the youth. Because of this, a large number of people are joining the Congress party, expressing their faith in its policies. He said that the Harmony March has worked to connect every section of society—farmers, labourers, traders, youth, and women. He informed that this march is being led by former MP former IAS officer, and senior Congress leader Brijendra Singh, whose main objective is to strengthen the organisation, energise the workers, and establish direct communication with the public. During the march, people's problems are being heard in villages and cities, and the Congress party's commitment.

Chhattisgarh beat Chandigarh in Col C K Nayudu Trophy

CHANDIGARH: Chhattisgarh registered a commanding seven-wicket victory over Chandigarh in their Col C K Nayudu Trophy match at the GMSSS Sector-26 Cricket Ground on Monday. After winning the toss and opting to field, Chhattisgarh were put under pressure as Chandigarh posted a strong 417 in their first innings. Dushyant (116), Aarush Bhandari (105) and Adhiraj (102) scored centuries. In reply, Chhattisgarh fought back and piled up 383 in their first innings. Shohit Sharma (97) and Harsh Sahu (88) were the top scorers. Later, Chandigarh faltered in their second innings and bowled out for mere 143. Set a modest target, Chhattisgarh chased down 180 with ease by losing just three wickets.

UTCA opens player registration for 2026-27 season

CHANDIGARH: UT Cricket Association (UTCA) has opened player registration across all categories for the 2026-27 season. Registrations are invited for Under-15, Under-19, Under-23 and Senior Women and Under-16, Under-19, Under-23 and Senior Men. The registration window is open till February 15. All players must register to be eligible for trials. Register at www.chandigarh.cricknet or via the UTCA App.

Historic rise in sports budget to directly benefit athletes: Bijender Lohan

DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI: The Government of India's decision to increase the sports budget by over ₹1,100 crore has been described as highly encouraging for athletes and sports organisations across the country. An allocation of ₹4,479.88 crore for sports in the financial year 2026-27 reflects the Centre's seriousness and commitment towards upcoming international sporting events. Haryana Ice Skating Association president Bijender Lohan said that keeping in view the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games scheduled in 2026, this increase in the sports budget was the need of the hour. He said the enhanced allocation would strengthen athlete training, modern facilities, sports infrastructure and preparations at the international level. Lohan added that the ₹500 crore allocation for the sports goods manufacturing sector would also boost the 'Make in India' initiative, improving the quality of sports equipment and creating new employment opportunities. He noted that an increased budget for the Sports Authority of India (SAI) would further improve the maintenance of stadiums and the effectiveness of training programmes for athletes nationwide. Expressing confidence, Bijender Lohan said the increased sports budget would have a positive impact on emerging athletes not only in Haryana but across the country.

Himalaya Wellness and RCB Women's Team Join Hands to Build India's Future Women Cricketers



CHANDIGARH: What if your cricketing role model could guide you, motivate you, and help shape your journey, right from your phone? Himalaya Wellness, India's No.1 face wash brand, unveils the 1derwoman Academy in line with National Girl Child Day. Building on the momentum of the 1derwoman initiative, which supports young girls in overcoming challenges and inspire to aspire to be #1 in their chosen fields. It is a platform designed to bridge the

Home Secretary UT Chandigarh reviews facilities at leisure valley, sector-10



CHANDIGARH: Mandip Singh Brar, IAS, Home Secretary, UT Chandigarh, today visited Leisure Valley, Sector-10, to assess the condition, upkeep, and available facilities in the area. Sh. Amit Kumar, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh; Sh. C. B. Ojha, Chief Engineer; Sh. Rajiv Kumar Mehta, Chief Architect; and Dr. Sangeeta Bagga, Principal, Chandigarh

College of Architecture, were present during the inspection. During the visit, the Home Secretary reviewed the existing walking and jogging tracks and noted that certain stretches required immediate attention. He directed the Engineering Department to undertake prompt repair works to ensure safety and convenience for visitors.

Emphasising the importance of health and wellness, Sh. Mandip Singh Brar instructed the concerned departments to explore suitable provisions for yoga and exercise facilities within Leisure Valley, aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles among citizens. He further directed officials to examine the feasibility of establishing a cafeteria facility in the area to enhance visitor amenities, with due

emphasis on cleanliness and environmental sustainability. The Chandigarh College of Architecture has been entrusted with preparing a comprehensive design proposal incorporating facilities for fitness, yoga, wellness, and mind-body healing, while preserving the original fitness trails and equipment within 15 days. The proposal will align with the

Master Plan vision of Leisure Valley as the "Lungs of the City Beautiful," as envisaged by Le Corbusier. The visit underscores the Chandigarh Administration's continued commitment to strengthening public infrastructure, enhancing recreational spaces, and improving the overall quality of life for residents.

Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon interacts with youth at leadership programme



CHANDIGARH Stressing the need for making India's leadership landscape more vibrant and energetic, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Sanjay Tandon on Monday said the active participation of youth in discussions on key national issues shows a growing sense of responsibility and commitment towards nation-building and good governance. Tandon was speaking after attending Netritva Sadhana - XVII, where he participated as a speaker and held an interactive session with young and aspiring leaders at the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Sector 26, Chandigarh. Describing the interaction as enriching, Tandon said it was a pleasure to engage with "bright, young and energetic" participants on important national subjects, including One Nation, One Election, Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, and reforms in the education sector. He said such discussions are vital in nurturing informed leadership and strengthening democratic values. "The enthusiasm, curiosity and progressive outlook shown by the youth was truly heartening. Their thoughtful questions and clarity of thought indicate a deep commitment

towards the future of the country," Tandon said. He added that young citizens are increasingly aware of governance issues and are keen to contribute constructively to public life. The BJP leader stressed that leadership programmes such as Netritva Sadhana play a crucial role in shaping responsible and capable leaders who can effectively respond to the challenges facing the nation. He said exposure to policy debates and institutional frameworks helps young participants develop a balanced and informed perspective. Tandon also appreciated the efforts of the Institute for Inclusive Policy & Governance, in association with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini and NITTTR, for organising the leadership programme. He said the initiative provides an important platform for empowering youth through knowledge, dialogue and practical insights into governance and public policy. He expressed confidence that programmes like these would continue to inspire young minds to engage positively in democratic processes and work towards inclusive development. Tandon said the energy and commitment displayed by the participants reaffirm faith in the country's future leadership.

Dr. Sohan Singh assumes charge as Deputy Director Prosecution in Karnal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Dr. Sohan Singh formally assumed charge today as the Deputy Director of Prosecution in the Prosecution Department here. Previously, he was serving in the important position of District Attorney (DA) at the Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban. He has been given this new responsibility in Karnal as a result of his promotion. Upon his arrival at the office, Dr. Sohan Singh was given a warm and enthusiastic welcome by the staff members.

On this occasion, he expressed his gratitude to all his colleagues and said that he would discharge his duties with complete dedication, honesty, and commitment, working together with all his colleagues. He added that they would make the prosecution work more effective through teamwork and transparency. Dr. Sohan Singh specifically mentioned the three new criminal laws implemented by the Government of India—the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha

Sanhita (BNSS), and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) — which came into effect from July 1, 2024. He said that he would launch a special campaign to raise awareness among the public about these new laws. Making ordinary citizens aware of their rights and duties and explaining the positive aspects of these laws will be his priority. Dr. Sohan Singh's assumption of this charge is considered a step that will provide new energy and direction to the Prosecution Department.

ALM Balwant retires; employees demand honour for contractual staff

PREETISAINI
SADHAURA: A farewell ceremony was organised on Monday at the Sadhaura Electricity Corporation office to honour Balwant, an Assistant Lineman (ALM), on his retirement from service. On the occasion, employees also raised demands

regarding the welfare and recognition of contractual staff. Balwant, who had been serving in the Sadhaura electricity department since 2008, retired on January 31. Colleagues felicitated him and praised his honesty and dedicated service to the department.

During the ceremony, Assistant Lineman Pal Chand expressed concern over the lack of recognition for contractual employees at the time of retirement. He said that despite serving day and night like permanent employees, contractual staff are

often denied even token gifts or formal upon superannuation. He stated that contractual employees dedicate 20 to 30 years or more of their lives to departments on modest salaries, yet are compelled to return home empty-handed after retirement.

