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NEWS BRIEFS

GST mop-up grows 8.1 pc to over Rs 1.83 lakh cr in Feb

NEW DELHI: Gross GST collection increased 8.1 per cent to over Rs 1.83 lakh crore in February, led by higher growth in revenues from imports.
Gross domestic revenue rose 5.3 per cent to about Rs 1.36 lakh crore, while gross import revenue climbed 17.2 per cent to Rs 47,837 crore.
Total refunds were up 10.2 per cent at Rs 22,595 crore.

Fear grips families as contact with kin in Iran snaps after attacks by US, Israel

BARABANKI : A wave of anxiety gripped several families here as they struggled to contact their loved ones, including students and Islamic scholars, living in Qom in Iran, which is under attack from the US and Israel.
According to local sources, at least eight people from Barabanki are presently in Iran for religious studies.
Those in Iran, include Maulana Zafar Abbas alias Faizi, Maulana Abid Husain Kazmi, Maulana Ali Mehdi Rizvi, Maulana Syed Kashimi Rizvi Zaidpuri, Fatima Rabab, Mohammad Raza, Mohammad Kazim, Maulana Faiz Bakri of Jauras and Maulana Ali Mehdi.
Relatives said contact with some of them was established for a brief time, but was disrupted, heightening fears among families.
Maulana Abbas Mehdi Sadaf said his elder brother, Maulana Zafar Abbas Faizi, is pursuing studies in Qom.

FIR against nine social media handles for attempt to 'malign' Lathmar Holi in Mathura

MATHURA (UP): A case was registered against nine social media accounts for posting "old videos" to allegedly malign the reputation of Lathmar Holi, an official said on Sunday.
The annual festival is celebrated in the twin towns of Barsana and Nandgaon in Braj region, and lasts for over a week, ending a few days before the Holi festival.

Rijiju lays foundation stone of indoor stadia, ITI building in Chamba

SHIMLA: Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju laid the foundation stones for an Indoor Stadium and a Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) building at Bhanjraru in Chamba district on the second day of his visit to Himachal Pradesh.
The projects will be developed under the Prime Minister's Jan Vikas Karyakram at an estimated cost of Rs 7 crore for the stadium and Rs 9 crore for the ITI building.
Addressing a public gathering on Sunday, Rijiju said that understanding the challenges of hill regions requires direct engagement with the people living there.

Iran launches fresh retaliatory attacks after Khamenei killing

Israel renews strikes on Tehran

Middle East peace in limbo as war escalates

UNI
TEHRAN/NEW DELHI, MAR 1

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in a coordinated US-Israeli military strike on Tehran early Sunday, triggering Iranian retaliatory attacks on US bases in many countries, threatening destabilisation of the entire Middle East. Residents have reported hearing fresh explosions in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, and Manama today, as Iran continues to fire missiles at countries in the Middle East where US troops are stationed.

Ali Khamenei was killed in strikes that targeted areas in northern Tehran, including locations near his compound and offices. Multiple missiles hit areas close to the presidential palace and the Supreme Leader's residence.

Around 40 top security officials were also killed in strikes, along with Khamenei's daughter, son-in-law and grandson.

Iran's police intelligence chief Gholamreza Rezaian was also killed during the strikes, Iranian media reported. "General Gholamreza Rezaian, head of the national police intelligence, was killed following the enemy attacks," Iran's Fars news agency said.

The killings mark one of the most significant blows to Iran's leadership since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

In retaliation, Iran launched a new wave of missile and drone strikes on Sunday targeting US military bases in the region and Israel, state media said. Twenty-seven US bases in the region, as well as Israel's military headquarters and a Defence industries complex in Tel Aviv, were among the targets, Iranian state TV said.

The IRGC announced that in the fifth wave of Operation True Promise4 (Iran has named the Operation True Promise4) in the Indian Ocean, the MSP ship, which was carrying ammunition for American vessels, was hit by four drones at the Jebel Ali anchorage and was completely disabled with damage and explosions.

It said four ballistic missiles and 12 drones hit the American naval base in the Abdullah Mubarak area of Kuwait. All the infrastructure was destroyed, and a large number of American forces were killed and injured.

Also, the MST-class combat support ship, which was carrying fuel for American vessels in the Indian Ocean, was hit by Iranian Qadr 380 missiles. The IRGC Navy, along with the air force, "will keep the gates of hell open to enemy units," the IRGC said.

It said the American FP-132 radar, with a range of 5,000 kilometres and stationed in Qatar, equipped with unique technology used to intercept ballistic missiles, has been destroyed.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian vowed retaliation for the killing of Ali Khamenei, warning that those responsible would "regret it." "This great crime will never remain unanswered," his office said in a statement on Sunday.

Trump warned, saying "Iran just stated they are going to hit very hard today, harder than they have ever hit before. They better not do that. However, if they do, we will hit them with a force that has never been seen before."

The Middle East airspace has been severely disrupted. Iran, Israel, Iraq, the UAE, Bahrain, and Qatar have all indefinitely closed their airspace, causing massive flight diversions and groundings worldwide.



Shia Muslims across India mourn Khamenei's death

NEW DELHI: Large-scale mourning gatherings and protests erupted across the country following the death of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, with Shia communities taking to the streets to express grief and anger. All India Shia Council held a protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi against the killing of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, raising slogans against the US and Israel.Similar protests were also seen in Jammu and Kashmir, where men, women and children gathered outside and condemned the US and Israel attack. Protests were also held outside the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) headquarters in Srinagar The protests were peaceful, with participants carrying pictures of Khamenei and banners supporting Iran. Black flags, portraits of the Ayatollah, and traditional mourning chants (Nauha) were witnessed on the streets of Srinagar.Large numbers of people across the old Lucknow took to the streets in the Uttar Pradesh capital to protest as well.

Oil tanker attacked in Strait Of Hormuz, 15 Indian on board

Iran has attacked an oil tanker passing through the Strait of Hormuz near the coast of Oman, as it retaliates with all its might to avenge the US and Israel's assassination of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The Palau-flagged oil tanker was struck off Oman's Musandam Peninsula in an attack that followed drone strikes on the country's Duqm port. At least four were injured in the attack, said Oman's Maritime Security Centre (MSC). The Strait of Hormuz is a strategic route for global oil shipping, described as the world's most sensitive maritime chokepoint. The oil tanker, Skylight, was sailing with a 20-person crew, including 15 Indians and five Iranian citizens, according to the Oman MSC. The crew was evacuated after the attack that occurred five nautical miles from Khasab Port in Musandam.

Pakistan: 12 dead, 32 injured in protests near US Consulate in Karachi

KARACHI: At least twelve people died on Sunday after clashes between protesters and Pakistani law enforcement personnel near the US Consulate in Karachi, Dawn News reported, citing the executive director of Civil Hospital Karachi's (CHK) trauma centre.CHK's Dr Mohammad Sabir Memon told Dawn that nine men had died while 32 others were injured in the wake of protests near the consulate.Dawn reported citing a statement by Edhi that law enforcement personnel resorted to teargas shelling and baton-charge to control the situation.Earlier, police surgeon Dr Summaiya Syed told Dawn that six bodies were brought to CHK and stated that two injured policemen were among those brought to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) for treatment.The two policemen were injured by "hard and blunt instruments", while "two protesters with firearm injuries" were also brought to JPMC, the surgeon told Dawn.Sindh's Home Minister Ziaul Hassan Lanjar sought immediate details about the situation from Karachi Additional Inspector General of Police (AIG) Azad Khan, a statement from his office said, as per Dawn.



President Murmu to launch free pink mobility card for women in Delhi

NEW DELHI: The Delhi government will launch a Pink National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) on Monday, aimed at providing free bus travel to women in the national capital and enabling seamless access to multiple public transport systems through a single smart card.
The scheme will be formally launched by President Droupadi Murmu at a programme titled "Sashakt Nari, Samriddh Delhi" at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, according to a statement.
At the same event, the President will also formally launch a scheme to provide two free LPG cylinders annually to all ration card-holding families in Delhi on the occasions of Holi and Diwali.

CM Saini to present Hry budget today



CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, who also holds the finance portfolio, is set to present the state budget for the financial year 2026-27 on Monday in Assembly here. The budget is expected to be "future-capable" and "people-centric" focusing on technology, AI, agriculture, and infrastructure.
While this budget by Nayab Saini will reflect the continuation of central schemes, there will also be a special focus on artificial intelligence (AI), infrastructure development, natural farming, women's empowerment, and youth employment. Chief Minister Nayab Saini will present his government's budget on Monday at 12 noon sharp.
To transform this budget into a "Developed Haryana 2047" in line with the vision of "Developed India 2047," the Chief Minister has toured the entire state and gathered suggestions from all sections of society. The essence of this budget is a modern, technologically-enabled, and self-reliant Haryana. The government's focus will be on smart use of resources and increasing capital investment rather than increasing revenue.

17 persons killed in blast at explosives factory in Nagpur



NAGPUR: At least 17 persons were killed and 18 others injured in a blast at an explosives manufacturing factory in Maharashtra's Nagpur district on Sunday morning, police said.

The blast took place at the SBL Energy Limited factory, a mining and industrial explosives manufacturer, at Raulgaon in Katol tehsil, a senior police official said.

At least 17 persons were killed and 18 others suffered injuries, the police said.

A team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) reached the site to carry out the rescue operations.

Representatives of SBL Energy Limited told PTI that the incident occurred at the company's detonator packing unit between 7 am and 7.15 am.

Rescue operations were underway, a company official said, adding that they will release a statement soon.

The injured were shifted to a hospital in Nagpur immediately after the blast, the police said.

District Collector Vipin Itankar and Superintendent of Police Harrsh Podar were at the spot.

The incident comes a day after a blast at a cracker unit in Andhra Pradesh's Kakinada district claimed 21 lives.

Punjab will deliver 100 seats in 2027, marking beginning of end of BJP's authoritarian rule at Centre: Bhagwant Singh Mann

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI, MARCH 1:





At the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)'s mega public rally led by National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal at Jantar Mantar, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann declared that the recent court verdict marked a historic victory of truth in Indian politics and affirmed that AAP has emerged stronger as a national force. Launching a direct political challenge, Bhagwant Singh Mann asserted that Punjab will deliver 100 seats in 2027 to defeat as authoritarian rule, adding that the victory against such politics will begin from Punjab. "Where Punjab moves, the nation follows," he said, maintaining that 2027 will mark the beginning of change across the country and that Punjab has never bowed before authoritarianism.

Referring to the withholding of GST dues and the non-release of the 1,600 crore flood relief announced for Punjab, he said injustice will be answered through a resounding democratic mandate. He underlined that authoritarian politics cannot suppress Punjab and that from here will begin the march toward national victory, reiterating that this is not a fight for any one individual but a larger battle to safeguard the Constitution and democratic values of India.

Addressing party leaders and supporters via video conferencing, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann congratulated the entire AAP team on a historic victory of truth in Indian politics following the recent court verdict. He said, "I extend heartfelt congratulations to everyone.

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Dr. Ravjot seeks intervention of mea to ensure safe evacuation of Punjabis stranded in middle of east



CHANDIGARH: NRI Affairs Minister Dr Ravjot Singh has sought kind intervention of the Union External Affairs Minister for ensuring safe evacuation of Punjabis stranded in strife torn Middle East. In a letter to the Minister of External Affairs, he sought an urgent meeting with him regarding the evacuation of people from Punjab in view of the escalating conflict between Israel and Iran. Dr Ravjot Singh said that this tension in the Middle East poses a serious and immediate threat to the safety of our people. Given the critical nature of the situation, he said that immediate coordination is essential to ensure their safety and to make secure arrangements for their evacuation. Meanwhile, the Cabinet Minister telephonically spoke with the tourists and residents from Punjab stranded at the various airports at UAE due to ongoing conflict.During the conversation, he enquired about the difficulties they are facing in this hour of severe crisis adding that the state government is in constant touch with the Central Government.

MPAP holds convention; urges to resolve issue of experienced registered medical practitioners

FEROZEPUR, MAR 1

The district unit of the Medical Practitioners Association Punjab - MPAP - (Regd. 295) organized a district-level convention at Ferozepur, in line with the state committee's decision.

The event was held under the leadership of District President Harbhajan Lal and witnessed enthusiastic participation from district and block-level members.

State President Dhanna Mal Goyal, General Secretary Gurmel Singh Machhike, Treasurer Rakesh Mehta, Chairman H.S. Ranu, Senior Vice President C.R. Shankar, Dr. Malkiat Thind, Chairman



(Backward Classes), BKU Dakaunda District President Harnek Singh Mahima, along with several other leaders, attended the convention.

District Chairman Gursevakk Singh Kulgarhi welcomed the gathering and paid tribute to departed members. The association's flag was hoisted amid slogans raised by members.

Addressing the gathering, Goyal and Machhike highlighted emerging challenges, criticizing the Centre's policies including privatization and amendments affecting public welfare. They expressed concern over the recent Supreme Court verdict against experienced unregistered medical practitioners, calling it detrimental to primary healthcare services.

Goyal demanded that the Centre introduce a short-term bridge course to regularize nearly 60 lakh experienced practitioners across the country and involve them in delivering basic healthcare services.

He urged Members of Parliament from Punjab to raise the issue during the ongoing Lok Sabha session.

Leaders also reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the organizational structure and continuing social campaigns against drug abuse and female foeticide.

Pramod Kumar of Nayagaon appointed in-charge and Sanjay Gupta appointed co-in-charge for BJP's historic rally in Moga: Bhupinder Singh Bhupi

JK BATTA
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 1



Today, the executive meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mandal Nayagaon was held at the residence of Nayagaon BJP Mandal President Bhupendra Singh Bhupi. The meeting was attended by BJP executive members and councillors.

The main objective of the meeting was to discuss preparations for the massive BJP rally to be held in Moga, Punjab on March 14th, where India's Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, will address the rally. Nayagaon BJP Mandal President Bhupendra Singh Bhupi assigned responsibilities to all the workers and councillors and instructed them to make this rally a historic success. All workers will discharge their responsibilities with full enthusiasm and ensure the rally's grand success. Pramod Kumar was appointed in-charge and Sanjay Gupta was appointed co-in charge for this rally. On this occasion, former councillor Surendra Babbal Koshish, Makkhan Singh Nada, General Secretary Suresh Yadav, Secretary Sanjay Gupta, Councilor Pramod Kumar, Rinku Nagra, Sandeep Johnny, BJP Yuva Morcha Nayagaon President Shubham Sharma and all the members of Nayagaon Mandal had reached.

Kennel club to host Chandigarh pet expo 2026 from 28th Feb to March 1

CHANDIGARH:(R N KHERA): North India's largest gathering of pet industry professionals, pet parents, and pets, "Chandigarh Pet Expo- Cpex 2026 at the Parade Ground, Sector 17, Chandigarh. It will continue till March 1st,2026 The timing is from 9 am to 8 pm. The show is being organised by the CAT Consult in association with Chandigarh Kennel Club, Department of Animal Husbandry, Punjab,Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) and Small Animals Clinicians' Association (SACA). C-PEX 2026 will be inaugurated by Mr. Gurmeet Singh Khuddian Minister of Animal Husbandry, Diary Dev. and Fishery Department, Government of Punjab. While interacting with Media Mr. Raminder Singh, CEO, Cat



Consult said that the importance of pets is increasing with the rise in nuclear families and this exhibition will present a chance for all stakeholders to discuss various issues related to the welfare of pet animals. He also mentioned that Chandigarh Pet Expo a model for protecting birds and animals.

Raminder Singh highlighted that the key features of CPEX will be Pet Industry leadership summit, Technical and educational sessions by industry experts Awareness and Technical sessions by the Veterinary fraternity and 79th All Breed Dog Show and 80th & 81st All Breeds pointed championship dog show during the two days of event. In its earlier editions, CPEX has firmly established itself as the premier and "must-associate-with" event for the pet industry in North India, catering to the vibrant states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and Uttarakhand. As a leading exhibition in the pet care industry, CPEX brings together top manufacturers, wholesalers, service providers.

Nirmal Bhekh Saints to Hold Grand Nagar Kirtan in Anandpur Sahib for Hola Mohalla

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, FEB 1

Saints and holy men of the Nirmal Bhekh group will organise a grand nagar kirtan in Sri Anandpur Sahib on March 2 to mark the Hola Mohalla festival, announced Sant Gurcharan Singh Pandwa.The event, under the chairmanship of Sri Mahant Swami Gian Dev Singh Ji, head of Sri Panchayati Akhara Nirmala Kankhal Haridwar, will be celebrated with great devotion and love, as in previous years. Sant Gurcharan Singh Pandwa, Mukh sevadar of the Tap Sthan Kutia Chhambhawali Pandwa, shared these details.

9th annual sports meet 2026 concludes with great zeal at CGC University, Mohali

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MARH 1



The three-day '9th Annual Sports Meet 2026', organized by the School of Physical Education and Sports Sciences at CGC University, Mohali, concluded with a phenomenal display of athletic fervor and sportsmanship.

The event brought together students and faculty as one family, showcasing the vibrant energy of youth.

The meet commenced with a grand 'March Past', instilling a sense of discipline and competitive spirit across the campus. On this occasion Jiwanjot Singh Teja, Dronacharya Awardee and Coach of the Indian Archery Team (Director Training & Curriculum, Punjab), attended as the Chief Guest and inspired athletes to dream big and work hard. Joining him as special guests were Vineet Kumar, Deputy Director General and Senior Executive Director, Sports Authority of India (SAI) NSNIS Patiala, and Sarpreet Singh, Sub-Inspector with Punjab Police and National Cycling Champion, who emphasized the importance of sports ethics.

Classified

I, Bh Mangal Mohan, Mother of Mr Bhosale Pramod Mohan resident of Vill-G-17, Post Office- Best Staff Colony. Teh-Kurla & Dist- Mumbai, State-Maharashtra, have changed my Name from Bh Mangal Mohan to MANGAL MOHAN BHOSALE vide E-stamping/ Affidavit No IN-PB25723980092645Y date 28 Feb 2026 before Notary, Jalandhar (PB).

900026

I, Rashda Parween W/o Nasim Bari R/o 284/1 village Hallomajra Chandigarh have changed my name from Rasdah Parween to Rashda Parween.

98765

I, Nasim Bari S/o Abdul Bari R/o house no. 284/1 Near Ravi Das Mandir, village Hallomajra Chandigarh have changed my name from Mohd Nasim Bari to Nasim Bari.

98765

I Jaspal Kaur w/o Paramjit Singh D/o Milkha Singh r/o village Talwandi Bharo tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Jaspal Kaur to Kaur Jaspal. All concerned note please.

100066

I, Ex. Serviceman Army No. 13969062F Rank Hav Name Isham Singh S/o Zile Singh R/o Vpo Fatehpur (Balkar Colony) Tehsil Pundri Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Declares That In my Army Service Record My Son's Name is Wrongly Written As Neeraj Kumar. But My Son's Real Name is Neeraj Jood . Please Change My Son's Name As Neeraj Jood in my Army Service Records.

84451

I, Nirmal Singh S/o Mukhtiar Singh R/o Vill Prempura , Po Kawartan Distt Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Nirmal Singh To Nishan Singh. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I, Jaswinder Singh Chahal S/o Nazar Singh, Village Kaulseri, Dhuri (Sangrur) have changed my name to Jaswinder Singh

98724

I, Mandeep Singh S/O Nishan singh R/O Village Sanghe Tehsil & District Tarn Taran, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Mandeep Singh to Mandeep as my Given name and Singh as my Surname. Concerned note.

2234586

I, Tejinder Singh S/0 Iqbal Singh R/O, VPO mehasampur khurd, Tehsil Baba bakala, District Amritsar, pin 143 114 Punjab, India have changed my name as Surname is Singh and given name is Tejinder. note it.

989666

I Raja son of Joginder Pal resident of village Paharipur, Post Offfice: Subhanpur, District Kapurthala declare that I have changed my name from RAJA to RAJA BHATTI. Now I may be known by my new name Raja Bhatti

98706

I, Daljit Kaur gill w/o Jagdev Singh R/o patii mhanta, Kokri Kalan, moga have changed my name to Daljit Kaur to Daljit Kaur Gill

524479

I, Taranjit Kaur W/o Satnam Singh R/o B 11/100, Krishna Nagar Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab have changed my name spellings from Taranjeet Kaur to Taranjit Kaur. All concerned please note.

63372

I Mohinder Singh S/o Kundan Singh R/o Kamal Wala Teh-Zira Distt Ferozepur have changed my name Mahinder Singh. Please Concerned Note.

63372

I, Gatori D/o Rakesh Kumar R/o H.No. 389 W.No. 13 Balmik Nagar Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name from Gatori to Gunjan.

63372

I, Archana Rani W/o Shri Anchal Singh, Vpo Khizrabad West S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) hereby declare that I have changed my name from Archna Rani to Archana Rani.

63372

I, Gourav Bhatti S/o Tarsem Lal R/o Vill: Sehbajpur Po. Kot Ranjha Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Gourav Bhatti to Gaurav Bhatti.

63372

I, Kamaljit Kaur W/o Tarsem Lal R/o Vill: Sehbajpur Po. Kot Ranjha Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar-144517 Pb, declared that my given name is Kamaljit and surname is Kaur.

63372

I, Rahul S/o Ashok Kumar R/o Vpo Kariam Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar-144421, Punjab have changed my name shall hereinafter be known as Rahul Banga.

63372

I, Sukhjeet Singh S/o Hakam Singh R/o H.No. 1427 W.No. 06 NCC Wali Gali Moga Po. Moga Distt. Moga have changed my minor son name from Gurnoor Singh to Gurnoor Singh Saggu.

63372

I Harpreet Kaur Sanghera D/o Atma Singh R/o Patti Bhullar, Vpo Buttar, Teh and Distt Moga Pb-142040, I have change my name Harpreet Kaur Sanghera to Harpreet Kaur.

63372

I, Rashpal Singh S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Vill-Dogarpur, Po Basiala, Teh-Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Rashpal Singh to Singh Rashpal.

63372

I, Gurpreet Kaur Seerha C/o Harkmaldeep Singh Seerha R/o H.No. 2841 Mangal Nath Street Sirhind Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name to Gurpreet Pal Kaur.

63372

I, Kulwinder Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o Vpo Ghangas Teh-Payal, Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Kulwinder Singh to Singh Kulwinder.

63372

I, Mohammad Raseed S/o Khushi Mohammad R/o Malerkotla, Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name to Abdul Rasheed.

63372

I Amarjit Kaur W/o Kaptan Singh Gill R/o Langiana Nawan (Moga) Have Changed My Name Amarjeet Kaur Gill.

63372

I Atma Singh Kataria S/O Manohar Lal Vpo Lande Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Atma Singh.

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I Sheenu Rani Kataria W/O Atma Singh Kataria Vpo Lande Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Sheenu Rani.

63372

I, Shivani W/o Gagan Ghai R/o W.No. 4 Balachaur SBS Nagar (Pb) declare that after marriage I have changed my name to Shivani Ghai.

63372

I, Vandana W/o Grish Kumar Garg R/o # 206, St.No.02, Phase-3, Vishal Nagar, Bathinda-151001 have changed my name from Vandana to Vandana Garg.

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I, Satpal Garg S/o Milkhy Ram R/o # 206, St.No.02, Phase-3, Vishal Nagar, Bathinda-151001 have changed my name from Satpal Garg to Sat Pal Garg.

63372

I Darshan Singh @ Mithu Singh S/o Jangur Singh R/o 519 Vill-Bachhoana Distt Mansa have changed my name to Darshan Singh.

63372

I Paramjeet Kaur Sahota W/o Harmit Singh R/o #16401/C 1/9 Baba Farid Nagar Bathinda 151001 Have Changed My Name To Paramjeet Kaur.

63372

I Sahil S/o Pawan Kumar R/o Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Sahil Tanwar.

63372

I, Ashmit Sharma S/o Sunil Kumar R/o H.No. 1032 Preet Colony Zirakpur Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Ashmit to Ashmit Sharma.

63372

I, Parmveer S/o Vinod Kumar R/o Mohalla Sarhandian Vpo. Rahon Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Parmveer Mehra. Concerned please note.

63372

I Jatinder Pal Singh S/O Gurmeet Singh R/O Patti Bukkan, Vpo Mallah Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jatinder Pal Singh Sidhu.

63372

I, Harash Kumar S/o Surinder Paul R/o H.No. 119, W.No.20, Malerian Wali Gali Nabha, Teh. Nabha, Distt. Patiala - 147201, Punjab (India) have changed my name Harsh Kumar.

63372

I, Shindo D/o Kartara W/o Joginder Pal R/o H.No. 12/116, Hadda Rodi, Banga, SBS Nagar, Punjab, 144505 changed my name to Chhindo Mahey.

63372

I, Mohinder Kaur W/o Khushbir Singh Kochar R/o 415-G Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab-141012. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Manpreet Kaur Kochar.

63372

I, Koshliya W/o Muni Lal R/o 73, Chitti Kothi, Mohalla Khanda Khola, Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143505 have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kaushalya Devi.

