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SC grants bail to separatist Shabir Shah in terror funding case

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday granted bail to Kashmiri separatist leader Shabir Ahmed Shah in a money laundering case.
A bail plea was filed by Shabir Ahmad Shah, who is currently lodged in jail under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for allegedly building a separatist movement in Jammu and Kashmir, paying tribute to the families of slain terrorists and receiving money through hawala transactions A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta passed the order after hearing senior advocate Colin Gonsalves for Shah and senior advocate Siddharth Luthra for the NIA.

Pak court rejects plea to shift Imran Khan to private hospital

ISLAMABAD: A high court in Pakistan on Thursday rejected a petition to shift jailed former premier Imran Khan to a private medical hospital and ordered the constitution of a team of doctors to medically examine him.
Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf on March 2 filed the petition in Islamabad High Court (IHC) through lawyer Latif Khosa to transfer Khan from Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi, to Shifa International Hospital in Islamabad for treatment of his eyes.
Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir and Justice Khadim Hussain Soomro heard the case. Khosa presented his arguments while Islamabad Advocate General Ayaz Shaukat and Additional Attorney General Rashid Hafeez appeared on behalf of the government.

India: CPI inflation rises to 3.21% in February 2026

NEW DELHI: India's Consumer Price Index or retail inflation in February was recorded at 3.21 per cent, official data showed on Thursday.Corresponding inflation rates for rural and urban are 3.37 per cent and 3.02 per cent, respectively, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation said in a statement today.Overall, the headline inflation is an increase of 47 basis point on a year-on-year basis in February 2026. On a month-on-month, there has been a decrease of more than 10 per cent observed in the index of Tomato, Peas and Cauliflower in February, 2026 with respect to January, 2026.Inflation rate based on All India Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) for the month of February, 2026 .

India rejects Pakistan's "baseless allegations" of aggravating skirmishes with Afghanistan

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday rejected Pakistan's allegations of aggravating skirmishes with Afghanistan, calling them "baseless" and accusing Pakistan of blaming others for its own misdeeds. During the weekly press briefing, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, dismissed Pakistani claims and stated that Pakistan's history of state-sponsored terrorism undermines its credibility.
"On Pakistan, about the statement that they had made. So, on that, I would like to say that we reject such baseless allegations. It has become second nature for Pakistan to blame India for its misdeeds. As a state sponsor of terrorism for decades, Pakistan has zero credibility when it comes to cross-border terrorism; no amount of storytelling is going to alter this reality, nor is anyone fooled by Pakistan's assumed victimhood," he said.

No shortage of petrol, diesel in country: Hardeep Puri in LS

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NEW DELHI, MAR 12



Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on Thursday said there is no shortage of petrol, diesel, and kerosene in the country, and assured that retail outlets across the country are stocked and supply chains for these products are functioning normally.

Speaking in the Lok Sabha on concerns over the energy crisis, Puri said the refineries are operating at high capacity utilisation, adding that in several cases, they are exceeding 100 per cent.

"There is no shortage of petrol, diesel, kerosene, ATF, or fuel oil. The availability of petrol, diesel, aviation, turbine fuel, kerosene and fuel oil is fully assured," he said.

He informed the House that non-Hormuz sourcing has risen to approximately 70 per cent of crude imports, up from 55 per cent before the conflict began.

"India's sources grew to 40 countries as against 27 in 2006 and 2007. This structural diversification built through sustained policy over successive years has given us options that other nations find themselves without. The refineries are operating at high capacity utilisation," he added.

He said it should be noted that India was previously importing approximately 60 per cent of its LPG requirements from Gulf countries, including Qatar, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait, while 40 per cent is produced domestically. Procurement has now been actively diversified, with cargoes being secured from the United States, Norway, Canada, Algeria, and Russia, he stated.

The Minister said, "The world has not faced a moment like this in modern energy history. India's crude supply position is secure, and the volume secured exceeds what the Hormuz would have delivered. Before the crisis, approximately 45 per cent of India's crude imports transited through the Strait of Hormuz route. Thanks to the Prime Minister's outstanding diplomatic outreach and goodwill, India has secured crude volumes that exceed what the disrupted state of Hormuz could have delivered in the same period." He reiterated that the domestic supply is fully protected, and the delivery cycle remains unchanged. The standard time from booking to delivery for domestic LPG cylinders remains 2.5 days, unchanged from the pre-crisis norm. Hospitals and educational institutions have been placed on uninterrupted priority supply, and their access to LPG is fully assured regardless of broader demand conditions.

Rahul Gandhi warns of consequences to India's energy security due to conflict



NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi on Thursday warned that the ongoing conflict in West Asia and the closure of the Strait of Hormuz could have serious consequences for India's energy security, saying that "the pain has just started."Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi said the war involving the United States, Israel and Iran is likely to have far-reaching global and domestic repercussions. He noted that the Strait of Hormuz, through which nearly 20% of the world's oil supply passes, has been blocked, creating a major disruption in global energy flows. He emphasised that the development is particularly concerning for India, as a significant share of the country's oil and natural gas imports passes through this crucial maritime route.

Punjab Assembly refers breach of privilege case against Sukhpal Khaira to panel

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CHANDIGARH, MAR 12

The Punjab Legislative Assembly on Thursday passed a resolution with a significant majority to refer a breach of privilege case against Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira to the Privileges Committee.



The motion, moved by Cabinet Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, follows a series of controversial statements and conduct by the legislator that the House has characterised as a direct affront to the Constitution, the Speaker's office, and the democratic mandate of the people.

The resolution primarily addresses social media remarks made by Khaira on March 10, in which he allegedly referred to the Speaker, Cabinet Ministers, and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLAs as "bonded labourers."

Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, while presenting the resolution, argued that such derogatory language severely undermines the dignity of constitutionally elected representatives. The situation intensified on March 11 when Khaira was provided an opportunity on the floor of the House to clarify his stance or offer an apology, both of which he reportedly refused.

In addition to the verbal remarks, the resolution strongly condemns the highly objectionable physical gestures made by the Bholath MLA while exiting the House during an opposition walkout on Wednesday. Cheema noted that these actions lacked basic parliamentary decorum and were witnessed by members across the political spectrum, including Khaira's own colleagues in the Congress. The Minister accused certain legislators of compromising their constitutional oaths by employing theatrics and abusive language to gain social media traction and monetise viewership.

Underlining the necessity for disciplinary intervention, Minister Cheema appealed to the House to entrust the Privileges Committee with a comprehensive investigation into the matter. He emphasised that establishing firm professional boundaries is essential to upholding the sanctity of the Legislative Assembly. The committee is now expected to review the evidence and the sequence of events to determine the appropriate course of action against the MLA for his conduct.

Sensex dips 829 points due to West Asia conflict



NEW DELHI: Indian stock markets settled in the red on Thursday as escalating tensions in West Asia and again a sharp rise in crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment. The frontline indices continued to fall.Sensex closed at 76,034.42 points, down 829.29 points or 1.08 per cent, while Nifty closed at 23,639.15 points, down 227.70 or 0.95 per cent.The benchmark indices came under pressure after Iran's Navy Chief reportedly said that vessels seeking to sail through the Strait of Hormuz would require Iran's approval or could be targeted, raising further concerns about disruptions in global energy supply.VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said, "External headwinds have pushed the market into a weak zone. With the war continuing to rage with no signs of let-up and Brent crude again bouncing back (higher) levels, the weakness is likely to persist. Even though DIIs are continuously buying in the market, DII buying is not helping the market to recover since FIIs are sustained sellers and show no signs of reversing their strategy in this uncertain global environment." "For investors, markets can be very frustrating at times. This is one such time. The lesson from market history is that attitude and temperament are important in these trying times. Experiences from previous geopolitical conflicts tell us that markets bounce back smartly once the conflicts get over. Therefore, investors should remain invested and continue with systematic investment plans," added Vijayakumar. Long term investors can use market weakness to slowly accumulate high-quality blue-chips across sectors, he said, adding that this is also the right time to churn portfolios in favour of high-quality stocks.Escalating geopolitical tensions in West Asia have invariably weighed down financial markets worldwide throughout this week and the past.Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, a SEBI - registered online trading and wealth tech firm, said Indian equity markets traded in a cautious range during the session but eventually closed with a bearish bias.

AAP Govt delivers more than 65,000 merit-based govt jobs in just 4 years: CM Mann

BUREAU
MOHALI, MAR 12

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday handed over appointment letters to 818 youth across different departments under the ongoing Mission Rozgar initiative, taking the total number of government jobs provided by the Punjab Government to 65,264 in the last four years.

Addressing a gathering at a function organised to distribute appointment letters, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann described the milestone as a reflection of the government's commitment to ensuring transparent and merit-based employment opportunities for the youth of Punjab. "Today appointment letters are being handed over to 818 youth in different departments," he stated, noting that the recruits include 459 in the Power Department, 215 in the Local Government Department, 129 in the Department of Health and Family Welfare and 15 Professors and Assistant Professors in the Department of Medical Education and Research. He emphasised that the Punjab Government has so far provided 65,264 government jobs to youth across Punjab.



Indian seafarer killed in attack on oil tanker near Iraq's Basra

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NEW DELHI, MAR 12

A US-owned oil tanker, MT Safesea Vishnu, sailing under the Marshall Islands flag, was attacked near Basra, Iraq, triggering a major fire onboard and resulting in the death of one Indian seafarer.

The remaining 15 Indian crew members have been safely evacuated, and the Embassy of India in Baghdad is coordinating with Iraqi authorities to provide all necessary assistance.

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) said on Thursday that the tanker, MT Safesea Vishnu, was struck by an unidentified object at around 2100 hrs UTC while conducting ship-to-ship (STS) cargo loading operations off Khor Al Zubair Port. The vessel, flagged in the Marshall Islands and carrying about 48,000 metric tonnes of naphtha, caught fire following the impact.

Preliminary reports indicate that a white-coloured unmanned speedboat carrying explosives approached the vessel from the starboard side and rammed into it, triggering a major blaze onboard, the DGS said in a statement. All crew members abandoned the vessel and jumped into the water to escape the fire. They were later rescued by a tug engaged in the STS operation nearby. The Iraqi Coast Guard evacuated the 28 crew members, including 16 Indian and 12 Filipino nationals, and transported them safely towards the Port of Basra. The Directorate General of Shipping confirmed that one Indian seafarer died in the incident. Among those rescued are 15 Indian nationals, including the ship's master.

First India-bound vessel with 1,35,335 Metric tonnes crude, reaches Mumbai

AGENCY
MUMBAI, MAR 12

A Liberia-flagged tanker Shenlong Suezmax carrying Saudi crude has reached Mumbai Port, becoming the first India-bound vessel to pass through the Strait of Hormuz since the Iran-US conflict beganThe tanker had loaded crude from Ras Tanura port in Saudi Arabia on March 1 and departed on March 3. Maritime tracking data showed the vessel in the Strait of Hormuz on March 8 before it temporarily went off tracking systems. The tanker reportedly switched off its Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponder while navigating the high-risk stretch of the strait and reappeared on tracking systems on March 9. The transponder is a mandatory maritime VHF radio system that automatically broadcasts a ship's identity, position, speed, and course to nearby vessels and shore stations to prevent collisions and improve navigation. The vessel docked at the Mumbai Port at 1 pm on Wednesday and was berthed at Jawahar Dweep at 6:06 pm. It is carrying 1,35,335 metric tonnes of crude oil, which will be supplied to refineries in Mahul, eastern Mumbai. The crude discharge process is expected to take around 36 hoursThe tanker is owned by Shenlong Shipping Ltd and managed by Dynacom Tanker Management Ltd of Athens. The ship has 29 crew members including Indian, Pakistani and Filipino nationals, and is captained by an Indian. Earlier, the commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps' (IRGC) Naval Force said that vessels seeking to sail through the strategically critical Strait of Hormuz must obtain Iran's approval; otherwise, they could become targets of Iranian attacks.Rear Admiral Alireza Tangsiri said that two ships that had ignored Iran's warnings were targeted in the Strait on Wednesday."Were the ships assured of safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz? This should be asked of the crews of the vessels Express Rome and Mayuree Naree, who today, trusting in empty promises, ignored the warnings and intended to cross the Strait, but were caught.



Hry CS orders drain-wise committees to monitor pollution in Yamuna

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi reviewed the progress in the ongoing efforts to clean the Yamuna River here today. The review meeting highlighted significant improvements in wastewater treatment, industrial compliance, and sewerage infrastructure.



The Haryana Pollution Control Board informed that out of the 1632 MLD of wastewater flowing through the 11 major drains that ultimately join the Yamuna, nearly 1000 MLD is already being treated, demonstrating the State's strong commitment to river rejuvenation. Regular water quality monitoring is being carried out in all drains to ensure that pollution levels continue to decline.

Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi directed to form separate committees for each drain, having members from all the departments concerned with the Divisional Commissioner as its chairman. The committee will hold meeting every 15 days (twice a month) and submit reports to Chairman, Haryana Pollution Control Board.

The meeting was informed that the State has undertaken a major expansion of sewage treatment capacity in the Yamuna catchment. At present, Haryana has 91 Sewage Treatment Plants with a combined capacity of 1543 MLD, along with 3 STPs of 88 MLD under construction, expected to be completed by March 2027. Nine additional STPs of 227 MLD capacity are under upgradation, and nine new plants of 510 MLD have been proposed to further strengthen the treatment network. Industrial wastewater management has similarly improved, with 17 Common Effluent Treatment Plants of 184.5 MLD already operational, two CETPs undergoing upgradation, and eight new CETPs of 146 MLD capacity proposed. Almost all major industries in the region are now connected to CETPs or have installed individual Effluent Treatment Plants, ensuring near-complete compliance with environmental norms. Drain-wise action plans presented during the meeting showed steady progress across all major drains, including Dhanaura Escape, Drain No. 2, Drain No. 6, Mungeshpur Drain, KCB Drain, Drain No. 8, Leg I, Leg II, Leg III, Budhiya Nala and Gaunchi Drain.

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I Geetu W/o Ravi Bhushan R/o # 73, Swaraj Nagar, Sector 1, Kharar, Tehsil Kharar, District S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name from Geetu to Geetu Bhardwaj.

100071

I Himanshu S/o Baldev Raj Resident of House no 1505/11, Gali Ram Sharan Dass, Hall Gate, Amritsar, GPO Amritsar, PUNJAB-143001 have changed my name Himanshu to Himanshu Mandotia

60013

I Gurdeep Singh s/o Mithu Singh r/o Village Dadu Tehsil Kalanwali Distt Sirsa(Hyr) have changed my Daughter Name Khushveer kaur to Sukhmanveer kaur. Please note.

60018

I, Janani W/o Lakshmanan.S, No. 459089N, Rank Sep, S/o Salvam, R/o 95, North Street, Keelapasalai, Manamadurai Taluk, Distt. Sivagangai, Tamilnadu (India), PIN : 630606, hereby declare that in my husband's army documents are my name is mistakenly recorded as 'L.Janani'. My name is recorded as 'Janani' in all official documents. 'Janani' is my true and legal name as per official records.

977756

I Parminder Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/o Village Chuni Khurd, Teh Bassi Pathana, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name To Parminder Singh Dhadda

666554

I Supinder Kaur W/o Parminder Singh Dhadda R/o Village Chuni Khurd, Teh Bassi Pathana, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name To Supinder Kaur Dhadda

666554

I Premjeet Singh S/o Gurmukh Singh R/o Village Sampla, Po Pamour, Teh Bassi Pathana, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name To Premjit Singh

666554

I, Hitherto Known As Aarti W/o Arshdeep Singh , R/o Village Nurpur Sethan , Distt Ferozepur, Punjab 152004 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jashanpreet Kaur

900014

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Anmol S/o Rajiv Kumar Sharma R/o #94 Dobetta Colony Nangal Distt. Rupnagar declare that in my 10th Class Certificate my father name wrongly entered Rajiv Sharma. But my father correct name is Rajiv Kumar Sharma. so amended my father name from Rajiv Sharma to Rajiv Kumar Sharma in my 10th Class Certificate.

63372

I No 8010361 Sep Nachhatar Singh Vill Gurnye District Mansa change of name of my wife is Hartej Kaur from Tej Kaur and her date of birth is 16 July 1948.

63372

I, Santosh Kumari W/o Late. Ravinder Kumar Manchanda R/o Fatehgarh, Panjtoor, Teh-Dharamkot Distt Moga, declare that my name is Santosh Kumari and Santosh Manchanda and my husband Late: Ravinder Kumar and Ravinder Kumar Manchanda are also known by this name. Read these names will be acceptable on educational and non-educational documents related to me and my relatives.

63372

I, Hitherto Known As Varinder Kaur D/o Gulab Singh , R/o House No 257 Ward No-20 Street No -3, Near School Bazigar Basti, Distt Faridkot Punjab 151203 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Heena Rani

900014

I, hitherto known as Nomita D/O Parkash Masih residing at H. No. 223, Kapurthala Road, New Hardev Nagar, Distt. Jalandhar – 144002, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nomita Masih.

461257

I, hitherto known as Sarban Singh S/O Gurdial Singh residing at VPO Sandhwan, Distt. S.B.S Nagar – 144503, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sarwan Singh.

461257

I, hitherto Known as Shamma W/O Parkash Masih residing at H. No. 223, Kapurthala Road, New Hardev Nagar, Distt. Jalandhar – 144002, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shamma Masih.

461257

I, Kamaljit Kaur Mahal W/O Resham Singh Mahal residing at H. No. C-482, VPO. Mahal, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar – 144409, Punjab India have Changed the name of my minor daughter Gurbani Kaur aged 04 years and she shall hereafter be known as Gurbani Kaur Mahal.

461257

I, Kamaljit Kaur Mahal W/O Resham Singh Mahal residing at H. No. C-482, VPO. Mahal, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar – 144409, Punjab India have Changed the name of my minor daughter Sukhmani Kaur aged 12 years and she shall hereafter be known as Sukhmani Kaur Mahal.

461257

I, Kamaljit Kaur Mahal W/O Resham Singh Mahal residing at H. No. C-482, VPO. Mahal, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar – 144409, Punjab India have Changed the name of my minor daughter Anmol Kaur aged 16 years and she shall hereafter be known as Anmol Kaur Mahal.

461257

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Kulvinder Singh S/o Masta Singh R/o 44 Patran Po. Chudiala Sudan Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali declare that in my son 10th Class Certificate my name wrongly entered Kulwinder Singh and my son name wrongly entered Ekamdeep Singh. But my correct name is Kulvinder Singh and my son correct name is Ekamdeep. so amended my name and my son name in my son 10th class certificate.

63372

I, Sinderpal S/o Surti R/o Bir Ahmdabad Distt. Malerkotla declare that my son Banti Ram is out of my control. So I disown with him from my moveable / immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

63372

I hitherto known as Ranjeet Singh S/o Tej Pal Singh R/o House No. 234 Y F Rishi Nagar Guru Nank Darbar Gurudwara Haibowal Khurd Ludhiana H. O, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ranjit Singh.

461257

I hitherto known as Monika Jhanji D/o Prem Sehgal R/o 160, Jindan Road, Regal Cinema Building, Opposite S.D. Model School, Jalandhar Cantt, VTC: Jalandhar, PO: Jalandhar Cantt, Punjab-144005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Monika Sehgal.

461257

I Amar Kumar S/O Din Anup R/O House No. 68, Mohalla Bazigar, Ward Number 16, Hoshiarpur, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001, have changed the name of my minor son KSHITIJ aged 12 years and he shall hereafter be known as KSHITIJ ARYA.

461257

I, Hemant Kumar S/o Roop Singh, residing at WARD NO 26 opposite r c p tal.colony, near bhagirath floor mill, SURATGARH SURATGARH (RURAL), Suratgarh, Ganganagar, Rajasthan, 335804 , India, have changed the name of my minor son Baby one of Manu aged 08 years and he shall hereafter be known as Moksh Gusain It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

90002

I Firoz Khan S/O: Liyakat Ali, residing at VTC, Tepla, PO: Tepla, Sub District Rajpura, District: Patiala, Punjab, 140417, India, have changed the name of my minor son Baby one of Robinson aged 06 years and he shall hereafter be known as Alfaaz Khan It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

90002

I hitherto known as SUNITA RANI D/o KARNAIL SINGH and W/o HARJINDER SINGH residing at Street No. 10/2, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, PO: Shimlapuri, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, Punjab-141003, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GURPREET KAUR. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

BOLI SUCHNA

The Dagham Multipurpose Co-Op. Agri, Service Society Ltd. Dagham, Teh-Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur ਅੱਜ ਇੱਕ ਅਜਲਾਸ ਮਿਤੀ 12-03-2026 ਨੂੰ ਆਮ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੇ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਪਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਖੇਤੀ ਸੈਦਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦਾ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਸੈਦਾਂ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਇਸ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਹੈ: 1. ਫਾਰਮਟ੍ਰੈਕ 65 ਐਨ, 2. ਲੈਂਜਰ ਲੈਵਲਰ ਮਠਾਰੂ, 3. ਕਟਰ, 4. ਰੂਟਾਵੇਟਰ 7 ਫੁੱਟ, 5. ਸੁਹਾਗਾ ਜਿੰਦਾ ਫਾਲੇ, 6. ਟ੍ਰਾਲੀ ਡਬਲ ਟਾਇਰ, ਮਿਤੀ 30-03-2026 ਨੂੰ ਦਿਨ ਸੋਮਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਬੋਲੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

63372

I hitherto known as PRITAM KAUR W/o MANOJ KUMAR residing at Village Bhootan, Post Office Kahma, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab-144512, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRITAM KAUR LAKHA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I, PRITAM KAUR W/o MANOJ KUMAR residing at Village Bhootan, Post Office Kahma, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab-144512, India, have changed the name of my minor son REYANSH KUMAR, aged 07 years and he shall hereafter be known as REYANSH KUMAR LAKHA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

90002

I hitherto known as SUKHWINDER KAUR W/o JASWINDER SINGH residing at Village Pandher Kheri, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana, Punjab-141117, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUKHMINDER KAUR. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I hitherto known as Veena Gupta W/O Parshotam Lal Gupta, Ward No 18, Kotkapura Bypass, Opp Delhi Child Hospital, Vishkarma Nagar, Moga, DIST: Moga, Punjab 142001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Parveen Gupta . It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

90002

I Amrinder Virk S/o Shamsher Singh R/o House No 577 Vill Jalmana Tehsil Assandh Distt Karnal I Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Amrinder Virk To Amrinder Singh.

524479

I Jantdeep kaur wife of Amandeep Singh R/o vill Dera mir miran District fatehgarh sahib, declare that Jantdeep kaur alias Paramjeet Kaur both names of one and same person

524479

I, Harjot Mahal D/o Gurjant Singh R/o House no.21658, street no.8, power house road,Bathinda-151001, have changed the name of my minor son from Kabir Sirswa to Kabir Singh.

524479

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to Notice of General Public that Mr. Surjeet Singh S/o Sh. Jangir Singh S/o Sh. Balkar Singh Shop measuring 9'-6" X 21', Part of bearing Property No. 1469/2, situated at P.N.B Road, Street of Diwan Gurbax Rai, Jalalabad, Tehsil Jalalabad, District Fazilka and having boundaries (As per Title Deed) as under:- East: Sandeep Kumar West: Om Parkash Handa North: Street South: Balwinder Kaur Anybody having objection regarding mortgage of property with Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Co. Ltd., may respond or raise objection within 7 Days, to RAM PRATAP SINGH, Advocate, 87290-19781

63372

I Maninder Kaur Sandhu W/o Rajinder Singh, R/o HN 486, Opp. Gurudwara Sahib, Nanuana, Teh. Rania, (Sirsa), I have changed my name from Maninder Kaur Sandhu to Maninder Kaur.

524479

I. Sunil S/o Sh. Amar Nath R/o Village Sandhali Post Office Gumthala Rao Tehsil Radaur Distt. Yamunanagar-135133, Haryana have changed my name from SUNIL to SUNIL KUMAR

100046

I. Manju W/o Sh. Sunil Kumar R/o Village Sandhali Post Office Gumthala Rao Tehsil Radaur Distt. Yamunanagar-135133, Haryana, have changed my name from MANJU to MANJU BALA.

100046

I, Aryan S/o Sh. Sunil Kumar R/o Village Sandhali Post Office Gumthala Rao Tehsil Radaur Distt. Yamunanagar-135133, Haryana have changed my name from ARYAN to ARYAN KUMAR

100046

I Sharvan Gupta S/o Sh. Kali Ram,house No 22 Ward No 14 Main Bazar Gharaunda Distt Karnal, Haryana 132114 Have Changed My Name Sharvan Gupta To. Sharwan Kumar. All Concerned Please Note.

900010

I, Gurbachan Singh alias Tara Chand S/I Sh. Ram Chandra, Village Bani, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra, hereby declare that Gurbachan Singh and Tara Chand are one and the same person, i.e., myself. Please note this for all concerned.

