

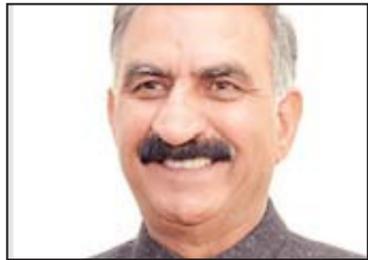
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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Hry Cabinet meeting on March 24**

CHANDIGARH: A meeting of the Haryana Cabinet will be held on March 24 at 11:00 a.m. under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini. The meeting will take place on the fourth floor of the Haryana Civil Secretariat. Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi has issued a notification in this regard.

**2020 Delhi riots: Court grants 10-day interim bail to Sharjeel Imam**

NEW DELHI: A court here on Monday granted 10-day interim bail to activist Sharjeel Imam, an accused in the 2020 Delhi riots case, for attending his brother's wedding. Additional Sessions Judge Sameer Bajpai was hearing the interim bail application filed by Imam, seeking relief for six weeks to attend the marriage scheduled this month. In an order, the court granted interim bail from March 20 to 30. Imam is an accused in the case pertaining to the February 2020 riots in northeast Delhi that left 53 people dead and more than 700 injured. The violence erupted during the widespread protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

**Opposition parties set to move motion for removing CEC Gyanesh Kumar**

NEW DELHI: In a first, opposition parties are set to bring a motion to move a motion seeking removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, sources said on Monday. The draft of the notice is ready and likely to be submitted this week, according to the sources. A senior Trinamool Congress (TMC) parliamentarian, who has been involved with the process of drafting the notice for moving the impeachment motion, said it was a "100 per cent team effort".

**Manchester flight returns to Delhi due to airspace curbs**

NEW DELHI: A Manchester-bound IndiGo flight, operated with a leased Boeing 787 aircraft, returned to the national capital on Monday due to certain restrictions when the plane was to enter the Eritrea airspace, according to sources. "Our flight 6E 033 operating from Delhi to Manchester had to return to its origin due to last-minute airspace restrictions, owing to the ongoing situation in West Asia. We are working with the relevant authorities to explore the possibilities of resuming the journey," IndiGo said in a statement. The source said that there were some approval issues with Eritrean authorities, and after a risk assessment, it was decided that the flight will return to Delhi.

**West Asia conflict; India backs dialogue, prioritises safety of Indians: Jaishankar**AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAR 9

India advocates de-escalation and return to dialogue and diplomacy, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday on the widening West Asia conflict, while stressing on respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the region.

Making a suo moto statement on the crisis that broke out on February 28 when the US and Israel launched military strikes on Iran and Tehran retaliated with attacks of US positions in the region as well as Israel, Subrahmanyan Jaishankar said safety of Indian nationals as well as national interests such as energy security and trade remain top most priority for the government.

"India is in favour of peace and urges a return to dialogue and diplomacy. We advocate de-escalation, restraint, and ensuring the safety of civilians," he said. "The wellbeing and security of the Indian community in the region is our priority. And our national interests, including energy security and trade, will always remain paramount."

Jaishankar said, expressed deep concern at the outset and urged all sides to exercise restraint, avoid escalation and prioritise civilian safety, stressing that dialogue and diplomacy remain the only viable path to resolve the crisis while respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the



region.

Amid opposition MPs staging a walkout of the House after they vociferously put across their demand for a discussion on the issue, the minister said the government is closely monitoring the escalating conflict and has taken multiple steps to ensure the safety of Indian nationals in the region and safeguard the country's strategic interests, he said.

The latest round of hostilities that began on February 28 has seen fighting between Israel and the United States on one side and Iran on the other, along with attacks on several Gulf countries and significant casualties, including among Iran's leadership.

**LS fails to take up resolution on Birla's removal as Speaker**

NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha on Monday could not take up a resolution seeking the removal of Speaker Om Birla amid repeated adjournments, as opposition members demanded a debate on the West Asia situation. The government and the Chair accused the opposition of holding the House proceedings "hostage" to its demands.

The House was adjourned for the day shortly after it reassembled at 3 pm, following an earlier adjournment due to relentless protests by opposition members. As proceedings resumed, opposition MPs continued raising slogans. Jagadambika Pal, who was chairing the proceedings, urged them to maintain decorum and allow the House to take up the resolution against Birla.

**BJP appoints Central Observers for RS polls in Bihar, Haryana, Odisha**

NEW DELHI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President Nitin Nabin on Monday appointed Central Observers for the Rajya Sabha elections in Bihar, Haryana and Odisha. According to a press release, in Bihar, the BJP appointed Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma and Union Minister of State (MoS) Harsh Malhotra. Gujarat Deputy CM Harsh Sanghvi was appointed as observer in Haryana, and Maharashtra Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule was appointed in Odisha. The polling for the upcoming biennial elections to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) to fill the 37 seats across 10 states is scheduled to take place on March 16, with the counting of votes on the same day at 5 pm. According to the press note, the term of 37 members who were elected from Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Telangana will conclude in the month of April, vacating the seats for new members to be elected. The last date of nominations is March 5, followed by scrutiny on March 6. The candidates can withdraw their nominations till March 9. In Odisha, four seats will undergo polling after being vacant in April. Odisha BJP chief Manmohan Samal and Sujet Kumar have filed nominations for two seats. In Bihar, five seats will hold polls. Incumbent Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's nomination led to a stir in the state politics.

**AAP will face the same fate in Punjab as in Delhi, says Haryana CM**BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, MAR 9

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Monday accused the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab of indulging in "election-time freebie politics," claiming that people in the state are disillusioned with the government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and have made up their minds to bring about a change in power in the next Assembly elections.

Addressing a press conference here today, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that people in Punjab are increasingly disillusioned with the policies of the ruling AAP government and are now looking for an alternative ahead of the next polls. Agri-



culture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Sh. Shyam Singh Rana was also present on this occasion.

Responding to the Punjab government's budget announcement of providing Rs 1,500 to women from the SC category and Rs 1,000 to other women, the Chief

Minister said the AAP government is making such promises with the upcoming Assembly elections in mind. However, he asserted that these announcements would not benefit the party politically as the people of Punjab had already decided to bring about a change in government.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that whether it was the earlier Congress governments or the present AAP regime, both had a history of making populist promises and distributing "freebies" during elections. Taking a swipe at former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, he said that Arvind Kejriwal too used to make attractive announcements during elections and claimed that the Bhagwant Mann government in Punjab would face a similar outcome in the

next Assembly polls. The Chief Minister said that whenever people from Punjab meet him, they complain that the state government is creating hurdles in implementing the Ayushman Bharat scheme launched by Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi. As a result, many eligible beneficiaries are unable to avail the scheme's benefits.

The Chief Minister said it is truly unfortunate that the government led by Bhagwant Mann has many times attempted to obstruct programmes during his recent visit to Punjab. He said that whenever the Punjab Chief Minister visits Haryana, he is always accorded full respect in accordance with the protocol due to a Chief Minister.

**Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy celebrates Women's Day**

PANCHKULA: To mark International Women's Day, a Women's felicitation function was organized at the auditorium of the Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy in Panchkula. On this occasion, Mrs. Jyoti Malhotra, Mrs. Mamta Yadav, Mrs. Mamta Soudha, Nirupama Dutt, Dr. Pal Kaur, and Ms. Shahnaz Bharti were felicitated by the Academy for their contributions in their respective fields. A special poetry recitation session by women poets was also held.

Rajesh Khullar, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Haryana, attended the event as the chief guest. On the occasion, he also recited the first poem of his life titled "Dear! You are in my soul," which captivated the audience and received warm



applause. Addressing the gathering, he said that International Women's Day is not only a celebration but also a reminder of the respect, rights, and invaluable contributions of women in society.

**Uttarakhand CM Dhama presents state budget of Rs 1.11 lakh crore**

DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama, while presenting the Budget for the financial year 2026-27, said that the state government is committed to advancing the overall development of Uttarakhand through the GYAN model. Uttarakhand CM Dhama presented the state budget of Rs 1.11 lakh crore of Financial Year 2026-27. This is the first time in the state's history that the budget is being presented on the very first day of the session, after the Governor's address. Under this model, the poor, youth, farmers (annadata), and women's empowerment have been identified as the four key pillars of development. The Chief Minister stated that the government's objective is to connect every section of society with the mainstream of development and build a prosperous, empowered, and self-reliant Uttarakhand. Keeping this vision in mind, significant budgetary

provisions have been made for various welfare schemes. To improve the living standards of the economically weaker sections, allocations have been increased for several schemes. A provision of Rs 1,300 crore has been made for the Annapurri Scheme, Rs 298.35 crore for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural), and Rs 56.12 crore for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). In addition, Rs 25 crore has been allocated for housing for economically weaker sections, Rs 42 crore for providing free travel facilities to designated categories of passengers in Transport Corporation buses, and Rs 43.03 crore as a subsidy on cooking gas. Further provisions include Rs 167.05 crore for social security pension schemes such as Divyang Pension, Teelu Rauteli Pension, and other welfare pensions, as well as Rs 25 crore for the rehabilitation of disaster-affected families.

**Sensex, Nifty sink nearly 2 pc on surging crude oil prices**AGENCY  
MUMBAI, MAR 9

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty nosedived nearly 2 per cent on Monday as soaring crude oil prices and weak global trends due to the worsening situation in West Asia triggered a sharp sell-off in the stock market. Besides, unabated foreign fund exodus and the weakness in the rupee against the US dollar weighed heavily on investors' sentiment, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 1,352.74 points, or 1.71 per cent, to settle at 77,566.16, registering its second day of decline. During the day, the benchmark crashed 2,494.35 points,



or 3.16 per cent, to 76,424.55.

On similar lines, the 50-share NSE Nifty dropped 422.40 points, or 1.73 per cent, to end at 24,028.05. Intra-day, it tumbled 752.65 points, or 3.07 per cent, to 23,697.80.

UltraTech Cement was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, tumbling 5.23 per cent, followed by Maruti, Mahindra & Mahindra, State Bank of India, InterGlobe Aviation, and Adani Ports were among the major laggards.

In contrast, Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma, Infosys, Tech Mahindra and HCL Tech were the gainers.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, jumped 12.34 per cent to USD 104.1 per barrel.

Indian equity markets ended the session sharply lower after opening with a steep gap-down of nearly 3 per cent, as weak global cues and the

deepening conflict in the Middle East weighed heavily on investor sentiment.

"The escalation in geopolitical risks pushed crude oil prices above the USD 100 per barrel mark and drove the Indian rupee to a record low against the US dollar, amplifying concerns around inflation and external balances," Ponnudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth tech firm, said.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi tumbled 5.96 per cent, and Japan's Nikkei 225 dropped 5.20 per cent. Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index also closed in negative territory.



## NEWS BRIEF

Cloudnine hosts special baby shower on Women's Day, moms-to-be walk ramp



**JK BATTA**  
**NEW CHANDIGARH:** On the occasion of Women's Day, the Cloudnine Group of Hospitals, Panchkula, hosted a special baby shower, bringing together over 25 families, expectant parents, doctors, and caregivers. The event aimed to recognise and honour the deeply emotional journey of fertility, pregnancy, and childbirth. The celebration was not limited to the joy of welcoming a new life, but also saluted the physical strength, emotional fortitude, and quiet courage that women experience at every stage of motherhood. On this occasion, Cloudnine experts shared an important message—no woman travels this journey alone. Behind every mother-to-be stands a strong support circle: doctors who provide safe guidance during pregnancy, nurses who provide long-term support and comfort, lactation consultants who guide the first feed, physiotherapists who help with recovery, and family members who stand by her with love, trust, and strength. All of this reminds us that a family is truly built with the support of an entire "village."

Poster launch of upcoming film Taj Punjab held at Press Club Chandigarh



**R N KHERA**  
**CHANDIGARH:** The official poster launch of the upcoming film 'Taj Punjab' was successfully held at the prestigious Press Club Chandigarh, marking an important milestone for the film and its creative team. The event witnessed the presence of leading media houses from across the country, making the launch a significant and widely covered occasion. The press conference and poster unveiling were chaired by the film's Director and Story Writer, Vir Sachin, who addressed the media about the historical importance of the legendary Kohinoor diamond and its deep connection with the heritage of Punjab and India. He emphasized that the film aims to highlight this historic legacy and inspire the younger generation to reconnect with their cultural roots. Jaspreet Maan, the Co-Director of the film, also addressed the media and shared insights about the vision and direction of the project. He revealed that the film will be shot across multiple locations, with major portions planned to be filmed in Punjab as well as in the United Kingdom, giving the film a wider historical and cinematic canvas.

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## Mohali MLA raises issue of encroachment by convenience shops in group housing projects

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
MOHALI, MARCH 9

While raising the issue of violations of rules by real estate project developers in the Legislative Assembly Punjab on Monday Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh informed that in two projects among the group January housing sites sold through auction by Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), the promoters have illegally encroached on the road berms. Kulwant Singh raised the issue during the ongoing budget session of the house.

Responding to the issue, housing minister Hardeep Singh Mundian said that notices have been served to the concerned builders who are violating the norms. In his query MLA Kulwant Singh had asked how many of the group housing projects sold



through auction in the past ten years had promoters who bought the convenience shops outside towards the main road instead of keeping them within the boundary walls, and had thereby made illegal encroachments on the roadside berms. "What action had been taken so far in this

matter," he asked. Housing Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian informed the House that a total of 10 group housing sites had been auctioned in the last 10 years. During the investigation, it was found that two allottees had violated the rules - JMT Housing Private Limited in Sector-82 and

SA Global Private Limited in Sector-77, informed the minister.

These builders have illegally encroached upon the road berms. The minister informed in the assembly that the notices have been issued to them, and further action will be initiated as per the rules.

Thousands of devotees to reach Shri Ram Mandir Kharar on March 26 during Pran Pratishtha, Maharaja Ajj Sarovar Dham will become centre of faith: Sandhu

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Rajya Sabha member Satnam Singh Sandhu has said that a large number of devotees will participate in the installation of the idol and Pran Pratishtha at Shri Ram Mandir Kharar on March 26 and this entire area which is called Maharaja Ajj Sarovar Dham will become a center of attraction for devotees not only from Punjab but also from other states.

Yesterday, Sandhu visited Shri Ram Mandir in Kharar and was invited by the management for a very large and influential Utsav to be held on March 26. On this occasion, he said that we are all very fortunate that Lord Ram has chosen us for this work. He said that by the grace of Lord Ram, work has been going on here day and night for the last one year and



it seems that the entire city and people of every caste and religion are supporting this work. He congratulated the residents of Kharar for this and said that they should feel proud of this work that Lord Ram has entrusted them with this service.

He said that it is a matter of thought that this Sarovar

was lying here for centuries but Lord Ram provided this service to the present residents. He appealed to all the residents of the area to support this work with their body, mind and money. He assured his full support in this work and said that he will participate in this work along with his family.

Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna proves beneficial for people: Deputy Commissioner

ANIL VERMA  
BATHINDA, MARCH 9

Under the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna, people are receiving free medical treatment up to ₹10 lakh. So far, 2,464 patients have received free treatment in government hospitals of Bathinda district under this scheme.

Sharing this information, Mr. Rajesh Dhiman, Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda, said that so far 1,06,089 people from Bathinda district have registered under this scheme. He appealed residents of the district to avail the benefits of this scheme by getting themselves registered at any nearby government hospital, special camp or Common Service Centre (CSC).

At the time of registration, two members of a family above 18 years of age should be present. Aadhaar card and Voter ID card are mandatory for registration. Bhagwan Singh, a resident of village Chak Ram Singh Wala, said



that he got treatment for hip problem under the health scheme. A private hospital had estimated the cost of the treatment at Rs 2 lakh, but he got the treatment done free of cost at the Government Hospital, Bathinda. He thanked the Punjab Government for the initiative and said that he has received great help under this scheme.

Sandeep Kaur, a resident of village Raiya, said that she underwent knee replacement surgery at the Government Hospital, Bathinda, free of cost on February 17. She added that she had got her

card made under the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna and with the help of that card she was able to get the operation done free of cost at the government hospital, whereas a private hospital had estimated the cost at around Rs 4.50 lakh. She also said that the hospital staff took good care of her. Kamlesh Kumar, former MC of Rampura Phul, said at Civil Hospital Rampura that his daughter's surgery was successfully conducted on February 19 under the Chief Minister Health Scheme. A private hospital had estimated the cost at Rs 60,000-70,000.

Land pooling policy should be implemented for Chandigarh farmers, like those in Punjab and Haryana: Sidhu



NEERAJ SHARMA  
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9

Farmers from 22 villages in Chandigarh today protested against the Chandigarh administration at the Sarangpur barrier, demanding a land pooling policy, the abolition of the Lal Dora (red line), the consolidation of villages into wards, the adjustment of collector rates to market rates, and the increase in the multiplier factor for agricultural land from 1.25 to 2. Over 500 farmers from Chandigarh participated. The protest was held near the Sarangpur-Mulpar barrier on behalf of the Chandigarh Pendu Vikas Manch. Farmers allege that

despite the inclusion of all Chandigarh villages in the corporation, neither a land pooling policy nor a change in land use policy has been implemented for agricultural land. If a land pooling policy is implemented, the Lal Dora scheme will be abolished, and a planned development will be ensured. Satinder Sidhu, President of the Pedu Vikas Manch, said that the resentment of Chandigarh's farmers is increasing day by day. No policy has been made for those on whose land Chandigarh was built, whereas such policies exist for farmers in Punjab and Haryana. There was widespread resentment among all the villagers.

International Women's Day-2026 celebrations at NIPER Mohali



LK BANSAL  
MOHALI, MARCH 9

The International Women's Day was celebrated in NIPER Mohali today i.e. on 09.03.2026. The Chairperson, Dr Deepika Singh welcomed the speakers and the audience. Mrs. Sima Rani Panda in her address told that every day is women's day.

She told women contribute in sustainability whether it is saving food, reusing clothes or avoiding plastics. She advised that women should spare some time for themselves and should perform the activities of their choice, be it singing, dancing, practicing yoga or

reading books. She wished all women a very happy women's day. It was followed by the address by Prof. Dulal Panda, the Director of the Institute. In his address he mentioned that if women are given opportunity, they do wonders. He said that at NIPER we provide equal space and opportunity to all women and there is no bias.

He also mentioned that if the women are happy, the society is happy. He emphasized on this year's theme of International Women's Day, "Give to gain". He said it is true that we get by giving and let us practice it. He wished all the very best on this important occasion.

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Health Insurance scheme cards-DC being made free without prescription

**JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL):** Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur informed that by visiting 157 CSC centers of the district, their health cards are being made absolutely free under the Punjab Government's health insurance scheme and no one should be charged any fee. Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur said that information has also been shared regarding making a health insurance scheme outside the 157 CSC centers of the district.

He said that apart from this, the district administration and the health department are also preparing health insurance cards of the people by organizing weekly camps in the villages.

Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur further said that no slip is required to prepare health insurance cards. He said that the beneficiary families can enroll on the basis of Aadhaar card and water card. Along with this, a self-declaration form is also mandatory for the head of the family, in which the information of all the members of the family will be recorded. He said that the Chief Minister Health Scheme is a welfare scheme of the Punjab Government, in which cashless treatment of up to Rs 10 lakh will be provided to every member of every family residing in Punjab in government and affiliated hospitals absolutely free of cost. Deputy Medical Commissioner Faridat Dr. Vishwadeep Gill said that under the health insurance scheme, cards are being made free of cost in 157 CSC centers of the district.