63372

I, Gurjot Singh S/O Harjinder Singh. R/o. Matharoo Earthmovers, Adda Sugar Mill,Kandial, Tehsil.Batala Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name Gurjot Singh to Singh Gurjot.

63372

I, Rachhpal Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o Village Kacha Pacca, PO Kacha Pacca, Tehsil Patti, Distt Tarn Taran, Punjab, have changed my name to Raspal Singh.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Yash Pal Garg S/o Piara Lal, R/o House No. 11, Ward No. 7/A, Pathshala Road, Dhuri (Sangrur), hereby declare that my son, Naman Garg, and daughter-in-law, Hancy Kapoor, are out of my control and dealings. I formally disinherit them from all my movable and immovable properties. Anyone dealing with them does so at their own risk.

98724

I, hitherto known as JASEEN S/O BALKAR SINGH R/O Vill Satnaur, Distt Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144528, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as JASKARAN SINGH. It is Certified That I Have Complied with Other Legal Requirements in this Connection.

63372

I, hitherto known as SEEMA RANI W/o JAGDISH KUMAR residing at Village Harkhowal, Distt Hoshiarpur, Punjab- 146111, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SEEMA KUMARI. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform and seek objections, if any from general public that our client M/s. Chanda D/O Satender R/O 107/26 Old Rohtak Road Pakitha Nagar(1) Industrial area Sun Petrol Pump Sonipat Haryana 131001 who is purchasing Plot/House Admeasuring Area 70 sq. yds., Khewat No 504/471 Khata No 664 Khasra No 279-2/14 Vaka Rakba Kalapur Ward Ram Nagar Sonipat 131001 Property ID-1JF9F768 & agreed to mortgage the said property to Samman Capital Limited located at Shop No. 113, 1st Floor, MG Mall, Sector 14, Sonipat - 131001

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•Transfer deed no. 12211 dated 12-03-2018 of 40 sq. yds. executed by 1) Karan Singh S/O Ram Mehar R/O Ward Ram Nagar Sonipat 2) Smt. Azad Rani D/O Ram Mehar R/O Jain Bagh Colony Sonipat in favor of Utpal Chander S/O Ram Mehar R/O Ward Ram Nagar Sonipat.

That the FIR/DDR/Lost property report in respect of the same is lodged vide Application No. 13239071260003143/2026 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 10 days from the date of this Notice failing which such claim if any shall be considered to be waived, abounded and it shall be presumed that no person has any claim of any nature, in respect of the above said property and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients or their successors/nominee/assignees in any manner whatsoever.

Samman Capital Limited
Through
Dr Vinay Chhikara Adv.
Chamber No. 208
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I, Manpreet Kaur, wife of Davinder Singh, son of Himmat Singh, resident of Village Kanganeal (Kanganpur), Tehsil Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla, present resident of Mill Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, England, Post Code NN8 1QT, declare that after the natural death of my first husband Pritpal Singh Bhattal (06-12-2019), I got married to Davinder Singh (08-10-2021) with the consent of my family and the complete Guru Sikh rituals. Since the day of my second marriage, my son from my first marriage, Justinvir Singh Bhattal, has been living with me and my husband Davinder Singh (current husband). My son Justinvir Singh Bhattal (first name) is now known as Justinvir Singh Chahal (New Name) Adoption son of Davinder Singh, son of Himmat Singh. Please note the following.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I am Gaurav Jain son of Lachhman Jain, resident of Raman Mandi, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, who declares that at present I am the owner and possessor of land measuring 0 Kanal 8 Th Marla Khasra No. 178(7-2)(2-13) 8(8-0) 13(8-0) 14(5-7) Actual Area Raman, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, vide deed transfer deed No. 5718 dated 12-03-2026 and I have applied for a loan for construction of a house with Central Bank of India, Branch Raman Mandi, District Bathinda. A previous deed deed No. 4621 dated 24-03-2021 was lost somewhere from me. In this regard, I have registered a missing report regarding the loss of this document at Police Station PS/OC Raman, District Bathinda through Report No. 580948/2026 dated 09-02-2026. If any person has any objection regarding the loan given by the bank at the above place, then he can give his objection to the Manager Central Bank of India Branch Raman Mandi, District Bathinda within 7 days from the date of this publication.

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216 patients checked in 172nd free eye check-up and operation camp



SULTANPUR LODHI (ARVIND PATHAK): In the memory of Mrs. Prem Rani Chhura under the leadership of social worker Kuldeep Chand Chhura in village Ugroupur-Dalla of tehsil and with the special support of NRI Narinder Kumar Chhura Canada, NRI Sudesh Chhura Norway, NRI Naresh Chhura Norway, NRI Mukesh Chhura (king) Norway and Rakesh Chhura Haryana the 172nd eye checkup camp was organized.

The eye check of the patients in the camp was done by Dr. J K Gupta and his team. The eyes of 216 patients were checked during the camp and free medicines were given to the patients and 19 patients will be operated. Speaking during the camp social worker Kuldeep Chand Chhura said that our target is to complete 200 camps.

NEWS BRIEF

District championship to be held at Akhara Mullanpur Garibdas New Chandigarh on March 5 and 6: Ravi Sharma



J.K. BATTA

CHANDIGARH: District Championship will be held at Akhara Mullanpur Garibdas New Chandigarh on March 5 and 6. Talking to reporters in this regard, Akhara Mullanpur New Chandigarh's owner Mr. Vinod Sharma alias Golu Pehalwan said that as per the instructions of Punjab Wrestling Association President Mr. Raman Bakshi, General Secretary Shahbaz Singh and Treasurer Vikram Sharma to the district presidents and secretaries to ensure that district championships are held in their respective districts, this district championship is being held at Akhara Mullanpur Garibdas New Chandigarh. In which girls' wrestling competitions will be held on March 5 and boys' competitions will be held on March 6. In which there will be Mohali Junior and District Under-17 competitions. For these competitions, the wrestlers will be weighed at 4 pm, and the competitions will start at around 5 pm. Golu Pehalwan said that the winning wrestlers in these competitions will be able to participate in the state-level wrestling competitions.

Religious conference organized on 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur



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BHOA: A religious conference dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was organized by the entire Hindu community of Ratangarh at the Shiv Temple in Nangal Faridan. The event was jointly presided over by senior BJP leader and Treasurer Kamal Kishore, President Naresh Singh, and Vice President Karn Singh. The chief guests on the occasion were Mahant Shri Ram Prakash Ji of Shri Ram Temple, Taragarh, and Bhagwat preacher Deen Dayal Shastri Ji, who had come from Shri Dham Vrindavan. Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries encouraged devotees to remain committed and aware of their religion and cultural values. In his speech, Mahant Shri Ram Prakash Ji stated that if followers of Sanatan Dharma awaken, the world will also awaken, and humanity's faith will be revitalized. He urged the youth to stay connected with religion and moral values. BJP leader Kamal Kishore emphasized that such religious events are highly necessary in the present times and encouraged the younger generation to participate enthusiastically. Devotees from Mananangal, Bairampur, Sarfochakk, Jhela Aamda, Nangal Faridan, Bhatoa, and nearby areas attended the conference.

Day 40 of Gangstran Te Vaar: Punjab police conduct 499 raids; 179 held

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 1



As the decisive 'Gangstran Te Vaar' campaign launched under the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann enters its 40th day, Punjab Police on Sunday conducted 499 raids at the at identified and mapped locations linked to associates of gangsters across the state.

As per the information, the "Gangstran Te Vaar"— a decisive war to make Punjab a gangster-free state was launched by the Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav on January 20, 2026. Police teams from all the districts in coordination with Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) Punjab has been conducting special operations across the state. On Day 40, Police teams arrested 179 individuals and recovered four weapons from their possession, taking the total arrests to 12,203 since the launch of the campaign.

Apart from this, preventive action has been taken against 80 persons, whereas, 113 persons were verified and released after questioning. Police teams have also arrested seven proclaimed offenders (POs) during the operation.

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

Meanwhile, Police teams have continued its drive against drugs "Yudh Nashian Virudh" for 365th day with 86 drug smugglers arrested on Sunday and recovered 878 grams heroin, 105 kg poppy husk, 523 intoxicant tablets/capsules and Rs 3720 drug money from their possession. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 51,734 in just 365 days. As part of De-addiction, the Punjab Police has convinced 23 persons to undergo de-addiction.

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Road safety awareness programme organised by NCC Cadets at DAV School



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, MAR 1

An awareness programme on road safety was organised at DAV Public School, Sardulgarh, as part of the monthly activities of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). The initiative aimed to sensitise students about the importance of adhering to traffic rules and promoting responsible road behaviour. The programme was conducted under the directions of Captain Ishraj Singh, Commanding Officer of the 3 PB Naval NCC Unit, Bathinda, and under the guidance of the school's Associate NCC Officer (ANO), Sandeep.

During the event, NCC cadets highlighted key road safety measures, urging students to wear helmets, fasten seat belts, obey traffic signals, and refrain from using mobile phones while driving. Through posters, slogans, and speeches, the cadets effectively conveyed the message that "Road Safety is Life Safety."

Addressing the gathering, Principal Soman K. Chacko emphasised that following traffic regulations is the duty of every responsible citizen. He noted that such initiatives play a significant role in instilling discipline, responsibility, and social awareness among students. The primary objective of the programme was to cultivate a sense of responsible citizenship among students and to spread awareness about road safety within the community.

Dr. Harshdeep Shergill conducts free homoeopathy services at multispeciality mega medical camp

NEERAJ SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, MAR 1



A Multispeciality Mega Medical Camp was successfully organized at Sector 49, Chandigarh, bringing together healthcare professionals from various specialties to serve the community.

As part of this large-scale initiative, Dr. Harshdeep Kaur Shergill conducted a Free Homoeopathy Medical Camp, offering complimentary consultations and free medicines to patients.

Dr. Harshdeep Kaur Shergill, who practices at Shiny's Healthcare Clinic, House No. 3307, Sector 45-D, Chandigarh, provided consultations for a wide range of acute and chronic health conditions.

She regularly treats cases including insomnia, weight management issues, eczema, acne and other skin disorders, reproductive and fertility concerns (both male and female), low platelet count, COPD, high uric acid, rheumatism, vitiligo, and various other lifestyle and chronic ailments.

The event was graced by senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon and Sourabh Joshi, Mayor of Chandigarh, who appreciated the initiative and acknowledged Dr. Shergill's dedicated contribution toward promoting holistic and affordable healthcare.

The Mega Camp was organized by Rohit Khullar and Sumit Mahajan, whose efforts ensured smooth coordination and active participation from the local community.Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shergill reaffirmed her commitment to serving society through safe, gentle, and effective homoeopathic treatment and emphasized the importance of preventive and holistic healthcare in today's fast-paced lifestyle.

For consultations and appointments, patients can visit Shiny's Healthcare Clinic or connect via Instagram at @shinyshealthcareclinic and @shinyshomoeoclinic.

Historic Poriborton Yatra ignites hope & people's power for change: Sukhminderpal Grewal



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, MAR 1

National BJP leader, Advocate Sukhminderpal Singh Grewal Bhukhri Kalan said that he extends his heartfelt best wishes and sincerest greetings on the commencement of the historic #PoribortonYatraBegins from the vibrant city of Kolkata.

He said that this significant yatra stands as a powerful reflection of the hopes, aspirations and dreams of millions of citizens who are earnestly seeking real change, honest governance and a brighter future for their state and the nation.Grewal wrote on his official social media platforms including Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, YouTube, Instagram, Threads and especially X that with deep respect and admiration, he wholeheartedly appreciates the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose tireless dedication, unwavering commitment and transformative vision continue to inspire the nation on the path of progress, development and inclusive growth. He said that under his dynamic leadership, the spirit of nation-building has been strengthened with renewed energy and purpose.He further said that he extends his sincere regards and profound appreciation to National BJP President Nitin Nabin and the entire BJP leadership, whose commitment, strength and resolve are guiding this massive movement with clarity, integrity.

Parents cheer as kids receive appreciation trophies at Shivalik School



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAR 1

Shivalik model School conducted a special event for tiny tots held in the presence of their parents and teachers. This is a wonderful aspect to celebrate this small milestone in the children's lives. The event was organized to celebrate the children's joy of taking tiny steps into Nursery class after completing their journey in Pre-Nursery.

The function began with cultural performances. The enthusiasm of the parents was worth seeing due to the children's wonderful program. Some fun games and activities were also organized by the school for the parents who attended, in which they participated with great enthusiasm.

A special "Decorated Corner" was created for the children and parents where everyone clicked their memorable pictures. Each child was given a "Trophy of Appreciation" for the success of their first academic year.

The school principal, Madam Neelam Sharma ji, heartily congratulated the children and parents and said that this is not a celebration of moving from one class to another, but an important milestone in our children's self-confidence and moving forward in life.

Rotary Club Nabha organizes free check-up camp for knee and hip pain



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): Rotary Club Nabha organized a free check-up camp for knee and hip pain at Rotary Bhawan Patiala Gate. Member of Parliament Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi specially attended the camp, he appreciated the social welfare work being done by the Rotary Club. On this occasion, Club President Ravnish Goyal, General Secretary Advocate Rohit Jindal and Project Chairman Advocate Bharat Bhushan Nitin Jain and all the members honored the special guests and the visiting personalities with mementos. Joint replacement specialist Dr. Dilbans Singh Pandher M.S., MCh. Ortho and Kanwal Saini, consultant doctor from Jalandhar who reached the camp, conducted free check-up of about 210 patients. Neuropathy and BMD tests were free in the camp and medicines were also given free of cost. On this occasion, Co-Chairman Jeevan Parkash Bansal, Co-Chairman Dr. I..D. Goyal, former civil surgeon, Daljit Singh Sandhu, Sikandar Partap Singh, Co-Chairman Dr. J.P. Narula, Indian Medical Association President Cashier Nitin Gupta, Satyavir Jindal, Darshan Arora, Sashi Jindal, Ashok Kinger, J.P Gupta, Darshan Buttar, Raj Kumar Jetwani, Mandeep Bhatia, Harish Bansal, Gurdeep Singh Birdi, Pritam Batra, Rajesh Agarwal, Naveen Kumar Gupta etc.

PSHRC reaches out to every household for human rights awareness



PATIALA (TAPINDER SINGH): Padma Shri Jatinder Singh Shanti, Member of the Human Rights Commission (PSHRC) of Punjab State and Union Territory of Chandigarh, today organized an open hearing camp for human rights awareness and redressal of people's grievances in Patiala. On this occasion, Jatinder Singh Shanti emphasized that the Human Rights Commission is reaching out to every household across the state to protect the human rights of any kind of victims and provide them justice. Shanti, while issuing a WhatsApp number 9855475547 to complain about human rights violations by the Commission, said that if there is any violation of human rights anywhere, a written complaint in this regard should be given to the Commission, on which action will definitely be taken within two days. Commission member Jatinder Singh Shanti held an important meeting at the District Administrative Complex on behalf of Deputy Commissioner Varjit Walia with ADC Urban Development Navreet Kaur Sekhon, SP City Palwinder Singh Cheema, Superintendent of Central Jail Gurcharan Singh Dhaliwal, officials of Municipal Corporation, Health Department, Rural Development and Panchayat, Electricity and other departments, along with social service organizations (NGOs) of Patiala and also heard the complaints of the victims.

SGGSWU holds special Lecture & slogan–poster competition on HIV, AIDS awareness



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): The Red Ribbon Club of the Department of Physiotherapy at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University organized a Special Lecture and Slogan–Poster Presentation Competition to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS. The event focused on the theme "Ending AIDS: The Role of Youth, Education and Healthcare Professionals."

Held under the guidance of Dr. Pankajpreet Singh, Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences, and Dr. Supreet Bindra, Head, Department of Physiotherapy, the programme aimed to educate students on prevention, early diagnosis, and the fight against stigma. The keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. Manjinder Singh Maan, Associate Professor, Government Medical College & Rajindra Hospital, who explained the global and national status of HIV/AIDS and highlighted the crucial role of youth and health professionals in ending the epidemic. Students listened with keen interest and actively participated in the interactive session.

Shaheed Bhagat Singh College of Nursing Sodhewala organises fresher's party



FEROZEPUR (TAPINDER SINGH): Shaheed Bhagat Singh College of Nursing Sodhewala Ferozepur organized a fresher's party. Madam Kiran Bansal attended the program as a special guest. Shri Dharampal Bansal Ji (Founder Bhakti Bhajan Group, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College of Nursing Ferozepur and Harmony Vaniyam, Harmony Ayurvedic College) addressed the students and wished them a bright future. On this occasion, the students should stay away from social vices, drugs, corruption and first of all become good citizens because nursing is the only profession in which you can serve social welfare and humanity along with work and all the students and their parents were also thanked for choosing the nursing profession. Mr. Dharampal Bansal motivated the students to be honest towards their profession. Various competitions like modeling, speech competition, chart competition, rangoli competition were organized in this program. The winning students were honored with prizes. Choreography related to drugs and nursing profession was also presented by the students. Madam Kiran Bansal and Principal Sukhdeep Kaur motivated the students to serve humanity by keeping their profession as their main focus. The students were given good wishes.

Sub-Inspector Gurnek Singh promoted to Inspector in Garhshankar



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Sub-Inspector Gurnek Singh, posted at Garhshankar police station, has been promoted to the rank of Inspector. On this occasion, DSP Garhshankar Daljit Singh Khakh, ASI Jasbir Singh Gill, and Reader Parjoban Singh pinned the qpromotion star on him.DSP Khakh, along with fellow officers, friends, well-wishers, relatives, and colleagues, congratulated Singh and extended best wishes for his future success.

General House of Bhagat Mohan Lal Sewa Samiti entrusts authority to President Lajpat Chopra to elect new executive

BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): In the meeting of the General House of Bhagat Mohan Lal Sewa Samiti Barnala and Rambagh Committee Barnala, the newly elected Lajpat Rai Chopra was unanimously approved and given the authority to form the new executive. While conducting the proceedings of this important meeting held at Rambagh Vatika, General Secretary Kamal Kumar Jindal informed the entire House that after the sudden demise of Bharat Modi, President of Bhagat Mohan Lal Sewa Samiti .



MBCIE hosts its 1st graduation ceremony



LUDHIANA (SHARMA): The Munjal Birmingham City University Centre of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (MBCIE) organized its 1st Graduation Ceremony for the IIT Ropar Certified Al Courses (2025-26 Batch) in Ludhiana, marking a significant milestone in its journey toward advancing industry-aligned, future-ready education. The ceremony celebrated the successful completion of specialized Artificial Intelligence programmes conducted in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology Ropar, namely: Al for HR, Al for Sales & Marketing, Gen Al for everyone, and Al for Educators. The Graduating participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their dedication, academic excellence, and commitment to mastering emerging technologies. The prestigious event was graced by eminent dignitaries, including Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar& Dr. Sunil Kant Munjal, Chairman, Hero Enterprises, MBCIE. The Dignitaries felicitated 100 candidates during the ceremony. Addressing the gathering, Rajeev Ahuja emphasized the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in shaping global industries and encouraged students to apply their knowledge to solve real-world challenges.

MCM marks National Science Day with multidisciplinary events celebrating women in Science and Innovation



CHANDIGARH: Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women commemorated National Science Day with a series of engaging, multidisciplinary activities organised by the Departments of Botany, Zoology, and Chemistry under the aegis of MCM Vigyan Manch and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC). The events collectively highlighted scientific temper, creativity, innovation, and the pivotal role of women in building a Viksit Bharat. The Department of Botany organised Department of Science and Technology-Renewable Energy (DST-RE) sponsored inter-college competitions-Pebble Painting and Caption the Picture. The theme for Pebble Painting-'Floral Diversity' and for Caption the Picture- 'Women in Science Catalysing Viksit Bharat', inspired participants to merge creativity with scientific insight. More than 75 students from tri-city institutions participated enthusiastically. Judges evaluated entries on originality, thematic relevance, presentation, and overall impact, applauding the innovative ideas and vibrant artistic expressions. To further promote scientific temper and data visualisation skills, the Departments of Botany and Zoology organised an Infographic Competition on the theme 'Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat'.

BJP's historic rally in Moga will be decisive start to 2027: Advocate N.K. Verma



CHANDIGARH(J.K. BATTA): The Bharatiya Janata Party has begun final preparations for the massive rally in Moga on March 14th, to be addressed by Home Minister Amit Shah. The entire state of Punjab is buzzing with excitement, and the party organisation is fully committed to making this rally historic. As part of a special strategy, the BJP has deployed senior leaders in all 117 assembly constituencies in Punjab to ensure unprecedented turnout through organizational strength and public relations. The BJP's clear goal is to ensure that this rally is not merely a political event but a formal clarion call for the 2027 assembly elections. Advocate N.K. Verma, in charge of the Punjab BJP Legal Cell, has also been given a key responsibility for this public meeting. In this regard, he held an important meeting in Fatehgarh Sahib today and issued guidelines to workers for this public gathering. Similarly, important meetings were held in Nayagaon, Kharar, Mohali, and Derabassi, where workers were given guidelines. At the Kharar meeting, Mr. N.K. Verma was accompanied by District President Mr. Sanjeev Vashisht, Mr. Sukhwinder Singh Goldy, Mr. Ranjit Singh Gill, Pramod Kumar Nayagaon, Joginder Pal Chaudhary Nayagaon, Sanjay Gupta Nayagaon, along with Nayagaon BJP Mandal President Mr. Bhupinder Singh, Puneet Singla, Mohit, Rajinder Sharma, Rakesh Gupta.

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Vajra Corps marks 76th Raising Day

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): The Indian Army's Vajra Corps marked it's 76th Raising Day on 01 March 2026, commemorating over seven decades of distinguished service to the Nation. Raised in 1950, it was the first Indian Army Corps to be raised post Independence.



Over the years, the Corps has played a pivotal role along the Western Front earning distinction in the 1965 and 1971 Wars, including the historic Victories of Dograi, Barki & Khem Karan. The Corps has also consistently demonstrated Operational Excellence and Steadfast Commitment to National Security, including high level of all round excellence and support displayed by the troops of Vajra Corps during OP SINDOOR & OP RAHAT and in conduct of multiferous outreach activities binding the Military with the Civil Administration, Veterans, families and the Civil Society of this vital border state, Punjab.

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Sukhdev Singh Riyat honoured by OBC federation



CHANDIGARH: Sardar Balwinder Singh Multani, President of the OBC Federation, honouring Sardar Sukhdev Singh Riyat, Chairman of Sikh Bandhu Welfare Trust and All India Ramgarhia Vishwakarma Federation (Regd.), New Delhi, along with his team during their visit to Chandigarh.

Sujanpur rail crossing issue ignored during visit of Union MoS for Railways Bittu: Ad. Bharat Bhushan VERMA

GURDASPUR: During the district visit of Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu to Pathankot, the long-standing issue of the railway crossing at Sujanpur was allegedly ignored, as no representative from the Sujanpur BJP raised the matter before the minister. These views were expressed by social worker Advocate Bharat Bhushan Sharma. He stated that the railway crossing located on the Pathankot–Sujanpur road remains closed for long hours due to the frequent movement of trains in both directions. As a result, local residents face significant inconvenience, especially patients and school children. During emergencies, people are forced to take a longer route via Malikpur to reach Pathankot.



Navdeep Singh Neeta, family joins AAP



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: An influential family associated with the Congress from Captain Amarinder Singh's ancestral village of Mehraj has taken a big decision and has cemented its alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party. These things were revealed by Balkar Singh Sidhu, MLA of Rampura Phul assembly constituency. He said that Navdeep Singh Neeta along with his family has joined AAP. This family was strongly associated with the Congress party for the last 25 years and was very close to former cabinet minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar. MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu, while welcoming the new members, said that the party will give them full respect and support. This joining has dealt a big blow to the Congress in the constituency. On this occasion, Navdeep Singh Neeta said that he was very impressed by the development policy of the constituency MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu, his thinking of giving priority to communal harmony, and the way of sincerely listening to and resolving the grievances of the workers.

Punjab and Chandigarh Media delegation visits IOCL refinery and Amul Dairy in Gujarat



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: As part of the ongoing media tour organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Jalandhar, journalists from Punjab and Chandigarh visited the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) Refinery and the Amul Dairy in Gujarat.

At the IOCL Refinery, officials briefed the delegation on the refinery's operational capacity, refining processes, and its role in meeting the country's energy requirements. They were made aware of the overall functioning of IOCL, its development over the years and its diversification into other products.

Executive Director and Refinery Head, Sh. Biplob Biswas informed that the IOCL is one of the largest refineries in the country, playing an essential role in meeting the nation's growing energy requirements. He informed that in addition to conventional petroleum products, the refinery manufactures Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB), a key raw material used in the production of new-age detergents. It also caters to the requirements of the paint and adhesive industries, thereby supporting diverse sectors of the economy.