100074

I, Jaskiran Kaur D/o Harpinder Singh and Manjeet Kaur R/o Village Harnola, Distt. Kaithal, Haryana (INDIA) and presently resident at Rethymno Crete Greece declares that I am holder of India Passport No. U7806071 and also declares that my name is Jaskiran and Surname is Kaur. All concerned please note.

100047

I Surinder Singh chalana S/o Nirmal Singh R/o village Jeeda (Bathinda) have changed my name Surinder Singh chalana To Surinder Singh.

524479

I Gurpreet Singh S/o Palvir Singh R/o VPO Lidhran, Jalandhar Declare That I Have changed my minor son name from Jashandeep as given name and Singh as surname.

63372

I Saminder Kour W/o Mohinder Singh Bindra Vill-Ramgarh Mandateh Morinda Distt Ropar have changed my name to Saminder Kour Bindra.

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I Sandeep Kumar Kaura S/o Ashok Kumar Village Karyal (Moga) I have changed my name Sandeep Kumar Kaura To Sandeep Kumar Concerned note.

63372

I, Balwinder Singh S/o Pritam Singh R/o Vill: Nawanpind Naicha Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Balvinder Singh to Balwinder Singh.

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I, Saveena Masih W/o Samuel David R/o 52/951 Prem Nagar Bohran Wala Road Batala Teh-Batala Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Saveena Masih Attri to Saveena Masih.

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I Balbir Singh S/o Ajaib Singh Vpo Nangal Teh-Nihal Singh Wala, Distt Moga (PB) have changed my name spelling correction from Balbir Singh to Balvir Singh.

63372

I, Surinder Pal S/o Santa Singh R/o Vill-Rawal Pindi Po. Garhshankar Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Surinder Pal to Surinder Singh.

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I Mohd Siddique S/o Imam Din R/o Near Arbi School, Jamalpura, Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Mohammad Sadeek.

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I, Deepika D/o Satvir Kumar R/o Vill: Jabbowal Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Deepika to Deepika Kumari and Kumari use as surname.

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I, Inder Jit Kaur W/o Raj Kumar R/o Vill-Begampur Po. Saloh Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar-144514 Pb I have changed my name from Inder Jit Kaur to Inderjit Kaur.

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I, Mohinder Singh Pabla S/o Mehar Singh R/o Vpo. Langroya Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Mohinder Singh Pabla to Mohinder Singh.

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I, Paul Masih S/o Darshan Singh R/o Ward No. 02, Bhikhi (Mansa) have changed my name to Balkar Singh. Note it.

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I, Ruldu S/O Sanoria Khan R/O Vill Ahmedgarh Chhanna, Distt. Malerkotla 148021 Have Changed My Name To Ruldu Khan.

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I Neeraj S/o Subhash Chand R/o H.No-234, St.No-5, Bhim Nagar Camp Moga, Distt Moga have changed my name to Neeraj Kumar.

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I, Jagsir Singh S/o Malagar Singh R/o Vill-Kanganwal Distt Malerkotla, have changed my name to Jagsir Singh Chahal.

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I, Hardeep Kaur W/o Jagsir Singh Chahal R/o Vill-Kanganwal Distt Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Hardeep Kaur Chahal.

63372

I, Palak Dhingra D/o Harish Kumar now W/o Tejas Dhingra R/o H.No. 625 Urban State Chandigarh Road Near NRI Police Station Sector-39 Focal Point Ludhiana have changed my name from Palak Ahuja to Palak Dhingra after marriage.

63372

I Chamkaur Singh S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o Dharamkot (Moga) have Changed My Name To Chamkaur Singh Sidhu.

63372

I Gaganjit Singh S/o Rajinder Singh Vill-Damheri Po.Kheri Noudh Singh Distt Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, India have changed my name Singh Gaganjit.

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I Supinderjit Singh S/O Gurnam Singh, Muhalla Uchand Patti , Gharuan, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab 140413 Change My Name Sapinderjit Singh Dhanoa.

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I Onkar Singh Kaira S/O Lachhman Singh R/O House No 48 Green Enclave Morinda Teh Morinda District Ropar Have Changed My Name To Onkar Singh.

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I Sukhjit Kaur W/O Jasdeep Singh Village Jallajan Tehsil Khanna District Ludhiana Known With Both Names Sukhjit Kaur And Sukhjeet Kaur.

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I Rajni W/O Avtar Singh R/O Vill.Bhangal Kalan Teh Nawanshahr Distt. S.B.S Nagari Have Changed My Name From Rajni To Rajni Bala.

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I Varsha Garg W/O Rajan Goyal R/O Patiala Bank road, Ward no 12, Talwandi Sabo, Teh Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda have changed my name as Varsha Goyal, please.

63372

I, Happy S/o Dharamjit R/o Vill: Babeli Teh-Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name from Happy to Happy Badhan.

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I, Muskan W/o Happy Badhan R/o Vill: Babeli Teh-Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name from Muskan to Muskan Badhan.

63372

I, Vishal S/o Kashmiri Lal R/o Vill: Khera Vpo. Jamsher Khas Jalandhar-2 Po. Jamsher Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144020, have changed my name from Vishal to Vishal Heer.

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I, Simran C/o Vishal Heer R/o Vill: Khera Vpo. Jamsher Khas Jalandhar-2 Po. Jamsher Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144020, have changed my name from Simran to Simran Heer.

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I Ram Basai S/O Aatma Ram R/O V.P.O.Langeri, Tehsil Banga, District Sbs Nagar, Punjab-144504. Have Changed My Name From Ram Basai To Ram Vasae. All Concerned Please Note.

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I Arshpreet Singh Sidhu W/o Manjit Singh R/o Vpo Mallah tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Arshpreet Singh.

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I Pardeep Singh S/o Hakam Singh R/o Vpo Chimna Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have channged my name to Pardeep Singh Dhillon.

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I Harvinder Kaur W/o Pardeep Singh Dhillon R/o Vpo Chimna Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have channged my name to Harvinder Kaur Dhillon.

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I Parneet Kaur W/o Gurwant Singh Deol R/o Vpo Boparai Kalan Distt Ludhiana have channged my name to Parneet Kaur Deol.

63372

I Tajinder Singh S/o Rajinder Singh R/o Bhambal and Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Tajinder Singh to Tejinder Singh Sran.

63372

I Nirmala Gupta W/o Narinder Kumar R/o H.No. 98-P, W.No.02, Bazar No.03, Ferozepur Cantt Distt Ferozepur have changed my name Nirmala Gupta to Nimala Singla.

63372

I Navdeep Singh Sembhi alias Navdeep Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/o H.No.241 W.No.16 Near Sidhu Clinic Zira (Ferozepur) i declare that both names are mine.

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I Harmit Singh Mehal S/O Darshan Singh R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Harmit Singh.

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I, Kulwinder Kaur Alias Shawinder Kaur Toor W/O Bachittar Singh R/O Vpo Bhinder Kalan Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Kulwinder Kaur.

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I, Manpreet Kaur Brar W/O Balkar Singh R/O Patti Sarkar Vpo Charik Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Manpreet Kaur.

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I Hitherto Known As Kartar Singh S/o Mander Singh R/o Near Primary School, Bahadar Patti, Vpo Kaleke, Distt. Moga, Punjab, India-142038, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jagtar Singh.

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I, Jasanpreet Singh S/o Jaspal Singh R/o Bhamarsi Zer Teh & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name to Singh Jasanpreet.

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I, Amrik Singh Bhatia son of late S. Naranjan Singh, resident of H.No. 291-A, GF, Palm City, Sector-127, Sante Majra, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)-140307, holder of Aadhar Card No. 2915 7402 2387, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name from Amrik Singh Bhatia to Amrik Singh.

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Dr. Karuna Bhandari Mohindra honoured with Punjab Government Women Entrepreneur Award 2026



DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): Dr. Karuna Bhandari Mohindra, former Dean of Fine Arts at CT University, has been honoured with the "Punjab Government Women Entrepreneur Award 2026" for her significant contribution to promoting women-led enterprises and livelihood generation.

The award was presented during a special function organized on the occasion of International Women's Day at the Mini Auditorium, Guru Nanak Bhawan, Ludhiana, under the Punjab State Rural Livelihood Mission (PSRLM), Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab.On the occasion, the honour was presented by Cabinet Minister S. Tarunpreet Singh Sondh and Ramanjit Kaur, wife of Payal MLA Engineer S.Manwinder Singh Giaspura.Dr. Mohindra was recognised particularly for her contribution in the field of creative entrepreneurship, where she has encouraged .

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CREDAI's 25th realty excellence awards and national AGM begin today



R N KHERA

CHANDIGARH: The 25th Realty Excellence Awards of CREDAI and the 3rd National General Body Meeting of the organisation will be held on March 12–13 at JW Marriott Chandigarh. The event will bring together leading developers and real estate stakeholders from across the country. The meeting will be attended by Shekhar Patel, National President of CREDAI, and Boman Irani, National Secretary of the organisation.
According to Jagjit Singh, President of CREDAI Punjab, the gathering will focus on strengthening the real estate sector and promoting sustainable development. Taraninder Singh and Deepak Garg said the event will encourage dialogue and collaboration among industry stakeholders. The evening programme will also feature a live musical performance by renowned singer Hans Raj Hans, which will be a special highlight of the event.

AAP has fulfilled every promise made to people : Amandeep Sandhu



SHARANJEET

PATHANKOT: The Aam Aadmi Party organised a press conference at its office on Saili Road under the leadership of district president Amandeep Sandhu. On the occasion, Majha zone in-charge Rekha Mani Sharma, district in-charge of the women wing Naresh Kumari, district media in-charge Ashok Kumar and other party workers were present. Addressing mediapersons, Amandeep Sandhu said the politics of the Aam Aadmi Party is based on honesty, firm commitment and the determination to fulfil promises made to the people. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, development works in Punjab are progressing rapidly and people-centric policies are being implemented to provide direct benefits to the common people. He said that the "Kejriwal Guarantee" is not merely an election slogan, but a promise and a bond of trust with the people, which the government is committed to fulfil. He added that the Punjab Government has taken a historic step towards fulfilling one of its major poll promises by announcing a new scheme aimed at the economic empowerment of women.

Administrator reaffirms collective commitment for future-ready Chandigarh

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 12



The meeting of the Administrator's Advisory Council (AAC), chaired by the Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, was held today at Hotel Mountview, Sector-10, Chandigarh. In his welcome address, Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, Chief Secretary, U.T. Chandigarh, welcomed the Administrator and the members of the Advisory Council.

He stated that the Administration greatly values the experience and inputs of the Committee Chairpersons and remains committed to examining their suggestions and ensuring effective coordination for their implementation wherever feasible.During the meeting, the Administrative Secretaries of the Chandigarh Administration presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the suggestions made during the earlier Council meetings with regard to various departmental matters.

The officers updated the Council on recent developments, ongoing initiatives, challenges and the way forward in their respective sectors. The discussions covered a wide range of areas including Law & Order, Social Welfare, Education, Sports, Municipal Corporation, Transportation, Estate & Urban Infrastructure, Chandigarh Housing Board, Health, Environment Protection, Industries, Art, Culture, Tourism and Heritage Preservation. Each member of the Advisory Council offered valuable suggestions and recommendations relating to different sectors of the city. The members shared their perspectives on strengthening civic infrastructure, improving public service delivery, enhancing environmental sustainability, promoting tourism and heritage conservation, and further improving healthcare, education and sports facilities in Chandigarh. They also highlighted the importance of citizen participation, better coordination among departments and the adoption of innovative approaches to address emerging urban challenges.Addressing the Council, the Administrator Shri Gulab Chand Kataria expressed his gratitude to the members of the Administrator's Advisory Council for their continued support and valuable guidance for the development of Chandigarh.

Infosys announces expansion of Mohali development center

LUDHIANA, AMRITSAR, MAR 12



Infosys today announced the expansion of its Mohali Development Center (DC) with a formal groundbreaking ceremony held at the campus, further strengthening its presence in North India. With this expansion, Infosys reaffirms its commitment to driving innovation, fostering local talent, and contributing to the economic and technological growth of Punjab.

The ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab, S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, and Honorable Cabinet Minister for Investment Promotion, Power and Local Government for Punjab, Shri. Sanjeev Arora, in the presence of Infosys leadership represented by Mr. Jayesh Sanghrajka, Chief Financial Officer, along with Mr. Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, Executive Vice President, Infosys, Mr. Niladri Prasad Mishra, Senior Vice President, Infosys, and other senior officials from the State Government and Infosys.

As part of this expansion, Infosys will develop a new Software Development Block along with supporting facilities. The expansion is planned to have a built-up area of approximately 350,000 square feet and will seat about 3,000 employees, strengthening Infosys' ability to design, co-create, and deploy AI-led solutions at enterprise scale. The current operations at Infosys Mohali, with close to 1,000 employees, delivers advanced digital services to global clients across key sectors, including Banking, Financial Services and Insurance, Retail, and Healthcare. The expanded campus will further enhance Infosys' capabilities in cloud, AI, application development, and digital transformation, enabling the company to better meet the growing demands of its global clients and help them unlock tangible AI-driven value at scale.

MP Satnam Singh Sandhu raises issue of restoration of Sikh reference library in Sri Harmandir Sahib in Parliament

SHASHI PAL JAIN
NEW DELHI, MARCH 12



Union Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat today said the damage caused to rare manuscripts and Sikh literature at Sikh Reference Library in Sri Harmandir Sahib during Operation Bluestar in 1984 was an 'unfortunate' incident. He said the Union government will explore the possibility of the restoration of the damaged Sikh literature at the historical Sikh Reference Library in Amritsar with the cutting-edge digital tools and AI innovations under the 'Gyan Bharatam Mission' that aims to preserve, digitise and disseminate India's manuscript heritage.

The Union Minister Shekhawat said this Rajya Sabha in reply to a question asked by Member of Parliament Satnam Singh Sandhu during the on-going Budget Session of Parliament.

Rising the issue of the restorations of Sikh Reference Library in Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar during 'Question Hour', MP Satnam Singh Sandhu said this Sikh Reference Library was established in 1946 in the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar and it had 20,000 rare manuscripts, including the handwritten Guru Granth Sahib and literature related to the entire Sikh history starting from Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

"But when Operation Blue Star was carried out in 1984, Darbar Sahib was attacked and the Akal Takht was reduced to a rubble, the Sikh Reference Library was burned.

This happened just like our history was burned in Takshashila and Nalanda University, Sikh history was burned there, and the sacred Guru Granth Sahib was burned," MP Sandhu said in a supplementary question to Union Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on 'National Mission on Libraries'. He demanded restoration of manuscripts and Sikh literature under the Digital Recovery Project with modern AI techniques and multispectral imaging.

International Women's Day celebrated at Central Bank of India, Zonal Office Chandigarh



NEERAJ SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 12

Central Bank of India, Zonal Office Chandigarh celebrated International Women's Day with great enthusiasm under the inspiring guidance of Shri Arvind Kumar, Zonal Head.

The occasion was marked by a special felicitation ceremony recognizing the remarkable contributions of women employees and the outstanding achievements of staff children.

During the event, women staff members and children of employees were honored for their excellence in academics, sports, arts, and other fields, reflecting dedication, talent, and perseverance. The awardees were felicitated for bringing pride to the Central Bank of India and setting inspiring examples for others.A cake-cutting ceremony was also organized as part of the celebration, adding joy and warmth to the occasion. The event highlighted the importance of women empowerment, recognition of merit, and encouragement of young talent. The Zonal Office family of Central Bank of India extended heartfelt congratulations to all the awardees and wished them continued success in their future endeavors.

Satsang purifies heart and mind, says Swami Bhuvneshwari Devi



KULWINDER KARWAL
MANSA, MAR 12

Satsang and spiritual discourses are one of the simplest ways to purify the human heart and mind, and staying connected with satsang helps make life meaningful and successful.

These views were expressed by Swami Bhuvneshwari Devi Ji Maharaj during the ongoing religious programme "Paanch Shaam Kanhaiya Ke Naam" being organised by Satguru Sewa Trust, Mansa at the Old Grain Market in Mansa from March 11 to March 15, 2026. Addressing the gathering of devotees, Swami Bhuvneshwari Devi said that every individual should remember the name of the Almighty, as listening to spiritual discourses and meditating on God gives strength to the soul. She further said that a person may attain everything in this world, but if the remembrance of God is absent from the heart, life remains incomplete.

Swami Ji also emphasised that human life is not merely meant for eating, drinking, or accumulating wealth, but for performing good deeds and walking on the path of truth.

Business, industry hit by stoppage of commercial LPG supply : Garg



HISAR (SUMER GARG): An emergency meeting of business representatives was held under the chairmanship of Garg in Hisar to discuss the issue. Addressing the gathering, he said the suspension of commercial LPG cylinder supply has severely impacted restaurants, dhabas, hotels, bakeries, ready-made food units and several industrial sectors.

Expressing concern over the stoppage of supply of commercial LPG cylinders, Bajrang Garg, National Chief General Secretary of the All India Trade Board and Provincial President of the Haryana Pradesh Trade Board, said the move is adversely affecting business and industrial activities. He warned that if the situation continues, many hotels and restaurants may be forced to shut down in the coming days.

Garg said commercial LPG cylinders are widely used in the industries. Due to the disruption in supply, workers and employees in these sectors are facing serious difficulties. He said that with the ongoing wedding season, caterers and confectioners are also facing problems because of the shortage of commercial LPG cylinders. The situation, he added, is increasing operational costs for hotels, restaurants, dhabas and various industries.

Amit Shah must come to Punjab with answers, not 'Jumlas': Aman Arora

CHANDIGARH: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab President and Cabinet Minister Aman Arora on Thursday said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah must come to Punjab with answers, not "jumlas", as he raised six crucial questions related to Punjab's economy, farmers, flood relief, industry and the ongoing fight against drugs ahead of Shah's March 14 visit to the state.



The AAP Punjab State President said the people of Punjab expect clarity from the Union Government on long-pending financial dues, compensation for massive GST losses, delayed flood relief, threats posed by the proposed India–US trade agreement to farmers and traders, the Centre's role in tackling drug smuggling along the border, and whether a special industrial package will be provided to revive Punjab's economy. Addressing a press release at Punjab Bhavan on Thursday, AAP Punjab President and Cabinet Minister Aman Arora on Thursday said that as the 2027 Assembly elections draw closer, leaders of various political parties have begun visiting Punjab and trying to mislead the people of the state for their political gains. "Although every political party and leader has the right to visit Punjab and they are always welcome here, the people of Punjab are fully aware of the intentions behind such visits," he added.

FDP on sustainable agricultural practices organized at Desh Bhagat University

FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): The Agrim Club of the Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences, under the aegis of the Publication Bureau at Desh Bhagat University, organized a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Climate Smart Agriculture and Sustainable Agricultural Practices."

The programme aimed to enhance the knowledge of faculty members and participants about modern agricultural approaches to address climate change while ensuring sustainable productivity. The session began with the formal welcome address by Dr. Avinash Kumar Bhatia. Prof. (Dr.) H. K. Sidhu, Director of Agriculture and Life Sciences, highlighted the importance of sustainable agricultural practices for long-term development. The programme was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Amarjit Singh, Pro Vice Chancellor, who emphasized the need for climate-resilient farming practices to tackle challenges such as climate change, soil degradation and water scarcity. Resource persons Dr. Rajat Sharma and Ms. Shivangi Sood delivered insightful lectures on Climate Smart Agriculture and sustainable farming techniques, including crop diversification, efficient water management, organic farming, and integrated pest management.The session concluded with an interactive discussion and certificates of appreciation were presented to the resource persons and participants by Prof. (Dr.) Amarjit Singh.



Dev Samaj College for Women, organizes grand fashion show "Pehchan 2026"



FEROZEPUR (TAPINDER SINGH): Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur, which is a college with A Plus grade from Panjab University, Chandigarh in the field of education, social and cultural activities, is moving forward on the path of continuous progress under the blessings of the college chairman Shri Nirmal Singh Dhillon ji, the skillful guidance of Chairperson Dr. Agnese Dhillon ji, Secretary Shri Ajay Batta and Principal Dr. Sangeeta. Under this series, a grand fashion show named "Pehchan 2026" was organized by the Post Graduate Fashion Designing Department in collaboration with the Department of Cosmetology and Health Care. The main objective of this program was to provide a strong platform to the students to showcase their creativity, confidence and designing skills. The event was graced by the chief guests of the event, including renowned entrepreneurs from Ferozepur, Madam Sanjana Mittal, Madam Prachi Mittal and Madam Shelly Batra. They encouraged the students and appreciated their talent, new ideas and creativity. A total of five exciting rounds were conducted during the fashion show, in which various aspects of fashion and creativity were presented.

Poster released for Senior National Tapeball cricket championship



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): The Tapeball Federation of India held a special meeting at Fighter Sports Zone, Kartarpur Road, Kapurthala, under the leadership of its general secretary, Puneet Verma.During the event, Rajiv Walia, president of the Youth Welfare Sports Board and general secretary of the Tapeball Federation of India, along with his team, unveiled the poster for the Senior National Tapeball Cricket Championship 2026.

They announced that the tournament will take place on March 29, 30, and 31 at Akal International Cricket Stadium, Sultanpur Lodhi, Kapurthala.Walia noted that this will be the second national tapeball cricket championship hosted in Punjab, with teams from various states affiliated with the federation participating and aiming to deliver strong performances. The event is being organized by general secretary Puneet Verma and Sukhdeep Singh Bajwa.

All members of the Youth Welfare Sports Board have been invited to attend.Those present included Gagandeep Kaur, Meena Kumari, Neelam, Jyoti, Rabia, Samarjit Singh, Vikram Sharma, Kamaljit Singh, Inderjit Singh, Navdeep Singh, and Rehan Walia.

MCM organises DST-sponsored workshop on environment and sustainability



CHANDIGARH: Committed to the cause of a clean, green, and sustainable earth, the Department of Botany, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, under the aegis of MCM Vigyan Manch, organised a two-day DST-sponsored workshop titled 'Seed to Bloom' on environment and sustainability to mark the celebrations of World Wildlife Day. The workshop was conducted at Dr. Green's Nursery and aimed at providing students with practical exposure to plant propagation, nursery management, and sustainable gardening practices.

The comprehensive training programme was structured into eight sessions covering important themes such as Plant Nurseries: Importance and Scope; Propagation Techniques (Vegetative and Artificial); Soil Mixtures and Soil Health; Preparing Soil Beds and Pots; Home and Kitchen Gardens; Landscaping Aesthetics; and Understanding Floral Diversity. The resource person, Dr. Satish Narula, Senior Horticulturist (Retd.), Punjab Agricultural University, and owner of Dr. Green Nursery, Kishangarh (IT Park, Chandigarh), highlighted the crucial role of plant nurseries in forestry, biodiversity conservation, and commercial horticulture. He emphasised the importance of cultivating commercially significant plant species that not only generate economic returns and business opportunities but also contribute to environmental sustainability and psychological well-being.

MP Sant Seechewal expresses concern over falling groundwater levels

SHAHKOT (MEHARJOT SINGH): The issue of the growing water crisis in the agriculture-dominated state of Punjab was once again strongly raised in the Rajya Sabha. Rajya Sabha member Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal expressed serious concern over the continuous decline in groundwater levels and directly questioned the central government. He warned that if the water crisis is not taken seriously, Punjab's agriculture and the labor class may suffer heavy losses in the coming years.



Notably, the economy of the agrarian state of Punjab has long depended heavily on water. Responding to the question raised by Sant Seechewal, Union Minister of State for Water Resources Raj Bhushan Choudhary stated that according to the report of the Central Ground Water Board, groundwater levels increased in 57 percent of monitoring wells in Punjab, while 43 percent showed a decline. The study covered the period from 2015 to 2025. Sant Seechewal said that groundwater in Punjab is under immense pressure. The area under paddy cultivation has not reduced. He also mentioned that when he was a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee related to water resources, he repeatedly demanded that Punjab be included under the Atal Bhujal Yojana, but the central government kept the state outside the scheme. He termed this a major neglect towards Punjab. In his reply, the Union Minister of State acknowledged that, like many parts of the country, the major reasons for groundwater depletion in Punjab include continuous deforestation, excessive extraction of groundwater, and withdrawal of water far beyond the annual recharge capacity.

HP Governor remembers Shyama Prasad Mukherjee at IVF function



LUDHIANA (SUMER GARG): The Punjab unit of the International Vaish Federation (IVF), under the leadership of its state president Surinder Singla, organised a function at Windsor Hall of Maharaja Regency here today to honour Mr. Kavinder Gupta, Governor of Himachal Pradesh. Mr. Gupta, who is a senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader from Jammu and Kashmir, has previously served as Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and as Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Surinder Singla highlighted the activities being undertaken by the federation across the country. He said IVF provides financial assistance of ?1 lakh to Aggarwal students, who clear the IAS preliminary examination and are preparing for the mains. The organisation also regularly conducts blood donation camps and provides essential items to the needy. In his address, Governor Gupta recalled that he was arrested during the emergency in India when he was a teenager. He also spoke about his education and political journey. Gupta further shared insights into the culture and language of Jammu and Kashmir and shed light on the life and ideology of Syama Prasad Mukherjee, who strongly opposed the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution of India and advocated the slogan "One nation, one constitution, one flag."