Under-19 Boys' Cricket trials to be held at Kuthed Cricket ground by Cricket Association Pathankot



**GURDASPUR (VERMA):** The Cricket Association Pathankot will organize Under-19 Boys' Cricket Trials on 14 March 2026 at Sundar Kuthed Cricket Ground, Pathankot, to select talented young cricketers from the district. The objective of these trials is to identify promising players who can represent the district in upcoming cricket tournaments and competitions. All interested players must report at the ground by 10:00 AM. Participants are required to come dressed in white cricket uniform and must bring their complete cricket kit bag. Players must also carry their birth certificate and proof of residence for verification. For the Under-19 category, the cut-off date of birth is 1 September 2007 or later. Mr. Sunny Mahajan, Secretary of the Cricket Association Pathankot, stated that the association is committed to providing young cricketers with a strong and professional platform to showcase their talent and progress to higher levels of the game. He appealed to all eligible players of the district to participate in the trials and take advantage of this opportunity. Mr. Prashant Sharma, Joint Secretary of the association, informed that the trials will be conducted under the supervision of experienced selectors and coaches with complete transparency and professionalism to ensure that deserving.

Gulab Chand Kataria pays obeisance at Mata Shri Kali Devi Temple in Patiala



**PATIALA (RAKESH JINDAL):** Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria paid obeisance at the historic Mata Shri Kali Devi Temple in Patiala. On this occasion, he prayed at the feet of the Goddess for peace and development in Punjab and also wished for the welfare of all.

The Governor said that he felt fortunate to visit for the first time at this magnificent temple in Patiala and have the opportunity to pay obeisance to Mata Kali Devi. Governor Kataria said that Mata Kali Devi is known as the destroyer of evil, and every devotee who visits the temple prays to the Goddess to bless them with wisdom and a righteous mind so that they can serve society and the people. He said that when people work with sincerity and wisdom, not only individuals but the entire nation prospers and remains happy. He added that the destruction of deceit and wrongdoing is also the power of the Goddess, and therefore devotees believe in bowing at the feet of Mata Kali Devi. Governor Gulab Chand Kataria said that the temple has been designed in such a way that it has become a centre of faith for people from all walks of life.

Inter-services Hockey Championship: 2025-26



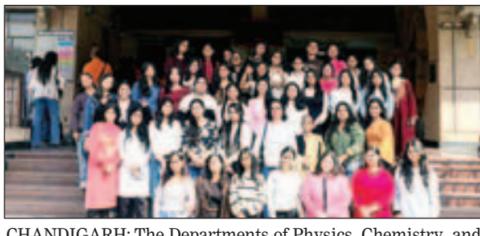
**HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA):** The 72nd Inter-Services Hockey Championship 2025-26 will be held from 09 to 13 March 2026 at the Vajra Astro turf Hockey Stadium, Army Hockey Node (AHN), Jalandhar, under the aegis of the Army Sports Control Board.

Four teams — Army Red, Army Green, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force will compete in the tournament, bringing together some of the finest hockey players from the Services. The championship will conclude with the Final Match and the Closing ceremony on 13 March 2026.

The Inter - Service Hockey Championship is among the premier sporting events of the Armed Forces and serves as an important platform for identifying and nurturing talented players who go on to represent the services at the National and International level.

The opening ceremony will be inaugurated by Lt Gen Ajay Chandpuria, AVSM, VSM, GOC, Vajra Corps, in the presence of senior military officers, Troops, Veteran Hockey Players and Officials from the Punjab Government and Indian hockey Fraternity.

MCM conducts educational visits to Science Centres



**CHANDIGARH:** The Departments of Physics, Chemistry, and Food Science at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organised educational visits to prominent science centres to promote experiential learning among students.

The primary objective of the visits was to enhance students' understanding of scientific concepts through interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and experiential learning.

The Department of Physics, under the aegis of MCM Vignyan Manch, organised a visit to Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala, sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy (DST-RE), Chandigarh Administration. Students explored a range of interactive exhibits including the Flight Simulator, Earthquake Simulator, Anti-Gravity Room, and demonstrations on gravity, sound waves, rotational motion, and other scientific concepts.

They also visited the Sports and Space Galleries and attended educational shows such as Eco-Echoes and a Climate Change presentation, which highlighted sustainability and environmental awareness. In a similar initiative, students of the Department of Chemistry visited the Kurukshetra Panorama and Science Centre.

Timber theft reported from forest area near Sirhind canal in Machhiwara



**MACHHIWARA SAHIB (DEEPAK KUMAR):** Incidents of timber theft have once again come to light from the forest area near the Sirhind canal in Machhiwara Sahib. According to information, unidentified persons cut down three large trees and stole the wood from a forest area near Pal Majra village.

After receiving the information, officials of the Forest Department reached the spot and took into possession some leftover wood found at the site. Authorities are also examining CCTV footage to identify the culprits involved in the theft.

This is not the first such incident reported from the forests near Machhiwara Sahib. Similar cases of timber theft have occurred in the past as well. Locals say the situation raises concerns about the effectiveness of monitoring in the forest areas.

Apart from timber theft, illegal encroachments in the forest region have also been reported as a major issue. Residents allege that the Forest Department has not been able to effectively curb such encroachments.

When contacted, Forest Range Officer Shaminder Singh confirmed that around three trees had been stolen from the forest area along the Sirhind canal and said the department was investigating the matter. He acknowledged that such incidents had occurred earlier as well, though several cases had been solved.

## NEWS BRIEF

**Amandeep hospital launches joint care awareness campaign for women**



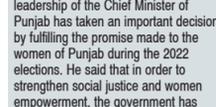
**SHARANJEET PATHANKOT:** On the occasion of International Women's Day, Amandeep Hospital, Pathankot, has launched a special awareness campaign titled "Chaldi Rahe Woh" focusing on women's health. The initiative aims to spread awareness about joint and bone-related problems among women and will also provide free orthopaedic consultations. Facility Director Vijay Thapa said the health awareness week will be observed from March 8 to March 14. The main objective of the campaign is to educate women about issues such as weakening of bones, joint pain and spine-related problems and to encourage them to seek timely medical care. He said that during the campaign, women suffering from knee pain, back pain, hip problems, arthritis and osteoporosis will be offered free check-ups and expert medical advice by specialist doctors.

**Mann govt gave big gift to women of state: MLA Balkar Sidhu**



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL:** The decision taken by the Punjab government for the welfare of the women of the state on the occasion of International Women's Day is a big gift. This was expressed by the constituency MLA Rampura Phul while talking to the media. He said that the 'AAP' government under the leadership of the Chief Minister of Punjab has taken an important decision by fulfilling the promise made to the women of Punjab during the 2022 elections. He said that in order to strengthen social justice and women empowerment, the government has announced to give Rs. 1500 every month to women belonging to the Dalit category and Rs. 1000 every month to women belonging to the general category. Constituency MLA Balkar Sidhu said that this decision is a big step towards strengthening the economic condition of women and making them self-reliant. He said that the 'Mann government' has given great relief to the people by providing free electricity to their homes.

**Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University oragnsies expert talk on "Language, Literature and Culture"**



**AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB:** The Department of English at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib organized an engaging academic talk by Dr. Jyoti Puri, Former Head, Department of English at Punjab University, Patiala, on "Language, Literature and Culture". Dr. Baljeet Kaur, Assistant Professor of English welcomed Dr. Puri and elaborated on the aim of the talk. Dr. Puri discussed how literature reflects social realities and cultural identities, particularly in contexts marked by marginality and struggles for equality. Drawing upon key literary and historical texts, she illustrated the intersections of race, identity, and cultural expression. The lecture included references to seminal works such as "Harlem" by Langston Hughes and excerpts from the "I Have a Dream" speech by Martin Luther King Jr., which highlighted the historical discourse of racial injustice and the aspiration for equality in American society.

**'Mothers-daughters respect scheme' will make women financially independent: MLA Giaspura**



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**RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR JAITU, MARCH 9**

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**FIT India Carnival 2026 concludes at NSNIS Patiala**



**AMRISH ANAND DORAHA:** MLA of Paval constituency, S.Manwinder Singh Giaspura, said that Sunday marked the beginning of a new chapter in the history of women empowerment in Punjab. He stated that under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the Punjab Government has taken a historic decision on the occasion of International Women's Day to provide Rs 1,000 per month to every woman and Rs 1,500 per month to women belonging to the Scheduled Castes. MLA Giaspura said that this decision is not merely financial assistance but a significant step toward strengthening the dignity, security, and independence of women. He further informed that women across Punjab celebrated the historic moment by watching the proceedings of the Punjab Assembly live in their homes. He added that the Punjab Government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, remains committed to fulfilling every promise made to the people.

## AAP govt will not allow 'drug money' to build mansions in Punjab: Cheema

**GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9**

Addressing the Punjab Legislative Assembly, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema delivered a comprehensive statement on behalf of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann regarding the Punjab government's ongoing aggressive and unprecedented action against drug trafficking. Responding to a question raised by Payal MLA Manwinder Singh Giaspura, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema highlighted the success of the one year 'Yudh Nashean Virudh' campaign.

Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema stated, "From 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026, the AAP government has launched an all out war against the drug trade through strict enforcement, community involvement and preventive education. During this period, Punjab Police registered 36,178 First Information Reports (FIRs) under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and arrested 47,902 accused." De-



tailoring that the AAP government is targeting the entire supply chain, he continued, "A total of 3,173 drug suppliers and distributors and 429 big fishes who were orchestrating this poison have also been arrested. Punjab Police seized 2,276 kilograms of heroin, 29 tonnes of poppy husk, 686 kilograms of opium and 786 kilograms of marijuana. In addition, 68 kilograms of charas, 4 kilograms of cocaine, 36 kilograms of ICE and more than 49 lakh illicit pills and capsules have also been recovered. Punjab Police recovered 285 drones and confiscated

338 kilograms of heroin that was being transported through these rogue drones, thereby cutting off a major supply route."

Speaking about financial action against drug networks, the Finance Minister shared, "We are hitting these cartels where it hurts the most, their finances. Punjab Police has recovered ₹17 crore in direct drug money. More important-ly, 65 major operators have been arrested, effectively dismantling illicit hawala networks in the region." Emphasising the importance of convictions in ensuring long term

## 2 persons arrested for embezzling, collected amount by making false story of robbery



**SULTANPUR LODHI (ARVIND PATHAK):** In the campaign launched against anti-social elements in the area As per the directions of Assistant Superintendent of Police Sultanpur Lodhi Dheerendra Verma (IPS), the police team of Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi led by Inspector Harinder Singh SHO Sultanpur Lodhi has achieved great success by arresting 02 persons employees of RBL F Limited Bank who made a false story of robbery. Assistant Superintendent of Police Sultanpur Lodhi Dheerendra Verma (IPS) said that On 6-3-2026 Nirdosh Kumar son of Charan Das resident of village Ladi Bawya, Police Station Sarna, District Pathankot, resident of Hall, tenant Sarwan Ram Mohalla Mori, Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala informed that he has been working as a branch manager in the RBL F bank branch Sultanpur Lodhi for about 03 years.

deterrance, he said, "Out of 6,822 decided cases, 6,083 resulted in convictions. This 89 percent conviction rate is the highest in the country and has been made possible through modernisation efforts such as digital evidence collection and rigorous financial tracking. Punjab Police has also arrested 47 proclaimed offenders, 636 absconders, 83 bail jumpers and 8 parole jumpers under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. The Punjab government will not allow drug money to build mansions in Punjab.

A total of 323 illegally constructed properties belonging to drug smugglers have been demolished and illegally acquired assets worth Rs 241 crore belonging to 569 drug smugglers have been frozen." Reaffirming the government's commitment to eradicate drugs, Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said, "Yudh Nashean Virudh' is not just a police operation. It is our solemn commitment to the families of Punjab to eradicate this menace once and for all."

## State budget to further strengthen irrigation network and ensure transparent mining regime: Goyal

**CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9**

Describing the Budget presented by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab government as progressive and farmer-centric, Water Resources and Mining Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal today said that the financial roadmap would further accelerate irrigation reforms and bring greater transparency and efficiency in the mining sector across the state.

Appreciating the focus on strengthening water management infrastructure in the budget, the Cabinet Minister said that the government has achieved a historic milestone by doubling canal irrigation capacity within three years. Canal irrigation coverage which stood at 2.23 million acres in 2022 will expand to 5.3 million acres by April 2026. Barinder Kumar Goyal said the government has proposed a budgetary outlay of Rs.2971 crore for the Water Resources sector in 2026-27, with a strong focus on expanding canal irrigation and strengthening last-mile connectivity through pipelines and brick-lined watercourses. These initiatives are ex-



pected to restore irrigation coverage to around five lakh hectares, taking the total area under canal irrigation close to 70 lakh acres, which is nearly 90 percent of the designed canal irrigated area.

The Cabinet Minister informed that the government has undertaken the remodeling of the Mahorana Distributary and construction of the Malerkotla Minor at a cost of Rs.288 crore to address the long-pending irrigation demands of farmers in the Malerkotla region. The project will provide canal water for the first time to 55 villages covering nearly 44,000 acres, while Rs.190 crore has been earmarked for this initiative

in 2026-27. He said that similarly, the Kathgarh Lift Scheme Stage-II has also been announced in the budget to bring canal water for the first time to the semi-hilly and water-scarce region of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Nawanshahr) district, for which the government has made a provision of Rs.107 crore. Through this project, water will be lifted from the Bist Doab Canal to provide irrigation facilities to nearly 5,500 acres of command area across 24 villages.

This initiative will reduce dependence on ground-water and is also expected to result in significant power savings, he added.

## Rs.1487-cr outlay to strengthen drinking water supply in 1230 villages: Mundian

**CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9**

Hailing the Budget presented by Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema as progressive, visionary and people-centric, Punjab Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management and Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian today said that the financial roadmap will significantly strengthen drinking water infrastructure and transparent governance across the state.

Listing the initiatives of the Water Supply and Sanitation Department, the Cabinet Minister said the government has proposed a budgetary outlay of Rs.1487 crore in FY 2026-27 to further expand access to safe drinking water and improve sanitation services across Punjab.

He said the government will focus on completing and commissioning 11 major surface water projects, which will ensure the supply of clean



drinking water to 1230 quality-affected and water-stressed villages. These projects will play a key role in addressing long-standing water quality challenges and ensuring reliable drinking water supply in rural areas, he added.

S. Hardeep Singh Mundian further informed that drinking water mitigation works will also be undertaken in 125 habitations, while new projects will be launched in 88 uranium-affected areas to tackle serious contamination issues and safeguard public health. The Cabinet Minister said the government will

also launch the "Nal Jai Mitra" drive, under which one trained individual in every Gram Panchayat will support the operation and maintenance of rural water supply systems, thereby strengthening community-level participation and improving service delivery. Welcoming the budgetary proposals related to the Revenue and Rehabilitation department, the Cabinet Minister said that the government's decision to establish a new administrative complex at Sri Anandpur Sahib to commemorate the 350th Martyrdom Anniversary of Sahib Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, would be a revered initiative of the state government. The Cabinet Minister further informed that the government would design this administrative complex in heritage architectural style, which will bring key government offices under one roof, streamline administrative functioning.

## Historic budget for women's dignity and empowerment: Dr Baljit Kaur

**CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9**

Punjab's Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr Baljit Kaur lauded the Budget presented in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, stating that it marks a historic step towards ensuring dignity and empowerment for every section of society, particularly women. She said that the Budget, presented under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, brings several significant and transformative decisions aimed at strengthening the rights and status of women in Punjab.

Dr Baljit Kaur said that the Budget, presented around the occasion of International Women's Day, is a major gift for the women of Punjab and will provide a new direction to their dignity and economic empowerment. She emphasised that economic independence forms the strongest foundation for women's freedom and social respect. The Minister said that Punjab has witnessed several difficult and



painful phases throughout history—be it foreign invasions, the trauma of Partition, the period of terrorism, or the menace of drugs—and in every era, women have endured the greatest suffering.

She said that although much of this pain is not fully recorded in history books, the struggles and emotions of Punjab's daughters continue to resonate through the state's folk songs and literature. She also referred to renowned Punjabi writer Amrita Pritam, who powerfully portrayed the pain and resilience of Punjab's women through her writings.

## Students of Chuni Lal Sachdeva DAV School, Jaito, perform exceptionally well at INSPIRE MANAK Awards



**RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR JAITU, MARCH 9**

Students of Chuni Lal Sachdeva DAV School, Jaito, performed exceptionally well at the INSPIRE MANAK Awards. We are delighted to announce that our young innovators have performed exceptionally well at the INSPIRE MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and) Awards, a knowledge development scheme organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. Three of our talented students, Dhruv Shukla and Hitesh Garg of Class 10, and Ankush Shar-

ma of Class 9, have been officially selected to represent our school.

To support the innovation of students selected in the District Level Exhibition and Project Competition (DLEPC), each selected student has received an initial grant of Rs 10,000 directly into their bank account. This funding is intended to help them develop their initial ideas into working prototypes. Principal Jyoti Sharma specifically commended the Science Department for fostering a culture of curiosity at the school. She also specifically mentioned Saloni Ma'am's dedicated guidance, mentorship.

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slip is required to make a health insurance card. She informed that the beneficiary families can enroll on the basis of Aadhaar card and voter card. Along with this, a self-declaration letter from the head of the family is also mandatory, in which the information of all the family members will be recorded. He said that the Chief Minister's Health Scheme is a public welfare scheme of the Punjab Government, in which every member of every family residing in Punjab is covered.

## SGPC President Harjinder Singh Dhami condemns Chandigarh police action on PU sikh students

**RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR FARIDKOT, MARCH 9**

Advocate Harjinder, President of Shiromani Gurdwara Management Committee Singh Dhami on Chandigarh Police lathi charge on 'students' of Panjab University Chandigarh And the removal of gloves has been strongly condemned. Advocate Dhami said that Dastar is an important part of the life of a Sikh and the police administration has emphasized on its Removing gloves from students during experiments is an insult to Sikh sentiments and the pride of education. He said that students have the right to express their views in a peaceful manner, without any kind of interference. To impose a ban is the highhandedness of the administration. The President

## Rs 600 crore worth of illegally acquired properties of drug smugglers freed in last 2 years

**CHANDIGARH, MARCH 9**

In a decisive push to dismantle the financial backbone of the narcotics trade in the state, Punjab Police has frozen more than Rs 600 crore worth of illegally acquired properties linked to drug traffickers in the last two years, marking a major milestone in its ongoing crackdown on the drug economy in the state. Impressively, Punjab accounted for 50% of all properties frozen in 2024 in drug cases in the country.

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most, their illegal properties, Punjab Police aims to dismantle the economic infrastructure that sustains the drug trade.

The pace of property freezing has accelerated significantly in recent years. Assets worth approximately Rs 330 crore were frozen in 2024, while properties val-

ued at around Rs 270 crore were frozen in 2025. Significantly, over Rs 600 crore worth of illegal properties of drug smugglers have been frozen in the past two years alone, accounting for more than half of the nearly Rs 1,000 crore worth of assets frozen since 2017, highlighting the intensified push to dismantle the financial foundations of the drug trade.

