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NEWS BRIEF

Woman dies after car driven by Haryana cop runs her over

AMBALA: A 24-year-old woman was killed after a car allegedly driven at high speed by a police head constable rammed into her e-rickshaw, throwing her onto the road and subsequently crushing her, an official said. The incident took place on Wednesday evening near the Kali Paltan Bridge in Ambala Cantonment. The deceased was identified as Nikita Bajaj, he said. According to police, the impact of the collision caused the woman to fall onto the road, following which the car went out of control and ran her over. She was taken to a government hospital, where doctors declared her dead.

Rupee rises 17 paise to close at 90.61 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee appreciated 17 paise to settle for the day at 90.61 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, as foreign fund investments lifted investor sentiments. Forex traders said foreign fund inflows, while not massive, provided a psychological anchor. Moreover, the RBI has been quietly ensuring that liquidity remains abundant in the banking system, they said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 90.55 against the US dollar, and touched an intraday high of 90.40 and a low of 90.65 during the day.

Shivam Mishra granted bail in Kanpur Lamborghini accident

KANPUR: Shivam Mishra, the alleged accused in the Kanpur Lamborghini accident, has been granted bail on a personal bond of Rs 20,000 by the District Court on Thursday. Speaking to the media, his lawyer, Naresh Chandra Tripathi, alleged that the police had been "working under pressure from the government" and wrongly arrested Mishra. "... The Court has refused the remand. He (Shivam Mishra) is being released now, on an undertaking of Rs 20,000 and a personal bond of Rs 20,000. The police were working under pressure from the government... Police had wrongly arrested him (Shivam Mishra)...," he said. Meanwhile, the court rejected the police's remand plea. Shivam Mishra's lawyer, Mrityunjay Kumar, said, "On a personal bond of Rs 20,000, Shivam Mishra's remand plea was rejected by the Court..."Mishra, son of tobacco businessman KK Mishra, was arrested on Thursday after a court rejected his driver Mohan's claim of being behind the wheel.

Brazilian President Lula to visit India from Feb 18-22

NEW DELHI: Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva will pay a state visit to India from February 18 to 22 and participate in the 2nd AI Summit to be held in the national capital from February 19 to 20, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Thursday. Speaking at the weekly briefing, MEA official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the visit is being undertaken at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "His Excellency, the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, will be paying a State Visit to India from 18–22 February 2026. President Lula will be participating in the 2nd AI Summit, which is to be held from 19 to 20 February here in Delhi," Jaiswal said. He added that bilateral engagements will take place on February 21.

DAC clears proposal to buy 114 Rafale fighter jets from France

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India is advancing a multi-billion-dollar agreement to acquire 114 additional Rafale fighter F4 jets from France, of which 96 will be assembled at Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited facility in Nagpur, ahead of French President Emanuel Macron's visit to India next Tuesday. The deal, which will includethe purchase of 18 jets in fly-away conditions, is to be cleared by the Defence Acquisition Committee headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh this week before being taken up by the cabinet committee on security as the deal size is expected to be worth between Rs 2.5 lakh crore and Rs 3.25 lakh crore.

Official sources said the deal will give necessary teeth to the air force, whose jet fighter strength has depleted in recent years and is at least 10 squadrons below the sanctioned strength of 42 squadrons, largely due to the retirement of ageing Migs 21s.

"The IAF has to be always ready for a two-front challenge and the aircraft acquisition has been long pending," top officials said. The 114 aircraft would be procured under India's Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) programme through a government-to-government framework, with the jets equipped with new missile systems and updated avionics.

Officials said "there would be progressive indigenisation, technology transfer and inflation-adjusted pricing. The MRFA programme will have F4/F5 standards and include newer and enhanced missile suites."

To keep with indigenisation clauses, the deal will insist on making large parts of the parts and electronics needed to put together the advanced jets in India. Nearly two dozen Indian firms are in talks with Dassault to be part of their development and manufacturing ecosystem.

Tata Advanced Systems signed a deal with Dassault for production transfer agreements to make Rafale jet fuselages in India. While Mahindra Dynamatic Technologies are also believed to be in talks for other systems. Strategically, the Rafale has already proven central to India's airpower calculus. The Indian Air Force inducted 36 Rafales in an earlier deal signed in 2016, and the Navy has separately ordered a naval variant. With the new acquisition, India's Rafale fleet would expand to 176 aircraft, making it one of the largest operators of the platform outside France. Indian officials have repeatedly highlighted the Rafale's high serviceability rates, often cited at around 90 per cent, and its Spectra electronic warfare suite, which has been validated in operational deployments.

Governor Kataria's Yatra for Drug-Free Punjab – A step in right direction

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 12



Punjab has long been battling the deep-rooted menace of drug abuse, a crisis that has silently destroyed families, weakened the social fabric, and robbed the youth of their future. In such a grim scenario, the "Yatra Against Drugs" led by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria emerges as a powerful and much-needed moral movement. It is not merely a symbolic walk, but a serious attempt to awaken society, mobilise institutions, and bring the issue of drugs back to the centre of public discourse. The Governor's Yatra deserves appreciation for one fundamental reason: it treats drug addiction not just as a law-and-order problem, but as a social and humanitarian crisis. By walking with students, teachers, civil society members, doctors, police officials and common citizens, the Governor has sent a clear message that the fight against drugs cannot be won by governments alone. It requires collective participation, social awareness and moral leadership. What makes this Yatra impactful is its connect with the grassroots. Instead of remaining confined to official files and seminars, it reaches streets, schools, villages and colleges—exactly where the problem exists and where solutions must begin. The Yatra encourages dialogue, counselling, rehabilitation and community responsibility, which are far more effective in the long run than only arrests and seizures. However, it is unfortunate and deeply disappointing that some politicians have chosen to politicise this noble initiative. Instead of supporting a movement aimed at saving Punjab's youth, they are busy raising doubts, questioning intentions, and indulging in cheap political point-scoring.

The fight against drugs is not the property of any single party or ideology. It is a shared responsibility. Those who oppose or mock this Yatra must ask themselves a simple question: If not this, then what? Have they offered any stronger, more effective alternative?

Or is their criticism limited to press statements and television debates?In reality, opposing such a movement only exposes a lack of seriousness and moral clarity. When Punjab is losing an entire generation to addiction, silence or negativity from political leaders amounts to betrayal of public trust. Governor Gulab Chand Kataria's Yatra should be seen as a wake-up call, not a political event. It reminds us that social problems require social movements. It tells parents to be vigilant, teachers to guide, police to act firmly, doctors to heal, and politicians to rise above party lines.If Punjab truly wants a drug-free future, then such initiatives must be strengthened, not sabotaged. The youth need hope, not debates. They need role models, not rhetoric. And today, in this dark battle against addiction, the Yatra stands as a rare and positive light—one that deserves support from every responsible citizen and leader of Punjab.

BJP's MP files notice to cancel Rahul Gandhi's Lok Sabha membership

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BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Thursday said he has given a notice to initiate a 'substantive motion' against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, and demanded that his Lok Sabha membership be cancelled and he be debarred from contesting elections for life. Speaking to PTI videos in Parliament House complex, Dubey said that in his notice he has stated how the Leader of the Opposition visits foreign countries joining hands with the Soros Foundation, USAID, Ford Foundation and "colludes" with anti-India elements.

A substantive motion is an independent, self-contained proposal submitted for the approval of a legislative house or assembly, drafted to express a decision or opinion. "No privilege motion notice. I have given a substantive motion notice where in I have mentioned how he visits Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia with Soros Foundation, Ford Foundation and USAID, and colludes with anti-India forces," Dubey alleged.

The BJP MP demanded that the "Lok Sabha membership of Gandhi be cancelled and he be debarred from contesting elections for life". The remarks came a day after Rahul Gandhi alleged in the Lok Sabha that the interim trade deal between India and the United States amounted to a "wholesale surrender", claiming that India's energy security had been handed over to America and farmers' interests compromised.

Taking part in the debate on the Union Budget, the Congress leader said Indian interests had been "surrendered" under the agreement to safeguard what he described as the BJP's financial architecture.

Haryana hikes pension for 13 categories ahead of budget session

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In a major welfare move ahead of the upcoming budget session, the Haryana government has announced a significant increase in monthly payouts for 13 different pension categories. Following the directives of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the Social Welfare Department has issued a formal notification increasing monthly pensions by Rs. 200 across various schemes. This decision is expected to benefit lakhs of pensioners across the state, with monthly disbursements now ranging between Rs. 3,200 and over Rs. 14,000. The hike applies to prominent schemes, including the Ladli Social Security Pension Scheme, widow pensions, and financial aid for differently-abled individuals. Previously, beneficiaries under nine of these categories were receiving Rs. 3,000 per month, which has now been revised to Rs. 3,200. Chief Minister Saini has directed officials to ensure that the enhanced amounts are credited to the bank accounts of beneficiaries within the next two days. The announcement follows a high-level emergency meeting convened by the Chief Minister with senior officials from the social welfare and pension departments. During the deliberations, Saini issued instructions that no pension should be withheld pending verification processes, emphasizing that all eligible beneficiaries must receive their payments without delay.

PM Modi to inaugurate Seva Teerth, Kartavya Bhavan today

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil the name of the new government building complex, Seva Teerth on Friday, which will have the Prime Minister's Office, the National Security Council Secretariat and the Cabinet Secretariat, which were earlier operating from different locations. The Prime Minister will later formally inaugurate Seva Teerth and Kartavya Bhavan-1 & 2 and address a public programme at the complex at around 6 pm tomorrow, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). For decades, several key government offices and ministries have functioned from fragmented and ageing infrastructure spread across multiple locations in the Central Vista area.

No major impact of one-day nationwide strike by Trade Unions



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Normal life largely remained unaffected by the strike call given by a joint forum of central trade unions across the country on Thursday to protest against the alleged "anti-worker, anti-farmer and anti-national pro-corporate policies of the central government".

According to reports, a mixed response was seen in states including Odisha, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Goa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab.

Normal life was affected in Odisha due to a 12-hour nationwide agitation, as per reports. Public transport, markets, educational institutions, and business establishments were affected as major roads, including national and state highways, were blocked. The bandh's impact was felt in all major urban areas, including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Balasore, Berhampur and Sambalpur. In Jharkhand, banking, insurance and coal sectors have been affected by the strike, Bank of India (BOI) Employees' Union state Deputy General Secretary Umesh Das said.

Left parties and the Congress have also extended their support to the strike in the state. In Chhattisgarh, several nationalised banks remained closed as employees joined the strike. Staff of insurance companies, post offices, along with labourers and farmers, also participated in the agitation, affecting operations in their respective sectors. Mining activities in the mineral-rich state were partially hit.

Progressive Punjab Investor's Summit logo unveiled, focus on economic growth

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 12



With just 28 days to go for the Progressive Punjab Investor's Summit (PPIS) 2026, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann unveiled the official logo of the Summit at a high-level meeting held in Chandigarh. The meeting was attended by Industries and Commerce Minister Sanjeev Arora, the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, senior government officials, and representatives of Invest Punjab. All key departments associated with the Summit preparations, including the Mohali District Administration, were also present during the review meeting. The Summit, scheduled from 13–15 March 2026 at Plaksha University, IT City, Mohali, is anchored around the theme "Punjab Means Business – Policy to Practice." The theme reflects the Government of Punjab's commitment to moving beyond policy announcements towards structured implementation, measurable outcomes, and investor-centric governance. The newly unveiled logo symbolically captures Punjab's economic strength, technological advancement, sustainability focus, and growth momentum. The design integrates elements representing industrial expansion, digital governance reforms, green development, and resilience, reinforcing Punjab's positioning as a progressive, reform-driven, and execution-oriented investment destination. During the meeting, Industries and Commerce Minister Sanjeev Arora briefed the Chief Minister on the progress of preparations for the Summit, including outreach activities, infrastructure readiness, coordination with partner countries, and departmental preparedness. A comprehensive review of arrangements at the venue and across key logistical touchpoints was undertaken to ensure seamless execution of the three-day event. He further highlighted that the State has received an encouraging and enthusiastic response from captains of industry and key stakeholders during the national and international roadshows conducted so far. Engagements across major Indian cities and global investment hubs have reinforced investor confidence in Punjab's reformed governance ecosystem.

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Farewell party organized at St. Xavier's School Rampura Phul

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): St. Xavier's School, Rampura Phul organised a graceful and memorable Farewell '26 to bid a heartfelt adieu to the outgoing students of Class XII. The celebration was hosted by Class XI, reflecting their love and respect for their seniors. The programme began with the ceremonial lamp lighting and featured soulful songs, vibrant choreography, games, and engaging title rounds that showcased the talents and confidence of the students. The highlight of the day was the crowning of Sourav as Master Farewell 2026 and Apeksha as Miss Farewell 2026. Several other students were also honoured with special titles recognising their academics, sportsmanship, personality, leadership, and helping spirit. Emotional speeches and the Valedictory Sash Return Ceremony added depth to the occasion. Mrs. Prem Lata appreciated the Class XII students for their thoughtful contribution towards the education of special children, acknowledging their generosity.



On Valentine Day- Deepak Thakur releases his romantic song "Tere Vargi Hor Na Honi"



R N KHERA

CHANDIGARH: There's no better occasion than Valentine's Day for lovers to impress and propose each other. At such times, everyone resorts to romantic songs to impress their lover. What a wonderful experience it is to have a new, great romantic song on this day. Singer, actor, producer, director, and youth sensation Deepak Thakur is releasing "Tere Vargi Hor Na Honi" on February 12th, 2026, in view of this Valentine's Day. Providing more information about the song, Deepak Thakur, the founder of Maddy Entertainment, said.

MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa kickstarts construction of new tubewell, drainage and tiles work in Chhatt

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, FEB 12



MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa today formally launched a dog sterilization drive in the Zirakpur Municipal Council area, targeting the sterilization of around 2,000 stray dogs.

Divulging details, MLA Randhawa said that residents of Zirakpur had been demanding sterilization due to the increasing stray dog population and related concerns. To address this issue, a sterilization project worth Rs 39.46 lakh has been approved and formally launched with the establishment of a sterilization centre capable of housing 100 dogs at a time.

Each dog will be kept under observation after the procedure and released only after being declared physically fit.

He further informed that a proposal for a dog sanctuary to house stray dogs has also been submitted to the state government. The proposed project is estimated to cost Rs 39.46 lakh.

Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa College Mahilpur to organize Grand "Pustak Mela and Art Utsav" Feb26–28

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, FEB 12



Shri Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa College, Mahilpur is going to host a grand "Pustak Mela and Art Utsav" from 26th to 28th February 2026 in the college campus. The three-day event aims to promote reading culture, creativity, and local entrepreneurship in the region. Sharing this information with senior journalist Daljeet Ajnoha, Principal Dr. Parvinder Singh stated that the mela is being organized under the visionary leadership of Chairman Sant Baba Sadhu Singh Ji KaharPuri, Patron Dr. Jung Bahadur Rai, Manager Inderjeet Singh Bharta and Sector Incharge Rupinder Singh. He emphasized that the entire management and staff are working enthusiastically to make this event memorable and meaningful for students and the general public. The Principal further informed that the mela is dedicated to 100 years of Babbar Akali Lahar, paying tribute to the historic revolutionary movement and its contribution to Punjab's rich legacy.

Classified

I Bharti w/o Gaurav soni, House No. 63 Huda Colony Jagadhri Distt. Yamunanagar have changed my name Bharti to Bharti Soni

98765

I, Amrik Singh Sran S/o Resham Singh R/o Village Chak Kala Singh Wala, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Amrik Singh

72778

I Naval kishore Gupta S/o Sital Parkash R/o Gali No.3, Parwana Nagar, Near karyana Store Moga have changed my name to Naval Kishor.

90007

I Parmod S/o Sitaram Saini R/o # 1404a, Sector 39, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name Parmod To Parmod Saini.

60013

I, Vikram Kumar S/o Sh. Mohan Lal R/o 24 25 3, Near Raju Dipo, Chanderpuri, Ambala, Distt Ambala, Haryana-133004 have changed my name from Vikram to Vikram Kumar.

78645

I, Prem Prakash Sharma, aged about 49 years, Son of Sh. Tej Ram Sharma, R/o Village Navi, P.O. Himri, Tehsil Sunni, District Shimla (H.P) – 171019, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have added my surname in my Driving Licence and changed my name from Prem Prakash to Prem Prakash Sharma, which is already recorded in my Aadhaar Card. Henceforth, I shall be known as Prem Prakash Sharma for all purposes.

445841

I, Santra Devi Sharma W/o Satpal R/o Gali No. 01 Ward No. 19, Friends Colony Kaithal, District Kaithal (haryana), Have Changed My Name From Santra Devi Sharma To Sangeeta Sharma. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I Dilver Khan S/o Gulzar Khan R/o #502, Bhabat, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali (Pb.), (Aadhar Card No. 3864 5751 4575) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my father late Gulzar Khan S/o Munshi was expired on 17/09/2006. In my father's service record his name mentioned "Gulzar Singh" but in my documents like Adhaar card, Pan Card and my education certificate his name mentioned "Gulzar Khan". I declare that Gulzar Singh and Gulzar Khan same and one person.

989666

I, Brahmi Devi, wife of Dulichand, resident of Village Bakal, Tehsil Pundri, District Kaithal declare that my name is mentioned as Brahmi Devi in my Post Office records, whereas in my Aadhaar card and other documents my name is mentioned as Virmi Devi. I have changed my name from Brahmi Devi to Virmi Devi. Concerned Please Note.

100039

I,Baljeet Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh R/o Village Baher, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, have changed my name from Baljit Kaur to Baljeet Kaur.

524479

I, Rajbir Kaur Kular, Daughter of Sukhwinder Kaur Kullar and Iqbal Singh Kullar , resident of Village Middu Khera, District Shri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Mina Kular

524479

I, Sunita Devi, wife of Amandeep Singh, resident of village Harbanspura, district Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my name from Sunita Devi to Sandeep Kaur.

524479

I, Shib Kumar Tamang is legally father of Army No. 13781073W Rank NK Name Sagar Tamang presently residing at Vill - Railway Colony Bagdogra, Post - Bagdogra, Teh - Siliguri, Distt - Darjeeling, West Bengal-734014 have changed my name from Shiv Kumar Tamang to Shib Kumar Tamang Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB20406502063595Y, Dated 12-02-2026 Before District Court, Jalandhar (PB).

600022

I, service No 15227920X Rank LHav (Gnr) Name Manish Kumar, Unit- 339 Med Regt, c/o 56 APO do hereby declare that my son name is wrongly written as Prinav in my service records instead of correct Name is PRINAV GAUTAM which appear in Birth cert, Aadhar Card & School Cert. Vide E-stamping/ Affidavit No. IN-PB20170467266643Y Date 12-02-2026 Before Notary, Jalandhar Cantt (PB).

600022

I hitherto known as Veer Sharda, Son of Harman Jaijee, Resident of 643, Sector 11-B, Chandigarh, 160011, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Veer Singh.

461257

I Sukhwinder Kaur alias Rajwinder Kaur Brar W/o Parmjit Singh Brar R/o Sekha Wala Road, Kothe Smalsar, VPO Smalsar, PS Smalsar, Tehsil Baghapurana, DISTT Moga, Punjab-142049, have changed my name from Sukhwinder Kaur alias Rajwinder Kaur Brar to Sukhwinder Kaur.

461257

I, Renu W/O Gurusewak Singh R/O 47, Gali Number 4 Patti Road, Kanda Mohalla, Bhikhiwind, Tarn-Taran, PO: Bhikhiwind, DIST: Tarn Taran, Punjab - 143303 , I have decided to change my name from Renu to Renu Saharan Kaur

461257

I Jagpal Singh S/O Mohinder Singh R/O Vpo.Bharta Kalan Teh.Nawanshahr Distt. Sbs Nagar Pin:144518, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name Jagpal Singh To Singh Jagpal (Jagpal As Given Name And Singh As Surname) Are Note.

63372

I Princepal S/o Balbir Singh R/o H.No.611 W.No.2, Singh Sabha Gurdwara, Mundi Kharar, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) Punjab-140301 I have changed my name from Princepal to Prince Pal.

63372

I Shama Arora W/o Gagan Arora R/O H No.230, W No.14, St No.02, Vedant Nagar, Moga 142001 (Pb.) have Changed My Name From Shama Arora to Shama.

63372

I, Surinder Kaur W/o Gurdeep Singh R/o H.No. 191 W.No. 31 Purana Moga Teh & Distt. Moga have changed my name from Surinder Kaur to Surinder Kaur Kambo.

63372

I, Varinder Kumar S/O Sukh Ram R/O #753, Phase-3 Model Town Bathinda - 151001 change my name to Varinder Kumar Garg.

63372

I, Nav S/o Harbans Lal R/o Vill: Turna Teh-Shahkot Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Nav to Nav Gharu.

63372

I, Sunil Kumar Pallan S/o Ravinder Kumar R/o Mohalla Chhimbian Nurmahal Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar Pb, have changed my name from Sunil Kumar Pallan to Sunil Kumar.

63372

I, Kirpal Singh S/o Ratan Singh R/o Bharta Kalan Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Kirpal Singh to Pal Singh.

63372

I, Seema W/O Mohd Shafiq R/O Near Kamboj High School, Tehsil & Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name from Seema to Kaki.

63372

I, Gursewak Singh Bhullar S/O Naazam Singh R/O Village Bhullerheri, Tehsil Dhuri (Sangrur) have changed my name from Gursewak Singh Bhullar to Gursewak Singh.

63372

I Gurbaksh Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Vill Palli Uchi, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt SBS Nagar 144512 have changed my name from Gurbaksh Kaur to Gurbax Kaur.

63372

I Kajal D/o Sandeep Kumar R/o Harchowal Teh-Batala Distt Gurdaspur I have changed my name from Kajal to Kajal Sharma. Please Note.

63372

I, Jasveer S/O Gurdayal Singh R/O Village Rawal Pindi Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Jasveer to Jasvir Singh.

63372

I, Mandeep Kaur Chopra D/o Sant Singh W/o Rajinder Singh R/o W.No. 2 Payal Teh-Payal Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Mandeep Kaur Chopra to Mandeep Kaur after my marriage.

63372

I, Sunny Padam S/o Om Parkash R/o H.No. 8/203 Sanchali Bazar Banga Distt. SBS Nagar Pb-144505, changed my name to Sunny as given name and Padam as surname. Please note.

63372

I, Jasveer Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh R/o Vill: Shamsher Nagar Po. Sirhind Distt. Fatehgar Sahib have changed my name to Jasvir Kaur.

63372

I, Simranjeet Singh S/o Baldev Singh R/o W.No. 46 Guru Angad Dev Nagar Back Side Orbit Multiplex Zira Road Moga have changed my name to Simranjeet Singh Deol.

63372

I, Rajveer S/o Ashok Kumar R/o St.No.11, Onkar Nagar Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Rajveer to Rajveer Kumar.

63372

I Rani Kaur Alias Lovepreet Kaur W/O Basant Singh R/O Burj Sema Distt Bathinda Have Two Name Of One Person.

63372

I Konika Bansal W/O Munish Kumar Goyal R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Konika Goyal.

63372

I Jagseer Singh S/O Darshan Singh R/O # 61, Near Major M.C,Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Jagsir Singh.

63372

I, Shallu W/o Nitish Kumar Nischal R/o H.No. 38 L, B Block, Model House, Jalandhar (Punjab) 144003 . After marriage I have changed my name from Shallu to Shallu Nischal. Shallu and Shallu Nischal is the name of one and same person. All concerned please note.

63372

I, Geeta W/o Manu Sachdeva R/o House No. 2952, Khetram Street, Muktsar, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Geeta Arora.

63372

I Manish Kumar Singla S/O Harbans Lal R/O Burj Gill Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Manish Kumar.

63372

I, Deepika W/o Naresh Kumar Dhingaan R/o #125/1AX Model Town Extension, Ludhiana, Have changed my name to Deepika Dhingaan.

63372

I Manjeet Kaur w/o Balkar Singh Village Sabuwal District Kapurthala Punjab have Changed my name Manjeet Kaur to Kaur Manjeet.

63372

I, Sukhjinder Singh S/o Bhupinder Singh R/o Village Chohka, PO. Garhdiwala, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India declare that I have my name Sukhjinder Singh changed to my first name Sukhjinder and surname as Singh. All concerned note.

63372

I Shehnaz W/o Mohammad Shamshad, Mohalla Sadewala Maler, Malerkotla Teh & Distt Malerkotla Pb have changed my name Shehnaz Parveen. Concerned Please Note.

63372

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Hoshiar Singh Manhas, R/o House no 26, Parvati Enclave, Near Satsang Bhawan Kharar, SAS Nagar, have changed my name to Sanjeev Manhas.Henceforth, I shall be known as Sanjeev Manhas for all purposes.

63372

I, Randhir Singh S/o Tej Lal, R/o Ward No 15, Humble Hut - 404, Shakar Colony, PO Pathankot Tehsil Pathankot, Dist Pathankot, have changed my name to Randhir Singh Pathania. Henceforth, I shall be known as Randhir Singh Pathania for all purposes.

63372

I, Army No. 15578443H Rank L/Hav Name S.Susai Raj S/o Jabasthiyan Unit of 268 Engr. Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt presently residing at # 3-137, Malai Kovil Street Village Kallery, PO Kallery, Tehsil Gingee, Distt Villupuram, State Tamil Nadu Pin No 604151, I have changed my father name from Sebastian to Jabasthiyan and DOB from 01/07/1957 & 13/03/1954 vide affidavit date 12-02-2026 before Notary Public Distt Court Bathinda.