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Connecting youth with their roots and moral values is need of hour



GURDASPUR (VERMA): In today's modern and technology-driven era, it has become extremely important to connect the younger generation with their cultural heritage, traditions, and moral values. Expressing their views on this issue, the Director of The Shishya School, Jugial, Jarnail Singh Patial, and Principal Kamlesh Patial said that in the race of modernization and technology, the youth of today are gradually moving away from their roots and values, which is a matter of concern for society. They said that India has always been known for its rich culture and glorious history. Our traditions, customs, and moral values have guided society in the right direction for centuries. However, due to the fast-paced lifestyle and excessive use of digital media, young people are slowly losing touch with these important values. Therefore, it has become necessary to make them aware of their history, culture, and moral teachings. Director Jarnail Singh Patial stated that a school is not only a place for academic learning but also an important platform for shaping the character and values of students.

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Moga's badlaa rally will shake roots of Punjab government : Gurdev Sharma Debi

SARBJIT SUFI

LUDHIANA: Speaking about the BJP's change rally to be held on March 14 at Killi Chahal in Moga city of Punjab, BJP cashier and Halka Central in-charge Gurdev Sharma Debi said that the Moga rally will shake the roots of the inefficient government of Punjab and will initiate real change. He said that the rally will prove to be the biggest rally of BJP in the history of Punjab.



Speaking further, he said that a convoy of hundreds of people from Halka Central will leave for the Moga rally in buses. Debi said that the people of Punjab have seen the change of the government that brought the slogan of change and now they will give a chance to BJP only. He also invited the workers to mobilize for the Moga rally on the 14th.

Dr. Manohar Singh, resident of Kharar, becomes the President of Chandigarh INTUC Federation

SHASHI PAL JAIN

KHARAR : Dr. Manohar Singh, a resident of Kharar, has been appointed as the President of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) Federation Punjab and also the President of Union Territory Chandigarh. In view of his political and social activities, the Indian National Union Congress Federation has entrusted Dr. Manohar Singh with the additional important responsibility of the President of Punjab and Chandigarh Pradesh through an appointment letter issued today.



Dr. Manohar Singh, who is a specialist doctor by profession and has also studied law and journalism, is currently representing Bassi Pathana Vidhan Sabha constituency. He had contested the last Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections as an independent candidate from Bassi Pathana and later joined the Congress party before the Lok Sabha elections. Talking to reporters, Dr. Manohar Singh said that he will try to fulfill this responsibility given by INTUC with full dedication and hard work. He thanked the National President and Working President of INTUC.

Preparations in full swing for BJP's 'Badlaav Rally' in Moga; Ashwani Sharma and Bikramjeet Singh Cheema review arrangements



AMRISH ANAND

DORAHAM: Preparations are underway for the Bharatiya Janata Party's mega "Badlaav Rally" scheduled to be held on March 14, 2026, at Killi Chahla in Moga. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will attend the rally as the chief guest. Party leaders and workers are showing great enthusiasm regarding the event.In this connection, Pathankot MLA Mr.Ashwani Sharma and BJP Punjab Vice President S. Bikramjeet Singh Cheema visited the venue and reviewed the arrangements for the stage and the pandal along with party workers.During the visit, the leaders also held a meeting with local leaders and party workers to discuss preparations for the rally in detail. Strategies were discussed to ensure the rally's grand success and to further strengthen the momentum for political change in Punjab.They stated that the rally to be held in Moga on March 14 under the leadership of Union Home Minister Amit Shah will send a strong message in the political landscape of Punjab.The leaders added that BJP workers are actively engaged in preparations, and a large number of people from different parts of the state are expected to participate.
They also said that the people of Punjab, troubled by issues such as drug abuse, rising gangsterism, corruption, and a deteriorating law-and-order situation, are now looking for a new direction. The Moga rally, they said, will mark the beginning of a strong movement for change in the state.Several other BJP leaders and party workers were also present on the occasion and took stock of the arrangements.

Punjab govt on alert over LPG gas crisis: CM Mann

MOHALI, MARCH 12





Amid concerns arising from the ongoing war in the Gulf region and the rumours circulating about a possible shortage of LPG cylinders, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday said that the Punjab Government is fully alert and closely monitoring the situation to ensure that people do not face any difficulty in accessing essential commodities. The Chief Minister made it clear that the government will not allow panic, hoarding, or exploitation of consumers under any circumstances.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann noted that tensions in the Gulf countries have led to rumours spreading rapidly across India about a possible LPG shortage, creating unnecessary concern among the public. "Rumours are being spread about a shortage of LPG cylinders due to the war in Gulf countries. The Punjab Government is fully alert and monitoring the situation closely. All Deputy Commissioners have been directed to ensure that there is no shortage of essential goods and that people do not face any inconvenience," stated CM Bhagwant Singh Mann.

Warning against attempts to exploit the situation, the Chief Minister said the government will act firmly against anyone trying to create panic or manipulate the supply of essential goods. "If anyone tries to mislead people by hoarding essential goods or spreading rumours about shortages, the severest exemplary action will be taken, " asserted CM Bhagwant Singh Mann.

He further made it clear that black marketing or overcharging of LPG cylinders will not be tolerated and authorities have been instructed to keep a strict watch on the market. "If anyone is found involved in black marketing of LPG cylinders or charging more than the fixed price, strict action will be taken against them," added CM Bhagwant Singh Mann. The Chief Minister also informed that he has raised the matter with the Union Government to ensure that adequate supply of LPG cylinders is maintained so that common people do not face inconvenience in the coming days. He reiterated that the Punjab Government remains committed to safeguarding the interests of citizens and ensuring that essential commodities remain easily available to the public.

War of words erupts in Punjab over India-US trade deal ahead of Shah's visit

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The confrontation comes days before Home Minister Amit Shah's scheduled rally in Moga on March 14. During a debate in the Assembly on a censure motion, AAP leaders alleged that the Centre's recent diplomatic maneuvers have directly contributed to the soaring prices of LPG.

Political atmosphere in Punjab heated up on Thursday as the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the opposition BJP clashed over the proposed India-US trade deal and the nation's "shifting foreign policy".

The confrontation comes days before Home Minister Amit Shah's scheduled rally in Moga on March 14. During a debate in the Assembly on a censure motion, AAP leaders alleged that the Centre's recent diplomatic maneuvers have directly contributed to the soaring prices of LPG and a looming fuel shortage across the state.

Former Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal led the charge, questioning the timing of the Home Minister's visit amid a domestic energy crisis. He claimed that the prices of domestic and commercial gas cylinders have surged by ?60 and ?115, respectively, leaving common citizens and the restaurant industry in distress.

Dhaliwal and other AAP MLAs, including Sherry Kalsi and Vijay Singla, argued that straining ties with traditional allies like Iran to satisfy American interests has jeopardized India's energy security, reportedly leaving over 200 oil tankers stranded in transit.

On the industrial and agricultural front, AAP legislator Garry Warring raised alarms over the deal's impact on local commerce. He noted that the 50 per cent tax on steel exports and the potential influx of American poultry products would cripple Punjab's steel industry and maize farmers.

Warring criticized the Centre for moving away from its "strong leadership" promises, suggesting that the current administration is yielding too much to international pressure at the expense of local stakeholders. Responding to the allegations, the BJP dismissed the criticism as misinformation. union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu asserted that the Moga rally would be a landmark event, reflecting the enthusiasm of rural Punjab. He emphasized that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already assured the nation that no trade agreement will be finalized at the cost of the Indian farmer. As the BJP continues its large-scale mobilization across 115 acres in Moga, the debate over the trade deal has become the central flashpoint in Punjab's political discourse.

Awareness raised about dyslexia at Green Field Convent School Dangarh

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, MARCH 12



Green Field Convent (Senior Secondary) School Dangarh shed light on dyslexia. On this occasion, Coordinator Sandeep Kaur told the students what is dyslexia? And why does it happen? Dyslexia is a learning problem in which a child or person has difficulty in reading, writing and spelling.

This does not happen because of low intelligence, but the way the brain processes words is different and due to differences in the linguistic process of the brain from birth, it is not a disease in the family, it is a different way of learning.

Apart from this, she also informed the students about the symptoms of dyslexia. Such as reading letters incorrectly or backwards, repeatedly spelling words incorrectly, reading slowly, leaving out or replacing letters while writing and having difficulty remembering poetry or texts. How can teachers and parents solve the problem of dyslexia? Such as encouraging the child instead of scolding him, teaching the lesson in small parts, practicing reading aloud, using colorful charts and pictures can solve this problem.

On this occasion, Chairman S. Sukhminder Singh Gill said that dyslexia is a learning related problem, in which the child has difficulty in reading, writing or understanding letters. It is not a disease, but is related to the way the brain works and he said that children with dyslexia are very creative and intelligent.

Children with these problems can succeed in life with the right help. On this occasion, Principal Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Vice Principal Jasvir Kaur, Incharge Ajinderpal Tiwana and Assistant Coordinator Novelpreet etc. were present.

State-Level Youth leadership participate in HIV/AIDS awareness program



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, MARCH 12

Dr. Harpal Kaur, Associate Professor and Nodal Officer of the Red Ribbon Club, was invited to participate in the State Level Youth Leadership and Awareness Program 2025–26 held at Chandigarh University, Gharuan on 12 March 2026. She attended the program along with Peer Educator Harleen Dass , student of B. Ed 4th semester .

The program focused on Main focus was on the theme of Awareness against HIV/AIDS, youth leadership, awareness, and capacity building related to health and social responsibility. Participation in such state-level initiatives provides an opportunity to strengthen awareness activities, encourage peer education, and promote responsible leadership among students.

Dr. Harpal Kaur's participation, along with Peer Educator Harleen Dass, represented not only their institution but they represented district Sangrur too and contributed to the exchange of ideas and experiences with youth leaders and educators from different colleges and universities across the state.

Bhagwant Mann government fulfilled every promise well : Rajiv Lubi

BALVINDER AZAD
BARNALA, MARCH 12



Aam Aadmi Party Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has fulfilled every promise he made to the people of Punjab before coming to power.

He has also fulfilled the promise of giving Rs 1000 per month to the women of Punjab during the elections on International Women's Day, proving that the Aam Aadmi Party does what it says. This was revealed by Punjab Government Trade Commission District Barnala Chairman Rajiv Lubi during a conversation. He further said that the government has introduced schemes like electricity waiver for all the people of Punjab, free bus service for women of Punjab, free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh, besides many other schemes like Mukhyamantri Tirath Yatra Yojana, looking at the people of Punjab, a government with an honest and clean character has now given its stamp. Welcoming the Chief Minister's Mothers and Daughters Respected Scheme announced by the Hon'ble Government with financial assistance of Rs. 1000, he said that this step is an important step towards the economic empowerment of women.

He further said that the Aam Aadmi Party government fulfilled the guarantee of 300 units of free electricity, which provided financial relief to lakhs of people of Punjab. After that, the Aam Aadmi Party government opened Aam Aadmi Clinics where people are getting free checkups and medicines. Along with this, the Punjab government has also made major improvements in the education sector so that students can get a good environment and educational facilities.

Sahnewal rally will dispel misconceptions of opponents and lay foundation of the Akali government : Simran Dhillon

SARBJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA, MARCH 12



While the constituency-wise rallies organized by Sukhbir Singh Badal are getting a huge response in Punjab, there is an Akali Dal rally in Sahnewal constituency on March 14 at Koom Kalan Dana Mandi under the leadership of Sharanjit Singh Dhillon and Simran Dhillon.

Speaking about the arrangements of the rally, Shiromani Akali Dal Vice President Simran Dhillon said that this rally will be the biggest rally in Punjab in terms of gathering and will lay the foundation of the Akali government in Punjab. He said that today every section of Punjab is fed up from govt.

Govt has done nothing Except for spending crores of rupees on its own publicity and registering the cases against the opponents, the government has not done anything.

She said that people in Sahnewal constituency are remembering the work we have done and the parks we have built are dark today without lighting and people are really waiting for the Akali government with impatience.

He also appealed to the residents of Sahnewal constituency to reach the rally at koom Kalan Dana Mandi.

Boshia sports federation of India organizes instrument distribution program



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
FARIDKOT, MARCH 12

The Boshia Sports Federation of India organized an instrument distribution program at the Ethiopian Cultural Center, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. This information was provided to the press by Boshia India President Jaspreet Singh Dhaliwal and Media Incharge Pramod Dhir Jaito.They stated that Raja Subramani, Military Advisor and former Chief of Staff, was the chief guest.

Also present at the event were A.Senthil, Will Expert, National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi; Dr. Sudhir Kumar Jain, Dr. Rajinder Kashyap, Dr. Barun Mitra, and Ashok Bedi. General Secretary Shaminder Singh Dhillon and Coach Davinder Singh Tuffy stated that instruments used for playing were distributed to Bosnian players so that they can bring glory to India by playing at the national and international levels. The items distributed to the players were sponsored by NTPC and BEML, with Central Bank of India also contributing. Present on the occasion were international Boshia players Ajay Raj, Anjali, and Pooja Gupta, along with Boshia India members Jagroop Singh Subba Brar, Sukhjinder Singh etc.

Under leadership of Jaito SSP Faridkot Dr. Pragya Jain, large quantity of drugs, including 5.37 kg of heroin destroyed

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, MARCH 12



Under the direction of Mr. Gaurav Yadav IPS, DIG Punjab, as part of the ongoing campaign against drugs, members of the District Level Drug Disposal Committee, under the supervision of SSP Faridkot Dr. Pragya Jain, destroyed over 5.37 kg of heroin, 01 quintal 78 kg of poppy husk, 8650 narcotic pills/capsules, 202 grams of ice drug, and over 01 kg of marijuana at SAIL Limited Power Plot Seda Singh Wala on Thursday. Faridkot Police Commissioner Dr. Pragya Jain, while providing information, stated that this huge quantity of drugs, linked to 66 NDPS cases, was destroyed today with complete transparency. She stated that the Faridkot Police is working with unwavering commitment to eradicate the drug menace. As part of this, the Faridkot Police have seized large quantities of drugs under the NDPS Act over the past few years, including the drugs seized today. She further stated that the Punjab government's anti-drug campaign, "War on Drugs," has proven highly effective. Since March 2025, the Faridkot Police have registered 1,089 cases and arrested 1,652 accused. Furthermore, over the past 19 months, property worth over ?9 crore belonging to drug traffickers has been frozen after obtaining approval from the relevant authorities.

During this, Dr. Pragya Jain appealed to the public to cooperate with the police administration in the fight against drugs and use the Safe Punjab Anti-Drug Helpline number 97791-00200 issued by the Punjab Government to share information about drug smugglers or suppliers, your identity will be kept completely confidential.

Yearly shobha yatra held at Sindhwan in memory of Sai Lok



MANJINDER SINGH
BANGA, MARCH 12

In remembrance of the divine soul Sai Lok, an annual Rath and Shobha Yatra was organized at village Sindhwan under the leadership of devoted follower Bhagat Binder (UK) with the support of devotees from India and abroad.

The procession began in the morning from Sai Lok's Darbar near Gurdwara Sri Guru Ravidas Ji and concluded at the same place after passing through various parts of the village. Devotees welcomed the Shobha Yatra at different points by showering flowers and chanting praises of Sai Lok. On the occasion, Sarpanch Dr. Jagannath Hira, Manager Ramanjit Kaur Hira, and Arvind Hira along with their family organized langar of chole-poori for the devotees participating in the procession.

Addressing the gathering, Bhagat Binder (UK) thanked the devotees for their participation and said that people should dedicate their mind and wealth to the divine path of Sai Lok, as true devotion gives meaning to human life. On the occasion, Bhagat Binder also honored several donors and supporters for their contribution to the event.

Social activist and senior AAP leader Arsh Sachar takes initiative to form "Sihat Sangharsh Committee – Faridkot" for improving health facilities

SURINDER DAMDAMI
FARIDKOT, MARCH 12



To ensure better, transparent and accountable health services to the people of Faridkot, a significant initiative has been taken by social worker and senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Arsh Sachar. He has offered to form a "Sihat Sangharsh Committee – Faridkot" to improve health facilities in Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital, Faridkot and protect the rights of the people.

Giving information in this regard, Arsh Sachar said that Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital is an important health center of Malwa region, where thousands of patients come for treatment every day. But sometimes concerns are raised by patients and their families regarding the facilities, administrative action and availability of facilities for treatment, which need to be looked at seriously from the perspective of social and public interest.

He said that issues related to health services are not the sole responsibility of the government or administration, but it is a shared responsibility of all sections of the society. Therefore, the need has been felt to create a common platform in Faridkot, through which the problems of patients are heard, transparency is increased and dialogue and cooperation are strengthened for improving the health system.

Arsh Sachar said that for this purpose, an initiative is being taken to form a "Health Struggle Committee – Faridkot", in which farmer organizations, village panchayats, social organizations, doctors, lawyers and aware citizens have been invited to join.

He appealed to all social organizations and responsible citizens to join this public interest campaign and contribute to the transparency, accountability and improvement of health services, so that patients can get better treatment and facilities.

Welfare Club to soon organize health awareness camp with the help of Health Department: Dhir

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): A plenary meeting of the renowned Shaheed Udham Singh Welfare Club of local Mehraj Colony was held at the U.E.S.C. Tuition Center under the chairmanship of Club President Surinder Dhir. While starting the proceedings of the meeting, first of all, a minute's silence was observed to pay tribute to the residents of Mehraj Colony who had passed away during the past few days. After this, General Secretary Headmaster Labh Singh Sidhu gave detailed information on the past activities of the club and shed light on the agendas of the current meeting. Some of these agendas were agreed upon and some issues were discussed to meet the constituency MLA.



All the members welcomed Kuldeep Singh Councilor, Gurpreet Singh and Rakesh Vijay Markfed, residents of Mehraj Colony, on attending the meeting for the first time. These new members said that they were happy to attend the meeting and they always stand with them for the betterment of the club. Considering the points raised in the meeting, Karam Singh Bhullar, Jeon Singh Khalsa, Amandeep Singh Happy Dhillon, Balbir Singh Sidhu Bajjoana, Satpal Sharma and Gagandeep Bansal presented their valuable suggestions.

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Old pension should be restored in entire country: Rajan Sharma

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Rajan Sharma, Chief Media Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh Lecturers Association, stated that the old pension system should be implemented across the country. Sharma stated that Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Thakur has done a commendable service to



the welfare of employees by implementing the old pension system for Himachal Pradesh employees, which the state's employees will always remember. He stated that Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Thakur has done a commendable service to the welfare of employees by fulfilling the long-standing demand of the employees by providing the old pension. He pointed out that the Unified Pension Scheme is being implemented in many other states, which is unfortunate.

NEWS BRIEF

'PMJAY Scheme treated 86,093 patients in Himachal in 2024-25'

SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, informed Rajya Sabha MP Indu



Bala Goswami in Parliament that, under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, a total of 86,093 patients were treated in Himachal Pradesh during the year 2024-25. Prataprao Jadhav stated that, under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, the highest number of patients—19,233—were treated in Mandi district during 2024-25, while the lowest number—504 patients—were treated in Lahaul and Spiti district. He further informed that, during the year 2024-25, under this scheme, 5,430 patients, 3,744 patients, 6,978 patients, 14,573 patients, 778 patients, 7,737 patients, 504 patients.

Teachers to be appointed in CBSE schools within two months: CM

400 Lecturer and 400 Assistant Lecturer posts to be filled

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 12



At the 29th Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of Siddharth Government College in Nadaun, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today honoured students who had excelled in various fields. Congratulating the meritorious students he said that the state government was implementing significant reforms in the education system to prepare young people for future challenges. He said that CBSE curriculum were being started in 140 schools in the state and assured that all required teachers will be made available in these schools within the next two months. A separate dress code will also be introduced for students studying in these institutions. He said that the Education Department would fill up the posts of 400 lecturer and 400 Assistant lecturers. He also announced an allocation of Rs. 20 crore for the Science College in Hamirpur. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu also highlighted several development initiatives in the education and healthcare sectors. He said the present state government has sanctioned Rs. 300 crore for the construction of a cancer hospital in Hamirpur, where a super specialist block would also be established. In addition, a Mother and Child Hospital was being constructed at a cost of Rs. 100 crore to ensure best health facilities to the people of the area. He said that new academic courses along with programmes in Physics, Biology and Botany would begin along with MCA and MBA courses soon be introduced at Nadaun College from the next academic session. To support cultural activities at the college, he announced financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh. The Chief Minister said that Nadaun holds special significance for him as it is both his birthplace and karmabhoomi and he remains committed to ensuring its development. He said that the region would definitely emerge as a major sports tourism destination in the coming years. A modern sports centre worth Rs. 160 crore was currently being constructed in Khairi and was expected to be completed by June. He also said that the government would develop a riverfront on the Beas River at a cost of Rs. 300 crore.

Rain in Kullu, Mandi, and Chamba; snow in Lahaul-Spiti brings relief from heat

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Rainfall in several districts of Himachal Pradesh and snowfall in the higher reaches of Lahaul-Spiti on Thursday brought relief from the prolonged dry spell and caused a noticeable drop in temperatures across the state. Reports from Kullu, Mandi, and Chamba said light showers occurred in several areas, partially ending the dry weather that had persisted for days. The rain brought cooler conditions and increased cloud cover. In the tribal district of Lahaul-Spiti, snowfall was reported in the higher altitudes, while the India Meteorological Department (IMD) recorded 4 mm of rainfall at Keylong, the district headquarters. Following the precipitation, temperatures fell across most parts of Himachal Pradesh, with skies remaining partly cloudy in many areas. According to IMD data, minimum temperatures at major stations and district headquarters were: Shimla 7°C, Dharamshala 10°C, Mandi 12°C, Kullu 11°C, Solan 10°C, Bilaspur 13°C, Hamirpur 14°C, Una 15°C, Chamba 11°C, Kangra 12°C, Nahan 13°C, Keylong 2°C, and Manali around 8°C. Jubbarhatti Airport near Shimla recorded 11°C. Meteorologists said the change in weather conditions is due to the influence of a western disturbance over the western Himalayan region, which brought clouds, rain and snowfall to some parts of the state.

The rainfall has helped improve moisture in the soil, which is beneficial for crops and horticulture.

More than 39,000 farmers in Una join digital registry

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Technology is changing the face of agriculture in Himachal Pradesh, and in Una district, which is known for its crops, more than 39000 farmers have joined the digital registry through the Agristack portal. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, significant initiatives are being taken to integrate the agricultural sector with modern technology and ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach farmers in a transparent and simple manner. In this regard, the work of creating a digital farmer registry through the Agristack portal is progressing rapidly in Una district. Under this initiative, an integrated digital database of farmers is being created, ensuring that information related to their land, crops, and government schemes is available on a single digital platform, ensuring that benefits reach eligible farmers in a transparent manner. Prem Singh Thakur, Deputy Director of the Agriculture Department of Una district, said that 39,373 farmers have been added to the farmer registry through the Agristack portal.

He added that online farmer registration has been made mandatory for farmers. Under this process, each farmer will be provided with a unique identification number (Unique Farmer ID), which will digitally preserve their entire record and make it easier to access benefits from government schemes in the future. He stated that the creation of a digital farmer registry will ensure systematic access to information related to farmers and make the process of distributing benefits under various schemes more effective.

Thakur said that this registration is also important for beneficiaries of other agricultural schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. Through the AgriStack portal, all necessary information related to farmers will be available on a single platform, making the process of providing benefits more transparent and smooth.

He explained that this will also eliminate the need for farmers to repeatedly submit documents for different schemes, as their entire details will be digitally preserved. He stated that the digital crop survey process is also underway in the district. Under this initiative, 71,444 surveys have been conducted so far, of which 27,498 have been approved.

Centre updates Parliament on Shimla four-lane project, education funds for Himachal: Suresh Kashyap

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 12

The Central Government has presented a detailed update in Parliament on the progress of the Parwanoo–Shimla four-lane highway project and the funds released to Himachal Pradesh under various central education schemes, in response to questions raised by BJP MPs Suresh Kashyap and Harsh Mahajan.

Replying in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Jairam Gadkari informed that the Parwanoo–Shimla four-lane project is being executed in multiple packages with major financial investment, and several stretches have already been completed while others are under construction. The Parwanoo–Solan section was sanctioned at Rs. 1,683.31 crore and has been fully completed with 100 percent physical and financial progress. The



Solan–Kaithlighat stretch, costing Rs. 1,519.53 crore, has reached over 91 percent physical progress and has received a Provisional Completion Certificate in November 2025.

Work is also in progress on the Kaithlighat–Dhalli bypass package with an estimated cost of Rs. 2,742.91 crore, where more than 53 percent physical progress has been achieved. The Shakral–Dhalli section, being built at a cost of Rs. 3,005.24 crore, has crossed 51 percent progress. The minister said delays occurred due to heavy rainfall in 2023 and 2025, landslides, and difficulties in identifying dumping sites. He added that the National Highways Authority of India has identified 85 vulnerable locations on the route, out of which slope protection work has been completed at 65 sites while the rest are under progress. Permanent slope stabilization, drainage improvement, and structural protection measures are being implemented to prevent landslides during the monsoon. MP Suresh Kashyap said the project will greatly improve tourism, trade, and connectivity in Himachal Pradesh once completed. In the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary informed that the Centre has released substantial funds to Himachal Pradesh under schemes such as Samagra Shiksha, STARS, PM SHRI, ULLAS, and PM POSHAN during the last three years.