Punjab Police investigations now routinely track the proceeds of drug crime through properties, bank accounts, shell companies, benami holdings and luxury assets.

Residential houses, commercial establishments, agricultural land and high-value vehicles which are acquired illegally have been identified and frozen under relevant provisions of law.

## Pura Punjab Movement received thumping support in Malwa: Ajay Pal Singh Brar

**FEROZEPUR, MARCH 9**

The "Pura Punjab Movement", initiated by Ajay Pal Singh Brar, President of Misl Satluj—a social and political organization committed to promoting Punjab-centric politics—continues to receive an overwhelming response across the Malwa region.

The public signature campaign launched under the movement to take Punjab's rightful demands to every household is gaining significant momentum. As part of the campaign, a public signature camp was organized at Gurdwara Jamni Sahib, Bajidpur, under the leadership of Davinder Singh Sekhon, General Secretary of Misl Satluj, and Man Singh Killi, President of the Youth Wing. A large number of peo-



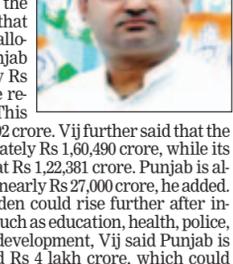
ple supporting Punjab's interests participated enthusiastically in the camp. Davinder Singh Sekhon informed that more than 3,000 people signed the petition during the camp, expressing their support for the "Pura Punjab Movement." He noted that the gathering reflected strong public enthusiasm and concern for the constitutional rights and future of Punjab. Prominent in-

dividuals who extended their support during the event included Karnail Singh Bhawra (Former Chairman, Market Committee), Gurbir Singh Killi, Jashanpreet Singh Kilche, Gurbinder Singh Drolhi Bhai, and Gurbinder Singh Kilche, along with several other Panth leaders and well-wishers of Punjab.

## AAP govt has pushed Punjab into debt trap : Amit Vij

**PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET):** Punjab Congress treasurer and former Pathankot MLA Amit Vij has alleged that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government is trying to mislead the women of Punjab with pre-election announcements despite the state's deteriorating financial condition.

Vij said that before the 2022 Assembly elections, AAP had promised to provide Rs 1,000 per month to every woman for five years, but even after four years, the allocation made in the recently presented Budget appears sufficient only for the last few months of the government's tenure. He stated that around Rs 9,500 crore has been allocated for the scheme in the Punjab Budget 2026-27, whereas nearly Rs 14,892 crore annually would be required to implement it fully. This leaves a shortfall of about Rs 5,392 crore. Vij further said that the state has resources of approximately Rs 1,60,490 crore, while its committed expenditure stands at Rs 1,22,381 crore. Punjab is already facing a revenue deficit of nearly Rs 27,000 crore, he added. Alleging that the financial burden could rise further after including expenditure on sectors such as education, health, police, irrigation, transport and rural development, Vij said Punjab is already under a debt of over Rs 4 lakh crore, which could reach Rs 5 lakh crore by 2027 if the situation continues.



**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:** A spokesperson of the Transport Department today here informed that the State Government has revised the fare rates for Pre-paid Taxis operating on point-to-point basis from Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT), Shimla to Chandigarh. He said that the revised fares have been

notified under the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Pre-Paid Taxi Scheme-2004. As per the revised rates, the fare from ISBT, Shimla to Chandigarh (City) has been fixed at Rs. 3000 for Taxi and Rs. 5000 for Maxi, while the fare from ISBT, Shimla to Chandigarh International Airport has been fixed at Rs. 3500 for Taxi and Rs. 5500 for Maxi.

**CHANDIGARH**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026**

### NEWS BRIEF

**Tiny tots of Vashisht Public School celebrate India's T20 World Cup Triumph**



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** Students of Vashisht Public School celebrated India's victory in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup with great enthusiasm on the school campus. India registered a commanding 96-run win over New Zealand in the final played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. To mark the historic achievement, the tiny tots of the school expressed their joy by holding a replica of the World Cup trophy and cheering for Team India.

## Scorching heat & prolonged dry spell raise concerns over water shortage

**AGENCY SHIMLA, MAR 9**

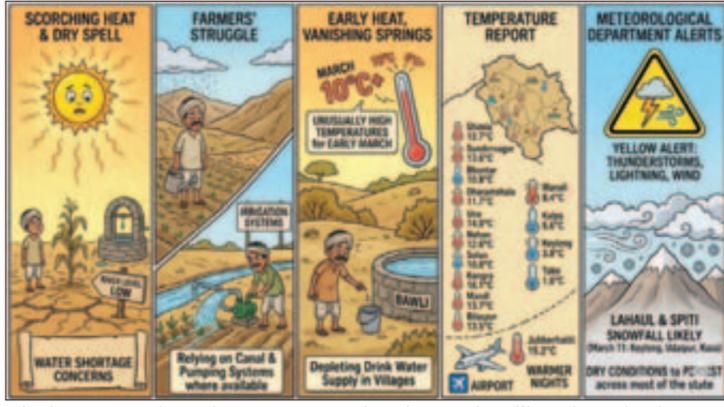
A sharp seasonal shift is being witnessed across Himachal Pradesh as scorching heat and a prolonged dry spell continue to grip large parts of the state, raising concerns over water availability and agricultural activity.

The Meteorological Department warned that if the prevailing dry conditions persist, water shortages may intensify in many areas, particularly in rural regions dependent on natural sources. The dry spell has also forced farmers to rely on irrigation systems to sustain standing crops. Unusually

high temperatures for early March have accelerated drying of soil moisture, while water levels in several rivers, natural springs and traditional water sources have started declining.

In areas where irrigation facilities exist, farmers are managing cultivation through canals and pumping systems. However, large parts of the state still rely on rain-fed agriculture, and farmers in such regions are facing difficulties due to the absence of rainfall.

Agricultural experts say that the early rise in temperatures may affect crop growth and productivity if the dry conditions persist. The rising heat has also



raised concerns about the drinking water supply, as

many natural springs and small water bodies supplying

villages have already started showing signs of depletion.

Meanwhile, minimum temperatures across the state remain above normal at many places. Among major stations, Shimla recorded 12.7°C, Sundernagar 13.6°C, Bhuntar 10.8°C, Dharamshala 11.7°C, Una 14.0°C, Nahan 12.6°C, Solan 10.0°C, Kangra 16.1°C, Mandi 13.7°C and Bilaspur 13.5°C. Among key tourist resorts and high-altitude stations, Manali recorded a minimum temperature of 9.4°C, Kalpa 5.6°C, Keylong 3.8°C and Tabo 1.8°C. Jubberhatti Airport near Shimla recorded 15.2°C, indicating warmer-than-usual nights in several parts of the state.

The Department has also issued a yellow alert for thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds at isolated places in the state. In the higher reaches of Lahaul and Spiti, light rain or snowfall is likely during the coming days.

Weather models indicate a strong probability of snowfall around March 11 in Keylong, Udaipur and Kaza, as a western disturbance influences the Western Himalayan region. Officials said that while parts of the tribal district may receive snow, most areas of the state are expected to continue experiencing mainly dry conditions in the immediate future.

## TCP notifies premium FAR norms to regulate urban construction

**AGENCY SHIMLA, MAR 9**

The Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department has introduced premium Floor Area Ratio (FAR) provisions for real estate and urban construction projects in Himachal Pradesh through the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Eighteenth Amendment) Rules, 2026. Two notifications issued on February 27, 2026 were published in the state gazette bringing new regulations aimed at planned urban development and sustainable construction. Under the amended rules, developers would now be allowed to purchase additional buildable area beyond the normally permitted FAR by paying prescribed charges. Premium FAR refers to extra permissible floor area granted over and above the standard FAR on payment of a specified fee to the government. This mechanism enables higher density construction in designated



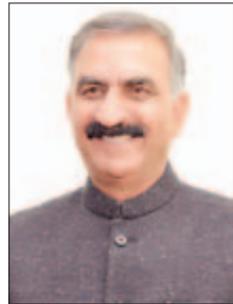
areas while generating revenue for urban infrastructure. According to the notification, the TCP Department has fixed a graded fee structure for availing premium FAR. Developers could obtain additional FAR up to 0.25 by paying Rs 3,000 per square metre. For FAR between 0.25 and 0.50, the fee has been set at Rs 5,000 per square metre, while additional FAR between 0.50 and 0.75 will cost Rs 7,000 per square metre. Officials clarified that the provision will apply only to projects that are yet to begin construction or are currently under construction. Real estate projects that have already received a completion certificate will not fall under the new rules.

## Rahul Gandhi chose grassroots Congress worker for Rajya Sabha: CM Sukhu

**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 9**

A felicitation ceremony for party workers was organised at the Congress party office Rajiv Bhavan in Shimla to celebrate the election of Congress leader Anurag Sharma as a Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament. On this occasion, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that it is a proud and happy day for party workers because a worker who rose from the organization has become a Rajya Sabha MP.

The Chief Minister said that for the Rajya Sabha election, the Congress high command had asked the state unit to suggest the names of four district presidents. From those names, senior leader Rahul Gandhi selected Anurag Sharma. He said that BJP leaders had been making various comments about the Rajya Sabha election, but there is no dissatisfaction among Congress leaders.



This is the reason Anurag Sharma was elected unopposed as a Member of Parliament. He said that now in Parliament, BJP's Anurag will face Congress's Anurag and he is capable of giving a strong response. The Chief Minister said that by giving a Rajya Sabha ticket to an ordinary party worker, Rahul Gandhi has sent a clear message that in the upcoming Assembly elections serious consideration will also be given to giving tickets to grassroots workers, including

those from NSUI and the Congress organization. He urged party workers to be prepared for future challenges. He said that the present Congress government is moving forward with public welfare schemes.

To improve the education sector, the state government has decided to open 150 CBSE-based schools across Himachal Pradesh, including in backward areas. These schools will focus on the overall development of students. In addition, Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools are also being established in the state. He said the government is working towards transforming the entire education system of the state over the next five to six years.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that improving the health sector is also one of the government's priorities. He said that within one year, modern technology

similar to that available at AIIMS Delhi will be introduced in health institutions across the state. High-end machines are also being installed in hospitals so that patients can receive world-class medical treatment within the state itself. He added that about 90 per cent of the people in Himachal Pradesh live in rural areas, and the state government is working to strengthen the rural economy so that more money reaches people in villages. He also alleged that the previous BJP government caused damage to the state's resources. According to him, the previous government received Rs. 54,000 crore under RDG and Rs. 16,000 crore as GST compensation, while the current government has received only Rs. 17,000 crore under RDG, which is four times less. The Chief Minister said the BJP government mismanaged the state's finances and left the treasury empty.

## CM bids warm farewell to Guv



**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 9**

Chief Minister Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday accorded a warm send-off to Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhawan. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Shri Mukesh Agnihotri, Leader of Opposition Shri Jai Ram Thakur, members of the State Cabinet, public representatives, senior officers and prominent citizens on the occasion. Chairman, Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission Capt. Rameshwar Singh Thakur, Chief Secretary Shri Sanjay Gupta, Director General of Police Shri Ashok Tiwari,

Vice-Chancellors of various universities, senior officers of the State Government and other dignitaries from different walks of life were also present to bid farewell to the Governor. On the occasion, the Governor was presented a ceremonial Guard of Honour as a mark of respect and recognition of his service to the State. The gathering extended their best wishes to Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla for his future responsibilities and appreciated his contributions and guidance during his tenure in Himachal Pradesh. The occasion was marked by warmth and gratitude as dignitaries and officials gathered to convey their good wishes to the Governor.

## Complaint filed against Rajya Sabha MP Anurag Sharma for allegedly concealing property details in nomination affidavit

**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:**

A formal complaint has been filed with the Election Commission of India, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, and the Returning Officer of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha against Rajya Sabha Member Anurag Sharma, alleging concealment of property details and violation of election rules during the nomination process. The complaint has been submitted by Advocate Nitasha Katoch of Dharamshala. According to the complaint, Anurag Sharma, a resident of Village Bir, Tehsil Baijnath, District Kangra, was declared elected to the Rajya Sabha from Himachal Pradesh on March 7, 2026. However, it has been alleged that the election affidavit submitted along with his nomination papers did not disclose complete details of his assets, which is mandatory under Section 33 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. The complaint states that under election laws, every candidate is required to disclose full details of movable and immovable assets belonging to himself and his immediate family members while filing nomination papers. Any deliberate concealment of such information constitutes a violation of the law. According to the representation, information available on the Election Commission of India portal indicates that several land properties allegedly owned by Anurag Sharma were not disclosed in the affidavit.



## Dispose of land lease cases within one month : Revenue Minister

**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 9**

Revenue and Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi today here held a meeting with revenue officers of Kumarsain and Kotgarh and discussed various land related issues of the area.

He said that under various land allotment schemes, land leases were issued to people in Kumarsain and Kotgarh about 50 years ago. In most cases, land leases were issued but the mutation (transfer in revenue records) has not been carried out to date. In other cases, the leases were approved and the premium (nazrana) was also deposited, but the lease documents were never issued.

The Revenue Minister said that the people of



Kumarsain and Kotgarh brought this matter to his attention. He directed the revenue officers to resolve all pending cases within one month. He also instructed to submitted the report after one month regarding the progress.

Jagat Singh Negi asked for the strict compliance of orders and directed revenue

officers to conduct a special drive to resolve these cases.

Later, a delegation of people from Kotgarh and Kumarsain met the Revenue Minister and thanked him for giving priority to and addressing their concerns.

Additional Secretary (Revenue) Anil Chauhan and other officials were also present at the meeting.

## Fast-track rehabilitation of Koldam affected should be ultimate priority of administration: Divisional Commissioner

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, MAR 9**

In a significant move to accelerate rehabilitation efforts for families displaced by the Kol Dam project, Divisional Commissioner Dr. Raj Krishna Paruthi on Monday directed officials to expedite all pending processes and ensure the prompt provision of essential amenities to affected families. The directions were issued during a review meeting of the Kol Dam Displaced Rehabilitation and Resettlement Advisory Committee held at the Savings Building in Bilaspur. Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Omkant Thakur, SDM Sadar Dr. Rajdeep, Assistant



Commissioner Raj Kumar, officials from various departments, and representatives of NTPC attended the meeting.

Taking a serious view of delays, the Divisional Commissioner instructed the Revenue Department to immediately complete the revenue formalities related to the 12 plots earmarked for displaced families, ensuring that beneficiaries receive timely relief. He also emphasized that basic amenities such as electricity, water supply, road connectivity, and solar lighting must be provided on priority so that the families can begin living on the

allotted plots without inconvenience. The meeting was informed that NTPC has already provided Rs 17.64 lakh as relief assistance to families affected by blasting activities. Additionally, employment generation has been prioritized, with 440 affected individuals provided temporary jobs and 25 offered permanent employment so far. Dr. Paruthi directed officials to spread awareness about NTPC's employment policy so that more eligible families can benefit. The Divisional Commissioner also stressed the need for better facilities for youth in the region.

## BJP leader Kamlesh Kumari accuses Sukhu government of anti-poor policies

**ANIL KUMAR SHIMLA, MAR 9**

Former MLA and BJP state general secretary of the Mahila Morcha Kamlesh Kumari has strongly criticised the Himachal Pradesh government, alleging that the Sukhu-led Congress administration has halted public welfare initiatives and adopted policies that are harming poor people.

In a statement issued on Sunday, Kumari claimed that the government had reduced funding for health schemes such as Hincare and the Centre's Ayushman Bharat programme, which she said had made medical treatment difficult for economically weaker sections. She alleged that the move had adversely affected access to healthcare for poor families. She also accused the government of



betraying BPL families by reducing the facilities promised to them before the elections. According to her, the imposition of new taxes and a significant increase in bus fares have placed an additional burden on poor and middle-class families, while rising inflation has further worsened the situation for common citizens. Kumari said temporary employees were not receiving their salaries

on time and claimed that the interests of labourers were being ignored. She also alleged that changes in old-age pension benefits had created insecurity among elderly citizens. She further claimed that development works had slowed across the state and that opportunities for self-employment had declined. Youth attempting to start businesses were facing difficulties due to reductions in loan-related concessions, she added. Criticising the government's governance model, Kumari said the "system change" promised by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu had instead resulted in administrative mismanagement. She alleged that the government was focusing on borrowing and expenditure while youth, women and poor citizens felt neglected.

## Kalka Mata Temple will be developed as a tourist destination: Pawan Kajal



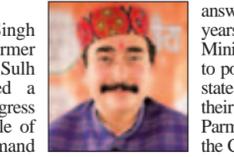
**SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA:**

State BJP Vice President, MLA Pawan Kajal, stated that the historic Kalka Mata Temple in Samirpur will be developed as a religious tourist destination. The temple will be renovated and adequate facilities will be provided to devotees. During a program organized by the Maa Kalka Foundation, Samirpur Chakwan, Kajal stated that the Kalka Mata Temple is a center of faith for the local people. He also listed the development work carried out in Samirpur and Tiara and said that the Himachal government has failed to develop the region. Citing first the Disaster Act and now the discontinuation of the Rural Development Grant (RDG) grant, the people of the state are being misled by the budgetary demands in the name of development. The meeting discussed development and social work in the area. Kajal presented a cash donation of one lakh rupees to the Kalka Foundation Club. BJP Jayanti Mandal President Ashok Kumar, Roshan Lal Shotra, Ashwini Kumar, Sahil, Ankit, Anil Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Jitendra Kumar, Lucky, Kapil, Sumil, Mukesh.

## Govt's clear policy is not visible: Vipin Parmar

**SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA:**

Vipin Singh Parmar, BJP Vice President, former minister, and MLA from the Sulh assembly constituency, launched a scathing attack on the state's Congress government, saying that the people of Himachal Pradesh now demand



answers. He said that it has been three years since the government led by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu came to power, but to date, the people of the state have not received the benefits of their rights and promises. Vipin Singh Parmar said that during the elections, the Congress made lofty promises.

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**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:** After obtaining the certificate of being elected unopposed as MP to Rajya Sabha from the Returning Officer, Rajya Sabha MP Anurag Sharma paid a courtesy call on Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathani in his office room. On this occasion, he presented a bouquet to the



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

and took his blessings. On this occasion, HP Legislative Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathani congratulated and congratulated the newly elected Rajya Sabha MP Anurag Sharma unopposed. Pathani said that he hopes that Anurag Sharma, as MP, will raise the issues of Himachal prominently in the Indian House and advocate the interests of the state.

**NEWS BRIEF**

**SC Commission reviews 17 cases in meeting**



**KISHORI LAL BAINSUNA:** The Himachal Pradesh State Scheduled Castes Commission on Monday held a meeting at its office in Rampur under the chairmanship of Commission Chairman and former minister Kuldeep Kumar Dhiman, during which 17 cases placed before the commission were discussed and reviewed. Dhiman said the commission examined the cases in detail and those related to different departments would be forwarded to the concerned authorities for necessary action to ensure timely justice for the affected persons. He said the commission remains committed to protecting the rights of people belonging to the Scheduled Castes and ensuring justice for them. Dhiman also informed that a large awareness camp will be organised on March 15 at the Ambedkar Bhawan Hall in Thanakalan. The objective of the camp is to create awareness among people of the Scheduled Castes community about their constitutional rights and to provide information about various welfare schemes being run by the Himachal Pradesh government.