100078

I, Army No. 15578443H Rank L/Hav Name S.Susai Raj S/o Jabasthiyan Unit of 268 Engr. Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt presently residing at # 3-137, Malai Kovil Street Village Kallery, PO Kallery, Tehsil Gingee, Distt Villupuram, State Tamil Nadu Pin No 604151, I have changed my mother name from Regina mary to Rejinamary and DOB from 01/07/1957 & 01/01/1965 vide affidavit date 12-02-2026 before Notary Public Distt Court Bathinda.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

We Balwinder Singh S/o Surjit Singh and Daljeet Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh, R/o Village Nadali, PO Jaid, District Kapurthala declare that our daughter Ramanpreet Kaur is out of our control. So we disown her from our all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deal with her at their own risk and responsibility. All concerned may note.

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We, Jai Lal Baghla (adhar No. 672389783531) S/o Kundal Lal Aged About 78 Years And Lajwanti W/o Jai Lal Baghla Resident Of Street No/15b, Near Bus Stand Main Bazar Abohar, District Fazilka Declare That Our Son Naresh Kumar Baghla And His Wife Anjana Baghla And Thier Children Akshika Baghla And Sawan Baghla Are Out Of Our Control. So We Disowned Them From All Our Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk

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COURT NOTICE

In the Court of Sh. Pawandeep Singh, Naib Tehsildar- Cum- Assistant Collector Class 2nd Phillaur

Subject: Application for correction of name in Revenue Record by Harjinder Singh Son of Makhan Singh, Residence of Village Bhaini, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, Area Situated at Village Bhaini, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

Public Notice

No:-42/Reader Dated:06-02-2026

Everybody is specially informed that in this office Harjinder Singh Son of Makhan Sing, residence of Village Bhaini, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, Area Situated at Village Bhaini, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar has submitted an application with the following signature dated 19-01-2026 that the revenue record deposit year 2020-2021 in the village Bhaini. I was known in the society as both Harjit Singh and Harjinder Singh Son of Makhan Singh son of Basant Singh. Both these names are mine. Therefore my name Harjit Singh alias Harjinder Singh son of Makhan Singh son of Basant Singh should be recorded in Jamabandi.

Therefore through this notice, the general Public is specially informed about the transfer Harjit Singh alias Harjinder Singh son of Makhan Singh son of Basant Singh in the Village Bhaini by transforming the revenue records. Within 10 days of receipt, the following signature can be received in the office during office hours after the expiration period no excuse will be included and the correction change of name in the said revenue record will be done on merit.

This notice advertisement was issued today on 04-02-2026 with the grace of my documents and court Stamp.

Naib Tehsildar,
Phillaur

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform and seek objections, if any from general public that our client Smt. Suresh Devi W/o Gajraj R/o Village Nishan Pora, Sirhan, Sonipat, owner through Sale Deed No. 11116 Dt. 21/01/2020 Approximately 4 Marla (200 Square Yards) 6/24 share comprised in Khasra No. 172 Khata No. 1023 to 1025 Kita/Area (147 (2-16), 389 (0-16), 570 (0-16) total 2 Kanal 14 Marla Village Nishi, Sirhan and District Sonipat, who is agreed to mortgage the said property to Mahindra Rural Home Finance Limited (MGHFL) Branch Address: Model Town opposite ICICI Bank Sonipat).

The following original document is lost:

Sale Deed No. 6081 Dt. 12/08/2019 of 150 Sq. yards executed by 1. Narender 2. Ashok Sons Sahay Village Nishra Tehsil Sonipat Distt. Sonipat in favor of the Laxmi w/o Nafe Singh W/O Village Nishri, Tehsil & Distt. Sonipat.

That the FIR/GDR/Lost property report in respect of the same is lodged vide Application No. 1523907126000211 2026 That in case of any person having any claim, right title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever, shall bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing with supporting documents/evidence within a period of 7 days from the date of this Notice failing which, such claim if any, shall be considered to be waived, abounded and it shall be presumed that no person has any claim of any nature, in respect of the above said property and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients in their successors/nominees/assignees in any manner whatsoever.

Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited

Through

Dr. Vinay Chhikara Adv.

Chamber No. 208

Distt. Courts Sonipat

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ਵੀ ਪੰਜਗਰਾਈਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਦਿਹਾਤੀ ਅਤਿਰਿਕਤ ਚਾਰਜ (ਜਿਮ)

ਪੰਜਗਰਾਈਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਦਿਹਾਤੀ ਅਤਿਰਿਕਤ ਚਾਰਜ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ 4.3 ਏਕੜ ਤੇ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਅਰਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਬੋਰਡਾਨ ਦਾਖਲੀ ਪੇਂਡੂ ਦੀ ਹਿਸਾਬੀ ਪੰਜਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ (ਮੋਹਾਲੀ) ਪੰਜਾਬ-140301 ਦੀ ਕਿਸਤੀ ਬੰਕਰ ISO 9001 ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣਿਤ ਹੈਂਡਾ ਕੋਮਿਊਨਿਟੀ ਕੇਂਦਰ 120 ਫੀਟ, ਪੇਂਡੂ ਪਿਛੋਕੜ, Ex ਸਰਵਿਸਮੈਨ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲ ਉਮਰ 18 ਤੋਂ 37 ਸਾਲ ਤੋਂ SC, 23 ਫੈਬਰੂਰੀ ਨੂੰ 3 ਸਾਲ ਦੀ ਫੀਟ। ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਪੇਸ਼ ਦਸਤਰੀ ਦਾ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਕਾਰਜ ਵਾਲੀ 19-12-26 ਸਾਲ 5 ਫੀਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਵਿਸਤਾਰਿਤ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦਾ 20-02-26 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11 ਵਜੇ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਖੁਦ ਆਉਣ, ਲੇਟ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਦਿਵਾਰਿਆ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਜਿਲੇਕਸ਼ਨ ਕੋਰਟੀ ਕਾਰੀ ਸਕਤਾ ਪੰਜੇ ਤੇ ਰੋਜ਼ਿਮ ਮਾਨਤਾਓਂ। ਜਿਲੇਕਸ਼ਨ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਇਕ ਮਹੀਨੇ ਦੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ-ਪੰਜਾਬ 1.5 ਏਕੜ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਬਰੋਰ ਸਥਿਤੀਕਤੀ ਪਲੇਸ ਕਰਵਾਉਣੀ ਪਵੇਗੀ। ਕਰਤੀ ਮੋਕਦੀ ਜਿਲੇਕਸ਼ਨ ਅਫਸਰ ਦਾ ਹੋਲਾ ਆਖਰੀ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਪੁਨਾਨ: ਵੀ ਪੰਜਗਰਾਈਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਦਿਹਾਤੀ ਅਤਿਰਿਕਤ ਚਾਰਜ ਜਿਮਨਿਟਰ ਪੰਜਗਰਾਈਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਦਿਹਾਤੀ ਅਤਿਰਿਕਤ ਚਾਰਜ ਜਿਮਨਿਟਰ ਪੰਜਗਰਾਈਂ।

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ਮੈਂ ਚਰਨਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸਵ: ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਚੁਰਨ ਹਰੀ ਤਹਿ ਵਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਸਵਵਿਦਰ ਕੌਰ (ਸਾਦੀਸ਼ੁਦਾ) ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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LOST & FOUND

I Arjun Kumar S/o Ram Saware R/o 320 B, Sham Nagar, Railway Colony, Millarganj, Ludhiana Hereby Stated That My Lic Policy Bound Number 149423093 Has Been Lost From Me On 10-9-2025. If Anyone Finds It, Please Contact Me At The Above Address. Contact-9915338570

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जिला सिरसा।

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(SIRLA00051) को भगवतीपत्र, जारी उपकारने जिला सिरसा के रिकार्ड में मुलाक के आधार के नाम सबंधित करने हेतु प्रकाशन आवश्यक के हेतु को रिकार्ड।

उपरोक्त विषय पर आम सहोदय को अनुरोध अंतिम सूचित किया जाता है कि योजनी पत्र सूचित नं० 222 मार्फ नं० 69 (SIRLA00051) को नई आवश्य मण्डी का खुद नं० 4 है जो आवेदन स्वयम खुद रिकार्ड स्वयम के नाम खुद नं० 24 भगवतीपत्र मण्डी उपकारने जिला सिरसा के मुलाकात रिकार्ड में दर्ज चालू आ रहा है। प्रभावी अंतिम जानकारी मुख को मालिक मुकाम मुख मालिक स्वयम मुलाक दिये गये आवेदन से आवश्य मुलाकारों के आधार पर उसके जिला मालिक मुकाम मुख मालिक स्वयम खाद देहात दिनांक 14.12.2025 को ही मुकाम है कि उसके पास्ता पर दर्ज की जानी आवश्य चाहते मुख्य ही मुकाम है। प्रभावी मुलाक दिये गये आवेदन अनुसार व्यक्तिगत से मुलाक मालिक मुकाम मुख मालिक स्वयम मुलाक दिये गये आवेदन से आवश्य मुलाकारों के आधार पर उसके जिला मालिक मुकाम मुख मालिक स्वयम खाद देहात दिनांक 14.12.2025 को ही मुकाम है कि उसके पास्ता पर दर्ज की जानी आवश्य चाहते मुख्य ही मुकाम है। प्रभावी मुलाक दिये गये आवेदन अनुसार व्यक्तिगत से मुलाक मालिक मुकाम मुख मालिक स्वयम मुलाक दिये गये आवेदन से आवश्य मुलाकारों के आधार पर उसके जिला

53rd free eye operation camp to be held on 14th at village Bhabat

ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): The 53rd Free Eye Operation Camp is being organized by the Youth Services Club at "Bhabat" village of Daulat Singh Wala in Municipal Council Zirakpur on 14th February at the Jain Temple Wali Dharamshala. On this occasion, specialist doctors will conduct eye check-ups and lenses will also be provided free of cost to the needy patients. This is the only such camp in the entire Punjab which has been organized in the memory of General Daulat Singh with the support of the villagers for the last half a century and the expenses of the accommodation, medicines and medicines of the patients for a week are borne by the camp managers with the support of the villagers. In this camp, Surinder Daulat Singh, son of General Daulat Singh and Uma Daulat Singh, has come from Delhi on a special journey and is assisting in the camp. The camp organizers said that like every year, this year too, experts Dr. Jatinder Singh, Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Dr. Abha Wadhawan and Dr. Puneet Sharma will examine the patients. They said that the patients must bring clean bedding with them.

NEWS BRIEF

Road safety rules should be followed to prevent accidents: DC Poonamdeep Kaur



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR

JAITU: To strictly implement the road safety rules in the district and ensure compliance with the orders of the Honorable Supreme Court, the District Road safety The meeting of the committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur. On this occasion, RTA S. Gagandeep Singh was specially present.On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner sought detailed information regarding the places required for construction of foot over bridges, under bridges, zebra crossings, footpaths in the district as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. He said that wherever there is a need to construct such bridges, crossings in the district, the places should be identified as soon as possible so that the orders can be followed in time.Apart from this, he said that strict action should be taken to ensure that the general public complies with traffic rules.

Lamrin Tech Skills University participates in "Yudh Nashian Virudh" rally led by Governor



BAHADURJEET SINGH

RUPNAGAR: The students of Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab participated in the rally "Yudh Nashian Virudh" lead by Honourable Governer of Punjab at Abohar.It reinforcing a strong commitment towards building a drug-free society. The NSS Unit of University under the guidance of Ratan Kaur Asstt. Director Youth Sevices and under the leadership of Program Officer Shubham Sharma actively joined the awareness drive, standing united against drug abuse and promoting a message of health, responsibility, and positive youth engagement. Honourable Governor of Punjab, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, appreciated the university students and management for joining this noble cause for the welfare of Punjab especially for the youth of Punjab. Rally served as a powerful platform to inspire collective action in the fight against drugs. Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab's NSS volunteers showcased great enthusiasm and dedication, proving that youth are the true agents of change. University Chancellor Sh. N S Rayat and Vice Chancellor Dr A.S. Chawla also appreciated the initiatives taken by the students in the social services and especially fighting against the abuse of drugs.

Harjot Bains pays surprise visit to Mohali school, directs to revamp facilities





SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, FEB 12

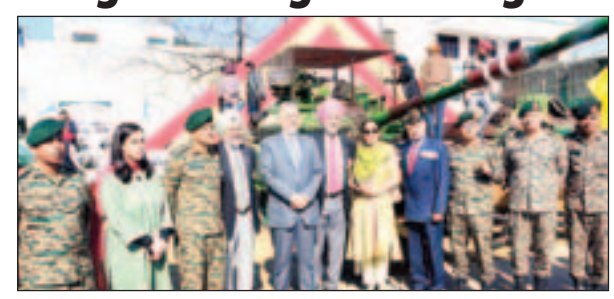
In a decisive move to transform government schools infrastructure, Punjab Education Minister S. Harjot Singh Bains conducted a surprise inspection of Government Senior Secondary School, Hoshiarpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali) district, on Thursday morning. He directed the Education department authorities to submit a detailed project report (DPR) within a week to revamp the school campus. Expressing displeasure over the poor condition of classrooms, requiring paint, despite the school's strategic location near Chandigarh, S. Harjot Singh Bains ordered the Director (Secondary Education) on phone to immediately deploy an inspection team and submit a DPR within a week, while vowing to turn the school in a model education institute.

"This school, located in the shadow of the state capital, will be made a model institute," he asserted, while directing the Education department authorities to ensure repair, construction of ICT-enabled rooms and modernisation of student uniforms. He also asked the school principal to showcase students' artwork in the school corridor.

Meanwhile, S. Harjot Singh Bains interacted with the students, taking direct feedback on education quality. The Education Minister encouraged the students to aim high and work-harder as sky is the limit. The School Principal apprised the Education Minister that a playground is being upgraded with the grant of Rs 15 lakh.

The Education Minister asked the Principal that the facility remain open to local children in the evenings. Reiterating Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government's commitment to education reform through accountability and swift action, S. Bains asked the school teachers to prepare a demand list and sub it to the inspection team and he will ensure the action to upgrade the school infrastructure.

Dr. Balbir Singh calls on youth and ex-servicemen to fight war against drugs



RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, FEB 12

Patiala residents witnessed a rare display of military splendour at the fourth Patiala Military Literature Festival held at Khalsa College on Thursday. Inaugurating the festival, Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh urged the youth and ex-servicemen to join the Punjab Government's intensified campaign 'Yudh Nashiyan Virudh', calling it a new war that must be fought with the same discipline and courage as the battles on the nation's borders.

He said that under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, such festivals are being organised to educate students about India's military heritage, for which the Patiala District Administration and the Military Literature Festival Association deserve appreciation. Honouring five Veer Naris, mothers and wives of soldiers martyred in various military operations, Dr. Balbir Singh noted that while one war is fought on the frontlines, another is borne by the families of soldiers.

He reaffirmed the Punjab Government's commitment to supporting the families of martyrs. Let Gen Chetinder Singh, Brig Advitya Madan & Brigadier A.K. Unyal of the Armoured Division was also present on the occasion. The festival included a meticulous equipment display that drew large crowds, particularly youngsters fascinated by drones showcased for their crucial role in Operation Sindoor. Representing the civil administration, Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Walia thanked Lt Gen Chetinder Singh and Brig Advitya Madan for acting as an ideal bridge between the civil administration and the Armoured Division, leading to the grand success of the Patiala Heritage Festival. MLF Nodal Officer ADC Dr. Ismat Vijay Singh and RTO Babandeep Singh Walia said that students from PPS Nabha also demonstrated impressive horse-riding skills.

Directorate of income tax, Chandigarh organizes awareness programme on New Income Tax Act, 2025



NEERAJ SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, FEB 12

The Directorate of Income Tax (Investigation & Criminal Investigation), Chandigarh organized an awareness programme on 11 February 2026.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Shri Rohit Sharma, Director of Income Tax (Investigation & Criminal Investigation), Chandigarh, and Smt. Gagan Kundra, Additional Director of Income Tax (Investigation & Criminal Investigation), Chandigarh. The programme was organized with the support of the Chandigarh and Yamunanagar branches of the Northern India Regional Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Members of ICAI, members of the Bar Association, bankers, and Tehsildars actively participated in the seminar. The primary objective of the awareness programme was to provide information regarding the provisions of the New Income Tax Act, 2025 and to highlight the role and functions of the Directorate of Investigation & Criminal Investigation. Important topics such as filing of Financial Transaction Statements (SFT) in Forms 61A and 61B, and the e-Verification Scheme were also discussed in detail.

During the seminar, Shri Rohit Sharma, Director of Income Tax (Investigation & Criminal Investigation), Chandigarh; Smt. Sarita Agrawal, Assistant Director of Income Tax; and Smt. Meena Kumari, Income Tax Officer, Karnal, provided detailed insights into the key features of the New Income Tax Act, 2025, the role of the Directorate, and compliance requirements related to SFT filing.An interactive session was held at the end of the programme, during which queries raised by participants were addressed.

The programme concluded with an emphasis on strengthening coordination with stakeholders, ensuring better compliance, and facilitating the effective implementation of the provisions of the Income Tax Act.

Farewell party for class 12 students at Punjab Public School



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, FEB 12

A renowned educational institution of Dhanaula area, Punjab Public School, Mana Pindi, Dhanaula Road, Barnala, organized a farewell party for 12th class students. The program was presided over by the chairman of the institution, Mr. Amarjit Singh Cheema, the school's management member Madam Charanjit Kaur and MD Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Cheema and Principal Madam Simran Kaur. The event, organized under the supervision of Madam Kamaljit Kaur and Madam Pooja Yadav, began with Shabad singing by the students. After that, the students presented a colorful program. Danced on the comments and songs. For their excellent performance in the program, Nurpreet Kaur was awarded the title of Miss PPS and Kamaljot Singh was awarded the title of Mr. PPS.

Through their emotions, the students described the education and sound leadership received from the school as the valuable capital of their lives. Relating to this event, Chairman Mr. Amarjit Singh Cheema said that teachers are more concerned about the future of their children than parents. He said that school education is an important stage of a student's life. At this time, hard work with determination creates a bright future.

Construction of Kali Mata Mandir road to begin soon, Chairman Saurabh Behl assures residents and shopkeepers



VERMA
GURDASPUR, FEB 12

Chairman of the Improvement Trust Pathankot, Saurabh Behl, today held an important meeting at his office with local residents and shopkeepers regarding the construction of Kali Mata Mandir Road. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issues related to the long-pending road construction project and to assure the local people of a timely solution. During the meeting, Chairman Behl listened patiently and seriously to the concerns raised by all those present and took note of the difficulties faced by the residents and traders. He categorically stated that the construction work of Kali Mata Mandir Road would commence very soon. He assured that the road would be constructed in such a manner that no resident or shopkeeper in the area would face unnecessary inconvenience.

Mr. Behl informed that the construction work would be carried out in a phased and well-planned manner to ensure minimal disruption to traffic movement and local business activities. He further stated that the Trust administration would maintain continuous supervision during the execution of the project.

Rally and protest march held in Pathankot during nationwide strike



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Responding to the nationwide strike call on February 12, workers, farmers and employees organized a massive rally and protest march in Pathankot against the Central Government's decision to replace 29 labour-friendly laws with four labour codes. The protesters also demanded the withdrawal of the Electricity Bill 2025 and Seed Bill 2025, restoration of the MGNREGA Act, and opposed the proposed India–US trade agreement. A large number of trade unions, employees, pensioners, contractual workers, ASHA and Mid-Day Meal workers participated in the rally. The march started from Railway Station Fountain Chowk and passed through major city areas before concluding at Balmiki Chowk.

Addressing the gathering, union leaders criticized both the Central and Punjab governments, alleging anti-worker and anti-people policies. They demanded minimum wages for scheme workers, restoration of the Old Pension Scheme, and regularization of contractual employees in various departments. The leaders called for united action to intensify the struggle against what they termed anti-people decisions.

OSD Sukhveer Singh reviews Rs 52 crore development works in Dhuri



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, FEB 12

Chief Minister's OSD Sukhveer Singh today conducted a comprehensive review of ongoing and proposed development works worth ?52 crore in Dhuri, the Assembly constituency of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. The review was held during a high-level meeting attended by Joint Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sandeep Singh Garha, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ankur Mahindru and SDM Dhuri Rishabh Bansal, along with senior officials of various departments.

Emphasising the Chief Minister's commitment to holistic and time-bound development of Dhuri, Sukhveer Singh stated that a detailed micro-management plan has been formulated to ensure the smooth and timely execution of all projects. He announced that weekly review meetings will be conducted to closely monitor progress, strengthen inter-departmental coordination and eliminate any avoidable delays. The OSD categorically directed that no development project should be held up due to pending NOCs or departmental approvals. In case of any bottlenecks, the matter must be escalated to senior authorities without delay to ensure swift resolution. Reviewing each project meticulously, Sukhveer Singh stressed that adherence to timelines must go hand in hand with strict quality control. He instructed officials to conduct regular field inspections and ensure that execution standards remain uncompromised. Highlighting civic priorities, he directed that a permanent and sustainable solution to drinking water supply and sewerage issues across all wards of Dhuri be ensured.

He specifically called for the expeditious completion of works related to the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to guarantee clean drinking water and improved sanitation infrastructure. Sukhveer Singh further informed that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is personally monitoring development works in Dhuri and receiving daily progress reports.

Sandhwan's efforts to encourage children and youth are commendable: Gurpreet Singh Khalsa



KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Baba Deep Singh Gatka Academy founder and renowned Gatka coach Gurpreet Singh Khalsa termed Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan as the messiah of the poor and said that many governments were formed and leaders came forward before him, but the way Speaker Sandhwan showed interest in solving the problems and difficulties of poor families, no leader before him felt the need to do such a bold thing. Recently, Suneha, a talented girl who won a gold medal in the national level Gatka competitions held in Chhattisgarh, personally visited the house of Suneha and announced a sum of Rs 51,000 to the family. Suneha's father Sukhdev Singh Sukhu and mother Reenu Rani became very emotional while thanking Speaker Sandhwan. According to Gurpreet Singh Khalsa, Sukhdev Singh Sukhu and Bibi Renu Rani themselves said in an emotional atmosphere that they never even dreamed that a personality occupying the high position of the Speaker would suddenly knock at their house like this. Holding back tears of joy, they said that while they are grateful to Speaker Sandhwan, they are also proud of their talented daughter. In the presence of many eminent personalities of the area, Gurpreet Singh Gatka coach reiterated that before this, many high-ranking leaders made promises, claims.

MCM commemorates 202nd birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati



CHANDIGARH: The Arya Samaj Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women solemnly celebrated the 202nd birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati with a sacred Vedic Havan ceremony. The spiritual observance paid a heartfelt tribute to the great reformer's enduring legacy and his vision of social awakening rooted in Vedic wisdom. The ceremony was graced by Mrs. Sneh Mahajan, Former Principal of the college, whose esteemed presence added grace to the occasion. The offering of oblations to the holy fire amidst the resonant chanting of Vedic mantras and shlokas created an atmosphere imbued with devotion.

CU of Punjab organizes "Machines that think & act" AI exhibition under IndiaAI Mission



ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, FEB 12

The Central University of Punjab, under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, successfully hosted "Machines that Think & Act: An AI Exhibition" on February 10, 2026. The event was held as part of the AI Impact Pre-Summit under the IndiaAI Mission, in collaboration with the AICTE Idea Lab, Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), and the Department of Computer Science & Technology. The exhibition drew participation from more than fifty registered students and scholars, reflecting strong academic interest in Artificial Intelligence. The programme opened with an inaugural address by Prof. Satwinder Singh, Dean, School of Engineering & Technology, who welcomed the Chief Guest, faculty members, and participants. In his remarks, he highlighted how AI is reshaping key sectors such as education, healthcare, agriculture, governance, and industry, and urged students to focus on innovation-based learning and practical implementation of their knowledge. Chief Guest Miss Rushil Sharma spoke on the growing significance of AI in contemporary society and stressed the need for skill enhancement and adaptability. She motivated the audience with the message, "AI won't replace you, but a person using AI will," encouraging students to embrace technology as a means of growth and opportunity.

Mata Ganga Khalsa College marks International Mother Language Day; documentary on Dr. Sompal Heera's Play screened



AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA, FEB 12

Mata Ganga Khalsa College, Manji Sahib Kotan, under the management of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Sri Amritsar Sahib, organized a programme on February 9, 2026, to commemorate International Mother Language Day.

The event was conducted by the Postgraduate Department of Punjabi under the Punjabi Sahit Sabha.Professor Manjeet Kaur Bhatti, Head of the Department, spoke about the significance, challenges, and future of the Punjabi language, urging students to preserve and promote their mother tongue. Dr. Roopa Kaur and Lecturer Surinder Kaur also encouraged students to remain connected with Punjabi language and literature.On the occasion, a documentary based on the play "Bhasha Vehda Darya" by noted Punjabi playwright, director, and actor Dr. Sompal Heera was screened.

The presentation highlighted the journey of the Punjabi language from the trauma of the 1947 Partition to the present era, drawing inspiration from the poetry of Surjit Patar.Principal Dr. Gagandeep Singh motivated students to speak and write in pure Punjabi and to uphold the dignity of their mother tongue.

SSP Chandigarh chairs meeting to enforce noise control during examination season



CHANDIGARH: Today, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Ms. Kanwardeep Kaur IPS, W/SSP UT, Chandigarh, with representatives of all DJ Associations of Chandigarh, Managers/Owners of Hotels, Marriage Palaces, Banquet Halls, Clubs and other event venues at Police Headquarters, Sector 09, Chandigarh.The meeting was convened to discuss the regulation and usage of sound systems in open public and private places, especially in view of the ongoing examination season and to ensure strict compliance with the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules and other relevant legal provisions.