Retired HRTC employees express anger over pending pension issues, plan protest on March 16



SANJEEV MAHAJAN

NURPUR: The monthly meeting of the Himachal Transport Retired Employees Welfare Forum, Nurpur zone, was held at Jasur under the chairmanship of state vice-president Kripal Pathania. Press secretary Ranjot Singh, Joginder Singh Pathania and other members attended the meeting. During the meeting, retired employees expressed strong resentment against the government and management over the long-pending demands that remain unresolved. They also raised concerns regarding irregularities in the distribution of pensions. Members said that not receiving pensions on time and having to repeatedly request for their rightful payments was extremely unfortunate. They alleged that despite raising the issue with the government and management for a long time, no serious action has been taken to address their concerns. Key issues discussed in the meeting included making permanent arrangements for pension payments, ensuring a lump-sum settlement for retired employees, clearing pending medical bills and releasing arrears of allowances due from January 1, 2016.

State level workshop on periodic labour force survey organised



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: The Department of Economics and Statistics, Government of Himachal Pradesh organized a two-day State Level Workshop for field functionaries on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) at Shimla on 12th March, 2026. The objective of the workshop is to strengthen the implementation of the Periodic Labour Force Survey in the State and to generate reliable district-level annual/quarterly estimates of key labour market indicators such as Worker Population Ratio (WPR), Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR). These estimates will be generated by combining the survey samples collected by the National Statistical Office (NSO) and the State Department of Economics and Statistics. PLFS launched in April, 2017 is the primary national survey for generating statistics related to employment and unemployment. The survey provides periodic estimates of labour force participation, employment structure, unemployment levels and other labour market indicators, which are essential for planning, policy formulation and monitoring of development programmes.

Commercial LPG shortage disrupts industries and businesses in Baddi–Nalagarh

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, MAR 12



A shortage of commercial LPG (19 kg) cylinders has created a serious crisis for industries, hotels, restaurants and dhaba operators in the Baddi–Barotiwala–Nalagarh (BBN) industrial region. For the past two days, several gas agencies have reportedly failed to maintain regular supplies of commercial cylinders, directly affecting business operations in the area. According to sources, a large number of packaging, pharmaceutical, carton manufacturing and other small and medium industries in the BBN region depend on commercial LPG cylinders for their operations. Hotels, restaurants, dhabas and food-related businesses also rely heavily on 19 kg cylinders. The disruption in supply has therefore caused significant difficulties in maintaining day-to-day operations.

Industry representatives said that the prices of commercial LPG cylinders have also been rising steadily in recent times. With the market already facing a slowdown and production costs increasing, industries are operating under financial pressure. The shortage of cylinders combined with higher prices has further aggravated the situation. Some industries and small businesses have reportedly been forced to cut down their operations, while others fear they may have to shut down if the problem continues.

Hairan Rana of the Himachal Pradesh Carton Industry Association said the BBN region has a large number of carton and packaging units that depend on commercial LPG cylinders on a regular basis. He said the disruption in supply has begun to affect industrial production and urged the government to address the issue urgently.

Well-stocked with LPG and petroleum products, public urged not to panic: DC

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 12



Amid concerns arising from the ongoing war between petroleum-supplying countries, Bilaspur Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar has reassured residents that the district currently has adequate stock of LPG cylinders and petroleum products, and that supply is continuing smoothly without any disruption. Issuing this assurance, the Deputy Commissioner stated that there is no reason for the public to worry about the availability of gas cylinders, petrol, or diesel in the district. He informed that Bilaspur currently has 14 operational LPG gas agencies, which collectively hold a stock of approximately 4,791 gas cylinders, ensuring sufficient supply for consumers. Providing further details, Rahul Kumar said that the district also maintains comfortable reserves of petroleum products. At present, Bilaspur has 5,459.24 kilolitres of petrol and 8,043.32 kilolitres of diesel, which are adequate to meet the district's requirements. He emphasized that the supply chain remains stable and uninterrupted. The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted that the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has introduced a 25-day inter-booking period for LPG cylinders to curb hoarding and black marketing. He appealed to consumers to follow this guideline and book their cylinders within the prescribed timeframe so that smooth and fair distribution can be ensured for all. Rahul Kumar further stated that the district administration, through the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, is conducting regular inspections across the district to strictly prevent hoarding or black marketing of LPG cylinders. Reiterating his appeal, the Deputy Commissioner urged residents to remain calm and avoid unnecessary panic buying, assuring them that Bilaspur has sufficient stock of LPG cylinders and petroleum products and that the administration is closely monitoring the situation to ensure uninterrupted supply.

Workshop held for Red Ribbon Clubs at Regional Hospital Una, HPV vaccination preparations reviewed

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 12



A one-day training workshop for Red Ribbon Clubs from various colleges and training institutions in the district was organised on Thursday at the Regional Hospital (RH) Una under the chairmanship of Chief Medical Officer Dr Sanjeev Kumar Verma. During the workshop, the CMO said the main objective of the training was to develop awareness and essential skills among nodal officers and students regarding HIV/AIDS prevention, voluntary blood donation, de-addiction and sexual health. He said the initiative also aims to encourage leadership among youth so that they can act as agents of positive change in society. He also reviewed the activities being carried out by Red Ribbon Clubs in educational institutions across the district and motivated students to actively participate in spreading awareness in the community. Participants were given detailed information about preventive measures against the spread of HIV/AIDS, the importance of voluntary blood donation and the need to dispel myths associated with it. Discussions were also held on issues such as the growing problem of substance abuse among youth, life skills, and sexual and reproductive health. Information about the 1097 toll-free helpline and the social media platforms of NACO and HPSACS was also shared with the participants. The CMO said the district is performing well in the field of tuberculosis control, ensuring timely diagnosis and treatment of patients and contributing to a reduction in the disease rate. During the meeting, preparations for the HPV vaccination campaign were also reviewed in detail. Dr Verma directed officials to ensure that all girls in the 14–15 age group are registered on the U-WIN portal so that eligible beneficiaries can receive the vaccine on the scheduled vaccination days of March 29, April 5 and April 12.

Kutlehar gears up for CM's visit, massive public thanksgiving rally to be held in Bangana



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Preparations are underway in the Kutlehar Assembly constituency ahead of the proposed visit of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on March 13. Local MLA Vivek Sharma (Vikku) on Thursday visited the rally venue in Bangana to review arrangements and held discussions with officials regarding preparations for the programme. SDM Sonu Goyal, BDO K.L. Verma and other officials were present during the inspection. The MLA said the Chief Minister is expected to arrive in Bangana at around 10 am on Friday, where he will lay the foundation stone of the Turkal–Panga water supply scheme to be constructed at a cost of about Rs. 15 crore. A large public thanksgiving rally will also be organised on the occasion, in which people from across the Assembly constituency are expected to participate. Sharma said the project will strengthen the sources of various water supply schemes in Lathiyani, Dhundhla and nearby areas, ensuring adequate and regular drinking water supply to residents. The scheme is expected to provide major relief to people who have been facing drinking water shortages for a long time. During his visit, the Chief Minister will also lay the foundation stones for a library at the mini secretariat in Bangana and a multipurpose hall (gym) in the town.

Sukhu govt, poor people being left stranded in tehsils: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARMSHALA, MAR 12



These days, the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh has confused the poor under the pretext of applying for BPL. By hastily and without due consideration, the Congress party has severely confused people. Furthermore, the 50-day work requirement under MNREGA is also absurd. This was stated by Dharamshala MLA and firebrand BJP leader Sudhir Sharma. Dozens of people approached Sudhir Sharma with their grievances after their income certificates were not issued at the Dharamshala tehsil. Following this, Sharma issued a statement, taking a dig at the Congress party, saying that this is a new example of the system's collapse. Far from being included in the BPL category, people are being entangled in the application process itself. Sharma said that Panchayat Pradhans no longer have the authority. Consequently, for BPL income certificates, the Patwari is only able to verify agricultural income. Even the Secretary is finding himself unable to verify this. Sharma said that perhaps the Tehsildars have been instructed by the Congress party not to pay much attention to these certificates. This is why many people haven't been able to get their certificates. Sharma said that the government should extend the BPL application deadline without any conditions. This time, the requirements are to have an income of less than 50,000 rupees and to work for 50 days under MNREGA. He said that the 50,000 annual income requirement is absurd. No administrative officer is able to determine whose income is less than 50,000 rupees. Previously, even the Panchayat Pradhan would indicate in their verification who was from a poor background. Now, the Panchayat Secretary is unable to determine who is poor. As for the Patwari, he can only report agricultural income. On the other hand, Tehsildars are also facing this problem. It has come to light that while a determination can be made regarding those already listed under the BPL category, the authorities currently lack any mechanism to include new applicants in the BPL list.

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Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana proves to be a boon: Meet Hayer

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana is proving to be a boon for patients by offering cashless medical treatment up to ?10 lakh per family per year. Member Parliament Sh. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer stated that 48590 individuals have been registered under the



scheme so far. Additionally, more than 1850 patients have got free treatment at both government and empanelled private hospitals. Registration is being done through special camps and Common Service Centres (CSCs). More than 125 special camps have already been held across the villages/wards of the district. Deputy Commissioner Harpreet Singh IAS stated that special registration camps are currently being held in 21 villages and wards. In the addition to those at the District Administrative Complex Barnala, SDM office Tapa, and SDM office Mahal Kalan the locations include Ward No. 5 Barnala, Ward No. 7 (Anaj Mandi) Barnala, Ward No. 4 Barnala.

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Students spend constructive time with elderly in govt old age home



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Barnala Harpreet Singh IAS and under the leadership of District Social Security Officer Mrs. Ratinderpal Kaur Dhaliwal, a special program was organized at Baba Phool Government Old Age Home Tapa with the aim of strengthening the bond between generations. During this program organized under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Old Age Home Mrs. Veerpal Kaur, 48 students of class 9 of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Dhilwan reached the old age home. During this program, Yoga and Fitness Under the five-day Yoga and 'Intergenerational Bonding' program, Dr. Rakesh Kumar of the AYUSH Department imparted Yoga training to about 35-40 elderly people. He said that doing yoga daily not only keeps the body healthy but also gives mental peace. He inspired the elderly and children to adopt a simple and healthy lifestyle.

Petrol, Diesel and LPG for domestic use available in sufficient quantity: ADC



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: There is no shortage of supply of petrol/diesel and LPG for domestic use, so the user does not need to panic. No concerned party should hoard or black market it, strict action will be taken against those who do so. This was stated by Additional Deputy Commissioner (g) Vivek Kumar Modi during a meeting with all gas agency owners and petrol pump associations/owners of district Barnala. On this occasion, he said that keeping in mind the current war tension in the countries of the Gulf region, the government has decided to increase the supply of petrol/diesel and LPG for domestic use.

Arvind Kejriwal pays obeisance at Sri Sachkhand Sri Harmandir Sahib with CM Mann after court proves him 'Kattar Imaandar'

CHARANJIT ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAR 12



After the court dismissed all allegations in the so-called Delhi liquor case and effectively affirmed his integrity as 'kattar Imaandar' (staunchly honest), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal visited Sachkhand Sri Harmandir Sahib with his wife to offer prayers and express gratitude to Waheguru. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and his wife, along with other dignitaries, also paid obeisance at Darbar Sahib on the occasion. Reflecting on the development, the AAP Supremo said that the leadership of the AAP had been subjected to a sustained campaign of false allegations and political mudslinging, under which five of the party's top leaders were imprisoned on fabricated charges. He noted that even a sitting Chief Minister had been dragged from his residence in the middle of the night and sent to jail, but the court has now rejected all the allegations, observing that there was not even sufficient evidence to proceed with a trial and granting them complete relief.

During a media interaction, AAP National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal said, "This could not have happened without the grace and blessings of Waheguru. I have come to Darbar Sahib many times earlier as well and taken Waheguru's blessings. Now that our honour has been restored and we have been freed from all the allegations, today I, my wife, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann and his wife, along with our families, have come to bow before Waheguru and express our gratitude. May Waheguru continue to guide us and keep showering his blessings on us. Waheguru has given us a very big responsibility to serve the people and we will continue to serve the people in the same spirit." The AAP Supremo stated, "For the last four years, our government has been running very well in Punjab. Work has been done for people in schools, hospitals, healthcare and now for women as well. Only when we receive the blessings of the people are ordinary people like us able to accomplish anything.

Otherwise, in front of such powerful people, ordinary people like us would have no standing at all. We are able to stand firm because Waheguru's blessings are with us and we are walking on the path of truth."

Arvind Kejriwal further asserted, "A lot still remains to be done in Punjab. If we make four promises and deliver seven or eight works, that reflects greatness. But making eight promises and delivering only four does not reflect greatness. All the promises we made have been fulfilled. In the next one year, Mann Sahib and his entire team have prepared a very big plan. Now Punjab has to be taken to the next level.

DC Aparajita inspects water treatment plant on Pyuda road to ensure safe drinking water supply



RANVIR PRASHAR
KAITHAL, MAR 12

DC Aparajita inspected the water treatment plant located on Pyuda Road on Thursday morning. DC instructed the officials of the Public Health Department that in view of the heat, there should be no problem regarding drinking water supply. Ensure uninterrupted supply of quality water in rural and urban areas. DC reached Jal Ghar located on Pyuda Road on Thursday morning where she first inspected the storage tank. After this she got detailed information about the entire process of purifying water. Public Health Department's Superintendent Engineer Krishna Kumar and Executive Engineer AbhishekSher gave information about the entire process. After this the DC explained the entire process of water supply in the entire city on the map and said that there should be no shortage of water in any part of the city. The summer season has started so departmental officers should complete the repair work wherever needed. Get the leakage repaired. There should not be any kind of dirt in the drinking water. After this, DC gave the message of environmental protection by planting trees. In her message, DC Aparajita said that in view of the summer season, it was the priority of the administration to provide clean and adequate drinking water to the citizens.

Jal Arpan Diwas celebrated at Jubbal Panchayat to promote water conservation

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, MAR 12



On behalf of the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Water Offering Day and Jal Mahotsav program was organized in Gram Panchayat Jubbal of Block Radaur. In which members of Village Water and Sewerage Committee, Mahila Panch, Anganwadi workers, Asha workers and Panchayat representatives participated. The program was presided over by RajniGoyal, District Advisor of Public Health Engineering Department (WASO). The program started by presenting a water urn to Sarpanch Mukesh Kumar and tying Raksha Sutra on the water tap. Making people aware about the importance of water conservation, Rajni Goyal said that the role of women in water management was very important. Programs like Jal Chaupal, School Awareness Programme, Jal Shapath and Jan Sankalp have been organized in the village, in which villagers were given detailed information about rain water harvesting and water conservation. Rajni Goyal said that the main objective of Jal Arpan Diwas was to formally hand over the responsibility of rural drinking water schemes to the Gram Panchayat and Village Water and Sewerage Committee. This will ensure long-term operation and maintenance of the infrastructure created under the Jal Jeevan Mission. Pawan Kumar, Junior Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, said that the government's aim was not to limit water supply to only government schemes and make it a community responsibility. Only when the villagers themselves manage their water system, the goal of Sujal Gram and developed India will be realized.

Lord Maharishi Kashyap temple to be built in Dayalpur, Naveen lays foundation stone



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Construction work has begun on a grand temple dedicated to Lord Maharishi Kashyap in Dayalpur village. Advocate Naveen Kashyap of the Punjab and Haryana High Court attended the inauguration ceremony as the chief guest. Upon his arrival, the villagers and members of the Kashyap community welcomed him with garlands and flowers. Kashyap formally laid the foundation stone for the grand temple dedicated to Lord Maharishi Kashyap, marking the beginning of the construction process. He stated that Lord Maharishi Kashyap is one of greatest sages of Indian culture and society. His ideals and thoughts inspire society. He added that the construction of this temple will further strengthen religious and social unity in the community. The villagers were enthusiastic during the event. Rajkumar Kashyap, Praveen Kashyap, Narendra, Sher Singh, Dalbir Singh, and a large number of members of Kashyap community were present on this occasion.

Crackdown on illegal mining in Yamunanagar, Rs. 17 lakh fine imposed



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Yamunanagar, the subdivision administration has intensified its drive against illegal mining and unauthorized transportation, said Rahul Kohli. As part of the action, three permanent checking points have been set up at Triveni Chowk, Jathlana, and Gumthala, where round-the-clock vehicle checking is being carried out by naka teams. In addition, two mobile teams are patrolling day and night to inspect suspected mining sites and take action against overloaded vehicles. During the last 20–25 days, the administration has issued 35 challans for overloaded vehicles and imposed a total fine of Rs. 17,14,000. Two FIRs have also been registered — one related to the use of a fake registration number on a vehicle and another for illegal mining. Officials further informed that mining sites B-12 and B-15 were inspected to verify stock availability, demarcation, and the status of e-ravanna generated against annual production limits.

Satendra Singh National President of All India Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram demands delisting of converted tribals from ST reservation

MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR, MAR 12



National President of All India Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram Satendra Singh discussed in detail the establishment of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, its objectives and the work being done for the tribal society. During the press conference, he also highlighted the problems of the tribal society and the efforts being made to solve them. On this occasion, All India Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram's patron SoumyaJulu, National Executive Member Rambabu Singal, North Zone Urban Affairs Head Jai Bhagwan, State Secretary Ramni was Aggarwal CA and District President Sanjeev Arora along with all the officials and members of Hisar unit were present. Sharing his experiences with journalists, National President Satendra Singh said that many people were being converted in forest areas. People who convert should not get the benefit of ST reservation. Therefore delisting is being demanded. He told that Tribal Suraksha Manch has been campaigning for delisting for many years. He clarified that the converted forest dwellers are taking double benefit by leaving their original traditions and Sanatan culture. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary to exclude those who convert from the list of Scheduled Tribes. By doing this, the interests of the forest dwellers will be truly protected. Satendra Singh said that a huge movement will also be organized at Red Fort grounds in Delhi on May 24 under the aegis of Tribal Security Forum, demanding delisting. People from forest areas across the country will actively participate in this movement.

Gas crisis hits Panipat Textile Industry, 500 units shut, 2 lakh jobs at risk

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, MAR 12



Panipat's textile industry is facing a serious crisis due to disruption in LPG supply, forcing hundreds of factories to shut down and putting the livelihood of nearly two lakh workers at risk. Industrialists say the situation has arisen due to international supply issues, and if not resolved soon, export orders and domestic trade may suffer heavy losses. Chairman of the Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Vinod Dhamija, said LPG supply has remained suspended for the past two days, badly affecting Panipat's world-famous mink blanket industry, which is completely dependent on gas for running boilers and processing units. Without gas, dyeing plants and manufacturing operations have come to a halt, directly impacting export commitments. He said the city has around 3,700 industrial units, of which nearly 500–600 mink blanket and export-related factories have already shut down. If the crisis continues, more units connected to the domestic market may also close. Nearly two lakh workers employed in the industrial sector are now facing uncertainty regarding wages and jobs. Dhamija said industrial representatives will soon meet government officials and have sought time to meet Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, where 31 industrial associations are expected to jointly raise the issue. He also pointed out that the demand for a common boiler plant has been pending for nearly ten years, and its absence has worsened the present situation.

MP Ahammad, Chairman of Malabar Group, conferred Maharashtrian of the Year Award 2026 by Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH/PATIALA: M.P. Ahammad, Chairman, Malabar Group, has been honoured with the prestigious Business Bhushan Award at the Lokmat Maharashtrian of the Year Awards 2026, in recognition of his visionary leadership and pivotal role in transforming the global jewellery retail landscape and society at large. Held at the iconic Gateway of India, the awards ceremony brought together leading policymakers, industry leaders, and prominent personalities from business and entertainment. The event was attended by the Chief Minister, Sri. Devendra Fadvanis, and Deputy Chief Minister, Sri. Eknath Shinde of Maharashtra, Sri. Vijay Darda, Chairman of Lokmat alongside ministers, bureaucrats, and distinguished figures from across sectors. Presented by Lokmat Media Group, the awards celebrate individuals whose vision, leadership, and achievements have significantly shaped industries while contributing meaningfully to society. Ahammad's recognition highlights his remarkable entrepreneurial journey and the role he has played in building Malabar Gold & to become the 5th largest global jewellery retailer and the largest jewellery retailer of Indian origin.

Compensation policy for deaths and torture in police custody should be framed on lines of policy for deaths in judicial custody: Hry Human Rights Commission

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 12

The Haryana Human Rights Commission has issued important directions to the Director General of Police, Haryana and the State Government while hearing a case related to human rights violations in police custody. The Commission has also sought a detailed report regarding institutional reforms, accountability, and a policy for providing compensation to victims. During the previous hearing on 30.01.2026, the Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula was directed by the Member of the Commission, Deep Bhatia, to re-examine the penalty imposed upon Inspector Jagdish Chander No. 562/RR (Retd.). In compliance with these directions, a report dated 10.03.2026 was submitted before the Commission by the Director General of Police, Haryana, stating that a Disagreement-cum-Show Cause Notice had also been issued to the concerned officer.

During the hearing, Deepanshu Bansal, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the complainant Parvesh Sharma through video conferencing. He informed the Commission that although a Disagreement-cum-Show Cause Notice had been issued to the concerned officer, the actual re-examination of the penalty in accordance with the Commission's directions had not yet been carried out. Considering this submission, the Member of the Commission, Deep Bhatia, again directed the Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula to ensure that the penalty imposed upon Inspector Jagdish Chander No. 562/RR (Retd.) is re-examined through the Director General (Investigation) and that a compliance report be submitted before the next hearing.

In its previous order dated 30.01.2026, the Haryana Human Rights Commission had also directed that a detailed report be submitted regarding institutional reforms, security measures, and appropriate preventive arrangements to prevent



recurrence of incidents such as illegal detention in the future.

Additionally, the Commission had sought a status report from the Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, regarding the formulation of a policy for providing compensation in cases of human rights violations, injuries, and deaths occurring during police custody. In this regard, a status report dated 11.03.2026 was submitted before the Commission by the Home Department.

The report stated that a draft policy on the subject has already been prepared by the department and, in accordance with the Rules of Business of the State Government, has been forwarded to the competent authority for approval. It further stated that the draft policy has also been sent to the Advocate General, Haryana for legal vetting and comments, which are yet to be received. After legal examination and approval by the competent authority, the policy will also be sent to the Finance Department for concurrence due to financial implications, following which the policy will be finalized through issuance of a notification. The Member of the Commission, Deep Bhatia, in his order appreciated the efforts made by the Director General of Police, Haryana, in initiating the process for formulation of the new policy. He stated that the DGP has complied with the directions of the Commission in a timely and serious manner and has not confined the matter to the police department alone but has also corresponded with the Home Department of the State Government to facilitate the formulation of a policy for providing compensation in cases of death in police custody. The Commission also appreciated the prompt and constructive approach adopted by the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Haryana, and observed that this initiative reflects the State Government's commitment towards the protection of human rights. Member Deep Bhatia also mentioned that the State of Haryana had earlier formulated and implemented a policy on 29 June 2021 for providing compensation in cases of deaths of inmates lodged in prisons, which came into existence as a result of the directions issued by the Haryana Human Rights Commission. Deep Bhatia further stated that the Commission had been receiving several complaints regarding deaths during custody. Therefore, the Commission suggested to the State Government that a policy should be framed for inmates lodged in jails. Acting upon this suggestion, the State Government formulated a policy under which compensation is provided in cases of death during judicial custody. Haryana thus became the first state to implement such a policy.According to this policy, compensation is provided only in cases of unnatural deaths during judicial custody. In such cases, compensation is paid to the next of kin or relatives of the deceased. The policy provides Rs. 7.5 lakh compensation in cases where death occurs due to fights among inmates, torture or assault by jail staff, or negligence by officials or employees while on duty. Additionally, in cases where death occurs due to negligence by medical officers or paramedical staff, compensation of Rs. 5 lakh is provided.

This policy has also been adopted by the National Human Rights Commission, which has requested all State Human Rights Commissions to encourage their respective states to implement similar policies. The Commission expressed the expectation that the State of Haryana will continue to play a leading role by soon framing a comprehensive policy for providing compensation in cases of torture, illegal detention, injuries, deaths, and other human rights violations occurring during police custody.

Assistant Registrar Dr. Puneet Arora informed that the Commission has directed the Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Haryana, to submit an updated report regarding the present status of the policy being formulated for providing compensation in cases of human rights violations, torture, illegal detention, injuries, deaths, and other violations during police custody. The Commission has also directed the Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula, to submit a report before the next hearing regarding the re-examination of the penalty imposed upon Inspector Jagdish Chander No. 562/RR (Retd.) through the Director General (Investigation). The matter has been listed for the next hearing on April 22, 2026.