The team also visited the Acrylic Oxo Alcohol Plant at Dumad, which produces value-added products such as Butyl Acrylate and n-Butanol. Sh. Biswas informed that this 5,894 crore project was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2025. The plant utilises refinery by-product propylene to manufacture high-value petrochemicals, thereby reducing the country's dependence on imports for paints, coatings, adhesives and textile applications marking a significant milestone in India's journey towards petrochemical self-reliance.

Mann govt launches first 2-day residential student entrepreneurship bootcamp in Chandigarh

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAR 1



In a significant shift from traditional education models that prepare youth only to seek jobs, the Bhagwant Mann Government has begun systematically transforming students into job creators. As part of this vision, the Punjab Government has organised the first two-day Residential Student Entrepreneurship Bootcamp at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Chandigarh, for 40 high-potential young business people selected from Government ITIs and Government Polytechnics across Punjab.

This is not a symbolic workshop. It marks the beginning of a quarterly series aimed at building a structured pipeline of youth-led enterprises, ensuring that technical education in Punjab directly leads to business creation, income generation, and local employment opportunities. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government has introduced the Entrepreneurship Mindset / Business Curriculum across 322 ITIs and 91 Polytechnics, including 137 Government ITIs and 26 Government Polytechnics. The objective is simple but transformative: students should not complete their technical courses merely with a certificate in hand, but while simultaneously building viable business ideas.

Today, 36,139 students across Punjab, including 28,967 from ITIs and 7,172 from Polytechnics, are not just studying entrepreneurship in theory. They are actively working on business ideas through a structured digital platform. Instead of writing exams alone, they are identifying real customer problems, designing services or products, testing ideas, creating prototypes, reaching out to customers, and in many cases, generating early revenue.

For the first bootcamp, 40 real entrepreneurial ventures have already been identified and selected from across Government technical institutes in sectors such as retail, professional services, e-commerce, digital platforms, engineering services, manufacturing, and product development.

The 40 young business people selected for the bootcamp, 20 from Government ITIs and 20 from Government Polytechnics, were shortlisted based on course completion, quality of assignments, clarity of business concept, customer outreach efforts, prototype creation, service delivery, and revenue generation.

They represent all districts across Punjab; from Amritsar & Gurdaspur to Ferozepur to Fazilka; from Ludhiana & Bathinda to Rupnagar and SAS Nagar. Importantly, this initiative is already translating into income. While some are at the idea or testing stage, several are earning between Rs 5,000 and Rs 12,000 per month from ventures spanning professional services, retail, and product-based enterprises.

This demonstrates a clear behavioural shift, where youth are choosing to build something of their own instead of waiting for entry-level employment opportunities.

Punjab bags prestigious 'Digital Excellence Award' for citizen-centric reforms

CHANDIGARH, MAR 1



In a resounding endorsement of its citizen-centric reforms, the Government of Punjab has received the prestigious Digital Excellence Award at the Technology Sabha 2026, for the pioneering efforts in leveraging technology to ensure transparency, efficiency and last-mile delivery of public services.

Director Governance Good Governance and Information Technology (GG&IT) Mr. Vishesh Sarangal accepted the award on behalf of the state government at the Technology Sabha 2026 organised by the Indian Express Group in Hyderabad. The ceremony was attended by top technology leaders and policymakers from across the nation.

Dedicating the feat to the state's citizens and the department's team, Punjab Good Governance and Information Technology Minister Mr. Aman Arora said that this recognition is a direct outcome of the mandate given by the Punjab government, to build a transparent, paperless and accountable administrative framework. This prestigious award validates Punjab Government's efforts to ensure good governance and citizen-centric reforms, Mr. Aman Arora said, while giving credit to Punjab Government's vision for eliminating the 'middleman culture' and empower every citizen by bringing services to their doorstep with dignity and ease. This digital transformation is not just about technology. It is about restoring the trust of the people in the system.

Mr. Aman Arora highlighted Punjab's innovative, "first-of-its-kind" digital interventions that are setting new benchmarks in citizen convenience across the country, while sharing that "Bhagwant Mann Sarkar Tuhade Dwaar" is a revolutionary flagship scheme, which allows the citizens to access over 430 government services by just dialing helpline no. 1076 from the comfort of their homes. It eliminates the need to physically visit government offices. He further said that Punjab has also enabled Sarpanchs, Nambardars, and Municipal Councillors (MCs) to verify applications online. This has drastically accelerated the issuance of essential certificates, merging technology with grassroots leadership. With the successful onboarding of Patwaris and field staff, the state has processed over 12.5 lakh applications online.

Finally, bell of justice rang and victory of truth rewrote history: Sippy Bhakar

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAR 1



The acquittal of Aam Aadmi Party National Convener Arvind Kejriwal and Aam Aadmi Party Punjab in-charge Manish Sisodia (former Education Minister Delhi) by the honorable court in the alleged liquor scam is proof that no matter how much the truth is surrounded, it always finds its way out. These things were expressed by Sippy Bhakar, senior leader of Aam Aadmi Party of Maur constituency.

In this joy, party workers under the leadership of Sippy Bhakar distributed laddus in various villages of Maur constituency and congratulated each other.

Sippy Bhakar said that the decision of an honorable court has proven that the policy of Kejriwal, Sisodia and AAP is based on strict honesty. Political opponents tried to tarnish the image of the party by making false cases, but in the end the truth came out. Sippy said that the party has always fought against corruption and will continue to stand firm on public interest issues.

He claimed that this decision has sent a big message in the country's politics that truth and honesty cannot be bent. Sippy Bhakar said that while there is an atmosphere of happiness in the entire state, this decision has created new enthusiasm among the supporters of Aam Aadmi Party in Maur constituency. He said that those who were trying to defame the party leaders have had to eat their fill today. On this occasion, Davinder Singh Jodhpur Pakhar, Sukhbir Singh Jodhpur Pakhar (Block President Kisan Wing), Rana Maur, Pradeep Yatri, Happy Member Yatri, Chamkaur Singh, Jagsir Singh Badiala, Gagandeep Maur, Makhan Jodhpur Pakhar, King Maur Charhat Singh, Arsh Rai Khana, Pradeep Singh Yatri, Happy Member Yatri, Satwant Singh Khokhar, Baljit Singh Khokhar (Block Shmati Member), Gurpeet Singh Ballo, Babbu Chahal Khokhar, Amrik Singh Ramnagar (Block Coordinator SC Wing Halka Maur), Jagsir Singh Ramnagar, Jagsir Singh Bhullar Ramnagar, Davinder Singh Dhadde, Hakam Singh Dhadde, Jagsir Singh Ramniwas, Kuldeep Singh Ramniwas, Hansa Singh Burj, Jaspal Singh Burj, Pala Singh Ramnagar, Jagwinder Singh Buggar, Rohit Buggar, Gurninder Singh Mansha Khurd, Avtar Singh Bhaini, Jaspal Singh Bhaini, Gurvinder Gori Chauke, Gurpreet Singh Ballo, Pritpal Singh Numberdar Pitho and personal assistant Jagsir Singh were present.

Urgent intervention of PM sought to ensure safe return of Indians stranded in Arab countries

SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, MAR 1



Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan today urged the immediate intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to ensure the safe evacuation of Indians stranded in Dubai Airport and various Arab countries in view of the ongoing Iran–Israel conflict.

Expressing serious concern over reports of several Indians facing distress due to the prevailing situation, the Speaker emphasized that the Government of India must accord top priority to their safe and dignified return. S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan strongly appealed to the Prime Minister to personally intervene and direct the concerned ministries and authorities to coordinate swift diplomatic and administrative measures, including arranging special flights for the evacuation of all affected citizens. He stressed that in times of international crisis, prompt action is essential to ensure that no Indian is left without support. The safety, security and dignity of every Indian abroad must remain the foremost responsibility of the Central Government, he added.

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Little discoveries start new journey with graduation: Amit Saraf



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAR 1

A grand and joyful graduation ceremony was organized for the little students at Saraf Edubecon Global Discovery School under the leadership of Principal Kavya Asija.

The program began with a grand welcome by the school management, principal and UKG students with a band. The ceremony began with an impressive welcome speech by a UKG student. The school management was honored by presenting a bouquet of flowers and the ceremony was formally started by lighting a lamp. As soon as the school anthem was played, the whole atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm. The students recited beautiful poetry and sang sweet songs. The enchanting dance performance by the students of class LKG and second class filled the ceremony with color and happiness. Principal Kavya Asija in her address wished the children a bright future and appreciated their confidence, talent and creativity. The students of UKG showcased their expressiveness and self-confidence by introducing themselves. After this, certificates were distributed to all the students. The young graduates took an oath and resolved to always follow the path of truth, discipline and hard work in life. Amit Saraf, Vice Chairman of the school, said that today our young students are crossing an important stage in their lives.

Arthroscopy surgery launched at divisional railway hospital



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITU, MAR 1

Northern Railway's Ferozepur Railway Division, in a press release issued on Sunday, stated that under the leadership of Divisional Railway Manager Mr. Sanjeev Kumar and the guidance of Chief Medical Superintendent Dr. Ranjana Sehgal, arthroscopy surgery facilities have been established at the Divisional Railway Hospital, Ferozepur.

Recently, Dr. Amit and his medical team performed successful arthroscopy surgery on a knee employee working at the Bridge Workshop, Jalandhar. Arthroscopy surgery does not involve a complete opening of the joint.Two small incisions of approximately one centimeter each are made, and the operation is performed using an arthroscope.This technique minimizes pain and allows the patient to recover quickly and return to normal life.This achievement is noteworthy because this type of surgery has been initiated for the first time in Ferozepur at the Divisional Railway Hospital, Ferozepur.

Spl meeting held by Dr. Jatinder Shunty with Administration, social organisations and traders



BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 1

The Punjab State Human Rights Commission is continuously taking action to ensure the protection of human rights across the state and is addressing cases of violations with seriousness. This was stated by Padma Shri Dr. Jatinder Singh Shunty, Member of the Punjab State and Union Territory Chandigarh Human Rights Commission, during an important meeting held today at the local Bachat Bhawan with officials, social workers, sarpanches, and other prominent citizens.Dr. Shunty said that the primary objective of the Commission is to ensure that every citizen receives full protection of fundamental rights as guaranteed by the Constitution and that no injustice is tolerated. He emphasized that human rights violations will not be accepted under any circumstances.

He further informed that the Commission has issued advisories to safeguard human rights and is in the process of forming 15-member core groups in each district.

Dedicated and experienced officers leave lasting void in department: SSP Dr. Darpan Ahluwalia

AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA, MAR 1



A dignified and memorable farewell ceremony was organized in honour of SP (PBI) Parshotam Singh Bal on the occasion of his retirement from Police District Khanna.

The event was attended by senior police officers, officials, and staff members, who gathered to acknowledge and appreciate his long and distinguished service.Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna, Dr. Darpan Ahluwalia IPS ,graced the occasion and felicitated SP Parshotam Singh Bal and his family by presenting a memento as a token of respect. In his address, SSP Dr. Ahluwalia stated that dedicated and experienced officers like SP Ball always leave behind a significant void in the department upon their retirement. He highlighted that SP Ball served with integrity, commitment, and professionalism throughout his career, making valuable contributions towards strengthening law and order.

He further remarked that his work ethic would continue to inspire young officers in the force.The ceremony was also attended by SP (H) Harpinder Kaur Gill, SP (I) Pawan Chaudhary, DSP (I) Mohit Singla, DSP (H) Karmveer Toor, DSP (Narcotics) Karamjit Singh Grewal, DSP Khanna Vinod Kumar, DSP Samrala S.Tarlochan Singh, and DSP Payal S.Jasbinder Singh Khaira. All officers appreciated SP Bal's exemplary service record and extended their best wishes for his future.Addressing the gathering, SP Parshotam Singh Ball expressed gratitude to his colleagues and staff for their cooperation and support throughout his tenure.

National Science Day celebrated with enthusiasm at Arya College



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): The Science Department, Eco Club and NCC unit of Arya College Pathankot celebrated National Science Day with great enthusiasm under the leadership of Dr Shweta Thakur, Head of the Science Department. Dr Tarsem Singh, MS (Ortho) and former District Health Officer, graced the occasion as the chief guest, while former District Education Officer Rajeshwar Salaria was present as the special guest. The guests were accorded a warm welcome by the students, who presented saplings as a mark of respect. On the occasion, a science exhibition showcasing various models was organised, and several interesting experiments were demonstrated on stage. The day was dedicated to the scientific contributions of renowned Indian physicist C. V. Raman. Students also shared their views on the importance of science in daily life. Various competitions, including poster making, model making, debates, PowerPoint presentations, essay writing, science-based games.

Science College spreads awareness about HIV, AIDS

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAR 1



In a commendable effort to educate students on preventive health, Sanmati Government Science and Research College organized a poster presentation competition on HIV/AIDS awareness on February 26, 2026.

Convened by Professor Sarabjot Bedi of the Health Medical Facilities Committee under the guidance of College Director Dr. Sumeet Brar, the event highlighted the incurable nature of HIV/AIDS and ways to combat it. Students effectively used posters to convey critical information: HIV is a virus that weakens the immune system, spreading through contaminated needles, unprotected sex, or from infected mothers to children. They emphasized that no definitive cure exists, underscoring the importance of a healthy diet, regular exercise, and avoiding drugs for prevention.

The competition was judged by a panel of experts including Prof. Sumit Soni, Prof. Danish Puri, Prof. Ameet Rana, and Prof. Karamdeep Kaur. Ritika from B.Sc. II Medical clinched first place, followed by Prabhsimran Kaur from M.Sc. II Chemistry in second, and Prabhjot Kaur from B.Sc. II Non-Medical in third.

The students were given certificates by Dr Sumeet Brar and Prof Nidhi . Committee members Professor Kiranjit Kaur, Professor Manpreet Kaur, and Prof. Akashdeep Kaur, along with the college staff, graced the occasion, applauding the participants' creativity and commitment to public health awareness.

Gurnam Khalsa appointed BC Wing coordinator for Samrala by AAP



MACHHIWARA SAHIB (DEEPAK KUMAR): The Aam Aadmi Party has appointed former councillor and youth leader Gurnam Singh Khalsa as the BC Wing coordinator for the Samrala constituency.

His appointment was welcomed by Samrala MLA Jagtar Singh Dayalpura and BC Wing district president Bhupinder Singh Rathore, who congratulated him and expressed confidence in his ability to fulfil his responsibilities with dedication. They said his role would be important in addressing public issues in line with the party's policies and strengthening the organisation at the grassroots level.

Accepting the responsibility, Gurnam Singh Khalsa assured that he would remain committed to the party and work sincerely to expand its reach and serve the people effectively.

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Allotment of residential plots to Bhakra Dam displaced persons on March 18

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UNA: Residential plots are being allotted to 27 eligible Bhakra Dam displaced families in compliance with orders passed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh. The allotment process will be held on March 18 at 11:30 a.m. in village Desu Jodhan, Tehsil Dabwali, District Sirsa (Haryana).

The Executive Engineer, R&M and SR Division, BBMB, Nangal Township, along with relevant officials will be present to ensure a transparent and smooth process, official sources said on Sunday.

According to information received from the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Una, the Deputy Commissioner (Resettlement), Fatehabad, has requested all Bhakra Dam displaced persons from Una and Bilaspur to appear in the residential area reserved for Bhakra Dam displaced persons on the scheduled date and time to participate in the allotment process.

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ABVP protests proposed merger of Nalagarh boys and girls schools, demands rollback

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) workers staged a protest outside the SDM office in Nalagarh, raising various student-related issues and opposing the proposed merger of Government Boys School and Government Girls School. The protest was led by ABVP PU joint secretary Swastik Gautam, who warned that the agitation would intensify if student interests continued to be ignored. Swastik Gautam said ABVP has demanded the immediate restoration of student union elections and full implementation of the National Education Policy 2020. The organisation also called for an increase in the budget of Sardar Patel University, recruitment of regular teaching and non-teaching staff in colleges and universities, and measures to curb the commercialisation of education in private universities.
He further demanded the early launch of the Chief Minister's Research Incentive Scheme for research scholars and strengthening of the evaluation process in Himachal Pradesh University and Sardar Patel University.

State govt prioritises health, nutrition and education for young learners

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 1



Under the visionary leadership of Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the present state government has taken determined steps to strengthen the foundations of early childhood care and the development of children. With a clear focus on nutrition, quality education and inclusive growth, the government is committed to ensuring that every child in Himachal Pradesh receives the support and opportunities needed to thrive and succeed.

The present state government has placed child nutrition and early development at the centre of its governance agenda. Recognising that balanced and nutritious food is essential for both physical growth and mental well-being, the government has intensified efforts to secure the health and future of Himachal's youngest citizens.

Across the state, 18,925 Anganwadi Centres are serving as pillars of community care, catering to the nutritional and early educational needs of children. Every month, the growth of children up to six years of age is carefully monitored on key physical and developmental parameters, ensuring that no child is left behind. During the current financial year alone, Rs. 113 crore has been spent under the Anganwadi Services Scheme, while Rs. 1516.09 lakh has been utilised under the Special Nutrition Programme which is a clear reflection of the government's unwavering commitment. In a significant step towards holistic child development, the government has declared all Anganwadi Centres as "Anganwadi Co-Schools". This progressive move aims to integrate early childhood care with formal schooling, strengthening the foundation of learning. A state-level joint committee, chaired by the Secretary (Education), has been constituted to effectively implement guidelines issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Education for co-locating Anganwadi Centres with schools.

Further strengthening this framework, 1,030 Saksham Anganwadi Centres have been approved in the state, including 100 in Chamba district alone. The process of upgrading centres is underway, supported by comprehensive capacity building. District Programme Officers, Child Development Project Officers and Supervisors have been trained as State-Level Master Trainers. They, in turn, will train Anganwadi Workers across the state, ensuring improved service delivery at the grassroots level.

HP Police conducts statewide crackdown under Anti-Chitta campaign

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 1



The spokesperson of the Himachal Pradesh Police today here said that under the statewide Anti-Chitta Abhiyaan launched by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, continuous, effective and strict action was being taken by the Himachal Pradesh Police with strong leadership and firm commitment to completely eradicate the drug mafia and fulfill the resolve of a "Chitta-Free Himachal." He said that as part of the second phase of the campaign, a synchronized/parallel search and raid operation against drug trafficking was conducted across all districts of the state today. This special drive was successfully carried out through a joint and intelligence-based operation involving the State Intelligence Department, Armed Forces and District Police. The spokesperson further said that during the campaign, drug detection kits were effectively used and proper videography of the entire process of search, seizure and arrest was ensured. All actions were carried out in full compliance with the NDPS Act, BNSS, Arms Act and other applicable legal provisions.

A total of 145 locations were searched during the operation. In the process, 406 grams of charas, 19.236 grams of chitta (heroin), 124 grams of poppy husk (chura-post), and 465,100 milliliters of illegal liquor were recovered. During the operation, 6 cases were registered under the NDPS Act and 4 cases under the Excise Act. The State Government and Himachal Pradesh Police were fully committed to expanding this campaign in a more comprehensive, scientific, aggressive and zero-tolerance manner to achieve the goal of a drug-free society. The Police Department has appealed to citizens, especially the youth, to immediately report any drug-related activity to 112 or the nearest police station. The identity of informants would be kept completely confidential.

Kiren Rijiju lays foundation stones for development projects worth Rs 25.86 crore in Chamba

SUBHASH MAHAJAN
CHAMBA, MAR 1



Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju laid the foundation stones for various development projects worth Rs 25.86 crore in Bhanjraru (Tissa) and Salooni areas of Chamba district. These projects are being implemented under the Prime Minister's Jan Vikas Programme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The projects include the construction of an ITI building at Bhanjraru (Tissa) at a cost of Rs 9.84 crore, an indoor stadium at Bhanjraru worth Rs 7 crore, and another indoor stadium at Salooni costing Rs 9.02 crore. Addressing public gatherings at both locations, Rijiju said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed significant development over the past 11 years, particularly in road connectivity, banking services, and mobile and internet access. He said the government is committed not only to providing basic infrastructure but also to meeting future developmental needs in rural areas. He urged residents to take full advantage of government welfare schemes and spread awareness about them. He added that the indoor stadium at Bhanjraru is expected to be completed within 18 months, while the stadium at Salooni will be completed in 20 months. He assured that demands raised by local residents related to the Minority Affairs Ministry would be considered sympathetically. Rijiju also informed that the Ministry of Minority Affairs has spent Rs 25 crore in Chamba district to promote entrepreneurship, benefiting 324 eligible individuals with loans at an interest rate of 6 percent.

Himachal moves towards quality healthcare with advanced 3 Tesla MRI facility at IGMC Shimla: Harish Janartha

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 1



MLA Harish Janartha has expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for the installation of a state-of-the-art 3 Tesla MRI machine at Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC), Shimla. He described the development as a historic and transformative step towards modernizing and strengthening the healthcare system of Himachal Pradesh. Janartha stated that IGMC had been functioning with an outdated MRI machine for nearly two decades, despite rapid advancements in medical technology. The installation of the new 3 Tesla MRI machine addresses a long-standing requirement and will significantly enhance diagnostic precision. With its superior imaging capability, doctors would be able to detect complex and subtle medical conditions with greater accuracy, thereby improving treatment outcomes. He further said that similar advanced technology is being used at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and that patients in Himachal Pradesh would now be spared the need to travel outside the state for specialized diagnostic services. This initiative would save valuable time and financial resources while ensuring timely medical intervention. He also thanked the Chief Minister for strengthening diagnostic facilities at Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (IGMC Shimla) and Chamiyana Hospital with the installation of high-resolution MRI machines as part of the Rs. 95 crore procurement of five MRI units across the state. He further appreciated the provision of advanced ultrasound imaging machines and modern digital X-ray systems under the Rs. 14 crore allocation for ultrasound equipment and Rs. 14 crore for ceiling-suspended DR X-ray machines, eight Imaging Archive and Retrieval Technology systems worth Rs. 40 crore are being installed across the seven medical colleges and the Kamla Nehru Hospital in Shimla.

National level Holi festival kicks off in Hamirpur

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SUJANPUR TIRA: Amid slogans of Happy Holi and colourful dances, the four-day-long national-level Holi festival started at the local Chaugan today. Holi of Sujanpur tira is known worldwide due to the importance given to it by the great Katoch rulers of Kangra hills who ruled over these hills since 1789, when Raja Sansar Chand reconquered the fort and made Sujanpur tira as its capital. HP Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri was the chief guest for the inaugural function. Earlier, this festival was to be inaugurated by the Chief Minister SS Sukhu but he could not come due to some personal reasons. He was accompanied by local MLA Captain Rajinder Singh, the Deputy Commissioner, Gandharva Rathore and SP, Balbir Singh Thakur. At the start of the festival, the chief guest and other dignitaries were tied ceremonial pagris and thereafter taken to famous Murli Manohar temple where they offered puja to the Lord Krishna for the welfare and wellbeing of the people of the state in general and Hamirpur in particular. Agnihotri also declared open an exhibition stall depicting the achievements of the people through their products. He was seen happy with the products and greeted happy holi to them. The Holi of Sujanpur tira is known since the great rulers of Katoch dynasty of Kangra hills who also ruled Sujanpur tira. Various types of sports competitions, cultural events and other types of functions would be held during the four days festival. Meanwhile, there was a great hustle and bustle at the Chaugan where thousands of small and big shops have come up selling various types of goods to the people.

Farewell ceremony organised for Class 5 students at PM Shri Centre School Chamboh

ANIL KUMAR
CHAMBOH: A farewell ceremony was organised for Class 5 students at PM Shri Centre School, Chamboh, in a warm and celebratory atmosphere. Principal Dr Ran Singh Chauhan attended the programme as the chief guest and was honoured by the head teacher, staff, and students with a garland and a memento. The school is among the few institutions in the district with a student strength exceeding 200 and has consistently demonstrated excellence in academic and co-curricular activities. Senior teacher Rajesh Sharma has been actively working to ensure the school maintains high standards across all activities. Students of Class 4 presented colourful cultural performances to bid farewell to the outgoing Class 5 students. A special standing food arrangement was also organised for the children, adding to the festive spirit. The young students expressed great joy during the event, making it a memorable occasion they will cherish for years to come.



Misgovernance, corruption, and anti-people rule under Sukhu's rule: Rakesh Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 1



Himachal Pradesh BJP spokesperson Rakesh Sharma accused the Sukhu government of "misgovernance, corruption, and anti-people rule," saying that despite taking crores of rupees in loans, the government is pretending that the treasury is empty. This clearly shows that the government is protecting corruption on a massive scale. He demanded that the Congress government in the state issue an affidavit to the public stating where the government spent crores of rupees in loans, while development in the state has been stalled for the last three years. He said that the Congress, which came to power promising to reduce inflation, immediately increased the price of diesel by Rs. 3 per liter. Three months later, it again increased it by Rs. 3.50 per liter. This has led to increased passenger fares, freight rates, and transportation costs in the state. The public has been hit hard by the heavy rains and the Congress government. By increasing the government toll tax, they have attempted to deter tourists from other states. He said that while the government is talking about promoting tourism in the state, tourists are abandoning Himachal and heading to other tourist destinations. BJP spokesperson Rakesh Sharma described the police detention as extremely unfortunate, saying it was an unprecedented situation where the Himachal Police detained Delhi Police personnel who had come to arrest those accused of tarnishing the nation's image. He alleged that the state Congress government is playing an active role in protecting Youth Congress workers who tarnished the country's image at an international forum like the AI Summit. He said that 2,000 institutions have been closed, and schemes like Himcare, Jan Manch, and Shagun have been abolished. Now, there is talk of a crisis regarding subsidies, old-age pensions, DA, and arrears. Employees are confused about salaries.