**DPS Rajpura hosts 'Bollywood Boulevard' to celebrate Women's Day**



**BHUPINDER KAPOOR RAJPURA:** Delhi Public School, Rajpura celebrated International Women's Day with great enthusiasm through a special event titled 'Bollywood Boulevard'. The programme brought together mothers and women from the school community and beyond for an engaging day dedicated to celebrating the strength, grace and spirit of women. The event featured a lively blend of interactive segments, including themed activities, a ramp walk, a talent showcase, and a question-and-answer round, all inspired by the glamour and charm of Bollywood.

## INDIA bloc MPs led by Rahul Gandhi protest against Centre over West Asia conflict

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAR 9

INDIA bloc MPs on Monday protested at the Makar Dwar of Parliament, raising slogans against the Centre over the West Asia conflict. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi and LoP in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, were also among the MPs protesting outside Parliament. The leaders held a banner reading, "Gulf burning, oil shock. Indians stranded. India needs leadership not silence." Congress MP Jairam Ramesh justified the walk-out by the opposition benches saying, "As expected the External Affairs Minister made a suo moto statement on the situation in the Rajya Sabha on which no questions can be asked or clarifications sought. The entire Opposition wanted an immediate discussion on the West Asian situation. This was denied and hence the Opposition walkout



after protests." This comes after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar made a statement in Rajya Sabha regarding the conflict situation in West Asia, while the Opposition demanded a discussion to question the Centre. Addressing the Upper House of Parliament amid sloganeering by Opposition MPs, Jaishankar stated that "the Prime Minister continues to closely monitor the emerging developments, and relevant

ministries are coordinating to ensure effective responses." Jaishankar noted that the government had pre-emptively voiced its apprehensions regarding the regional volatility. "Our government had issued a statement on 20th February expressing deep concerns and urging all sides to exercise restraint. We continue to believe that dialogue and diplomacy should be pursued to de-escalate the tensions," he

said. Ahead of the statement, Mallikarjun Kharge had demanded a short-duration discussion in the Rajya Sabha on India's energy security amid the West Asia conflict. Noting the hike in cooking gas prices, Kharge said that the conflict has impacted India's energy security and image of the country. "I want to seek short duration discussion on emerging challenges to India's energy security."

## Women's Day Fair organised at Kunjpura; 8,000 women from 80 Villages participate



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 9

On the occasion of International Women's Day, a grand Women Empowerment Fair was organized at village Kunjpura by ARPNA Research and Charity Trust, Madhuban. Around 8,000 women from nearly 80 villages of the district participated enthusiastically in the celebration. During the event, 58 Self Help Groups of women set up stalls displaying and selling food items, cosmetics, clothes, bags, and handicrafts. Several sports and cultural competitions were also organized for women and girls.

The Chief Guest, Mrs. Ayeshna Kalyan, Founder of Varitra Foundation, encouraged women to move forward in the fields of education, skill development, and self-reliance. Ms. Kavita, Head of the Women Police Station and a winner of the Asian Boxing Championship, also addressed the gathering and shared her inspiring experiences. On this occasion, Dr. Dalip Gosain, Former Principal Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, said in his address that our district is an important hub of agricultural research institutions in the country.

## DBU hosts Global Endodontics Symposium; unveils new department logo on National Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics Day

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 9

Desh Bhagat Dental College & Hospital under the aegis of Desh Bhagat University (DBU), successfully organized the DBU International Symposium on Contemporary Endodontics to mark National Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics Day 2026. The academic event brought together faculty members, researchers, and students to discuss emerging trends and highlight the growing role of research in modern endodontic practice.

The symposium featured an international online lecture by Dr. Richard Gray, Chair, Department of Endodontics and Predoctoral Director of Endodontics at Loma Linda University School of



Dentistry, California, USA. He delivered an insightful talk on "Endodontic Emergencies," sharing global perspectives on clinical management, recent research developments, and evolving treatment approaches in endodontics. The second lecture was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Singh, Dean Research, Professor and Head, Department of

Endodontics, Desh Bhagat Dental College & Hospital. His lecture titled "Bioceramics at DBU: Research-Driven Endodontics in Action" highlighted the university's ongoing research initiatives, innovations, and future directions in endodontic biomaterials and evidence-based dental practice.

## International Women's Day celebrated with enthusiasm at Haryana Gramin Bank, Rohtak

BUREAU ROHTAK:

International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal at Haryana Gramin Bank. On this occasion, employees across various offices and branches of the Bank participated enthusiastically and organized several activities in line with the global theme. At a special program organized at the Bank's Head Office in Rohtak, 20-year-old talented yoga player Ms. Kaafi was specially invited. She showcased her exceptional yoga skills by performing several advanced yoga postures. Her performance conveyed an inspiring message of discipline, confidence, determination, and dedication to all those present. On this occasion, the Chairman of the Bank, Mr. Sumant Kumar, encouraged women employees to actively participate and excel in various fields. He stated that the women workforce of Haryana Gramin Bank has already been making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the Bank's business, and with their active participation the Bank continues to achieve new heights. He further said that women have a crucial role to play in realizing India's vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047." When women move forward with confidence, knowledge, and spiritual strength, they contribute not only to their families and society but also significantly to nation-building.



## PTWWO marks International Women's Day with cultural celebrations



**BUREAU CHANDIGARH:** The BSNL Punjab Telecom Women Welfare Organisation (PTWWO) celebrated International Women's Day with great enthusiasm and vibrant participation. Members attended the event in colourful and elegant attire, adding charm to the celebration. The programme featured a range of cultural performances including songs, dances and poetry recitations presented by the participants, reflecting their talent and enthusiasm. Addressing the gathering, PTWWO President Dr. Sangeeta Ajay said that women's achievements and contributions should be celebrated every day, not just on a single occasion. She noted that women bring colour, strength and happiness to society. She also stressed the importance of women's health, urging them to remain attentive to their well-being. "A healthy woman can better take care of her family and fulfill her responsibilities," she said. The event concluded with appreciation for all participants and a message promoting women's empowerment, unity and well-being.

## Uttar Pradesh to become a hub for solar energy investment

BUREAU KANPUR, MAR 9

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and First View have collaborated with UPNEDA, Government of Uttar Pradesh, to make Uttar Pradesh a major hub for clean energy investment. In collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh government, a UPEX pre-event awareness program on the PM Surya Ghar: Free Electricity Scheme was organized at Vikas Bhawan, Kanpur. Industry stakeholders participated in the event and discussed the growing opportunities, policies, and prospects in the solar energy sector. Chief Guest of the event, Diksha Jain, IAS, Chief Development Officer (CDO), Kanpur, said that



promoting renewable energy in Uttar Pradesh is the need of the hour. She said that initiatives like the PM Surya Ghar: Free Electricity Scheme and the PM KUSUM Scheme are encouraging households, farmers, and industries to adopt solar energy, strengthening sustainable development and energy security. Welcoming the participants, Atul Srivastava, Senior Regional Director, PHDCCI, informed

that the UP Energy Expo 2026 will be held from May 7-9, 2026, at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow, bringing together various stakeholders in the renewable energy sector. He informed that the three-day expo will feature over 150 exhibitors from India and abroad, with 10 special sessions and over 60 speakers discussing new technologies, policies, and investment opportunities.

## Governor stresses on preserving and further promoting Punjab breed of horses

TAPINDER SINGH PATIALA, MAR 9

Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria has stressed on preserving and further promoting our heritage breed of Punjab breed of horses. The Punjab Governor was present at Patiala to distribute prizes to the winners of the three-day Heritage Show of Punjab breed of horses. Gulab Chand Kataria congratulated the chief organizer of the show, Prof. Congratulating Sumer Singh Seera for organizing this successful show, he said that organizing such shows is an important step towards preserving our heritage, while at the same time it is an important effort to make our new generation aware of our traditional and heritage Punjab breed of horses. Referring to the Mahabharata, Aswamedh Yagga, Maharana Pratap,



Shiva Ji and other ancient references, Kataria said that since time immemorial, the horse has been a loyal companion of man in wars and ordinary times, for which knowing its past is a step towards preserving the present and future. He said that this is the first time he has attended such a horse show and coming here shows that our India has a very glorious past, because having a horse has also been a symbol of power and status, while the horses of the army and police are useful for maintaining law and order. Governor Mr.

Gulab Chand Kataria expressed regret and said that today many breeds of horses are disappearing, for which there is a great need to preserve our traditional breeds of Kathiawar including Punjab. He said that it is a matter of pride for us that horses protect and help their owners, owners and drivers even by losing their lives. Whereas the owners of these horses also take care of the horses like their children, although in today's time this hobby has become very expensive, but the prices of the horses are also in crores.

## Poor road conditions continue to plague Baddi-Barotiwala despite officials' presence



SHANTI GAUTAM

**BADDI:** Despite the government completing three years in office, the condition of roads in the industrial town of Baddi-Barotiwala continues to deteriorate, with residents alleging that authorities have failed to address the issue despite the presence of officials in the area. Locals say the Baddi-Barotiwala road, which connects several industrial zones and residential areas, has fallen into a severely damaged state. Water has been seen flowing on the road near Sikka Chowk and outside the Income Tax office in Baddi, causing further damage to the already deteriorated surface. Residents also alleged that negligence by the Jal Shakti Department has left a stretch of road ahead of the Industries Department office badly damaged for the past three months, causing serious inconvenience to commuters, pedestrians and local residents. The situation is particularly concerning in Ward 12 under the Baddi Municipal Council, where roads and drains are reportedly in poor condition. Locals said garbage has piled up at several places even though a sanitation fee of Rs 50 is being collected from every household.

## Week-long programs inaugurated at Dyal Singh College, Karnal on International Women's Day

CHAMANLAL KARNAL, MAR 9

Dyal Singh College, Karnal, the week-long programs organized on the occasion of International Women's Day were inaugurated by the college Principal, Dr. Ashima Gakkhar, with a yoga camp. This event was conducted under the joint efforts of the Women Development Cell and the Red Cross Society of the college. The objective of the program was to motivate students to adopt a healthy lifestyle and to develop awareness among them regarding physical fitness, mental balance, and women's empowerment. A large number of students enthusiastically participated in the yoga camp. Under the guidance of trainers, the



participants practiced various yoga postures, pranayama, and meditation techniques. During the session, along with the physical benefits of regular yoga practice, the importance of mental peace, concentration, and positive thinking was also discussed in detail. Students were informed that yoga is not merely a form of exercise but an effective method of living a balanced and disciplined life,

which reduces stress and strengthens a person's personality. Addressing the students, the college Principal, Dr. Ashima Gakkhar, highlighted the importance of International Women's Day. She said that today women are achieving remarkable accomplishments in every field, including education, science, sports, administration, and social service.

## Women and Child Development Department holds International Women's Day programme in Dhamrol



ANIL KUMAR

**HAMIRPUR:** A special programme was organised at Ambedkar Bhawan in Gram Panchayat Dhamrol under the Bhoranj subdivision to mark International Women's Day. The event was organised by the Directorate of Women and Child Development, Bhoranj, and witnessed significant participation from women of the area. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Acting Child Development Project Officer Bhoranj, Sunil Kumar, and concluded successfully. Local MLA Suresh Kumar attended the event as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he said women play a crucial role in the development and progress of society. He expressed appreciation for the courage, dedication and valuable contributions of women and noted that women today are excelling in every field and playing a key role in the nation's development. The MLA said the state government is fully committed to the social and economic empowerment of women.

## Women awareness program organized at IG College on International Women's Day

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, MAR 9

On the occasion of International Women's Day, a Women Awareness Program was organized at Indira Gandhi (P.G.) Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kaithal under the joint aegis of the Women Cell and the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Kaithal. The program aimed to spread awareness among students about women's health, education, and empowerment. The Chief Guest of the event was Mrs. Jyoti Saini, District President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Several medical professionals addressed the students and shared valuable information on topics related to women's health and awareness. Dr. Mamta Garg introduced Gulabi Pankh



(IMA Kaithal), while Dr. Kavita Jindal expressed her thoughts on the theme "Ek Mahila Ki Kahani, Usi Ki Zubani." Dr. Anu Yadav provided information about first aid and resuscitation, while Dr. Anupam Garg spoke about women's health and hygiene. Dr. Divya addressed the issue of women's education and gender discrimination. Dr. Abhilasha Jain was also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, President of the Governing Body Shri. Ram Bahadur Khurania said that an educated and aware woman is the true strength of society. College Principal Dr. Arti Garg highlighted the importance of International Women's Day, while Evening principal In-Charge Mrs. Shweta Tanwar encouraged students to move forward with confidence and determination.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Area sabhas to be held in Indri on March 14-15; residents urged to raise civic issues

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: The Indri Municipal Committee will organise area sabhas on March 14 and 15 to discuss civic issues and development works under the Haryana Municipal Citizen Participation Act, 2008. All voters of Indri town have been invited to participate in the meetings.

Providing information, Municipal Secretary Dharamveer Singh said the meetings will be held in different wards to discuss local problems and seek suggestions from residents for their resolution.

According to the schedule, the area sabha for wards 1, 2 and 3 will be held at 10 am at Krishna Temple. The meeting for wards 4 and 5 will take place at 2 pm at the Ramilla Ground. The area sabha for wards 6, 7 and 8 will be held at 2 pm, while wards 9, 10 and 11 will meet at 10 am at the Municipal Committee meeting hall. Similarly, the area sabha for wards 12, 13 and 14 will also be organised at 10 am at the designated venue.

The municipal secretary said that the presence of at least 10 per cent of voters from each ward will be necessary for the area sabha to proceed.

## CM transfers Rs.1,884 crore to beneficiaries through DBT

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAR 9

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini transferred around 1,884 crore to lakhs of beneficiaries across the state through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) with a single click under various schemes.

Addressing a press conference on Monday, the Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, the double-engine government in Haryana is taking continuous steps to empower every section of society including farmers, women, youth and the poor.

Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Sh. Shyam Singh Rana was also present on the occasion.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini informed that yesterday, on the occasion of International Women's Day, during the state-level function held in Sirsa, an amount of 1,357 crore related to various women-centric schemes was transferred to the bank accounts of beneficiaries through DBT. Today, an additional 1,884 crore has been transferred.

He further said that under the Social Security Pension Schemes of the

SEWA Department, an amount of 842.92 crore has been directly transferred into the accounts of 26.12 lakh beneficiaries. These include Old Age Allowance, Disability Allowance, and other social security pensions.

The Chief Minister also informed



that insurance claims for Kharif-2025 crops under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana have been distributed to farmers. A total of 711.69 crore has been transferred to the bank accounts of 1,67,460 farmers today. With this, farmers in the state have received a total of 16,160 crore as crop compensation and insurance claims under the scheme over the past 11 years. In con-

trast, during the 10-year rule of the previous Congress government, only 1,138 crore was released as compensation.

Moreover, the Congress government had left 269 crore of farmers' compensation pending, which the present government released after taking charge in 2014. Sh. Nayab Singh Saini further said that the additional commission payable to arhtiyas (commission agents) by the state government has also been transferred to beneficiaries' bank accounts today. He said that the Central Government provides commission to arhtiyas for foodgrains procured for central storage at the rate of 46 per quintal for wheat, 45.88 per quintal for paddy and 11.75 per quintal for bajra. Accordingly, during the Kharif procurement season 2025-26, a total of about 239.28 crore has already been paid to arhtiyas.

In addition, keeping in mind the interests of arhtiyas, the State Government had decided from the Rabi-Kharif season 2024-25 to provide commission at the rate of 55 per quintal on wheat, paddy and bajra. As per this decision, the remaining amount over and above the commission fixed by the Central Government for paddy and bajra has been paid by the State Government today.

## Viral photo with gangster may add to rapper Badshah's legal troubles

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MARCH 9

Rapper and singer Aditya Prateek Singh Sisodia, popularly known as Badshah, may face further difficulties after a photograph allegedly showing him with gangster Deepak Nandal surfaced on social media.

Haryana Police has already been taking strict action over alleged objectionable content in Badshah's song "Tattiri". Police teams have reportedly been conducting raids in connection with the case and have initiated the process to issue a lookout notice. According to sources, the singer is believed to be outside the country.

In recent days, a photograph circulating on social media allegedly shows Badshah standing with Deepak Nandal, with his hand on the gangster's shoulder, while other individuals seen in the image appear to be holding weapons.

Deepak Nandal is described as a gangster who is believed to be operating his network from abroad. He has been accused of involvement in firing incidents targeting several entertainment agencies. According to sources, some of the agencies that were allegedly targeted had earlier disputes with Badshah.

Sources also claimed that Nandal has been



accused of threatening and intimidating businessmen associated with the real estate sector with allegations of firing incidents at the offices of several real estate firms.

There are also claims that multiple entertainment agencies have filed fraud cases against the singer, which are currently pending before higher courts. Authorities have not officially confirmed any link between the viral photograph and the ongoing investigation. However, the circulation of the image on social media is expected to intensify scrutiny surrounding the singer in the coming days.

## Sikh leader condemns alleged disrespect to Guru Granth Sahib, demands action against committee officials

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A Sikh community leader has strongly condemned an alleged incident of disrespect towards the Guru Granth Sahib and demanded action against officials of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee. Sardar Bhupinder Singh Ladi, son of committee member Bibi Kapoor Kaur Saunkra, representative member and president of the Nilokheri Block Sarpanch Union, issued a written statement criticising the conduct of committee president Jagdish Singh Jhinda and general secretary Anzrez Singh Rania. He said the entire Sikh community reveres the principle of "Guru Manyo Granth" with deep respect and devotion, and even people from other faiths hold the Guru Granth Sahib in high regard. He alleged that during a recent programme of the Namdhari sect in Sirsa district, both leaders remained silent when remarks were made challenging the Gurta-Gaddi of Guru Granth Sahib. According to Ladi, during the event, a speech by a Namdhari faction leader, Thakur Dalip Singh Namdhari, was played in which he allegedly questioned the concept of Guru Granth Sahib as the eternal Guru and claimed belief in a living guru.



## Senior poet Anju Chaudhary 'Anu' honoured as special guest at literary event in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 8

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the literary organisation Man Ki Udaan organised its 21st literary programme, which included a poetry symposium and felicitation ceremony in Karnal.

Founder of the organisation, Rameshwar Dev, highlighted the activities of the institution and said it has been continuously working to spread positive awareness in society through literature. The programme was presided over by Poonam Goyal, while senior poet Anju Chaudhary conducted the proceedings. Reshma Kalyan, wife of Haryana Assembly Speaker Ravinder Kalyan, attended the event as the chief guest.

During the programme, 33 women writers, poets and sha-

years from different cities were honoured for their contributions to literature. Senior Karnal-based poet Anju Chaudhary 'Anu' was invited as a special guest and honoured for her literary work. Her writings are known for their powerful ex-

pression of social sensitivities and women's experiences. The poetry symposium was conducted by Mamta and Sushma, where participating poets captivated the audience with their recitations. The event dedicated to women's creative power was widely appreciated by those present.