NEWS BRIEFS

BKU Chief holds public meeting



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Bharatiya Kisan Union National President Sardar Gurnam Singh Chaduni held public meetings in several villages of Yamunanagar to invite people to the Jan Mazdoor Kranti Rally on March 23rd. He said, "The trade deal that is going to be signed with America will lead the country towards slavery. Under the trade deal, agricultural agreements are being made with America. American grain will come to India, and Indian farmers will be ruined. The Prime Minister of India is selling the country to America to save his chair. Every year, thousands of crores of rupees are waived for the corporates, but not for the workers and farmers of the country. On March 23rd, there will be a fight to finish with government in Pipli."

100 Health institutions to become first referral units in the state: Arti Rao

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 12



Haryana Health Minister, Ms. Arti Singh Rao said that the state government, under the National Health Mission (NHM), has designated 100 health institutions in the state as First Referral Units (FRUs) with the objective of strengthening secondary healthcare services. The initiative aims to provide better and timely medical facilities, particularly to people living in rural and remote areas, so that patients with serious conditions can receive prompt treatment.

She said that these FRUs are being developed to provide 24-hour emergency services. Important facilities such as maternity services, newborn care, and blood storage will be made available at these centers. This will help ensure immediate and effective medical assistance in emergency situations related to mothers and newborn babies.

The Health Minister said that these First Referral Units will serve as an important link between Primary Health Centres and tertiary hospitals. The government is giving special focus to strengthening infrastructure at these centres, deploying specialist medical staff, and making the referral system faster and more effective.

She further said that through this initiative, the state government aims to bring a significant reduction in maternal and neonatal mortality rates in Haryana. With the strengthening of these FRUs, pregnant women and newborns will receive timely and quality treatment, which will improve the reach and quality of health services across the state.

Out of the 100 health institutions designated as First Referral Units (FRUs) in the state, five institutions are in Ambala district. Apart from this, four are in Bhiwani, two in Charkhi Dadri, five in Faridabad, five in Fatehabad, four in Gurugram, five in Hisar, six in Jhajjar, six in Jind, four in Kaithal, six in Karnal, five in Kurukshetra, four in Mahendragarh, five in Nuh, four in Palwal, four in Panchkula, four in Panipat, four in Rewari, four in Rohtak, five in Sirsa, five in Sonipat, and four government health institutions in Yamunanagar district have been designated as FRUs.

Kalimata Temple Road area cleared of garbage, beautification carried out by municipal council



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI, MAR 12

As part of the Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 campaign under the Swachh Bharat Mission, the Nilokheri Municipal Council has been carrying out continuous initiatives to keep the town clean. In this connection, a special cleanliness and beautification drive was organised near Kali Mata Temple Road, close to the petrol pump in Ward No. 6, under the leadership of Municipal Chairperson Sanmeet Kaur Ahuja and Secretary Dr Rahul Saini.

The site had remained a dumping spot for garbage for several years, making it a major source of filth in the area. Residents frequently disposed of waste there despite repeated warnings. Earlier, the municipal authorities had issued challans against those found dumping garbage, while motivators conducted awareness campaigns to encourage responsible waste disposal. As a result of these efforts, residents gradually stopped throwing garbage at the location.

With the cooperation of sanitation workers and local residents, the site has now been completely cleared of waste. After cleaning the area, the municipal council beautified the spot by placing potted plants and installing a warning board to discourage people from dumping garbage there in the future.

The municipal administration clarified that anyone found dumping garbage openly in public places in Nilokheri town would face a fine of up to Rs 5,000.

Municipal Chairperson Sanmeet Kaur Ahuja appealed to residents not to litter in open spaces and to support the municipal council in keeping the town clean, healthy and beautiful. She expressed hope that with the cooperation of citizens, Nilokheri could secure the top rank in Swachh Survekshan 2025–26.

Ward 6 Councillor Mukesh Sirswal, nominated councillor Ish Chopra, Ward 8 councillor representative Rajbir, social worker Jagmohan, Junior Engineer Dinesh Kumar, sanitation in-charge Rajbir, data entry operator Mohit Bhatia, motivators Naresh Kumar, Sangeeta Rani and Rinki Devi, sanitation inspector Sunil Kumar and sanitation workers were present on the occasion.

Sadbhav Yatra spreading message of unity and social harmony: Rajendra Balla

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 12



Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee member and former member of the Haryana Police Recruitment Board Rajendra Balla said that the Sadbhav Yatra being led by former MP Brijendra Singh is delivering a strong message of unity, brotherhood and social harmony.

He said the two-day journey in the Nilokheri Assembly segment began from Abla Jagir and passed through Abli Khalsa, Bardthal, Anjanthali, Siddhpur, Nilokheri village, Poojam, Nilokheri town, Yunispur, Bankipur and Bairsal before entering the Indri Assembly area. The yatra received a warm welcome at several places, with people greeting the participants with garlands and enthusiastic support.

Balla said the response to the yatra reflects people's growing dissatisfaction with the policies of the BJP government. He claimed that after nearly 12 years of BJP rule at the Centre and in the state, people are recalling the period of Congress governance.

He alleged that youth are facing difficulties due to a lack of employment opportunities and criticised the Haryana government for recruiting around 1.25 lakh employees through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam (HKRN) without clear standards. He also raised concerns over pension-related issues and claimed that several people are facing problems related to BPL cards.

Balla said former MP Brijendra Singh is using the Sadbhav Yatra to inform people about what he described as divisive politics and is appealing to them to maintain the spirit of love, unity and mutual harmony among communities.

Several Congress workers participated in the yatra, including former Assandh MLA Shamsher Singh Gogi, Inderjit Goraya, Lalit Butana, Naresh Sharma and Vijay Kumar.

Vijay Singla unanimously elected president of Bharat Vikas Parishad's Tarawadi unit

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI, MARCH 12



Vijay Singla was unanimously elected as the new president of the Tarawadi branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad during a meeting held at the shop of branch secretary Rakesh Hans on Wednesday.

During the meeting, members discussed the appointment of the next president. Brij Mohan Garg was initially appointed as acting president, following which Vijay Singla was unanimously chosen as the branch president. Members and office-bearers welcomed him with garlands and extended their congratulations, wishing him a successful tenure.

Secretary Rakesh Hans said the meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and included detailed discussions on the organisation's upcoming activities and social initiatives. Members expressed confidence that under Singla's leadership, the Parishad's service activities would gain new momentum and social welfare programmes would be carried forward more effectively.

Expressing gratitude for the trust placed in him, Vijay Singla said the main objective of Bharat Vikas Parishad is to promote social service, patriotism and cultural values. He said the branch would prioritise activities related to education, healthcare, environmental protection and assistance to the needy.

He also said the organisation would work to strengthen the spirit of brotherhood and cooperation in society by organising various programmes. Efforts will also be made to involve more youth in the Parishad's activities so that their participation in social service initiatives increases.

At the end of the meeting, members resolved to strengthen the organisation and continue working for social welfare. Among those present were Gaushala Tarawadi president Rakesh Garg, Tarun Bansal, secretary Rakesh Hans, former president Yogesh Midda, Manoj Chaudhary and other members.

Complaints received in Samadhan camps should be resolved on priority: Vivek Arya



HANS RAJ YADAV

KURUKSHETRA: Additional Deputy Commissioner Vivek Arya said that all complaints received through Samadhan camps should be taken seriously by officials. He directed that grievances received during the camps be resolved on priority so that people do not have to make repeated visits to government offices. He also instructed officials to upload all received complaints on the designated portal and ensure that no negligence is shown in this work.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner was speaking while hearing public grievances during a Samadhan camp held at the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Thursday. He directed officials to ensure that all complaints are resolved within the stipulated time frame.

Arya said that departments with pending complaints in the Samadhan camp should expedite their resolution to provide relief to the public. He added that the Samadhan camp initiative is an effective means of implementing the government's commitment to good governance at the grassroots level.

He directed all department heads to ensure that every complaint is disposed of within the prescribed time limit. A quality Action Taken Report should be uploaded on the portal so that the complaint does not reopen. Complaints that cannot be resolved should be placed in the rejection category with proper justification.

District Revenue Officer Chetna Chaudhary, CM Eminent Person Gagan Kohli and officials from various departments were present on the occasion.

Grand events will be held at Shri Jayaram Institutions across country: Rajesh Singla



HANS RAJ YADAV

KURUKSHETRA: Like every year, this year too, the birth anniversary of Supreme Head Brahmaswarup Brahmachari, a strong supporter of Sanatan culture, a vocal advocate of the nation and nationalism, a constant protector of nation through religion, spirituality, service, culture, and morality and who runs Shri Jayaram Institutions in various states across the country for public service, social service, and service to humanity, is being celebrated with enthusiasm and joy on March 29. Rajesh Singla, media in-charge of Shri Jayaram Institutions, stated that on occasion of birth anniversary of Supreme Head Brahmaswarup Brahmachari, a havan yagya and special worship of Lord Shri Ram's devotee, Shri Hanuman, will be held at Shri Jayaram Vidyapeeth in Kurukshetra. Brahmachari is a staunch devotee of Shri Hanuman. All social, educational and religious programs of his institutions are organized with the invocation of Veer Hanuman. Singla told that Ganga Poojan and Rudrabhishek will be done with proper chanting of mantras on 29th March at Jayaram Ashram Haridwar in the presence of Brahma Swarup Brahmachari and great saints. Along with this, Shri Sunderkand will be recited. Famous singer Ajay Yagnik will perform. Singla told that volunteers and hosts from all over country will participate in these programs. Singla said that there is a lot of enthusiasm among volunteers, trustees and general public.

Karnal groom returns Rs.11 lakh dowry, accepts only Rs.1 as token

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 12



In a move against the social evil of dowry, a youth from Kalaron village in Karnal district set an example by returning 11 lakh offered during his wedding and accepting only 1 as a token of goodwill. The decision by groom Ashish Rana has drawn widespread appreciation in the area, with many describing it as an inspiring message for society.

According to information, Ashish Rana married Karuna, daughter of Jitendra Rana from Mora village in Saharanpur district, in a traditional ceremony. During the wedding, the bride's family offered 11 lakh as per customary practice. However, Ashish refused to accept the amount and returned the entire sum respectfully, accepting only 1 as a symbolic gift.

He said marriage is a sacred bond and should not involve financial transactions. Ashish added that dowry has become a serious social problem and that young people must come forward to eliminate the practice. He emphasised that marriages should be based on relationships and mutual respect rather than monetary exchange.

The initiative was also appreciated by Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana. He said Ashish, who serves in the Haryana Police and is posted in Madhuban, has set a commendable example with his courageous and progressive decision. Such steps, he said, can inspire positive change in society and encourage youth to stand against dowry. Narendra Rana, representative of the Kalaron village sarpanch, also praised the initiative and said Ashish's decision has shown a new direction to society. He added that if more young people take similar steps, it will not be difficult to eradicate the dowry system.

Villagers and local residents also commended Ashish Rana and his family, saying the gesture would inspire future generations and help spread awareness against the dowry practice.

Shivpuri Managing Society launches 'Swarg Rath' for public service



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: In a commendable initiative towards public service, Shivpuri Managing Society, Indri Crematorium, has fully equipped a hearse and dedicated it to public. This vehicle has been named 'Swarg Rath'. President Vicky Malhotra stated that this initiative by society will provide greater convenience to the people of Indri city during funerals. Previously, family members faced significant difficulties in transporting the body from distant locations to cremation ground. This task became even more arduous, especially during the rainy, winter, and summer seasons. Now, with the availability of Swarg Rath, funeral procession can be completed with dignity, convenience and human compassion. This service has been selflessly dedicated to people from all walks of life. Shivpuri Managing Society has set an inspiring example of social service by providing a hearse, which will prove to be a vital link in the town's social system.

'Vidya Vaibhav' programme held in Kurukshetra, 'Samarth' initiative launched and teachers honoured

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KURUKSHETRA, MAR 12



The District Elementary Education Department, in collaboration with the Language and Learning Foundation, organised the 'Vidya Vaibhav' programme in Kurukshetra. On the occasion, the 'Samarth' programme aimed at strengthening the quality of education for students of Classes 4 and 5 was formally launched, and teachers who have performed exceptionally in foundational literacy and numeracy were honoured.

Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena attended the programme as the chief guest, while District Education Officer Vinod Kumar presided over the event. The 'Samarth' programme designed for students of Classes 4 and 5 was formally released during the programme.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner said that strengthening children's language and mathematical understanding in the early grades is extremely important. He said that if the basic foundation of students is strong, they will perform better in higher classes as well.

He added that the field of education is constantly evolving, and therefore teachers should adopt new teaching methods and innovations. He urged teachers to motivate children through activity-based learning so that their interest in studies increases and their overall development is ensured.

It was also informed that the 'Samarth' programme will be implemented in around 200 schools in Kurukshetra district with the support of the Language and Learning Foundation. The initiative aims to strengthen reading comprehension and learning levels among students of Classes 4 and 5. Zila Parishad Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur said that a strong foundation in childhood forms the basis of a bright future. She said quality education at the primary level enhances children's confidence and learning abilities.

DAV College holds Holi festival quiz competition

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SADHAURA: The library and Hindi department of DAV College, Sadhaura, under the auspices of IQAC, successfully organized the "Holi Festival Quiz Competition." The theme of the competition was "A Celebration of Colors, Culture, and Unity." Objective of this competition was to make students aware of the cultural, historical, and social significance of Holi and to enhance their general knowledge.Students from various classes participated enthusiastically in competition. After a tough competition, first place was secured by Rizak Kaur, B.A. 2nd, second place by Tanu, B.A. 2nd, and third place by Isha, B.A. 3rd. College congratulated the winners and wished them a bright future. College Librarian Dr. Rajendra Kumar and Hindi Department Professor Sunita played significant role in organizing this competition.Other teachers and staff members also played an important role in successful conduct of program. College Principal Professor Tejveer Singh addressed students, stating that such educational and cultural activities play a vital role in enhancing students' knowledge, personality development, and awareness of Indian culture. He commended all students who participated in competition and encouraged them to participate with similar enthusiasm in future. All members of teaching staff were present on the occasion.



Collective prayer held for world peace and human welfare in Taraori

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A special spiritual programme featuring Murli discourse was organised on Thursday at the Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya in Geeta Colony, Tarawadi. Devotees gathered in a spiritual atmosphere to listen to divine teachings and gain spiritual knowledge.



During the satsang, centre in-charge Sudesh Behen and Renu Behen explained that the divine Murli imparted by Supreme Soul Shiva guides human souls towards spiritual awakening. They said remembrance of the Supreme Father Shiva, leading a pure life and performing righteous deeds are the path to attaining divine qualities.

They added that when individuals embrace spirituality and virtuous values in life, they experience peace, happiness and inner contentment. The present time, they said, is an opportunity for self-reflection and transformation. Through remembrance of God, Rajyoga meditation and the practice of true spiritual knowledge, individuals can overcome many of life's difficulties and attain inner peace.

They also encouraged devotees to strengthen the foundation of faith so that they can remain fearless and free from worry.

Devotees attending the satsang listened to the spiritual discourse with devotion and resolved to adopt these teachings in their lives. On the occasion, BK Indu Bansal, Rajni Chaudhary, Suman, Sulochan, Saroj, Babli, Sushma Chawla, Ramesh Kumar, Jaswinder Rohilla and Ram Kumar Gupta, along with other devotees, offered collective prayers for world peace and human welfare.

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

Mark Twain

EDITORIAL

The politics of petrol: Oil shock tests India's fiscal strategy

When the price of a barrel of oil starts climbing in London or New York, the shockwaves don't take long to reach the streets of New Delhi.

In India, fuel isn't just about energy; it's the invisible hand behind food prices, government budgets, and, perhaps most importantly, the mood of the voter. With a high-stakes round of state elections looming in early 2026, a fresh surge in global crude prices is putting the government in a very tight spot.

The latest headache comes courtesy of rising heat in West Asia. Between the friction involving the US, Israel, and Iran, and the fear of a complete shutdown at the Strait of Hormuz, oil markets are on edge. Brent crude this week teased the $115 mark before settling into the $90–$95 range.

For a country like India, which imports a staggering 88% of its oil, these numbers aren't just statistics, they're a fiscal warning siren. Economists have a grim rule of thumb for India: every $10 increase in the price of a barrel of oil adds about $15 billion to the national import bill. It also shaves nearly 0.3% off the GDP by widening the current account deficit and pushes inflation up by 30 to 40 basis points. In a nation where transport costs dictate the price of a kilo of onions, those fractions matter.

But the real struggle isn't just the market price; it's how much the government relies on fuel to keep the lights on.

Over the last decade, taxes on petrol and diesel have become the ultimate "piggy bank" for the Centre. Currently, the government pulls in roughly Rs 21.9 per litre on petrol and Rs 17.8 on diesel. This adds up to a massive Rs 2.6–2.7 lakh crore annually. This dependency started back in 2014 when global prices were low. Instead of passing all the savings to the consumer, the government hiked excise duties to build a revenue cushion. While those rates have dipped since the pandemic peaks, the fiscal reliance remains. The dilemma is simple but brutal: the government needs this money for infrastructure and social programs, but high prices at the pump are a political nightmare. Timing is everything in politics. By May 2026, voters in West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam, and Puducherry will be heading to the polls. That's over 180 million people who see the price of petrol every time they drive past a station. Historically, the government has stepped in to soften the blow. We saw excise duty cuts in 2021 and 2022 following the Russia-Ukraine conflict. But mercy for the consumer comes at a high price for the Treasury: A mere ₹1 cut in excise duty costs the government roughly ₹13,000–16,000 crore in lost revenue.

Gen Z Triumphs in Nepal, Falters in Bangladesh

There have been two political movements and subsequent elections in India's immediate neighbourhood which might have an impact on India's regional aspirations. The two countries -- Bangladesh and Nepal -- were led by the young voters, anxious for a change in the political leadership of their nations. But the results in both have been poles apart.

The protests in Bangladesh and Nepal, countries that are separated by the narrow Siliguri Corridor, had the same goal - replacing the existing system.

Nepal's political landscape appears poised for a major transformation as Balendra Shah, widely known as Balen Shah, emerged as the sole contender for the country's prime ministership following the latest general elections.

The 35-year-old Kathmandu mayor and former rapper represents a new generation of leadership challenging the dominance of traditional political elites. His rise has energised young voters and highlighted growing demand for political reform and transparent governance in the Himalayan nation.

In Nepal, the results are exactly the opposite of what happened in Bangladesh, where, despite a student-led revolution toppling the incumbent government, the principal opposition party in the previous regime returned to power in the elections that followed. The newly formed student-led party, the National Citizen Party, failed to make an impact.

Shah's prime ministerial campaign began with a culturally symbolic speech in Janakpur, the capital of Madhesh Province and traditionally regarded as the birthplace of Goddess Sita. He opened his address with "Sarvapratham, Mata Janaki ke pranaam," and delivered the speech in Maithili, one of Nepal's widely spoken languages.

The choice of location and language was significant. Few national leaders in Nepal have launched a major political campaign in Maithili, which is widely spoken across the Madhesh region and India's Mithila belt. The move signalled outreach to Madhesi communities, which have historically sought greater political representation.



Before entering public life, Shah gained popularity as a rapper who used hip-hop music to raise awareness about corruption, governance failures and social inequality. His music resonated strongly with urban youth. In 2022, Shah shocked Nepal's political establishment by winning the Kathmandu mayoral election as an independent candidate, defeating nominees from major parties. During his tenure, he focused on addressing the capital's waste management crisis, removing illegal encroachments on public land, improving traffic management, restoring heritage sites and developing public parks.

Shah resigned as Kathmandu mayor in January 2026 to contest the national elections under the Rastriya Swatantra Party after reaching an agreement with party chairman Rabi Lamichhane. His campaign has emphasised youth empowerment, anti-corruption reforms, transparent governance and strengthening Nepal's federal system—issues that have resonated strongly with Gen Z and millennial voters seeking political change.

While the uprising in Bangladesh was set in motion by forces like the Jamaat-backed Chhatra Shibir, with a more politically stated goal of removing the incumbent from power, the one in Nepal was more organic, with a focus on overthrowing the system. This allowed leaders like Balen Shah to emerge as genuine alternatives to the existing political parties.

The students' movement in Bangladesh, on the other hand, could not create a leader who was acceptable to the people of the country. The movement was more focused on removing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and could not offer an alternative to the people.

With the toppling of the Hasina government in Bangladesh, former prime minister Khaleda Zia's son Tarique Rahman emerged as the only credible alternative, even though he was a product of the existing political system. Having been in political exile and out of the country for 17 years, Tarique Rahman offered fresh ideas, a new approach and, more importantly, a clear vision of Bangladesh's future.

Rahman's "I have a plan" speech set the ball rolling for his party, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), to talk about what it intended to do for citizens.

This approach worked, making him appear to be a more pragmatic choice than the students' groups who had joined forces with the Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, a fringe player in electoral politics. Rahman's inclusive politics and outreach to minorities also played a role in his popularity.

On the other hand, Balendra Shah emerged as a frontrunner for the prime minister's post after Gen Z protests rocked Nepal in September last year, triggered by a social media ban that was later rolled back.

Shah originally became famous as a rapper under the name "Balen", and his music, which critiqued social ills and political corruption, resonated with the youth of the country. He went on to become the Mayor of Kathmandu and when he was asked during the protests whether he would take up the post of prime minister, he refused.

In contrast, student leaders in Bangladesh were embroiled in several controversies soon after the overthrow of the Hasina regime and some also took up positions in the interim government. To many people, they were seen as pursuing power rather than change.

The alliance of the students' party, the NCP, with the Jamaat-e-Islami, known for its anti-minority stance, also alienated many. Balen Shah, on the other hand, was seen as running a campaign that embraced minorities, especially Madhesis, making him appear more inclusive.

Shah's term as the Kathmandu Mayor also helped him, especially since he focused on issues that affected ordinary people, including improving traffic management, clearing encroachments on public land, and resolving long-standing garbage disposal problems.

During his campaign, the 35-year-old drew large crowds and was seen as an undeclared leader of young voters. He also helped form the interim government, with former Chief Justice Sushila Karki as its head, to oversee the vote.

The student leaders in Bangladesh, on the other hand, harmed their image of fighting for a new system by tying up with the Jamaat, which was an established political force. This also gave people the impression that they were willing to sacrifice the aspirations of students to ensure the victory of the party's leaders.

Where simplicity becomes sacred: Lessons from Baba Baidyanath's Nagri



Dr Tanu Jain

There are cities that glitter, and there are cities that glow. Deoghar, the home of Baidyanath Dham, does not dazzle with glass towers or branded facades; it glows with faith. Walking through the streets of Baba ki Nagri, I found a rhythm of life that felt unhurried, unembellished, and deeply human. Women stood near roadside stalls, laughing softly as they relished gol gappas; small ration shops displayed their modest inventory without pretense; there were no sprawling malls, no designer labels competing for attention. Luxury was not worshipped here. Emotion was.People paused to talk — truly talk — standing outside their homes or shops for long, unbroken stretches of conversation.

They did not outsource warmth to technology. They carried it in their eyes. It felt as though daily life here was wrapped not in urgency, but in belonging.As evening descended, I made my way toward the sacred temple complex. The air was fragrant with incense and damp with devotion. My heart, already softened by the simplicity of the town, began chanting silently as my feet approached the abode of Shiva in His healing form — Baidyanath, the Divine Physician. Among the twelve Jyotirlingas of India, this shrine holds a luminous place, its origins woven into the ancient folds of the Shiva Purana.The Purana narrates that the demon king Ravana performed severe penance to please Lord Shiva. Pleased with his devotion, Shiva granted him a Jyotirlinga with a condition — it must not be placed on earth before reaching Lanka. Through divine intervention, the lingam was set down at Deoghar, sanctifying the soil forever. Thus emerged Baidyanath Dham — where the Lord chose to stay, not as a distant cosmic force, but as a resident healer among His devotees.Inside the complex, women in vibrant sarees moved with quiet dignity, their foreheads adorned with deep orange sindoor, as though they carried the rising sun upon their brows. It was Holi. At first, I hesitated — reluctant to have colored water splash upon me as I prepared for darshan. But something within whispered: this is not interruption; this is initiation. I bowed at the feet of the Lord as streams of sacred jal poured not only upon the lingam but upon my own head. Elbows brushed, bodies pressed close, voices hushed urgently — not out of chaos, but out of collective yearning. It felt as though everyone believed Shiva was visibly present before them, seated in majestic stillness, watching His children with compassionate eyes.

The words of the Shiva Purana echoed within me:"Darshant sparshant dhynt pjand arcanaad apiNppa vinayeta ivaloke mahyate."(Through the sight, touch, meditation, and worship of Shiva,a person's sins are destroyed and he attains the realm of Shiva.)In that moment, the physical jostling dissolved into spiritual alignment. Despite the dhakka-mukki, I felt serene — my mind anchored in gratitude. I had not come for comfort; I had come for communion.History tells us that this region is also linked with Parvati, the eternal consort of Shiva. The sacred geography of Deoghar and nearby Basukinath Temple reflects the divine union of Shiva and Shakti. It is believed that pilgrimage to Baidyanath remains incomplete without visiting Basukinath, where devotees experience the intimate presence of the divine couple — Father and Mother. The local sentiment does not treat these temples as distant pilgrimage spots; they are homes. People say they are going "to Baba's house," not merely to a monument.Watching devotees lie flat upon the stone floors in full prostration — men, women, and children aligned in surrender — I realized something profound. They did not care about the dust clinging to their clothes, nor about how long the queue would take. Time had loosened its grip on them. Their purpose was singular: to be in His presence. Not to ask extravagantly, not to demand miracles — simply to stand there, to look upon Him, to feel seen.Another verse arose gently within:"Yatra yatra sthito devo bhakta-bhva-samanvita Tatra tatra sthito dharmo ntra kry vicra."(Wherever the Lord resides in the hearts of devoted souls,there dwells righteousness; no further reasoning is required.)The people of Baba ki Nagri embody this truth. Whether offering ten rupees or a hundred, they do so without bargaining.