"Stay Alert, Stay Secure": DC Rahul Kumar issues strong warning against rising cyber fraud

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 1



Witnessing a surge in cyber fraud attempts in the present digital era around Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar to issue a firm and timely public advisory urging citizens to remain vigilant and fearless in the face of deceptive calls. Addressing growing concerns, the Deputy Commissioner cautioned residents against fraudsters posing as officials from the district administration, police, or banks. He emphasized that such callers often attempt to create panic and pressure individuals into sharing confidential information. "There is absolutely no need to panic," he assured, adding that no genuine authority demands sensitive details over phone calls. He categorically advised the public never to disclose OTPs, ATM or debit card numbers, CVV codes, or bank account information to strangers under any circumstances. Highlighting a common scam pattern, he revealed that fraudsters frequently threaten victims by falsely claiming that a family member has been arrested and can be released upon payment of money. "These calls are completely fraudulent and designed to exploit fear," he stated. The Deputy Commissioner directed citizens to immediately report any such suspicious calls to the nearest police station or lodge a complaint through the designated cybercrime helpline. Swift reporting, he noted, plays a crucial role in preventing financial losses and tracking criminal networks. Reiterating the district administration's commitment to public safety, Rahul Kumar appealed to residents to verify every doubtful message or call and to spread awareness among family members, especially senior citizens. "Awareness is the strongest shield against cybercrime," he emphasized, urging the people of Bilaspur to stay alert, informed, and united against digital fraud.

School management committee meeting held at Govt High School Sakrera under Shiksha Samvad programme

SUBHASH MAHAJAN
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A School Management Committee meeting was organised at Government High School Sakrera under the Shiksha Samvad programme, chaired by Ravindra Kumar. The meeting was attended by parents, teachers, and school officials, who discussed departmental guidelines and emphasised student welfare and academic development.

Discussions focused on creating a healthy and supportive environment at home to promote students' mental, physical, and nutritional well-being. Parents were briefed on skill-based teaching methods, examination reforms, evaluation systems, and ways to improve student performance. Emphasis was also placed on strengthening school infrastructure, including the library, laboratory, playground, and community participation.

The implementation of the National Education Policy, budget provisions for school welfare programmes, and participation in environmental initiatives such as tree plantation and conservation were also discussed. Participants highlighted the importance of promoting sports, arts, and cultural activities for the holistic development of students. The committee also discussed the shortage of a classroom and passed a proposal to take up the matter with the Executive Director of the Chamera Project through official correspondence to address the issue in the near future. ASHA worker Pooja addressed parents on cervical cancer prevention and encouraged vaccination, explaining its benefits and importance. Teacher Virender Thakur administered the Shiksha Samvad pledge, while headmaster Lekhraj guided parents on improving students' academic performance and discussed the adverse effects of excessive mobile phone use and discipline-related concerns.

Una has emerged with new identity of development: Dy CM Mukesh Agnihotri

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 1



Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri said Una district has established a new identity of development in recent years, achieving significant progress across industrial, educational, and infrastructure sectors. He urged collective efforts and a positive outlook to further elevate the district's recognition nationally and internationally.

He was addressing the 52nd state-level annual convention of Himotkarsh Sahitya, Sanskriti and Jan Kalyan Parishad in Una as the chief guest. Paying tribute to the parishad's founder, the late Kanwar Hari Singh, Agnihotri described him as a visionary whose contributions to education, social service, and journalism provided new direction to society.

He said the establishment and successful operation of Himotkarsh College reflected his commitment, and the government is now managing the institution.

On the occasion, the parishad contributed Rs 1.01 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Highlighting industrial development, Agnihotri said work on the bulk drug park project worth around Rs 2,500 crore is progressing rapidly, with land levelling already underway and tenders being issued for further construction. He noted that Una hosting one of India's three national bulk drug parks is a matter of pride and will strengthen Himachal Pradesh's position in the global pharmaceutical sector while reducing dependence on imported active pharmaceutical ingredients. The Deputy Chief Minister also announced that Rs 130 crore has been allocated in the first phase for the development, expansion, and beautification of Mata Shri Chintpurni Temple.

AAP workers celebrate Kejriwal's acquittal with sweets and drums in Bhoranj



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers celebrated with enthusiasm in Bhoranj after party convenor Arvind Kejriwal was acquitted by the court. Party members marked the occasion by beating drums and distributing sweets, expressing happiness over the court's decision. During the celebration, Dr Sumit Punyal said the court's observations had brought out the truth and described the case as a political conspiracy rather than a scam. He said the alleged liquor scam, which had been projected as a major corruption case, could not stand legal scrutiny due to lack of concrete evidence. He added that Kejriwal and former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia were targeted for implementing reforms such as improving government schools, expanding access to healthcare through Mohalla Clinics, and introducing public welfare measures like affordable electricity and free water. He said these initiatives strengthened governance transparency and connected politics with the common people.

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Shri Mahavir Jain Public School holds in-house training on STEM



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Shri Mahavir Jain Public School organized an in-house training program on STEM on Saturday. Objective of this training was to update teachers on science, technology, engineering and mathematics-based teaching methods and to make classroom teaching more effective and activity-based. Training session was conducted by Resource Person Shuchi Raheja and Resource Person Anu Sharma. They provided teachers with detailed information on STEM-based projects, practical activities and innovative teaching techniques. Session explained importance of STEM education through practical examples and group activities.

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Indian Rock Python rescued at Baba Barbhag Singh Mairi Fair

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The Forest Department is fully vigilant in protecting wildlife at the famous Baba Barbhag Singh (Mairi) Fair held in the Amb area of Una district in Himachal Pradesh. Acting on a tip-off received recently by the Forest Range Office, Amb, the department acted swiftly and safely rescued an Indian Rock Python from the possession of snake charmers from other states. The animal has been safely released into its natural habitat (the forest) by the department. Based on previous complaints and the illegal activities exposed through social media, the Forest Department strongly warns all individuals and snake charmers from outside states that capturing, keeping, or exploiting wildlife such as Indian Rock Pythons and Cobras for commercial gain (such as exhibiting them at fairs and extorting money) is a serious and non-bailable offense under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

BKU Ugrahan mobilization meeting held at Sanghera



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: A mobilization meeting of Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Ugrahan District Barnala was held at Sanghera village near Barnala under the chairmanship of District President Chamkaur Singh Nainewal. Addressing the meeting, State President Joginder Singh Ugrahan said that about four dozen organizations of the state have announced to gather in front of the DC office, Bathinda on March 6 and hold a state-level protest in the city against the blind violence committed by the Bathinda police on February 18. He said that the organizations have announced this protest to fulfill the demand of registering a case of attempt to murder and kidnapping against the responsible police officers including Bathinda SSP Joyti Yadav, Manoj Kumar, Narinder, Amrik Singh, Rahul Bhardwaj etc., who are accused of violently demolishing the lives of farmers.

PM Modi targets Congress, says Oppn party worked as "speedbreaker" in Puducherry's growth

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PUDUCHERRY, MAR 1



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Sunday, took aim at the Congress, and said that the party had made "a speedbreaker in the growth of Puducherry". Years of Congress rule were marked by corruption, crime and suffering of the poor, PM Modi said in his address at an event in Puducherry, while adding that the double-engine NDA government will add more momentum to Puducherry's growth."Under the earlier Congress-DMK rule, the people of Puducherry faced immense hardships. Those years were marked by political instability, allegations of corruption, rising crime, and the neglect of the poor," the Prime Minister said."When I came here earlier, I had given the mantra of BEST Puducherry. BEST means Business, Education, Spirituality and Tourism. In the last four and a half years, this vision is bearing fruit. Puducherry has witnessed good governance and development," he said. He inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth Rs 2,700 crore aimed at strengthening infrastructure, urban services, industrial development, education, healthcare and sustainable growth in Puducherry."These projects will transform the lives of the people of Puducherry," PM said."Delighted to be among the wonderful people of Puducherry. Today, multiple development works are being launched that will enhance ease of living and boost the region's economic growth," he said in a post on X.Prime Minister inaugurated several key initiatives, including the launch of e-Buses under the PM e-Bus Seva Initiative, the Integrated Command and Control Centre under the Smart City Mission, tenements for Economically Weaker Sections under City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) initiative, and important sewerage and water supply sector projects of the Government of Puducherry.He inaugurated the Composite Engineering Block- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Block and Ganga Hostel of the National Institute of Technology in Karaikal.Further, he inaugurated the modernisation of the Regional Cancer Centre at JIPMER and new annexe buildings, lecture halls and hostels of Pondicherry University, further strengthening higher education and healthcare infrastructure in the region.Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the 750-acre Karasur-Sedarapet Industrial Estate, which will house a Pharma Park, Textile Park, IT Park, state-of-the-art research and development centre of IIT Madras and advanced healthcare facilities of JIPMER, thereby providing a major boost to industrial growth and employment generation in the region.

Green shift is the need of the hour: Rana calls for immediate Natural Farming



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 1

Haryana's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana appealed to the farmers to use good fertilizer for growth on Sunday. Get the soil of the field tested from time to time, use improved seeds and adopt sprinkler plan to save water. He said that the need of the hour was to abandon poison-free farming and adopt natural farming.

Rana was addressing the farmers at the Kharif Farmers Fair organized by the Central Soil Salinity Research Institute of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research here on Sunday. Before this, he visited the stalls of Soil and Crop Management Division, Irrigation and Drainage Engineering Division, Crop Improvement Division, Social Science Research Department, Indian Council of Agricultural Research Regional Station Karnal, National Horticulture Research and Development Division, IFFCO, Horticulture Department and private companies manufacturing seeds, pesticides and agricultural equipment. A stall was also set up by the postal department.

State-level Ladwa Agri Fair enhances farmer–scientist interaction

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 1



A two-day State Level Agricultural Development Fair concluded today at the Grain Market, Ladwa, witnessing enthusiastic participation from thousands of farmers, farm women, and agri-entrepreneurs from the states of Haryana and Punjab.

The fair was inaugurated yesterday by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Nayab Singh Saini, while the Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shyam Singh Rana, graced the valedictory function as Chief Guest. Both leaders emphasized water conservation, modern agricultural technologies, and crop diversification to enhance farm income. Organized by Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University under the theme "Water Conservation – More Crop per Drop," the fair showcased advanced farm machinery, improved seed varieties, planting materials, micro-irrigation systems, and innovative technologies.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Baldev Raj Kamboj, elaborated on the university's future research roadmap, climate-resilient agriculture strategies, crop diversification models, and farmer-centric innovations. He also interacted directly with farmers, encouraging sustainable agricultural practices to ensure stable and enhanced farm income. During the programme, Dr. Dalip Gosain, Former Principal Scientist & Head, KVK, ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, held an exclusive and detailed interaction with the Vice-Chancellor on contemporary agricultural challenges and research priorities. Dr. Kamboj shared details about newly released sugarcane varieties CoH 179 and CoH 188, capable of yielding around 600 quintals per acre, along with high-yielding mustard variety RH 1975 and paddy variety HKR 49.

Cleanliness drive ahead of Baisakhi at Dera Baba Jodh Sachiyar



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: Ahead of the auspicious festival of Baisakhi, a spirit of devotion and selfless service was witnessed at Dera Baba Jodh Sachiyar. Members of the Baba Jodh Sachiyar Seva Dal carried out a special cleanliness drive across the Dera premises and Diwan Hall, giving the entire campus a neat and beautiful appearance. Providing details, Committee President Vinod Bhayana and General Secretary Madan Mohan Bhayana stated that for the descendants, devotees, and followers of Baba Jodh Sachiyar, the festival of Baisakhi is no less than Diwali. It is regarded as a symbol of faith, devotion, and togetherness of the Sangat (devotees). They informed that Baisakhi will be celebrated with great enthusiasm and religious fervor on April 14, 15, and 16. Lakhs of devotees are expected to visit Baba Ji's sacred place during these three days to pay obeisance and seek blessings and happiness.

Retirement Party organised at Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar in honour of Prof. (Dr.) Pratima Sharma



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Guru Nanak Khalsa College organized a heartfelt retirement party in honour of Prof. (Dr.) Pratima Sharma, Head Department of Hindi and Vice Principal in recognition of her dedicated and distinguished services to the institution. Prof. (Dr.) Pratima Sharma joined the college in 1988 and served the institution with unwavering commitment, sincerity, and academic excellence for more than three decades. During her tenure, she played a pivotal role in strengthening the Department of Hindi and contributed significantly to the overall academic and administrative growth of the college.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Dr. Arvinder Singh Bhalla lauded her remarkable contribution and said that Prof. Sharma has been an epitome of dedication, discipline, and professionalism.Sardar Randeep Singh Jauhar, President of the Governing Body and Managing Committee, extended his heartfelt appreciation for her exemplary services. The Managing Committee also presented her with a token of respect as a gesture of gratitude for her invaluable contribution to the college.

DC flags off inspirational exposure visit for specially abled children and senior citizens

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 1



In a heartwarming and visionary initiative, Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur, Rahul Kumar, flagged off a vibrant delegation of specially abled children and senior citizens for a two-day exposure visit under the Intergenerational Coordination Program. The team embarked on a memorable journey to Amritsar, where they will witness the iconic Beating Retreat ceremony at the Wagah Border and visit the sacred Golden Temple and historic Jallianwala Bagh.

Organized by the district administration in collaboration with the Social Justice and Empowerment Department, the visit brings together 14 senior citizens and staff from "Apna Ghar" old age home and 15 specially abled children with caregivers from "Naya Savera," Ghumarwin. With seamless coordination from the Amritsar administration, special arrangements have been ensured for the delegation. Addressing the gathering, DC Rahul Kumar emphasized that specially abled children and senior citizens are invaluable pillars of society who deserve dignity, equal opportunities, and meaningful participation. He reaffirmed the administration's commitment to integrating them into the social mainstream through cultural exchanges, health camps, motivational sessions, sports, and creative engagements that nurture empathy and mutual respect.

Expressing gratitude to partnering organizations including the Indian Red Cross Society and Manav Seva Trust, the Deputy Commissioner described the initiative as a shining example of compassionate governance. He personally distributed fruits and refreshments, wishing the participants a joyful and safe journey—an inspiring step toward building a more inclusive and caring Bilaspur.

Youth honored with Kajla Gaurav Samman at Kajla Khap's national conference

MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR, MAR 1



Representatives, officials and members from various states participated in Kajla Khap's national conference held at Jat Dharamshala in Hisar. Various social issues were discussed and call was made to unite against social evils like drug abuse. Kajla Khap also expressed anger by protesting against MLA Ramkumar Gautam for irresponsible statement. Young people for outstanding work were honored with Kajla Gaurav Samman.Conference saw strong participation from members of Kajla Khap from various villages in Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. National Patron Dharambir Kajla and National President Captain Rampal Kajla were keynote speakers at the Kajla Khap's national conference. National Advisor Rajmal Kajla, National Spokesperson Mahendra Singh Kajla, National Treasurer Mangeram Kajla and other officials were present. National President Rampal Kajla stated that evil of drug addiction is ruining youth. Falling prey to drug addiction, young people are becoming directionless and are leading to wrongdoing. He emphasized that everyone must unite to fight against drug addiction and guide youth. Kajla Khap will also launch a campaign against drug addiction. Strengthening brotherhood, national conference demanded that central government safeguard farmers' interests in trade agreement with United States. A demand was also made for the appointment of a Haryana resident as the HPSC Chairman. Protest was held with resolution of condemnation passed against Gautam for his derogatory remarks against Jat community.

Holi is not a festival of force but of love and decency: Manoj Vats



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Yogesh Midda, President of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Taraori branch, appealed for brotherhood on the occasion of Holi. He said that Bharat Vikas Parishad is raising awareness about saving water, playing Holi with flowers, and avoiding chemical colors. President Yogesh Midda appealed to the city residents to share the joy of Holi, saying that if possible, instead of playing with water, use gulal (colour powder) made from herbal flowers. Avoid using dark colors altogether. He said that Holi symbolizes the victory of good over evil. This festival fills people's hearts with enthusiasm. On this occasion, he called on everyone to strengthen mutual love and unity. Yogesh Midda said that we should all come together and play Holi with flowers to spread the message of brotherhood. Yogesh Midda, President of the Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) branch in Tarawadi, said that Holi, the festival of colors, is a great festival of mutual brotherhood. During Holi, people forget all grievances and embrace each other to wish each other a happy Holi. Therefore, everyone should celebrate Holi peacefully. He said that Holi represents mutual brotherhood and harmony. During Holi, people forget all grievances and embrace each other to greet each other on the occasion of the Hindi New Year. He urged people to celebrate Holi peacefully.

Neeraj Malhotra re-elected as President of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Bassi Pathana Branch

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 1



Neeraj Malhotra has been unanimously re-elected as the President of the Bharat Vikas Parishad, Bassi Pathana Branch, marking his second consecutive term. Along with him, Ravinder Kumar Binku has been appointed Secretary and Pardeep Malhotra has been entrusted with the responsibility of Treasurer.

The annual election meeting, held at Rutbha Restaurant, Sirhind, took place under the supervision of State Election Observer C.A. Shekhar Suman (Mandi Gobindgarh). With full confidence in last year's team, the attending members unanimously elected Neeraj Malhotra and his team for the term 2026–2027.

During the meeting, State Observer Shekhar Suman Garg, in the presence of State Meet President Ramesh Malhotra and District Coordinator Babaljit Panesar, shared detailed information about the activities and values upheld by Bharat Vikas Parishad. He also emphasized the Council's core principles and traditions. Expressing gratitude to the members and the election observer, newly re-elected President Neeraj Malhotra assured that he would work with collective support to uphold the Parishad's values and extend help to the most needy sections of society. State Vice t President Ramesh Malhotra and District Coordinator Babaljit Panesar also addressed the gathering. Ramesh Malhotra said that Bharat Vikas Parishad is a family, not merely a club, and should always be nurtured with the same spirit.

Holi festival of love and decency: Yogesh Middha

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Manoj Vats, President of the Shri Karneshwar Mahadev Temple, Lal Vihar, Taraori and President of the Parmarth Shiksha Samiti, Taraori, said that Holi is a festival of love and decency, and we should celebrate it with brotherhood and share happiness. Manoj Vats said that if anyone wants to apply color on Holi, they should celebrate it only by applying a tilak and distributing sweets. Manoj Vats was speaking to reporters in Tarawadi. He also appealed to the residents of Tarawadi to celebrate Holi with brotherhood. He said that Holi should be celebrated with brotherhood. On this day, instead of wasting water on the streets, an appeal should be made to conserve water. He said that a lot of water is wasted during Holi, which needs to be saved in today's times. And yes, if someone applies dark color on the face or is careless, their entire life can become colorless. We should celebrate Holi by conserving water and applying tilak with gulal. Vats said that the very mention of Holi brings colorful faces to mind. Everyone should celebrate Holi by distributing sweets in a brotherly manner. Gulal and colours contain chemicals, so it is important to avoid them.



Extensive police security arrangements made to ensure peaceful and harmonious Holi festival: SP Kamaldeep Goyal

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 1



Police spokesperson stated that as directed by Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal, IPS, the district police have made extensive security arrangements to ensure a peaceful and harmonious celebration of Holi and Dhulhandi. Special vigilance is being maintained throughout the district. All station and outpost in-charges have been ordered to perform their duties diligently in their respective areas. Night patrols have been increased, and additional police forces have been deployed at sensitive and crowded locations. Checkpoints have been set up at designated locations in each police station area of the district and patrol parties have been activated. Besides commando teams, PCRs, and riders are also conducting continuous patrols to prevent any untoward incidents. The police administration has clarified that strict action will be taken against those who disrupt law and order. Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal, while wishing the district residents a Happy Holi, said that Holi was a festival of colors and brotherhood and it should be celebrated with peace and harmony. He made a special appeal to the youth, saying that drug addiction is the biggest obstacle in the development of society and the country. The problem of drug addiction is not just a personal one, but a societal one. Therefore, everyone must come forward to eradicate it from its roots. He urged everyone to pledge to create a drug-free and crime-free society by burning the evil of addiction on the occasion of Holi. The district police are also keeping a close watch on drug traffickers. All station heads have been instructed to monitor drug traffickers operating in their areas and take strict action against them.

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Holi is a symbol of strengthening mutual brotherhood: Ravita Luthra

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA

KARNAL: Holi was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Indira Colony, located on Vikram Marg. Ravita Luthra, patron of the Nari Shakti Manch, said that the festival of Holi is about fostering mutual brotherhood and establishing new relationships by forgetting past grievances. Harmonious relationships open the way for development. On this occasion, all the women of the colony held a satsang and sang bhajans at the house of Shalu Arora, the president of the Manch. The atmosphere remained religious until late in the evening with bhajans and kirtans. Later, there was dancing and singing to the tunes of DJ music, and a flower Holi was played. Finally, after offering the offerings, prasad was distributed. The women greeted each other with gulal and wished each other a happy Holi. Arrangements have been made for a havan (fire sacrifice) and a feast in the colony on March 4.

60 promises fulfilled in Haryana ; now it is Punjab's turn for change: CM Saini

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 1

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, while addressing a programme organised by the Saini Samaj at Dinanagar in Gurdaspur district of Punjab on Sunday, said that Punjab is the sacred land of the Gurus, sacrifice and martyrdom. He said that even after suffering the trauma of Partition, the people of Punjab refused to succumb to despair and turned self-belief into their greatest strength.

Nayab Singh Saini said that the upcoming Punjab Assembly election is not merely about changing a government, but about changing the political direction of Punjab and ensuring respect for its society.

He said he felt proud to be present on this sacred land. He called upon everyone to work together to once again make Punjab a leading state on the path of development. He said, "Together, we must make Punjab 'Rangla Punjab' again."

The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has worked to give due respect to the Saini samaj. By making a small worker like him the Chief Minister, he empowered the community. He informed that on Monday he would present his second Budget in the Haryana Assembly. Out of 217 resolutions, 60 have been fulfilled and work is progressing rapidly on 120 others.

Highlighting the state government's schemes, the Chief Minister



said that free dialysis facilities are being provided to kidney patients in all hospitals and medical colleges in Haryana. Pensions are being delivered to senior citizens at their homes by the 10th of every month. Under the Lado Lakshmi Yojana, women are being given Rs. 2,100. Crops are being procured from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) with payment within 48 hours. Farmers are also benefiting from the Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana.

He said houses are being constructed and provided to the poor, and plots are being allotted to families without land. Families residing on Panchayati land for a long time have also been granted ownership rights.

The Chief Minister said that development in Punjab has been affected because power remained confined to a few hands. Now is the time to change the direction of politics. He expressed confidence that in the upcoming Assembly elections, the OBC community will unite and play a decisive role in forming a Bharatiya Janata Party government to make Punjab prosperous and vibrant once again.

He said that the OBC community constitutes 31 percent of Punjab's population and should come together to become the axis of politics and play a significant role. Sh. Saini said that the situation in Punjab is currently very challenging. The state is grappling with unemployment, drug abuse, crime and migration, and the time has come to address these issues. The Saini samaj has a major role to play in this effort.

Taking a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the Chief Minister said that before the Bihar elections, Rahul Gandhi had alleged vote theft in Haryana, but the people firmly rejected these allegations.

Swami Dharmdev addresses Virat Hindu Sammelan in Nilokheri, highlights cultural unity and respect for all



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI, FEBRUARY 28

Mahant Swami Dharmdev addressed a Virat Hindu Sammelan organised at the grain market in Nilokheri to mark the centenary year of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). In his presidential address, he said that India's cultural ethos promotes respect for all communities and emphasised the inclusive nature of Sanatan culture, which seeks the welfare of all living beings.

He said that Hindus are not opposed to any religion and support the peaceful coexistence and dignity of all communities, including Muslims, in India. However, he also expressed his views regarding historical and religious matters, stating his opposition to any construction associated with Babri Masjid, citing historical sensitivities.

Swami Dharmdev also expressed gratitude for the role of the RSS in promoting national unity and cultural preservation over the past 100 years. He said the organisation's contributions have instilled a sense of pride and service among its volunteers, who continue to work for social welfare and national interest.

RSS Sah-Karyavah Dr Pritam highlighted the organisation's efforts in strengthening social harmony, cultural awareness, and national service. He said the vision of RSS founder Dr Keshav Baliram Hedgewar has led to the development of a disciplined volunteer base dedicated to nation-building.