Among the honoured writers were Seema Ranga, Indra Acharya, Asanya and Kavita Sharma from Delhi; Dr Sumeet Singh, Dr Urmil Kaushik 'Sakhi' and Dr Kiran from Chandigarh; Shakuntala Kajal 'Shakun', Manju Manav, Sonia Panchal from Jind; Nayyar Jahan from Sonipat; Rachna Gupta from Yamunanagar; and from Karnal Anju Chaudhary, Reshma Kalyan, Poonam Goyal, Dr Nir-

mal Arya, Anju Chaudhary 'Anu', Dr Indu Sharma, Dr Kavita Verma, Dr Vanita Chopra, Gunjan Bhatnagar, Rozleen, Pallavi Bharti, Suman, Gurvinder Kaur, Mamta Praveen, Manju Duggal, Anuja Agarwal, Samayita Chaudhary, Chandravati Dixit and Kumari Khushboo.

## Simranjit Singh Mann criticises High Court verdict in Chhatrapati murder case

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 9

Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) president Simranjit Singh Mann has strongly criticised the decision of the Punjab and Haryana High Court to acquit the accused in the journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati murder case, calling the move inhumane and raising concerns about possible political pressure behind the verdict.

In a press note, Mann alleged that the decision delivered by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Vikram Agarwal to acquit the Sirsa-based dera follower convicted in the rape and murder-related case had sent a wrong message to society. He said the accused had been facing serious allegations including rape, murder and exploitation of women, while the murder case of journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati was being pursued in court by the Central Bureau



of Investigation.

Mann said the judgment appeared to have been influenced either by political pressure or other considerations and demanded a high-level investigation into the matter. He questioned whether any judge had been influenced by political authorities or other inducements while delivering the verdict and said the issue must be thoroughly examined.

He said journalist Ram

## Naveen Jindal's 56th birthday marked with havan at Brahma Sarovar



HANS RAJ YADAV

KURUKSHETRA: On the occasion of Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal's 56th birthday, a havan-yajna was organised at Kurukshetra Sanskrit Vedshala located on the banks of the sacred Brahma Sarovar. Vedic scholars and supporters offered oblations amid chanting of Vedic mantras and prayers for Jindal's long life, good health and continued dedication to public service. The ritual was conducted according to traditional Vedic practices by the acharyas of the Vedshala.

Speakers on the occasion said that Naveen Jindal has consistently worked for national interest and social welfare. They highlighted his contributions in areas such as education, youth skill development, environmental conservation and promotion of respect for the national flag.

Among those present were BJP district president Tejinder Singh Goldy, Kurukshetra Development Board secretary Upendra Singhal, social worker Subhash Kalsana, Saini Samaj Sabha president Gurnam Saini, MP office in-charge Dharamveer Singh and several local representatives and residents.

## Fruit distributed among patients at LNJP Hospital on Jindal's birthday

KURUKSHETRA: A fruit distribution programme was organised at Loknayak Jayaprakash Hospital in Kurukshetra to mark the 56th birthday of Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal. BJP district president Tejinder Singh Goldy, along with party workers and supporters, visited various wards of the hospital and distributed fruits among patients and their attendants. They also enquired about the health of the patients and encouraged them to follow doctors' advice. Goldy said Naveen Jindal's life has always been guided by service and compassion, and celebrating his birthday through acts of social service is a meaningful tribute to his values. Patients and their families appreciated the gesture and wished the MP good health and a long life.

## Youth celebrate Naveen Jindal's birthday at Jindal House

KURUKSHETRA: The 56th birthday of Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal was celebrated with enthusiasm at Jindal House in Kurukshetra, where a large number of youth and supporters gathered for the occasion. The celebration included cake cutting and distribution of sweets among those present. Participants also extended their best wishes to the MP and expressed their commitment to continue working for national development. Geeta Sharma, a member of the District Grievance Committee, said Naveen Jindal has always inspired youth to contribute positively to nation-building through education, skill development and patriotism. Former Thanesar MLA Ramesh Gupta also praised Jindal's efforts to promote respect for the national flag, describing the tricolour as a symbol of unity, pride and self-respect of the nation.

## 56 mango saplings planted on Naveen Jindal's birthday

KURUKSHETRA: A tree plantation drive was organised at Jindal House in Kurukshetra to mark the 56th birthday of MP Naveen Jindal, sending a message of environmental conservation. A Red American mango sapling was planted by social worker Rohit Gupta and CA Ashwini Jain. They said a total of 56 saplings were planted at various locations to symbolise Jindal's 56th birthday. The organisers said the plantation drive was inspired by Naveen Jindal's consistent efforts to promote environmental protection and greenery. They added that planting trees is a commitment to ensuring a cleaner and greener future for the coming generations.

## Ayushman Bharat camp fortnight underway in Yamunanagar; beneficiaries urged to get cards made

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Yamunanagar Deputy Commissioner Preeti said the government is organising an Ayushman Bharat camp fortnight until March 31, 2026, to encourage eligible citizens to avail the benefits of the Ayushman Bharat scheme. She said people who have not yet obtained their Ayushman card, Chirayu card or Vay Vandana card have

been given another opportunity to get the cards issued so they can receive free treatment at private and government hospitals when needed.

Civil Surgeon Dr Jitendra Singh said the government is issuing Ayushman cards, Chirayu cards and Vay Vandana cards for people aged above 70 years. Under the scheme, beneficiaries can receive free treatment of up to Rs 5 lakh.

He said the scheme covers nearly 1,600 medical conditions, including major treatments such as heart surgeries like bypass and angioplasty, dialysis for kidney diseases and cancer treatments including chemotherapy and radiation. Treatment facilities are available in both private and government hospitals. Ayushman Bharat nodal officer Dr Vageesh Gulain said that in Yamunanagar district there are 837,359 beneficiaries eligible for Ayushman and Chirayu cards. Out of these, 755,025 beneficiaries have already obtained their cards, while 82,334 cards are yet to be issued.

For the Vay Vandana card meant for citizens above 70 years of age, the district has 76,334 eligible beneficiaries. So far only 11,073 people have obtained the card, while 65,261 beneficiaries are yet to get theirs.



## Women achievers honoured at 'Mahila Shakti Awards' and 'She Walks She Shine' ramp walk

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 8

A grand programme featuring the "Mahila Shakti Awards" and the "She Walks She Shine" ramp walk was organised at the Bharati Vidyapeeth auditorium on the occasion of International Women's Day.

The event was organised by Krishna Social Welfare Trust, which honoured 100 women from various fields with the Mahila Shakti Awards. The ramp walk event titled "She Walks She Shine" was organised by Dharmarth Samarpan Nyas and ARK Foundation.

Women who have made notable contributions in different sectors were felicitated during the programme. A special fashion show titled "Pink Power" was also organised. The concept of the show was designed by journalist and writer Neelima Thakur, while it was choreographed and presented by international model M. Diana Devi.

Environmental expert and Deputy Commissioner Housing, Bareilly, Mange Ram Chauhan attended the programme as

the chief guest. In his address, he said women are the foundation of creation, values and social development. He noted that women possess the strength to nurture, create and guide families and society with love, dedication and resilience.

Poonam Sahnam attended the event



as the guest of honour. She is an experienced education professional, international career counsellor and soft skills trainer. Former ACP Virender Punj associated with "Kanoon Ka Kayda," Chanakya Dev and journalist-actor Hamveer Singh were also present as special guests.

During the programme, several wom-

en including Sunita Sharma were honoured for their outstanding achievements. Among those felicitated were Swati Tripathi, Shweta Mishra, Meenakshi Anupam, Meenu Gabrani, Kavita K., Preeti Rajput, M. Diana, Anshu John, Neetu Saini, Khushi K., Praveen Sharma, Itasha Mishra, Kashvi Mudgil, Rutvi Bhati, Neelam, Savita Thakur, Prachi V. Raizada, well-known You-Tuber Home Chef Rita Arora, Nancy Jain, Parul Tiwari, Tanisha Dixit Kaushik, Shweta Kanchar, Roshni Yadav, Meenakshi Singh and Purnima Singh. Online awards were presented to Dr Sampada Gangwar, Pratima Rai and Parul Mohan.

Through the fashion show, participants showcased confidence, talent and personality. The event aimed to provide women with a platform to present their achievements and abilities before society.

The organisers expressed gratitude to all guests, participants and supporters and said similar inspiring programmes would be organised in the future.

## Havan held at Jindal House on MP Naveen Jindal's 56th birthday

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, MAR 9

A havan-yajna was organised at Jindal House in Kaithal on the occasion of MP Naveen Jindal's 56th birthday. Supporters and associates of the MP offered oblations during the ritual amid Vedic chants and prayed for his long life, good health and continued dedication to public service.

The atmosphere of the programme remained spiritual and devotional as the ritual was conducted according to Vedic traditions. Amid the chanting of sacred mantras, those present prayed that Naveen Jindal remain healthy and energetic and continue to serve the nation and society with the same commitment. Speaking on the occasion, Kaithal MP office in-charge Ravindra Dhiman said Naveen

Jindal has always placed national interest above everything and prioritised welfare activities for the public. He said Jindal's efforts in the fields of education, youth skill development, environmental protection and re-



and the region with dedication. Later, a cake-cutting ceremony was also organised at Jindal House to celebrate Naveen Jindal's 56th birthday. A large number of youth and supporters gathered to extend their greetings to the MP. The event witnessed great enthusiasm among the youth. After the cake cutting, those present shared sweets and celebrated the occasion together. The youth also resolved to continue working for national interest under the leadership of Naveen Jindal.

Among those present were Manoj Dua, Ajit Chahal, district vice-president Chulwinder Rana, Rajound Municipal Committee chairperson Babita Rani, Bal Suraksha Commission member Suman Rana, Kamaljit Kaur, Akshara Gupta, Pradeep Sharma, Krish Jajampur etc.

## Students watch live session on budget and understand key announcements

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: As directed by Higher Education Department, Institution Innovation Council of Yamunanagar DAV Girls College presented a live session on budget, titled "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas". During program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and others discussed effective implementation of

announcements related to education, skill development and university townships. Main objective of live session was to provide students with detailed information about budget's key announcements and their impact. Program was conducted under supervision of college's Acting Principal, Dr. Surinder Kaur. During live session, students learned that 2026 budget announced formation of high-powered Education to Employment and Enterprise Standing Committee to strengthen employment and entrepreneurship through education. Animation, visual effects, gaming, comics and content creator labs will be established in 15,000 schools and 500 colleges. Budget also includes plans to build 5 university townships. National Institute of Design will be established in eastern region. Hostel facilities have also been announced in each district for convenience of female students. Additionally, the National Telescope Scheme and Disabled Skills Scheme will be implemented. Dr Surinder Kaur said that through live session, female students learned about budget provisions related to education and employment which helped them understand future prospects.



## Over 100 quintals of khair wood seized in joint raid in Jatowala village

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, MAR 9

In a major crackdown on illegal khair smuggling, a joint team of the local police, CIA, Wildlife Department and Forest Department conducted a raid in Jatowala village on Monday and seized a large quantity of khair wood from two houses.

Officials said around 100 quintals of khair wood were recovered during the operation. The seized wood is estimated to be worth several lakh rupees in the market. The sudden raid created panic in the village, while those allegedly involved in the smuggling activities were reportedly left alarmed.

The joint team carried out a search operation throughout the day in Jatowala village as part of efforts to curb illegal smuggling of khair wood. During the operation, raids



were conducted at two separate houses where a large stock of khair wood was recovered and immediately taken into custody.

Sources said the village has long been infamous for khair smuggling and complaints regarding illegal supply of the wood from the area have been reported repeatedly. The unexpected action created a tense atmosphere in the village, with several suspected individuals reportedly avoiding stepping out of their homes. Forest Department

officials said that keeping in view the rising cases of khair smuggling, joint teams have been conducting raids in suspected villages. Earlier, similar action was carried out in Chikan village, where a large quantity of khair wood was also recovered. Investigations have also revealed that many cases of khair smuggling are linked to Jatowala and Chikan villages. More than 100 cases related to khair smuggling from these areas are currently pending in courts.

## EDITORIAL

## Etihad, Qatar Airways resume flights in Middle East

Etihad Airways released its latest flight schedule for the coming days for March 8-10 (as per their local time). Guests with previous bookings will be accommodated on these flights as soon as possible. Tickets are also available for sale on <http://etihad.com>, the airline said in its statement.

Meanwhile, Qatar Airways scheduled flight operations remain temporarily suspended due to the closure of Qatari airspace. Qatar Airways will resume operations once the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority announces the safe full reopening of Qatari airspace by the relevant authorities. Following temporary authorisation from the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority confirming limited operating corridors, Qatar Airways intends to operate the following flight schedule in the coming days to support passengers who have been affected due to the current disruption, and in helping them reunite with family and friends as quickly and safely as possible. Flights departing from Doha (DOH): 9-March: Seoul (ICN), Moscow (SVO), London Heathrow (LHR), Delhi (DEL), Madrid (MAD), Islamabad (ISB), Beijing (PKX), Perth (PER), Nairobi (NBO) 10-March: Cairo (CAD), London Heathrow (LHR), Jeddah (JED), Manila (MNL), Kochi (COK), Muscat (MCT), Istanbul (IST), Mumbai (BOM), Delhi (DEL), Nairobi (NBO), Islamabad (ISB), Madrid (MAD), Frankfurt (FRA), Colombo (CMB), Milan (MXP) Flights arriving to Doha (DOH): 10-March: Seoul (ICN), Moscow (SVO), London Heathrow (LHR), Delhi (DEL), Madrid (MAD), Islamabad (ISB), Beijing (PKX), Perth (PER), Nairobi (NBO) 11-March: Cairo (CAD), London Heathrow (LHR), Jeddah (JED), Manila (MNL), Kochi (COK), Muscat (MCT), Istanbul (IST), Mumbai (BOM), Delhi (DEL), Nairobi (NBO), Islamabad (ISB), Madrid (MAD), Frankfurt (FRA), Colombo (CMB), Milan (MXP). For the latest flight updates and to book, please visit the Qatar Airways website or App or a travel agent. These flights do not constitute a confirmation of the resumption of scheduled commercial operations. Passengers are kindly asked not to arrive at their departure airport unless they hold a valid confirmed ticket for travel, as per Qatar Airways.

## Systems where women lead and redefine nation's growth trajectory

The United Nations' theme for International Women's Day 2026—'Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls' is a call to dismantle discriminatory laws, policies, practices, and systemic barriers that pose barriers towards women's equality and empowerment. Despite notable progress on gender equality globally, glaring gaps persist across education attainment, skill development, health outcomes, livelihood opportunities, leadership roles, resource-sharing, and mobility.

Still, less than 20 per cent of the world's landholders are women, around 40 per cent of rural girls attend secondary school, and many are excluded from decision-making roles and subjected to systemic violence, segregation, and neglect. Moving forward requires interventions that are comprehensive, long-term, and transformative, going beyond welfare and incremental policy fixes. In this context, the Indian government's approach of women-led development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi adds a significant dimension to the gender agenda.

By hailing Nari Shakti as driving pillar of society and innovation, it positions women as architects of India's 'Viksit Bharat' vision and development journey rather than passive beneficiaries. This approach prioritizes gender and embeds it in a structural framework by adopting a lifecycle perspective, mainstreaming gender across policy areas, and introducing targeted interventions, including inducting women into new domains, thus breaking the traditional silo approach and seeking to shift societal attitudes, beyond just economic empowerment.

Let us forget, the genesis of International Women's Day lies in the 1909 strike of New York garment workers demanding fair wages, dignity, and better conditions. That spark grew into a global



movement, and IWD was recognized by the UN in 1975. For centuries, women across the world endured social, political, and legal subjugation until the industrial revolution and feminist movements began to challenge entrenched norms.

India's story runs parallel, yet is also distinct. Here, women once ruled kingdoms, led armies, shaped philosophy, patronized art and education, and were revered as embodiments of the divine feminine.

Centuries of invasions and patriarchy, among other factors, curtailed this stature, yet women never surrendered. They powered the freedom struggle, advanced environmental movements, innovated farming and safeguarded traditional

knowledge. The post-colonial challenge in India has therefore been more than economic welfare. It is a deeper battle to dismantle patriarchy, shift attitudes, and restore women to their historic place as leaders, innovators, and agents of change.

Globally, India is signatory to key treaties advancing women's rights, dignity, and equality, from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Beijing Declaration and Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030. It has also shaped the gender agenda at other forums such as climate summits and through its G20 Presidency, mirroring its domestic outlook. Nationally, the Constitution guarantees equality, and the Directive Principles emphasize equal livelihood, pay, and maternity relief.

The NDA government has marked a decisive shift towards the gender agenda by embedding women's agency into the country's structural framework. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam reserves one-third of legislative seats, making women authors of laws, while measures such as the abolition of Triple Talaq, PM Ujjwala Yojana for clean cooking, Jal Jeevan Mission for safe water, and Awas Yojana for housing restore dignity and transform living.

A life-cycle approach to ensure support from birth to old age is directed at comprehensive development covering birth, nutrition, skill, employment, leadership, social security and old age, with schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao; Saksham Anganwadi, and POSHAN 2.0. Ayushman

Bharat, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras,

PMGDISHA, Lakhpati Didi, SHE Marts, WISE-KIRAN, among others. Additionally, induction of women in defence and combat roles serve to break the structural barriers too.

From a policy perspective, gender is mainstreamed across development domains, resulting in gender-responsive plans and strategies, including in livelihoods pathways, climate action, and decentralized energy solutions that address women's specific needs and vulnerabilities. Institutional mechanisms such as Gender Resource Centres and gender desks and capacity building measures, especially at grassroots levels and across stakeholders, seek to sensitize and provide the right tools and knowledge to prioritize gender.

Quantitatively, decisive gains are achieved. The sex ratio has improved to 930 per 1000 males, infant mortality has fallen by 37 per cent in the last decade, and maternal mortality has dropped by 86 per cent since 1990. Women now constitute 58 per cent of PMKVY trainees, 69 per cent of MUDRA loan recipients, and 73 per cent of housing beneficiaries.

Sixteen crore women have accessed maternal care services, while women-led MSMEs have nearly doubled in a decade. Enabling environments have produced outcomes once unimaginable, from lifting the cricket World Cup and shaping electoral victories to pioneering Jal Shakti Abhiyan and curating OTT content.

Beyond statistics, India's holistic approach is reshaping the foundations of development, driving inclusive and lasting growth by ensuring access to resources, acceptability, leadership roles and mindset shifts. The Indian story is transforming, slowly but surely. It demonstrates how systems can enable women to lead and redefine the nation's growth trajectory.

## Sammed Shikharji: Where the soul remembers its own light



Dr. Tanu Jain

ancient texts have revered this mountain for over two thousand years. Medieval shravaks and kings raised tonks to mark the sites of final meditation, yet no architecture can equal the invisible monument of penance that lingers in the air. This is a place where silence has depth, where the wind carries whispers of renunciation, and where even the stones seem softened by centuries of prayer. I began my ascent at six in the morning. The dawn was tender, almost protective, wrapping the mountain in a golden hush. With every step, I felt less like a visitor and more like a returning child.