There is no obsession with display. Their wealth is not measured in currency but in continuity of faith. Thousands gather — not always from distant corners of the nation, but often from neighboring villages — and yet the devotion feels vast enough to hold the cosmos.In Deoghar, I learned that simplicity is not deprivation; it is deliberate clarity. The absence of brands creates space for belonging. The absence of extravagance reveals essence. The sacred is not manufactured here; it breathes naturally in the soil, in the sindoor, in the shared laughter over street food, and in the synchronized murmur of "Har Har Mahadev."As I stepped out after completing the pooja vidhi, calm and inwardly luminous, I felt that I had not merely visited a temple. I had witnessed a living scripture. The town itself is a commentary on the Shiva Purana — a reminder that devotion does not require decoration. It requires presence.Baidyanath Dham is not only a Jyotirlinga; it is a mirror. It reflects who you are when stripped of excess. And in that reflection, if your heart is willing, you may glimpse what the sages meant when they wrote:"ivo'ham — I am Shiva."In Baba ki Nagri, amid colored waters of Holi and the dust of countless prostrations, I understood — divinity does not descend dramatically. It settles quietly, where life is simple and surrender is sincere.

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Excess of Everything is bad



Moderation is the key to a balanced

life, yet modern society often glorifies excess—whether it's indulging in food,

spending hours on screens, or chasing endless ambitions. Whileenthusiasm drives progress, overindulgence can quickly turn into a

liability. Overeating leads to health problems like obesity and diabetes; excessive screen time strains eyes, disrupts sleep, and

hampers real-world interactions. Even ambition, when unchecked, can cause burnout and strain relationships. The principle of "everything

in moderation" isn't a cliché; it's a practical guide for well-being. By setting limits, practicing self-awareness, and prioritizing quality

over quantity, we can enjoy the benefits of our pursuits without falling into their traps. Let's remember that too much of

anything—good or bad—can tip the scales, and a measured approach often

yields the most sustainable success.

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No 'supernatural' or unproven claims in TV ads, govt warns



The government said that advertisements telecast on private satellite TV channels must strictly comply with the Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, which prohibits claims suggesting that a product possesses "miraculous", "supernatural" or unproven special properties.

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L. Murugan said that appropriate action is taken against private television channels whenever violations of the advertising code are detected, while the ministry also issues periodic advisories to broadcasters to ensure compliance.

As per existing regulatory framework, all advertisements telecast on private satellite TV channels are required to adhere to the Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder.

Rule 7(5) of the Advertising Code inter alia provides that 'no advertisement shall contain references which are likely to lead the public to infer that the product advertised or any of its ingredients has some special or miraculous or super-natural property or quality, which is difficult of being proved.'

Appropriate action is taken against the private TV channels when violation of any provision of the Advertising Code is found. Ministry also issues advisories from time to time to broadcasters for ensuring compliance to the Advertising Code.

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (Central Authority/CCPA) has been established under Section 10 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 to regulate the matters related to violation of rights of consumers, unfair trade practices and false or misleading advertisements and protect and enforce the rights of the consumers as a class.

Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 18 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, issued guidelines for prevention of misleading advertisements and endorsements for misleading advertisements, 2022.

These guidelines provide for conditions for non-misleading and valid advertisement, bait advertisement, prohibition of surrogate advertisement, children targeted advertisement, disclaimer in advertisement and duties of manufacturer, service provider, advertiser and advertising agency.

Will Mojtaba be seen as a viable supreme leader in Iran ?

The death of Iran's supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, during the holy month of Ramadan marks one of the most consequential turning points in the history of the Islamic Republic of Iran. His successor, his son Mojtaba Khamenei, represents both continuity and contradiction in the revolutionary system established after the Iranian Revolution in 1979.

At stake is not only who leads Iran, but what the Islamic Republic has become, nearly half a century after the revolution that promised an end to dynastic rule.

Mojtaba Khamenei is a cleric who has spent most of his career outside public office but close to power, working within the Office of the Supreme Leader. He was often seen as a gatekeeper and powerbroker rather than a public political figure with a formal portfolio.

At 17, he briefly served in the Iran-Iraq war. He only began attracting public attention in the late 1990s, by which time his father's authority as supreme leader was firmly established. Over time, his reputation has centred on two key features. The first is a close relationship with Iran's security establishment, particularly the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and its hardline networks. The second is a strong opposition to reformist politics and Western engagement.

Critics have linked him to the suppression of protests following the disputed 2009 presidential election. He is also believed to have wielded influence over Iran's state broadcasting organisation, giving him indirect control over parts of the country's information landscape and state narrative.

In 2019, the first Trump administration sanctioned Mojtaba,



accusing him of acting in an official capacity on behalf of the supreme leader holding no formal government position.

Iran's constitution dictates that the Assembly of Experts (an 88-member clerical body) selects the supreme leader.

The assembly lists the religious, political and leadership qualifications of possible candidates. But in practice, it is not a neutral electoral body. Candidates for the assembly itself are vetted through institutions ultimately shaped by the supreme leader's orbit, and its deliberations are opaque.

This creates a familiar Iranian scenario-the constitution supplies the choreography, while the security-clerical establishment supplies the music.

That matters when assessing why Mojtaba is seen as a viable supreme leader amid critiques he lacks the senior religious standing traditionally associated with the office. A mid-ranking cleric, he was only given the title ayatollah in 2022. The title is necessary to become supreme leader, so the promotion signalled he was being groomed to take over from his ageing and ill father.

The revolution's founding myth was clearly anti-dynastic. After toppling the shah, the revolution's leaders rejected hereditary rule.

To many Iranians, a son following his father as supreme leader looks like an ideological backslide. The regime appears more like a theocratic monarchy, less the famous "guardianship of the jurist".

Yet, it is also important to be precise. Mojtaba cannot inherit the position by bloodline alone. The assembly must select him.

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CM Nayab Singh Saini expresses his condolences to Kailash Bhagat on demise of his father

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KAITHAL: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini reached Kaithal on Thursday to express his condolences. First, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini reached the residence of former HAFED Chairman Kailash Bhagat to express his condolences on the demise of his father, the late Amarnath Bhagat. He met the family there and expressed his condolences. It is worth noting that the late Amarnath Bhagat was a senior BJP leader who passed away on March 8. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini then visited the residence of former minister Kamlesh Dhanda, where he expressed condolences on the passing of his father, the late Jagat Singh Malik. Jagat Singh Malik was also the former sarpanch of village Pathri, who passed away recently. After this, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini reached the house of Kurukshetra Development Board member Sanjay Chaudhary where he expressed grief and condolences on the demise of his mother, late Shakuntala Devi. On this occasion, Haryana's Panchayat and Development, Mining and Geology Minister Krishna Lal Panwar, BJP District President Jyoti Saini, former Minister Kamlesh Dhanda, former MLA Leela Ram, former BJP District President Manish Kathwad, Amarjeet Chhabra.

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Bank of India launches Mega Samjhauta Campaign for NPA settlement

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Bank of India Chandigarh Zone is organizing "Mega Samjhauta Campaign" during 16th to 20th March-2026 to settle the NPA loan accounts of borrowers under One Time Settlement (OTS) at all its branches/Zones and FGMOs across the country. The Samjhauta Day is specially designed for the NPA Borrowers who could not repay their loan in time due to distress in business/ medical condition of the borrower or any other genuine reason. Our Bank is having special OTS schemes to settle small value accounts and mid-size accounts through which special and good discounts are offered to the borrowers whose accounts are NPA. We appeal all the borrowers whose accounts are NPA to come forward to avail this Golden opportunity by settling NPA loan accounts during "Mega Samjhauta Campaign" 16th to 20th March 2026.

Two-day training held in Karnal for house listing and housing census



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 12

A two-day training programme for charge officers regarding house listing and housing census was organised at the District Council conference hall under the initiative of the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India. During the session, divisional in-charge Kavita Panchal provided detailed information through a PowerPoint presentation about the house listing exercise scheduled to begin on May 1. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr Vaishali Sharma urged the charge officers to take the training seriously, stating that the house listing exercise is time-bound and the knowledge gained during the training will reflect in the accuracy of field work. Officials said this will be the 16th census in India and the eighth since Independence. The census scheduled for 2021 could not be conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the present phase, house listing and housing census will be carried out from May 1 to May 30. Prior to this, training sessions will also be organised for supervisors and enumerators.

Students spread message of environmental protection through slogan competition



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: An extension lecture on environmental conservation was organised by the Eco Club at Sant Mohan Singh Khalsa Labana Girls College, Barara. The programme was conducted under the guidance of college principal Dr Daljit Kaur Virk and coordinated by Eco Club convener Dr Ritu Chandna and member Dr Pooja Bairagi. During the programme, students were made aware of the importance of protecting the environment. Various competitions related to environmental awareness were also organised, including a slogan writing competition on the theme "Save the Environment, Save the Earth." Students participated enthusiastically and presented inspiring slogans highlighting the need for environmental conservation. In the competition, Surbhi of BA second year secured the first position, Jasmeet Kaur of BCom third year stood second and Chetan of BA second year secured the third position. Deeksha of BCom third year received a consolation prize.

Bharatiya Kisan Union boycott of CM forces DC to change stubborn attitude

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 12



DC's arrogance has finally bowed after Bharatiya Kisan Union announced to boycott the Chief Minister against DC's stubborn and dictatorial attitude. State President of Bharatiya Kisan Union Ratan Mann said this after Assembly Speaker Harvindra Kalyan and DC Uttam Singh arrived at the protest site. The farmers' strike that had been going on for months demanding a service lane on the Ring Road near village Sohana finally forced the administration to bow down. Now the DC had to come from field to field and talk to the same farmers who were not given time to meet him. Along with DC, MLA of Gharaunda and Speaker of Haryana Assembly also reached the protest site and assured the farmers of construction of service lane. Bharatiya Kisan Union leaders called it a victory for the farmers' struggle and said that the dictatorship of the administration finally broke before the unity of the farmers. Farmer leaders alleged that earlier when farmers had reached the District Secretariat peacefully with their problems, the DC did not even consider the need to meet them. Farmers waited hungry and thirsty for hours, but administrative officials remained sitting in air-conditioned rooms. BKU State President Ratan Mann and other farmer leaders, citing old behaviour, said that the DC's attitude that day was completely dictatorial, but when the farmers' movement became stronger and there was a clear refusal to end the protest, then the administration himself had to come to the protest site and talk. DC and Assembly Speaker, who reached the protest site while talking to the farmers, said that talks were being held with the concerned departments to start the process of construction of service lane on the Ring Road and a solution will be found soon.

Shooting of 'Sone Te Suhaga' film in Barara going on



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: These days the shooting of Punjabi film 'SoneTeSuhaga' is going on in Barara. This film is based on the narrowness of discrimination between rich and poor in the society. Also, this film is a family film full of light comedy. Hero Pali Sandhu and heroine Punya Mehta are playing the lead roles in the film. The screenplay and producer is Bharat Bhushan Madan, director Lovely Sharma, dialogue is by Harry Khanna. The song in the film is written by Sadak Dhami from Heera Group (UK) and music by Gurmeet. Singers Dhami and Rakhi Hundal have sung the songs in their voices and the cameraman is Ajay Arya. Giving information about the film 'Sone Te Suhaga', the producer of the film Bharat Bhushan Madan and the director said that new actors Pali Sandhu and Punya Mehta have been given a chance in the film 'Sone Te Suhaga', which was a comedy film depicting the mood of rich and poor in the society. Appealing for cooperation from the government, he said that films made in regional languages should be encouraged. With time, we have gained experience in overcoming difficulties while working and with the help of teamwork, work becomes even easier. The film's actress Punya Mehta said that it was very important for a person to work hard and dream.

DC Vishram Kumar Meena conducts annual inspection at sub-tehsil office Babain and surprise inspection of Girdawari in village Guhan



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena conducted an annual inspection at the sub-tehsil office in Babain and a surprise inspection of the Girdawari in the village of Guhan. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner also spoke with farmers about their problems and provided valuable advice on crop management. Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said that the work of Girdawari (crop survey) of wheat crop was done which was the government documentation of land and sown crops. The purpose of this inspection is to ensure that the Girdawari contains the correct Khasra number, type of crop and farmer's name, so that farmers can get proper compensation for their losses or produce. The Girdawari of Rabi crops, especially wheat, is intended to check the accuracy of the survey done by the Patwari. Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena inspected the Sub Tehsil office, Ladwa on Thursday and took stock of the functioning of various offices.

Haryana moving fast on path of development under CM Saini: Himanshu Goyal



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Kaithal District Media Incharge Himanshu Goyal Advocate said that Haryana today was moving rapidly towards a new era of development, good governance and transparency under the able leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. Speaking to reporters in his office, he said that the state government was giving top priority to public welfare and was extending the benefits of schemes to every section of society. Highlighting the government's achievements, Himanshu Goyal said the state government has taken historic decisions for the upliftment of farmers, youth, women, and the underprivileged. Infrastructure Improvement: Unprecedented work in the fields of education, health, employment, and industry is transforming the state. Transparent Governance: With its "no slip, no expense" policy and accountability, Haryana has established itself among the leading states in the country. Countering the opposition parties' rhetoric, the district media in-charge said that the opposition was completely bewildered by the all-round development taking place in the state.

Grand launch of Dream Tennis Cricket League in Kurukshetra; Aakash Chopra inaugurates Season-1



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Cricket enthusiasts in Kurukshetra witnessed a grand launch of the Dream Tennis Cricket League (Season-1, North Zone) during a special ceremony held at a private hotel in the city. The event was graced by renowned cricket commentator and former Indian cricketer Aakash Chopra as the chief guest. On his arrival, he was warmly welcomed by League Chairman Somnath Gaba, Founder Ravi Kumar Gaba, Vijay Kamboj (Yamunanagar) and Abhi Sharma (Gharaunda) with bouquets and a memento. Aakash Chopra formally inaugurated the league by unveiling the official poster and T-shirt of the tournament. Addressing the gathering, he congratulated the organizers and appreciated the initiative aimed at promoting tennis ball cricket. He emphasized that such platforms provide a great opportunity for talented players, especially from rural areas, to showcase their skills and pursue their passion for cricket. Organizer Somnath Gaba informed that the league, recognized by the Tennis Cricket Sports Federation, is being organized by the Tennis Cricket Sports Association Haryana and managed by Ultimate Event Makers LLP.

From field to distress sale: Mustard farmers left high and dry



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Procurement of mustard is not started by the government in the area hence there is a lot of resentment among the farmers. Farmers say that the arrival of mustard in the market had started from around February 10, but till now the procurement process has not been started by the government. Due to this, farmers have to sell their crops to private traders at throw away prices. Farmers Rajbir, Manoj and Shamlal and other farmers said that the mustard crop has reached the market, but due to closure of government procurement process, they were being forced to sell the crop to private buyers at a lower price. Farmers say that if government procurement had started on time, they could have got the benefit of Minimum Support Price (MSP). Farmer leader Rinku Kalsaura raised questions on the functioning of the government and said that the government was often not able to start the procurement of crops on time, which was a matter of concern for the farmers.

Health department to provide medical services during Chaitra Chaudas fair: Dr Manisha



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: In view of the upcoming Chaitra Chaudas fair in Pehowa subdivision, the Health Department will provide necessary medical services to people visiting the fair, said Community Health Centre in-charge Dr Manisha Singh. She directed medical officers and health staff to ensure that anti-larva and anti-fly activities are carried out effectively across the town to prevent the spread of diseases caused by mosquitoes and flies during the fair. Shopkeepers and vendors have also been instructed to maintain proper cleanliness and hygiene at their stalls. Dr Manisha Singh said officials should ensure that all food items are properly covered and that cut or spoiled fruits are not sold. She also directed the teams to conduct regular checks to ensure compliance with hygiene standards. To ensure the availability of safe drinking water, water samples are being tested regularly. In this regard, the Health Department, in coordination with the Public Health Department team, has sent nine water samples for BT testing to the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital laboratory in the district, while 15 OT tests have already been conducted and found satisfactory.

'Vidya Vaibhav' programme held in Kurukshetra, 'Samarth' initiative launched and teachers honoured



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: The District Elementary Education Department, in collaboration with the Language and Learning Foundation, organised the 'Vidya Vaibhav' programme in Kurukshetra. On the occasion, the 'Samarth' programme aimed at strengthening the quality of education for students of Classes 4 and 5 was formally launched, and teachers who have performed exceptionally in foundational literacy and numeracy were honoured. Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena attended the programme as the chief guest, while District Education Officer Vinod Kumar presided over the event. The 'Samarth' programme designed for students of Classes 4 and 5 was formally released during the programme. Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner said that strengthening children's language and mathematical understanding in the early grades is extremely important.

AIIMS Bilaspur launches Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre, strengthening International Travel Health Security



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: In a significant step toward strengthening preventive healthcare and facilitating safe international travel, Executive Director of AIIMS Bilaspur Lieutenant General Dr Daljit Singh, inaugurated the Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre at the institute. The centre will be operated by the Department of Community and Family Medicine and marks an important addition to the specialized health services available in the region. On the inaugural day, four beneficiaries received the yellow fever vaccine. The newly established facility is designed to provide essential vaccination services to individuals traveling to countries where yellow fever vaccination is mandatory for entry.

CM Nayab Saini meets RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat at Samalkha meeting



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Thursday visited Madhav Srishti Nyas in Samalkha, where the three-day meeting of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha is being held. During the visit, he held a formal discussion with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on various issues. The three-day session at the Madhav Srishti campus is being attended by representatives from across the country. The Chief Minister stayed at the venue for nearly two hours and also interacted with RSS office-bearers and workers present at the camp. Earlier, the Chief Minister's helicopter landed at the helipad of PIET Engineering College in Samalkha, where Deputy Commissioner Dr Virender Kumar Dahiya and Superintendent of Police Bhupender Singh welcomed him on behalf of the district administration.

No shortage of domestic LPG in Panipat, strict action against black marketing: ADC Dr. Pankaj

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, MAR 12



A crucial meeting of gas dealers and distributors was held at the District Secretariat on Thursday to ensure the smooth supply of domestic LPG and to prevent any kind of black marketing in the district. The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner and Municipal Commissioner Dr. Pankaj. Dealers and distributors from various gas agencies across the district were present at the meeting. Addressing the gathering, ADC Dr. Pankaj said that there is no shortage of domestic LPG in the district and the administration is continuously monitoring its availability. He directed all dealers and distributors to maintain adequate stock of domestic gas so that consumers do not face any inconvenience.

He emphasized that the administration's priority is to ensure uninterrupted gas supply to hospitals, colleges, canteens and other essential institutions. Ensuring gas availability at such places is extremely important as it is directly linked to public service and essential services. ADC Dr. Pankaj also warned that strict action will be taken if any gas agency, dealer or distributor is found involved in black marketing or irregularities. He said the government's intention is that every citizen should receive gas on time and at the prescribed price, therefore all dealers must follow the rules and maintain transparency. During the meeting, District Food and Supplies Controller (DFSC) Divya sought details from all gas dealers and distributors regarding the existing stock and distribution system. She said that protecting consumer interests is the department's primary responsibility.

MLA Vinod Bhayana flags off Hisar–Indore Train stoppage at Hansi

DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI, MAR 12



MLA Vinod Bhayana inaugurated the Hisar-Indore train's stoppage at Hansi on Thursday and then flagged it off. Upon arrival at the Hansi railway station, the passengers and crew were given a warm welcome, showering flowers on the train. Numerous prominent citizens from the area witnessed this historic moment. MLA Vinod Bhayana was delighted with the stoppage of this long distance train at Hansi. Addressing the gathering, he said that a long-standing demand of the people of Hansi had been fulfilled. He added that a letter had been written to Union Railway Minister Ashwini Shenvi requesting the stoppage of several long-distance trains and the introduction of new trains. He said that the results were now visible. He expressed full confidence that other long-distance trains would soon be stopped and new trains would begin operating as per the demand. The stoppage of the Indore-Hisar Express train will benefit passengers traveling to Mathura, Vrindavan, and Ujjain. Previously, passengers had to change trains in Delhi to reach religious places like Mathura, Vrindavan, and Ujjain. Now, passengers will be able to travel directly to these places thus saving time and money.

The MLA stated that the Hisar Indore Express train will run from Hisar three days a week.

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POCO India Launches POCO C85x 5G: Powerful Performance, Long-Lasting Battery, and Smooth Display for Everyday Users

LUDHIANA : POCO India today announced the launch of the POCO C85x 5G, a smartphone designed to deliver dependable performance, a large immersive display, and long-lasting battery life for everyday users. Built to meet the needs of students, first-time smartphone buyers, and users seeking reliable daily performance, the POCO C85x 5G combines efficient hardware with practical features and long-term software support.Reliable Performance for Everyday UseAt the heart of the POCO C85x 5G is an octa-core processor built on an efficient 6nm process, designed to balance performance and power efficiency. With A78 performance cores clocked up to 2.2GHz and the Mali-G57 GPU, the device is capable of handling everyday tasks such as browsing, social media, streaming, and casual gaming smoothly.The smartphone is available in 4GB + 64GB and 4GB + 128GB variants, paired with LPDDR4X memory and UFS 2.2 storage for faster app loading and smoother multitasking. Users can further expand storage up to 2TB
long-term reliability with 4 years of OS updates and 6 years of security updates.

NEWS BRIEF

Roblox Unveils New Programs to Power the Next Generation of Games

CHANDIGARH– Roblox, an immersive gaming and creation platform, today announced two new strategic initiatives to facilitate the creation of novel games—a new wave of games that push the boundaries of genre, gameplay, and visual style to meet the demands of Roblox's rapidly expanding audience. These experiences will feature expanded genres such as role-play games (RPG), strategy and shooters, and will introduce different gameplay mechanics and a distinct look and feel from classic Roblox games. New age-checked data reveals a substantial opportunity within the older user cohort. As of January 31, 45% of daily active users (DAUs) have completed the age check, with 27% of this group identified as over 18. This demographic represents a significant growth driver; for example, in the U.S., the 18-34 cohort is growing at over 50%—more than double the rate of the under-18 user base—and monetizes 40% higher.

TVS Orbiter V1 launched; Now Available From ₹49,999 with BaaS

GURUGRAM : TVS Motor Company (TVSM), a global leader in the two and three-wheeler segments, today strengthened its electric vehicle portfolio with the launch of TVS Orbiter V1 with 1.8 kWh — the most accessible electric scooter in the company's lineup. The company also introduced Battery-As-A-Service (BaaS) across its EV portfolio, offering customers a new and flexible ownership model. With the addition of TVS Orbiter V1 and the introduction of Battery-As-A-Service, TVS Motor's EV scooter range now starts at ₹49,999 (ex-showroom Delhi, inclusive of PM e-Drive). The BaaS model lowers the upfront cost, while offering customers long-term battery assurance and peace of mind.

JSW MG Motor India introduces a unique 5-5-5 Programme for India's First D+ SUV - MG MAJESTOR

CHANDIGARH: JSW MG Motor India reassured customers with long-term ownership assurance through its unique 5-5-5 ownership programme for the MG MAJESTOR- India's First D+ SUV. In a segment where customers invest significantly in performance, size and advanced technology, the 5-5-5 programme has been designed to deliver hassle free ownership experience, long-term cost predictability, by addressing running costs and nationwide support from the outset.
Unlike standalone warranty extensions or optional service packages, the 5-5-5 proposition brings together a 5-Year Unlimited Kilometres Warranty, Free 5-Year Roadside Assistance for Unlimited KM, and 5 Labour-Free Services as a unified, standard offering for the MAJESTOR customers.

Dyson Shares Expert Tips to Turn Bedrooms into the Ultimate Sleep Sanctuary on World Sleep Day

LUDHIANA : With increasing awareness about the importance of quality sleep, more people are transforming their bedrooms into dedicated "sleep sanctuaries" designed to promote relaxation and deep rest. On the occasion of World Sleep Day, Dyson has shared practical tips to help people create a healthier sleep environment at home. According to Dyson, bedrooms are no longer viewed as just places to sleep but are now being designed to support comfort, recovery and overall well-being. Experts believe that a well-organised and healthy bedroom environment can significantly improve sleep quality and contribute to better health. A true sleep sanctuary goes beyond having a comfortable bed. Factors such as indoor air quality, mattress hygiene, bedding materials and overall room cleanliness play an important role in ensuring uninterrupted and restorative sleep. A clean environment helps reduce allergens, dust and other airborne pollutants that may disturb breathing and affect sleep. Dyson also highlighted the role of technology in maintaining a healthier bedroom environment. Devices such as the Dyson HushJet™ Purifier Compact are designed to capture ultrafine particles and circulate purified air throughout the room. The purifier operates at just 24 dBA in sleep mode, ensuring quiet performance without disturbing sleep. Experts further recommend maintaining mattress hygiene, as dust and allergens can accumulate over time. Keeping the bedroom clutter-free, limiting the use of strong fragrances before bedtime and allowing the bed to air out every morning can also help create a healthier and more comfortable sleep environment.