Several religious leaders and dignitaries, including Mahant Avadh Bihari Das, Sadhvi Abhilasha, and social activist Sangeeta, attended the event. Local MLA Bhagwan Dass Kabirpanthi, Market Committee chairman Shiv Nath Kapoor, and other prominent members of religious and social organisations were also present.

On the occasion, members of the women's wing of Shri Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Neelnagar, organised a Kalash Yatra in the town, with participation from a large number of women. The programme was conducted by Padmesh Baveja and Sonia Sharma.

Provisions of Budget 2026-27 will ensure welfare of every section of society: Jagmohan Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 1



MLA Jagmohan Anand said that Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini will present a budget dedicated to Haryana's development on Monday, February 2. It will ensure the welfare of every section of the society, including the elderly, women, youth, farmers, businessmen, and laborers. Like the 2025-26 budget, this financial year's budget is expected to exceed two lakh crore rupees. Public views and suggestions have been given special consideration while preparing the budget. The Chief Minister himself has taken the initiative to gather public suggestions regarding the budget by holding meetings in several districts so that the citizens of Haryana can contribute to the journey towards a developed India and the state can emerge as a leading state in achieving the resolve of a developed India.

MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the current government's focus in the 2026-27 financial budget will be on expanding basic amenities. The budget, prepared with the goal of improving basic amenities, including electricity, water, and roads, in rural and urban areas, will be presented to the public. Furthermore, the government is committed to promoting education and healthcare facilities in the state. The Deputy Chief Minister may also make significant announcements to promote the industrial sector and attract foreign investment to Haryana.

The MLA stated that this year's budget will clearly reflect Haryana's progress. Expenditure on schemes for the poor and needy may also be increased. The government has also increased the social security pension for the elderly in Haryana. The budget for welfare schemes for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes is also expected to increase. The government has a special focus on farmers. Procurement of crops at MSP will continue, and subsidies to farmers under various schemes may also continue. New provisions for farmers are also expected in the budget. Haryana's budget will also be beneficial for traders. Like the previous budget, the government will meet the public's expectations in this fiscal budget and present an attractive budget.

BKU to hold tractor parade in Karnal on March 6 to press for demands: Ratan Mann

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 1

The ongoing farmers' protest under the aegis of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) demanding a service lane on the Karnal Ring Road appears to be moving towards a decisive turning point. Expressing deep concern over the gross negligence of the government and administration, Ratan Mann, State President of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, made a major announcement. He stated that due to the administration's stubborn attitude and continued negligence, BKU will hold a tractor parade in Karnal on March 6. Expressing displeasure with the administration, Ratan Mann said that the farmers are conducting their protest in a completely democratic and peaceful manner. They have been on strike for the past 24 days, but the administration has yet to pay heed. He stated that if a solution is not found soon, the protest will be forced to intensify, for which the administration will be solely responsible.



The ongoing protest demanding a service lane on the Ring Road entered its 24th day today. A district-level farmers' panchayat was held at the protest site, where strong anger was expressed against the administration. District President Surendra Singh Ghuman chaired the district-level panchayat. BKU State President Ratanman, Shyam Singh Mann, North Haryana incharge Mehtab Kadian, and State General Secretary Bhupendra Singh Ladi were also present. The farmer leaders present unanimously stated that the protest and agitation will continue until the demand for a service lane on the Ring Road is met. Ratan Mannstated that despite a written agreement, the farmers' demands have not yet been met, which is extremely unfortunate. Ratanman warned that after the major protest on March 6th, the scope of the ongoing work stoppage on the Ring Road will be further expanded. He clearly stated that only when the road is built will NHAI work proceed. The farmers noted that it is now nearly a month since the protest began. But to date, the administration has not addressed the farmers' concerns.

Holi symbolises unity, friendship and brotherhood, says Sumit Narwal at Holi Milan Samaroh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL/ASSANDH: A Holi Milan Samaroh was organised at GS Farm in Assandh under the aegis of the Sumit Narwal Kalyan Foundation, bringing together people from all communities across villages of the Assandh Assembly constituency. The event reflected social unity and communal harmony, with participation from thousands of residents representing diverse sections of society.



Karnal BJP district president Praveen Lathar and MP representative Kavindra Rana attended the programme, along with sarpanches, district council members, block committee members, and other prominent representatives from various villages. Welcoming the guests, Sumit Narwal extended Holi greetings and emphasised the cultural and social significance of the festival. He said Holi is a sacred festival in Hindu tradition, celebrated on the full moon day of the Phagun month, and holds a special place in bringing happiness and strengthening bonds among people. He said Holi represents unity, friendship, and brotherhood, and serves as an occasion to reinforce social harmony and mutual respect. He added that the festival provides an opportunity for people of all age groups to come together through cultural activities, music, and celebrations, promoting a spirit of togetherness and equality. Participants celebrated the occasion with enthusiasm, exchanging greetings and colours while conveying the message of social unity and cultural harmony.

KL Saini becomes president of Saini Sabha

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: A meeting of the Saini Sabha, Halqa Mulana, was held on the premises of the Saini Sabha, Mulana, under the chairmanship of President Dr. Surendra Saini and General Secretary Hemraj Saini. The meeting saw the election of the governing body of the Saini Sabha, Mulana. The election was conducted under the supervision of Returning Officer Jang Bahadur.



The governing body members were elected unanimously. KL Saini was appointed President, Somnath Saini Dhin General Secretary, Satpal Saini Mulana Vice President, Sukhwinder Saini Sardehri Treasurer, Jaswinder Saini Haldari Joint Secretary, Baldev Saini Coordinator, Maya Ram Saini Technical Advisor, Sandeep Saini Legal Advisor, Praveen Saini Media Incharge, while Jeet Ram Saini, Jagir Saini, Roshan Saini Dhanauri, and Roshan Saini Subhari were appointed Senior Advisors. The newly appointed team was congratulated and presented with sweets.

The newly appointed head KL Saini thanked the old team for their commendable contribution and said that he would follow their work and speed up the work of the Sabha's under-construction building. Senior Sabha member Kulwant Saini said that Saini Sabha will try to connect as many youth of the area with the mainstream of Halqa Mulana.

Haryana Patrakar Sangh celebrates Holi Milan Mahotsav, leaders and journalists spread message of unity







SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 1

Leaders, journalists, and social workers came together to celebrate the Holi Milan Mahotsav organised by the Haryana Patrakar Sangh in Karnal, setting aside political differences and exchanging greetings in a spirit of harmony and unity. Participants applied gulal to each other and celebrated the festival with enthusiasm, accompanied by music and dance.

The event, held at The Divine Banquet Hall on Meerut Road, witnessed participation from leaders of various political parties, media professionals, and prominent members of society. The gathering reflected a sense of goodwill and togetherness, with attendees embracing each other and celebrating Holi beyond party lines. The presence of women journalists added vibrancy to the celebration.

Haryana Patrakar Sangh president K.B. Pandit said that although political leaders may belong to different ideologies, the Holi Milan Mahotsav symbolises social unity and mutual respect. He said Holi is a festival of togetherness that brings people closer, and the event demonstrated collective harmony and brotherhood.

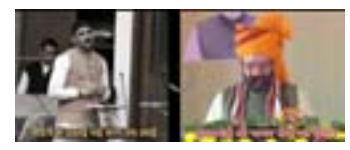
District president Rajkumar Prince, former district president Sandeep Sahil, Karnal Breaking News director Kamal Middha, Abhi-Abhi editor Devendra Gandhi, and senior journalists Praveen Arora, Somdatt Sharma, Gagan Talwar, and Anil Bhardwaj contributed to the successful organisation of the programme. Several senior journalists, media professionals, and social media influencers were also present.

The celebration began with playing Holi using flowers, followed by traditional colour festivities. Haryanvi singer Ishwar Sharma and his team presented Holi songs depicting the spirit of Radha-Krishna devotion, which received appreciation from the audience.

4-laning of Kaithal-Dhand-Kurukshetra-Y' nagar road to accelerate pace of development: MLA

RANVIR PARASHAR

PUNDRI: Satpal Jamba, MLA from Pundri Assembly constituency, welcomed important announcement made by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini regarding four-laning of Kaithal-Dhand-Kurukshetra-Yamunanagar road, saying that this will give a new impetus to region's development. He said that this historic decision by Chief Minister will soon begin road reconstruction, providing easy and safe transportation for public. Government is working to take state to new heights by pursuing policy of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas. MLA stated that central and state governments have laid a network of roads. Roads are now being built in India on lines of foreign countries.Many highways in country and state are examples of this. Kaithal-Kurukshetra-Yamunanagar road has been a long-standing demand for improvement. With Chief Minister approving budget for road strengthening, widening, repairing and strengthening major connecting roads in region will be prioritized. He stated that a better road network will not only improve traffic but also facilitate access to business, education, and health services. This will particularly benefit local businessmen, farmers, and students.



Blood donation camp organised in Sarawan village

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, MARCH 1

A blood donation camp was organised in Sarawan village, Sadhaura, with the support of the Swami Vivekananda Trust and the villagers, where a large number of people donated blood. According to reports, the blood donation camp, held for the second consecutive year in Sarawan village, concluded with the support of the Swami Vivekananda Trust and the villagers, and over 90 units of blood were collected. A team from Sanjivani Blood Bank, Ambala City, attended the camp to collect blood. Sadhaura MLA Renu Bala was the chief guest, and former vice-president of the Zila Parishad Anil Sandhu Monty was the special guest. Chief guest Renu Bala said, "A single drop of blood can be life-saving for someone. We should donate blood regularly to maintain a healthy body. Donating blood does not weaken anyone, but rather doubles the body's energy." Anil Sandhu Monty added, "The blood donation camp has been held in Sarawan village for the second consecutive year, and the youth of the village deserve congratulations for organizing this blood donation camp for a healthy future." Sanjeev Saini BKU also greeted all the blood donors and Sanjeevani Blood Bank.



Abhishek Saini and his team also extended full support in this blood donation camp, especially Harsh Saini, Manoj Saini, Anil Saini, Vishal Jat, Munir, Aryan, Tanish Jindal, Ajay Kashyap Vishal, Tinku Saini, Karnajot and a large number of other youth were present on the spot and extended their support by donating blood. During this Abhishek Saini said that he will definitely organise a blood donation camp every year so that the youth who are losing their future in addiction like drugs can find a way to do good.

Dera Banda Nawaz, where everyone's wishes are fulfilled

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Bhushan Kalra, the chief sevadar of the Sarvadharma Dera Banda Nawaz, the largest centre of devotion in North India, informed that the 59th Urs Mubarak and Shahi Bhandara, a grand celebration of humanity, unity, and brotherhood, will be celebrated with great pomp and devotion by the Sarvadharma Dera Banda Nawaz, Sheikhpura Qadeem, on Thursday, March 12, 2026. The Shahi Chadar will be presented at 4 p.m. In the evening, a spiritual discourse, Qawwalis, and prayers for the welfare of the nation will be held. Devotees of all religions and castes will attend the event and pray for the fulfillment of their wishes. Providing information about this, Dera Sevak Bhushan Kalra explained that Sarvadharma Dera Banda Nawaz is a center of faith for all religions, where every visitor's thoughts transcend caste and religion and become dedicated to humanity. This grand event will begin with the recitation of the Gita, Sukhmani Sahib, the Quran, and the Bible, with prayers for peace and harmony for all. Following this, at 10 p.m., Sufi Qawwals will recite Qawwalis in Sufi style, connecting devotees with spirituality. The program will continue late into the night, with the echo of Sufi Qawwali, filling the atmosphere with spiritual waves. Bhushan Kalra explained that Shri D.B.N. Maharaj Ji has such a simple nature that all the devotees who come here find peace. Every year, a large number of devotees from India and abroad arrive at the Bhandara with their wishes fulfilled, and upon their wishes being fulfilled.



Grand Hindu convention held in Khatauli village, emphasising Hindu unity, Swadeshi, and patriotism

JITENDRA KAUSHIK
BARWALA, MARCH 1



A grand Hindu convention was successfully held in Khatauli village on Sunday, attended by a large number of Hindus. Saints, social workers, and speakers emphasized the unity of Hindu society, the adoption of Swadeshi, the protection of Sanatan culture, and organized efforts for nation-building. The chief guest of the event was 1008 Mahamandaleshwar Swami Vishwamitranand Giri Ji Maharaj. In his blessings, he emotionally remarked that the country was divided at the time of independence, and even today, incidents of violence based on religion are a matter of concern. Describing the adoption of Swadeshi as the foundation for strengthening the country, he said that only self-reliance can strengthen the nation.

Special guest Sadhvi Sanyogita Bharti delivered an inspiring address. She emphasized that India must be transformed not just into a "golden bird" but into a "golden lion"—a prosperous, secure, and powerful nation. Emphasizing the need for the Hindu community to unite, he described such conferences as a means of awakening. In his address, keynote speaker Bhupesh stated that the nation has entered the Amrit Kaal (the age of immortality) and that a resolution for "five changes" has been taken in the centenary year of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. He elaborated on topics such as social harmony, family enlightenment, environmental protection, a self-reliant lifestyle, and civic duty.

During the programme, bhajans, discourses, cultural presentations, and collective resolutions were also held, creating a spiritual atmosphere throughout the event. The conference concluded with a message of collective resolution and national service.

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Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.

Mark Twain

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Strategic autonomy in a polarised world

In today's increasingly polarized world, where great-power rivalries between the United States, China, and Russia intensify, and regional conflicts-from Ukraine to West Asia-force nations to choose sides, India stands out by steadfastly pursuing strategic autonomy. This approach is not mere non-alignment from the Cold War era but an evolved, proactive policy of multi-alignment: engaging diverse partners on their merits, prioritizing national interests, and avoiding entrapment in exclusive blocs.

Strategic autonomy means India retains the will and capacity to decide independently on matters affecting its vital interests-security, economy, technology, and sovereignty. In a multipolar landscape marked by fragmentation, this enables New Delhi to hedge risks, diversify dependencies, and maximize leverage. For instance, India deepens Defence and technology ties with the US through frameworks like the Quad while sustaining reliable energy and arms partnerships with Russia. Simultaneously, it advances economic cooperation with China despite border tensions, ensuring no single power can dictate terms.

A clear example is India's balanced diplomacy in West Asia, a region rife with polarization. India has elevated its strategic partnership with Israel, yielding tangible benefits in defence (co-developed systems like Barak-8), agriculture (drip irrigation via 33+ Centres of Excellence boosting farmer yields), water management (desalination and recycling addressing scarcity), and innovation (AI, cybersecurity through joint R&D funds). Bilateral merchandise trade stands at around $3.75 billion (FY24-25), with ongoing FTA negotiations (launched February 2026) promising further growth in high-tech and MSMEs. Yet this engagement never compromises India's broader regional stance. New Delhi maintains strong ties with Arab states like the UAE and Saudi Arabia (energy, infrastructure, and connectivity), supports a two-state solution for Palestine (with substantial aid, and engages constructively with others like Iran. Recent developments-such as PM Modi's February 2026 visit to Israel-underscore de-hyphenation: deepening bilateral gains without alienating Arab partners or abandoning humanitarian principles. This pragmatic balancing reinforces stability, humanitarian sensitivity, and India's role as a voice for the Global South.

In a polarised era, strategic autonomy is India's shield against coercion and its bridge to opportunity. It allows sovereign choices that deliver citizen-centric outcomes-enhanced security, food and water security, jobs through innovation-while upholding empathy in conflicts and advocating multilateralism. As global fault lines deepen, India's model of independent, interest-driven diplomacy offers a mature path: not aloofness or drift, but confident agency in shaping a multipolar order that serves development, peace, and equity for all.

J&K's Ranji triumph redraws Indian domestic cricket power map



IICT shapes India's AVGC-XR future



At just 16, Reeth Gupta is already turning her dreams into reality. A Class XI student in the non-medical stream in Mumbai, Reeth has been fascinated by animation since she was 10. Inspired by films like Pokemon and How to Train Your Dragon, she has transformed a childhood passion into a serious career goal.

Today, Reeth is among nearly 130 students training at the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT), a rapidly emerging hub for aspiring professionals in Animation, Visual Effects (VFX), Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR).

Dubbed India's lighthouse for AVGC-XR, IICT was made operational in July last year with the enrolment of its first batch. Established by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra, FICCI and CII under a public-private partnership model, the institute was initially launched as the National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) for AVGC-XR with a one-time budgetary support of Rs 391.15 crore approved on September 19, 2024. It was later rechristened as IICT.

Functioning from its temporary campus at National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in Mumbai, the institute currently offers 18 specialised courses, including two-year undergraduate diploma programmes, one-year diploma courses and short-term certificate programmes of three and six months.

Speaking to UNI, Gupta said enrolling at IICT felt like discovering a platform aligned perfectly with her aspirations. "It was movies like Pokémon and How to Train Your Dragon that got me hooked on animation. When IICT opened its campus, it was like I found a place to help me realise my dreams. My parents got me enrolled here and after pursuing the diploma course, I also wish to pursue B.Des in Animation," she said.

During a recent visit to the campus, Ninad Raikar, IICT's Chief Operating Officer, spoke at length about the institute's vision, long-term strategy, and the focus of industry integration.

"IICT is a visionary initiative by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, designed to empower the next generation with future-ready skills," Raikar said. "With state-of-the-art infrastructure and real-time industry exposure, the campus creates an immersive learning environment that bridges education and industry. For anyone aspiring to build a successful career in AVGC-XR, IICT is an ideal platform to upskill and unlock new opportunities."

Beyond classroom training, IICT is also fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. Eight start-ups are currently being incubated on campus, offering students exposure to real-world creative production and industry collaboration.

To further strengthen industry readiness, IICT has signed multiple MoUs with global technology and media leaders such as Google, Meta, NVIDIA, Microsoft, Apple, Adobe and WPP. These partnerships are aimed at equipping students with cutting-edge tools, global exposure and mentorship aligned with industry standards.

Awareness key weapon against colorectal cancer, says Dr Karthik Sahni

Marking Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month observed globally in March, cancer specialist Dr Karthik Sahni of Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute urged people to remain vigilant about colorectal cancer and undergo timely screening to ensure early detection and treatment.

Describing colorectal cancer as a "silent killer," Dr Sahni said the disease often presents with mild or common symptoms in its early stages, leading many people to ignore warning signs. He emphasized that timely diagnosis significantly improves the chances of successful treatment and survival.

Dr Sahni noted that while colorectal cancer was previously more common among individuals aged above 50, an increasing number of cases are now being reported among people below 40. He attributed this trend to unhealthy lifestyle habits, including low-fibre diets, high consumption of processed foods, smoking, alcohol use, and lack of physical activity.He advised people to watch for symptoms such as changes in bowel habits, blood in



stool, persistent abdominal pain or bloating, unexplained weight loss, and prolonged fatigue. He recommended consulting a gastroenterologist or cancer specialist if such symptoms persist for more than two weeks.

Highlighting treatment challenges, Dr Sahni said that in advanced stages, patients may require chemotherapy followed by surgery to remove affected portions of the colon or rectum. In some cases, a colostomy procedure is necessary, where an opening is created in the abdominal wall to collect waste in a special bag. He said that while living with a colostomy can initially be physically and emotionally challenging, proper guidance, stoma care training, and modern medical support enable patients to lead normal lives.Dr Sahni recommended regular colonoscopy screening after the age of 45, especially for individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer.

He explained that screening can detect and remove precancerous polyps, preventing the disease from developing. Experts also advised adopting preventive measures such as maintaining a balanced diet, exercising regularly, avoiding tobacco and excessive alcohol, and prioritising regular health check-ups. Dr Sahni said the awareness month serves as an important reminder that timely screening and informed health choices can help save lives.

West Asia conflict to raise freight costs, disrupt supply chains



The ongoing conflict in West Asia will inevitably raise freight costs and stretch supply chains, SC Ralhan, President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) said.

In addition, FIEO, in a brief statement, cautioned that heightened geopolitical risk typically results in higher marine insurance premiums, further adding to transaction costs for exporters. "A prolonged disruption could also exert upward pressure on global energy prices, with consequential implications for input costs and currency stability, including pressure on the Rupee," observed FIEO. While Indian exporters have demonstrated resilience in navigating past disruptions, sustained instability in these critical trade corridors would warrant close monitoring and calibrated policy support to maintain competitiveness, said FIEO Chief.

On Saturday, the United States and Israel carried out joint missile attacks on Iran, with large explosions reported in Tehran and other major cities, signalling a sharp escalation that risks expanding tensions into a broader regional conflict in the West Asia.Meanwhile, Iran has retaliated, targeting Israel and US assets in multiple Gulf states. Multiple explosions have been heard in Iran's capital, Tehran, while blasts have also been reported in several other locations across the country. Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was killed in an Israeli airstrike on Tehran, senior Israeli officials were informed on Saturday evening, according to The Jerusalem Post.Senior Israeli officials were also informed that the body of Iran's Supreme Leader was found under the rubble left by the air strike, the report said.United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for an immediate halt to hostilities and urgent de-escalation in the West Asia, urging world leaders to "act responsibly". During the emergency meeting to address the situation in Iran and the West Asia, Guterres said, "Let's act responsibly and together to pull the region and our world back from the brink."

Curtains came down on SATTE 2026, an annual tourism fair at Delhi's Yashobhumi on Friday evening. This edition saw about 2000 exhibitors from about 60 countries participate in the three-day-long tourism event.

Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau had a strong presence at the event, which attracted a lot of attention from the visitors.

The Bureau tried to focus its energy on communicating the unique selling propositions of the 'Emerald Isle of the Indian Ocean' to charm Indian weddings and film production customers in a big way.

DM Niroshana, Managing Director, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, in an interaction with UNI, said, "As far as the Indian market is concerned, we are focusing on wedding tourism and film tourism. India has a very rich and very big film industry. We have exotic locations and the stories. We want Indians to come and shoot in Sri Lanka."

"Wedding tourism is another segment which has huge demand in India. Wedding parties come in large numbers, they stay for several days, and they also spend substantial amounts at the destination. We want them to come to Sri Lanka. For Indian tourists, Sri Lanka is a specialised destination; it is foreign yet quite similar to India. So our Indian visitors can feel at home there."

Niroshana added that the tourism bureau is trying to get concessions from airline companies for bulk wedding tourist parties from India.

"We are working towards getting air travel concessions and also want tax cuts on some merchandise so that we become an attractive shopping destination," he explained.

He explained that Sri Lanka offers a world of varied experiences within a very short span of time.

"In Sri Lanka, within a span of 1-2 hours, you can reach a totally different climate and environment," he said. Galle is a beach destination, but within a few hours, you can reach Ella, which is a mountainous and forest destination," he said.

"Similarly, Nuwara Eliya, which is very cold, is right next to that. Anuradhapura is an ancient city, while Colombo, which is just around 4 hours away, is totally different. Jafna offers authentic Tamil culture and houses a lot of Hindu temples, he added, explaining the sheer diversity that the island nation presents to visitors.

All places are just a few hours from one another, so you get several varied experiences in Sri Lanka within a short span of time."

Meanwhile, next door, Nepal positioned itself as an ideal weekend getaway and as a place that offers something for everyone

Sagar Upadhyaha, senior officer, Nepal Tourism Board, said, "The holy land of Nepal holds immense religious significance, hosting multiple temples of spiritual importance, so it is very important for religious tourists, especially the elderly. At the same time, it is an attraction for the youth as it has endless opportunities for adventure tourism- mountaineering, camping, mountain biking and so on."

Upadhyaha underscored the importance of Indian tourism for Nepal's economy. "Even if a small proportion of Indians visit Nepal, it will be a huge boost to our economy. We are accessible by road and offer visa-free travel; we are a very good weekend destination."

He explained that Nepal is also trying to position itself as a wedding, honeymoon and film shooting destination

"We get a good amount of tourists during summers, but we are also promoting the destination wedding segment. We have engaged with wedding planners for that purpose. Government is also considering easing the rules and making sanctions easier for filmmakers in Nepal."

The Karnataka Tourism Department focused on highlighting the coastal tourism trend that is strengthening in the state

AS Nadaf, Manager, Jungle Lodges & Resorts Ltd., Bengaluru, said, people are discovering the charms Karnataka's coastal regions offer. "Turtle breeding is a unique sight to behold in the pristine, picturesque beaches of Karnataka. Tourists visit the Karnataka coasts both at the time when turtles come to shore to lay eggs and the time when the eggs hatch and the newborn turtles go towards the sea."

"Turtles come from as far as New Zealand to lay eggs on the beach. After that, go back to sea. One turtle lays about hundreds of eggs, though very few survive, as very few of them reach the water from the beach, they fall prey to birds, jackals, dogs, etc., so our department has started protecting them."

Nadaf added that fish tourism is also gaining in popularity in Karnataka. "Tourists come to watch fishermen at work, how they put their nets, how they trace fish in the sea using their traditional knowledge, how they segregate different species of fish when they come back with their catch, and they also buy fresh fish from fishermen."

The Caribbean nation of Jamaica highlighted its Indian Diaspora, tourist-friendly population and unique adventure sports experiences for wooing Indian visitors.