The SSP UT Chandigarh emphasized that during the examination period, special care must be taken to prevent noise pollution so that students are not disturbed:- All establishments have been directed to follow under noise control such related to day & night time 10:00 pm operation. Obtain prior permission from the competent authority before organizing any event involving sound systems. Take extra precautions near residential areas and educational institutions.It was clearly conveyed that any violation will invite strict legal action and the organizers, venue managers and DJ operators will be held personally responsible.

Language, Legacy and Lifestyle: Dinanagar event honors elders and spreads health awareness



DINANAGAR (VERMA): Bal Mukund Sharma Emphasizes Promotion of Punjabi Mother Tongue and Health AwarenessGrand Felicitation Ceremony Dedicated to Punjabi Mother Tongue and Seminar on "Health Through Food" Successfully organized.A grand felicitation ceremony dedicated to the Punjabi mother tongue and an awareness seminar on the topic "Health Through Food" were successfully organized at S.S.M. College, Dinanagar. The event was jointly organized by Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada (Punjab Unit) and the Punjab State Food Commission. The programme witnessed the gracious presence of several distinguished personalities from the fields of society, education, administration, and health.Chairman of the Punjab State Food Commission, Mr. Bal Mukund Sharma, attended the event as the Chief Guest, while Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur, Mr. Aditya Uppal (IAS), presided over the ??????. Special guests included Mr. Harpreet Singh, CJM-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Gurdaspur; Mr. Ajaib Singh Chattha, Chairman of Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada; President Mr. Sardool Singh Thiyara.

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RTI Commission issues warrant against PIO-cum-Secretary Gram Panchayat, Bagga Khurd

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab State Information Commission has issued a warrant against PIO-cum-Secretary Gram Panchayat, Bagga Khurd of office of Block Development and Panchayat officer, Block-1, Ludhiana during the hearing of a case.

Giving information in this regard, Commissioner of Punjab State Information Commission Harpreet Singh Sandhu informed that in the appeal case No. 0999 of 2024 filed by Balkar Singh, resident of Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana, the Commission has issued a warrant against PIO-cum- Secretary Gram Panchayat, Bagga Khurd Amit Kumar of Block Development and Panchayat officer, Block-1, Ludhiana to appear before the Commission on March 16, 2026. S. Harpreet Singh Sandhu said that Amit Kumar remained absent despite the instructions of the Commission in the 3 hearings held so far in this case. He said that now in this case, the Commission has issued an order under Section 18 (3) (a) of the RTA Act 2005 to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to serve a copy of these warrants on against Amit Kumar PIO-cum- Secretary Gram Panchayat, Bagga Khurd and issue instructions to appear before the Commission on the next date of the case on March 16, 2026.

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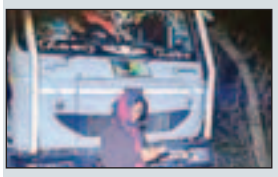
SSP Dr. Darpan Ahluwalia's compassionate gesture during anti-drug drive wins hearts



AMRISH ANAND

DORAHA: A touching and inspiring moment was witnessed during the ongoing anti-drug campaign under Operation Prahar–2 in the notorious Meat Market locality of Khanna, previously known for drug trafficking activities. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dr. Darpan Ahluwalia personally visited the area to interact with residents and motivate them to shun drugs and reconnect with the mainstream of society.During the visit, a young child approached the SSP, who warmly lifted the child into her arms while continuing her interaction with the local residents. Addressing the gathering in simple and accessible language, Dr. Ahluwalia emphasized that drug abuse is not merely a law-and-order issue but a serious social problem that requires collective efforts from the police, administration, and society to eradicate it from its roots.

RTO launches nighttime special inspection drive strict action taken against commercial vehicles violating rules



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: Following directives from Deputy Commissioner Hoshiarpur, RTO Amandeep Kaur conducted a special nighttime inspection campaign across the district. She stated that the main objective was to check commercial vehicles on the roads, ensure strict compliance with traffic rules, and strengthen road safety. She added that MP Dr. Raj Kumar Chhabewal had also issued related instructions.During the drive, joint teams set up checkpoints at major routes, intersections, and sensitive locations for thorough vehicle checks. Several commercial vehicles were caught violating rules, including overloading, lack of valid documents, pollution norm breaches, missing fitness certificates, and other traffic infractions.

'Bhole Baba ki Jago' procession to be taken out in Rupnagar



DAVINDER SHARMA

RUPNAGRA: As part of the Mahashivratri celebrations, the Shri Shiv Shakti Prabhat Pheri Seva Committee, Rupnagar, will take out a 'Bhole Baba ki Jago' procession today in the form of a grand religious cavalcade. The procession will begin from Shri Ram Mandir and pass through Pul Bazaar and Main Bazaar before culminating at Shri Swarnakar Shiv Mandir near Bela Chowk, Gandhi School. According to the organisers, the committee has been conducting continuous Prabhat Pheris for 17 days in the run-up to Mahashivratri. At the conclusion of today's procession, special arrangements for langar have been made for the devotees at the temple. Committee president Harminder Pal Singh Ahluwalia has appealed to all religious, social and political organisations of Rupnagar to participate in the Mahashivratri programme in large numbers and seek the blessings of Lord Shiva.

Workshop on preparation of bio-enzyme organized at Mata Ganga Khalsa College



AMRISH ANAND

DORAHA: A workshop on the preparation of bio-enzyme was organized on February 12, 2026, by the Department of Home Science at Mata Ganga Khalsa College, (District Ludhiana), an institution functioning under the management of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Sri Amritsar Sahib.

The primary objective of the workshop was to promote an eco-friendly lifestyle among students and to create awareness about chemical-free household alternatives. During the session, detailed information was provided on the method of preparing bio-enzyme using fruit and vegetable peels, leaves of neem, moringa, amla, flowers such as marigold and rose, along with jaggery and water.

Participants were also guided about the fermentation process, storage, and various domestic applications of bio-enzyme.

Head of the Department, Prof. Neeru Garg, highlighted the multiple benefits of bio-enzyme, stating that it can be effectively used as a natural cleaning agent and organic fertilizer, thereby reducing dependence on chemical-based products and minimizing environmental pollution.

College Principal Dr. Gagandeep Singh appreciated the initiative and encouraged students to adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives. The workshop concluded with a formal vote of thanks.

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann reaches Jalandhar for second time in month, holds Lok Milni

JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, FEB 12



Reinforcing his government's emphasis on direct public engagement, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday reached Jalandhar for the second time in a month and held a Lok Milni at his residence in the city, where thousands of people gathered to meet him.

The Chief Minister listened to the grievances of residents from Jalandhar and adjoining areas and, by issuing clear directions to officials on the spot, ensured immediate redressal of their concerns.Describing the initiative as the most effective mechanism to address people's complaints at a single platform, the Chief Minister asserted Punjab is the only state where the head of the state personally conducts such a comprehensive exercise to safeguard public welfare. Emphasising that the AAP government is committed to resolving every problem of the people with complete honesty and accountability, he asserted that the Lok Milni programme will continue in the future as a structured bridge between the government and the masses, further strengthening responsive and transparent governance. During this, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "Lok Milnis are the best way to redress the people's grievances at a single platform and to take feedback of the masses for further enhancing good governance. There is hardly any match of the citizen centric Lok Milni across the country.

There is no other state which indulges in such a pro-people initiative for the welfare of the general public. It is on record that the Lok Milni program has been very fruitful in redressing the grievances of every strata of society. Lok Milnis are indeed a unique phenomenon where the entire government meets the people for solving their problems in a planned manner."

Describing the initiative as a matter of pride for Punjab, the Chief Minister said, "It is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction that Punjab is the only state where the head of the state conducts a comprehensive exercise for ensuring the welfare of the public. Lok Milni guarantees holistic development of the state and welfare of people on one hand and enables the government to judge the performance of its officers on the other.

This is the first of its kind program in the entire country as no other Chief Minister of any state bothers to take so much pain for the people."Emphasising that the initiative rises above partisan considerations, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Lok Milnis are not associated with politics.

Taxation department cracks down on Rs 9 crore GST fraud: Cheema

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, FEB 12



Punjab Finance, Excise and Taxation Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Thursday announced decisive action on two fronts, underscoring the Punjab Government's commitment to fiscal integrity and administrative accountability. The Punjab Minister informed that a Ludhiana-based businessman has been arrested in a Rs 9 crore GST fraud case, while an Excise and Taxation Inspector has been dismissed from service due to prolonged unauthorised absence.

In a press communique issued here, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that a major operation conducted by the State Intelligence and Preventive Unit, Ludhiana, led to the arrest of Rohit Gupta, Proprietor of M/s MAA STEEL, Ludhiana, by the Taxation Department. Elaborating on the case, he stated, "The Taxation department has unmasked a significant GST fraud where M/s MAA STEEL was found issuing fake invoices for HR/CR Coils and Strips without any actual supply of goods.

This fraudulent network managed to pass on Input Tax Credit exceeding Rs 9 crore to various beneficiaries, causing a direct and substantial loss to the state exchequer. During the search, the Taxation department teams also discovered glaring discrepancies between the physical stock available on the premises and the firm's official book records."

Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema further revealed that the investigation is widening in scope. "We are currently investigating several manufacturers of cycle parts and spare parts who are suspected of being part of this scam. These entities are under the scanner for improperly claiming export refunds or benefits through an inverted duty structure. Our government remains committed to vigorously combating tax evasion, protecting government revenue, and ensuring a level playing field for every compliant taxpayer in Punjab," he said. Turning to internal administrative discipline, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema announced that the Punjab Government has dismissed an Excise and Taxation Inspector with immediate effect under the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, following due process in connection with the official's prolonged unauthorised absence.

Emphasising the government's firm stand on discipline, he said, "The Bhagwant Mann Government remains resolute that no form of indiscipline will be tolerated under any circumstances. We have already terminated four employees for similar misconduct, and disciplinary proceedings are currently underway against another Excise and Taxation Inspector and one Clerk for comparable acts."

Raizada Hansraj stadium gets Rs.13.48 lakh grant for solar power plant from MP Harbhajan Singh

JALANDHAR, FEB 12



AAP Rajya Sabha MP and former India cricketer Harbhajan Singh has sanctioned a grant of Rs.13.48 lakh from his Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for the installation of a solar power plant at the iconic Raizada Hansraj Badminton Stadium in Jalandhar.

The proposal for the solar power project was submitted by the District Badminton Association (DBA), Jalandhar along with a detailed cost estimate prepared by the Public Works Department . Known for his consistent support towards sports development in Punjab, MP Harbhajan Singh approved the project promptly.This is not the first instance of financial assistance extended by the MP to the association. In 2023, he had sanctioned a grant of Rs.16.50 lakh for the installation of modern gymnasium equipment at the same venue.Speaking to the media, Honorary Secretary of the Punjab Badminton Association, Ritin Khanna, said that his interactions with Harbhajan Singh have always been encouraging. "I last met him in 2023, when he supported the upgradation of the stadium gymnasium.

Even then, he assured us of his support and asked us to approach him whenever assistance was required," Khanna said. He added that Harbhajan Singh has a special attachment to Raizada Hansraj Stadium, where he played badminton and trained during his early years. The MP has also assured the association that he will visit the stadium during his next visit to the city.Khanna expressed gratitude to Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal and S. Amarjit Singh for playing an important role in facilitating the sanction of the grant."With the installation of the solar power plant, our electricity expenditure will reduce substantially. The savings will be reinvested in player development and training, thereby further improving facilities and opportunities for aspiring shuttlers," Khanna said.

Narco-smuggling network busted in Amritsar; two held with 7.6kg heroin



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, FEB 12

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a drug-free state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Amritsar Commissionerate Police has busted a cross-border narco-smuggling network with the arrest of two operatives and recovered a consignment of 7.6 kg heroin along with Rs 21,800 drug money from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Thursday.

Those arrested have been identified as Sahibpreet Singh alias Sahib (19), a native of Fatehgarh Churian, Batala and presently residing in Chheharta, Amritsar; and Gagandeep Singh alias Gagan (26), a resident of Guru Nanakpura in Kot Khalsa, Amritsar. Both accused persons have previous criminal records, with cases under the Arms Act and for snatching-related offences registered against them. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested accused were in contact with a Dubai-based handler through virtual numbers, facilitating cross-border heroin consignments from across the border via drones and directing pickup locations and further supply chains. The Dubai-based handler is also linked to multiple narcotics networks and a major NDPS case involving recovery of 43 kg heroin, he said.

Enthusiastic participation seen in Mahashivratri morning processions in Machhiwara Sahib



DEEPAK KUMAR
MACHHIWARA, FEB 12

With the festival of Mahashivratri set to be observed on February 15, morning religious processions (prabhat pheris) being taken out in Machhiwara Sahib are witnessing enthusiastic participation from devotees. Providing details, Nand Kishore Kaushal, president of the Durga Shakti Mandir, said that around 600 to 700 devotees take part in the prabhat pheris every morning. Bhajan mandalis sing hymns praising Lord Shiva, creating a deeply devotional atmosphere across the town. He said residents are warmly welcoming the prabhat pheris into their homes, where arrangements for different types of langar are also being made for the devotees. The collective participation of the local community has added to the spiritual fervour ahead of Mahashivratri. Kaushal further informed that a grand shobha yatra will be organised on February 15.

The procession will start from the Durga Shakti Mandir, traverse through various parts of the town and conclude back at the temple. Among those present during the prabhat pheris were Krishna Lal Juneja, Rajinder Verma, Deputy Sareen, Mangat Rai Batra, Rintu Juneja, Vicky Kapoor, Jugnu Bhugra, Ravi Verma, Bittu Bhugra, Sonu Sachdeva, Prince, Nitin Lakhanpal, Harshit Lakhanpal, Akshit Juneja, Karan Lehal and Madan Lal Bittu, along with a large number of devotees.

Dozens of families from Samana constituency join Shiromani Akali Dal Puran Surjit



TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, FEB 12

Shiromani Akali Dal Punar Surjit got a big boost when a dozen families from village Ranbirpura of Samana constituency decided to join the party under the leadership of senior leader and former minister Mr. Surjit Singh Rakhra and extend their full support.

On this occasion, former GM (PRTC) Manjinder Singh Hundal, former J. E (Electricity Board) Baljinder Singh, Baba Amar Singh and many other families were among those who joined the party. Surjit Singh Rakhra honored everyone by presenting them with a siropa on joining the party. Speaking on the occasion, Surjit Singh Rakhra said that every worker and leader in Shiromani Akali Dal Punar Surjit is given due respect and honour. He said that the party has stood firm in the field as the voice of the people and will emerge even stronger in the coming times and all the families who join the government will be given due respect and dignity. Former Chairman Jaspal Singh Kalyan, Kuldeep Singh Aartia, Sukhwinder Singh Antal, Iqbal Singh Ranbirpura, Raghbir Kalyan etc.

349 yoga classes running in district under 'CM Di Yogshala' campaign: Ashika Jain



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, FEB 12

Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain informed that free yoga classes are being successfully conducted across the district under the Punjab government's 'CM Di Yogshala' campaign. The main objective of this initiative is to encourage the general public to adopt a healthy lifestyle through yoga.She stated that currently, a total of 349 yoga classes are being held regularly in urban and rural areas of the district, both in the morning and evening. A large number of people are enthusiastically participating in these classes and reaping the benefits for their physical and mental health.Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain emphasized that yoga not only keeps the body healthy but also plays a vital role in relieving mental stress and preventing lifestyle-related diseases. She appealed to the public to regularly practice yoga and take steps towards a healthy life.

Day 3 of MRSPTU 11th foundation week observed with bhog of Shri Akhand Path Sahib

ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, FEB 12



The third day of the week-long 11th Foundation Day celebrations of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU), Bathinda was marked with deep spiritual fervour and collective reverence with the Bhog of Shri Akhand Path Sahib held on the university campus.

The solemn religious ceremony witnessed the participation of members of the university fraternity, distinguished guests, faculty, staff, and students, creating an atmosphere of harmony, reflection, and gratitude. The completion of Shri Akhand Path Sahib was observed as a significant spiritual milestone, invoking blessings for the continued growth, prosperity, and academic excellence of the University. Hazoori Ragi Jatha from Sri Darbar Sahib performed soulful kirtan at the Multipurpose Hall, leaving the gathering deeply moved. Following the Bhog ceremony, Guru Ka Langar was organised, symbolising equality, service, and community bonding. Students enthusiastically participated in preparing and serving Langar, reflecting the spirit of sewa and unity. The occasion was graced by eminent dignitaries including Prof. (Dr.) Rajeev Sood, Vice-Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences; Sh. Padamjeet Singh Mehta, Mayor, Bathinda Municipal Corporation; and Sh. Rajan Amardeep Singh, Chairman, Bathinda Central Cooperative Bank Limited. The Mayor announced the installation of a statue of Maharaja Ranjit Singh at the proposed chowk near the university.

DIO Gurdaspur conducts cyber safety awareness session on Safer Internet Day 2026



GURDASPUR (VERMA): To promote digital safety and responsible internet usage, the District Informatics Officer (DIO), Gurdaspur, organized an impactful awareness session at Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Gurdaspur on Tuesday. The event was held in observance of Safer Internet Day 2026 and witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 100 students and faculty members.

The session was led by the DIO, Gurdaspur, Karan Soni who emphasized the critical importance of "Cyber Hygiene" in today's digital era. Addressing the students, the DIO stated that while the internet serves as a powerful educational tool, it also exposes users—especially young individuals—to various cyber risks. However, these risks can be significantly reduced by adopting proactive safety measures and responsible online behavior. During the session, key cyber safety practices were shared, including:

Strong Authentication: Encouraging the use of complex, unique passwords along with Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for enhanced account security.

Seminar on 'International Day of women and girls in science' organized at Akal Degree College

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, FEB 12



A special seminar dedicated to 'International Women in Science Day' was successfully organized by the Science Department of Akal Degree College, Mastuana Sahib, a renowned educational institution of the area.

The main objective of the event was to increase the participation of women in the field of scientific research and create awareness about their contribution in creating a safe and sustainable environment. Dr. Pooja Devi, Senior Principal Scientist (CSIR-CSIO, Chandigarh) participated in the event as the keynote speaker.

During her speech, Dr. Devi shared detailed information about the importance of 'Green Hydrogen' and the state-of-the-art sensors and materials being developed for environmental monitoring.

She emphasized that only 'science connected with conscience' can find meaningful solutions to serious global challenges like water scarcity and climate change.

He urged that girls should overcome social barriers and pursue their careers in the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Earlier, at the beginning of the event, Dr. Sandeep Kaur formally welcomed the chief guest and informed everyone about his achievements. College Principal Dr. Amandeep Kaur, while appreciating this initiative of the Science Department, said that such academic seminars prove to be very meaningful in instilling scientific thinking and interest in research among the youth of rural areas, especially girls.

63,000 water conservation works carried out in Punjab in past 5 years: Raj Bhushan Choudhary

SULTANPUR LODHI (ARVIND PATHAK): New Delhi -- Nearly 63,000 water conservation related works have been carried out in Punjab during the past five years under the campaign "Catch The Rain" (CTR) campaign launched by the Union government under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) to create Rain Water Harvesting Structures (RWHS) in the state.

This information was shared by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti's Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in reply to a question asked by the Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Satnam Singh Sandhu on the steps taken to improve water conservation in Punjab, the number of water storage structures built and the details of financial support provided to state authorities. In his reply to MP Satnam Singh Sandhu's question in Rajya Sabha, the Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Raj Bhushan Choudhary said Union Government has 62,996 water related works have been carried out in Punjab under the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' (JSA-CTR) campaign since the launch of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA) in 2019 by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti as a time-bound, mission-mode water conservation campaign across India including Punjab. He said "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari" (JSJB) initiative, launched by the Union government on 6 September 2024.



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India–US ties will be further strengthened through high-level engagements: Harsh Mahajan



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Rajya Sabha MP Harsh Mahajan, while welcoming US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor along with fellow parliamentarians, said such high-level and positive interactions further reinforce the long-term strategic partnership between India and the United States. He described the engagement as an important step towards deepening trust, dialogue and cooperation between the two democracies. Mahajan said India and the United States are two strong democratic nations and their collaboration across strategic, economic, technological, educational and cultural sectors continues to expand.

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Construction of ropeway project at Bijli Mahadev in Kullu district has been halted

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: Union Minister for Road Transport and National Highways Nitin Gadkari informed Rajya Sabha MP Indu Bala Goswami in Parliament that the construction of the ropeway project at Bijli Mahadev in Kullu district has been halted since July 2025 due to protests by local residents and mistreatment of ropeway workers by protesters. He informed Rajya Sabha MP Ms. Indu Bala Goswami in Parliament that the construction of this project, costing ?272 crore, has been awarded through the hybrid annuity mode and forest clearance has been granted. Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Pratap Rao Jadhav, informed Rajya Sabha MP Indu Bala Goswami in Parliament that 5.32 lakh families in Himachal Pradesh have been covered under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) by March 31, 2026, and 13.68 lakh Ayushman cards have been issued to beneficiaries in the state. He also informed that 73 government and private hospitals have been empanelled in Kangra and Chamba districts under the PMJAY by March 31, 2026.

Cabinet approves excise policy for year 2026-27, marriage grant hiked for specially abled persons

DINESH AGARWAL
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The State Cabinet, in a meeting held here today under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, approved the Toll Tax Barrier Policy 2026-27 and Excise Policy 2026-27. The cabinet decided to extend the benefit of 26 weeks of maternity leave to female Home Guard volunteers. It also approved the Governor's address to be delivered during the upcoming Budget Session of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha. The Cabinet approved amendments to the 'Indira Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojana' to provide financial assistance to daughters of widows pursuing professional courses in government-run institutions, both within and outside the State. They will also be eligible for rent assistance of Rs. 3,000 per month in cases where hostel facilities are not available. The Cabinet gave its approval to roll out the 'Indira Gandhi Matri Shishu Sankalp Yojana', aimed at improving the nutritional status of children below six years of age and as well as expectant women and lactating mothers, through enhanced supplementary nutrition.

It also decided to enhance the marriage grant for specially abled persons. The financial assistance has been increased from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 2 lakh for persons with disabilities of more than 70 percent, whereas persons with disabilities between 40 and 70 percent will be provided a grant of Rs. 25,000. The Cabinet gave its nod to create total 600 posts (150 posts each) of Sanskrit Teachers, Physical Education Teachers, Music Teachers and Drawing Teachers for the proposed CBSE schools. These posts will be filled up through Rajya Chayan Aayog. Additionally, it was decided to merge 31 boy's and girl's schools across the State into co-educational schools. The Cabinet further approved a project for modernizing medical colleges, super-specialty hospitals and Adarsh Swasthya Sansthans with an outlay of Rs. 1617.40 crore. The project aims to strengthen healthcare services within the State and eliminate the need for patients to seek treatment outside the State by ensuring affordable and quality healthcare facilities within the state.

Additionally, the Cabinet decided to procure modern equipment for the Mother and Child Hospital at Kamla Nehru Hospital, Shimla, Civil Hospitals at Sundernagar and Nurpur, Regional Hospital Una, 50-bedded Critical Care Block at Civil Hospital Bhoranj and District Integrated Public Health Laboratory at Regional Hospital, Bilaspur.

Delay in Baddi–Barotiwala–Nalagarh four-lane project troubling industry and public: Suresh Kumar Kashyap



DINESH AGARWAL
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Raising the issue in the Lok Sabha under Rule 377, BJP MP Suresh Kumar Kashyap highlighted the prolonged delay in the Baddi–Barotiwala–Nalagarh four-lane road project, terming it a matter directly affecting public interest and industrial growth. He stated that the Pinjore–Baddi–Nalagarh four-lane project was launched in April 2022 with a completion deadline of September 2024. The project's initial sanctioned cost of Rs. 556 crore was later revised to Rs. 670 crore, while expenditure has reportedly reached Rs. 774.78 crore. Despite this, the project remains incomplete. Kashyap pointed out that several stretches remain unfinished, with potholes, uneven road surfaces, lack of service lanes and traffic mismanagement leading to daily congestion. Thousands of workers are unable to reach workplaces on time, ambulances and patients face delays, and schoolchildren, women and elderly citizens endure long travel hardships. He attributed the delay to contractor negligence, administrative laxity and slow approvals despite damage caused earlier by heavy rainfall, floods and landslides. He demanded that the Centre disclose the project's current status, provide a phase-wise update on pending work and clarify a final completion timeline to ensure relief for industry and residents.

Budget 2026–27 carries multiple provisions for socio-economic empowerment of women: Anurag Singh Thakur

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Former Union Minister and MP Anurag Singh Thakur welcomed Budget 2026–27, describing it as a landmark document for women's empowerment.

He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's women have achieved new heights in socio-economic empowerment over the past decade. He termed the current Budget the most gender-responsive so far, with 9.37% of total allocations directed towards women's equality and empowerment, amounting to Rs. 5 lakh crore — an 11.36% increase over the previous Budget.

Thakur highlighted the expansion of the Lakhpati Didi scheme, linked to SHE Marts (Self-Help Entrepreneur Marts), noting that over 1.48 crore women have already become "Lakhpati Didis," with a target of three crore by 2027.

He also underlined allocations of Rs. 19,200 crore for the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihood Mission, Rs. 676.85 crore for NAMO Drone Didi and significant housing allocations under PMAY (Urban and Rural), ensuring women's ownership and financial inclusion.

Further, Rs. 1,014.05 crore has been earmarked for women's safety initiatives, including Safe City projects, while Mission Shakti has received Rs. 3,200 crore. He also emphasised provisions for hostels for girls in higher education institutions, particularly in STEM disciplines, aimed at improving retention and participation of women in technical fields.