Indians Are Beginning to Search for Travel in the Language They Speak: MakeMyTrip

SHIMLA : MakeMyTrip, India's leading online travel company, today shared observations from Myra, its Gen-AI powered Trip Planning Assistant, pointing to an emerging behavioural trend in how Indian travellers are beginning to interact via voice. While Myra's user base is still growing and now delivers more than 50,000 conversations daily, the initial data suggests that voice is beginning to enable a more expressive, contextual, and linguistically inclusive form of travel discovery, one that is different from how users search via text. Even in early usage patterns, the contrast between how users type and speak their travel intent is visible. Majority of text searches are in the neighbourhood of 3-4 words, compressed and keyword-driven, such as "Goa hotels cheap" or "Delhi Mumbai flight."

Chandigarh SMEs Positioned Well To Navigate AI Disruption: Kotak

CHANDIGARH: Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across Chandigarh are rapidly accelerating their digital journey, reinforcing the Union Territory's emergence as one of North India's most promising hubs for innovation, technology-enabled services, and fintech adoption. With 62,477 MSME units employing over 3.66 lakh people, the city continues to strengthen its position as a vital economic engine for the region. "We're seeing three key shifts," said Shekhar Bhandari, President – SME, Kotak Mahindra Bank. "AI is becoming deeply embedded in everyday workflows—from trade documentation to payments and receivables. Cluster-led knowledge sharing is accelerating adoption. And SMEs are integrating AI with digital banking to gain sharper cash-flow visibility and strengthen working capital management." This transformation comes as Chandigarh experiences strong momentum in IT and digital services. The city now hosts more than 56,000 MSMEs operating in IT, ITES, and professional services—employing over 50,000. professionals and shaping the city's growing reputation as a tech-forward centre.

HMD Announces Strategic Collaboration with Flipkart

CHANDIGARH: Human Mobile Devices (HMD) and Flipkart today announced a strategic collaboration to bring HMD's 2026 smartphone line-up to consumers in India. As part of this partnership, HMD's first smartphone launch in India for 2026 will take place on Flipkart, which will serve as a key e-commerce partner alongside other leading online and retail channels. collaborate with Flipkart as one of our key e-commerce partners as we gear up to launch the first HMD smartphone of 2026 in India. Flipkart's extensive reach and strong consumer connect will play an important role in bringing our latest innovation to customers across the country. HMD has been steadily strengthening its presence in India with a focus on human-centric design, durability, repairability, and the democratization of AI-led experiences across its portfolio.

PIB Chandigarh's journalist delegation observed border-related activities of the Border Security Force



JODHPUR/CHANDIGARH: The journalist delegation that went on a Rajasthan visit organized by PIB Chandigarh today observed various projects and activities being carried out by the Border Security Force (BSF) at Laungewala, Tanot and the border areas. During this, the delegation obtained important information related to security, training and strategic preparedness in the border region. BSF officials provided detailed information about the special conditions of working in the border areas and its important role.The journalist delegation of PIB appreciated the various initiatives, innovations, coordination with local communities and the efforts being made by the BSF to further strengthen the security arrangements. During this, the journalist group visited the Laungewala Yudh Samarak, War Memorial and museum.T

he delegation met BSF officials at Tanot and obtained information about the history of the Tanot Mata Temple. The historic Shri Mata Tanot Rai Temple located in Jaisalmer has a remarkable history. It is believed that Tanot Mata gives strength to soldiers to fight enemies and protects the nation during war.During the 1965 India–Pakistan war, several bombs were dropped by Pakistan in the premises of Shri Tanot Rai Mata Temple, but according to belief none of the bombs exploded due to the miracle of Tanot Mata. In this context, the delegation also observed the Shri Tanot Temple Complex project in Jaisalmer under the Border Tourism Development Programme. Under this project, the youth visiting here will be able to offer prayers at Shri Tanot Mata Temple and also closely learn about the history of bravery and sacrifice of the country's brave soldiers.Under this project, facilities such as a waiting hall, amphitheatre, interpretation centre, rooms for children and other necessary amenities to promote tourism are being developed.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi, development is reaching the border areas of the country for the first time. As a result of the visionary initiative of border tourism, not only is the standard of living of people residing in the border areas improving, which is strengthening the security of the region.During the visit, the delegation also obtained information about the strong security arrangements of the border maintained by the Border Security Force. The BSF is also placing special emphasis on the use of new technologies and modern resources.

During the observation, the delegation received detailed information about challenges related to border security in the desert region, the use of technological resources, training carried out in difficult environmental conditions and various aspects of border management.

Axis Bank announces winners of SPLASH 2025, its flagship pan-India Art, Craft and Literature competition

CHANDIGARH: Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, has announced the winners of SPLASH 2025, the 13th edition of its flagship nationwide Art, Craft and Literature competition for children aged 7–14 years. Rooted in the brand philosophy of 'dil se open', SPLASH offers young minds across India a platform to express their creativity and imagination. This year's edition of SPLASH witnessed an overwhelming response, with close to 7 lakh entries from across India. The initiative reached over 1,900 schools and saw participation through 5,500+ Axis Bank branches nationwide, underscoring its strong grassroots presence and pan-India reach.The six winners and six runners-up will receive ₹1 lakh and ₹50,000 respectively. The winning artworks will also be showcased at the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP), Bengaluru, while the top 400 qualifiers will receive exciting goodies and vouchers from partner brands, including Ixigo and American Tourister.Winners in the age group of 7 – 10 years: -Art: Debosmita Banik from Agartala, Tripura.Craft: Shruti Siddhartha Gosh from Thane, Maharashtra.Literature: Nirvi Vashishtha from Ahmedabad, Gujarat.Winners in the age group of 11 – 14 years:- Art: Soumya Mohanty from Khorda, Odisha.Craft: Sanika Chhajed from Pune, Maharashtra.Literature: Vaibhav Krishna from Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu.Speaking on the occasion, Anoop Manohar, Chief Marketing Officer, Axis Bank, said, "SPLASH has always been more than a competition—it is a celebration of imagination, originality, and self-expression. The overwhelming response to SPLASH 2025 reflects the immense creative potential that exists among children across the country. By offering young creators a platform to learn and engage, we hope to further inspire them to dream big and pursue their creative passions with confidence."These entries were evaluated by an esteemed jury of over 100 domain experts, including Mr. Savio Mascarenhas, Group Art Director at Amar Chitra Katha; Dr. Snehal Pinto, Director of Ryan International Group of Institutions; and Mr. Deepak Patil, Hon. Vice President of The Art Society of India.

Amazon MX Player unveils its biggest content slate yet with 150+ new shows for 2026

CHANDIGARH : Amazon MX Player, India's leading free streaming service, today announced its most expansive content slate to date, unveiling 150+ new and returning shows for 2026. Spanning genres, formats, and storytelling styles, the line-up reinforces the platform's mission to democratize premium entertainment by making these diverse stories accessible to audiences across the country - completely free. Among the marquee titles leading the slate is Made In India: The Titan Story, starring Naseeruddin Shah and Jim Sarbh, an inspiring drama centred on ambition and building a legacy. This is complemented by Sankalp, starring Nana Patekar, Sanjay Kapoor, Neeraj Kabi, and Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, a gripping socio-political thriller that explores the layered world of power and leadership.
Themes of justice, retribution and thriller further intensify the slate with Ab Hoga Hisaab, featuring Shaheer Sheikh, Mouni Roy, and Sanjay Kapoor, alongside administrative dramas such as The Bureaucrat, starring Amol Parashar. Expanding the spectrum further are high-octane action entertainers like Kaptaan headlined by Saqib Saleem, high-stakes survival thriller Vimal Khanna starring Sunny Hindhuja, cop drama Waiting Hai starring Divyenndu Sharma and Bhuvan Arora, and crime drama Clean Up Crew, starring Ravi Kishan, Amey Wagh and Vishal Jethwa. Together, these titles reflect the scale and evolving creative vision of Amazon MX Player as it continues to bring premium storytelling to audiences. The upcoming slate also builds on the strong momentum created by recent releases such as Amar Vishwas, starring Rajeev Khandelwal, Aamir Ali, Ravi Behl, and Barkha Bisht, a legal courtroom drama that resonated with viewers through its layered storytelling. This momentum was further amplified by Psycho Saiyaan, starring Tejasswi Prakash and Ravi Kishan, a romantic thriller that generated strong audience engagement with its intense narrative. Amazon MX Player will also expand several of its successful franchises with new seasons of audience favourites including Raktanchal Season 3, youth-driven titles such as Campus Beats Season 6, Campus Diaries Season 2, Heartbeats Season 2, and Who's Your Gynac Season 2. These returning titles continue to strengthen the service's connection with audiences across drama.

Tricity's First Value Education & Wellbeing Lab Debuts at GD Goenka Mohali

MOHALI: GD Goenka Public School, Mohali, in partnership with MiVirtue, has launched MV Labs—the Tricity's first dedicated space for Value Education and Wellbeing.
MV Labs is not just a curriculum but it is immersive environment designed to translate theoretical values into measurable, real-world behaviors. It acts as a sanctuary where students step away from screens to navigate real-world emotions, build mental toughness, and develop the "inner-tech" required for a balanced life. It's is a structured, safe environment for students to explore their character and conscience, filling a gap that standard curriculum often cannot cover.



Vishal Kumar, CEO of MiVirtue, said, "After impacting 250+ schools globally, I sought partners in the Tricity who would lend an ear to this vision. I am moved to have found forward-thinking educators who recognize that cultivating character is our era's greatest challenge. GD Goenka Mohali has stepped forward as a pioneer for this movement."
Kavita Das, Director at GD Goenka Mohali, said, "We are witnessing an urgent need for structured value education. Wellbeing doesn't happen by accident; it requires a dedicated, safe environment where students can actively explore their character and conscience. In the current scenario, this is the most vital investment we can make." Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Principal at GD Goenka Mohali, said, "To ensure the best for our students, schools must be progressive enough to partner with third-party specialists like MiVirtue. This collaboration brings world-class expertise to critical areas like mental and social wellness that a standard curriculum simply cannot cover."

M. P. Ahammad, Chairman of Malabar Group, Conferred Maharashtrian of the Year Award 2026



HARYANA : Mr. M.P. Ahammad, Chairman, Malabar Group, has been honoured with the prestigious Business Bhushan Award at the Lokmat Maharashtrian of the Year Awards 2026, in recognition of his visionary leadership and pivotal role in transforming the global jewellery retail landscape and society at large.Held at the iconic Gateway of India, the awards ceremony brought together leading policymakers, industry leaders, and prominent personalities from business and entertainment. The event was attended by the Chief Minister, Sri. Devendra Fadvanis, and Deputy Chief Minister, Sri. Eknath Shinde of Maharashtra, Sri. Vijay Darda, Chairman of Lokmat alongside ministers, bureaucrats, and distinguished figures from across sectors. Presented by Lokmat Media Group, the awards celebrate individuals whose vision, leadership, and achievements have significantly shaped industries while contributing meaningfully to society. Mr. Ahammad's recognition highlights his remarkable entrepreneurial journey and the role he has played in building Malabar Gold & to become the 5th largest global jewellery retailer and the largest jewellery retailer of Indian origin. Expressing his gratitude on receiving the honour, Mr. M.P. Ahammad, Chairman, Malabar Group, said.

Fortis Escorts Hospital Amritsar Hosts Two-Day Cardiology Summit on Latest Advances in Heart Care

Amritsar: Fortis Escorts Hospital Amritsar organized a two-day Cardiology Summit in the city, bringing together leading cardiologists and physicians from across the region for an academic programme focused on the latest advancements in cardiovascular care. The summit served as an important platform for knowledge exchange, skill enhancement, and discussions on evolving practices in the diagnosis and treatment of heart diseases. The event was inaugurated by Dr. H. P. Singh, Director – Non-Invasive Cardiology; Dr. Arun K. Chopra, Director – Cardiology; and Dr. Deepak Kapila, Director – Cardiology, along with the faculty team of the hospital and several eminent doctors from the city. The inauguration ceremony included a traditional lamp-lighting ritual, marking the beginning of a comprehensive academic programme dedicated to advancing cardiac care. The first day of the summit featured a specialized Echocardiography workshop that witnessed participation from more than 200 doctors. The workshop focused on advanced cardiac imaging techniques and practical demonstrations, helping physicians enhance their diagnostic capabilities and improve patient care. Experts also discussed the growing role of Echocardiography in assessing heart failure and optimizing cardiac imaging for more accurate clinical decision-making.



Not Every Infertility Case Needs IVF: Yellow Fertility & IVF Highlights Success of IUI

ROHTAK: Dr Isha Nandal, Fertility Specialist at Yellow Fertility & IVF, At a time when In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) is often perceived as the first solution for infertility, fertility specialists at Yellow Fertility & IVF are encouraging couples to consider a more measured and evidence-based approach. Reinforcing its patient-first and diagnosis-driven philosophy, the centre emphasizes that not every couple requires IVF as the first line of treatment. Instead, the medical team follows a structured clinical protocol to determine the most appropriate treatment pathway, which for many couples begins with Intrauterine Insemination(IUI).Recently, a couple who had been advised IVF at multiple centres outside the city approached the Rohtak facility of Yellow Fertility & IVF for a second opinion. After a detailed clinical evaluation and careful review of their reports, the medical team determined that the case was suitable for a less invasive treatment option first. The couple successfully conceived through IUI without undergoing IVF, highlighting the importance of accurate diagnosis, patient selection, and individualized fertility care.Yellow Fertility & IVF operates an ISO-5 standard world-class IVF Laboratory in Rohtak, the first of its kind in the region. The centre offers a comprehensive range of reproductive services under one roof, including fertility diagnostics, IUI, IVF, ICSI, male infertility management, advanced hormonal testing, ultrasound follicular monitoring, and minimally invasive procedures such as hysteroscopy and laparoscopy. The centre follows a strict step-wise treatment protocol, ensuring that interventions are recommended only when medically indicated. According to the centre, a significant number of successful conceptions have been achieved through IUI when proper diagnosis and patient selection are applied.Dr Isha Nandal, Fertility Specialist at Yellow Fertility & IVF, said.

Punjab Development Commission, Bahaar Foundation Launch 'Sehat Sevika' Programme to Empower Rural Women and Strengthen Healthcare



MOHALI: In a significant step towards improving rural healthcare access and promoting women-led entrepreneurship, the Punjab Development Commission has partnered with Bahaar Foundation to launch the 'Sehat Sevika' programme in Punjab. The initiative aims to train and deploy women community health entrepreneurs in villages, strengthening last-mile healthcare services while creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural women. The programme marks the beginning of a pilot effort to test and refine a community-based healthcare and women's entrepreneurship model in the state. Welcoming the initiative, Tarunpreet Singh Sond, Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Government of Punjab, said that changing family structures and increasing migration have left many elderly people in villages in need of regular care and support. He noted that initiatives like the Sehat Sevika programme promote women-led livelihood opportunities while ensuring essential healthcare services reach households across rural Punjab. Seema Bansal, Vice Chairperson of the Punjab Development Commission, expressed optimism about the initiative. She said providing healthcare and supporting rural women entrepreneurship are top priorities for the state government, and the Sehat Sevika model brings these goals together effectively. She added that if the pilot demonstrates strong outcomes, the programme could be scaled across districts and villages in Punjab, creating a large network of trained women health entrepreneurs. Meena Ganesh, Chairperson of Bahaar Foundation, said Punjab's strong rural base and industrial ecosystem provide a unique opportunity to demonstrate how last-mile healthcare access and women's economic empowerment can advance together at scale. She emphasized that the foundation looks forward to working closely with the Punjab Development Commission to learn from the pilot and build a sustainable model that can grow across the state.

DAV College Chandigarh Holds 56th Blood Donation Camp; Sanjay Tandon Praises Youth



CHANDIGARH: The NSS Unit of DAV College Chandigarh, Sector 10, in collaboration with Lions Club Chandigarh Central, organised its 56th Blood Donation Camp on the college campus, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members and volunteers. More than 200 donors took part in the camp, reflecting a strong spirit of compassion and social responsibility among the youth. The initiative aimed to promote humanitarian values and encourage young citizens to actively participate in life-saving social service. Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon, who attended the event as the Guest of Honour, said blood donation is one of the noblest forms of service to humanity. He appreciated the enthusiasm shown by young students and urged them to strengthen the culture of voluntary blood donation. Tandon also lauded the organisers and donors for their commitment to society. He also serves as President of the Alumni Association of the college. Tarun Bhandari, Political Secretary to Nayab Singh Saini, also attended the camp and commended the youth for demonstrating a strong sense of social responsibility. Saurabh Joshi and Sanjeev Rana were also present and appreciated the organisers for encouraging young citizens to contribute meaningfully to social welfare.

Ayesha Khan Makes Akshay Kumar Do the 'Shararat' Hook Step, a Moment That Will Leave You in Aww!

MUMBAI: This week, audiences will be thrilled to watch a fun-filled episode of Wheel of Fortunefeaturing special contestants Gaurav Gera, Rakesh Bedi, and Ayesha Khan who join the game alongside the show's beloved host, Akshay Kumar. The episode promises plenty of laughter, surprises, and an unforgettable moment sparked by Ayesha Khan during the game. During the Puzzle Round, Gaurav Gera successfully solved the puzzle, setting the stage for a playful moment on the show. Reacting to his win, Ayesha Khan lightened the mood with a mischievous remark, saying, "Inka toh jhoom barabar jhoom ho gaya, main meri shararat karu?" as she asked host Akshay Kumar if she could dance. Responding with his trademark humour, Akshay Kumar laughed and said, "Yeh pehli baar ho raha hai jab koi actor khud hi bol raha hai ki main apna dance karu… I like it!"
Soon after, Ayesha took to the stage and delivered an energetic performance of the song 'Shararat.' Her spontaneous dance brought a lively burst of energy to the set, with the audience cheering and applauding throughout. Adding to the fun, Akshay Kumar also joined in and grooved along, making the moment even more entertaining and memorable.

Dyson Shares Expert Tips to Turn Bedrooms into the Ultimate Sleep Sanctuary on World Sleep Day

CHANDIGARH : With increasing awareness about the importance of quality sleep, more people are transforming their bedrooms into dedicated "sleep sanctuaries" designed to promote relaxation and deep rest. On the occasion of World Sleep Day, Dyson has shared practical tips to help people create a



healthier sleep environment at home.
According to Dyson, bedrooms are no longer viewed as just places to sleep but are now being designed to support comfort, recovery and overall well-being. Experts believe that a well-organised and healthy bedroom environment can significantly improve sleep quality and contribute to better health. A true sleep sanctuary goes beyond having a comfortable bed. Factors such as indoor air quality, mattress hygiene, bedding materials and overall room cleanliness play an important role in ensuring uninterrupted and restorative sleep. A clean environment helps reduce allergens, dust and other airborne pollutants that may disturb breathing and affect sleep.
Dyson also highlighted the role of technology in maintaining a healthier bedroom environment. Devices such as the Dyson HushJet™ Purifier Compact are designed to capture ultrafine particles and circulate purified air throughout the room. The purifier operates at just 24 dBA in sleep mode, ensuring quiet performance without disturbing sleep. Experts further recommend maintaining mattress hygiene, as dust and allergens can accumulate over time. Keeping the bedroom clutter-free, limiting the use of strong fragrances before bedtime and allowing the bed to air out every morning can also help create a healthier and more comfortable sleep environment.

Akshay Kumar Calls Yash Chopra One of Indian Cinema's Finest Directors



CHANDIGARH : In the upcoming episode, joining Akshay Kumar are the multitalented Gaurav Gera, Rakesh Bedi, and Ayesha Khan, bringing charm, humour, and lively energy to the stage. An emotional and nostalgic moment unfolded during one of the puzzle rounds on Wheel of Fortune when contestant Gaurav Gera came close to solving the puzzle but couldn't quite crack the answer. Seizing the opportunity, Akshay Kumar turned to the audience and invited them to try their luck. An enthusiastic audience member quickly guessed the correct answer, 'Yash Chopra.'

Hearing the name Akshay Kumar reflected on the legendary filmmaker, with admiration in his voice, he said, "Yash Chopra hamare Indian film industry ke behtareen directors mein se ek the." Later in the show, Akshay Kumar and Gaurav Gera take a nostalgic trip down memory lane as they recall the films they have worked on together. The duo previously shared screen space in the 2014 film The Shaukeens and later reunited for the 2024 release Bade Miyan Chote Miyan, leading to a lively conversation filled with fond memories from their time on set.

Fortis Jalandhar Organises Health Talk on Prevention of Kidney Diseases



JALANDHAR :On the occasion of World Kidney Day, Fortis Hospital Jalandhar organised a special awareness program aimed at creating awareness around kidney health and recognising the courage of patients and families, who have played a vital role in the fight against kidney disease.The event featured a health talk on the prevention of kidney diseases, led by leading nephrologists--Dr Rajeev Bhatia, Director & Senior Consultant – Nephrology & Kidney Transplantation, and Dr Ajay Marwaha, Director & Senior Consultant – Nephrology & Kidney Transplantation, Fortis Hospital, Jalandhar. The session focused on early detection, lifestyle modifications, and ways to reduce the rising burden of kidney disease.The programalso witnessed the presence of Jalandhar Civil Surgeon --Dr. Rajesh Garg, who attendedthe event as the Chief Guest. In a special gesture of appreciation and encouragement, the hospital felicitated long-term dialysis survivors, long-term kidney transplant survivors, and families of deceased organ donors who have contributed to saving lives through organ donation.

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POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)]

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The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on above mentioned dates. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of the **ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD. (ARCIL) (Trustee of ARCIL-Trust-2025-011)** for an amount of notices mentioned above and interest thereon together with expenses and charges etc. less amount paid, if any. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 12-03-2026 **Authorised Officer, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (Arcil)**

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Chandigarh Based Anand Hearing Care Expands North India Footprint

CHANDIGARH: Anand Hearing Care, a leading hearing healthcare provider headquartered in Chandigarh, has further strengthened its presence in north India with the unveiling of a new 'Centre of Hearing'; in Ludhiana. The centre offers advanced audiology diagnostics, personalized hearing aid solutions, cochlear implant guidance, and speech therapy services for individuals experiencing hearing challenges.

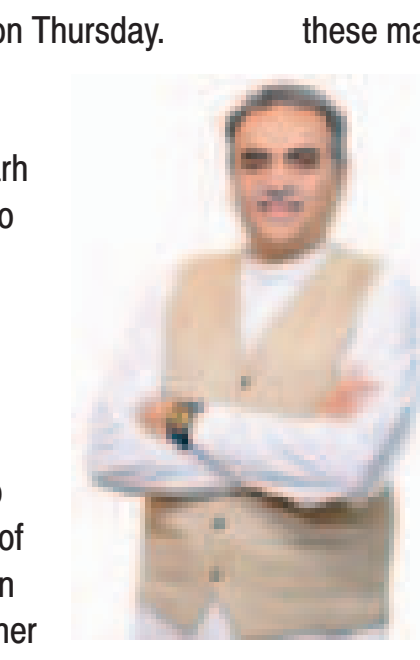


T. S. Anand, Founder of Anand Hearing Care, said, "Our aim is to strengthen our north India presence with new centres in the region. Chandigarh has always been the foundation of our journey in hearing healthcare, it has guided our vision to expand quality hearing care across the north region." Anand added, "We have an ambitious expansion strategy in keeping with our commitment of serving communities across the Chandigarh capital region, Punjab and other areas located in north India. The idea is providing advanced technology, expert care, and personalized hearing solutions to maximum patients in the region."

This latest expansion marks the opening of Anand Hearing Care's 16th clinic overall and the second centre in Ludhiana. With its headquarters in Chandigarh, Anand Hearing Care has built a strong network of hearing healthcare centres across north India, including cities such as Jalandhar, Patiala, and multiple locations in Delhi NCR. Notably, Anand Hearing Care also offers multi-brand hearing solutions from leading global manufacturers, including Widex, Phonak, Signia, GN ReSound, Rexton, Oticon, and Starkey. Patients can choose from modern hearing aid styles such as RIC, BTE, and CIC, designed to deliver natural sound quality, comfort, and improved everyday listening experiences. In addition to hearing diagnostics and hearing aid fittings, the centre provides speech therapy services, free hearing aid trials, and comprehensive aftercare support, ensuring long-term care for individuals with hearing loss.

Sanjay Tandon raises key Civic and Administrative Issues at Advisory Council Meeting

CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader and the party's National Council Member Sanjay Tandon raised a number of important civic and administrative issues during the Advisory Council meeting chaired by the Administrator of Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria held at Hotel MountView here on Thursday.