ELECTION NOTICE
It is for information of all members of The Deep Primary Cooperative Consumer Store Ltd. Chandigarh, that election of society will be held with the approval of JRCs, U.T., Chandigarh, as under:-
Filing of nomination paper: 19.02.2026, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
Polling: 19.02.2026, 2.00 pm to 03.00 pm
Venue: Sarpanch Complex, Village Badheri, Chandigarh (Election Manager)

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It is for information of all members of The Chandigarh Sector 15, Friends Cooperative House Building 1st Society Ltd., Chandigarh that election of society will be held with the approval of JRCs, U.T., Chandigarh, as under:-
Filing of nomination paper: 25.02.2026, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
Polling: 26.02.2026, 11.30 am to 04.30 pm
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Polling: 19.02.2026, 03.00 pm to 04.00 pm
Venue: # 1, Near Raghuvanshi Complex, Sector 45, Burail, Chandigarh (Election Manager)

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Filing of nomination paper: 18.02.2026, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
Polling: 19.02.2026, 03.00 pm to 04.00 pm
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Principal Judge Family Court,
Fategarh Sahib
JATINDER KAUR AGED 32 YEARS
WIDOW OF LATE LOVEPREET
SINGH S/o AVTAR SINGH R/o
VILLAGE CHUNNI KHURD,
TESHIL BASSI PATHANA, DISTT
FATEGARH SAHIB
Vs.
GENERAL PUBLIC
CNR No. PBF001-003167-2025
Next Date: 06-03-2026
PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:
GENERAL PUBLIC
GENERAL PUBLIC
In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 06-03-2026 at 10.00 a.m.
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Fategarh Sahib
Dated, this day of 17-01-2026

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Sr. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower	Gross Weight of Pledged Gold Ornaments
1	32928730008422	Narinder Kumar	4.9
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., 1st Floor, Krishna Tower, Hoshiarpur Road, Above PNB, Rama Mandi, Jalandhar Cantt-144005, India.			
2	34578740000554	Jasvir Kaur	5.08
3	34578740000758	Bittu Singh	4.98
4	34578740000643	Joginder Singh	8.18
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, Ward No.10, Gali No.1, Khasra No.591/2, 592/2 and 592/1/1, Farid Nagar, Bathinda Road, Rampura Phul Dist., Bathinda-151103, India.			
5	32078740000192	Akashdeep	5.78
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, House No 20240, Street No 12, Opp. ICICI Bank, 100 Ft. Road, Bathinda-151001, Punjab.			
6	30468730006802	Pinkii Chaudhary	8.23
7	30468740000442	Harinder Singh	15.75
8	30468740000301	Prabhjot Kaur	9.32
9	30468730008957	Sukhman Singh	2.3
10	30468730008486	Kanhya K	3.28
11	30460670000027	Vivek Kumar	98.75
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, BXXI, 14632/3C, Gandhi Nagar, GT Road, Dholwala Chowk, Near Lmi Showroom, Opp. Guru Gobind Singh Towers, Ludhiana-141003, India.			
12	45848740000220	Sankeet Kumar	5.49
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, No 2908/A/1, "Sweades Complex", G.T. Road, Bathinda-151005, India.			
13	47898730004559	Gora Gora	7.62
14	47898730004421	Harjeet Kaur	3.26
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, Property No.1, SSSS Chowk, Majitha Road, Amritsar-143001, India.			
15	45858740000258	Jatin Gupta	8.7
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Ground Floor, Shanghai Tower, Shop Cum Flat No 13, Ferozganjhi Market, Ludhiana-141001, India.			
16	32268730007751	Manoj Kumar	8.8
17	32268730006847	Manoj Kumar	8.8
18	32268730018638	Simranjit Kaur	3.3
19	32268730018345	Suman Shiv Shankar	4.7
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., SCO 36-37, DLF Colony, Ground Floor, Sirhind Road, Patiala-147001.			
20	46498730013761	Bharli Kumari	10.12
Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Shop No 4 & 5, A Block, Patiala Road, Calibre Market, Rajpura Tehsil, Patiala District, Punjab-140401, India.			
21	48318730005496	Rakesh Kumar	4.1
22	48318730005371	Happy Singh	6.9
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Place: Punjab		Sd/- Authorized Officer	
Date: 03.02.2026		Jana Small Finance Bank Limited	

Bad Bunny delivers powerful message on immigrants during 2026 Grammy win



Bad Bunny received a standing ovation at the 2026 Grammy Awards on Sunday as he used his acceptance speech to address the treatment of immigrants in the US.

The 31-year-old star won Best Musica Urbana Album for DeBI TiRAR MaS FOToS. As he walked on stage at Los Angeles' Crypto.com Arena, the crowd was already on its feet. But it was his first words, directly addressing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), that truly moved the audience.