The path was long, the climb steady, but my heart was strangely light. Perhaps because I knew I was walking where liberated souls once walked their final steps. When I reached the first tonk of Parshwanath Bhagwan, my eyes filled with quiet tears. There were no grand idols—only sacred charan, the footprints.

In that moment, I understood something profound. Shikharji erases divisions. Svetambar, Digambar, Terapanthi—all bow before the same charan. There is no exclusivity in liberation. There is only reverence. The absence of idols made the presence of truth even stronger. It was as if the mountain was gently reminding us: the form fades, the essence remains. As I performed my puja, my heart brimmed with joy and a deep, unexplainable ecstasy. The Navkar Mantra rose from within me, not as ritual, but as surrender.

ममो अरिहताय  
ममो सिद्धाय  
ममो आयरियाय

ममो उवज्जयायणं  
ममो लोए सव्व साहणं।  
I bow to the Anihants. I bow to the Siddhas. I bow to the Acharyas, the Upadhayas, and all Sadhus of the world. This mantra asks for nothing; it only acknowledges greatness of the soul. And on this mountain, those words feel alive. As I continued climbing from one ridge to another, I noticed the pristine nature around me.

Every leaf seemed sacred. I looked at a single tree and wondered how many saints had meditated beneath it, how many final breaths of liberation had dissolved into this sky. Even the breeze felt disciplined, almost meditative. Along the path, barefoot sadhaks and elderly pilgrims moved slowly, chanting softly. Their steps were deliberate, humble, unwavering. Watching them stirred something deep within me. A thought echoed in my heart: Aatma akele aati hai, akele jaati hai. The soul comes alone and departs alone. The Jain Agamas remind us with striking clarity: 'Appa katta vikatta ya, appa hu suha-duhani ya.' The soul alone is the doer and the experimenter of joy and sorrow. And again: 'Eko me sassao appa, nanadamsana-samyutto.' My soul alone is eternal, endowed with knowledge and perception. On that mountain, these were not philosophical lines; they were living truths. My solo journey suddenly felt symbolic. We may walk with family, chant with companions, and share moments of devotion—but in the ultimate journey of liberation, the soul stands alone before its own karma. That realization did not feel lonely. It felt powerful. It felt freeing. Jainism gently teaches, 'Parasparopagraho Jivanam'—souls serve one another. Yes, we uplift and support each other in this

human journey. But moksha is deeply personal. It is an inward awakening, a flame lit by one's own awareness.

Somewhere between the steep climbs and silent pauses, I felt a profound stillness settle within me. The world's noise faded. Ambitions, worries, identities—all seemed distant. There was only breath, sky, and the quiet presence of those who had transcended everything.

Shikharji does not overwhelm with grandeur. It refines you. It softens you. It strips you of unnecessary layers. It reminds you that simplicity is sacred and silence is strength. In today's restless world, this mountain feels more relevant than ever. It teaches detachment without indifference, devotion without division, and discipline without display. The charan without idols dissolve sectarian boundaries. The barefoot ascent dissolves ego. The memory of twenty liberated souls dissolves doubt. As the sun rose higher and the golden light touched the peaks, gratitude filled me completely. Gratitude for being called back. Gratitude for walking again on this sacred path. Gratitude for remembering who I am beyond roles and responsibilities. When I descended, I carried no physical offering, no grand resolution. I carried stillness. A deep, luminous stillness.

For Sammed Shikharji is not merely a place one visits. It is a place that awakens. It whispers gently to every pilgrim: The soul is eternal. The journey is inward. And the summit you seek is already within you.

Ceo Bareilly  
Ministry of defence

## Pakistan's monthly oil import bill could skyrocket to \$600 million

Amid the developing security situation in West Asia, Pakistan could see its monthly oil import bill soar to a whopping USD 600 million, the country's Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb said on Sunday, as reported by Dawn.

Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik said that they would request the International Monetary Fund for relief in the petroleum levy. According to Dawn, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb made the remarks during a briefing on Sunday.

Present in attendance were Pakistan's Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik and Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah. The Pakistani news outlet said that the Finance Minister Aurangzeb told the meeting that Pakistan's monthly oil import bill could increase to \$600 million in the backdrop of the conflict in West Asia.

He also mentioned that the government is preparing alternative plans to deal with the financial impact of rising oil prices. Dawn reported that crude prices could rise to USD 120 a barrel if the conflict escalates further. As

Pakistan continues to reel under economic stress, Pakistan's Petroleum Minister Ali Pervaiz Malik called for fuel-saving measures so that Islamabad's existing reserves last longer and added that the country would request the International Monetary Fund for



relief in the petroleum levy.

Malik said that while three petroleum shipments are expected to reach the country on Monday, LNG supply disruptions are also anticipated. He further

mentioned that diplomatic engagements are ongoing with Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, with efforts underway for alternate fuel supply routes apart from the Strait of Hormuz. This comes amid the backdrop of Pakistan announcing a massive hike in fuel prices,

with petrol and high-speed diesel rates jumping by PKR 55 per litre—an increase of approximately 20%. As of March 7, 2026, the new rates have pushed petrol to PKR 321.17 and high-speed diesel to PKR 335.86 per litre, placing an immense burden on an already struggling economy amid the escalating crisis in West Asia. The announcement has sparked widespread anxiety across the country, where residents are already battling high living costs during the month of Ramadan. Commuters and workers have expressed despair over the rapid cost-of-living increase. Petrol costs have surged, making daily expenses harder to manage, and experts warn that this could push inflation up significantly. With petrol now reaching Pakistani Rupees (PKR) 324 per litre, the rise is expected to affect the prices.

## The more you fear aging, the faster your body may age: Study

Worrying about getting older especially fearing future health problems, may actually speed up ageing at the cellular level, according to new research from the New York University. In a study of more than 700 women, those who felt more anxious about ageing showed signs of faster biological ageing in their blood, measured using cutting-edge "epigenetic clocks." Fears about declining health had the strongest link, while concerns about beauty or fertility didn't appear to have the same biological impact.

New research from NYU School of Global Public Health suggests that these fears could be linked to faster ageing at the cellular level in women. "Our research suggests that subjective experiences may be driving objective measures of ageing," said Mariana Rodrigues, a PhD student at NYU School of Global Public Health and the first author of the study, published in the

journal Psychoneuroendocrinology. "Ageing-related anxiety is not merely a psychological concern, but may leave a mark on the body with real health consequences," added Mariana. Many adults experience concern about ageing, including fears of illness, physical decline, and losing independence. Previous research has shown that ongoing psychological distress can influence biological ageing through epigenetic changes, which are shifts in how genes are turned on or off. "We know from previous research that anxiety, depression, and mental health in general are associated with a number of physical health outcomes, but until now researchers haven't focused on whether there is a correlation between worrying about ageing and the process of ageing itself," said Rodrigues.

Why Women May Experience More Ageing Anxiety Women may be especially vulnerable to anxiety about



ageing. Social expectations around youth and appearance, along with concerns about fertility, can heighten stress during midlife. "Women in midlife may also be multiple in roles, including caring for their ageing parents. As they see older family members grow older and become sick, they may worry about whether the same thing will happen to them," Rodrigues explained.

Study Details and Epigenetic Clocks

To explore the connection between ageing anxiety and biological ageing, researchers examined data from 726 women participating in the Midlife in the United States (MIDUS) study. Participants reported how much they worried about becoming less attractive, developing health problems, or being too old to have children. Blood samples were also analyzed using two established epigenetic clocks. One measured the

speed of biological ageing (DunedinPACE), while the other estimated accumulated biological damage over time (GrimAge2). Women who reported higher levels of anxiety about growing older showed signs of faster epigenetic ageing based on the DunedinPACE clock. Accelerated epigenetic ageing has been linked in prior research to physical decline and greater risk of age-related diseases. Not all concerns had the same impact. Worries about declining health were most strongly tied to faster biological ageing. In contrast, concerns about appearance and fertility were not significantly associated with epigenetic ageing. Researchers note that health worries may be more persistent over time, while concerns about beauty and reproduction may lessen with age.

### MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: In a commendable initiative towards village development, Khukhni Gram Panchayat has constructed a beautiful and modern smart park covering approximately one acre. This is first such attractive and well-equipped park in Indri constituency. Panchayat is continuously carrying out development work in the village, bringing joy to villagers. Park has



provided a great place for morning and evening walks, exercise and leisure time.

Village Sarpanch Poonam Sharma and Village Secretary Naveen Motiyan stated that Gram Panchayat constructed this park to provide villagers with a clean and green environment. Various types of plants have been planted in park, including drop moonflower, copper bush and panda snow plant. Korean grass has been planted on park grounds, further enhancing its beauty.

### NEWS BRIEF

**National Lok Adalat on March 14: disputes to be resolved through mutual consent**

**RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL:** Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary Kanwal Kumar informed that as per the instructions of the Haryana State Legal Services Authority, a National Lok Adalat will be held in Kaithal on March 14. Event will be held under guidance of District and Sessions Judge and Chairperson of District Legal Services Authority, Kaithal, Kanchan Mahi. He said that various categories of cases will be resolved through mutual consent and expeditiously at National Lok Adalat. These primarily include civil, family, motor accident claims, bank loan recovery cases, electricity and water bill disputes, labor disputes, compoundable criminal cases and pre-litigation matters. Biggest advantage of resolving disputes at Lok Adalat is that no additional court fees will be payable. Furthermore, if any court fees have already been paid in case, they will be refunded as per rules. He said that District Legal Services Authority is also committed to assisting vulnerable sections of society.

# After paddy scam, stage is now set for a mustard scam in state: Ratan Mann

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 9**

After the paddy scam, the stage is now being set for a scam involving mustard procurement in state. A plan has been prepared to carry out tscam in a planned manner under the protection of bigwigs.

Bharatiya Kisan Union State President Ratan Mann said that after Haryana government announced procurement of Rabi season crops, the possibility of a mustard scam is growing in the state. He said that according to a letter issued by the Chief Secretary of Haryana on March 3, the government procurement of lentils has been decided to begin on March 20, and the procurement of other Rabi crops, including mustard and wheat, will begin on March 28. Ratan Mann said that this decision is against the interests of farmers and completely impractical. This year, due to the onset of summer in the state about 20 days earlier than normal, crops are also ripening prematurely. In such a situation, by



March 28th, approximately 90% of farmers' mustard will be sold in the markets at prices below the support price, while other Rabi crops will also be ready earlier than normal. He reported that due to the early summer, an average of over 3,000 quintals of mustard had arrived for sale in several markets across the state, including Gharaunda (Karnal), by February 28th, 2026. Due to the non-start of government procurement, farmers are forced to sell their produce to middlemen and commission agents at prices 800 to 1,000 rupees per quintal below the support price.

## Blood donation organised

**CHAMANLAL KARNAL:**

Karnal Lakshya Janhit Society, in collaboration with Shiv Mandir Shyamgarh, organized a voluntary blood donation camp in the Shiv Mandir premises. A team from Lakshya Charitable Blood Center arrived to donate blood. Lakshya Janhit Society founder Dinesh Bakshi, himself a double-centurion blood donor, said that just as there's a desire to get a voter card upon turning 18, there should be a similar desire for blood donation. Bakshi further stated that it's better to let blood flow in someone's veins and build blood relationships with people than to shed blood on the streets. Along with blood donation, young people should also come forward to donate platelets, as this does not lead to any weakness. In this camp, 32 blood donors donated their blood, while 45 donors expressed their desire to donate. Guruji Mukesh Puri Ji



Maharaj of the temple said that this blood donation camp and feast was organized on the foundation day of the temple and on completion of 13 years of Vishwanath Puri leaving his body. In which there is a lot of enthusiasm among the people of the village for blood donation. On this occasion Guruji Mukesh Puri himself encouraged the youth by donating blood and said that though every donation is big but by donating blood the dying flame of someone's life is awakened.

## International Women's Day celebrated at Sampurna Physiotherapy Center



**MAHENDER GOYAL HISAR, MAR 9**

Social organizations Inquilab Yuva Morcha and Bhikh Nahi Kitab Do jointly organized a special event and medical camp on International Women's Day. Held at Sampurna Physiotherapy Center in Azad Nagar, event was attended by many personalities and students from Hisar district. Dr Vandana Bishnoi, wife of Vice Chancellor of Guru Jambheshwar University and an academician, was chief guest. Large number of dignitaries were present, including renowned physiotherapist Dr. Sandeep Kalia, para-athlete Ekta Bhiyan, Jaya Poonia, Renuka Jakhar, Saroj Sarovan, Anu Chinaiya, Puneet Wadhwa, Sumesh Joshi, gynecologist Dr. Himani Ahlawat, pediatrician Dr. Sahil Dhamija, and Dr. Vivek.

Dimple Bansal impressed everyone with her skillful stage management. Chief guest Dr. Vandana Bishnoi stated that women are setting new records in every field. She added that Women's Day inspires excellence and every woman should celebrate it with enthusiasm. Dr Himani Ahlawat, Dr. Sahil Dhamija and Dr. Vivek shared tips for staying healthy. Dr Sandeep Kalia also provided specific information on proper postures and sitting postures at workplace. At Women's Day celebration, girls associated with Bhikh Nahi Kitab Do organization won widespread applause with their macrame art demonstration. Girls who collect junk from streets are training under Renuka Jakhar, director of Royal Macramer under aegis of Bhikh Nahi Kitab Do organization.

## NIILM varsity creates history in all-India Inter-university Men's boxing championship



**SANJAY SHARMA**

**KAITHAL:** NIILM University Kaithal created history by winning the runner-up trophy at the All India Inter-University Boxing Men's Tournament 2025-26, organized by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. The university's boxers performed brilliantly in the competition. The university's players performed admirably in all weight categories, including the quarterfinals. The players brought honour to the university by winning two gold medals, one silver medal and two bronze medals. In-charge of University Administration/ Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Devendra Singh Dhull congratulated all the boxers and their families and attributed this achievement to the excellent sports facilities being provided by the University management. On this occasion, University Chairperson Mr. Sandeep Chahal and Managing Director Dr. Sandeep Chahal, along with their staff and students, expressed their joy and congratulated the entire Sports Directorate and the coaches. Boxing coach Mr. Vishnu Dutt, director of sports Ms Meenu and office superintendent Mr. Shashikant were especially congratulated on this achievement. Dr. Devendra Singh Dhull also expressed his gratitude to all the members of the selection committee for selecting the players impartially.

## SJVN's Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power station crosses historic 150 billion units milestone



**DINESH AGARWAL**

**SHIMLA:** Bhupender Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN, congratulated the team of Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station (NJHPS) on achieving the historic milestone of 150 billion units (BU) of cumulative power generation. NJHPS, the nation's largest underground hydro power station, crossed this landmark today, reaffirming its significant contribution to clean energy generation and strengthening the national power grid. To mark the occasion, celebrations were held at the Power House in the august presence of Bhupender Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, and Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel). Senior officials of SJVN were also present on the occasion. Speaking at the event, Bhupender Gupta highlighted that since its commissioning in May 2004, NJHPS has consistently demonstrated exceptional operational reliability. "It has emerged as a cornerstone of the northern power grid, delivering dependable green energy and ensuring grid stability during peak demand periods," he stated. He further apprised that the performance of NJHPS has been marked by several notable benchmarks. NJHPS achieved its highest-ever annual generation of 7,610.257 million units in FY 2011-12, followed by a record monthly generation of 1,222.170 million units in July 2024.

## Employee will use technology to track complaint until it is resolved: Vishram Kumar Meena



**YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI**

**PEHOWA:** Now the Deputy Commissioner will also hear complaints in the Samadhan camp to be held at the sub-division level. If the pending pension does not receive by the month of April and get it verified in the Samadhan camp with Aadhar card, voter card and PPP. The Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena heard the complaints and problems of 78 people in the Pehowa sub-division office. He gave instructions to resolve the problems of the citizens in a timely manner. The Deputy Commissioner inspected the Pehowa sub-division office and tehsil. The Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said that the SDM office Pehowa would follow up the complaints received in the Samadhan camp with records using technology until these were resolved. Along with this, an acknowledgement letter will also be given to the complainant on submitting the complaint. On the basis of which, if the complaint comes again, the resolution status of the complainant will be easily checked.

## DC distributes kits to school students



**RANVIR PARASHAR**

**KAITHAL:** DC Aparajita said that sports are as important as studies in student life. Sports not only promote physical development but also contribute to mental growth. Children from Haryana, including Kaithal, have brought laurels to nation and state in sports. School children should maintain their achievements in sports and participate actively in sports. She was addressing the children at the trek suit distribution ceremony of Future on Track campaign, organized by Indian Railway Finance Corporation in collaboration with the Education Department, a CSR initiative of Indian Railway Finance Corporation and Indira Social Group Society at Government Senior Secondary School in village Kailaram on Monday. During event, DC distributed tracksuits, T-shirts, and shoes to 70 girl students and wished them a bright future. Upon arriving at school, District Education Officer Subhash and other officials welcomed DC Aparajita.

## Commerce Department of DAV College, Pehowa organises educational tour to Udaipur and Jodhpur



**YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI**

**PEHOWA:** The Commerce Department of DAV College, Pehowa, organized an educational tour to Udaipur and Jodhpur from March 5 to 8. The tour was approved by Acting Principal Dr. Suman Lata. Her contributions made it a successful tour. Students from the Commerce and Science departments participated in this tour, organized under the leadership of tour convener Dr. Anuj, Dr. Deepika, the contingent in-charge of the tour, also played a key role. She worked with the students to organize and ensure the successful completion of the tour activities. As assistant faculty members, Prof. Amandeep, Prof. Monica and Prof. Shweta played a key role in making the tour a success. In Udaipur, students visited Fatehsagar Lake, the Wax Museum, Panchola Lake, the City Palace and other historical sites.

## CM Saini releases 5th instalment of Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana to eligible women: Kailash Saini



**KARAMBIR**

**LADWA:** Kailash Saini, in-charge of the Chief Minister's Office, said that Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini has given a gift to women by transferring Rs 200 crore 77 lakh in lieu of fifth instalment of the Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana, to the bank accounts of eligible women. Furthermore, the Chief Minister also launched several schemes for women on International Women's Day, giving them gifts. He urged eligible women that they can apply for the Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana from their mobile phones, which is very easy. Kailash Saini was briefing reporters on Monday. He stated that the Chief Minister has taken full care of women in this budget.

## Discovery World School, Ladwa celebrates its annual festival with pomp



**KARAMBIR**

**LADWA:** Discovery World School, Ladwa, celebrated its annual festival with great enthusiasm on Monday. The festival was based on the theme "From Kaal to Kalki." This theme depicts the cycle of time (from the past to the future incarnations). It is a confluence of the past, present, and future. The children showed great interest in the festival. Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj, who attended as the chief guest, inaugurated the festival by lighting a lamp and offering flowers to Goddess Saraswati. The school teachers began the presentation with Saraswati Vandana. This was followed by tableaux depicting the beginning of time.

## Many complaints resolved on the spot in Samadhan Camp at District Secretariat



**DINKAR GAWRI**

**HANSI:** SDM Rajesh Khoth heard the problems in the solution camp organized on Monday in the district secretariat premises. During this period, many complaints were resolved on the spot, while time limits were also set for the resolution of many other problems. During the camp, Ashok Kumar, a resident of Jagdish Colony, raised the issue of inadequate sewer cleaning in the area. The SDM directed the officials of the concerned department to inspect the site and resolve the issue as soon as possible. Meanwhile, a resident of Adarsh Nagar complained about an illegal credit card being issued in his name. The SDM took the matter seriously and directed the concerned officials to take immediate action and resolve the problem.