Thakur stated that the Budget strengthens not only enterprise creation but also institutional and market ecosystems through SHGs, housing support, security measures and education, laying the foundation for women-led development across sectors.

Farmers get tips on commercial cultivation of Garlic and Spice crops

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 12



A two-day District-Level Seminar on "Commercial Farming of Garlic and Spice Crops in Kullu" was successfully organized at the Regional Horticultural Research and Training Station (RHRTS), Bajaura, District Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. The programme was conducted by the Department of Seed Science and Technology, Dr Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Solan, under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) project, currently being implemented by the department. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than 100 progressive farmers from different parts of Kullu district, reflecting the increasing interest in the commercial cultivation of garlic and spice crops in the region. The programme aimed to promote scientific cultivation practices, quality seed production, and improved farm management strategies to enhance productivity and profitability.

Dr. Surender Thakur, Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kullu, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He highlighted the immense potential of garlic and spice crops under the agro-climatic conditions of the Kullu valley and encouraged farmers to adopt improved varieties and scientific production technologies to maximize returns. He emphasized the importance of quality seed, integrated nutrient management, and market-oriented production systems.

Himachal govt calls all-party meeting over RDG cut

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SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Government has convened a meeting of all political parties on February 13 at 11 am at the H.P. Secretariat, Shimla, to deliberate on the financial situation arising out of the discontinuation of the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG) by the Sixteenth Finance Commission.

According to an official communication issued by Industries, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan, the meeting has been called on the directions of the Chief Minister to evolve a "collective and united approach" in view of the gravity of the situation.

The notification states that the withdrawal of RDG by the Government of India has pushed the state into a financial crunch, making it imperative for all stakeholders to safeguard the interests of the state. The government has requested the presidents of all political parties in the state to attend the meeting with their "valuable suggestions" and help decide the future course of action in the larger interest of the state. The move is being seen as an attempt to build consensus across party lines and present a united stand before the Centre. The issue has gained urgency following the recommendation of the 16th Finance Commission to discontinue the Revenue Deficit Grant to Himachal Pradesh.

As a hill state with limited internal revenue sources and high committed expenditure on salaries, pensions, and maintenance of infrastructure in difficult terrain, Himachal has historically depended on RDG support to bridge the annual gap between revenue receipts and expenditure.

Trade Unions stage protest in Una, send memorandum to President via DC



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: A memorandum regarding anti Trade unions and anti common people policies of Modi government was given to Deputy Commissioner Una by INTUCK Trade Unions on nation wide strike on Thursday today after taken out a large rally in Una city. This memorandum was sent to the president of India through Deputy Commissioner Una. And various demands put up in this memorandum by the trade unions. Trade unions attacked on Modi government by raising slogans against this centre Government. National INTUCK Secretary and State INTUCK General Secretary Comrade Jagat Ram Sharma and INTUCK District Incharge Karnail Singh, Jaspreet Gill and many trade unions workers were present on this occasion.

1st HP Naval NCC Bilaspur scripts national glory with "Shutudri Vandan-2025" triumph

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, FEB 12



Bilaspur has earned national pride as 1st HP Naval NCC Unit Bilaspur brought laurels to Himachal Pradesh with the outstanding and successful conduct of the Sailing Expedition "Shutudri Vandan-2025." For this remarkable accomplishment, the unit secured First Position at the National Level and was honored with a prestigious trophy, " "Most Enterprises Unit" in country marking a historic milestone for the state. Sharing this proud achievement, Naval Commanding Officer Commander Sajjan Kumar stated that the success of "Shutudri Vandan-2025" reflects the discipline, dedication, and maritime excellence of the cadets and training staff. He emphasized that the unit is not only excelling in adventure activities but is also playing a transformative role in society through anti-drug campaigns, social awareness drives, and initiatives like "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao," inspiring youth toward a constructive and nation-building path. Notably, 1st HP Naval NCC is the only Naval NCC unit in Himachal Pradesh, with its operations spanning six districts. The unit is affiliated with 30 colleges and schools and provides structured training to nearly 1,600 cadets. Active senior wings are functioning in colleges at Sarkaghat, Bilaspur, and Sujanpur, while NCC vacancies have been allocated at NIT Hamirpur, Una College, and Hydro College Bilaspur. At the school level, NCC activities are being conducted consistently at DAV Bilaspur, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Bilaspur, Kandaur, Ohar, Rishikesh School, and institutions in Lathiani and Thana Kalan (Una). Commander Sajjan Kumar reiterated that the unit remains committed to nurturing disciplined, responsible, and patriotic citizens through leadership development, community service, and national integration initiatives.

United Trade Unions roar against anti-labor policies in Bilaspur

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, FEB 12



Bilaspur witnessed a powerful wave of workers' unity on Thursday as multiple labor organizations, responding to a nationwide call, staged an impressive protest under the banner of CITU against the central government's new labor codes. The city resonated with determined voices as hundreds of workers marched in a massive rally from Laxmi Narayan Temple to the district headquarters complex. Representatives and members from CITU, AITUC, INTUC, Bank Employees Union, Electricity Board Employees Union, 108 Emergency Vehicle Employees Union, and Anganwadi Workers Trade Union participated in large numbers, showcasing rare solidarity across sectors. The rally culminated in a spirited sit-in demonstration, with protesters raising strong slogans and asserting that the newly introduced labor codes were weakening hard-earned workers' rights.

Addressing the gathering, CITU District President Lakhanpal Sharma termed the repeal of four key labor laws as a direct blow to the working class. He emphasized that the new labor codes threaten to dilute protections secured after years of struggle and collective action. Labor leaders alleged that anti-worker policies were being implemented under the guise of reform, adversely impacting employees across industries.

The protesting unions demanded immediate reinstatement of the four previous labor laws and withdrawal of the new codes.

LIC Palampur employees join nationwide strike, raise key demands

KISHORI LAL BAINS
PALAMPUR, FEB 12



Employees of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) at the Palampur Branch actively participated in the nationwide one-day strike organized to press for their various demands. Third and fourth class employees of the Northern Zone Insurance Employees Association (AIIEA), Branch Unit Palampur, gathered in the branch premises, raised slogans, and voiced strong support for their demands in a united manner. Addressing the employees on this occasion, Mr. Deshraj Thakur, President, and Mr. Balbir Singh Rana, Branch Secretary and Divisional Vice President of the Northern Zone Insurance Employees Association, Branch Unit Palampur, stated that the primary objective of the strike is to ensure the protection of LIC, safe investment of policyholders' funds, the need for fresh recruitment, restoration of the Old Pension Scheme, protection of retirement benefits, and safeguarding employees' rights. They further highlighted that there is a severe shortage of staff such as assistants, record keepers, cashiers, and peons in the branches, leading to excessive workload and raising concerns that services may be adversely affected in the future. On this occasion, Mr. Subhash Bhatt, President of the Retired Employees Association, also joined the strike and expressed full support for the above demands. The participation of retired employees added further strength to the movement.

BJP SC Morcha raises voice against lack of basic amenities in Amb Industrial Area; demands joint inspection

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, FEB 12



Engineer Rampal, District Vice President of the BJP Scheduled Caste Front, expressed deep concern over the serious lack of infrastructure in the Amb industrial area. He said that due to the lack of proper infrastructure development for a long time, industrialists are facing significant difficulties, which is adversely affecting the industrial development of the area. Engineer Rampal explained that the major problems in the industrial area are the lack of culverts, inadequate drainage systems, poor road connectivity, lack of sewerage facilities, disruptions in regular power supply, and inadequate water supply. Waterlogging occurs during the rainy season, causing financial losses to industries and disrupting production. He said that industries have invested crores of rupees in the region and are providing employment to hundreds of people, yet due to the negligence of the government and related departments, the industries are suffering. This situation is worrying for the state's industrial environment. In this regard, Amb Industrial Association President Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Vice President Jaswant Singh, Secretary Madan Lal Dhiman along with members Govind Ram Thakur, Captain S. Kanwar, Ashok Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar Kaundal and Arunesh Pathania were also present and they also supported the demand for early resolution of the problems. Engineer Rampal has requested the Himachal Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation (HPSIDC), Public Works Department (PWD), Jal Shakti Department, Electricity Board (HPSEBL) and the district administration to conduct a joint inspection soon and ensure timely resolution of the problems. The industrial association has made it clear that if concrete action is not taken soon, the association will be forced to decide on the future strategy.

Physical test for Pashu Mitras based on policy and safety

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: The Spokesperson of the Animal Husbandry Department today here clarified that the reports circulating on social media and in certain sections of the press regarding the physical test for selection of Pashu Mitras were misleading and beyond facts. The selection process was being conducted strictly in accordance with the Pashu Mitra Policy, 2025, notified on 14 August, 2025. He clarified that the physical test was a basic functional fitness check, conducted only to ensure that selected candidates can safely perform essential duties in veterinary institutions and livestock farms. These duties include handling animals, lifting sick sheep or goats (around 25 kg) and carrying cattle feed bags as part of routine veterinary support work. The test was not an endurance competition and was not intended to humiliate or discriminate against any candidate, including women. The honorarium of Rs. 5,000 per month was for a part-time (four hours a day) multi-task role. While the engagement was part-time, the nature of livestock-related work involves manual handling and minimum physical capability was therefore essential. He further said that to ensure transparency, the physical tests were conducted by a committee headed by the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) and were videographed. Candidates may carry the prescribed weight in any manner comfortable to them, carrying on the head was not required. Any deviation from the notified procedure would be examined. So far, 315 candidates have undergone the physical test and no injuries have been reported. He said that the department remains committed to fairness, safety and dignity of all candidates and urges the public to rely on the notified policy rather than selective or misleading portrayals.

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Horticulture Department to hold district-level seminar on February 14



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Horticulture Department is holding district-level horticulture seminar on February 14.Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana will be chief guest. Program will begin at 9 am. Mukesh Saini, field consultant for Horticulture Department stated that seminar will be held at Triveni Garden, Radaur. Hundreds of farmers from region will attend seminar. Farmers will be provided with detailed information about various schemes run by department. Farmers will also share their ideas regarding horticultural crops. He stated that government is running numerous welfare schemes for farmers, but due to lack of information, farmers are often deprived of these benefits. Government's goal is to ensure that every eligible farmer benefits from these schemes. He added that officials from the Agriculture and Fisheries departments will also be present at event and will provide information related to their respective departments. He urged farmers to attend event.

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Eye camp at village Fatehgarh Korotana on 21st February



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: Bhagat Puran Singh Sewa Dal (RRI) Fatehgarh Korotana, a major social service organization of the district, is organizing the 7th free eye camp on February 21 at Gurdwara Akal Sar, village Fatehgarh Korotana, with the special support of Sharan Foundation and Jagdamba Eye Hospital. Giving more information about this camp, Bhagat Puran Singh Sewa Dal President Daljit Singh Gill said that during this camp, expert doctors of Jagdamba Eye Hospital will examine eye patients and then free medicines will be given to the needy. Similarly, during this camp, women's diseases will be examined by Dr. Smile Arora. Daljit Singh Gill appealed to all the people to reach this camp and further said that this camp will also have great support from the villagers and NRI brothers of the village and this camp is being organized for the benefit of all.

KCCB holds financial literacy camp for ITI trainees at Naiharian



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Kangra Central Cooperative Bank Limited (KCCB), Naiharian, organized a financial literacy camp at the ITI, Naiharian, on Thursday to educate trainees. Sushil Kumar, a bank officer with the Kangra Central Cooperative Bank, Naiharian, chaired the camp. He briefed the trainees on the documents required to open a bank account, grievance redressal procedures, KYC, digital banking, education loans, cashless transactions, security insurance plans, and various loan schemes. He emphasized that the coming era is digital, and everyone should open an account with a bank. Use your ATM card as much as possible. Also, be cautious and vigilant. Never share your ATM card number, Aadhaar card number, or OTP number with anyone.

Delhi Police question Penguin India officials in former Army chief Naravane book case

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NEW DELHI, FEB 12



Delhi Police special cell on Thursday questioned representatives of publisher Penguin India amidst a controversy surrounding the unpublished memoir of the former Army Chief MM Naravane, sources said. The Special Cell issued a notice and posed approximately 12 key questions. Representatives of Penguin India responded to some questions and requested additional time to respond to others.

The Special Cell will now analyse the publishers' responses and investigate whether the leak resulted from conspiracy or negligence. The findings will be revealed after the investigation.A political row erupted after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi sought to quote from the "pre-print book" of General Manoj Mukund Naravane during his speech in Lok Sabha on the motion of thanks on the President's Address last week, with the treasury benches strongly opposing his remarks.

After facing several adjournments on the issue, the House last week adopted the motion of thanks by voice vote amid sloganeering by opposition benches.Penguin Random House India in a statement clarified that it holds the sole publishing rights for 'Four Stars of Destiny', the memoir of General Naravane.The publisher stated that the book has not gone into publication and no copies, print or digital, have been published, distributed, sold, or made available to the public.In its X post on Monday, Penguin India stated, "In light of recent public discourse and media reporting, Penguin Random House India would like to clarify that we hold the sole publishing rights for the book Four Stars of Destiny, a memoir by General Manoj Mukund Naravane, former Chief of the Indian Army.

We wish to make it clear that the book has not gone into publication. No copies of the book - in print or digital form - have been published, distributed, sold, or otherwise made available to the public by Penguin Random House India." On February 9, Delhi Police took cognisance of information found on various social media platforms and news forums claiming that a pre-print copy of 'Four Stars of Destiny' is being circulated and the Special Cell filed a case into the "purported leak/breach of a yet to be approved publication".

Aditya Surjewala Free Mobile Hospital Van reaches at Ward No 2 as part of service



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, FEB 12

"Aditya Free Mobile Hospital" van, launched under the initiative of Kaithal MLA Aditya Surjewala, arrived in Ward No. 2, Mahadev Colony, Kaithal city yesterday. This mobile hospital provided completely free medical checkups and medicines to residents. Ward No. 2, Mahadev Colony, witnessed a large crowd of people since morning.Team of doctors conducted blood pressure, sugar levels, general ailments and other tests on hundreds of patients and provided free, on-the-spot, essential medicines. Elderly, women and children greatly appreciated this facility. Thanking Aditya Surjewala, Saroj Devi, Rajinder Kaur, Sunita Bareja, Shikha Khurana, Suman Malhotra, Renu Dhingra, Santosh Kashyap, Ashok Kumar, Ramsaroop, Rajpal, Siya Ram, Narsi Das, Suraj Bhan, Gurdayal, Mukesh, Rajkumar, Vijay Kumar, Harbans, Surendra, Praveen, and other ward residents said, "What could be more fortunate than having such a wonderful facility right next to home?

Punjab Markaz Central campus inaugurated: New milestone in education, harmony and community empowerment

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEB 12



"Education is the pillar that strengthens the nation," stated Markaz Director Dr. Muhammad Abdul Hakkim Azhari, while delivering the inaugural address at the grand opening of the 'Punjab Markaz Central Campus', a transformative initiative aimed at educational and social upliftment across the region. The newly inaugurated campus, equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, marks a historic addition to national educational development. Designed as a modern centre for learning, guidance, and community empowerment, Punjab Markaz aims to uplift underprivileged communities through residential schooling, public libraries, career guidance facilities, and seasonal training programs for youth and women. The two-day inaugural ceremony began with a visit to the Imam Rabbani Dargah and featured several major events, including the Punjab Ulama Summit, National NGO Conference, Students Assembly, Edu Conclave, and the Interfaith Tolerance Summit. Scholars, academicians, religious leaders, and social activists from across India participated in the discussions. Markaz Director General C. Muhammad Faizi formally inaugurated the Ulama Summit. During the interfaith session, Fatehgarh Sahib Gurdwara Head Granthi Harpal Singh shared a strong message of peace, unity, and communal harmony, reflecting Punjab's rich tradition of coexistence. Prominent dignitaries present at the event included former Delhi Cabinet Minister Imran Hussain and Punjab MLAs Rupinder Singh Habi and Advocate Lakbeer Singh Rai. The concluding public meeting was addressed by Indian Grand Mufti Sheikh Abubakr Ahmed, along with various distinguished scholars and community leaders.

Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti celebrated at IG College



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: Indira Gandhi (PG) College, Kaithal, organized an inspirational program under the auspices of the History Department to mark the birth anniversary of Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati. The program aimed to introduce students to the thoughts, principles, and contributions of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati to social reform. The program was presided over by Mr. Ram Bahadur Khurania, head of the college's managing committee. In his presidential address, he said that Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati opposed social evils and preached the message of education, women's empowerment, and equality. His ideas continue to guide society in the right direction even today. In her address, Dr. Aarti Garg, Principal of the college, said that Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati inspired Indian society to introspect by giving the message of "Return to the Vedas." She urged students to adopt his ideals in their lives and become responsible citizens.

DC visits weekly organic market, invites Barnala residents to take advantage



GULSHAN KUMAR
BARNALA: Deputy Commissioner Harpreet Singh IAS today visited the organic market being set up in Barnala city under the Atma scheme by the District Administration Barnala in view of the demand of farmers and the general public. On this occasion, he met the farmers who brought organic vegetables, rice, coarse grains, pulses, pinnies, jaggery, honey, dairy products etc. to the market today. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the farmers and listened to their problems and said that a plan would be made to expand the scope of the organic market and make it better. He also asked the Agriculture Department to prepare a proposal for Kisan Haat. On this occasion, farmer Ajit Singh, a resident of Tallewal, who brought organic vegetables to the market, said that he is a retired employee and started growing organic vegetables for his family and gradually increased the area. Now he brings organic vegetables to the market every week. While this is good for the health of his family and customers, he also gets good income and spends his time well. On this occasion, Amandeep Singh Warring, a resident of Dhanaula, said that he has planted organic grains, vegetables, fruits in his farm and prepares homemade dairy products, pickles, piniyas etc. and brings them to the market. He appreciated the district administration for providing this marketing platform.

Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh calls on youth and ex-servicemen to fight against drugs

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, FEB 12



The Patiala Military Literature Festival, successfully organized by the district administration for the fourth consecutive time at Khalsa College under the Patiala Heritage Festival 2025, made Patiala residents, especially the youth, aware of military history with military pomp and show. On this occasion, the exhibition of military tanks, cannons, war weapons, documentary films on military history, horse feats and archery captivated the audience. Inaugurating the Military Literature Festival, Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education and Research Minister Dr. Balbir Singh called upon the youth and ex-servicemen to join the 'War Against Drugs' campaign launched by the Punjab government to make the state drug-free and fight the war against drugs. He said that war heroes and brave women should also become our heroes against drugs. While honoring 5 brave women mothers and wives of soldiers who were martyred in various military operations of the district, Dr. Balbir Singh said that one war is fought on the borders and the other war is fought by the families of soldiers, for which the Punjab government stands with the families of its martyrs. He said that the state government has increased the honorarium to Rs 1 crore for the families of those who were martyred. The Health Minister, while mentioning the various wars fought by India against Pakistan, said that Punjabis have made the most sacrifices for the independence of the country and the protection of the borders. Vice Chairman of Military Literature Festival Association Lt. Gen. Chetinder Singh thanked everyone and said that organizing the Military Literature Festival on the orders of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is a commendable effort.

MP Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta demands special package of Rs. 10,000 cr for Mohali Semiconductor Lab in Rajya Sabha

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, FEB 12



During the discussion on the Union Budget in the Rajya Sabha, MP Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta termed the Budget as fiscally sound and development-oriented, but also stressed that India's journey towards becoming the world's third largest economy will depend on more government investment in education and health. Thanking the Chairman, he congratulated the Finance Minister for presenting the ninth consecutive Budget and described it as a symbol of stability, continuity and the rise of women leadership. Terming Punjab as the land of "gurus, pirs and prophets", he said that the real test of any Budget is how beneficial it is for the poorest and most vulnerable sections of the society. Gupta welcomed the government's emphasis on fiscal discipline and termed the estimated fiscal deficit of 4.3 per cent and capital expenditure of over Rs. 12 lakh crore as positive steps towards a "developed India". He also praised tax reforms, support for indigenous pharmaceutical industry, additional allocation for women-centric schemes and the India-EU trade agreement. Gupta said the allocation of over Rs. 1.39 lakh crore for education is a positive sign, but the total expenditure is between 4.1 and 4.6 per cent of GDP, which is below the 6 per cent target of the National Education Policy 2020. He expressed concern over the continuous increase in school fees, closure of over 90,000 schools in the past years and declining trust in government schools. Terming commercialization of education as against the spirit of Article 21-A of the Constitution, he demanded the formation of an independent education commission. He suggested setting up of Centres of Excellence in government schools, accountability mechanism for government employees to get their children admitted in government institutions and education-employment-entrepreneurship clusters.

Lift facility inaugurated at Dera Baba Jodh Sachiar to aid elderly devotees



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: A lift facility was inaugurated at Dera Baba Jodh Sachiar here on Thursday to facilitate devotees, especially the elderly, in accessing the upper floors for darshan. Hansi MLA and Dera Committee President Vinod Bhayana formally inaugurated the service. Addressing the gathering, Bhayana said the long-pending demand of devotees had been fulfilled and the new facility would ensure safe and convenient access for elderly followers who earlier faced difficulty climbing stairs. He added that the committee remains committed to improving amenities at the dera and will continue developmental works in the future. Referring to the upcoming Haryana budget, Bhayana expressed confidence that it would benefit common people, stating that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has been consulting various sections of society during the budget preparation process. Dera Committee General Secretary Madan Mohan Bhayana said the lift was installed keeping in view the hardships faced by elderly devotees and termed it an important gift for the sangat.

Road safety rules should be followed to prevent accidents: DC Poonamdeep Kaur

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITU, FEB 12



To strictly implement the road safety rules in the district and ensure compliance with the orders of the Honorable Supreme Court, the District Road safety The meeting of the committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur. On this occasion, RTA S. Gagandeep Singh was specially present.On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner sought detailed information regarding the places required for construction of foot over bridges, under bridges, zebra crossings, footpaths in the district as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. He said that wherever there is a need to construct such bridges, crossings in the district, the places should be identified as soon as possible so that the orders can be followed in time.Apart from this, he said that strict action should be taken to ensure that the general public complies with traffic rules. He got detailed information regarding unauthorized parking , over speeding , challaning of overloaded vehicles and safety of women in buses. During the meeting, he also discussed the complete implementation of the Safe School Vehicle Policy for the safety of school children and the health check-up of drivers. He said that to prevent accidents on the roads, road safety rules should be followed and those who do not follow them should be issued challans. He said that it should also be ensured that helmets are worn for driving two-wheelers and belts are worn for four-wheelers. Apart from this, he also got information about e-Dar and i-Dar portals.

Employees hold gate meeting at Bhadaso substation by wearing black bands



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: As per Central Council's orders, a two-hour gate meeting was held on Thursday in the premises of Bhadaso substation in support of nationwide strike. During meeting, employees wore black bands to register their protest and demonstrate their solidarity. Employees participated enthusiastically in gate meeting. Ramesh Pradhan presided over event while Sanjeev Cashier moderated stage.Speakers stated that protest was being carried out to address various pending demands of employees. They warned that if issues were not resolved in a timely manner, struggle would be intensified. Several Bhadaso employees including Shivkumar (Secretary), Amit Foreman, Balinder Foreman, Satish (Organizer), Deepak (Co-Secretary), Pawan LDC, Virendra Khan, Rinku, Ravinder, and Gaurav, were present at meeting. All of them unanimously voiced their support for strike.

DoT Haryana organises stakeholders' meet with internet service providers at Hisar

MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR, FEB 12



Reaffirming its commitment to promoting Ease of Doing Business in the telecommunications sector, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Haryana Licensed Service Area (HR LSA), organised a Stakeholders' Meet with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) at Hisar on 11 February . Nearly 30 ISP representatives participated in the meeting, which served as a structured platform for regulatory clarity, compliance facilitation and constructive dialogue. Welcoming the participants, Shri Karan Goyal, Director (Technology), DoT, stated that the Hisar meeting was the third in a series of stakeholder engagements, following similar interactions at Ambala and Karnal. He emphasised that the objective of these meetings is to ensure uniform interpretation of licence conditions, reduce compliance-related ambiguities and promote a transparent and predictable regulatory environment to facilitate smoother business operations for service providers. Addressing the gathering, Shri Sanjay Kumar Jindal, Deputy Director General (Technology), DoT, underscored that regulatory clarity and proactive compliance are essential for a stable, secure and growth-oriented telecom ecosystem. He highlighted the importance of strict adherence to security conditions, particularly in view of the large volume of financial transactions conducted over telecom networks daily. He also stressed the need for proper maintenance of Internet Protocol Detail Records (IPDRs) and system logs, especially in light of the rising instances of cyber fraud.

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Unique description of Lord Shiva's glory in Saga village, Ganesh wedding episode moves devotees

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: On Thursday, during the ongoing Mahashiv Puran Katha in Shago village, Katha Vyas Rasik Bihari Maharaj narrated a moving account of Lord Ganesha's wedding. Sharing the glory of Shiva's character in detail with devotees, he explained that Shiva is a symbol of sacrifice, penance, compassion, and well-being, which guides human life towards the right path. Through the Ganesh wedding episode, Katha Vyas conveyed the message of maintaining balance in family, culture, and society. He said that Ganesh's wedding is not just a family event, but a symbol of dharma, dignity, and love, which shows society the path to unity and harmony. Upon hearing this episode, the devotees present in the pandal were moved, and the atmosphere filled with devotional chants. While explaining the character of Shiva, Rasik Bihari Maharaj highlighted Shiva's renunciation, penance, and public welfare. He said that Shiva is the benefactor of the entire universe and his life teaches that true devotion lies in maintaining patience, restraint, and a spirit of service even in difficult circumstances. During the Katha, the entire atmosphere was filled with spiritual energy through hymns, kirtans, and chanting of mantras. Devotees listened to the Katha with great devotion and faith and, after the Katha, participated in the Aarti and prayed to Lord Shiva for happiness, prosperity, and well-being.