"Before I say thanks to God, I'm gonna say ICE out. We're not savages, we're not animals, we're

not aliens, we are humans, and we are Americans," Bunny declared, prompting a loud standing ovation.

He acknowledged the challenges of anger and division in today's world, saying, "I know it's tough not to hate these days... sometimes we get contaminada, I don't know how to say that in English." Bunny emphasized that "the only thing more powerful than hate is love," urging people to respond to conflict with compassion.

"We have to be different. If we fight, we have to do it with love. We don't hate them. We love our people, we love our family, and that's the way to do it, with love.

Don't forget that, please. Thank you. Thank you, God, and thank you to the Grammys," he concluded.

Bunny's remarks come after he chose not to bring his Debi TiRAR Mas Fotos World Tour to the US, citing increased immigration crackdowns under the Trump administration. He has also faced criticism from former President Donald Trump and some Republicans after being named headliner for the Super Bowl LX Halftime Show on February 8.

Since President Trump returned to office in January 2025, immigration actions have intensified, with ICE detentions reaching record levels, sparking debate

among leaders, civil rights groups, and communities nationwide, according to People.

Minneapolis has seen heightened activity, including the federal "Operation Metro Surge," which led to protests after the deaths of two residents during clashes with federal agents.

Bunny said of his Grammy win, "This show is for my people, my culture, and our history."

This year, Bad Bunny earned six Grammy nominations. Prior to the live show, he also won Best Global Music Performance for "EoO." The 2026 Grammys are airing live on CBS and streaming on Paramount.

Hungama OTT's Popular Anthology Hasratein Returns With Season 3: Six Women, Six Stories, One Unshakable Need to Choose Themselves



CHANDIGARH : Hungama OTT, one of India's leading digital entertainment platforms, has announced the launch of Hasratein Season 3, the next chapter of its widely loved anthology that continues to explore women's inner worlds, unspoken desires and quiet rebellion. After the resounding success of the first two seasons, this season raises the bar higher, delving into lives shaped by suffocating marriages, rigid traditions, political manipulation and emotional neglect.

Over the years, Hasratein has carved a powerful space for stories often left untold, resonating deeply with audiences for its raw and honest portrayal of women navigating desire, identity and societal constraints. With Season 3, the show brings together six gripping episodes that blend elements of thriller, crime and drama, each bold, intimate and unapologetically human. Hasratein Season 3 premieres with its first two episodes on January 22, followed by two episodes on January 27, with the final two episodes releasing on February 4.

Hasratein Season 3 unfolds across six powerful stories of women navigating silence, survival, and self-awakening. Halla Bol follows Jyoti, an abused wife pushed into politics as a puppet, who slowly finds her voice and rebels against control. In Beauty Parlour, Salma, a Lucknow beautician balancing poverty, motherhood, and a neglected marriage, confronts the cost of security to her dignity. Midnight Bride centres on Ananya, a young widow confined by rigid rules in a haveli, whose suppressed desires surface through art and an unexpected presence. Do Anjaane brings together two strangers - an abused wife and a falsely accused man - who find fragile hope during a riot-torn night. In Gupchup Rasoi, ignored food columnist Nirmala discovers affirmation and danger when her kitchen becomes a space of rebellion. Finally, Naya Kiraayedaar traces Smita's quiet longing after her husband's disappearance, as the arrival of a young musician disrupts a life lived under constant watch.

Speaking about her character and the story, Monalisa shares, "Gupchup Rasoi is about breaking free without shouting. I truly love portraying feminist characters that speak about women, their self-worth, and the importance of prioritising themselves. Nirmala's journey from being dominated and humiliated to discovering her self-worth through her passion for cooking is something many women will relate to. It's a story about choosing yourself, finding strength in unexpected places, and realising that freedom begins from within."

Netflix's Kohrra Season 2 Unveils A Thrilling Whodunnit Trailer Where The Truth Looks Foggier Than It Is!

AMRITSAR : The mist descends once more — this time over Dalerpura, a town with no clear answers and far too many whispers. Kohrra, Netflix's critically acclaimed investigative crime drama, returns for a gripping second season with a haunting new trailer. The story unpacks the murder of a woman (Pooja Bhamrah) found dead in her brother's (Anurag Arora) barn, a growing list of suspects



including her own husband (Rannvijay Singha), and two officers determined to chase the truth to the end. The Netflix police procedural crime drama returns with the beloved Assistant Sub-Inspector Amarpal Garundi (Barun Sobti), who begins anew, far from his roots in Jagrana under a new commanding officer, Sub-Inspector Dhanwant Kaur (Mona Singh). She's restrained, methodical, and firm where it matters, making her a striking contrast to Garundi's more casual, instinctive persona. Brawn and brain come together as they peel back the layers of this complicated case, even as it lays bare their own vulnerabilities.