Harshima Bakshi, PR Manager of the Jamaica Tourist Board, said those willing to explore a new, unique destination should choose Jamaica. "For Indians, it is a fresh and unexplored destination, not many know there is a large Indian Diaspora that resides there, and there are a lot of cultural similarities between India and Jamaica-Indians will not feel out of place. People are very warm and friendly."

"Apart from beaches, mountaineering, hiking, and waterfall climbing are some of the things that we are promoting here. Waterfall climbing is fast gaining popularity; it is an adventure activity involving ascending waterfalls with the help of a belay. Be it surfing or sailing, Jamaica has activities for visitors of all ages," she said.

Harshima said that foreign tourist arrivals from India in Jamaica are rising steadily.

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SAD gears up for Mega 'Punjab Bachao Rally' in Jhunir

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH: Leaders and workers of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) have expressed strong enthusiasm ahead of the party's "Punjab Bachao Rally" scheduled to be held on March 4 at the Grain Market in Jhunir under the Sardulgarh constituency. District Urban President Jatinder Singh



Sodhi stated that the rally is being organised under the guidance of SAD General Secretary Balwinder Singh Bhunder and the leadership of former Sardulgarh MLA Dilraj Singh Bhunder. The event will be addressed by party president Sukhbir Singh Badal, Member of Parliament Harsimrat Kaur Badal, along with other senior leaders of the party. Sodhi said extensive preparations have been undertaken across the constituency to ensure the success of the rally. Responsibilities have been assigned to office-bearers and youth leaders, and widespread enthusiasm is visible among party workers in both rural and urban areas.

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Blood donation camp organized by Rotary Club Nabha Greater, Nabha



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: Rotary Club Nabha Greater, Nabha organized a blood donation camp at Shri Hanuman Mandir Bathindia Mohalla in the warm memory of late Shri Tarsem Chand Singla Ji. On this occasion, the camp was inaugurated by Shri Ghanshyam Kansal PDG (R ID 3090) and the chief guest of the camp Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi (Member Parliament Patiala) and special guest Shri Hari Singh MD (Preet Group), former minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot specially attended. In the camp, blood was collected from about 55 blood donors by the team of Dr. Heena Singla of Civil Hospital Nabha. The stage role in the camp was played by Shastri Lalit Sharma Ji. On this occasion, the club Bhupesh Bansal, Secretary Manoj Singla, Cashier Tej Bansal, Convener Om Prakash Garg, Co-Coordinator Vikas Mittal and all the members honored the blood donors with certificates, the chief guest and the dignitaries present.

CM Dhami emphasises timely pension case resolution and awareness drives

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Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has issued clear instructions that pension cases must be resolved with complete promptness while chairing a review meeting of the Social Welfare Department at the Chief Minister's residence on Sunday.

He ensured that no eligible beneficiary is deprived of social security scheme benefits. He directed officials to launch extensive outreach campaigns to spread awareness about pension schemes among maximum eligible beneficiaries and to present an innovation-based, effective action plan at the earliest to connect deprived and vulnerable sections with these schemes.

The Chief Minister stated that under the "Jan-Jan Ki Sarkar, Jan-Jan Ke Dwar" programme, camps organised across the state have had a significantly positive impact, leading to a notable increase in the number of pension beneficiaries.



Calling it a reflection of the government's sensitive and committed approach, he instructed that such special drives must continue regularly in remote and hilly areas to ensure that social security benefits reach even the last person in the queue.

Chief Minister Dhami was chairing a review meeting of the Social Welfare Department at the Chief Minister's residence on Sunday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister released the February 2026 pension instalment of the Social Welfare Department through a one-click digital transfer. On this occasion, a total of 957,651 beneficiaries received Rs. 14,191.61 lakh (Rs.141.91 crore). The amount includes both the monthly pension and arrears, ensuring timely financial support to eligible beneficiaries. In February, under the Old Age Pension Scheme, 593,184 beneficiaries were provided Rs.1,500 per month, amounting to Rs.8,897.76 lakh. Under the Widow Pension Scheme, 231,593 beneficiaries received Rs.1,500 per month, totalling Rs.3,473.895 lakh. Under the Divyang (Disability) Pension Scheme, 87,477 beneficiaries were transferred Rs.1,500 per month, amounting to Rs.1,312.155 lakh.

Under the Farmer Pension Scheme, 27,638 beneficiaries received Rs.1,200 per month, totalling Rs.331.656 lakh. Under the Destitute/Abandoned Women Pension Scheme, 8,096 beneficiaries were paid Rs.1,200 per month, amounting to Rs.97.24 lakh. Under the Maintenance Grant Scheme, 7,409 beneficiaries received Rs.700 per month, totalling Rs.51.86 lakh. Under the Teelu Rauteli Pension Scheme, 2,125 beneficiaries were provided Rs.1,200 per month, amounting to Rs.25.5 lakh, while under the Dwarf Pension Scheme, 129 beneficiaries received Rs.1,200 per month, totalling Rs.1.55 lakh.

Chief Minister Dhami said that social security schemes are not merely financial assistance but a strong expression of the state government's commitment to sensitivity, social justice, and inclusive development. "

The government's clear objective is to provide continuous and effective financial support to vulnerable, deprived, and needy sections of society so that they can lead a life of dignity," said CM.

SC ends 50-Year Dera Baba Gandha Singh property dispute, dismisses all SLPs, contempt plea

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, MAR 1



The case regarding the property of Dera Baba Gandha Singh Ji Barnala was pending in the Supreme Court for a long time after various courts were started. While the case was going on between Gurdwara Baba Gandha Singh Barnala (under Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee) and Dera Baba Gandha Singh for about 50 years, the Honorable Supreme Court has ended it. This case regarding the entire property of Dera Baba Gandha Singh, which is in Punjab and outside Punjab, was pending in the Supreme Court from the lower courts. During the ongoing case, a settlement was reached between the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and Nirmal Bhekh. Mahant Piara Singh filed a contempt petition in the Supreme Court against this agreement, challenging the agreement between the Dera Committee and the SGPC. In which the Hon'ble Court rejected the contempt petition. Similarly, the other SLPs, in which Mahant Surjit Singh and Mahant Piara Singh presented their respective claims, were also rejected and the court ordered that the Mahant be asked to present his side in the lower court.

The Supreme Court rejected the contempt petition No. 529/2024 filed by Mahant Piara Singh against Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee President Harjinder Singh Dhami and Dera Baba Gandha Singh Nirmal Bhekh Parbandhak Committee. All the applications of Dera Baba Gandha Singh Nirmala Bhekh Parbandhak Committee were accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The court has dismissed the challenge filed by Piara Singh to the agreement entered into by the SGPC and Nirmal Bhekh. The Supreme Court has dismissed all the SLPs filed by Piara Singh, namely SLP 14927/2017, SLP 33243/2017 and Contempt Petition 529/2024.

Festival of Holi brings happiness to life: Atreja



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The Bhatia Seva Manch celebrated the colourful festival of Holi with songs, music, and colours. The Bhatia Seva Manch, along with other social workers, were present on the occasion. MLA Jagmohan Anand, Mayor Renuwala Gupta, Haryana State Staff Selection Commission member Kapil Atreja, former OSD to the Chief Minister and Chairman of the Kurukshetra Development Authority Sanjay Bathla, former Minister Shashipal Mehta, Haryana State Trade Welfare Board District President Krishna Lal Taneja, and Harmeet Singh Happy were the special guests. Children of all age groups sang Holi songs and performed. On this occasion, Bhatia Seva Manch President Vaneet Bhatia presented a cultural programme and gave an overview of the programme. On this occasion, patrons Ghanshyam Bhatia, Surinder Bhatia, Vijay Bhatia, Chandraprakash Bhatia, Vinod Wala Bhatia, Anita Bhatia, Asha Bhatia, Veer Bhatia, Vikas, Dinesh, Rakesh, Prabhudayal were welcomed. Rajesh Bhatia, Sonia Chopra and Vaneet Bhatia presented colourful Holi songs in the programme.

One-day workshop on "Stress Management" at St. Lawrence International School



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: A one-day workshop on "Stress Management" was successfully organized at St. Lawrence International School, Shahpur Road, Vyaspur under the Capacity Building Programme of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), under the chairpersonship of Dr. Rajni Sehgal. The programme began with a ceremonial lamp lighting by CBSE-nominated Resource Persons Dr. Gosha Liberhan and Ms. Taranpreet Kaur, along with Principal Ms. Meena Rohilla and Ms. Rakhi Banga. Around 60 participants from schools of Ambala, Kurukshetra, and Yamunanagar attended the workshop. In his message, educationist Dr. M.K. Sehgal emphasized that stress management is essential in today's competitive environment. He stated that the aim is not just to reduce stress but to transform it into positive energy to enhance efficiency and mental balance. Dr. Gosha Libran highlighted that stress cannot be eliminated, it can be effectively managed through identifying its causes, time management, task prioritization, positive thinking, self-care, and simple relaxation techniques.

AAP workers jubilant over acquittal of senior leaders in liquor scam case



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court has discharged Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and other 21 accused in the liquor scam case. The court rejected the CBI charge sheet and said that there was no concrete evidence in it nor was there any evidence of any criminal conspiracy or intention. The court has also ordered a departmental inquiry against the investigating officer, who exposed the flaws in the CBI investigation. Party district president Subhash Kundu, in a statement issued to the press, said that this verdict proved that the entire case was motivated by a political conspiracy. The aim of which was to weaken the Aam Aadmi Party and defame its leaders. He alleged that the BJP government misused government machinery like CBI and ED. On the acquittal of senior party leaders, District President Subhash Kundu and other workers expressed happiness by distributing sweets in the district office. On this occasion, State Organization Minister Sanjay Satarodia, State Vice President OBC Morcha Vijay Choudhary, State Spokesperson Sanjay Bura, District Spokesperson Sitaram Hindwan, District Staff Wing Head Satbir Jhajharia, Bhimsingh Maheshwal State Convener DNT, Uklana Halka President Pradeep Dolatpur.

CM Saini will present public-friendly budget in Assembly: Subhash Kalsana



GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD: As soon as BJP leader Subhash Kalsana returned from Assam, he reached the rural area of Shahabad and started arranging meetings with BJP workers. In this series, Subhash reached Kalsana village Chanarthal and interacted with the workers there. On reaching the village the workers gave him a grand welcome. Subhash Kalsana said that the unemployment rate in Haryana was the lowest in the country which was the result of the developmental policies of Chief Minister Nayab Saini. He said that Chief Minister Naib Saini was a down to earth personality and today he will present a public welfare budget keeping in mind the interests of all sections of the state, farmers, youth, employees, education, business, women and sports. Subhash Kalsana praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Developed India 2047 vision and said that this campaign would prove to be a milestone in making India an economic superpower. Under the guidance of Haryana Chief Minister Naib Saini, Haryana is moving rapidly on the path of all-round development. Unprecedented progress is being made in the fields of roads, electricity, water, education and health.

Karnal International School student secures International Rank 2 in Silver Zone Olympiad



CHAMANLAL
KARNAL: Karnal International School proudly announces that Jyotirmay Verma (Class X) has secured International Rank 2 in the prestigious Silver Zone Reasoning & Aptitude Olympiad. The Olympiad witnessed participation from students across more than 14 countries, making this achievement a matter of immense pride and global recognition for the institution. Jyotirmay's outstanding analytical ability, logical reasoning skills, and consistent dedication have brought laurels to the school at the international level. On this remarkable accomplishment, the Chairman of the school, Colonel Arun Datta, extended his heartfelt blessings and congratulated Jyotirmay for his exceptional performance. He appreciated the student's hard work and encouraged all learners to aim for excellence on global platforms. The Director, Prakash Joshi, also congratulated Jyotirmay and the academic team for nurturing critical thinking and competitive spirit among students. He stated that such achievements reflect the school's commitment to holistic education and academic excellence. The school community celebrates this proud moment and wishes Jyotirmay continued success in his future endeavors.

7-day NSS camp, run by Jat College in Amargarh Colony, concludes with great enthusiasm



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: Today was the final day of the seven-day NSS camp run by Jat College in Amargarh Colony. It concluded with great enthusiasm. The final day of the camp began with yoga exercises by the volunteers. Jat High School Society General Secretary Rashmi Dhull and Treasurer Balkar Nain arrived as chief guests at the closing ceremony. They were welcomed with flowers by the volunteers. Nancy Sharma then presented the six-day report. The chief guests praised the social work and discipline demonstrated by the volunteers during the seven-day camp. In their address, they stated that the NSS camp develops leadership skills, a spirit of service, and social responsibility in youth. Following this, the chief guests and Dr. Labh Singh distributed certificates to all the volunteers.

Apple Eye Smart Preschool celebrates its Annual Function 2025–26



VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR: Apple Eye Smart Preschool,Ramgarh Buddha road,Zirakpur, celebrated its Annual Function 2025–26 with great enthusiasm and grandeur. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Chief Guests Dr. Pallavi Bansal and Dr. Mohit Bansal, whose encouragement added dignity to the occasion. The tiny students captivated the audience with vibrant cultural performances, dances, and expressive stage presentations, earning heartfelt applause from parents. The Principal, Ms. Monika Sharma, expressed sincere gratitude to the parents for their continued trust and support, stating that the Annual Function is not merely a celebration but a platform to nurture confidence, creativity, and holistic development in children. The program concluded with a vote of thanks, making the evening a memorable and proud moment for everyone present.

Daduwal donates Ambulance to Maa Ki God Welfare Trust



SARABJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA: Baljit Singh Daduwal, Chairman of Sukh Seva Simran Trust, has donated an ambulance to Maa Ki God Welfare Trust in a gesture dedicated to humanitarian service. The request for the ambulance was made by Swaraj Singh Jhorad, President of Maa Ki God Welfare Trust, Rori, who highlighted the organisation's ongoing efforts in transporting accident victims to hospitals and providing essential support equipment such as hearing aids, walkers, and wheelchairs to the elderly. He informed that their previous ambulance had become old and unfit for service. Responding promptly to the appeal, Daduwal arranged and handed over a new ambulance to the trust. Known for his commitment to religious preaching and social welfare, Daduwal also organizes annual mass marriage ceremonies for 21 daughters from needy families at Gurdwara Guru Granthsar Dadu Sahib, providing them with essential household items.

In-house training program held at Baba Santosh Sr Sec School, Salempur Khadar



RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: In accordance with CBSE guidelines, an in-house training program was organized for school's faculty. Topic of this training was "Stress Management," aimed at raising awareness among teachers and students about mental health and providing effective ways to manage stress at workplace. Kapil Batra provided the training as resource person on this occasion.He elaborated on causes of stress, its adverse effects and practical ways to cope with stress, such as time management, positive thinking, meditation, yoga and work-life balance. Training session was made interesting and useful through effective activities and examples. School Principal Shashi Bala stated in her address that teachers' mental well-being is essential for overall development of students. Such training programs help enhance teachers' efficiency.All school staff members participated enthusiastically in program. Program was concluded by thanking resource person.

Dhanda launches major park beautification project in Panipat

RAKESH BHAYANA
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Mahipal Dhanda, Education Minister of Haryana, laid the foundation stone for the beautification of community parks in Wards 21 and 25, including the prominent Tau Devi Lal Park, on Sunday. Addressing a large gathering, he reaffirmed his commitment to public welfare, stating that every initiative undertaken by him is dedicated to serving the people with honesty and dedication. On the occasion, the minister also flagged off three sweeping machines from outside Tau Devi Lal Park to strengthen cleanliness infrastructure in the area. He received a grand welcome from residents, who greeted him with floral garlands and enthusiastic slogans. Dhanda announced that parks previously affected by poor maintenance and unhygienic conditions will be transformed into modern model parks with advanced amenities at a cost of several crores. The project is expected to be completed within approximately seven months. At Tau Devi Lal Park, plans include the development of a modern running track, walking track, high-quality landscaping, and a scenic one-acre lake. A yoga hall and a multipurpose hall will also be constructed, along with other state-of-the-art facilities. He said the park will become a landmark for the region. The minister highlighted that the beautification project could spur economic activity, with the potential development of more than 100 shops around the parks.

Police–Public contact meeting held in Doraha to curb drugs and crime

AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA: Acting under the directions of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna, SP (D) Pawanjit, along with SHO Payal Tarwinder Kumar Bedi, organized a contact meeting with prominent village leaders and local residents to strengthen police–public coordination. The meeting focused on enhancing mutual trust and cooperation between law enforcement agencies and the community. Addressing the gathering, the officers emphasized that effective control over drug abuse, organized crime, street crime, and petty offences can only be ensured through active public participation and timely sharing of information. Residents were urged to immediately report any suspicious activities or unlawful acts to enable swift and appropriate police action. Village leaders and attendees shared their concerns and assured full support in maintaining peace and law and order.



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AU Small Finance Bank Receives Credit Rating Reaffirmation from ICRA Limited for Tier-II Bonds

CHANDIGARH: AU Small Finance Bank has received a credit rating reaffirmation from ICRA Limited, with the rating agency maintaining its [ICRA] AA; Stable outlook for the bank's Tier-II Bonds. The development was communicated to stock exchanges on February 26, 2026, highlighting the bank's stability and its consistent performance in the Indian banking sector. In its rationale, ICRA noted that the rating reflects AU Small Finance Bank's well-established retail asset franchise, supported by a consistent track record of maintaining healthy asset quality, adequate capitalisation, and strong earnings performance. The bank brings over two decades of experience in vehicle finance and more than a decade in the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) segment. As of December 31, 2025, secured retail loans accounted for 68% of its gross loan portfolio (GLP).

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AU Small Finance Bank brings festive cheer this Holi

CHANDIGARH: AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB), India's largest Small Finance Bank and the first to receive in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to transition into a Universal Bank, today announced a set of special Holi offers across grocery, shopping and travel categories. These seasonal offers are designed to help customers celebrate the festival of colours with smarter savings on essential and everyday spending. As families prepare for festive gatherings, home stocking, gifting and travel, AU SFB's Holi offers deliver meaningful value across platforms widely used by modern India. From grocery deliveries to fashion shopping and inter-city travel, the curated benefits allow customers to maximise savings through AU Debit or Credit Cards while enjoying the convenience of digital-first lifestyles.

PhonePe Launches AI-Powered search built using Microsoft Foundry

CHANDIGARH : PhonePe today announced the launch of an AI-powered natural language search feature built using Microsoft Foundry. This feature enables PhonePe users to initiate and complete in-app tasks via natural language text or voice commands, enhancing convenience and bringing personalization to the platform's overall experience. The feature uses capabilities enabled by Microsoft Foundry to replace traditional navigation with intent-based routing, directly guiding users to their intended destination. For instance, a request such as "Pay Hemanth 20 rupees" automatically launches the payment interface with the recipient pre-selected or displays all relevant contacts named Hemanth. Similarly, commands like "Recharge FASTag" or "Gold price" navigate the user to the appropriate page or surface with the most relevant information or transactional options.

Amazon.in's Holi Store powered by AI is now live

SHIMLA: As India gears up for its most colorful celebration of the year, Amazon.in has launched its dedicated Holi Store, bringing together a wide range of festive essentials across fashion, beauty, home décor, grocery, toys and more. Reflecting how customers celebrate today, the Store features everything from skin-friendly herbal gulal and festive sweets to pichkaris, party-ready outfits, waterproof makeup, portable speakers, smart devices and more. Amazon is making Holi shopping simple and easy with AI-powered tools. With Rufus, Amazon's AI-powered shopping assistant, customers can discover products and get personalized recommendations, making their shopping experience more personal and convenient. Just ask "Suggest Holi party essentials" or "Kids ke liye safe colours batao" or "Holi ke liye outfit ideas under INR 2,000". With Lens AI, simply snap a photo of something you spotted on social media or in a store and find it.

imm india 2026 Sets the Stage for India's Furniture & Interiors Industry to Go Global

CHANDIGARH: India's furniture and interiors industry is no longer emerging — it is entering a decisive growth phase driven by urbanisation, infrastructure expansion, premium housing, hospitality demand, and a sharp rise in global sourcing interest. At the centre of this transformation is imm india 2026, India's most focused and globally connected B2B exhibition for furniture, interiors, décor, surfaces, textiles, kitchens, and smart living solutions. Scheduled from 11–14 March 2026 at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, imm india 2026 brings together a powerful exhibitor and product showcase spanning the entire furniture and interiors value chain. Buyers can source solid wood and upholstered furniture, handcrafted and contemporary collections, rugs and carpets, home décor and accessories, mattresses and comfort solutions, modular and modern kitchens, surfaces, materials, metal and wood components, artisanal crafts, and export-ready interior solutions — all under one roof, across price points and design sensibilities.

Myntra Marks 19th Anniversary with 'Myntra Birthday Blast' Offering 6 Million+ Styles

AMRITSAR, : Myntra is celebrating its 19th anniversary with the launch of the third edition of the Myntra Birthday Blast (MBB), bringing together an expansive selection of over six million styles from more than 20,000 international and made-in-India brands across fashion, beauty, and lifestyle categories.
The event goes live on February 28, with Myntra Insider members receiving exclusive early access 24 hours in advance, starting February 27. The celebration promises compelling offers across a wide array of categories, making it one of the platform's marquee shopping events.
Speaking on the occasion, Ritesh Mishra, Head of Category and Revenue, Myntra, said the Myntra Birthday Blast remains a special opportunity to celebrate the brand's journey with millions of customers nationwide.

IDFC FIRST Bank refunded ₹583 crore, completed full payment

AMRITSAR : IDFC FIRST Bank has confirmed that it has refunded the entire amount of ₹583 crore in connection with a payment matter related to departments of the Haryana Government. The issue pertains to irregularities detected in transactions linked to certain government department accounts at the bank's Chandigarh branch. Preliminary investigation indicates that some employees allegedly cleared forged documents and payment instructions. The involvement of certain external individuals is also suspected. The matter is under investigation by the concerned agencies. During the course of the inquiry, the bank reimbursed 100 percent of the claimed principal amount along with interest, totaling ₹583 crore, to the concerned government departments. According to the bank management, maintaining the trust of customers and government institutions remains its priority.

Holi in Every Color with Protected Skin and Strong Hair — Nykaa Presents

CHANDIGARH: While Holi may be a one-day festival, the effects of artificial colors, harsh sunlight, and dry gulal can linger on your skin and hair for much longer. These elements can leave the skin dry and the hair damaged. Keeping this in mind, Nykaa brings you a complete pre- and post-Holi hair and skincare guide, so you can enjoy the festivities without worry. Pre-Holi Care: Protection Before the Colors Before Holi, it is essential to strengthen the skin's natural protective barrier. Use a deeply hydrating barrier-strengthening cream and apply a high-protection sunscreen to shield your skin from harmful sun exposure. For hair protection, apply a nourishing hair oil that helps prevent dryness, breakage, and damage caused by colors.
Post-Holi Care: Cleansing, Repair, and Nourishment After Holi, your skin and hair require gentle yet effective care. Use a mild exfoliating face wash to remove colors and impurities. Follow this with gentle exfoliation to eliminate dead skin cells, and apply a hydrating gel-based cream to restore moisture and freshness.

"Hindu, Sikhs would not have remained safe without Guru Teg Bahadur's martyrdom": Amit Shah



NAVI MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for never missing an opportunity to serve and honour the Sikh Gurus at a national level. Addressing the gathering at the "Hind-Di-Chadar" event held at Kharghar Overground on the occasion of the 350th Shahidi Samagam Centenary Year of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib, the Union Home Minister emphasised the Sikh Guru's sacrifice, which he said safeguarded the future of Hindus and Sikhs.
Amit Shah asserted that if Guru Teg Bahadur Ji had not made the supreme sacrifice for the protection of religion, the Hindu and Sikh religions would not have remained safe in the world today.

He highlighted how the Gurus united society against the atrocities of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb to protect society, culture, and faith.

He further noted that devotees from across the country had gathered to bow before the martyrdom of the Guru from 350 years ago. Minister Shah also expressed concern over recent reports of religious conversions in Punjab. He stated that such activities are an insult to the teachings and sacrifices of the Sikh Gurus and must be stopped. He concluded by saying that the country must draw inspiration from the Gurus' sacrifices to protect social unity and cultural values.

He further lauded Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for creating special programs which help the youth in learning the Sikh Guru's life lessons.

"It is a matter of great joy for me that Devendra Fadnavis has invited me to this program today on the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur. I congratulate Devendra Fadnavis for creating special programs to bring the life stories of Guru Tegh Bahadur to the youth across

Tejaswini Foundation, Nimai Pathshala, and the Department of Cultural Affairs organized a Bhajan Sangeet Sandhya



CHANDIGARH: Tejaswini Foundation, Nimai Pathshala, and the Department of Cultural Affairs organized a Bhajan Sangeet Sandhya at the Tagore Theatre, Sector 18, Chandigarh. The chief guest was Mr. Satyapal Jain. Maiya Renuka of Nimai Pathshala was a special guest on this occasion, taking part in a session. Tejaswini and Renuka's mother, Harsh Sharma, and father, Sunil Sharma, also made special appearances.
It is said that every child has a mother's shadow behind them, which cannot be seen. However, this shadow was visible today at the Bhajan Sangeet Sandhya organized by Tejaswini Foundation and Nimai Pathshala at the Tagore Theatre in Chandigarh. Tejaswini has been a special child since childhood and was unable to speak. Caring for a special child is no less than a challenge. But as they say, when God blesses, miracles do not take long to happen. Tejaswini's mother, Harsh Sharma, stood by her daughter like a shadow, and by God's grace, Tejaswini opened her voice with Krishna bhajans.