Hry first state to form industry–labour friendly council: CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 12



Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the state government's primary focus is on ensuring a developed industrial sector and workforce to accelerate the overall progress of the state.

The Chief Minister was chairing the first meeting of the "Industry–Labour Friendly Council" in Chandigarh. On this occasion, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sh. Rajesh Khullar, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Sh. Sudhir Rajpal, Commissioner and Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Sh. Amit Kumar Agrawal, Principal Secretary, Labour Department, Sh. Rajiv Ranjan, Deputy Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sh. Yash Pal, along with other senior officials and Council members, were present.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, who is the Chairperson of the Council, stated that no state can achieve economic progress unless industries function smoothly and workers remain prosperous and satisfied. Harmony between these two sections is essential. Keeping this spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding in mind, the "Industry–Labour Friendly Council" has been constituted. Haryana is the first state in the country to establish such a Council.

He said that the government is working on the policy of ensuring "Ease of Doing Business" for industries and "Ease of Living" for workers. The Council will also review government announcements related to industries and labour, provide suggestions regarding worker safety, resolution of industrial disputes, and upgrading skill development in technical institutions such as ITIs.

The Chief Minister further said that special emphasis will be laid on increasing the productivity of workers employed in the state's industries through this Council. Higher productivity will contribute to an increase in GDP, which is the foundation of national and state development.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini stated that nearly two lakh micro and medium enterprises in Haryana were operating outside industrial areas and were unable to avail several facilities. The government launched a portal on December 25, 2025, enabling these industries to register and become regularized, thereby allowing them to benefit from various government schemes. He informed that issues related to the transfer of plots from Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA) to HSIIDC in certain industrial areas have also been resolved. Similarly, the government has approved providing land at concessional rates for ESIC hospitals for industrial workers. The process of constructing affordable dormitory housing for workers in industrial areas is progressing swiftly. In districts facing space constraints in industrial areas, multi-level parking facilities will also be developed.

The Chief Minister added that the state government is making continuous efforts to further improve the industrial environment in Haryana to attract more investments. This will help achieve Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi's vision of "Viksit Bharat–2047."

Workers, employees, and farmers stage protests by striking



CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 12

Thousands of workers, employees, and farmers staged a protest and marched through Karnal city against the anti-worker, pro-corporate policies of the central and state governments. This strike was jointly called by ten central trade unions, labor federations, and employee organizations. The protesters were led by leaders from the Sarv Karamchari Sangh, CITU, the bank union AIBEA, the LIC union NIZA, INTUC, AITUC, and the Retired Employees Union. Sushil Gurjar Sirsi, Anil Kumar, Neeraj Arora, Jagmal, Omprakash Seemar, and Zila Singh Pal addressed the gathering. The protest was coordinated by Seva Ram Badsar and Neeraj Arora. The organisation leaders stated that the government has abolished 29 labor laws and enacted four labor codes to benefit capitalists. They stated that these labor codes are a document of slavery for workers and employees.

They will permanently destroy permanent jobs and employment security. The decision to increase the working day from 8 hours to 12 hours is extremely dangerous and cannot be accepted. The government is still not accepting the demand for a minimum wage of Rs 30,000 in the state. He said that the BJP government at the Centre wants to destroy the power infrastructure by implementing the Electricity Bill 2025. It wants to impose an economic burden on the public, which will not be accepted. Similarly, the Seeds Bill is a matter of making farmers slaves of corporate companies. The government and public sectors are being looted by big domestic and foreign corporate houses. The BJP is also destroying basic facilities like education and health. He stated that the main issues of the strike include the repeal of labor codes, the reinstatement of MNREGA, the repeal of the PFRDA Act and the restoration of the old pension system, a minimum wage of 30,000 in the state, the regularisation of all temporary and contract workers, HKRN workers, ASHA workers, mid-day meal workers, Anganwadi workers, rural watchmen, and rural sanitation workers, the continuation of benefits from the Construction Workers Welfare Board, the issuance of the Eighth Pay Commission notification, and the formation of a Pay Commission for state employees.

Sanatan Dharma Sabha honours Gita exponent Swami Gyananand during three-day discourse

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 12



During the second day of the ongoing three-day Gita Gyan Katha at the grain market in Taraori, the Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha accorded a warm reception to Gita exponent Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj and honoured him for his contribution to the propagation of the Bhagavad Gita.

Sanatan Dharma Sabha president Satish Gulati, secretary Harish Chawla and manager Shyam Lal Girdhar welcomed Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj by offering garlands and presenting him with a shawl as a mark of respect. In return, Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj honoured the office-bearers of the Sabha by presenting them with mementoes.

Addressing the gathering, the Sabha's president Satish Gulati and secretary Harish Chawla said it was a matter of great fortune for the people of Taraori that Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj was enlightening the town with the teachings of the Gita. They said that it was due to his dedicated efforts that Gita Jayanti had gained recognition at the international level.

They further stated that through the wisdom of the Gita, Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj was guiding people towards the path of righteousness. Emphasising the significance of the holy text, they said there was no knowledge greater than the Gita and no scripture superior to it. They appealed to people to study the verses of the Gita and imbibe them in their daily lives, adding that without karma and dharma, all knowledge remains incomplete.

Asandh MLA Yogendra Rana inaugurates development works worth Rs. 80 lakh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 12



Asandh MLA Yogendra Rana on Wednesday dedicated development works worth 80 lakh to the people of the Asandh region, reaffirming the government's commitment to holistic rural development and improved public facilities.

The MLA inaugurated a newly constructed banquet hall in Beed Majra village, built at a cost of 20 lakh. With this facility, villagers will no longer have to travel outside the village for social and family functions. He also inaugurated the village phirni safety wall constructed at a cost of 10 lakh, aimed at strengthening local infrastructure and ensuring safety.

Later, in Jundla village, Rana laid the foundation stone of a bus stand to be constructed at a cost of 50 lakh. He said the bus stand had been a long-pending demand of the residents and commuters of the area. Once completed, it will provide essential facilities such as seating arrangements, drinking water and toilets, thereby making the transport system more convenient and commuter-friendly.

Addressing the gathering, Yogendra Rana expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, stating that under his leadership every part of the state is witnessing rapid development. He also thanked Union Minister Manohar Lal for his guidance and blessings, which, he said, have helped in the completion of major projects in the region. The MLA further acknowledged the support of Panchayati Raj Minister Krishan Lal Panwar, noting that adequate grants for rural development works are being ensured.

Subdivision-level mini Bal Bhavan to be established in Narnaund



DINKAR GAWRI

HANSI: DC Rahul Narwal announced that a subdivision-level mini Bal Bhavan will be established in Narnaund. Rahul Narwal was chairing a meeting regarding the establishment of the District Child Welfare Council at the District Secretariat on Thursday. He directed officials from the Development and Panchayat Departments to ensure a location is found for the establishment of the mini Bal Bhavan. He also directed that until the mini Bal Bhavan is completed in Narnaund, the Bal Bhavan should be operated in another building so that more activities can be organized in the area for the overall development of children.

DC Rahul Narwal provided necessary guidelines regarding the registration and formation of the executive committee of the District Child Welfare Council during the meeting. District Child Welfare Officer Om Prakash stated that under DC Rahul Narwal's instructions, the registration and formation of the executive committee will begin today. The meeting also discussed various programs to be implemented through the Child Welfare Council in the future for the all-round development of children. DC Rahul Narwal instructed the District Child Welfare Council officials to organize activities that are inspiring and informative. SDM Rajesh Khoth and officials from the relevant departments were present at the meeting.

Sunrise Public School, Pratap Nagar, juniors host farewell party for seniors

PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA: A farewell ceremony was held at Sunrise Senior Secondary Public School in Pratap Nagar. At the farewell ceremony, the 11th-grade students hosted a farewell party for the 12th-grade students. Cultural programmes were also presented, with the 11th-grade students performing to bid farewell to their seniors. School Principal Paramjit Kaur Sandhu wished the 12th-grade students a bright future and a successful upcoming exams. Principal Paramjit Kaur Sandhu informed that the 12th-grade board exams are scheduled to begin on February 18th. As usual, the 11th-grade students hosted a farewell party for the 12th-grade students. She explained that such events and the beautiful moments of school are made memorable by such events. Therefore, every year, the 11th graders throw a farewell party for the 12th graders, at which the 12th graders also present mementos to the school. They wish all the students a bright future.



Farmers' groups oppose India–US trade deal, announce three-day protest at CM's residence in Kurukshetra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 12:

A state-level meeting of the Haryana Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Morcha was held at Dera Kar Sewa here on Thursday, where representatives of various farmers' organisations strongly opposed the proposed India–US trade deal and announced a three-day "mahapadav" at the Chief Minister's residence in Kurukshetra from February 23 to 25.

Sharing details of the decisions taken at the meeting, Bahadur Mehla Baldhi, spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Sir Chhotu Ram), said farmers would also raise issues related to the alleged paddy scam involving thousands of crores of rupees and the cutting of pensions of elderly farmers in Haryana.

Addressing mediapersons, farmer leaders said that on February 23, farmers from across Haryana would assemble at Devi Lal Park in Kurukshetra and then march to the Chief Minister's residence to stage a sit-in. On February 24, a torch procession would be taken out in Kurukshetra city with the participation of thousands of farmers. Prior to this, on February 17 and 18, effigies of US President Donald Trump, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini would be burnt in all districts of the state.

The farmer leaders alleged that the proposed India–US trade deal would be disastrous for Indian agriculture and accused the Modi government of conspiring against farmers. They claimed that despite promises of doubling farmers' income, government policies were pushing cultivators deeper into debt. Drawing parallels with the agitation against the three farm laws, they said a similar mass movement would be launched to stop the trade deal, beginning from Haryana under the banner of the Haryana Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Morcha.



The leaders further alleged that a massive paddy scam involving thousands of crores had taken place in Haryana mandis, following which the government had cut pensions of elderly farmers, amounting to a double blow to the farming community. They accused the Saini government of financially ruining farmers and protecting those involved in the alleged scam, claiming that only minor officials had been arrested while the main culprits were yet to be brought to book. They also reiterated opposition to the Electricity Amendment Bill, denial of MSP on crops and policies that, according to them, were burdening farmers with debt.

Among those present at the meeting were Mandeep Nathwan, state president of the Pagri Sambhal Jatta Kisan Sangharsh Committee, Amarjit Mohri, Jagdeep Aulakh, Lakhwinder Sirsa, Prince Waraich Pehowa, Dalbir Singh, Balraj Sarpanch, Charanjit Bajwa, Harendra Rana.

In response to the demand for a speed breaker in Ram Singh Colony, SDM directs action

DINKAR GAWRI

HANSI: On Thursday, a resolution camp was organised at the local District Secretariat complex. SDM Rajesh Khoth listened seriously to the problems and complaints of citizens from both rural and urban areas. He directed officials from the relevant departments to address each issue on a priority and prompt basis. Naib Tehsildar Suresh Kumar was also present at the resolution camp. During the resolution camp, residents of Ram Singh Colony submitted an application demanding the construction of a speed breaker on the road near the Government Primary School. SDM Rajesh Khoth directed Public Works Department officials to immediately visit the site, inspect, and take necessary action as required to ensure the safety of schoolchildren and the general public. Meanwhile, some farmers from Bhatla village filed a complaint regarding the depiction of unpaved roads as concrete on paper. The SDM took the complaint seriously and directed officials from the relevant departments to immediately visit the site, investigate, and submit a detailed report.SDM Rajesh Khoth, instructing the officials, stated that the benefits of the government's public welfare schemes and services should reach every eligible individual without delay.



People born in ordinary families are rich in knowledge, yoga, and character: Swami Ramdev

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, FEB 12

Yoga sage Swami Ramdev said that we may have been born in ordinary families, but we are all very rich in knowledge, yoga, and character, and this achievement must be maintained. Every person in the country should have big thoughts and hard work. We should move forward with this policy and not stop until we reach our destination. He said that today we are remembering Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, who gave the country the message of returning to the Vedas. The Vedas are the core of our culture. We are devotees of Sanatan Dharma. We are a part of the sages who devoted themselves to the knowledge of the world. Yoga is our nature, and the day should begin with yoga. Yoga Rishi Swami Ramdev was speaking at the state-level Surya Namaskar programme organised on the birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati at the Geeta Niketan School playground on Thursday. Swami Ramdev, along with former Minister of State Subhash Sudha and Chairman of the Haryana Yoga Commission Jaideep Arya, planted trees on the grounds and lit lamps from the stage. Around 3,000 youth also performed Surya Namaskar together at the event. Addressing the youth, Swami Ramdev said that they should not only practice Surya Namaskar but also become as bright as the sun. The sun completely dispels darkness with its light as soon as it rises in the morning. We must develop the bodies of our youth to be strong and the minds to be knowledgeable. He said that every person should have a sense of yoga in their heart, and every morning, everyone should wake up and practice five yoga poses for at least one minute each. These include Bhastrika, Kapalabhati, Anulom-Vilom, and Bhramari. Furthermore, Surya Namaskar infuses energy throughout the body. Swami Ramdev said that 100 years of Sanatan Dharma have been completed. Work is being done for both individual and nation-building.



Public will benefit from amendments in Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana: Ramesh

PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA : While briefing BJP officials and workers, Yamunanagar District Council Chairman Ramesh Chand Thaska welcomed the amendments made by the Haryana BJP government and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini to the Haryana government's Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana, stating that these amendments will benefit the general public. District Council Chairman Ramesh Chand Thaska stated that women from families with annual incomes of up to ₹180,000 will now also benefit from the scheme, provided they have focused on their children's education and development while striving towards a developed India. Under the amendments, mothers of children from families with annual incomes of less than ₹180,000 who study in government schools and score above 80% in grades 10 and 12 will also be eligible for the scheme. District Council Chairman Ramesh Chand Thaska welcomed the amendments to the Laado Laxmi Yojana, stating that mothers of children achieving grade-level proficiency in classes 1 to 4 under the government's Nipun Mission will also be eligible. If a malnourished or anemic child recovers and enters the "green zone," their mother will also receive an amount of ₹2,100. Chairman Ramesh Chand Thaska clarified that the 80% marks requirement under the Deen Dayal Laado Laxmi Yojana is not mandatory, but rather an additional category to encourage government school children to pursue education and nutrition.



BJYM organizes 'Youth Budget Dialogue' program

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary informed that the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJP) District Yamunanagar organized a "Youth Budget Dialogue" program at the BJP District Office, Yamuna Kamal, under the chairmanship of BJP District President Rajesh Sapra. The program discussed in detail the provisions made for youth in the Union Budget presented by the Modi government. BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary stated that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Budget presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman focused on youth education and skill development and a mega budgetary allocation of Rs1,39,289 crore has been allocated for the education sector. Five new university townships will be established near major industrial and logistics corridors. Girls' hostels will be built in every district of the country for female students studying in science, technology, engineering and mathematics institutions. BJP District President Rajesh Sapra, describing the central government's budget as excellent for the youth, said that the National Institute of Hospitality will be set up and a skill development program will be launched for 10,000 guides pursuing careers in the tourism sector. To connect youth with self-employment, a system has been established to provide instant loans without guarantee to the MSME sector.

Emphasis has been laid on integrating future Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital literacy into education, with additional resources allocated to promote digital banking and literacy for rural youth and women. To strengthen medical education, there is a proposal to open new medical colleges and expansion of seats. During this, BJP District General Secretary Narendra Singh Rana, BJYM State Officer Puneet Bindal, BJYM District General Secretary Deepak Sharma, BJYM District General Secretary Amit Chauhan, Councilor Jayant Swami, Councilor Ankit Goyal, Councilor Vikram Rana, BJYM State Executive Member Mukul Khadri, BJP District Yamunanagar Media



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

John C. Maxwell

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Upswing in Indo-Canadian ties

Despite being thriving democracies with shared values, trade interests, and a vibrant diaspora, a sense of unease has long marked the bilateral relations between India and Canada. This was largely due to the hostile policies adopted by the Justin Trudeau administration in the past. The drift started ever since Trudeau took over as the Prime Minister in 2015, and his brazen attempts to please pro-Khalistani elements in his country as a means for political survival led to the gradual deterioration of the bilateral relations. However, things are now changing for the better, following sincere efforts from both sides to reset the ties and restore the traditional friendship. Since his victory in the national election in April last year, Prime Minister Mark Carney has been taking sagacious steps to revive the relations. Carney's pragmatic approach towards India has helped in sending across an unambiguous message to anti-India elements that they cannot take Canadian freedom for granted to malign India. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval's recent visit to Ottawa — his first since the diplomatic clash over the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar — signals that both sides are willing to move from recrimination to pragmatic engagement. This is a welcome departure from the past when Justin Trudeau kept peddling a false narrative of Indian agents' alleged involvement in the killing of Nijjer, without providing even an iota of evidence. Doval's visit reflects a thaw in the relations. The agreement to establish security and law enforcement liaison officers in each other's countries is a significant development. Such institutional links are not symbolic gestures; they are the nuts and bolts of modern-day security cooperation. Streamlined communication channels and timely information-sharing are essential when dealing with transnational gangs and drug trafficking networks — threats that respect no borders and demand coordinated responses. The upswing in bilateral ties is heartening. Mark Carney is likely to visit India next month, providing yet another opportunity for the two countries to rebuild relations. Apart from signing deals on uranium, energy, minerals, and artificial intelligence, negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement are expected to be resumed during his visit. The first signs of a diplomatic thaw had surfaced in August last year with the two countries appointing new high commissioners in Ottawa and Delhi. The re-opening of high-level diplomatic channels ensures continuous engagement so that no dispute will be allowed to escalate into permanent hostility. Mutual trust is a must when sensitive intelligence and law enforcement data are involved. If managed carefully, the renewed dialogue could become a stabilising anchor. India's concerns over separatist activities being allowed on Canadian soil are non-negotiable. On the other hand, Canada's stance is shaped by domestic politics, where freedom of expression intersects with radical advocacy.

Managing risk in a volatile neighbourhood

Bangladesh elections is not merely a test for the South Asian nation's democratic will, but also a test of how things will evolve on the larger South Asian canvas.

Along with a choice between two parties – the centrist Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the Islamist Jamaat-i-Islami party, citizens of Bangladesh will also choose their nation's ideological orientation, institutional coherence, and capacity to govern amid deepening disorder.



For New Delhi, the stakes are high given Bangladesh's position within its own body politic, yet the choices on offer are uncomfortably narrow.

Since the dramatic collapse of Sheikh Hasina's government in August 2024, Bangladesh has been governed more by a volatile mix of street mobilisation, bureaucratic reshuffling, and ideological assertion.

Violence, labour unrest, and intimidation have ceased to be episodic disruptions and have instead become the background condition of politics.

In this unstable aftermath, Indian officials have privately acknowledged a hard truth -- almost any elected government is preferable to a prolonged interim arrangement whose authority is diffuse, contested, and vulnerable to capture by hostile forces.

The mandate will at best be a flawed one, given that one major party has been barred from the elections and voters are witnessing a combination of intimidation and pre-poll violence, which will certainly influence voting patterns.

The impact of the state itself campaigning for a 'Yes' in a referendum being held along with the vote for a government is also expected to tilt heavily in favour of the Islamist parties, which are backing the referendum, despite misgivings from constitutionalists.

However, for Bangladesh and India, that flawed vote may still be better than a situation where there is no mandate at all and an unelected government presides over chaos and disorder, which threatens to spill over across our common borders.

The choices for Bangladesh, in the absence of Awami League, which, according to analysts including Western think tanks, still commands between 27-35 per cent of the popular vote, boil down to three: a BNP-dominated government, a mix of BNP and Jamaat, and a Jamaat-dominated regime.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party, formed by the former freedom fighter-turned dictator-turned President Zia Ur-Rahman, had attracted the remnants of the old Pakistan-era Muslim League and those who broke with the Awami League. Its politics have been anti-India, pro-US, but at the same time practical and supporting right-of-centre economic policies.

The New York Editorial, a respected substack by top journalists, has analysed two sets of opinion polls in Bangladesh by Innovision Consutling which gives BNP a headstart with a 52.8 per cent vote share and gap with Jamaat of nearly 22 per cent and NarratiV/IILD survey, which narrows the gap to just 1.1 per cent.

Everyone recognises that the difference will lie with the Awami League's former voters. Which way will they swing? If the majority of the 40 million voters who would have voted Awami decide to transfer their allegiance to BNP, Tarique Rahman, its leader who came back from a self-imposed 17-year-long exile, will laugh his way to a swearing-in. If that vote goes the Jamaat way, the cheers may come from his rival Shafiqur Rahman's camp.

South Bloc believes it can do business with BNP's new princeling Tarique Rahman, despite the fact that Bangladesh took a pro-Islamic fundamentalist groups and pro-Pakistani turn during the two stints when his mother Behum Khaleda Zia ruled and when he loomed large as an "extra-constitutional authority".

Even though representatives of the Jamaat have met Indian diplomats both in Delhi and Dhaka to press their case as trustworthy partners, and a notable silence on their part on the usual pre-election anti-India tirade, prior experience of doing business with them hasn't exactly been happy.

However, one has to understand that Jamaat has, during the 18 months of unelected rule, moved to consolidate influence within the state apparatus. One of its earliest actions after Hasina's ouster was a sweeping reshuffle of lower-level administrators, particularly in education. In a country where elections are often administered by schoolteachers and college lecturers, this institutional leverage could translate into electoral advantage.

Links which many Jamaat leaders still have with Pakistan's intelligence agency, their insistence on wooing China, talk of giving Beijing access to Sylhet and other airports haven't gone down well with Indian policy makers. However, if the push comes to the shove, India will live with the Jamaat provided it minds its "ps" and qs".

In the words of one policymaker at South Bloc, "For India, the choice sometimes feels not like between workable and less workable but between the devil and the deep sea".

The memory of events in the 1990s and the 2000s – when BNP-led governments enabled Pakistan's intelligence services to foment insurgency in India's Northeast, while Jamaat and allied Islamist networks facilitated the training and funding of militant groups responsible for attacks inside India arev still fresh.

Also worrying is the fact that militants arrested during Hasina's tenure were released after the 2024 upheaval, and Indian security officials believe many have since regrouped in dormant but operationally ready formations.

WhatsApp alleges Russian Government attempted to ban application

Meta-owned WhatsApp on Thursday issued a statement alleging that the Russian Government attempted to block the messaging application in the country. WhatsApp's statement comes shortly after Telegram founder Pavel Durov accused Russia of restricting access to the application.In a post on X, WhatsApp said, "Today the Russian government attempted to fully block WhatsApp in an effort to drive people to a state-owned surveillance app. Trying to isolate over 100 million users from private and secure communication is a backwards step and can only lead to less safety for people in Russia. We continue to do everything we can to keep users connected."



Dmitry Peskov, Russian Presidential Press Secretary, told TASS that WhatsApp would be unblocked in Russia if Meta complies with Russian laws and demonstrates readiness for dialogue. "This is a matter of compliance with Russian laws. If Meta complies, it will enter into dialogue with the Russian authorities, and then there will be an opportunity to reach an agreement," he said.According to TASS, he further added, "If the corporation continues to cling to its uncompromising stance and, I would say, demonstrate absolute unwillingness to complies with Russian laws, then there will be no chances".TASS on Thursday said that Russia's telecom watchdog confirmed to TASS that that it is taking measures to slow down WhatsApp over violations of Russian laws. It claimed that the messenger is used to organise and carry out terrorist activities in the country, and is also one of the main services used to defraud and extort money from citizens.Earlier on Wednesday, Telegram founder Pavel Durov in a post on X had also alleged Russia of restricting access to the application. He wrote, "Russia is restricting access to Telegram to force its citizens onto a state-controlled app built for surveillance and political censorship. This authoritarian move won't change our course. Telegram stands for freedom and privacy, no matter the pressure."

Renewed disappearance claims deepen scrutiny of Pakistan

Reports of four more alleged enforced disappearances in Karachi and across Balochistan have intensified criticism of Pakistan's security apparatus, with families accusing authorities of detaining men without acknowledgement and refusing to disclose their fate, as reported by The Balochistan Post.

According to The Balochistan Post, relatives of the missing men say the pattern mirrors dozens of earlier incidents in which individuals were allegedly taken away and later denied by officials. In one case, Mir Baloch, son of Ghulam Jan, was stopped at Karachi airport on February 7 shortly after landing from Dubai. Family members stated that he was held for what authorities termed visa questioning, yet he has not been seen since. They said he had returned home from overseas employment to meet loved ones and prepare for his wedding.When relatives sought answers, they were reportedly informed that no department could confirm where he had been moved. The family has appealed for his immediate recovery. In a separate episode on 2 February, Daud Lehri was allegedly detained in the Lak-Pass area of Mastung and shifted to an unknown location. Days later, Shahroz Baloch was said to have been taken from his house in Quetta's Sariab neighbourhood. Another man, Nadir Ali of Jhao, reportedly went missing after being picked up in Hub Chowki on 8 February. Pakistani authorities have not issued public responses to the specific accusations, as highlighted by The Balochistan Post.Meanwhile, Paank, the human rights department of the Baloch National Movement, released its review of 2025, alleging a high number of extrajudicial killings and disappearances. It claimed that many detainees were students, activists and members of civil society, and accused security forces of harsh tactics, including aerial operations and so-called kill-and-dump practices.