Barun Sobti, reprising the role of Amarpal Garundi, shares, "Garundi begins this season hoping to start afresh, but in a world like Kohrra, the past never quite lets go. The mystery this time is denser and more layered, and that complexity reflects in Garundi's own journey. He's more introspective, more guarded, and constantly negotiating with his own choices. Season 2 pushed me as an actor in new ways, and I'm excited for viewers to return to this world and experience how the story unfolds." A Film Squad Production in association with Act Three, Kohrra Season 2 is produced by Saurabh Malhotra, Sudip Sharma, Manuj Mittra, and Tina Tharwani. This season also marks Sudip Sharma's debut as director alongside Faisal Rahman. A creative collaboration that is almost guaranteed to thrill with creators and writers, Gunjit Chopra and Diggi Sisodia, besides them.

First trailer released for 'The Devil Wears Prada 2,' set for May 2026

Twenty years after The Devil Wears Prada became a cultural phenomenon, 20th Century Studios has released the first full trailer for 'The Devil Wears Prada 2', confirming the return of its iconic characters and teasing a high-fashion clash in a rapidly changing media landscape. The film is slated for theatrical release on May 1, 2026.

Meryl Streep reprises her role as the formidable Miranda Priestly, editor-in-chief of Runway magazine, now facing the decline of print journalism and navigating the challenges of maintaining relevance and financial stability in a transforming industry. Emily Blunt also returns as Emily Charlton, Priestly's former assistant, who has risen to become a powerful executive at a luxury conglomerate. Anne Hathaway reprises her role as Andrea Sachs, whose entry-level position at Runway defined the original 2006 hit.



While the trailer offers few details about Sachs' current career, her presence reconnects the sequel to the emotional heart of the first film, exploring the tension between ambition and personal life. The original The Devil Wears Prada was both a critical and commercial success, earning USD 326 million worldwide, according to Variety.

Alongside Streep, Hathaway, and Blunt, Stanley Tucci, Tracie Thoms, and Tibor Feldman are returning, while new cast members include Kenneth Branagh and Patrick Brammall as love interests, along with Simone Ashley, Lucy Liu, B.J. Novak, Justin Theroux, Lady Gaga, and Pauline Chalamet. Adrian Grenier will not be returning. The sequel reunites director David Frankel, writer Aline Brosh McKenna, and producer Wendy Finerman, anchoring the film in the creative team behind the original.

'Harry Potter' TV series sets "early 2026" premiere date

The much-awaited 'Harry Potter' series appears to be firming plans for its HBO launch next year. Based on JK Rowling's popular books, the upcoming TV adaptation has been stirring a lot of buzz since its announcement. According to Deadline, the series is likely to premiere in early 2027. "We've been saying



2027. I would say, to narrow it down to some extent, early 2027. And now you're going to ask, does that mean January, February, March, April, that we're not ready to say. I'll say early 2027," said Casey Bloys, Chairman and CEO of HBO and HBO Max Content, as quoted by Deadline. Earlier in 2024, Bloys teased a potential premiere date for "late 26-27" before adding, "writers are just getting started so it's soon to talk about the air-date." Earlier this month, Grammy-winning music composer Hans Zimmer was brought on board to helm the original score for HBO's much-awaited 'Harry Potter' TV series.

As per Variety, Hans Zimmer and his music company, Bleeding Fingers Music, will compose the score for the HBO TV series, which is set to debut in 2027. HBO announced the news on Instagram and wrote, "Ah, music. A magic beyond all we do here!" - Albus Dumbledore. We're honoured to announce that Hans Zimmer and Bleeding Fingers will compose a new score for HBO's Harry Potter series. Coming soon to HBO Max. One of the much-anticipated projects, the 'Harry Potter' TV series, is currently in production. The cast for the show has been officially announced, with Dominic McLaughlin, Arabella Stanton, and Alastair Stout set to take over as Harry, Hermione, and Ron. Notable actors like John Lithgow, Nick Frost etc.