Council of Architecture's SHAPE 2026 International Conference on Sustainable Habitats Concludes at Chitkara University, Punjab



CHANDIGARH : The Council of Architecture (COA) International Conference, SHAPE 2026: Sustainable Habitats and Architecture for the People and the Earth, successfully concluded at Chitkara University, Punjab, bringing together global leaders in architecture, urban planning, and sustainability for three days of academic exchange and policy dialogue on climate-responsive and people-centred built environments.
Organised by the Council of Architecture, India, in collaboration with the Chitkara School of Planning and Architecture, Chitkara University, the international architecture conference was held from February 26 to February 28, 2026. The event convened leading architects, urbanists, policymakers, academicians, researchers, and students from across India and internationally, reinforcing India's growing role in advancing sustainable architecture and urban futures.
SHAPE 2026 featured three keynote speakers and ten plenary speakers, along with specialised thematic sessions addressing critical global priorities, including climate-responsive architecture, sustainable urbanism, ecological design strategies, low-impact material innovation, community-centred development, and policy-driven architectural practice.

Curry & Hops Brewery Co. Opens in Mohali, Blending Global Standards with Indian Hospitality

MOHALI : Chandi Hospitality has announced the grand opening of its first restaurant, Curry & Hops Brewery Co., in the vibrant Aerocity area of Mohali. The restaurant is now open to the public, adding a fresh and exciting option to the city's evolving lifestyle and dining scene. The launch also marks a proud homecoming for the Chandi family, symbolizing their return to their roots. Founded by three brothers, the family has successfully operated multiple quick-service restaurants in California over the past 20 years, building a strong reputation in both the restaurant and real estate sectors. Bringing the same expertise and commitment to quality to India, the group is set to further expand with its upcoming project, Currylane Kitchen, which will introduce the country's first drive-through model dedicated to authentic Indian cuisine. Sonu Chandi, CEO of Chandi Hospitality, said that opening the restaurant in India has been a long-cherished dream for the family. He shared that the experience gained in California has been thoughtfully combined with Indian flavors and warm hospitality. "Our aim is not just to serve food and craft beer, but to create a memorable dining experience for our guests," he said. Vice President Sunny Chandi, who relocated to India three years ago, described the launch as a proud and emotional milestone. He highlighted that every detail from the interiors to the menu reflects a blend of tradition and modern thinking. Guests have been appreciating the distinctive dishes and handcrafted beverages offered at the restaurant. Chief Operating Officer Joti Chandi added that through Currylane Kitchen, the group aims to make Indian cuisine faster and more accessible without compromising on taste or quality.



IESA Hails Inauguration of Micron's ATMP Facility in Sanand as Landmark for India's Semiconductor Mission

CHANDIGARH: The India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) has congratulated the Government of India and Micron Technology on the historic inauguration of Micron's state-of-the-art ATMP (Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging) facility in Sanand, Gujarat. The facility was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Describing the event as a defining milestone in India's semiconductor journey, Mr. Ashok Chandak, President, IESA, who witnessed the inauguration in person, said the occasion symbolized India's readiness to emerge as a trusted global hub for semiconductor manufacturing.
"It was a privilege to witness history on the ground. The Prime Minister's triple cadence — 'India is ready, India is reliable, and India delivers' — reflects the nation's confidence and determination to build a world-class chip ecosystem," he said.



The commissioning of Micron's ATMP plant marks a significant step in translating India's semiconductor policy into manufacturing reality. It underscores the strong commitment of the Government of India, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the India Semiconductor Mission, and the Government of Gujarat, along with the confidence of Micron in India's design and manufacturing capabilities.
Micron's landmark investment of ₹22,516 crore (approximately USD 2.75 billion) represents one of the largest commitments by a global semiconductor leader in India's manufacturing sector, complementing its established design centres in the country.
The Sanand facility is expected to create nearly 5,000 direct jobs and over 15,000 indirect employment opportunities, significantly contributing to the development of a skilled semiconductor workforce and strengthening India's position in the global electronics value chain.

JK Cement's 3 MTPA Buxar Plant Inaugurated by Bihar Deputy CM



GURUGRAM: JK Cement Ltd. marked a major milestone with the Bhavya Lokarpan of its state-of-the-art Grey Cement Grinding Unit in Buxar, Bihar.
The facility was inaugurated by Shri Samrat Choudhary, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, under the guidance of Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar.
The ceremony was held in the presence of Dr. Dilip Kumar Jaiswal, Hon'ble Minister of Industries & Road Construction, Bihar, and Dr. Nidhipati Singhania, Vice Chairman, JK Cement.
Strategically located on the Patna–Buxar highway, the new facility spans 100 acres and has a production capacity of 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The plant is expected to ensure efficient and timely supply of high-quality cement across Bihar and neighbouring regions, strengthening regional manufacturing capabilities and supporting the state's expanding infrastructure needs.
Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Raghavpat Singhania, Managing Director, JK Cement, said the inauguration of the Buxar plant marks a proud moment for the company and reinforces its long-term commitment to Bihar's infrastructure and industrial growth.
He added that the new unit will play a vital role in supporting the next phase of development in the state while further consolidating JK Cement's presence in eastern India.

Axis Bank, Adda Education Launch Hire-Train-Deploy Programme for SME Relationship Managers

CHANDIGARH: Axis Bank, one of India's largest private sector banks, has collaborated with Adda Education to launch a structured Hire-Train-Deploy (HTD) programme aimed at building a specialised cadre of Relationship Managers (RMs) for its Commercial Banking Group (CBG).
The initiative is designed to strengthen the Bank's rapidly expanding Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) portfolio, a key strategic priority. The programme focuses on equipping Relationship Managers with role-ready capabilities tailored to the complex and evolving needs of SME clients. Launched at a time when the Union Budget 2026 has placed strong emphasis on skilling and service-sector employment, the HTD model bridges the gap between hiring and real-world deployment through structured, application-led training. The programme ensures that new RMs are business-ready from day one, enhancing productivity and customer engagement.
Commenting on the initiative, Rajkamal Vempati, Group Executive & Head of Human Resources, Axis Bank, said that as the services sector assumes a pivotal.

Hero Motocorp Drives Inclusive Road safety with "Ride Safe India"



HARYANA : Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, along with Haryana Police and Raahgiri Foundation organized #SheRidesForSafety, a Women's Night Rally in Gurugram. The rally was flagged off by Dr. Arpit Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dr. Rajesh Mohan, Deputy Commissioner, Traffic Police and Mr. Sanjay Bhan, Vice President, Global Business & Product Planning, Hero MotoCorp. Ms. Sonia, Station House Officer and women police force also graced the occasion supporting the cause.
The Rally brought together 150 women riders and was a powerful celebration of safety, confidence and inclusivity on the roads. The women riders took charge of a 9-kilometre route through Gurugram's streets during late evening hours.
Commenting on the initiative, Latika Taneja, Head - Corporate Communications, Corporate Affairs & CSR, Hero MotoCorp said, "As the world's largest two-wheeler manufacturer, with millions riding Hero MotoCorp's vehicles every day, road safety is not simply a priority, it is a responsibility that defines us. Through our Ride Safe India campaign, we are working to shape a culture of safety by driving sustained behaviour change across communities. Today's women's rally reaffirms our belief that safe mobility is fundamental to true empowerment because when women move freely and safely, societies move forward with them."

Routine Infection Screening in Pregnancy Key to Preventing Newborn Complications: Dr. Babita Chauhan

CHANDIGARH: Infections during pregnancy often go undetected, yet they remain a major cause of preterm births and serious neonatal complications. Medical experts stress that mandatory and timely infection screening should be an essential component of routine prenatal care to protect newborn health.
Pregnancy naturally alters a woman's immune system to support fetal development. While these changes are vital, they can also increase susceptibility to infections. Although the placenta acts as a protective barrier, certain bacterial and viral pathogens can cross it—especially in cases of inflammation, lowered immunity, or untreated conditions.
Common infections during pregnancy include urinary tract infections (UTIs), bacterial vaginosis, Group B Streptococcus (GBS), and sexually transmitted infections such as syphilis, hepatitis B, and HIV. Many of these infections present with mild or no symptoms, making regular screening critical.
Clinical observations indicate that nearly 60–62% of pregnant women may experience some form of infection during pregnancy. While most cases are mild and manageable, approximately 3–4% can lead to serious complications, including low birth weight, preterm delivery, neonatal sepsis, respiratory distress, and prolonged NICU admissions.



Dr. Babita Rajesh Chauhan, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist at Motherhood Hospitals, Mohali, emphasized the importance of early detection. "Infection screening during pregnancy should not be considered optional. Many maternal infections are silent, but their impact on the newborn can be severe and sometimes life-threatening. In my OPD, I frequently observe that nearly 70% of UTI cases and around 60% of vaginal infection cases in pregnant women are either symptomatic or asymptomatic during routine antenatal visits. Early identification through simple investigations allows timely treatment and significantly reduces infection-related preterm births and neonatal complications.

Syngenta Launches Agri-Tech Centre in Karnal to Boost Soil Health and Drone Skills

KARNAL-: In a pioneering initiative to empower farmers with cutting-edge soil health solutions and equip rural youth with advanced skills like drone technology for precision agriculture, Syngenta India has launched the Agriculture Technology Information and Farmers Resource Centre at ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), Karnal. This collaborative effort with the Government of Haryana and CSSRI provides a single-window platform for authentic agricultural information, modern practices, government schemes, and skill-building programs, including drone spraying and piloting training to boost productivity, sustainability, and employment opportunities in the sector while addressing challenges like rural migration. Speaking at the inauguration, Susheel Kumar, Managing Director and Country Head, Syngenta India said, "The newly inaugurated Centre will serve as a single-window platform where farmers can seek guidance on soil salinity management, soil health card analysis, water management, pest infestation and resistance management, climate-smart agriculture, digital agriculture tools, safety practices during spraying, product label literacy, and identification of authentic crop protection products.

First Responder Program Organised at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sports Club, Dedhna, District Patiala

PATIALA: A First Responder Program (FRP) was successfully organised at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Sports Club, Dedhna, District Patiala under the 108 Ambulance Service initiative. The program aimed to equip participants with essential life-saving skills and enhance their preparedness to respond effectively during medical emergencies.



More than 40 students participated enthusiastically in the session, gaining practical knowledge of first aid, CPR, fracture management, bleeding control, and basic emergency response techniques. The training was conducted by FRP Trainer Jaswinder Singh, who provided hands-on demonstrations and explained real-life emergency scenarios, highlighting the importance of timely and correct intervention during critical situations.
The session was smoothly coordinated and supervised by Cluster Manager Mohit Acharya, along with the support of Jasvir Singh (Pardhan). The training team also included Pilot Amarjit Singh, Pilot Jora Singh, and EMT Prempal Singh, who contributed actively to the successful execution of the program. Speaking on the significance of the initiative, Project Head Manish Batra said, "First Responder Programs are crucial because the first few minutes of an emergency can decide a life. By training students with basic emergency response skills, we are creating a safer and more aware society where help reaches patients even before an ambulance arrives."

Construction Engineers Deliberate on Energy Conservation at Networking Meet



CHANDIGARH: Engineers and members of the ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) Chandigarh Chapter organized a Networking Meet at Hometel, Chandigarh, aimed at knowledge sharing and professional networking. Around 150 engineers and professionals from the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) sector and the construction industry participated in the event and engaged in detailed discussions on energy conservation and energy efficiency.
The Chief Guest, Preetpal Singh, Executive Director, Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, appreciated ASHRAE's continued efforts in promoting technological advancements in building construction, energy efficiency and the built environment. In his address, he emphasized the importance of adopting innovative and sustainable solutions to meet future energy challenges.
During the session, Ravijeet Singh, Preetpal Singh Ahluwalia, and Tarun Malhotra delivered insightful presentations related to their respective domains. The speakers shared their perspectives on the evolving role of technology, artificial intelligence, energy conservation and sustainable solutions in shaping the future of building design and infrastructure development.
Prominent members of the ASHRAE Chandigarh Chapter present at the event included Dr. Balkar Singh, Money Khanna, Manpreet Singh, Ekta Gupta, Abdus Salam, Amit Kumar, . Mukul Grover and Prateek Srivastava along with other industry

Tata Power EV Charging Launches Ultra-Fast EV Chargers at Infocity, Gurugram



GURUGRAM: Tata Power EV Charging Solutions Limited (TPEVCSL), a subsidiary of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited, has strengthened Gurugram's electric vehicle infrastructure with the inauguration of ultra-fast EV charging stations at Infocity, a key commercial hub in the city.
The initiative expands Tata Power's public EV charging footprint in Gurugram and enhances access to reliable and high-speed charging solutions in one of the city's prominent business centres.
The inauguration ceremony was graced by Smt. Vaishali Singh, IAS, Administrator–HSVP and CEO, GTPL, Gurugram, as Chief Guest. The event was attended by senior officials from HSVP, GTPL, and Tata Power EV Charging Solutions, including Mr. Virendra Goyal, Head – Business Development, TPEVCSL.
The newly installed charging stations are equipped with advanced technology to support a wide range of electric vehicles, offering seamless and efficient charging for residents, office-goers, and businesses operating in and around Infocity.

Samsung India Launches its Most Advanced AI Phone, the Galaxy S26 Series; Pre-order Now for Exciting Offers

CHANDIGARH– Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, announced that its highly-anticipated Galaxy S26 series is available for pre-order in India starting today. The Galaxy S26 Ultra, Galaxy S26+ and Galaxy S26 deliver the most intuitive and natural Agentic AI mobile experiences ever engineered. From managing plans and finding information to capturing and refining content, the Galaxy S26 series reduces the effort required to get things done, allowing users to focus on results rather than how the technology works.



The Galaxy S26 series is designed with Samsung's most advanced capabilities working together as one: performance, an intuitive camera system and Galaxy AI. This provides a strong foundation that gives Galaxy S26 users the confidence to depend on their phone throughout the day without compromising security or privacy.
Building on Samsung's decades of innovation in display technology, Galaxy S26 Ultra introduces the industry's first built-in Privacy Display for mobile phones, reinforcing Samsung's commitment to privacy at a pixel level. Galaxy S26 Ultra also delivers a customised chipset and upgraded thermal management that enable faster and more powerful AI — all packed in 7.9mm, the slimmest Ultra yet.
"The Galaxy S26 series is designed to understand how people live and work. It marks a new direction for Samsung with Agentic AI that silently handles routine tasks so you can focus on what truly matters: spending time with family, boosting productivity, and enjoying everyday moments. Our engineers from the Bengaluru and Noida R&D facilities have played a pivotal role in its development, and I am proud to share that the Galaxy S26 series will also be manufactured at our factory in Noida," said JB Park, President and CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia.

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GST collections rise 8.1 pc to Rs 1.83 lakh crore in February

MUMBAI: India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection rose to Rs 1.83 lakh crore in February 2026, registering an 8.1 per cent increase compared to the previous month, according to official data released on Sunday.Indian sports apparel With this, the total gross GST revenue for the financial year 2025-26 stood at Rs 20.27 lakh crore as of February 28 -- marking an 8.3 per cent year-on-year growth.

During February, total refunds amounted to Rs 22,595 crore, up 10.2 per cent compared to the same month last year. After adjusting refunds, the net GST revenue for the month came in at Rs 1.61 lakh crore, as per the data. The gross domestic GST revenue stood at Rs 1.36 lakh crore, reflecting a 5.3 per cent rise. Meanwhile, revenue from imports showed stronger growth, with collections reaching Rs 47,837 crore, up 17.2 per cent. However, net cess revenue declined sharply to Rs 5,063 crore, compared to Rs 13,481 crore in February last year, the data showed.

State-wise post-settlement GST revenues presented a mixed trend. Industrialised states reported solid growth, while some smaller and resource-dependent states witnessed a decline in collections.

NEWS BRIEF

When a Previous C-Section Scar Becomes a Risk: Timely Surgery Saves 35-Year-Old Mother

CHANDIGARH: In a rare and potentially life-threatening obstetric emergency, the expert team at Motherhood Chaitanya Hospital successfully managed an exceptionally uncommon twin cesarean scar pregnancy in a 35-year-old patient, highlighting the critical importance of early diagnosis and timely intervention.Mrs. Ria



(name changed), a mother of one with a prior cesarean delivery and a history of mid-trimester pregnancy loss, conceived naturally and presented at nine weeks of gestation. Although she was clinically stable, an early ultrasound revealed a highly unusual and dangerous finding — a twin pregnancy implanted within the scar of her previous cesarean section.Cesarean scar pregnancy is one of the rarest forms of abnormal implantation, occurring in approximately 1 in 1,800 to 1 in 2,500 pregnancies among women who have had at least one C-section. A twin implantation in a cesarean scar is even more uncommon, with very few documented cases worldwide.In simple terms, instead of attaching safely inside the uterus, the pregnancy had grown into the weak area of the old surgical scar.

THINK Gas Accelerates Major CNG Push in Jalandhar; Transporters Urged to Shift Amid Rising Fuel Costs

JALANDHAR : In a significant push towards cleaner mobility in Punjab, THINK Gas one of India's leading City Gas Distribution (CGD) companies, convened leading transporters and fleet operators in Jalandhar to accelerate the adoption of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), positioning it as a cost-effective and environmentally responsible alternative for the region's commercial transport sector. The company plans to increase its total number of stations to 71 significantly strengthening fuel accessibility across key transport corridors.The Transporters' Meet, held in the presence of Mrs. Amaninder Kaur Brar, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar, brought together senior district officials and key representatives from the transport community at a time when rising fuel prices and worsening air quality are emerging as dual challenges for the sector.During the session, THINK Gas officials highlighted that fleet operators switching to CNG could potentially save approximately ₹5,60,000 /- per vehicle annually, depending on vehicle category and running patterns. For a mid-sized fleet of 10, this could translate into annual savings of nearly ₹50 lakh, offering both environmental and economic incentives for transporters.Sharing his experience, Mr. Satish Sachdeva, Director – Suvidha Transport, who recently converted 05 trucks to CNG, stated that operational costs have reduced by approximately 20 % , while engine performance and maintenance expenses have improved. He noted that the transition process was smooth due to expanding infrastructure and technical guidance, encouraging fellow transporters to evaluate the long-term financial benefits of CNG adoption.

BJP leader Sanjay Tandon thanks Chandigarh Administrator for enhancing honorarium of Numbardars

CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon has expressed gratitude to the Punjab Governor and Administrator of Union Territory Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, for approving the enhancement of the monthly honorarium of numbardars in Chandigarh. The decision comes as a significant relief to the traditional village functionaries whose demand for revision of wages had been pending for several years.

Disclosing this after meeting the Administrator at Lok Bhavan, Tandon said consistent efforts made over time to secure improved financial support for numbardars have finally borne fruit. He noted that the issue had been repeatedly taken up with the UT Administration, highlighting the need to ensure fair compensation in view of rising living costs and expanding administrative responsibilities.

Tandon stated that numbardars serve as an important link between the administration and residents in Chandigarh's villages. They assist government departments in revenue-related matters, dissemination of public information, verification processes and coordination during welfare schemes and emergency situations. Enhancing their honorarium, he said, acknowledges their contribution to grassroots governance and strengthens local administrative outreach. Welcoming the Administrator's positive and responsive approach, Tandon said that the decision reflects the UT Administration's commitment to supporting traditional institutions that continue to play a crucial role in rural administration even in an urbanising Union Territory.

PM Modi pays tribute to Guru Tegh Bahadur at 'Hind-Di-Chadar' event in Navi Mumbai



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NAVI MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid a tribute to the ninth Sikh guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur, on the occasion of his 350th Shaheedi Samagam, noting the role of social unity in his legacy.

In a video message at the 'Hind-Di-Chadar' event in Navi Mumbai, PM Modi called the gathering following the legacy of the Sikh Gurus, a "yagya."

He said, "It is a privilege to be a part of this historic and sacred event. India's history is one of valour, coordination, and cooperation. Through this event on the soil of Maharashtra, we are witnessing that great legacy. When our Gurus reached the pinnacle of sacrifice, our social unity played a vital role. People from every class and society drew inspiration from our Gurus."

"Society learned to remain steadfast in truth and culture under all circumstances. In that great yagya of social unity, rituals like 'Guru Nanak Naam Leva Sangat' played a significant role. Today, when the country once again needs social unity the most, this wonderful gathering of Sangat gives us confidence that the blessings of our Gurus and saints are with us," the Prime Minister said.

Congratulating the Maharashtra government for organising the event, PM Modi recalled Guru Tegh Bahadur's 350th martyrdom anniversary in Nanded and noted that the "heroic history" of the Sikh Guru has been taken to several places in Maharashtra.

"This gathering has been a continuous 'yagya.' This journey began last year on the sacred land of Nagpur. We all witnessed the deepening of that feeling on the historic land of Takht Sri Hazur Sahib Nanded, and today, this journey has reached an important milestone in Navi Mumbai. The message of this journey is not limited to these three cities. The heroic history of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib has been carried to thousands of villages and small settlements across Maharashtra. I especially congratulate the Maharashtra government for organising this programme," PM Modi said.

Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru, is revered for standing up against tyranny and defending religious freedom during the Mughal era. He is known to have achieved martyrdom after being beheaded in Delhi.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat to inaugurate Chadar Mahotsav in Jaisalmer



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JAISALMER: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat will be inaugurating a three-day Chadar Mahotsav and Dadaguru Ektisa recitation, to be held in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, from March 6 to 8, 2026.

Preparations are in full swing at the festival venue in Jaisalmer, which will be organised under the guidance of Acharya Jinmani Prabh Suri. A special highlight of the event is the historic Mahasankalp (great resolution) of the mass recitation of the Dadaguru Ektisa by 18 million devotees worldwide simultaneously on March 7.

The event is being organised under the aegis of the Dada Gurudev Jindattsuri Chadar Mahotsav Samiti. Representatives from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Hindu Spiritual and Service Institute, Vidya Bharati, and numerous socio-cultural organisations are participating in the event. The program will be held under the holy guidance of Gachchadhipati Acharya Maniprabh Suri Ji.

The visionary of this grand festival is Acharya Jinmanogya Sagar. The Chairman of the Chadar Mahotsav Committee is Mangal Prabhat Lodha, a minister in the Maharashtra government, and the coordinator is Tejraj Golechha, former Chairman of JITO. Approximately 400 saints from various Indian traditions will be present at the event. Approximately 20,000 devotees will be present for the three-day program.

According to Gachchadhipati Acharya, "this campaign is not merely a religious ritual, but a massive campaign of faith, unity, and spiritual awakening on a global scale. At the designated time, devotees in various cities across the country and abroad will simultaneously recite Dadaguru Ektisa from their respective locations, creating a collective wave of spiritual consciousness across the world. This event is taking the form of a global spiritual movement. For the first time in 871 years, the Chadar will be formally consecrated at the Dada Gurudev Jindattsuri Chadar Mahotsav. Prior to this, the Chadar will be brought to the festival site from Jaisalmer Fort on a grand chariot.

Air India Express extends suspension of flights to-and-from West Asian countries until March 2



NEW DELHI : Air India Express has extended the suspension of flights to and from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates until 11:59 pm on March 2, an Air India Express spokesperson said on Sunday.

This comes as most of the countries in West Asia have closed their airspace after the escalation of the conflict.

An Air India Express spokesperson advised passengers to check their flight status on the official website. He also informed that the Airline is offering an option to reschedule travel to a future date without any date-change fees.

So far, a total of 100 flights, 60 departing flights and 40 arriving flights, have been cancelled at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, according to sources.

Similarly, 125 flights, 67 departing flights and 58 arriving flights have also been cancelled at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai, according to airport sources.

At Tiruchirappalli International Airport, 17 arrivals and 16 departures have been cancelled for March 1 and 3 arrivals and 2 departures are cancelled for March 2.

Due to airspace restrictions over Iran and parts of the Middle East, Air India express have cancelled over 110 flights.

Meanwhile, International carriers like Emirates have temporarily suspended all operations to and from Dubai up until 1500hrs UAE time on Monday, 2 March.

Flight operations at Hamad International Airport in Doha remain temporarily suspended due to the closure of Qatari airspace.

The situation has heightened fears of a wider regional conflict, with emergency measures and public anxiety spreading as developments continue to unfold. Israel declared a nationwide state of emergency, moving hospitals underground and activating sirens. Iran, Israel, and Iraq have closed their airspace, suspending all flights.