Data-driven governance and research critical for resilient securities markets

When governed well and responsibly shared, data can support policy design, supervision, as well as risk assessment, said SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey. He stated that the objective of improving data accessibility is to boost high-quality research across the securities market ecosystem.

Speaking at the Sixth Annual International Research Conference on Securities Market (2025-26), organised by SEBI and the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) in collaboration with IIM Mumbai, Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, and NSE, Pandey emphasised that the regulator increasingly views market data as a public good. The Indian securities market has undergone a structural shift over the last decade, transitioning from scale to sophistication. He noted that market capitalisation has surged from approximately Rs 100 trillion in FY15 to over Rs 470 trillion today. This growth is mirrored in the mutual fund industry, where assets under management rose from Rs 12 trillion in FY16 to Rs 81 trillion as of January 2026. "The signals are a maturing ecosystem where long-term financing is increasingly market driven," Pandey noted, adding that unique investors have grown to 140 million from 38 million in 2019.Technology now serves as the core architecture of these modern markets, with digital systems handling trading, clearing, and settlement. However, this advancement introduces new complexities and risks.



"Innovation must be accompanied by understanding. Otherwise, speed can outpace safety," Pandey cautioned. He highlighted that while artificial intelligence and advanced analytics can strengthen surveillance and detect fraud, algorithmic markets can create feedback loops, and AI models can introduce opacity. To address these "real and growing" concerns, he called for rigorous research on market microstructure and technology-driven risks.To support this research-driven approach, SEBI has mandated that stock exchanges and clearing corporations implement data-sharing policies. The regulator recently conducted a scientific investor survey of 90,000 households, placing the underlying data in the public domain for researchers. Pandey invited "researchers and practitioners to engage" with this data to uncover insights that may not be immediately visible. He also highlighted the establishment of the NISM Center for Regulatory Studies, which is intended to serve as a global knowledge hub for advanced research and provide critical inputs to regulators.SEBI is further sharpening its focus on policy-oriented research through the introduction of regulatory impact analysis. A new vertical has been created under the Department of Economic Policy and Analysis to evaluate policy outcomes with evidence. This initiative is being guided by a committee chaired by the Chief Economic Advisor. Pandey emphasised that the future research agenda must include India-specific behavioural finance and interdisciplinary studies. "Innovation must be guided by deep research, understanding, and evidence," he said, stressing the importance of bridging the gap between academic study and market practice.

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SDM Vishwanath urges public not to purchase plots in an illegal colonies



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YAMUNANAGAR: Jagadhri SDM Vishwanath urged residents of the Jagadhri subdivision to refrain from being lured by property dealers and not to purchase plots in illegal areas/colonies. He urged those purchasing plots in the Jagadhri subdivision to obtain information about the status of the property before purchasing a plot and to purchase property only in approved areas.

He added that purchasing a plot in an illegal colony could result in financial loss, as no one can build a house in an illegal area. Jagadhri SDM has appealed to the public not to purchase or sell any plots in any illegal colony/ construction. If anyone is found constructing houses in an illegal colony/construction, they will be held responsible for the action and the district administration will take legal action against them.

NEWS BRIEF

Three-day "Punjab Sakhi Shakti Mela" in Barnala from 24 to 26 February: DC



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Three-day "Punjab Sakhi Shakti Mela" is being organized in Barnala district on 24, 25 and 26 February in Grain Market Barnala. This fair to be organized under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. Harpreet Singh IAS will feature a large number of activities including various self-help groups, stalls of departments, cultural performances by children, performances by eminent singers. In this regard, a meeting of various departments was held today under the leadership of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Dr. Harjinder Singh Bedi. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding the smooth conduct of the fair, security arrangements and departmental coordination. Giving information on the occasion, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) directed the officers of the concerned departments to complete the preparations for the fair on time and provide all possible facilities to the people coming.

Rapid development underway in Ladwa constituency: Kailash Saini



KARAMBIR
LADWA, FEB 12

Development works are being carried out at a rapid pace in the Ladwa Assembly constituency under the leadership of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Chief Minister's Office In-charge Kailash Saini said on Wednesday. He said Barara Chowk in Babain will soon be beautified and comprehensively redeveloped to address persistent traffic congestion and improve the overall appearance of the junction. According to Saini, the Chief Minister had observed frequent traffic jams at the chowk during his visits and subsequently directed officials to prepare a plan for its redesign and upgrading. Highlighting infrastructure initiatives, he said the Chief Minister has announced maintenance of 82 roads covering 186.13 km under the Public Works Department (PWD), completion of construction work on 30 roads spanning 117.02 km, and special repairs of nine roads covering 37.46 km at a cost of Rs 10.20 crore.

Rice Exporters Association welcomes Central Govt free trade agreements with America and EU



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: A high-level delegation from the All India Rice Exporters Association led by Vice President Devendra Singla and Treasurer Sanjay Gupta, arrived at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to express gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and State Commerce Minister Jiten Prasad. The delegation described the central government's tireless efforts to advance free trade agreements (FTAs) with the United States and Europe as visionary and historic for the export sector. The delegation met with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State Jiten Prasad and thanked them. Ashwani Arora, Jai Kumar, and Vivek Chandra were also present on the occasion. The delegation stated that the implementation of the free trade agreements (FTAs) will provide a new impetus to Indian rice exports in the global market and open up new opportunities for exporters.

Digvijay Chautala speaks with officials regarding Youth Warriors Conference on Feb 22



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 12

JJP National Youth Day Speaker Digvijay Singh Chautala visited the Chaudhary Devi Lal Educational Institute in Jagadhri on Thursday. Here, he spoke with officials regarding the Youth Warriors Conference to be held in the district on February 22nd. Present on the occasion were party members Dharamveer Sihag, Rajesh Pilot, Raju Pai, Brij, OP Lathar, Intezaar Ali, Jarnail Singh Panjeta, Karan Narwal, Jogendra Rana, Ashu Pandit, Parmanand Jogi, Anil Kumar, Mamachand, Farooq, Ajay Rao, Pradeep Pandit, Sandeep Sandhu, Gurjeet Kaur, Murti Devi, Rajendra Singh, Kanwar Pal, Vishal Malik, Rakesh Sharma, Dinesh Kumar, and Daman Sharma. Speaking to reporters, Digvijay Chautala said that the BJP is engaged in dividing the society. He said that the Hindu Ekta Conference is also being organised by the BJP as part of a well-planned strategy. He said that we are all one.

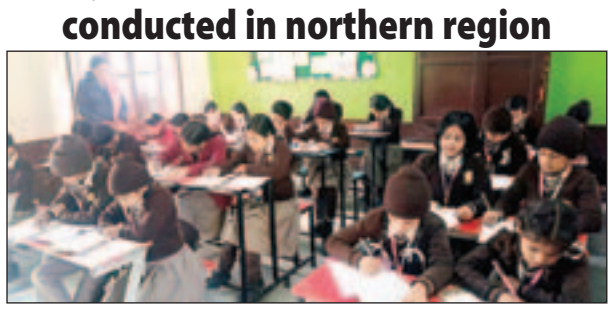
This is the beauty of India. Digvijay said that those with divisive mindsets have no place in the JJP. He said that the BJP is insulting the elderly. Jananayak Chaudhary Devi Lal had instituted old-age pensions to honour the elderly, but under the pretext of income, the pensions of approximately 72,000 elderly people in the state have been cut. Digvijay Chautala said that the JJP will fight for the dignity of the elderly with full force.

Way cleared for new life members to join Gaud Brahman Vidya Pracharini Sabha: Barota



CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL: Surendra Sharma Barota, State President of the Haryana Brahmin Sabha and former District President of the Karnal Brahmin Sabha, stated that Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma have opened the voting process for new life members in India's only major Gaud Brahmin educational institution at the community's request. He expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Saini and Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma on behalf of the Brahmin community. The long-standing issue regarding the admission of new life members to the Gaud Brahman Vidya Pracharini Sabha has now been completely resolved. The Haryana government has approved the admission of new members by granting the necessary permissions and exemptions under Section 85 of the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Societies Act, 2012. In this regard, the District Registrar of Firms and Societies has issued a letter to the administrator of the Sabha informing him of the state government's approval. According to the District Registrar, this permission was granted based on a letter issued by the State Registrar of Societies, Haryana, on January 29th. Surendra Sharma Barota, State President of the Sarva Brahmin Sabha Haryana, stated that new votes in Gaud Brahmin educational institutions will be available for 45 days, starting February 11th. The minimum age for membership in the Sabha is 21 years. The membership fee can be deposited from the applicant's own account via check, draft, or online.

Narayan Talent Search Examination conducted in northern region



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Narayan Talent Search Examination organized by Vidya Bharati was successfully conducted simultaneously on January 30, in five states of Vidya Bharati Northern Region—Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi. A total of 34,305 students registered for this examination of which approximately 25,000 students appeared and participated. Examination was conducted in a well-organized, peaceful, and disciplined environment in all states. Participation of 62 schools from Haryana, 84 schools from Punjab, 18 schools from Jammu and Kashmir, 58 schools from Delhi and 65 schools from Himachal Pradesh in this examination held in Northern Region demonstrates comprehensiveness and effectiveness of examination.This examination was conducted for students from grades 4 to 10 and for students in science and commerce streams in grades 11 and 12. Its objective is to identify and encourage students' intellectual abilities and talents. Vidya Bharati North Region General Secretary Dilaram Chauhan and Organization Minister Vijay Nadda extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all concerned provinces, schools, teachers, center heads and all workers involved in organization for successful conduct of examination.

Vedic Yagya performed at DAV Police Public School on Maharishi Dayanand Jayanti



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Vedic yagya was organized on birth anniversary of its founder, Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, to pledge to follow his teachings and to express gratitude for Maharishi's work for society and his contributions to individual, social and national upliftment. School Principal Anoop Kumar Chopra along with teachers Monica Sharma, Anju Sharma, Sonia Makhija, Gurpreet Kaur, teacher Hoshiyaar Singh and students, offered oblations. Sixth-grade student Seerat recited a poem and sang and seventh-grade student Arvi presented a speech introducing the life of Swami Dayanand. School Principal Anoop Kumar Chopra stated that Maharishi Dayanand's life embodies high ideals and values. Maharshi's vision of imparting Anglo-Vedic education to students by establishing Arya Samaj has created a new awakening in the society. Swamiji dedicated his entire life to spread the knowledge, education and teachings contained in the Vedas and Puranas to the people. It is the result of Swamiji's efforts that society was able to come out of darkness of ignorance, superstition and ostentation and the society has found a new path of progress, development and prosperity.

DC Aparajita interacts with students



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: DC Aparajita visited Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Pundri on Thursday and took stock of the arrangements. She inspected various classes and interacted with the children. She also participated in joyful activities with the children and inspired them to be curious and ask questions openly. He said that asking questions was not a sign of weakness but a sign of intelligence. So keep the why and how alive within you. DC Aparajita said that often children did not ask questions due to fear or hesitation and sometimes they hesitate to answer any question due to the fear of getting the answer wrong. Children are often afraid of subjects like mathematics. The main objective of Joyful Activity is to increase self-confidence among children and to give practical knowledge through sports. She showed interest in the experiments being done by the children by visiting various classrooms including various labs of science subjects. She also asked questions and answers from the children about the names of different types of chemicals and their functions and said that practical knowledge was more important than bookish knowledge.

Baba Siddhanath International Public School holds havan yagya for 10th and 12th students



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: A Havan was organized in school premises, where five Havan Kunds were set up. All students and teachers offered a full offering in Havan Kund. Students were wished a bright future and encouraged to excel in their studies. School administrators, Ishwar Singh and Mrs. Rekha Devi, expressed their hope that this ceremony would inspire students to achieve their goals. Addressing students, Principal Geeta Sharma said that this is a turning point in their lives, requiring hard work and dedication to achieve their goals. Following Ashirwad ceremony, special program was organized to provide inspirational messages to students, sharing success stories and inspiring examples.Teachers showered flowers on students and in recognition of this, students received blessings from all teachers and thanked them.

CM's claim on pension to elderly persons commendable: Asha Khedar



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: BJP District President Dr. Asha Khedar welcomed Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's announcement that no elderly person's pension has been cut in state. She said that CM has cleared the air and given a befitting reply to opposition that was trying to politicize issue. Dr. Asha Khedar said that recently, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini clarified that pension of no elderly person in the state has been cut, nor will it be cut. Chief Minister has clearly stated that income verification is underway and only pensions of deceased elderly persons have been automatically cut. She added that pension disbursement, birth and death certificate issuance are done through an online process. In such a situation, if an elderly person dies, their family members apply for a death certificate. As soon as a death certificate is issued, their pension is automatically deducted. Furthermore, government has not deducted any elderly person's pension and opposition is merely trying to politicize issue of pension cuts for deceased elderly people.Dr Asha Khedar said that CM has completely exposed opposition's lies and has released pensions under Old Age Honor Allowance, Lado Laxmi Yojana and other schemes.

Surya Namaskar campaign organised in Indira Gandhi Sr Sec Public School, Kaithal



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: "Surya Namaskar Campaign" was organized with great enthusiasm and energy at Indira Gandhi Senior Secondary Public School, Kaithal from February 2 to February 7. The objective of this campaign was to promote health awareness, discipline and positive lifestyle among the students. The program started with prayer and Surya Vandana. The students collectively practiced various Asanas of Surya Namaskar every morning. Principal of the school, Mrs. Ranju Gupta, while addressing the students, said that "A healthy mind resides in a healthy body." She inspired to make regular yoga practice a part of life. Special enthusiasm was seen among the students throughout the week. Teachers also took active participation and made the children practice the asanas in the correct manner. This campaign created an environment of health, discipline and positive energy in the school.

All-India Mushaira held in Syed Chhapra to commemorate birth of Imam Zamana



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: A grand gathering and mushaira was organized in Syed Chhapra village to commemorate birth of Imam Zamana. Renowned poets from across country mesmerized the audience with their captivating performances. Poetry recited in praise of Imam Zamana was met with enthusiastic applause, and entire gathering remained immersed in a literary atmosphere until late into night. Many renowned poets including Maulana Razi Biswani Jaunpuri, Shabroz Kanpuri, Nadeem Jainpuri (Uttarakhand), Manazir Meerthi, Kirtas Saharanpuri, Hasan Mohammad Saharanpuri, Maulana Haseen Abbas Haryanvi, Hashim Shah Bidoli, Asif Bijnouri, and Hajik Dehlvi, participated in mushaira. All poets received accolades for their excellent poetry. Social activist Mainpal Kashyap, former Sarpanch Zaheer Abbas, Nirmaljit Singh, and Maulana Mohammad Rashid Wafa Sahib were present as chief guests at the event. The gathering was superbly conducted by Maulana Ali Mehndi Bakari (Sambhal).Chief guest Mainpal Kashyap was honored with trophy and shawl. All invited poets and guests were also felicitated with trophies and shawls.

United Kisan Morcha protest under `Hamara Khet, Hamara Adhikar campaign'



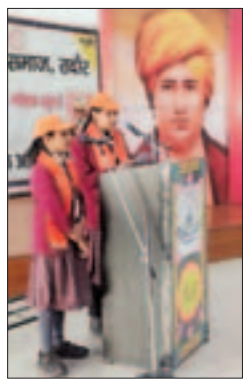
SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: On the call of United Kisan Morcha farmers protested strongly in the villages under the Hamara Khet, Hamara Adhikar campaign on Thursday. During this time, farmers gathered in their fields and expressed their anger by burning leaflets written against the India-US agricultural trade agreement. Widespread protests were seen in Nilokheri, Gharaunda, Assandh, Karnal and Indri development blocks of the district. A large number of farmers gathered in the fields and burnt pamphlets and demonstrated farmer unity. BKU Asandh Block President Joginder Singh Jhinda said that agriculture was the backbone of the country and any agreement affecting the interests of farmers cannot be accepted without the consent of the farmers. If the proposed agricultural trade agreement between India and America is implemented, it will have a serious impact on the country's farmers, their crops and the rural economy. Farmers will not tolerate any kind of injustice to their fields, their crops and their future.

Winter sports drive in Pangi Valley aims at de-addiction and cultural preservation



SUBHASH MAHAJAN
CHAMBA: In a significant initiative to promote winter sports, curb substance abuse among youth and preserve local culture, a basic skiing course is being organised in the remote tribal Pangi Valley of Chamba district. The training camp, being conducted by the Pangi Ski Association, Sural, is underway from January 25 and will conclude on February 11, 2026. Providing details, association president Kuldeep Dhutwani said the initiative aims not only at imparting professional skiing skills but also at encouraging young people to adopt a healthy and positive lifestyle. He said the association has been working for several years to promote winter sports in the region and, through this basic skiing course, participants are being trained in technical aspects of the sport under expert supervision. Dhutwani noted that in far-flung tribal areas like Pangi, limited opportunities often push youth towards negative influences, including substance abuse. Sports, he said, serve as a constructive medium to channelise energy in the right direction, fostering discipline, confidence and goal-oriented thinking. He added that the objective of the programme is to build a healthy, drug-free society by engaging youth in meaningful activities. During the training, participants are being taught essential skiing techniques such as maintaining balance, controlling speed on snow, safe descent on slopes, proper use of equipment and precautions during emergencies.

Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati traveled throughout country propagating Vedas: Raman



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: The 202nd birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, founder of Arya Samaj and a great social reformer was celebrated with great pomp at DAV Public School, Radaur. Program began with children chanting prayers and praises to God. Seventh-grade students Gayatri, Lavika, and Anshika recited Vedic poems and Vedic mantras. Religious teacher Amit Kumar Shastri said that Swami Dayanand Saraswati did many important works to awaken and reform Indian society. He challenged superstitions and evils. He dedicated his entire life to service of humanity in form of Guru Dakshina. Throwing light on life of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Avinash Sharma said that Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati showed people path of truth. He was born for destruction of ignorance and growth of knowledge. He wrote many books to awaken people and show them the path of truth. One of the important books among them is Satyarth Prakash, after reading which the lives of countless people started on the path of truth. At the end of the program, Principal Raman Kumar Sharma said that the names of many great men are mentioned for social reform. But among all of them, there is one influential name, Maharishi Dayanand.

Retired transport employees warn of agitation over delayed pensions



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: A key meeting of the Himachal Transport Retired Welfare Forum, Nurpur Zone, was held under the chairmanship of the forum's state chief adviser Balram Puri. State vice-president Kripal Pathania, press secretary Sham Singh, Ranjodh Singh and several office-bearers and members attended the meeting. The meeting began with a two-minute silence to pay tribute to the late Jagdish Singh of Sanwa (JK), who passed away suddenly. Members prayed for peace to the departed soul. Addressing the gathering, Balram Puri expressed concern over the state government's current financial situation, stating that the coming period appears challenging for employees, particularly retirees. He said that even by the 12th of the month, pensions had not been credited to retirees' bank accounts, causing serious hardship to elderly pensioners. State vice-president Kripal Pathania, press secretary Sham Singh and Naseeb Singh criticised the government's functioning, alleging persistent delays in the payment of dues to retired employees. They said several pensioners had passed away while waiting for their rightful payments.

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Jindal Stainless signs MoU with Government of India under PLI 1.2

HISAR: Jindal Stainless, India's leading stainless steel manufacturer, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Steel, Government of India, under the newly launched Production Linked Incentive (PLI) 1.2 scheme for speciality steel. Aligned with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, the scheme marks a significant step towards strengthening India's high-value manufacturing capabilities and reducing import dependence in critical speciality steel and stainless steel grades. The MoU was signed at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, in the presence of Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries, Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy. Jindal Stainless was represented by Mr Vijay Sharma, Director - Corporate Affairs. The PLI 1.2 scheme has been launched in response to strong industry demand and the need for sustained capacity expansion in specialty steel and stainless steel grades critical to strategic sectors such as railways, defence, electrical equipment, and aerospace. Under the scheme, 85 MoUs have been signed with 55 companies, with committed investments of ?11,887 crore for a planned capacity addition of 8.7 million tonnes of speciality steel by FY 2031. As part of the MoU, Jindal Stainless will undertake capacity augmentation, already a key part of the company's long-term strategy in line with country's growing demand of stainless steel, along with adding new capacity for value-added products.

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Secure your child's future with ICICI Pru SmartKid 360

LUDHIANA/JALANDHAR: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru SmartKid 360, a long-term saving product which allows customers to plan for their child's future financial needs, with guaranteed benefits. Commenting on the launch, Vikas Gupta, Chief Product Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "ICICI Pru SmartKid 360 has been designed to cater to the parents need to financially secure their child's future. In addition to the MoneyBack benefits, the product provides a guaranteed maturity benefit in the form of a lump-sum payout, at the end of the policy tenure, which can support the child's transition into adulthood.ICICI Pru SmartKid 360, gives MoneyBack or pre-decided payouts as per the child's future milestones such as school or higher education or early adulthood goals.

CNH India Leads the Mechanization Movement with World-Class Crop Solutions

CHANDIGARH: CNH, a global leader in agriculture and construction equipment, celebrated its advanced, Made-in-Pune farm mechanisation products at the company's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Pune. The Pune plant houses CNH's strong R&D, engineering and manufacturing capabilities that design, develop and produce world-class harvesting and crop solution equipment in India for both domestic and global markets. Narinder Mittal, President & Managing Director, CNH India region said, "The CNH Pune plant is a cornerstone of our manufacturing footprint in India and a symbol of our commitment to pioneering the mechanization movement in the country.

Bridgestone and ADRA India Restore Education and Sanitation in Punjab

GURDASPUR: Following the catastrophic floods that swept through Punjab in August 2025, Bridgestone and ADRA India have rehabilitated 20 government schools in Gurdaspur. Floodwaters had severely damaged school infrastructure, particularly sanitation facilities, while thousands of children lost textbooks, stationery, and uniforms, delaying their return to classrooms.
Under the three-month project implemented between October 2025 and January 2026, ADRA India worked in close coordination with the District Disaster Management Authority, local administration, School Management Committees, and community representatives to identify the most affected government schools. In Gurdaspur alone, over 324 villages were submerged, disrupting essential services and forcing prolonged school closures.
"Following the floods that affected Dera Baba Nanak Sub-Division, several government schools suffered damage to essential infrastructure, particularly Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) facilities, resulting in disruption to the education of school-going children.

HP introduces new DeskJet printers for home users in India

CHANDIGARH- HP introduced a new range of DeskJet All-in-One (AiO) printers in India, designed to make home printing smarter, simpler, and more intuitive for students, parents, and professionals. The portfolio includes four models across HP DeskJet, HP DeskJet Ink Advantage, and HP DeskJet Ultra Ink Advantage, offering a balance of ease, efficiency, and cost-effective performance for everyday home tasks.
Built to support the everyday printing needs, the new DeskJet All-in-One (AiO) series makes home printing effortless and dependable. The lineup includes models designed for different home printing needs, from simple printing and scanning to higher-volume printing with added convenience features such as automatic document feeding. It also offers reliable dual-band Wi-Fi® with self-healing technology to prevent interruptions, and easy print, scan, and copy functionality from anywhere in the home.

Akshay Kumar Sparks Laughter as Bollywood Wives Spill the Tea on Wheel of Fortune

CHANDIGARH: The latest episode of Wheel of Fortune took a humorous turn when host Akshay Kumarplayfully put the Bollywood wives on the spot with some tricky questions about their husbands.
Akshay asked Neelam Kothari, Maheep Kapoor, and Bhavana Pandey to share one good quality about their respective husbands. A slightly confused Neelam began by saying, "Bahut hi kind, insaan hai," prompting Maheep to jokingly react, "Bahut hi mushkil sawaal poochha hai." The humorous moment had everyone in splits as Maheep added, "Devta hai, devta!" Bhavana then lightened the moment further by mentioning the three most important women in her husband's life, Bhavana, Ananya, and Rysa, joking that they often secretly take money from his wallet. The remark left the audience and Akshay Kumar laughing.

Godrej Agrovet Marked World Pulses Day with Focused Farmer Outreach

BATHINDA/MANSA: Pulses play a critical role in India's nutritional security, soil health, and rural livelihoods. However, pulse farmers continue to face productivity challenges due to climatic conditions, fragmented landholdings, persistent pest and disease pressures, and limited access to quality seeds, underscoring the need for stronger on-ground support. To address these challenges, on World Pulses Day, Godrej Agrovet Limited's Crop Protection Business undertook a farmer outreach initiative, aimed at reaching over five lakh pulse farmers. The initiative conducted structured training programmes on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), focusing on enabling informed decision-making at the farm level to support sustainable pulse cultivation.
The training sessions covered key pulse crops such as red gram, chana, and green gram, addressing crop-specific agronomic challenges observed across geographies.

Amazon Prime Delivered Fastest Delivery Speeds with savings for ustomers in India in 2025

CHANDIGARH : Amazon today announced that 2025 marked its fastest delivery speeds for Prime members with more than 55 crore products being delivered the same or next day— a 40% year-on-year increase. Prime members in India also saved an average of more than twice the cost of an annual Prime membership in 2025, underscoring the value Prime delivers to customers across the country. With the top 10% of Prime members saving more than eight times the cost of their Prime membership, Prime in India is helping customers save even more through free and fast delivery along with multiple rewards, exclusive deals, offers and cashbacks when they shop on Amazon.in. Beyond fast deliveries and great deals, Prime membership unlocks a world of benefits—early access to new product launches, award-winning shows and movies on Prime Video, unlimited music streaming, exciting gaming perks.