## BJP will benefit from Israel-Iran war in West Bengal elections: Madhusudan Baweja

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:**

Advocate Madhusudan Baweja, District President of the Kisan Congress, said that the BJP government was poised to win the upcoming West Bengal elections by coining a new slogan, portraying inflation as a necessity for war. It will be claimed that this war was caused by the Congress party and the party will continue to issue statements in its defence. Just as the BJP contests every election by instigating violence or spreading the Hindu-Muslim or Hindutva threat narrative, the BJP has never contested any election on the issues of unemployment, inflation, education, farmers' problems, or poverty alleviation, while the Congress party always seeks votes on issues such as unemployment, inflation, farmers' and laborers' problems, education, healthcare, and the Constitution. Baweja said that while national leader Rahul Gandhi constantly raised his voice for the public good on the streets and in Parliament, the BJP government was immersed in arrogance. The Congress party is addressing the public's problems by following the path shown by Lord Krishna, and for the Congress party, the national interest is paramount. He said that the government has increased the kitchen budget by raising the price of domestic gas cylinders. Similarly, all other food items will also see an increase, which will be a heavy burden on the public's pockets.



## 56 Red American Mango saplings planted on MP Naveen Jindal's birthday

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:**

To mark the 56th birthday of Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal, a Red American mango sapling was planted at Jindal House, Kurukshetra, spreading the message of environmental protection. The planting was done by social worker Rohit Gupta and CA Ashwini Jain. On this occasion, CA Ashwini Jain said that MP Naveen Jindal has always encouraged environmental protection and tree planting. Inspired by this, this tree planting program was organized to dedicate his birthday to nature. Rohit Gupta said that not just one tree was planted but a total of 56 trees were planted at various locations, symbolizing MP Naveen Jindal's 56th birthday. He said that tree planting was not just an event but a pledge to ensure a clean and green environment for future generations. MP Office in-charge Dharamveer Singh, Development Officer Bhushan Mangal, Dr. Raj Kumar and other associates were present on the occasion.



## Five-day training program on women's safety starts in Dr S. Radhakrishnan conference room



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**

**KARNAL:** A five-day training program on women's safety started in the Dr. S. Radhakrishnan conference room at Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban on Monday. Twenty police officers gazetted and non-gazetted who came on training from various units of the state participated in this training program organized under the aegis of Police Research and Development Bureau, New Delhi and in collaboration with Haryana Police Academy Madhuban. Deputy Superintendent of Police Geetika has been appointed as the director of this course by Academy Director Kala Ramachandran. In the opening session, Academy Instructor Sub-Inspector Sunita discussed crimes against women under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 and Instructor Sub-Inspector Prof. Romi deeply covered the Domestic Violence Act and Dowry Prohibition Act. A group photo was taken in the esteemed presence of Academy Director Kala Ramachandran, who interacted with participants regarding the ongoing course.

## Inspired by Captain Sidhu, professor and 50 students join BJP in presence of Sunil Jakhar



**KARANPREET KARAN**

**BARNALA:** Due to the increasing influence of BJP in Punjab and the preparations for Home Minister Amit Shah's Moga rally on 14 March, in the presence of State President Sunil Jakhar, a professor and 50 young students joined the BJP with the inspiration of senior BJP leader Captain Gurjinder Singh Sidhu. Sunil Jakhar, Kewal Singh Dhillon and Dayal Das Sodhi welcomed the youth for joining the party and congratulated them. The State President said that the trend of the people of Punjab is now moving towards BJP, that is why wherever I go, people are joining BJP in droves because people know that if anyone in Punjab can do anything, it is only BJP.

NEWS BRIEF

Vi 5G goes live at The Golden Temple in Amritsar

LUDHIANA : India's leading telecom operator Vi today announced the launch of its 5G services at the iconic Golden Temple in Amritsar, further expanding its 5G footprint in Punjab. The rollout is designed to support seamless high-speed connectivity in a location that sees over 1.5 lakh devotees and visitors every day. As one of the most visited religious shrines globally and home to the world's largest community kitchen (Langar), the Golden Temple witnesses extremely high footfall, resulting in significant data demand within a concentrated area. To manage this heavy network traffic load and ensure stable, high-speed connectivity even during peak hours, Vi has undertaken focused network augmentation and deployed dedicated 5G infrastructure within and around the Golden Temple premises. With this targeted network densification.

Board Exam Season: A Psychiatrist's Advisory for Parents on Protecting Student Mental Health - By Dr Jagjit Singh

LUDHIANA : Board examinations are often viewed as a defining academic milestone. However, from a psychiatrist's lens, they are equally a period of heightened emotional vulnerability. During exam season, many students do not struggle because they are unprepared, but because they feel overwhelmed, isolated, or afraid of disappointing their families. The most powerful protective factor during this time is not tuition or test series, it is parental support. Parents can actively reduce exam-related distress by focusing on Normalized efforts over outcomes, Safeguard sleep and structure, Recognize early warning signs, Encourage regulated breaks and Create a psychologically safe space at home. "During board exams, children are not just studying textbooks.

Tata AIA Life Insurance Launches Shubh Flexi Pension Plan

HISAR : Imagine retiring with the peace of mind that your income will last as long as you do — a retirement where your savings not only provide stability but also grow to keep up with rising costs and help you maintain your lifestyle. Tata AIA Life Insurance has made that dream a reality with the Shubh Flexi Pension Plan, a solution designed to help you retire with confidence, flexibility, and financial security. Kamal Bhardwaj, Executive Vice President and Chief Bancassurance Officer, Tata AIA Life said, "Retirement planning in India is evolving. With longer life expectancies, rising healthcare costs and fluctuating interest rates, people want solutions that not only provide stability but also grow with them. The Shubh Flexi Pension Plan is our answer — giving customers both guaranteed income and the opportunity to grow their savings."

YES BANK celebrates International Women's Day with the launch of exclusive Salary Account for Women

CHANDIGARH: Celebrating this International Women's Day, YES BANK — the leading Indian private sector bank has announced the launch of YES Essence Women's Salary Account, a comprehensive solution designed to support the financial and lifestyle needs of working women. This new offering will bring together a suite of specialised services spanning financial protection, preventive healthcare, lifestyle privileges and wealth-creation, all benefits on a single platform. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Dheeraj Sangh, Country Head - Retail Liabilities, Fee & Business Banking, YES BANK said, "With 'YES Essence Women's Salary Account', we have taken one more step towards supporting the community of working women. The acceleration in women's participation in the formal workforce reflects a dynamic shift in India's growth trajectory. As more women play a significant role in professional and financial decision-making, the need for integrated, protection-led banking solutions becomes imperative.

Sting Adds Women's Day to Men's Victory, Making Six Wins Shine

CHANDIGARH / AMRITSAR: Sting Energy, PepsiCo India's high-voltage energy drink, is amplifying cricket fever through an explosive Instagram post, hailing India's six cricket victories including the Women's 2025 triumph. The vibrant visual salutes inclusivity in sports, blending men's and women's heroic six-hitting legacies with the brand's signature "STIIIIINNGGG" sonic energy. Tying perfectly into Sting Energy's "Linger the Six, louder the Sting" campaign featuring Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri, the post redefines peak cricket moments. It spotlights India's storied wins: 1983, 2007, 2011, 2024, our recent victory on women's day and the trailblazing Women's 2025 win-proving every Six carries unique power, just like Sting's intensifying roar.

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Amazon announces Zero Referral fees on over 12.5 crore products: Sellers to save up to 70% in fees

JALANDHAR: Amazon India today announced a landmark fee reduction aimed at accelerating growth for lakhs of sellers across the country. Building on last year's fee revision, the company has expanded zero referral fees coverage more than 10x from 1.2 crore products in 2025 to over 12.5 crore products priced under ₹1,000 across 1,800+ categories. In addition, Amazon has reduced Easy Ship fees by over 20% for products priced below ₹300. Easy Ship allows sellers to store products at their own premises while Amazon handles pickup and delivery, making it a preferred choice for sellers starting or scaling their e-commerce journey due to its lower upfront logistics costs. Sellers shipping multiple units in a single box can also see savings of up to 90% on selling fees for the second unit, further improving overall savings. The revised fees come into effect from March 16, 2026. Amit Nanda, Director, Selling Partner Services, Amazon India, said: "Building on the strong impact of last year's fee reductions, we are now expanding that commitment to benefit a much larger cohort of sellers. This move is designed to make selling on Amazon in more lucrative and simpler particularly for small businesses and entrepreneurs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. By eliminating referral fees across 1,800+ categories covering over 12.5 crore products, and reducing logistics costs, sellers can save up to 70% in fees.

# CAZRI is playing an important role in doubling farmers' income: Director

JODHPUR: Media fraternity paid visit from Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI). CAZRI Director Dr. Sureshpal Singh Tanwar informed that CAZRI is working for development of agriculture in desert regions such as Thar Desert and cold desert areas like Leh. Institute has carried out research in areas such as sand dune stabilization, management of natural resources, water management, horticulture, animal husbandry and has developed several technologies. These technologies have been taken to villages and hamlets, due to which agricultural production in region has increased and greenery has expanded.



bajra biscuits, snacks and chocolates. Along with this, entrepreneurs from different states are also given training in institute's laboratory to establish their start-ups. This is increasing farmers' income and through skill development positive changes are also coming in their standard of living. He informed that agricultural scientists of CAZRI are also working on AI-based farming, smart water management and sustainable agricultural practices, with the objective of increasing crop production and addressing the challenges of climate change. He also provided detailed information about the institute's research achievements and activities such as alternative fodder models, seed production of

improved varieties, crop gardens, nutrition and animal feed related work. He informed that through the ATIC centre of the institute, farmers are provided healthy and quality saplings, plants and seeds. Principal Scientist of CAZRI, P. R. Meghwal provided information about horticulture crops of arid regions such as ber, amla, pomegranate and date palm. He said that improved yields of various crops are being achieved through new technologies developed by CAZRI. Through this, farmers are getting help in increasing their agricultural income and farmers are starting their own start-ups after receiving training from CAZRI, which is promoting self-employment as well as skill development among entrepreneurs.

Principal Scientist of CAZRI Dr. Surendra Punia provided information about various solar energy plants and the agro-voltaic system, through which electricity, water and crop production are possible from the same land. Scientist Dr. Rajshankar informed about the process of making biscuits and snacks from bajra and other coarse grains. Delegation also visited the Arid Forest Research Institute (AFRI). AFRI Director Dr. Ashutosh Kumar Tripathi informed that AFRI is carrying out various works for conservation and expansion of forests. He said that awareness regarding forest conservation is increasing in rural areas of Rajasthan and people are actively making efforts for it. AFRI is also taking several important initiatives to control desertification.

## Showkeen Expands To The Capital: AstaGuru Brings Its Landmark Modern & Contemporary Indian Art Exhibition To New Delhi

CHANDIGARH: Following the resounding success of its Mumbai debut in 2025, ShowKeen, the premier exhibition dedicated to Modern & Contemporary Indian Art, is set to step forward with its first-ever edition in the capital city. Presented by AstaGuru Auction House, ShowKeen will now unfold in New Delhi on 14th and 15th March 2026—marking a significant expansion of this celebrated platform. ShowKeen brings together an exceptional curating of rare and iconic art, offering an immersive platform where art, legacy, and craftsmanship converge. The exhibition will present a thoughtfully curated selection of rare and iconic works that trace the evolution of Indian artistic expression, from the pioneering visions of Modern masters to the bold, experimental

language of Contemporary practitioners, through works of artists like MF Husain, FN Souza, Ram Kumar, Krishen Khanna,



Himmat Shah, KH Ara as well as CD Mistry, Gurcharan Singh, T Vankar and more.

Works by contemporary artists, including Suryakant Lokhande, Dhananjay Singh, Chittrovanu Mazumdar, and Jagannath Mohapatra, among others will also be featured in the exhibition. Designed for collectors, connoisseurs, and industry leaders, ShowKeen is more than an exhibition—it is an opportunity to engage with exceptional creativity, cultural dialogue, and groundbreaking artistic perspectives. "After the overwhelming appreciation we received in Mumbai, bringing ShowKeen to Delhi was a natural and exciting progression," said Manoj Mansukhani, Director - Marketing, AstaGuru Auction House. "Delhi has long been a vital hub for art and culture. With this expansion, we aim to deepen our engagement with collectors and patrons across regions.

## Disney Cruise Line Christens Disney Adventure with Star-Studded, Music-Filled Celebration in Singapore

LUDHIANA : Disney Cruise Line welcomed its newest ship, the Disney Adventure, to its rapidly expanding fleet in a dazzling entertainment showcase that celebrated the beloved Disney stories, characters, and music that come to life onboard. The elegant artistry of the christening ceremony punctuated the introduction of the cruise line's first ever ship to sail in Southeast Asia. In the Walt Disney Theatre aboard the ship, guests witnessed the magic of Disney storytelling come to life through regional vocalists and musicians, incredible video effects, and star-studded surprises, including special appearances from Captain Mickey Mouse and Captain Minnie Mouse. A 23-piece orchestra, Hollywood Performing Arts



Hall of Fame inductee Jed Medela, and international recording artist of Eurovision Jam Damir I guided the show through classic

Disney, Pixar, and Marvel melodies accompanied by stunning visuals that sprung to life on screens that surrounded the stage.

## SOSONA Highlights Drug Recovery Initiatives, Announces Regional Table Conference in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: In an effort to strengthen awareness about drug recovery and extend support to individuals battling addiction, the Society of Service Narcotics Anonymous (SOSONA), also known as Narcotics Anonymous (NA) India, organised a press and public relations meet at the Chandigarh Press Club, Sector 27 on Monday. The meet announced the SOSONA Regional Table Conference which is being hosted in Chandigarh from March 9 to 11 at Kissan Bhawan, Sector 35. The upcoming conference will bring together service leaders, volunteers and members of Narcotics Anonymous from different parts of India to deliberate on strengthening recovery services, expanding outreach programmes and ensuring that the message of hope reaches individuals still suffering from addiction. Speaking on the occasion, Karamveer Singh, Chairperson of SOSONA, said the organisation remains committed to spreading the simple yet powerful message of recovery. "Narcotics Anonymous believes that any addict can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live," he said. Narcotics Anonymous is a global, non-profit fellowship of recovering addicts who support one another in maintaining a drug-free lifestyle through the well-known 12-Step recovery programme. Globally, Narcotics Anonymous today conducts more than 72,000 weekly meetings in over 140 countries, making it one of the world's largest peer-led recovery networks. In India, NA has been active for more than four decades since its first meeting in Mumbai in 1983.

## Dr. Charvi Thakur Honoured with Jyotish Excellence Award

CHANDIGARH: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Chandigarh-based renowned Vedic astrologer Dr. Charvi Thakur was honoured with the 'Samast Bharat Jyotish Excellence Award' at a grand felicitation ceremony held in Delhi, in recognition of her outstanding and unparalleled contribution to the field of astrology. This award was presented to her by former Chief Executive Member (CEM) of the Bodoland Territorial Council and upcoming Rajya Sabha MP Pramod Boro, along with Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Government of India, Savitri Thakur. The event was organised by the Samast Bharat institution and witnessed the participation of several distinguished astrologers from across the country. Dr. Charvi Thakur has previously been recognised on several prestigious platforms for her talent and research in the field of astrology. Her name is also recorded in the World Book of Records. In addition, she serves as the President of Astro President of Chandigarh and is the Founder and President of 'Miracle of Astrology'.



Expressing her happiness after receiving the honour, Dr. Charvi Thakur said that the recognition is not just hers, but belongs to every woman in the country who is bringing positive change in society through her dreams and determination. She further stated that she will continue to work towards guiding people through Vedic astrology and strive to give this ancient science a renewed global recognition. In her message on the occasion, she said that women embody immense strength, sensitivity, and courage. She extended heartfelt wishes to all women on International Women's Day, encouraging them to continue illuminating the world with their power, talent, and resilience.

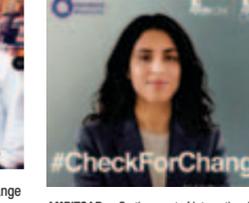
## Grand Opening of INGC Exclusive Store "Tool Bazaar" in Zirakpur



ZIRAKPUR: A significant milestone for the tools and hardware industry in the Tricity region was marked with the grand opening of "Tool Bazaar" — an Exclusive Store of the globally renowned tool brand INGC in Baltana, Zirakpur. The showroom is considered one of the largest exclusive INGC stores in the region, offering customers an extensive range of hand tools and power tools under one roof. The grand opening ceremony was organized with great enthusiasm and witnessed the presence of several distinguished guests, industry professionals, traders, and members of the local business community. The store was formally inaugurated in the presence of Chief Guest Rajiv Rattan, IAS,

Commissioner Karnal and Rohtak Range. The event was also graced by Guest of Honour Dr. Rajesh Goel, Managing Director, Haryana Skill Development Mission (HSDM) and Secretary, Haryana State Board of Technical Education, Haryana, who marked his esteemed presence at the ceremony. Senior representatives from INGC including Vikas Ahlawat, India Head — INGC, along with Mr. Saurabh and Mr. Sandeep, were also present on the occasion and shared insights about the brand's growing presence in India. The ceremony was also attended by Sumit Singhal, President, Furniture Market Welfare Association, Baltana, who congratulated the team for bringing an international tool brand to the region.

## From Selfless to Self-Aware: The #CheckForChange movement redefining modern womanhood by Apollo Cradle



AMRITSAR :— On the onset of International Women's Day, Apollo Cradle & Children's hospital announces the next step of its ongoing health awareness campaign #CheckForChange. Specifically designed to inspire women under the age of 50 to transition from reactive to proactive healthcare. The campaign aims to dismantle the barriers of neglect and "health secondary" mindsets, encouraging regular screenings as a fundamental pillar of a balanced life and early detection. "For many women, especially those balancing burgeoning careers and family stability, personal health often takes a backseat to the needs of others," said Mr. Nishant Mishra, Chief Marketing Officer, at Apollo Health and Lifestyle. "Our goal this International Women's Day is to provide a firm reminder: prioritizing routine screenings is not merely advisable; it is imperative. A proactive approach to healthcare safeguards not only your long-term well-being but also the security of those who rely on you."

## Toyota Kirloskar Motor Celebrates the 'Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder Month'

CHANDIGARH Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the launch of 'Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder Month', a month-long customer-focused activation celebrating the continued success of the Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder—Today's first Strong Hybrid Electric SUV. The Campaign, applicable from 16 February until the end of March across North India, is designed to bring customers closer to Toyota's Strong Hybrid technology through immersive test-drive experiences, complemented by attractive, exclusive value-led benefits. The campaign covers key markets including NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir. What makes the Urban Cruiser Hyryder popular: Strong market presence: Prices starting from ₹10.94 lakh (ex-showroom), the Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder, launched in 2022, has won hearts and gained strong customer acceptance across India. The SUV recently crossed the 2,00,000-unit sales milestone, reflecting growing customer trust and confidence in Toyota's strong hybrid technology. Strong Hybrid Technology: As India's first strong hybrid electric SUV in the B-SUV segment, the Toyota Urban Cruiser Hyryder is powered by a Self-Charging Strong Hybrid Electric system with an advanced e-drive transmission. It can run up to 40% of the distance and 60% of the time on electric power with engine shut-off, delivering a smooth, quiet drive along with a class-leading fuel efficiency of 27.97 km/l.