Canadian PM Mark Carney arrives in Delhi; high-level talks with PM Modi scheduled for Monday

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NEW DELHI : Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney arrived in the national capital on Sunday following the conclusion of a productive visit to Mumbai, marking the next phase of his official tour of India.

Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and for Electronics and Information Technology, Jitin Prasada, received the visiting leader at the airport.

In a post on X, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "A warm welcome to PM @MarkJCarney as he arrives in Delhi after a productive Mumbai leg. He was accorded a ceremonial static guard reception at the airport and was received by MoS for Commerce & Industry and for Electronics & IT @JitinPrasada."

At the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mark Carney is on an official visit to India from 27 February to 2 March. This marks Prime



Minister Carney's first official visit to the country, which began when he arrived in Mumbai on 27 February. Over the next two days, he participated in separate business engagements, interacting with Indian and Canadian CEOs, industry and financial experts, innovators, educators, and Canadian Pension Funds based in India. The visit is expected to bolster bilateral cooperation across various sectors.

Jaiswal further noted in his post that "A substantive agenda awaits, including his official talks with PM @narendramodi tomorrow."

These high-level discussions, scheduled for 2 March at Hyderabad House, will see the two Prime Ministers hold delegation-level talks to review the progress achieved to date across diverse areas of the India-Canada Strategic Partnership.

Building on their earlier meetings in Kananaskis (June 2025) and Johannesburg (November 2025), the leaders will "take stock of ongoing cooperation in key pillars, including trade and investment; energy; critical minerals; agriculture; education, research, and innovation; and people-to-people ties." According to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs, they will also exchange views on regional and global developments.

In addition to their formal talks, Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Carney will attend the India-Canada CEOs Forum. This visit comes at an important juncture in the normalisation of India-Canada bilateral relations, with the anticipated discussions on Monday focusing on key strategic and economic issues of mutual interest between the two nations.

Control room set up in Hazara Singh Wala After jaundice cases reported



TAPINDER SINGH

FEROZEPUR : Following reports of jaundice cases in border village Hazara Singh Wala of Mamdot block, the district administration of Ferozepur has established a special 24×7 control room at the district level to monitor the situation and provide immediate assistance to residents.

Acting on the directions of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), the control room will function round the clock. Residents can contact the emergency helpline number 62391-03424 for medical assistance or information.

The ADC (Development) informed that teams from the Health Department and the Water Supply and Sanitation Department have been deployed in the village with immediate effect. The administration's primary focus is to ensure the supply of clean drinking water and provide proper treatment to affected patients.

Key measures taken by the administration include:

Water Testing: Samples from all drinking water sources in the village have been collected and sent for laboratory testing.

Medical Camps: Essential medicines are being distributed through special medical camps.

Alternative Water Supply: Clean drinking water is being supplied through tankers in the affected areas.

The district administration has appealed to residents not to panic and to immediately contact the helpline in case of any emergency or complaint.

Marry and Moves: Bachpan Play School, Zirakpur Celebrates Grand Annual Day



ZIRAKPUR: Bachpan Play School, VIP Road, Zirakpur hosted its grand Annual Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony at Auditorium, Shemrock World School, Zirakpur. With the theme of the 'Marry and Moves,' the event was a spectacular showcase of imagination, learning, and cultural heritage that united students and parents in an unforgettable experience.

The event began with the lighting of the lamp. The celebration began with a vibrant shiv tandev, marking the start of the energetic performances. Young learners captivated the audience with their traditional Bhangra dance, retro-themed acts, and a heartfelt portrayal on the importance of family. In addition to the colorful presentations, a special Rainbow Theme act mesmerized the crowd with performances conveying important social messages.

On this special occasion, Mrs. Yogesh Paul, Director of Bachpan Play School, shared, "From the very beginning, our focus has been on building a solid foundation for children by integrating education with life skills, cultural exposure, and moral values. Events like these shape their personalities and make learning a fun, enjoyable experience."

Echoing her thoughts, Ms. Mukta Verma, Director of Bachpan Play School, remarked, "Bachpan believes in nurturing curiosity and confidence in every child. These festive celebrations are a testament to our holistic approach to development, where every child is given the opportunity to shine." The event also featured Taekwondo demonstrations and thrilling break-dancing performances, adding excitement to the celebration. Parents expressed their gratitude for the school's holistic approach to early childhood education, praising it as an excellent place for children to develop vital skills. One delighted parent said.

Partap World School Students Attend Western Command Investiture Ceremony 2026

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GURDASPUR: More than 100 students of Partap World School, Pathankot, had the proud opportunity to witness the prestigious Western Command Investiture Ceremony 2026 held at the historic Mamun Military Station.

The dignified ceremony was presided over by Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, Army Commander, Western Command. The event showcased impressive combat drills, synchronized marching, and precise tactical demonstrations, reflecting the discipline, bravery, and operational readiness of the Indian Armed Forces.

Officers and personnel from the Army, BSF, Jammu & Kashmir Police, and Punjab Police, along with their families, were present on the occasion. The students and faculty members of Partap World School were specially invited to witness the ceremony, making it a memorable and inspiring experience.

For the students, observing the leadership, coordination, and patriotic spirit of the Armed Forces firsthand left a lasting impression. The ceremony instilled values of courage, commitment, teamwork, and dedication.

ELECTION NOTICE

It is for information of all members of The Modern Bakeries Cooperative House Building 2nd Society Ltd., Sector 51, Chandigarh that election of society is go to be held with the approval of JRCS, U.T., Chandigarh, as under:-

Publication of Notice: 02.03.2026
Filing of nomination paper: 19.03.2026, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
Polling: 20.03.2026, 10.30 am to 1.00 pm
Venue: White House Hotel, Basement, Gali 3 Opp. SBI Bank, Darwa, Chandigarh

Election Manager

ELECTION NOTICE

It is for information of all members of The Popular Coop. H/B (1st) Society Ltd., Sector 48-B, Chandigarh that election of the Managing Committee of the society is go to be held with the approval of JRCS, U.T., Chandigarh, as under:-

Publication of Notice: 02.03.2026
Filing of nomination paper: 20.03.2026, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
Polling (if necessary): 23.03.2026, 10.30 am to 1.00 pm
Venue: Community Hall in the Society Premises, Sector 48-B, Chandigarh.

Election Manager

ELECTION NOTICE

It is for information of all members of The Uday Coop. H/B (Ist) Society Ltd, Sector 48A, Chandigarh that election of society will be held with the approval of JRCS, U.T., Chandigarh, as under:-

Filing of nomination paper: 17.03.2026, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
Polling (if necessary): 18.03.2026, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Open Ground Near Water Tank, NFL Enclave, Sector 48A, Chandigarh

(President)

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, Sunita Gulati, wife of late Shri Joginder Gulati and Puneet Gulati, son of late Shri Joginder Gulati, residents of House No. 105, Sector-03, Kurukshetra, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, hereby declare that we own and occupy a property, House No. 105, in the Municipal Council limits, Sector-03, Kurukshetra. The ownership of the above property was in the name of late Shri Joginder Gulati (Joginder Kumar Gulati), son of Shri Sant Lal (Sant Lal Gulati), who has now passed away on 10-08-2022 and according to his will document No. 55/3 dated 01-07-2022, we are the owners of this property. Now the deponents are getting the property transferred in their name, for which we are publishing in the newspaper that if any common man has any objection to the house tax of this property being transferred in our name through will document number 55/3 dated 01-07-2022, then he can register his objection within 30 days in Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA), Sector-04, otherwise after 30 days the property will be transferred in our name. The above statement is true and correct.

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140 crore Indians will unite to uproot dictatorial govt from country: Arvind Kejriwal

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Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday launched a blistering attack on the BJP-led central government at a massive rally at Jantar Mantar, asserting that 140 crore Indians would unite to unseat a dictatorial government. Referring to the March 27 verdict in the so-called liquor policy case, he said the court had upheld that he is "kattar imaandaar" (staunchly honest) despite repeated corruption charges by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The AAP Chief declared the judgment a blow to attempts by PM Modi and Amit Shah to dismantle the AAP and challenged anyone to prove he sought even a single rupee in bribes. During this, AAP leaders, karyakarta(s) and thousands of common people from various states including Delhi, Punjab, Gujarat, Goa raised slogans of 'Padha Likha Damdar Hai, Mera Kejriwal Kattar Imaandar Hai' (Educated and strong, my Kejriwal is staunchly honest).

Addressing the massive gathering, AAP National Convenor and former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal stated, "The day before yesterday a Delhi court delivered a historic verdict in favour of the people of Delhi and the people of the country. I want to congratulate the people of Delhi and the country for this historic decision. Today there is such an atmosphere of fear in the country. In such an atmosphere, the judge delivered such a bold verdict. I want to sincerely thank the judge."

Recalling the past four years, he continued, "PM Modi and Amit Shah conspired to trouble and harass the people of Delhi, repeatedly branding me as corrupt and accusing of so-called 'liquor scam' in which I supposedly swallowed 100 crore. From morning till evening television debates echoed the same refrain that Kejriwal is corrupt and Kejriwal is a thief, leaving people deeply distressed. The judge has now delivered the verdict, making it clear that PM Modi was lying, that Kejriwal is 'kattar imaandaar' (staunchly honest), that there is no evidence, and that the entire case is fake."

Referring to the detailed judgment, Arvind Kejriwal said, "This verdict runs into 600 pages. It is not some casual order but a historic judgment, and many lawyers are saying that such a verdict is written only after centuries. PM Modi and Amit Shah were personally monitoring this entire case to eliminate the Aam Aadmi Party, insisting that Manish Sisodia, Satyendar Jain, Sanjay Singh and I must not be released. They monitored it at every step. This verdict by the judge is a tight slap on the faces of PM Modi, Amit Shah and the BJP. Today I have not come here to speak about myself. I have come to speak about the country. I love my country."

The 8-day long Falgun Mahotsav at the Shri Khatu Shyam Salasar Temple concluded: Sandeep Agarwal

SARBJIT SUFI

LUDHIANA: The 8-day long Shri Shyam Falgun Mahotsav, held at the newly constructed Shri Khatu Shyam Salasar Temple near Kohada Chowk on Chandigarh Road under the chairmanship of trustees Pradeep Mittal, Sandeep Agarwal, L.R. Mittal, and Anil Mittal, concluded with a spirit of faith and devotion. On the final day of the festival, Bittu Bansal sang the praises of Baba Shyam. Acharya Deepak Pandey, Pandit Karan Upadhyay, Pandit Raj Tiwari, and Pandit Keshav Upadhyay first worshipped Baba Shyam with chanting of mantras. During the Sankirtan, Baba Shyam Ji's divine decoration was performed by Harish Garg, Sandeep Agarwal, and the Rahul Jain family, which was a center of attraction. The devotees started dancing in joy to the hymns like "Baba, place both your hands on my head" and "My Shyam has made this garden of life fragrant" sung by Bittu Bansal, and the entire atmosphere seemed to be filled with Khatu. On this occasion, Pradeep Mittal said that thousands of devotees from different parts of India and abroad participated in the 8-day Falgun Mahotsav and paid their respects to Shyam Baba and received his blessings. Baba showered his amazing charm on the devotees during the Sankirtan. At the end of the Sankirtan, Bhandara Prasad was distributed. On this occasion, Sanjay Agarwal, Neepam Goyal, Atul Walia, Sandeep Goyal, Neepam Bansal, Vinay Kumar, Har Narayan Garg, H.L. Singal, Ashok Gupta, Deepak Mittal, Harish Garg, Abhishek Gupta, Vinod Goyal, Manish Bajri, Chandeshwar Bhardwaj, K.K. Garg, Vijay Kumar Goyal, Pradeep Neeraj Gupta, Vijay Bhalla, Balraj Sharma, Dheeraj Singla, Ravi Goyal, Bal Krishna Sharma, etc. were present.



On the last day of Swadeshi Mela, Nihang Singhs dressed in Khalsai costumes showed the techniques of Gatka and weapons





SARBJIT SUFI

LUDHIANA: On the last day of the Phomra Swadeshi Mela being held at Punjab Agricultural University, the fair ground was seen painted in Khalsai colors on Sunday. Gatka competitions dedicated to the 350th martyrdom day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji were organized. In the Gatka competitions organized in collaboration with Gatka Association Punjab, Gatka Association of Ludhiana and Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib Gatka Akhara, Nihang Singhs of all ages, from young children to those who are young, showed the jewels of Sikhism by wearing Khalsai banners. The Khalsai Nishan Sahib waving on the stage amidst the echo of cheers and the weapons display by the Nihang Singhs of the Guru's beloved army was the center of special attraction. Seeing the Gatka feats and weapons display one after another on the stage and the cheers echoing all around, a glimpse of Anandpur-like Hola-Mahala was seen on the land of Ludhiana.

Mela Chief Gurdeep Singh Gosha distributed prizes to the teams that performed well on the stage with weapons in the Swadeshi Mela and Khalsai Bane and made them aware of the ancient heritage of Sikhism. Gurdeep Singh Gosha paid homage to the Tenth Pita Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji through a magnificent Gatka performance on the last day of the Swadeshi Mela. He thanked the Executive Presidents of Gatka Association Punjab, Bhai Sarabjit Singh Khalsa and Prabhjit Singh Babbu, for their support in the Gatka competitions and said that the Swadeshi Mela has left an indelible mark and strengthened the foundation of a self-reliant India.

On the other hand, on Sunday, a huge crowd gathered at the Swadeshi Mela Expo-2026 to buy Indian products. People were busy buying and selling indigenous goods at every stall. Indigenous cuisine also became the first choice of people. Children enjoyed the different types of swings installed at the Swadeshi Mela.

Rajpal Yadav voices concerns on film financing practices



In the wake of his ongoing legal turbulence in the cheque bounce case, actor Rajpal Yadav has voiced his broader concerns about the film financing practices in the industry. Rajpal Yadav stressed the need to standardise financial agreements within the film fraternity, even appealing to the film federation to establish a formal investment fund and a contract framework that would govern finance sources, artists, and even production houses. "I request the whole film federation to agree with an investment fund for film finance to go ahead. They should create a basic platform, which the foreign investors, as well as the actors, should follow. If this happens, it will be very easy," Yadav said. Rajpal Yadav was granted interim bail in a 9 crore cheque bounce case, stemming from a 2010 loan of 5 crore he took for his film "Ata Pata Laapata". The loan, provided by businessman Madhav Gopal Agrawal, accumulated interest and penalties, ballooning to 9 crore.

Rajpal Yadav has been granted interim bail after depositing Rs 1.5 crore, with the court allowing bail until March 18. He maintains his innocence, stating the intention behind the deal was not malicious, but rather a misunderstanding. Opening up on his legal troubles, the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' actor continued, "It has been 26 years since I have been working, and at least 200 agreements have been made, from Rs 1 lakh to 1.5 lakhs, to 15 lakhs. If I had fought on the agreement, then why do I have only one case, and no one else? I am saying this again and again, that no matter which machine, I have been asked, where does Rs 5 crores come from, and where does it go? I am a man of Rs 1500 crores... I am saying that, whatever is behind this film, I am ready to support it, but the intention of 5 crores behind this film is wrong. It is wrong to take money and trap people. The intention of Madhav and Mithilesh was not right. That is why this is a fight of three people. No one knows about the rest."Rajpal has expressed gratitude for support from fans and colleagues, including Salman Khan and Sonu Sood, and vows to repay the debt.On Saturday, Rajpal Yadav addressed a press meet with his lawyer, Bhaskar Upadhyay. During the interaction, the actor spoke openly about his legal battle, upcoming work plans, and the lessons he has learned over the past decade.During his media interaction, the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' actor revealed that he has projects lined up for the next seven years, with a total worth exceeding Rs 1000 crore. He also mentioned that he is committed to 10 films over the coming period.

Rishab Shetty greets wife Pragathi on her birthday

Actor-filmmaker Rishab Shetty has extended a heartfelt birthday wish for his wife Pragathi Shetty. Taking to his Instagram handle, Rishab penned a special note for Pragathi, celebrating her on the occasion. "The rare determination in you, affection of motherhood, concentration with profession, performance of handling everything simultaneously, amazes me. Brings equally proud. Always shining like a rare light in this colorful life.. Keep growing the love.. Keep earning the fame..Happy Birthday Pragathi," the 'Kantara' star wrote. https://www.instagram.com/p/DVSiJeFk49b/In the post, the actor-filmmaker shared a video montage, featuring multiple clips of his wife as she gracefully carried out every role.The video also contained a childhood picture of Pragathi, taking viewers into her journey as an artist, a mother, a wife, and more. On the work front, Rishab Shetty recently commenced work on his much-awaited 'Jai Hanuman'.



The project was formally launched with a grand muhurat puja on February 22, 2026, at Anjanadri Betta in Hampi, a site revered as the birthplace of Lord Hanuman.The makers shared the update on their official social media handles, announcing the auspicious beginning of the mythological action film.The caption read, "#JaiHanuman begins with the divine blessings of Lord Hanuman. The film commenced with an auspicious pooja ceremony at Anjanadri Betta near Hampi - the sacred birthplace of Lord Hanuman."

'The Kerala Story 2' opens in theatres amid protests, audiences left divided

The Kerala Story 2: Goes Beyond' has finally opened in theatres after a major controversy which stirred an intense public debate, political reactions, and even legal scrutiny in the weeks leading up to its premiere. Directed by Kamakhya Narayan Singh, 'The Kerala Story 2' resumed screenings in cinema halls on Friday evening, with audiences from Maharashtra, Kerala, and Telangana turning out to catch the shows despite calls for protests in some regions. As people in Mumbai rushed to theatres to watch the film, the reactions were mixed, with some praising while others appeared disappointed. of them told ANI, "I didn't like the film as I found it to be propaganda-driven and exaggerated. The first Kerala Story film was good, but this was not up to the mark. I didn't find it convincing. The direction and cinematography looks weak." contrary, a fan advocated for more such films. "I think we need more such films to bring out the truth. The way this film has portrayed every religion, people should know the truth about their culture and the society. People should come with their families and watch the film. There is nothing wrong in it," he said.

An audience member rejected claims of 'The Kerala Story 2' being propaganda-driven, and added, "I liked the film. I had zero expectations but it was very good. It creates awareness. I believe more such films should be made."Sanjeev Kumar from Hyderabad expressed high expectations from the film, stating that he watched the first film and liked it. A viewer from Kozhikode, Kerala explained how films like 'The Kerala Story 2' will help raise awareness about the social structure and evil misdoings. "Everyone should come and watch the film. It's good for the society," he said.



Ranbir Kapoor Becomes the Face of Saloni and Stayfit

CHANDIGARH: Mahesh Edible Oil Industries announced the appointment of Ranbir Kapoor as Brand Ambassador for its flagship brands Saloni (Mustard Oil & Soya Chunks) and Stayfit (Refined Oil). The association marks a significant milestone in the company's journey towards accelerated national brand building and deeper market penetration across India. The partnership aligns with the company's long-term strategic objectives for FY 2026-27, under which Mahesh Edible Oil Industries is targeting sustainable double-digit growth with an ambitious 25% year-on-year revenue increase. This growth will be driven by expansion into new geographic territories, deeper rural market penetration, and strengthened trade marketing and channel activation initiatives.



With a strong leadership position in North and Eastern India, backed by high consumer acceptance, loyal customer base and the sustained success of its existing channel partners, Mahesh Edible Oil Industries is now entering a new phase of national expansion and actively onboarding channel partners across India. This proven performance in its core markets provides a strong foundation for growth, as the company seeks committed super stockists, dealers, and distributors to strengthen its distribution network and jointly capitalize on rising demand across untapped and fast-growing markets.

The decision reflects the long-term vision of Mr. Dinesh Rathore, Managing Director, Mahesh Edible Oil Industries, who has been instrumental in steering the company beyond its regional strongholds towards establishing a strong, credible, and future-ready national presence in the edible oil category.

The new high-impact campaign featuring Ranbir Kapoor will focus on enhancing brand visibility and recall, strengthening consumer trust, and increasing household penetration across urban, emerging towns, and rural markets. With his widespread appeal across age groups, regions, and demographics, the association is expected to significantly accelerate brand acceptance and reinforce Mahesh's positioning in the premium and semi-premium segments.

Cinépolis India Launches Oscar Film Festival 2026

CHANDIGARH: Cinépolis India announced the Oscar Film Festival 2026, bringing seven Oscar-nominated titles back to the big screen across 30 cinemas and 15 states in the country from 6 March 2026, with tickets starting at Rs. 149.

The festival is anchored by four Best Picture nominees: Sinners (a record-breaking 16 nominations, the most for any film in Oscar history), One Battle After Another (13 nominations), Marty Supreme (9 nominations), and Bugonia (4 nominations). The lineup also features F1 (4 nominations including Best Picture), Avatar: Fire and Ash (nominated for Best Visual Effects and Best Costume Design), and Zootopia 2 (nominated for Best Animated Feature). Additionally, Weapons, which has been widely covered as an Oscar-season title, rounds out the festival slate.

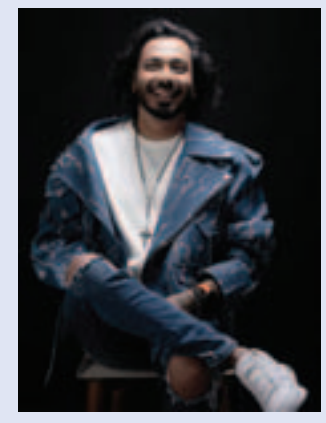


Timed to launch nine days before the 98th Academy Awards ceremony on 15 March, the Oscar Film Festival gives Indian audiences the opportunity to experience these films on the big screen in the lead-up to Hollywood's biggest night. For titles like Sinners and One Battle After Another, which have dominated this year's awards conversation globally, the festival offers audiences a chance to revisit or discover them in the format they were made for.

Devang Sampat, Managing Director, Cinépolis India, said: "This year's Oscar lineup is one of the strongest in recent memory, led by Sinners' record 16 nominations. We see a clear audience appetite for event-driven theatrical experiences, and the Oscar Film Festival is designed to meet that. By bringing these titles back at Rs. 149, we are making award-season cinema accessible to audiences across 41 cities in the country. The goal is to let more people experience these films the way filmmakers intended, on the big screen."

The Smart Girl's Guide to Holi Hair Protection

CHANDIGARH : Holi is all about colour, joy, and self-expression. But while you're busy celebrating, your hair often pays the price. Post-festivities, many people notice increased dryness and rough texture.The colours used during Holi can sometimes contain harsh elements that strip away natural moisture. The good news? A smart pre and post-care routine can help maintain softness and shine. With the right nourishment and gentle products, your hair can stay healthy well beyond the celebrations. Shailesh Moolya, National Technical Head at Godrej Professional, shares practical tips to keep your strands protected and hydrated.Pre-Holi Hair Prep: Shield Your Strands-Apply a leave-in oil: Before stepping out, coat your hair with a leave-in oil to form a protective barrier against colours. The Keracare Macadamia Oil works wonders by making your hair feel soft, smooth and shiny.Style strategically: Go for a tight braid or bun to reduce tangling and limit colour exposure.Cover your hair: Use a scarf, hat or bandana to minimise direct pigment contact.Post-Holi Hair Revival: Restore & Replenish-Rinse with cold water immediately: Wash off colours as soon as possible using cold water. Follow with a mild shampoo to avoid further dryness.Avoid heat styling: Skip blow dryers and straighteners right after Holi as your hair needs recovery time.Use a hydrating shampoo: Pick a moisture-rich formula to gently cleanse while restoring hydration.Seal in nourishment with a mask: Follow up with a deeply conditioning hair mask, honey-based formulas work especially well for hydration and scalp care.Holi should leave you with great memories and not damaged hair. Follow these expert tips from Shailesh Moolya to enjoy the festivities while keeping your hair healthy, smooth, and celebration-ready.



Projects Today Introduces Ai-Driven Business Opportunity Platform To Strengthen India's Project Ecosystem

CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR. Projects Today introduced AI-Driven business opportunity platform to strengthen India's project ecosystem. The new positioning brings project lifecycle context, tenders and L1/order updates, and stakeholder intelligence into one convenient workflow - helping organisations engage the right projects at the right time.The upgraded platform introduces an AI-enabled evolution focused on practical outcomes, including BOQ search, sub-project tracking, tender-to-order journey visibility, bidder and participation insights, opportunity estimation tools, credibility and analytics dashboards, and richer stakeholder relationship mapping. These capabilities enable faster discovery of relevant opportunities based on user needs - helping organisations move from "what is happening" to "what should we do next," with clearer context on stage, scope, and stakeholders.

Backed by 25+ years of research-led coverage, Projects Today tracks over 50,000 active projects currently in serious consideration, planning, tendering, or execution. The platform captures 1,500+ new projects and 10,000+ tenders every month, along with 1,200+ monthly L1/order updates - supporting decision-making across sectors and states.The aim is bigger than information access. The core intent is to ensure opportunity flows seamlessly between those who build the nation and those who enable it - promoters, contractors, consultants, suppliers, service providers, and financiers.

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