Punjab Governor pays obeisance at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria on Wednesday paid obeisance at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib in Talwandi Sabo and prayed for peace and prosperity in the state. After offering prayers, the Governor was honoured with a siropa by Singh Sahib Baba Tek Singh Dhnaula, Jathedar of Takht Sri Damdama Sahib, and Narindarjith Singh, Manager of the Takht. Later, Governor Kataria visited the AIIMS Ved Kumari Mittal Patient Shelter Home. He inspected the three-storey facility, which has a capacity of 256 beds for patients and their attendants.

Interacting with the media, the Governor appreciated the efforts of the Dwarka Dass Mittal Charitable Trust for running the shelter home. He noted that the facility provides affordable lodging and boarding arrangements for patients and their families visiting AIIMS, with meals being served at nominal charges.

Speaking on the issue of drug abuse, the Governor said Punjab is fighting the menace with determination. He emphasised that the anti-drug campaign has gained momentum with active participation from people across different sections of society, making it a truly community-driven initiative.

Among those present on the occasion were Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Dhiman, DIG Harjit Singh, SSP Dr. Jyoti Yadav Bains, SDM Bathinda Balkaran Singh, Chairman of Mittal Group Rajinder Mittal, and other officials.

ICI Noida Crowned Overall Champion at 14th North India Patisserie Competition

CHANDIGARH: The three-day 14th North India Patisserie Competition 2026 concluded at the Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management (CIHM), Sector 42, with the Indian Culinary Institute (ICI) Noida emerging as the Overall Champion. Organised by CIHM in association with the US Highbush Blueberry Council, the prestigious competition witnessed participation from 17 teams representing leading hotel management institutes across seven North Indian states.
The closing and prize distribution ceremony was graced by Vivek Atray (Ex-IAS), eminent motivational speaker, who felicitated the winners in the presence of CIHM Principal Vishal Kalia. Addressing the budding chefs, Atray applauded their creativity, discipline and pursuit of excellence, urging them to continue innovating while maintaining the highest professional standards.
A key highlight of this year's competition was the mandatory use of USA Blueberries across all categories. Participants demonstrated remarkable versatility by incorporating blueberries in frozen, purée, fruit fillings, freeze-dried and dried formats, enhancing both flavour profiles and visual presentation. Category



Winners: Bread Competition: ICI Noida (1st), IHM Shimla (2nd), IHM Pusa (3rd)
Petit Fours: ICI Noida (1st), IHM Yamunanagar (2nd), IHM Pusa (3rd)
Plated Desserts: ICI Noida (1st), Chitkara University (2nd), IHM Kurukshetra (3rd)
Cake Competition: IHM Pusa (1st), Chandigarh University (2nd), ICI Noida (3rd)
Quiz Competition: IHM Pusa (1st), ICI Noida (2nd), Chandigarh University (3rd)
Fondant Modelling: IHM Shimla (1st), Chitkara University (2nd), CGC Landran (3rd)
In the overall championship standings, ICI Noida lifted the winner's trophy, followed by IHM Pusa in second place and IHM Shimla in third.
The competition was judged by a distinguished panel comprising Chef Ashian Topno (Regional Head – Pillsbury India), Chef Guru Prakash Singh (Lead Chef & Bakery Application Specialist), Chef Satya Prakash (Executive Chef, Holiday Inn Chandigarh – IHG), and Chef Sandeep Kanoujia (Pastry Chef, Hyatt Regency Chandigarh).

Axis Bank launches Gold Loan for MSMEs with high loan-to-value and same-day disbursement

CHANDIGARH : Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, launched its Gold Loan offering for MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises), a secured overdraft facility designed to help small businesses unlock liquidity against their existing gold assets with fast processing, flexibility, and minimal documentation. The product is available to individual entrepreneurs and sole proprietors, both existing and new-to-bank customers, and is live across 3300+ gold-loan-enabled branches.
Eligible customers can avail over the counter (OTC) disbursement on the same day, with funds credited directly to their bank account. Loan amounts range from Rs. 50,000 up to Rs. 1 crore, based on eligibility and internal policies. Documentation requirements are limited to KYC, Udyam Registration or Assist Certificate, and ITR or GST registration. The facility operates as an overdraft against gold jewellery, with borrowers required to service only the monthly interest.
The product offers a loan-to-value (LTV) of up to 82%, which is higher than typical industry offerings, while remaining fully compliant with regulatory guidelines. This enhanced LTV is backed by Axis Bank's robust risk management frameworks, disciplined customer segmentation, and stringent gold valuation and collateral monitoring processes. Together, these elements enable faster credit access while ensuring portfolio discipline.

Advances in Brain and Spine Surgery, Early Diagnosis and Safer Treatment Options

KANGRA: In one of a kind event, leading Neurosurgeons and spine specialists Dr. Amit Joshi & Dr. Amit Bhardwaj came together today to discuss the growing burden of brain and spine disorders and how rapid advancements in surgical techniques are transforming patient outcomes. The expert-led interaction focused on early symptom recognition, evolving treatment options, and the shift from traditional open surgeries to minimally invasive and technology-enabled procedures.
Opening the medical session, experts highlighted the importance of recognizing early warning signs of brain and spine conditions such as persistent back pain, weakness, numbness, imbalance, chronic headaches, and changes in speech or vision. Early consultation and timely diagnosis, they emphasized, can significantly improve treatment success and quality of life. The panel discussed a wide range of treatment options available today, including conservative management, minimally invasive spine surgery, and advanced brain surgery techniques. Specialists explained that treatment decisions are highly individualized and depend on the patient's condition, overall health, and disease severity.



Speaking on the evolution of spine surgery, the experts noted a clear shift from traditional open procedures to minimally invasive approaches that reduce tissue damage, blood loss, hospital stay, and recovery time. The integration of advanced imaging and navigation technologies has further enhanced surgical precision and safety.
Addressing advancements in brain surgery, the speakers highlighted how navigation-guided and endoscopic techniques allow surgeons to operate with greater accuracy while minimizing risk to critical brain structures. These innovations have contributed to improved outcomes, faster recovery, and better overall patient experience.

Official Mozambique e-Visa platform goes live for travellers from 183 countries, including India



CHANDIGARH --As Mozambique opens its doors to the world, the new digitally enabled e-Visa system forms part of the Government of Mozambique's broader digital transformation and border modernisation agenda, aimed at improving efficiency, transparency and traveller convenience in supporting increased tourism and investment flows into the country. Powered by VFS Global- the global leader in trusted technology services, empowering secure mobility for governments and citizens, the modernised digital platform introduces advanced automation, secure data processing and cloud-based infrastructure, enabling travellers from 183 countries worldwide, including India, to apply online for Mozambique visas through a secure, fully integrated e-Visa solution that manages non-judgmental and administrative aspects of visa applications.
The solution covers multiple categories of VISA and ETA, including Tourist, Business, Crew Transhipment, Sports and Culture, Humanitarian Assistance, Oil and Gas, with stay durations ranging from short-term visas to long-term visas of up to two years, all through a single, unified system. Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Jiten Vyas, Chief Commercial Officer of VFS Global, said, "We are privileged to partner with the Government of Mozambique on this important digital transformation initiative, which reflects a shared commitment to facilitating secure and efficient global mobility. The newly upgraded platform integrates modern digital capabilities, representing an important digital gateway for travellers, businesses and investors.

ICSI Chandigarh Chapter Celebrates 49th Foundation Day



CHANDIGARH:The Chandigarh Chapter of the Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) celebrated its 49th Foundation Day at Hotel Turquoise, Chandigarh, formally ushering in its prestigious Golden Jubilee Year. Marking the milestone, the Chapter organised an insightful seminar on "Union Budget 2026: Corporate Governance, Regulatory Reforms and Business Impact." The session provided a comprehensive overview of key policy measures and reform initiatives announced in the Union Budget 2026, along with their implications for the corporate sector. The deliberations underscored the evolving role of Company Secretaries in ensuring compliance, strengthening governance frameworks, and promoting sustainable business practices. Jasmanpreet Singh, Deputy Mayor, Chandigarh, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he appreciated the significant contribution of Company Secretaries in strengthening corporate governance, promoting ethical business conduct, and facilitating effective implementation of regulatory reforms envisioned under the Union Budget 2026.
CS Suresh Kumar Pillay, Chairman of the Chandigarh Chapter.

The Truecaller Community Blocked Nearly 1,200 Crore Unwanted Calls in 2025

HISAR: Indians received more than 4,000 crore spam calls in 2025, reflecting the growing scale of fraud, disruption, and digital risk in everyday communication. In India, every phone call carries meaning - it can open doors to opportunity, deliver vital information, or even expose individuals to serious risk. As the country accelerates towards becoming a digitally empowered and globally competitive economy under the vision of Viksit Bharat, trust in communication has become a defining pillar of progress.
Truecaller's latest report shows that 1,189 crore of these unwanted calls were blocked before reaching users, helping millions avoid scams, wasted time, and unnecessary stress in an increasingly connected economy. With over 100 crore active phone connections in the country powering commerce, governance, and personal relationships, Truecaller today released its 2025 India Insights Report, offering a data-driven view of how spam and fraud are reshaping the nation's communication landscape and how technology is helping protect crores of people every day. The report captures how these decisions played out across 2025, revealing both the scale of digital risk and the growing importance of protection.

MRIIF to Incubate 25 Startups in 2026; Recognised as Private Incubator Under Haryana Startup Ecosystem

CHANDIGARH: Manav Rachna Innovation and Incubation Foundation (MRIIF) has achieved a major milestone with its recognition as a private incubator under the Haryana Startup Ecosystem, strengthening its role as a key driver of innovation and entrepreneurship in the state.
The recognition highlights growing confidence in MRIIF's capacity to nurture founders, refine ideas, and translate innovation into impactful, real-world solutions. Building on this development, MRIIF plans to incubate around 25 startups in 2026. Eligible ventures will be able to avail financial assistance of up to ₹10 lakh under the Startup Haryana Fund. The move aligns with the Haryana government's broader vision to foster a vibrant startup ecosystem by supporting emerging entrepreneurs and attracting ventures from neighbouring states to establish and scale their businesses in Haryana. The initiative further reinforces the state's position as a preferred destination for innovation-led enterprises. Dr. Prashant Bhalla, President, Manav Rachna Educational Institutions, said the recognition strengthens the institution's mission to empower aspiring entrepreneurs. "Our focus has always been on people rather than processes. Students and first-time founders need more than ideas — they need belief, mentorship, and a strong support system.



SUD Life, Antara Partner to Boost Senior Care Awareness in India

GURGAON: Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance (SUD Life), one of India's fastest-growing life insurers, has partnered with Antara Senior Care—India's only fully integrated senior care ecosystem—to enhance awareness and access to senior care services and financial solutions across the country. The collaboration aims to take an integrated approach to senior wellness and financial literacy, culminating in the launch of specialised financial products tailored for senior citizens.
According to the Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI) 2021 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, only 28% of senior citizens are aware of concessions, schemes or benefits available to them. Merely 18% have health insurance coverage, while 78% live without pension support. Nearly 70% of seniors remain dependent on family members for daily needs, underscoring the urgent need for greater awareness and structured support systems. The SUD Life–Antara partnership seeks to address these gaps.
Mr. Abhay Tewari, MD & CEO, Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance, said the initiative integrates financial security with holistic wellness. "We are delighted to partner with Antara to deliver a structured approach to senior citizen well-being. As longevity increases, integrated solutions that combine financial preparedness with healthcare awareness will be critical in helping individuals plan confidently for their later years," he said.
Ishaan Khanna, CEO, Antara Assisted Care Services, highlighted the importance of informed and proactive ageing. "Backed by the Max Group's legacy in healthcare and our experience in building one of India's most comprehensive senior care ecosystems, Antara is uniquely positioned to help families understand and plan for holistic senior wellness," he said.
As part of the partnership, SUD Life and Antara will roll out digital-first, information-rich engagement initiatives for customers and employees. Leveraging Antara's experience of serving over five lakh seniors through senior living residences, NABH-accredited Care Homes, and its direct-to-consumer wellness platform AGEasy, the collaboration will create awareness about evolving care needs across different stages of ageing.

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LG Electronics India Reports Q3 FY26 Results, Sustains Market Leadership; Plans Export Expansion

CHANDIGARH : LG Electronics India Limited (LGE India), one of India's leading consumer electronics brands, today announced its financial results for the third quarter of FY2026. The company reported revenue from operations of ₹41.14 billion in Q3 FY26, compared to ₹43.96 billion in the corresponding quarter of FY25. EBITDA margin for the quarter stood at 4.8%. Despite lower-than-expected post-festive demand, LGE India maintained its market leadership across key categories, including Home Appliances and Home Entertainment, underlining strong brand equity and sustained consumer trust.
Commenting on the performance, Mr. Hong Ju Jeon, Managing Director and Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, LG Electronics India, said the company retained its No. 1 position across major B2C segments despite a subdued quarter impacted by external factors. He highlighted that strong fundamentals, innovation focus, and long-term stability have positioned the company well for Q4, supported by positive market response to its new BEE-rated portfolio.
With summer approaching, LGE India plans to drive demand for compressor-based products through a two-track strategy—expanding both its premium offerings and the 'LG Essential' range targeted at first-time buyers. The company will also focus on scaling its high-margin AMC business and strengthening its B2B presence. Looking ahead, reduced US tariffs and the EU FTA are expected to boost export opportunities. LGE India aims to double exports in the next financial year, led by 'Make in India' premium products.

On World Unani Day, Discovery Channel Premieres 'Unani Ki Kahaani' Documentary Narrated by Actor Jim Sarbh



CHANDIGARH: Marking World Unani Day, Unani Ki Kahaani, a new documentary narrated by actor Jim Sarbh, is set to premiere today exclusively on the Discovery Channel at 7:00 PM. The film showcases Unani medicine not merely as a traditional system, but as a philosophy of health that continues to hold relevance in a modern world grappling with chronic illness, lifestyle disorders, and fragmented approaches to care. Produced in collaboration with Hamdard Laboratories, Unani Ki Kahaani traces the evolution of Unani medicine, from its origins in ancient Greece to its development and practice on Indian soil. Through this journey, the documentary raises fundamental questions: What does it really mean to be healthy? Why are symptoms being managed but not cured? At its core, the film explores Unani's foundational belief in the balance of body, mind, spirit, and environment rather than viewing disease in isolation. The documentary also reflects on moments such as the COVID-19 pandemic, when India looked not only towards modern medicine, but also inward, towards its own long-standing systems of care and preventive wisdom.
Jim Sarbh's narration lends a contemporary tone to the storytelling, guiding viewers through complex ideas with curiosity, and allowing the subject to unfold with clarity and depth.

World's Second LinkedIn Experience Zone inaugurated at Chitkara University



CHANDIGARH: In a landmark moment for higher education in India, Chitkara University inaugurated the world's second LinkedIn Experience Zone, setting a new benchmark in industry–academia collaboration and AI-powered career readiness. The Experience Zone was inaugurated in the distinguished presence of Ms. Saba Karim, Head of Education, LinkedIn India, and Ms. Vibha Adlakha, Head of Customer Success and talent solutions, India & Japan, alongside the leadership of Chitkara University.
Conceptualised as an AI-enabled, immersive, role-play driven hub, the LinkedIn Experience Zone transforms campus learning into real-world career preparation. The space empowers students to build compelling professional identities, strengthen networking capabilities, and engage confidently with global career opportunities. Through interactive simulations and LinkedIn's advanced AI tools, students gain hands-on exposure to interview preparation, personal branding, and strategic career development. A special highlight of the ceremony was the felicitation of LinkedIn Campus Ambassadors, recognised for championing digital professionalism and cultivating a culture of career excellence across the University. Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. Madhu Chitkara, Pro-Chancellor, Chitkara University, said: "The inauguration of the LinkedIn Experience Zone is a significant step in our journey of redefining career preparedness in higher education.

Fortis Ludhiana Launches 'Sarpanch Suvidha Health Card' to Boost Grassroots Healthcare Access

LUDHIANA: Fortis Hospital, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana, has launched the 'Sarpanch Suvidha Health Card' in a bid to strengthen healthcare access for grassroots leaders. The initiative was unveiled during a special meet at the hospital, attended by around 200 sarpanches from across the region. The programme received support from Cabinet Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian, who holds the portfolios of Revenue, Rehabilitation & Disaster Management, Water Supply & Sanitation, and Housing & Urban Development in the Punjab Government.
The newly introduced health card is designed to provide structured and enhanced medical benefits to sarpanches and their immediate family members, ensuring easier access to comprehensive healthcare services. The initiative also promotes preventive health check-ups and early diagnosis, encouraging community leaders to prioritise their well-being.



The launch event saw active participation from Panchayat representatives and underscored the importance of equipping grassroots leadership with reliable and timely healthcare support. As part of the rollout, Fortis Hospital organised a free medical camp offering comprehensive health screenings for attendees. Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian also underwent a medical check-up during the camp and urged community leaders to adopt routine health assessments. He emphasised that preventive care and early detection are crucial for improving long-term health outcomes and building healthier communities.

Godrej Agrovet Marked World Pulses Day with Focused Farmer Outreach

HISAR : Pulses play a critical role in India's nutritional security, soil health, and rural livelihoods. However, pulse farmers continue to face productivity challenges due to climatic conditions, fragmented landholdings, persistent pest and disease pressures, and limited access to quality seeds, underscoring the need for stronger on-ground support.
To address these challenges, on World Pulses Day, Godrej Agrovet Limited's Crop Protection Business undertook a farmer outreach initiative, aimed at reaching over five lakh pulse farmers. The initiative conducted structured training programmes on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), focusing on enabling informed decision-making at the farm level to support sustainable pulse cultivation. The training sessions covered key pulse crops such as red gram, chana, and green gram, addressing crop-specific agronomic challenges observed across geographies. Farmers were engaged on practical aspects including the influence of soil and weather conditions on crop performance, fundamentals of crop physiology, recommended farming practices, and management of major pest challenges commonly faced during the season. Commenting on the initiative, Rajavelu NK, CEO – Crop Protection Business, Godrej Agrovet Limited, said: "Improving pulse productivity requires timely access to agronomic knowledge at scale. Strengthening farmers' understanding of soil quality, crop physiology, and pest dynamics.

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11-Foot Ice Shivalinga to Mark Mahashivratri Celebrations in Nayagaon

NAYAGAON, (JK BATTA): Mahashivratri will be celebrated with great devotion and grandeur in Nayagaon on February 15, with elaborate preparations underway across local temples. A major highlight this year will be an 11-foot Shivalinga made of ice, set to become the centre of attraction for devotees. Rajkumar Fauji, head of the ancient Panchmukhi Shiva Temple located in the main market of Nayagaon, shared details of the celebrations. A mehndi ceremony will be organised on February 13, followed by a havan on February 14. Later that day, a grand procession of Bhole Baba, accompanied by band music, will be taken out around 2:00 pm in the area. On February 15, the auspicious day of Mahashivratri, the temple doors will open for devotees at 4:00 am, after which the ritual offering of water (jalabhishek) will commence.



NEWS BRIEF

Medical college at Sri Mastuana Sahib tender process underway to start work

SUMER GARG

SANGRUR: A meeting regarding the construction of a medical college was held at Gurdwara Sri Mastuana Sahib with the Sangharsh Committee Mastuana Sahib, in the presence of the director, medical education and research department, Dr. Avnish Kumar; additional deputy commissioner (rural development), Sukhchain Singh; Nodal Officer, Sant Attar Singh State Institute of Medical Sciences, Sangrur, Dr. Vishal Chopra; Sub-Divisional Engineer, public works department (buildings and maintenance), Sangrur; and various doctors associated with Sant Attar Singh state institute of medical sciences, Sangrur.

During the meeting, the director of medical education and research informed that the Punjab Government has approved the proposal to construct a medical college on approximately 28 acres of land located along the Sangrur–Bathinda Highway, opposite Gurdwara Sri Mastuana Sahib in village Bahadurpur. In addition, on about 9 acres of land in village Changal, a Homeopathic Hospital, a Rural Health Training Centre (30-bed hospital), and hostels for doctors' accommodation will be constructed. It was further stated that the construction of the boundary wall on the 9-acre land in village Changal by the Public Works Department is currently in progress. The tender process for the medical college-related works is also underway, and the construction work is expected to begin by around August 2026.

Punjab Sakhi Shakti Melas to boost women's economic empowerment: Sond



BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA

FATEHGARH SAHIB: Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond said that the Punjab Sakhi Shakti Melas are set to become a major step towards strengthening women's economic empowerment across the state.

Addressing the gathering at the Punjab Sakhi Shakti Mela held at Aam Khas Bagh, the minister said that Sakhi Shakti Melas are being organised in every district to provide a strong, government-supported platform to women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and women entrepreneurs. The initiative aims to create enhanced employment and self-employment opportunities for women.

Sond highlighted that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the budget for organising such melas has been significantly increased from ₹5 crore to ₹70 crore. He noted that earlier governments did not give adequate attention to promoting Punjab's rich heritage, culture, and grassroots entrepreneurship.

He informed that the melas are being organised by the Punjab State Rural Livelihood Mission under the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, in collaboration with the Department of Industries and Commerce.

Emphasising women's empowerment, the minister said that while legal rights, education, equal employment opportunities, and government schemes are strengthening women, a transformation in societal mindset is equally crucial. He stressed the need for strict monitoring and awareness to curb issues such as domestic violence, gender discrimination, and insecurity. "A just and progressive society can only be built when women are given equal rights and opportunities, and their dignity and safety are ensured," he said.

Through Interpol's silver notice, the property of gangsters living abroad will be seized : Yadav



SUMER GARG

SANGRUR: Director of the Bureau of Investigation, Mr. LK Yadav (IPS), today visited Sangrur district under Operation Prahar-2 and took stock of the checkpoints set up by the district police. On this occasion, he said that under the leadership of SSP Sangrur, Mr. Sartaj Singh Chahal, as per the orders of Chief Minister Punjab, Bhagwant Singh Mann and Director General of Police, Gaurav Yadav, campaigns have been launched to break the network of gangsters, drug traffickers and extortionists. According to which, under the 'War on Gangsters' and 'War on Drugs and Village Guards' campaign, many bad elements have been dealt with according to the law and strict action is being taken against such bad elements in the future as per the law, so that Punjab can be made Rangla Punjab.

Mr. Yadav said that on February 9, 2026, a special campaign was launched for the next 72 hours regarding "Operation Prahar-2" in the Gangster Te War series. Under "Operation Prahar-02" from 9th February 2026 to today 11th February 2026 SP (Inv), Davinder Attri; SP (PBI) Navreet Singh Virk and under the supervision of SP, Rajesh Chhibbar, raids were conducted at a total of 301 places by forming teams of DSP, SHOs, in-charge CIA and in-charge checkpoints, out of which 148 wanted criminals were arrested, more than 200 military actions were taken. About 800 suspects were verified, 06 fugitive POs were arrested in various cases.

CCS hosts grand finale of Savitribai Phule Speaking Bee 2026 in New Delhi

NEW DELHI: The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) organised the grand finale of the Savitribai Phule Speaking Bee (SPSB) Competition 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, under its Language Learning Lab initiative launched in 2023. The event saw enthusiastic participation from over 100 students of Grades 1 to 8 representing schools from Delhi, Chandigarh, and Uttar Pradesh. Designed as an inter-school, grade-wise platform, the competition aimed to move students beyond rote learning and enable them to articulate their ideas with clarity and confidence, nurturing effective public speaking skills at an early age.

The competition featured diverse formats



tailored to different age groups. Students from Grades 1–3 participated in storytelling sessions, Grades 4–5 competed in declamation, while students from Classes 6–8 took part in a newsroom challenge format. Topics centred around education, livelihoods, and civics, encouraging students to engage with real-world issues through structured expression. Participants displayed remarkable confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm throughout the event and expressed joy at being part of the platform.

The performances were evaluated by a five-member jury comprising experts from varied educational backgrounds. The programme witnessed the presence of school directors and teachers from 14 participating institutions, reflecting strong institutional support and engagement.

Massive rally in Ludhiana bus stand in nationwide general strike, routes suffers

SHARMA

LUDHIANA : After the strike in the institutions of Ludhiana today, a rally was held at the bus stand, in which INTUK-CITU-ACTU-CTU Punjab, SKM and other mass democratic organizations and independent federations participated. Addressing the rally, the leaders said that the labour codes have been brought without following the legal process, without consulting the stakeholders, and without convening the Indian Labour Conference—in violation of the international labour standards to which India is a signatory as a country, the Developed India-Guarantee for Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural) Act 2025 should be repealed and the MGNREGA Act should be re-implemented with its shortcomings removed, the draft Seed Bill and the Electricity Amendment Bill should be withdrawn, the draft 'Shram Shakti Niti-2025' has been issued without consulting the stakeholders, which aims to implement four labour codes, reduce the role of trade unions, portray wages as a 'religion' instead of a right, and change the regulatory role of the government into a vague 'employment facilitator'—which weakens the collective struggle. This strike directly effected the pesssangers as many buses did not plied today on their regular routes.



COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF
Ms. Mehak Puri
Judicial Magistrate - 1st Class, Batala

PHF Leasing Ltd
Vs.
Mohd Hussain

CNR No. PBGDA1-004527-2023
Next Date:- 24-02-2026

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:
Mohd Hussain s/o Mohd Khan
R/o Near GPS, Basholi, Ward No.4, Kathua, Bhoond Basohli, District Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir-184201, Mobile-9149409395

In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 24-02-2026 at 10.00 a.m.
For details logon to
https://www.highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Gurdaspur

Judicial Magistrate - 1st Class Batala
Dated, this day of 06-01-2026

COURT NOTICE
(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
IN THE COURT OF
Sh. Amrish Kumar
Additional District and Session Judge-8, Patiala

NAIB SINGH
Vs.
GURSEWAK SINGH

CNR No. PBPT1-010500-2025
Next Date:- 26-02-2026

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Son : :- GIAN SINGH
R/O VILLAGE KOTLA TEHSIL RAJPURA DISTRICT PATIALA

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 26-02-2026 at 10.00 a.m.
For details logon to
https://www.highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=patiala

Additional District and Session Judge-8, Patiala
Dated, this day of 27-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rahul Dhiman, Punjab National Bank, Mamoon Branch, Pathankot do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:- 1.That I am posted as stated above. 2.That Komal W/O Sanjay and Raghav Khanna S/O Sanjay Khanna R/O H.No. 44 Corporation Office, Pathankot 145001 are going to avail of a home loan facility from our bank by equitable mortgage the Property / Plot measuring4.50Marlasituated in the revenue village Lamoen H.B. No. 342 Tehsil and District Pathankot. 3.That the owner of the property Komal W/O Sanjay and Raghav Khanna S/O Sanjay Khanna have disclosed that in chain of this property previous sale deed dated10.11.2014Registered vide document no. 3952, unfavour of Suman W/O Ashok Kumar and sale deed dated 18.10.2021 registered vide document number 2021-22441/14658, in favor of Mahi Sharma D/O Raj Kumar were lost by Mahi Sharma D/O Raj Kumar and a lost Report bearing LIR no. 680687/2026in Police Station, PSOC Div No. 1 Pathankothas been lodged by her. That in respect of the above said Property, now Punjab National Bank, B/O Mamoon, Distt. Pathankot is going to allow a home Loan facilty to Komal W/O Sanjay and Raghav Khanna S/O Sanjay Khannaagainst equitable mortgage of the said property. If any person has any objection or interest regardingequitable mortgage of above said property or are having any claim / know ledge of the above said document alleged to have been lost, he /she may approach and file objections within 7 days before the Branch Manager PNB, B/O Mamoon, Distt. Pathankot. Thereafter, the Bank will allow Loan facilty against equitable mortgage of said Property considering the above said previous sale deeds mentioned above to be lost and not deposited with any bank, private agency or person as security and thereafter, the Bank will not entertain any claim / objection in this regard in respect of above said Property by any other person, later on.

Sd/- Rahul Dhiman (Branch Manager)
Punjab National Bank, B/O Mamoon, Distt. Pathankot
Place:Pathankot Date: 12.02.2026

GOBOULT Expands Mustang Partnership as It Targets ₹3,000 Crore Revenue by FY27-28

CHANDIGARH : GOBOULT, one of India's fastest-growing wearables and audio brands, has announced a multi-year growth strategy focused on premiumisation, profitability, and long-term brand strength. After closing FY25 with revenues of roughly 800 crore, the company is now growing toward 3,000 crore by FY27 - FY28. The strategy marks a shift away from discount-driven expansion toward a more focused and continually growing premium product portfolio.A key driver of the company's momentum has been a long-term partnership with Mustang, which has evolved into a core pillar of the company's premiumisation strategy. Now entering its third year, the partnership has expanded beyond audio into a broader ecosystem spanning wearables and audio. GOBOULT is the only Indian company to incorporate a global automotive performance icon like Mustang into an audio and wearable ecosystem. The partnership has influenced design decisions, material choices, and product experience rather than serving as a logo-led association. As part of this series expansion, GOBOULT today announced the launch of a new Mustang-led range comprising three smartwatches, Stallion, Racer, and Muscle, along with the Mustang Sprint TWS.The Mustang series marks an extension of GOBOULT's premium offerings and shows a clear signal of how the company is shaping its product roadmap. The portfolio has also gained steady traction, with Mustang-led products expected to scale from approximately ₹2 crore to ₹12 crore over the next phase.Varun Gupta, Co-founder, GOBOULT, said, "We are building toward a ₹3,000 crore wearables and audio business by FY27 / FY28 after closing FY25 at roughly ₹800 crore. What sets this next phase apart is how we're doing it. We are the first Indian wearables brand to build a deep, design-led partnership with a global automotive performance icon like Mustang. This experience and ecosystem is thoughtfully designed to reflect the DNA of a Mustang, with the intent to bring the confidence and character associated with Mustang into the everyday lives of consumers."Tarun Gupta, Co-founder, GOBOULT, said, "At this stage of our journey, we're focused on creating products that people genuinely aspire to own. As premium and mid-premium products become a larger part of our portfolio, the Mustang collection reflects the standard we're setting for ourselves and the industry.

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED
Head Office - Jaipur

Public Notice for shifting of Premises.

Our Malout Asset Center branch, which is presently functioning at Main GT Road, Distt Muktsar, Malout, Punjab - 152107, will be shifted to the following address with effect from 16th March 2026

New Address
AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED
Ground Floor, Kamra Complex, Near Aarti Sweets, GT. Road, Malout, Punjab - 152107

Place: Malout, Punjab
Date: 13th February 2026
Branch Manager Punjab

Government of Punjab
Tender reference no:- e tender-notice no. 103/TIC dt- 11/02/2026

The Department of:	Municipal Corporation Mohali, S.A.S Nagar Invites Bid for 01 Works
Closing Date and Time:	Closing Date of Submission of bidding document: 27-02-2026 time up to 16:30. Pre-Bid meeting - 19-02-2026 at 11:00 in the office of Corporation Engineer. Opening date and time of Tender: 02-03-2026 at 10:00
For detail log onto:	http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note:	Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Corporation Engineer, Municipal Corporation, S.A.S Nagar
DPR-PR-Advt. No :- 1771/1/2025-2/8248

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-AUCTION NOTICE

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt. for and on behalf of President of India invites bids through E-Auction on IREPS website for allotment of contracts at Railway Stations of Ambala Division of Northern Railway.

Sl. No.	Auction Catalogue No.	Description	Lot Start Date/Time
1.	UMB-Prkg-07-26	Allotment of Comprehensive Parking Lot of total area 955.75 Sq. mtr. in Circulating Area of Malout Railway Station	14.02.2026 12:00:00
2.	UMB-Prkg-08-26	As per site plan, Comprehensive Parking Lot of Area 515.10 sqm. for Two Wheelers, Three Wheelers and Four Wheelers at Jagadhari Workshop Railway Station.	18.02.2026 12:00:00
		Comprehensive parking lot of total area 2160.57 sqm. at Abohar Railway Station.	
3.	UMB-Mix-08-2026	As per site plan, Comprehensive Parking Lot having area 507 sqm. in circulating area near Station Building and a two wheeler parking lot of total area 386.82 sqm. at 2nd Entry of Rampura Phul (PUL) Railway Station.	23.02.2026 15:00:00
		Comprehensive Parking Lot having area 1894.20 sqm. near GRP quarter at location 2nd Entry of Bathinda Railway Station. (As per Site Plan).	
		Comprehensive parking lot of total area 1133 Sqm. near T-2 Colony Park at Saharanpur.	
		Allotment of Comprehensive parking Lot at Circulating area in Malerkotla Railway Station covering total area 1757.128 Sq.m. (As per Site Plan).	
		Comprehensive Parking Lot having area 344.40 sqm. in circulating area of Tapa Railway Station. (As per Site Plan).	

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS

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

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time limit	Cost of Tender form	Start date for downloading	Deadline for submission of bids
1	Construction of Sub Tehsil Building at Darini, Distt. Kangra Himachal Pradesh. (SH:- Construction of Building Portion including Water Supply & Sanitary Installation, Rain water Harvesting System etcetera)	91,55,528/-	1,83,500/-	Twelve Months	2000/-	14-02-2026	22-02-2026

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender form the Departmental website www.hptender.gov.in
The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reason thereof.
Date of technical opening bid is on 22-02-2026 at 11:30AM.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

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

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L&T Finance Limited
(Erstwhile, L&T Finance Holdings Limited)
Registered Office: L&T Finance Limited, Brindavan Building Plot No. 177, Kalina, CST Road, Near Mercedes Showroom Santacruz (East), Mumbai 400 098
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Branch office: Chandigarh

L&T Finance

PUBLIC AUCTION FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

The Authorised Officer of L&T Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 [54 OF 2002] and in exercise of powers conferred under the said Act is auctioning the following property on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** by way of **"PUBLIC AUCTION"** for recovery of its dues and further interest, charges and costs etc.

Name of Borrower and Co-Borrower	Secured Property Address	Loan Account Number(s)	Physical Possession Taken	Earnest Money Deposit 10% or more of RP (in ₹)	Secured Debt	Reserve Price (in ₹)	Date of Inspection	Date and Time of Auction
1. Anju Garg 2. Ashwani Kumar	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Address: A House Property (House No. 7466/15a) Measuring 122.16 Sq.yds Bearing M.C No. B-XXXIV- 7486/15A/1/B (As Per TS Form-I 2014-15) Comprised In Khasra No.4//23 Khatta No.98/103 As Per Jamabandi For Year 2001-02 Situated At Village Haibowal Kalan H.b No 102, Abaddi Knowm As Naveen Nagar (Near Churdpur Road) Teh & Distt. Ludhiana. Boundaries As Per Sale Deed As Under: East: Vacant Plot Adm.55; West: Vacant Plot Adm.20; North: Other Owner Adm 55; South: Street 20' Wide Adm.20	H14318240 921023414 & H14318240 921024546	28th August 2025	Rs. 4,68,939.30/-	As per Demand Notice dated 06-04-2024, Total outstanding of Rs. 58,82,318.57/- as on date 01/04/2024	Rs. 46,89,393/-	On all working day from 10.00 A.M to 5.30 P.M with prior appointment.	20/03/2026 from 12:30 P.M. to 2.00 P.M

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PUBLIC AUCTION

1. The E-auction Sale is being conducted online by the Authorised Officer through the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/ under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and through public e-E-auction mode.
2. The public E-auction will be conducted on the date and time mentioned herein above, when the secured asset/s mentioned above will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS & "AS IS WHAT IT IS" CONDITION.**
3. For participating in the public E-auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit the details of payment of refundable Earnest Money Deposit of 10 % of the reserve price of the secured assets along with copies of the PANCARD, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof on or before **19/03/2026.**
4. The EMD of all other bidders who did not succeed in the public E-auction will be refunded by LTF within 7 days of the closure of the public E-auction. The EMD will not carry any interest.
5. The successful purchaser/bidder shall deposit the 25 % (inclusive of EMD) of his/its offer by way of by way of D.D./P. O favoring "L&T Finance Limited" payable at Mumbai on or before 18:00 hours on **20/03/2026** i.e., day of e-auction or on the next working day i.e., **21/03/2026,** which deposit will have to confirmed by L&T Finance Limited, failing which the sale will be deemed have been failed and the EMD of the said successful bidder shall be forfeited. The balance amount i.e.,75% of purchase price payable shall be paid by the purchaser to L&T Finance Limited on or before the fifteenth day of confirmation of sale of immovable property or such extended period as per provisions of law.
6. For inspection of property or more information, the prospective bidders may contact the authorised officer i.e. **Name – Mr. Vikas Singh, Contact No. 8669189048 & Mr. Satheesha R, Contact No. 9738141146, L&T Finance Ltd, Brindavan, Plot no. 177, CST Road, Kalina, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400 098, Maharashtra, India, Contact No. 0222-68076666.** At any stage of the E-auction, the Authorised Officer may accept/reject/modify/cancel the bid/offer or post-pone the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof and without any prior notice.
7. The successful purchaser/bidder shall bear any statutory dues, taxes, fees payable, stamp duty, registration fees, etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed/delivered in his/her/its favour as per the applicable law.
8. The Borrower/Guarantors, who are liable for the said outstanding dues, shall treat this Sale Notice as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, about the holding of above-mentioned public E-auction sale.
9. The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) are hereby called up on to pay the entire loan outstanding dues as mentioned above before the said E-auction date failing which the L&T Finance Ltd shall sale the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT,2002.
10. The Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) /public at large are hereby restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise with the secured assets referred to in the notice without prior written consent of L&T Finance Limited.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For L&T Finance Limited

Date: 13.02.2026
Place: Chandigarh

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Singer Anuradha Paudwal backs AR Rahman



Veteran singer Anuradha Paudwal has weighed in on the recent controversy surrounding music composer AR Rahman's alleged "communal" remark, calling the latter a "saintly person."Speaking to ANI, Anuradha Paudwal backed the Oscar-winning composer. She shared, "From what I know of AR Rahman is through his music. I have never met him personally, but his music tells that he is a very saintly person."In response to media reports about Rahman's communal comments, Paudwal highlighted how media questions are tweaked in a manner to evoke provocative answers.

"I have been in the industry, and I have seen that when any artist, not only AR Rahman, but when any artist sits for an interview, the interviewer usually likes to frame questions in such a way to incite their desired response. The media, the channels, they don't like straight interviews. Because they want something else," she said. The 'Nazar Ke Samne' singer maintained that Rahman has delivered countless tracks to the music industry. "AR Rahman has given us the greatest of numbers, and he is beyond all this. He has achieved so much. He is not at that stage where anybody can influence his career. That's what I feel as a senior artist, he has done wonders with his songs. There is no meaning in it," she added. Paudwal's reaction came in the wake of the controversy that erupted after Rahman, in an interview with BBC Asian Network, said that work from the Hindi film industry had slowed down for him in recent years and linked this to changes in the industry over the past eight years. After that interview, reactions came from both fans and distinguished personalities, including the likes of Kangana Ranaut, Paresh Rawal, Ranvir Shorey, Subhash Ghai, and Shobhaa De among others.

Netflix brings 'Stranger Things: The First Shadow' to screens



The Broadway production of 'Stranger Things: The First Shadow' is set to make its way to Netflix, according to Variety. The streaming platform is filming the stage play this week for a future release, bringing the theatrical expansion of the 'Stranger Things' universe to audiences worldwide.

The filmed version will capture the show's original Broadway company in its current run. To facilitate filming, producers Netflix and Sonia Friedman Productions cancelled performances from February 10 to February 14. Regular performances will resume on February 15. A release date for the recorded version has not yet been announced, as per Variety.

The Broadway cast is led by Tony nominee Louis McCartney, who reprises his role as Henry Creel after originating the character in London's West End production. A new ensemble is scheduled to take over in late March, with Victor de Paula Rocha stepping into the role of Henry Creel.

He will be joined by Ayana Cymone as Patty Newby, Shea Grant as Joyce Maldonado, Juan Carlos as Bob Newby and Matthew Erick White as James Hopper Jr, according to Variety.

'Stranger Things: The First Shadow' opened at the Marquis Theatre on April 22, 2025, following its West End debut in December 2023. Written by Kate Trefry and based on an original story by the Duffer Brothers, Jack Thorne and Trefry, the play serves as a standalone prequel rooted in the mythology of the hit Netflix series.

Set in Hawkins in 1959, the story follows teenage Henry Creel as his family moves to town seeking a new beginning. As mysterious events unfold, Henry begins to confront the unsettling possibility that he may be linked to the growing darkness around him.

The production delves into the early lives of familiar characters while establishing connections to the television series, including its upcoming fifth and final season. Directed by Stephen Daldry and co-directed by Justin Martin, the large-scale production features a 34-member cast and elaborate stagecraft that combines practical effects with cinematic techniques. The Duffer Brothers are creative producers, and Shawn Levy's 21 Laps Entertainment serves as associate producer. Netflix previously chronicled the making of the stage show in the documentary Behind the Curtain: 'Stranger Things: The First Shadow', which was released in April 2025, reported Variety.

Jim Curtis shares romantic birthday tribute to Aniston

Jennifer Aniston marked her 57th birthday with a public display of affection from boyfriend Jim Curtis, who shared a romantic tribute to the actor on Instagram early Thursday morning.Curtis' post featured two intimate photographs of the couple, underscoring their romantic relationship. The main image, captured in black and white, shows Aniston and Curtis sharing a passionate kiss as they lean over a floral arrangement. Aniston is seen wearing a dark sleeveless top paired with a long necklace.The second photograph offers a lighter moment, the pair laughing arm-in-arm while relaxing on the deck of a boat.Keeping his message brief and affectionate, Curtis captioned the post, "HBD MY [love]".



The birthday tribute serves as a continued public confirmation of the couple's romance, which first sparked attention in July 2025 when they were spotted together on a trip to Spain. Aniston later made the relationship Instagram official in November 2025 on the occasion of Curtis' 50th birthday.On November 2, 2025, the 'Friends' star shared a black-and-white photograph of the couple, in which she is seen wrapping her arms around Curtis from behind as he smiles at the camera."Happy birthday, my love," she wrote at the time, adding, "Cherished." The post was met with an outpouring of support from fans, many expressing happiness at seeing the actor in a new relationship. Since first being linked, Aniston and Curtis have made several public appearances together. They attended 'The Morning Show' season 4 premiere in September and were also seen at a dinner with Aniston's longtime friend Jason Bateman and his wife, Amanda Anka, in August.Curtis, a hypnotherapist, wellness expert, and author, has worked in the health and wellness space for over two decades.He is also set to release an upcoming book titled 'The Book of Possibility'.In a late January 2026 appearance on the 'Today' show, Curtis described his relationship with Aniston as a "slow build" that developed over nearly a year after they were introduced by mutual friends.

Romance is in the air! COLORS' actors share their Valentine's Day plans











CHANDIGARH: Aishwarya Khare essaying the role of Aarambhi in COLORS' 'Dr. Aarambhi' shares, "Valentine's Day, for me, is about celebrating love in all its forms not just romantic love, but also the support we receive from family and close friends. With our hectic schedules, we often forget to pause and appreciate these bonds, so I like to make the day about chilling with loved ones. This year, it could be a cozy dinner with my family, devouring our favourite cuisine. The celebration of love takes on a new meaning as I bring the title role to life in Dr. Aarambhi. Qualified as a doctor, she's a super nurturing home-proud woman, whose love language is acts of service; but sadly her professional potential is seen as threat, leading to everyone in her marital home gaslighting her into believing that sacrifice is virtuous. This Valentine's Day, I'm rooting for women like Aarambhi, who've had to heal on their way to self-love. Happy Valentine's Day!"

Karan Kundrra from COLORS' 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment' shares, "Although love should be a daily staple in everyone's life in an ideal world, it's nice to see people make a big deal of Valentine's Day. It's not just about romance, it's about appreciating those who stand by you, who make you laugh even on tough days, and who remind you what truly matters. Speaking of love, this year has been incredible because Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment gave me the chance to work alongside Tejasswi, even though we're on different teams competing against each other! There's something beautifully ironic about being rivals on the show while being partners in life. Here's wishing everyone love, laughter, and the warmth of those who matter most on this special day!"

Tejasswi Prakash from COLORS' 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment' shares, "I think it's beautiful that we have a day dedicated to celebrating love, the most sacred superpower in the world. It's what connects us, heals us, and gives us the strength to keep going. This year, celebrating Valentine's Day on Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment was such a chaotic joyride, Karan and I are on opposite teams, constantly competing and trying to outdo each other, yet there's so much love and laughter in every moment we share. I'm very excited for the audiences to witness the brilliance and blunders that were captured in the Valentine's Day special episode. The most endearing thing you can do for someone is to cook for them and I'm grateful that I get do it for the ardent fans of this show. May love conquer all this Valentine's Day and beyond!"

Syed Raza portraying the role of Nawab in COLORS' 'Tu Juliet Jatt Di' shares, "Valentine's Day is a beautiful reminder to appreciate the love and relationships that add meaning to our lives. For me, it's less about grand gestures and more about spending quality time with the people who matter. This year, I'll be celebrating the day on set with my Tu Juliet Jatt Di family, that has become such an important part of my journey. On the show, Nawab may come across as charming and carefree, but when it comes to love, he believes in expressing it wholeheartedly and standing by the ones he cares about – and that is something I relate to. Here's wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!"

Jasmeet Kaur playing the role of Heer in COLORS' 'Tu Juliet Jatt Di' shares, "Valentine's Day, for me, goes beyond romantic love, it is about celebrating the relationships that shape who we are. My forever Valentines have always been my parents. Their unconditional love and constant support have guided me through every phase of life, and they've always gone out of their way and means to give me core memories. They are also my biggest fans, who never miss an episode of Tu Juliet Jatt Di and tell me everything they loved about my performance as Heer. This Valentine's Day, I want to send my love to all the girlies bringing in Galentine's Day, making the occasion about uplifting one another."

Stay tuned to COLORS for more updates!

Offering oblations in the Aankhad Yagna changes the course of destiny: Mahant Praveen Chaudhary





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LUDHIANA: Thousands of male and female devotees, standing in long queues to offer oblations in the 243-hour Akhand Mahayagna on Thursday at Singla Enclave on Pakhowal Road, prayed for their wishes to be fulfilled. A yellow pandal at the Yagna site. Rows of yellow-clad devotees. Yellow flowers to be offered at the Mother's feet. The captivating sight of yellow-colored baskets and plates of offerings in their hands made it seem as if Mother Baglamukhi herself was present in the Baglamukhi Dham complex, blessing the devotees with the fulfillment of their every wish. Meanwhile, under the guidance of Mahant Praveen Chaudhary, the chief servant of Baglamukhi Dham, saints and eminent personalities from across the country offered their blessings amidst the chants of Maa Baglamukhi's praises that echoed at the Akhand Yagna site for twenty-four hours. Following the fulfillment of their wishes during last year's Akhand Yagna, devotees offered oblations and thanked the Mother of the Universe. A group of devotees from Madhya Pradesh blessed themselves by applying the sacred soil of Baglamukhi Dham to their foreheads. A Sankirtan Mandal enthralled the audience with hymns praising Maa Baglamukhi. School students, dressed in her favorite yellow attire, worshipped and received her blessings. Addressing devotees from across the country and abroad on the second day of the Akhand Yagna, Mahant Praveen Chaudhary said that Maa Baglamukhi's blessings are unattainable without luck. Offering oblations during the Aankhand Yagna in the Mother's court changes the course of fate and removes business obstacles. At the Yagna site, simply pronouncing the name of Maa Baglamukhi with the tongue purifies the mind. Listening to the holy water frees the body from diseases. Present on the occasion were Chief Sevadar Manpreet Chhatwal, Sevak Navanjot Chhatwal, Karna Shandilya, Sunil Mahajan, Raman Ghai, Jatinder Sood, Mohit Sood, Rana Ranjit Singh, Dinesh Ralli, Varun Jain, Prashottam Chaudhary, Bobby Makkad, Guneet Kheda, Gautam Sachdeva, Narendra Mahajan, Raj Sonlaki, Gaurav Kalia, Paramveer Singh, Arjun Hora, Chetan Tandon, Iqbal Singh, Varun Dutt, Ajay Jain, Rahul and others.



Mika Singh pledges Rs 11 Lakh to support Rajpal Yadav amid jail term

In a significant show of solidarity, singer Mika Singh has pledged Rs 11 lakh in financial assistance to actor Rajpal Yadav, who surrendered at Tihar Jail on February 5, 2026, to begin serving a six-month sentence in a series of cheque dishonour cases.Taking to Instagram, Mika shared a message addressed directly to the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' actor, expressing both financial and moral support during what he described as a difficult phase."I have one humble request please don't just post announcements. Let's make sure we actually contribute and make it happen," Mika wrote in his post.https://www.instagram.com/p/DUoBXsaEnjh/Alongside the message, the singer posted a follow-up video appeal urging members of the film fraternity to step forward with meaningful assistance. He emphasised the need for tangible and transparent financial aid rather than limiting support to social media announcements.Mika further stressed that the industry must organise properly to ensure that funds reach the right place and are utilised effectively. Actors Sonu Sood, Guru Randhawa and Gurmeet Choudhary have also publicly backed Rajpal Yadav, calling on others within the industry to step in during his time of need.Rajpal Yadav's imprisonment follows a Delhi High Court order after the actor failed to comply with a surrender deadline in connection with cheque dishonour cases. The Court had directed him to surrender before any further hearing could be held.The matter stems from repeated violations of undertakings regarding the payment of settlement amounts to the complainant company.During the hearing, Yadav's senior counsel submitted that the actor was prepared to deposit Rs 25 lakh immediately and that both parties had tentatively agreed on a repayment schedule for the remaining dues.However, the Court declined relief, noting that Yadav had already been directed to surrender on February 4, 2026.

Iconic category leader, Blenders Pride announces the launch of zenith black edition

HISAR : Blenders Pride, a leader in India's premium whisky segment, proudly announces the launch of the Blenders Pride Zenith Black Edition—a limited-edition expression that unites a bold black aesthetic with the iconic Blenders Pride blend to create a truly distinctive experience.Encased in a striking black design that signifies elevated luxury and distinction, the Zenith Black Edition is meticulously crafted for discerning whisky connoisseurs—for the One in a Million. With only one million bottles available, this edition is as rare as it is refined.In the world of luxury, black represents more than just a colour—it is an attitude, a statement of sophistication and power. Long associated with Blenders Pride, black now takes centre stage in an innovative design expression that redefines the codes of premium whisky. This is not simply new packaging; it is a bold expression of style for those who don't follow trends—they set them. Debashree Dasgupta, CMO, Pernod Ricard India, said, "Blenders Pride continues to redefine the benchmarks of premium whisky in India. The launch of the Zenith Black Edition marks the brand's most refined expression yet—an evolution that translates its enduring legacy into a bold new design language. This year, Blenders Pride brings its core values to life through an aesthetic that celebrates aspiration, distinction, and craftsmanship. Limited to one million bottles, the Zenith Black Edition is created for individuals who don't merely admire excellence—they embody it." Blenders Pride Zenith Black Edition is crafted for those who pursue the extraordinary—an elevated experience that blends uncompromising quality with the distinction of owning something truly exceptional.

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