## Comfort is Confidence: How the Right Shoes Can Empower Women By Aayush Jindal, the CEO of Asian Footwears

On this Women's Day, we celebrate the power, ambition, and leadership of women everywhere. To be successful, you need more than just determination and intelligence. You also need physical endurance, which is often overlooked yet is necessary to get things done every day. In the realm of shoes, one thing is clear: they aren't simply for show. They are an important support system for women that affects every element of their lives, whether they are at work, at home, or on the go. Understanding What Women Want and Need have a lot of diverse roles in their lives, such as employment, family, and personal ambitions. This often means they have to stand still for a long time without having a break. It's a quiet request that people frequently don't notice, yet it can have a major impact on health. Foot pain becomes frequent, especially for women who stand for longer hours, are

stressed out, or go through natural changes in body alignment during pregnancy or menopause. When the foundation of the feet, which are the body's literal base, doesn't have enough support, it changes the complete body, including the knees, hips, and even the lower back.



Women are also more likely to suffer from diseases like osteoporosis and knee pain. This means that shoes that are cushioned and stable are not only great to have, but also important for your long-term health and capacity to move around. Dr. N K Aggarwal, Senior orthopaedic consultant and a renowned surgeon said "Proper footwear is essential, particularly for working women managing long professional hours alongside domestic responsibilities. Prolonged standing and movement place continuous stress on the feet, making cushioning, arch support, and full forefoot coverage critical for comfort and stability.

## Global Women Power Celebrates Women's Day Eve with Inspiring Leaders and Entrepreneurs



ZIRAKPUR On the occasion of International Women's Day, Global Women Power organized a vibrant Women's Day Eve celebration at Chandigarh City Centre. The event brought together inspiring women entrepreneurs, professionals, and community leaders to celebrate the spirit of leadership, entrepreneurship, and empowerment. The evening featured a series of engaging highlights including the Women Achievers Awards, inspiring guest speaker sessions, live dance performances, and a curated brand exhibition. More than 15 stalls showcased products and services

by women entrepreneurs, providing them a platform to promote their businesses and connect with the community. Among the speakers, Kanika, Founder of MindCo, shared insights from her entrepreneurial journey and spoke about the importance of building supportive ecosystems for women in business. Dr Shiva, a dietitian from Ambala, spoke about her experiences in the field of health and nutrition. She also highlighted her ongoing social initiatives, including her support for orphaned children and underprivileged communities.

## Next Care Inc Unveils 'The Elements of Her' Fragrance Range



CHANDIGARH: Chandigarh-based Next Care Inc, a fast-growing fragrance brand, has unveiled its new women's fragrance range, 'The Elements of Her'. The collection was launched on International Women's Day as a tribute to the spirit, strength, and individuality of women. Notably, Next Care Inc is known for crafting accessible yet expressive fragrances designed to create everyday moments of confidence and emotional uplift. Mr. Parminder Sandhu, Co-founder, Next Care Inc, said that inspired by the many dimensions of a woman's personality, the fragrance range brings together three distinctive scents - 'Petals', 'Pebbles', and 'Poppy'. Each fragrance reflects a unique emotional expression and mood, capturing the idea that every woman carries multiple beautiful shades within her personality. Mr. Sandhu further said the brand's philosophy is rooted in confidence and individuality. "Our belief is simple - I am happy, I am confident, I am Next. With 'The Elements of Her', we celebrate the diverse emotions and strengths that define women today."

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex Mumbai 400051  
GOLD E-AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE  
The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold ornaments ('Facility') availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ('ICICI Bank'). We are constrained to conduct an E-Auction of pledged gold ornaments on March 20, 2026 as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove account /change the E-Auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online-https://jewel-auction.procuretiger.com between 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs.

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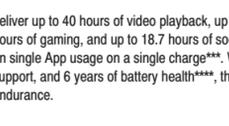
### Young Chess Prodigy Brings Laurels to Saint Soldier International School



CHANDIGARH Saint Soldier International School, Sector 28-B, Chandigarh, takes immense pride in the remarkable achievement of its student Shashwat Khanna of Class IV, who brought laurels to the school through his outstanding performance in the 16th Chandigarh Chess Academy Open and Children Chess Festival, organized by the Chandigarh Chess Academy. He competed in the Under-9 category, where around 54 young participants showcased their strategic skills and competitive spirit. Displaying excellent concentration, analytical thinking, and determination, Shashwat secured an impressive 6th position by scoring 4.5 points out of 6. His commendable performance earned him a trophy along with a cash prize of ₹1100. School Principal Ms. Anisha Ghuman congratulated Shashwat on this notable achievement and appreciated his dedication and talent.

### iQOO Z11x Set to Launch on March 12

CHANDIGARH: iQOO, the high-performance smartphone brand, is set to launch the iQOO Z11x on March 12th. Designed especially for students who juggle academics, entertainment, and ambition in equal measure, the iQOO Z11x brings together dependable performance and a powerful battery setup built for long, uninterrupted days. From 8 AM lectures and group projects to coding assignments, simulation tools, internship applications, attending online classes, and switching between 20+ Chrome tabs during research, today's students demand a phone that keeps up as long as they do. Engineered for sustained usage and dependable power, the iQOO Z11x is built to power through every moment without slowing down. Leading the experience is the segment's biggest 7200mAh battery\*, engineered to deliver up to 40 hours of video playback, up to 93 hours of music playback, up to 15.4 hours of gaming, and up to 18.7 hours of social media usage on a single charge, based on single APP usage on a single charge\*\*\*. With 44W FlashCharge, reverse charging support, and 6 years of battery health\*\*\*\*, the Z11x is developed for long-term endurance.



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

S No	Lot No	Description	Auction Start date time
1	MSS-UMB-BTI-TWVOPS-24-26-1	Provision of floor space of 10x10' i.e. 100 Sq. ft. for parcel packing at Bathinda (BT) railway station.	24.03.2026 12.00.00 hrs
2	MSS-UMB-UMB-TWVOPS-23-26-1	Provision of floor space of 10x10' i.e. 100 Sq. ft. for parcel packing at Ambala Cantt. (UMB) railway station.	24.03.2026 12.00.00 hrs

For participation in E-auction process or for any other information related to E-auction leasing process, visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

### Three-year-old girl along with husband and wife dies in road accident

RAMPURA PHUL, MARCH. 9 (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA)- We have received news of the death of a three-year-old girl along with her husband and wife in a terrible accident near Jethku village on the Bathinda-Zirakpur National Highway. Sahara Samaj Sewa President Sandeep Verma said that we received information from our control room that a husband and wife had died in a road accident near Jethku village located on the Bathinda Barnala National Highway, while a three-year-old girl is seriously injured. Sahara ambulances immediately reached the scene. Both the dead bodies were



brought to Civil Hospital Rampura. Seeing the critical condition of the girl, she was referred to AIIMS Hospital Bathinda. During treatment, the girl also succumbed to her injuries. He said that Ranjit Singh son of Sukhdev Singh, his wife Gurmeet Kaur and three-year-old daughter Himanandee Kaur, residents of village Tajke, Barnala district, were coming towards Rampura on a motorcycle to get medicine when a speeding car coming from behind hit them near village Jethku. The couple died on the spot. The girl was seriously injured and was referred to Bathinda by the doctors, but the girl also died during treatment. The Sadar Rampura police station has registered a case against the car driver under various sections on the basis of the statements of the deceased's brother Jagdeep Singh and has started further action. Till the time of writing, the three bodies have been kept in the morgue of the civil hospital.

### New Initiative to combat malnutrition: Pilot Project launched for children

PANIPAT (ASHOK CHUGH) -A significant initiative has been launched to address the problem of child malnutrition in the district. A pilot intervention program has been launched to better manage children affected by Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Under direction of Deputy Commissioner Virendra Kumar Dahiya, a meeting was held under chairmanship of CEO Dr Kiran. Detailed discussions were held on implementation and coordination of plan. This initiative is being implemented by Golden Jubilee Haryana Institute of Financial Management under State Cooperation Mission. Pilot project aims to strengthen treatment of malnourished children by providing therapeutic nutrition treatment through F-75 and F-100 diets at nutrition rehabilitation centers. CMO Vijay Malik and several other officials at meeting stated that early identification and proper treatment of malnourished children is crucial to prevent serious health complications in future. Eligible children will receive prescribed nutritional diet, regular medical monitoring and nutritional assessment. Parents will also be counselled on proper home care and a balanced diet. CEO Dr Kiran stated that Health Department, Women and Child Development Department, district health teams and Anganwadi workers will play crucial role in making this program successful. Anganwadi workers will identify malnourished children at community level, refer them to Nutrition Rehabilitation Centers and ensure post-treatment monitoring.

### Womens felicitate on Women's Day



SHARMA LUDHIANA-Sahara Welfare Services Society organized a special Women's Day felicitation ceremony at a restaurant on Balloki Road. Women who have made a mark in various fields were honored. Chief guests included former MLA Vikramjit Singh Khalsa, Akali Dal leader Teji Sandhu, Women Welfare Association Punjab General Secretary Kanchan Sharma, and others. Jaswinder Kaur, Sonika Gupta, and Archana Sharma, representing the society, honored the chief guests. Teji Sandhu emphasized that women should receive encouragement in every field. Kanchan Sharma emphasized that women's rights should be protected not only on Women's Day but also on other occasions. Addressing the gathering, Jaswinder Kaur said that on this Women's Day, we should pledge to ensure equal rights for women in society. An entertainment program was also organized for all members at the end of the ceremony. Kirandeep, Sakshi, Archana Sharma etc. were present on this occasion.

### Mission Pragati: Free Physical Training for Job Aspirants Begins in Bathinda

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA: Taking another step to support youth preparing for government jobs, the District Administration Bathinda has started a physical training programme under Mission Pragati at the District Sports Stadium. About 80 aspirants, including both boys



and girls, have joined the programme and are undergoing training free of cost. The initiative is aimed particularly at helping candidates prepare for the physical tests required in recruitment examinations such as the upcoming Punjab Police recruitment. Mission Pragati, a flagship initiative of the district administration, had earlier started free coaching for competitive examinations at the District Library Bathinda from January 5, 2026. The

### International Women's Day celebrated at Maharaja Agrasen Sr Public School, Dabkhedi



HANS RAJ YADAV KURUKSHETRA: International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, respect and dignified atmosphere at Maharaja Agrasen Senior Public School, Dabkhedi. Program began with lighting of a lamp. Participating in program, Dr. Anita Goyal, an ophthalmologist, said that women are foundation of society and without them, the development of any nation is impossible. She highlighted the importance of education, health, and equal rights. As the chief guest, Pooja Singla, wife of Vishal Singla, head of the Shri Vaishya Agrawal Panchayat, expressed her views on the role of women in society and women's empowerment. Singer Sonia Sharma, with her melodious voice, made the program a success and captivating event. Welcoming the guests, Dr. Amita Sharma, Principal of the school, said that Women's Day is an important occasion to remember the respect, equal rights, and achievements of women in society.

### Electronics Premier League is back on Amazon.in from March 06 - get great deals on the latest launches with up to 65% off

AMRITSAR/LUDHIANA:- Amazon India today announced the return of the Electronics Premier League (EPL) on Amazon.in. Starting midnight, customers can discover great deals and offers across a wide range of consumer electronics from the latest smartphones, smart TVs, laptops and tablets, to air conditioners, refrigerators, washing machines, cameras, audio devices and more. Power Play Deals will bring a curated selection of the sharpest offers, refreshed every day through the shopping event. With up to 65% off on products, additional instant bank discount of up to INR 4,500 on HDFC Bank Credit Card and EMI transactions, No-Cost EMI options, and attractive exchange benefits, EPL makes every upgrade more accessible than ever this cricket season. The Electronics Premier League is live on Amazon.in from March 6th - March 12th, 2026. "Last year's EPL exceeded our expectations, and this year we are scaling that ambition across every dimension. Our focus this year is on AI-powered devices - from AI PCs to smart TVs to on-device AI smartphones - and we want customers to experience that shift firsthand. What has also evolved is how customers discover and decide. Rufus helps customers find products based on their specific use case, Smartchoice surfaces the right options across price bands and needs, and richer product pages give customers the context and confidence to make informed decisions. Together, these tools make the path from curiosity to purchase faster, smarter, and more intuitive than ever." Zeba Khan, Director - Consumer Electronics, Amazon India. With EPL bringing some of the best deals of the season, Amazon India's AI-powered tools help customers make better upgrade decisions. Whether shopping for a smartphone, a TV, or any consumer electronics product, these tools work across the entire selection - for instance, tell Rufus you want the best camera phone under a certain budget and it will filter through in real time - no scrolling, no guesswork. Lens AI lets customers point their camera at a wall and instantly find the TV that fits it best. Narrowing down on the best noise-cancelling headphones? Review Highlights distills thousands of customer reviews into a crisp summary, so every decision is an informed one. Price History lets customers see how a product's price has moved over time.

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**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**  
[Northern Railway (Construction Organization)]  
NOTIFICATION  
New Delhi, the 24th October, 2025.

S.O. 4854(E). In exercise of the power conferred by clause (37A) of Section 2 of the Railways (Amendment) Act-2008, the Central Government hereby notifies the project of "Rajpura-Mohali New Rail Line (18.11 Km.) of Northern Railway" as a "Special Railway Project" for acquisition of approximately 53.84 Hectare of land, in districts Patiala, Fatehgarh Sahib and Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar of the state Punjab, for providing national infrastructure for a public purpose with effect from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette.

[F. No. 196-W/Land/UMB/Rajpura-Mohali]  
788/26 SHAILESH KUMAR MISHRA, Chief Administrative Officer/Const.

**Kendriya Vidyalaya Bilaspur (Yamunanagar)**  
Walk in Interview (Session 2026-27)  
Walk-in interviews will be held for the recruitment of TGT (English) and Computer Instructor at KV Bilaspur.  
Interview Date: March 20, 2026 (9:00 AM)  
Application: Only through Google Forms (March 8-15, 2026)  
Link: <https://forms.gle/9UHPKkhQMopZdtpZ8>  
Website: <https://kvsangathan.nic.in>  
email: [kvbilaspuradmn@gmail.com](mailto:kvbilaspuradmn@gmail.com)

Instructions: Candidates should appear with original certificates, a set of photocopies, and 02 photographs. No TADA will be payable. A written examination may be required.

**Before Sh. Navan, DANC**  
Asst. Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

**Court Notice**  
In the Court of, District Marriage Officer, Mega V/S  
General Public  
Subject: Issuance of Marriage Ability Certificate  
Applicant Name: Major Singh  
Father/Husband Name: HARBANS SINGH  
R/o: Said Mohammad Shabwala, Village: Said Mohammad Shah Wala/ Tehsil: Dharanokot/District: Mega, Punjab  
has applied (submitted for application) in the said Court for issuance of Marriage Ability Certificate, for his son whose details are given as follows:  
Name: LAKHWINDER SINGH  
Permanent Address: Said Mohammad Shabwala, Said Mohammad Shah Wala Dharanokot, Mega, Punjab  
Age (DOB): 24 (01/10/2008)  
The applicant has stated that he/she has no marital relation in India.  
Notice is given to the general public that if there is any objection to any person regarding issuance of above said certificate then the person or his representative can put their objection/grievance within 30 days from the date of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.  
The advertisement issued on 05/03/2026 through my signature under court seal.  
No. 385/Reorder  
Dated:05/03/2026

Navan, DANC, Assistant Estate Officer, Chandigarh  
Diam, Marriage Officer, Mega, Panjab, India

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**  
The Executive Engineer, S&R Division, HPPWD Sangrah, District Simla, H.P. on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the percentage rates bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works detailed in the table:

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Starting date for bid loading	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1	Annual Maintenance Plan-I for the year 2026-27 On Nahar Dadaha Harpunthar road Km. 36/00 to 87/00 MCR-1 & Solan Meenus Road Km. 61/00 to 110/00 MDR-II (Non PMGSY)/SH. Repair of pot holes and 30mm thick bituminous concrete. Nahar Dadaha Harpunthar road Km. 36/00 to 39/00, 62/00 to 63/00 & 64/00 to 65/00 & Solan Meenus Road Km. 61/00 to 62/00, 65/00 to 67/00 & 68/00 to 69/00) = 10.500 kms.	1,55,82,970/-	10.03.2026	3,11,700/-	18.03.2026
2	Annual Maintenance Plan-I for the year 2026-27 On Renuka Satsau Road Km. 0/00 to 13/450, Dalayano Gatta Mandwath Road Km. 0/00 to 12/00, Mothu to Lana Mashoor Road/Magyas Suan) Km. 0/00 to 16/015 & Harpunthar Kupri Road Km. 0/00 to 6/500 VR Road (Non PMGSY)/SH. Repair of pot holes and 30mm thick bituminous concrete on Renuka Satsau Road Km. 2/00 to 4/00, Dalayano Gatta Mandwath Road Km. 8/00 to 9/00 & 11/00 to 12/00, Mothu to Lana Mashoor Road/Magyas Suan) 5/00 to 1/00 Bituminous Concrete. 30 mm thick using plastic based road = 1.000 km & 4/40 to 7/00 30mm thick bituminous concrete & Harpunthar Kupri Road Km. 0/00 to 2/00 & 3/00 to 6/500 = 12.500 kms.	1,81,50,332/-	10.03.2026	3,63,000/-	18.03.2026

Bidders are advised to submit their bids as per instructions issued by the Engineer-in-Chief, HPPWD Simla via his office letter No. PWC/CR/32/20/Gent. Int. CPWD/2020-19111-210 dated 25.10.2021 and even file letter No. 37996-38055 dated 13.03.2023 in compliance of the Principal Secretary (PW) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh guidelines dated 07.10.2021 in continuation to notification issued by the Additional Chief Secretary (PW) to the Govt. of HP vide notification No. PWB(A)/3/1/2020 dated 22.7.2020. Tenders are called on percentage rates as per directions of the Chief Engineer (S2), HPPWD Simla conveyed vide letter No. PW-CTR-25/Mac/2023-36299-329 dated 16.02.2023. The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, HPPWD (S & R) Division Sangrah, Tel:01702-248207 E-mail: [ee-san-hp@nic.in](mailto:ee-san-hp@nic.in) On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh  
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Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Branch Name
0314670009223	Bhatia	Branch Name: Gurugram-SushantPark	359462002945	Sunita Na	Branch Name: Gurugram-Dwarka	073462003072	Deepak Garg	Branch Name: Gurugram-Banola
032467000112	Bhatia	Branch Name: Gurugram-Dwarka	359462003073	Tarun Pathwa	Branch Name: Gurugram-Dwarka	085857000035	Parvinder Kumar	Branch Name: Gurugram-Dwarka
052462002783	Tushar Tushar	Branch Name: Bhatinda	373562001123	Suryal	Branch Name: Gurugram-Sector 82	085857000040	Parvinder Kumar	Branch Name: Gurugram-Dwarka
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