Anoushka Shankar's 'Daybreak' loses Best Global Music Performance award

The 2026 Grammy Awards began with the Premiere Ceremony in Los Angeles early Monday morning. Before the main TV show, the Recording Academy presented 86 awards across various categories. One of the key categories was Best Global Music Performance, where Indian-origin musician and composer Anoushka Shankar was nominated for her song "Daybreak," which featured Alam Khan and Sarathy Korwar. However, Shankar lost the award to global star Bad Bunny, who won for his track "EoO." Other nominees in the category included Ciro Hurtado, Angelique Kidjo, Yeisy Rojas, and Shakti. Ahead of the ceremony, Anoushka Shankar took to her Instagram account to share a message about her nominations and why she chose not to attend the event this year.

She wrote, "It's Grammy day today! I'm proud to be nominated twice, for my album Chapter III: We Return to Light and for 'Daybreak,' the lead song from the album." Shankar also mentioned that she consciously decided to stay away from the awards night and spend time in India instead. "These are my 12th and 13th nominations, which in itself is HUGE! At the same time, it feels really good NOT to be in LA getting sucked into the whirlwind of excitement and stress that comes with major awards events. This year, I made a conscious decision not to go and to be on the road in India during the ceremony." Anoushka Shankar continues to be one of the most nominated Indian artists in Grammy history. Her song "Daybreak" marked her 13th Grammy nomination overall.

Rishab Shetty celebrates 30 years of Kiccha Sudeepa in cinema

Actor-filmmaker Rishab Shetty has extended his warm wishes to fellow actor Kiccha Sudeepa, celebrating the latter's 30 glorious years in cinema. Taking to his X handle, Rishab Shetty penned a heartfelt note for Kiccha Sudeepa, which read, "Congratulations to our Abhinaya Chakravarthy Baadshah @KicchaSudeep Sir on completing 30 glorious years in cinema. Your versatility, humility, and dedication continue to inspire generations. Wishing many more milestones ahead. Lots of love."



just... full. From a boy with dreams, doubts and wild hope to whatever this has become - it's bigger than I ever imagined because of YOU. Fans - you're my strength, my fuel, my reason to keep showing up. Directors & writers - thank you for trusting me with your stories, for pushing, challenging and believing I could do more. Producers - your courage and faith made dreams happen. Co-actors & every single technician - cinema is pure teamwork: from the light boys to the cameramen, art teams to

costume, spot boys to editors - your unseen sweat is everything. To television & media - you amplified my voice, questioned me, celebrated me and helped me grow. To the Kannada film fraternity - you gave me identity, pride and home; I carry Kannada cinema in my heart always. And to my family & friends - you kept me real, grounded and human through it all," he wrote in a long statement.

Further, the actor vowed to keep working harder to return everything that cinema has given him.

Sreeleela comes on board for Dhanush's tentatively titled 'D55,' makers confirm

Actor Sreeleela has officially come on board for Dhanush's next project, tentatively titled 'D55'. On Saturday, the makers confirmed the news on social media, along with pictures of Sreeleela with the team. "You didn't see this coming. Welcoming the dazzling damsel @sreeleela14 on board #D55," the makers wrote.

The update came just a few days after Dhanush was confirmed a part of the film. Wunderbar Films posted the update on X, calling the project a "grand new beginning" and sharing that they are teaming up with R Take Studios for the film. "#D55 - a grand new beginning @wunderbarfilms is happy to associate with @RTakeStudios for this massive project! Exciting updates loading, soon!" the makers wrote in the announcement post.

Directed by 'Amaran' filmmaker Rajkumar Periasamy, the film's music will be composed by Sai Abhyankar. Further details about D55, its plot, and the remaining cast are yet to be unveiled. On the work front, Dhanush was last seen in the Hindi film Tere Ishk Mein, directed by Anand L. Rai. The film tells the story of Shankar, a man whose life changes after a painful breakup. The movie is



now streaming on Netflix. 'Tere Ishk Mein' is produced under the banners of Gulshan Kumar, T-Series, and Colour Yellow Productions. It is jointly produced by Anand L. Rai, Himanshu Sharma, Bhushan Kumar, and Krishan Kumar. Looking ahead, Dhanush will also be seen in the action-thriller Kara, directed by Por Thozhil fame Vignesh Raja. The film follows a man caught between right and wrong as he tries to protect his family while facing the consequences of his past actions.

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