Tandon urged the administration to allow employees of Chandigarh Transport Undertaking to rejoin their duties at the earliest. He said the employees are awaiting reinstatement and requested that their apology be accepted so that normal functioning of the transport service can be restored without further delay.

He also called for the early resumption of share-wise property transfers, stating that the present interpretation of the related judgment appears flawed. Since the matter is largely administrative in nature, he suggested that the decision be reviewed to restore the earlier system.

Tandon sought early decisions on issues related to Lal Dora areas, problems faced in the Industrial Area, the methodology for transfer of flats in housing societies, and the conversion of properties from leasehold to freehold. According to him, timely resolution of these matters would clear the backlog and provide clarity to residents.

Tandon further pointed out that Directors (Administration) are currently handling nearly 10–12 departments each, making it difficult for them to devote adequate time to every department. He suggested increasing the number of officers to ensure better administrative efficiency.

Raising a social welfare concern, he said some NGOs running free crèches are being charged up to ₹5,000 for garbage collection despite generating minimal waste. He requested that such organisations be exempted from these charges.

Finvasia hosts Big Brother–Big Sister Mentorship Program



CHANDIGARH: Finvasia, under its community initiative Save A Pind, recently organized a Big Brother–Big Sister mentorship program at Government Senior Secondary School, Giga Majra, bringing together company volunteers and school students for an interactive session focused on career awareness, mentorship, and skill development. The initiative aimed to create meaningful connections between professionals and students, demonstrating how even a single conversation or moment of encouragement can influence a young person's future. "At Finvasia, we strongly believe that access to guidance and mentorship can play a transformative role in shaping young lives," Ramneek Ghotra, Chief Growth Officer, Finvasia "Through our Save A Pind initiative, we aim to create meaningful platforms where students from rural communities can interact with professionals, explore career possibilities, and gain the confidence and skills needed to pursue their aspirations. Programs like the Big Brother–Big Sister mentorship session are designed to spark that first conversation and open new pathways for the youth." The session brought together Finvasia employees, school faculty, and community members for an afternoon of guidance and engagement with students. The event featured interactive games and team-building activities designed to help students engage openly with mentors. As the session coincided with the farewell of Class 11 and 12 students, discussions particularly focused on helping them navigate the transition from school to higher education and career paths.

Swiggy and HDFC Bank Elevate Everyday and Travel Rewards with the Launch of Two New Co-branded Credit Cards

CHANDIGARH : Swiggy, India's pioneering on-demand convenience platform, and HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, today announced the expansion of their co-branded credit card portfolio with the launch of two new variants: the Swiggy BLCK HDFC Bank Credit Card and the Swiggy Ornge HDFC Bank Credit Card. These new cards are designed to seamlessly integrate into the modern consumer's lifestyle, delivering exceptional value and maximizing rewards on high-frequency everyday spending, from food delivery and quick commerce to dining out, lifestyle shopping, and travel. Existing users of the Swiggy HDFC Bank Credit Card continue to enjoy strong cashback benefits across Swiggy and over 30+ leading online platforms like Cleartrip, Nykaa, Paytm Travel, Amazon, Flipkart, and Myntra.On the latest launch, Phani Kishan Addepalli - Chief Growth Officer and Co-Founder, Swiggy Ltd., said, "The Swiggy HDFC Bank Credit Card was launched two years ago to make everyday spending more rewarding and convenient. As consumers spend more across lifestyle categories, they're seeking payment solutions that deliver meaningful value.

Toing, the Affordable Food App, Launched in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH : Toing, the affordable food delivery app, today announced its launch in Chandigarh. Over the last 7 months, Toing has expanded to 18 cities across India and is also live in Pune, Agra, Vadodara, Guwahati, Nashik, Nagpur, Patna, Aurangabad, Bhopal, Delhi, Gurugram, Noida, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Mumbai and Ahmedabad. Toing promises the lowest item prices across food/ beverages on its app, guaranteeing to match or beat restaurant table menu prices. In addition to this, there are no packaging charges or platform fees on any order. This will make Toing the most affordable food delivery app available in the market. Users can order a range of dishes including biryanis, burgers and bowls for under Rs. 99. Toing, which was launched in the second half of 2025 with Pune as the first city, has now gone live in Chandigarh with some of the famous restaurants from the city already listed on the platform. Toing's affordable and accessible pricing model has strongly resonated with first-time jobbers and college students, accelerating its expansion to newer cities.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER – I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, CHANDIGARH (DRT-2)
1st Floor, SCO 33-35, Sector-17-A, Chandigarh (Addl. space allotted on 3rd & 4th floor also)

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/264/2023 28.01.2026

AXIS BANK
Versus
SUBHASH @ SUBHASH CHAND

To,
(CD-1) SUBHAS @ SUBHAS CHAD S/O SH. AAIDAN R/O VILLAGE JAMAL, TEHSIL NATHUSARI-CHOPTA, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT SIRSA, HARYANA.
(CD-2) SMT MANJU BALA W/O SH. ANIL KUMAR R/O VILLAGE JAMAL, TEHSIL NATHUSARI-CHOPTA, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT SIRSA, HARYANA.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, CHANDIGARH (DRT-2) in **OA/4837/2017** an amount of **Rs. 16,09,303.63** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Nine Thousand Three Hundred Three and Paisa Sixty Three Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 7% Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 29/09/2017 till realization and costs of **Rs. 19,005** (Rupees Nineteen Thousand Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally / Fully / Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules thereunder.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **29/04/2026 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

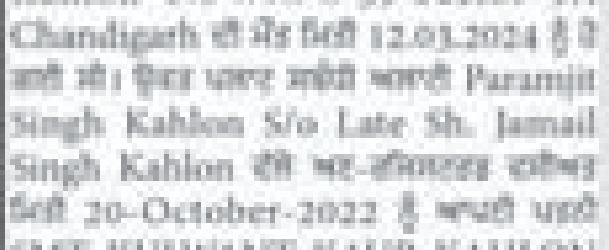
(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **28/01/2026.**

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)

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ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ
(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)



ਮ੍ਰਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਲਾਭ ਪਾਤਰ

ਐਸਟੀਮੇਟਸ ਨੰ 472406 ਮਿਤੀ 10-02-2026 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰ: 423, BMM ਫੇਜ਼-11-ਸੈਕਟਰ-65 S.A.S. Nagar Mohali ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ Paramjit Singh Kahlon S/o Late Sh. Jarnail Singh Kahlon ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ 39 Sector 9A Chandigarh ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 12.03.2024 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਉਕਤ ਪਲਾਟ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਅਲਾਟੀ Paramjit Singh Kahlon S/o Late Sh. Jarnail Singh Kahlon ਦੀ ਅਣ-ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਮਿਤੀ 20-October-2022 ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਪਤਨੀ SMT KULWANT KAUR KAHLON W/O SH. PARAMJIT SINGH KAHLON ਅਤੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ SH AMRIT PAL SINGH KAHLON S/O SH. PARAMJIT SINGH KAHLON ਨੂੰ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ।

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg: Plot No.118P, Sector-21, Industrial Estate, Bhiwani

The captioned Plot No. 118, Sector-21, Industrial Area, Bhiwani measuring 418.05 Sq. Yards was allotted in favour of Sh. M.K Dhingra, 33, Adarsh Nagar, Bhiwani vide Memo No. 3686 dated 12.09.2000. The conveyance deed was executed in favour of Sh. M.K Dhingra S/o Sh. D.D. Dhingra, 33, Adarsh Nagar, Bhiwani vide Reg. No. 582 on 21.02.2014 by Estate Officer, HSVP Bhiwani. Further, Plot was transferred in favour of Smt. Jyotika W/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar, H.No.107, Vikash Nagar, Bhiwani by Estate Officer, HSVP Bhiwani. Further, thereafter Plot was re-allotted in favour of Anju Aggarwal W/o Sh. Manoj Kumar R/o H.No.180-181-A, Rohtak Road, Vikas Nagar, Bhiwani and Smt. Darshna Devi W/o Sh. Rajender Parshad R/o H.No.352/2, Pyarelal Docter ki Gali, Halu Bazar, Bhiwani by Estate Manager, HSIIDC Bhiwani vide Re- allotment Letter HSIIDC/Bhiwani/Estate/2024/22 dated 22.01.2024.

Now, Anju Aggarwal W/o Sh. Manoj Kumar R/o H.No. 180-181-A, Rohtak Road, Vikas Nagar, Bhiwani and Smt. Darshna Devi W/o Sh. Rajender Parshad R/o H.No.352/2, Pyarelal Docter ki Gali, Halu Bazar, Bhiwani, Re-allottee of Plot No.118P, Sector-21, Industrial Area, Bhiwani has requested to this office for transfer of above mentioned plot in favour of Smt. Vidya Devi W/o Sh. Madan lal, R/o H.No.164-1, Dhangyan ki Gali, Halu Bazar, Bhiwani and Sh. Sunil Bansal S/o Sh. Balwant Rai R/o H.No.146, Floor No.3, Doctor Bhishm Wali Gali, Near Basia Bhawan, Vijay Nagar, Bhiwani for setting up of the project of Printing press.

Through this Public Notice, it is hereby informed that in case any person has any reservation/objection to the said Provisional transfer letter (PTL)/of Plot No.118P, Sector-21, Industrial Estate, Bhiwani in favour transferee Smt. Vidya Devi W/o Sh. Madan lal, R/o H.No.164-1, Dhangyan ki Gali, Halu Bazar, Bhiwani and Sh. Sunil Bansal S/o Sh. Balwant Rai R/o H.No.146, Floor No.3, Doctor Bhishm Wali Gali, Near Basia Bhawan, Vijay Nagar, Bhiwani then he/she can file his/her objection(s) in writing in this office along with an affidavit, duly attested by 1st Class Magistrate/ Notary Public within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this Notice. In case, no response is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed no person has any objection for Provisional Transfer Letter of above captioned Plot No.118, Sector-21, Industrial Estate, Bhiwani in favour of Smt. Vidya Devi W/o Sh. Madan lal, R/o H.No.164-1, Dhangyan ki Gali, Halu Bazar, Bhiwani and Sh. Sunil Bansal S/o Sh. Balwant Rai R/o H.No.146, Floor No.3, Doctor Bhishm Wali Gali, Near Basia Bhawan, Vijay Nagar, Bhiwani and the corporation shall go ahead with the request for Provisional transfer of Plot No.118P, Sector-21, Industrial Estate Bhiwani in favour of the proposed transferee Smt. Vidya Devi W/o Sh. Madan lal, R/o H.No.164-1, Dhangyan ki Gali, Halu Bazar, Bhiwani and Sh. Sunil Bansal S/o Sh. Balwant Rai R/o H.No.146, Floor No.3, Doctor Bhishm Wali Gali, Near Basia Bhawan, Vijay Nagar, Bhiwani in respect of Plot No.22, Sector-21, Industrial Estate, Bhiwani.

For Hry. State Indl. & Infra. Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
0/0 The Estate Manager, HSIIDC Estate Office, SCO No.220, 1st Floor, Sub-Divisional Office, HSVP Building HUDA City Centre, Bhiwani.

Intersoft DataLabs Contributes ₹5 Lakh for Senior Citizen Home in Rupnagar

CHANDIGARH: In a significant gesture supporting social welfare initiatives, Sandeep Passey, Managing Director of Intersoft DataLabs and Solutions Pvt. Ltd., extended support for the construction of a Senior Citizen Home at Village Lakhmipur in Rupnagar, Punjab. The contribution was formally presented in the presence of Gulab Chand Kataria, who witnessed the handing over of a cheque worth ₹5 lakh by Mr. Passey. The cheque was presented to Jasbir Kaur and Kamaljeet Singh, founders of the Women and Childcare Welfare Foundation. The financial assistance has been provided under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of Intersoft DataLabs and Solutions Pvt. Ltd. to support the construction of the Senior Citizen Home at Village Lakhmipur, aimed at providing care and shelter to elderly residents in the region. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Passey said that it is the responsibility of corporate organizations to contribute meaningfully towards society. "Supporting initiatives that care for senior citizens and promote environmental and cultural heritage is a step towards building a more compassionate and sustainable community. We are honoured to collaborate with organizations working at the grassroots level for such noble causes," he said. The initiative highlights the growing role of the corporate sector in strengthening social welfare programmes and supporting community development projects across the region.



COURT NOTICE
(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
IN THE COURT OF **Sh. Gurinder Singh Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana**

VIKAS KUMAR
Vs.
ARUN VERMA

CS/556/2026
CNR No. PBLD02-000952-2026
Next Date:- 30-03-2026

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Son: :- SHRI RADHA VERMA R/O HOUSE NO. 914, STREET NO. 04, NEAR GURUDWARA DUKHNIWARAN SAHIB, MANJIT NAGAR, TEHSIL AND DIST LUDHIANA

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on **30-03-2026 at 10.00 a.m.**

For details logon to
https://www.highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=mogacourt

Civil Judge (Junior Division)
Ludhiana

Dated, this day of **05-03-2026**

शहरी स्थानीय निकाय [illegible], [illegible]

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सिटी [illegible] 12.03.2026 [illegible] 10.02.2026 [illegible] 17.03.2025 [illegible] 40-41 [illegible] 15 [illegible]

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
SHORT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on items rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nohradhar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No.	Description	E/ Cost	E/ Money	Time	Cost of Form
1	Restoration of rain damages to GWSS for Multi villages of G.P Nohradhar UNDER Special Central Assistance (SH:- C/O RCC water Treatment Plant 1.21 MLD capacity, 1 No. RCC infiltration gallery intake chamber, Retaining wall, 10 Nos RCC Anchor block/ Supporting pillar and Providing, laying, jointing, testing & commissioning of GMS pipe line in distribution system).	34963410/-	424634/-	6 months	5000/-

1 Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal **http://hptenders.gov.in** by the firms/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.

2 As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (**DSC**) from suitable venders or from any authorized agency at the earliest.

3 **Key dates will be as under:-**

1	Date of Online publication	12/03/2026 AT 5:00 PM
2	Downloading of e-tender Documents	From 13/03/2026 at 5:00 PM up to 9:00 AM on 28/12/2026
3	Date of submission of e-tendering	From 13/03/2026 at 5:00 PM up to 11:00 AM on 28/03/2026
4	Physical submission of earnest money deposit and cost of tender documents	Up-to 11:30 AM on 28/03/2026
5	Date of opening of Cover-1 (Eligibility criteria)	**28/03/2026 at 12:30 PM**
6	Site Visit	From 17/03/2026 at 11:00 AM to 18/03/2026 at 5:00 PM along with the Assistant Engineer/Concerned Junior Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub-Division Nohradhar
7	Date of Opening of Financial Bids Cover-2	Shall be intimated separately.

The Terms and Conditions may be read online in E-Procurement

JAN SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAPARK

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division Nohradhar

DPR-HP-7139/2025-2026

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.

Rate unit: Annual L/fee

S N	Lot No.	Auction Catalogue No.	Details	Auction start date & time	Auction close date & time
1	Catg-UMB-MET-GMU-177-26-1	UMB-Mix-12-2026,	(Catering-General Minor Unit (GMU) (Size 10' X 6') Stall No.2 at PF No.1, for General category of Malerkotla (MET) Railway Station.	20.03.2026 at 12:00 hrs	20.03.2026 at 12:30 hrs
2	Catg-UMB-BXC-GMU-176-26-1	UMB-Mix-12-2026,	(Catering-General Minor Unit (GMU) (Size 10' X 6') at PF No.1, for General category of Barwala (BXC) Railway Station.	20.03.2026 at 12:00 hrs	20.03.2026 at 12:40 hrs
Rate unit: Annual L/fee					
3	Catg-UMB-PUL-GMU-72-24-1	UMB-Ctg-02-2026	(Catering-General Minor Unit (GMU) (Size 10' X 6') at PF No.1, for General category of Rampura Pul (PUL) Railway Station.	25.03.2026 at 15:00 hrs	25.03.2026 at 15:30 hrs
4	MSS-UMB-UMB-PS-75-26-1	UMB-PSBO-01-26	Setting up and Operation of Single Brand Company owned/Operated Premium Outlet at Ambala Cantt. Railway Station over Ambala Division for a period of 05 years (As per site-plan)	25.03.2026 at 12:00 hrs	25.03.2026 at 12:30 hrs

Note: For participation in, e-auction process or for any other information related to E-auction process prospective bidders are advised to visit **www.ireps.gov.in**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 825/26

AXIS BANK

AXIS Bank Ltd. Branch Address "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001.
Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor, Opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

This notice serves to inform the public that the following Borrower/Co-Borrowers/Guarantor(s) have defaulted in the repayment of both principal and interest on the loan facility obtained from the Bank. Consequently, such loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). Notices were duly issued to the Borrower(s) at their last known addresses under Section 13(2) of the aforementioned Act, however, these notices have been returned unserved.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
1.	**1. M/S Cell Cafe through its Partners Mr Rajwinder Singh** s/o Jaimal Singh and Mr Arshdeep Singh s/o Surinder Pal Singh, Address: JK Plaza, Shop No.8, Near Oriental Cinema, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana - 141012. **2. Mr Rajwinder Singh** s/o Jaimal Singh, Address: House no. 998- Near Extension Gurudwara, Model Town Extention, Ludhiana, Model Town - 141002. **3. Mr Arshdeep Singh** S/o Surinder Pal Singh, Address: House no. 998, Model Town Extention, Ludhiana , Model Town - 141002. **4. Mr Surinder Pal Singh** s/o Jaimal Singh, Address: House no. 998, Model Town Extention, Ludhiana, Model Town - 141002.	07-Feb-2026	30-Jan-2026	**Rs. 3,99,99,239/-** (Rupees Three Crores Ninety Nine Lacs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred And Thirty Nine Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

All part and parcel of Residential property House bearing MCL No. B-18-4222/99-B on plot No. 99-B measuring 300 Sq. Yds., comprised in the khasra no. 434, 438, 440, 441, 442, khewat no. 308/304, khatoni no 318 as per jamabandi for the year 2013-2014, situated in the village "Taraf Bursah" Locality known as Model Town Extension, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana as per transfer deed 27727 dated 26 Feb 2024 in the name of SurinderPal Singh and transfer deed 27737 dated 26 Feb 2024 in the name of Rajwinder Singh. Boundaries as per title deed : East: Plot No. 100-B 75'0, West: Plot No. 98-B 75'0, North: Road 30', 36'0, South: Plot No. 126-B 36'0.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
2.	**1. M/S. RS Paper Mart through its Proprietor Mr Kunal Goel,** Address: Back Side of Channi Fabrics, Chabewal Bank Side of Bonarhwal, Village Bhotpur Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana , Focal Point - 141010. **2. Mr Kunal Goel** S/o Anil Kumar Goel, Address: House no. 1226/1, Kitchlu Nagar Extension, Bharat Nagar Chowk, Ludhiana -141001.	07-Feb-2026	30-Nov-2025	**Rs. 1,00,48,717/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred And Seventeen Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

All part and parcel of Residential property land measuring pertaining to property no. B-1226/2A/ UID No. B-019-06006) situated at Near Ram Shamani Lane I, Village Haibowal Khurd, Ludhiana, measuring 138-4/9 Sq. yard pertaining to khasra no. 4/22/1/4, 12/2/2, 12/3/1/1, 4/23/2/1, khewat no. 197/195, 198/196, khatoni no. 206, 207 as per jamabandi for the year 2014-2015, Hadbast no. 158 Through registered Transfer deed no 2023-24/101/1/14328 dated 03/01/2024 in the name of Sh. Kunal Goel having boundaries as under as per sale deed East: Common Passage & House Rattan Lal 45 feet, West: House Dr Sunil Gupta 41 feet, North: House Rattan Lal 26 feet + 4 feet + 4 feet, South: House Samir Arohi i.e. 17 feet 3 inch + 3 feet + 12 feet 8 inch.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
3.	**1. M/S Signet Manufacturing Company through its Partners Mr Ridham Jain** S/o Rajinder Kumar, **Mr Amit Jain** S/o Rajinder Kumar Jain **and Mrs Geeta Jain** S/o Rajinder Kumar Jain, Address: 1229C, GT Road Industrial Area – C, Dhandhari Khurd, Ludhiana - 141001. **2. Mr Ridham Jain** S/o Rajinder Kumar, Address: House no. 150, Block K, Near Telephone Exchange, Ashok Vihar, Rishi Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001. **3. Mr Amit Jain** S/o Rajinder Kumar Jain, Address: House no. 150, Block K, Near Telephone Exchange, Ashok Vihar, Rishi Nagar, Ludhiana – 141001. **4. Mrs Geeta Jain** S/o Rajinder Kumar Jain, Address: House no. 150, Block K, Near Telephone Exchange, Ashok Vihar, Rishi Nagar, Ludhiana – 141001. **5. Mrs Shuchi Jain** W/o Ridham Jain, Address: House no. 150, Block K, Near Telephone Exchange, Ashok Vihar, Rishi Nagar, Ludhiana – 141001.	07-Feb-2026	25-Jan-2026	**Rs. 6,64,26,302/-** (Rupees Six Crores Sixty Four Lacs Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred And Two Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

A) All part and parcel of Industrial property situated at Dhandari Khurd Ludhiana as per Jamabandi for the year 2001-02 comprising in Khata no. 19/21, khasra no. 279/2, area measuring 500 sq yards through sale deed vasika no. 18931 dated 15-02-2007 bounded as under : East: Rasta side 44'-07", West: Neighbour Side 44'-07", North: Chanan Singh 102'-00", South: Neighbour 100'-00" **B)** All part and parcel of Industrial property situated at Dhandari Khurd Ludhiana as per Jamabandi for the year 2001-02 comprising in Khata no. 19/21, khasra no. 279/2, area measuring 800 sq yards through sale deed vasika no. 18933 dated 15-02-2007, bounded as under : East: Rasta side 70'-02", West: Neighbour Side 69-03", North: Vacant Plot Side 106'-00", South: Neighbour Side 102'-00".

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
4.	**1. M/s Verma Industries through its proprietor Sukhdev Pal Verma,** Address : Backside Market Committee Nabha Road, Amargarh (Sangrur), Sangrur -148022. **2. Mr. Sukhdev Pal Verma** s/o Prem Chand Verma, Address :- Opp Tehsil Complex Mohali Road, Hardam Colony, Amargarh, Sangrur - 148022. 3. **Mr Vikas Verma** s/o Sukhdev Pal Verma, Address :- Opp Tehsil Complex Mohali Road, Hardam Colony, Amargarh, Sangrur - 148022.	09-Feb-2026	29-Jan-2026	**Rs. 155,84,884/-** (Rupees One Crores Fifty Five Lacs Eighty Four Lacs Eight Hundred And Eighty Four Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

Property Number 1 : All that part and parcel of Commercial Property Situated at Village Amargarh Tehsil Malerkotla District Sangrur, as per Jamabandies 2007-08 Comprising in Khewat No. 361/325 Khatoni No. 511 Khasra No. 1325 (5-18) Kitte 1 total area measuring 58- 18Biswa out of which 25/118 share area measuring 18- 5Biswa in the name of Sukhdev Pal Verma S/o Prem Chand Verma through registered Transfer deed Vasika no. 642 dated 29.11.2010. Boundaries as under: East : N/a, West : N/aNorth : N/a, South : N/a.

Property Number 2 : All that part and parcel of Commercial Property Situated at Village Amargarh Tehsil Malerkotla District Sangrur, as per Jamabandies 2002-03 Comprising in Khewat No. 324 Khatoni No. 496 Khasra No. 1325 (5-18) Kitte 1 total area measuring 58- 18Biswa out of which 24/118 share area measuring 18- 4Biswa in the name of Sukhdev Pal Verma S/o Prem Chand Verma through registered Sale deed Vasika no. 1242 dated 07.03.2005. Boundaries as under: East : N/a, West : N/a, North : N/a, South : N/a.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
5.	**1. M/S Shree Dada Autos Pvt. Ltd., through its Directors** Address :- GT Road Gandhi Nagar, Dholewal Ludhiana Labour Colony, Ludhiana - 141003. **2. Mr Gautam Garg** s/o Ishwar Das, Address :- House no. 30, Ward no. 42, Guru Angad Dev Nagar, Basant Avenue, Ludhiana – 141013. **Also At: Mr Gautam Garg** s/o Ishwar Das Address :- Plot no. 208, Sun View Enclave, Ayali Kalan , Ludhiana – 142027. **Also At: Mr Gautam Garg** s/o Ishwar Das, Address :- Deep Nagar, Sub Distric Payal, VTC, PO Doraha, Ludhiana – 141421. **3.Mrs Pankhuri Garg** c/o Gautam Garg Address :- Plot no. 208, Sun View Enclave, Ayali Kalan, Ludhiana – 142027.	02-Feb-2026	04-Jan-2026	**Rs. 7,09,58,190/-** (Rupees Seven Crores Nine Lacs Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred And Ninety Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

Property number 1 : All that piece and parcel of land as detailed below with all the buildings and structure thereon, fixtures fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future.
Commercial property situated at Wakia Mauja Rakba Dholewal, GT Road Dholewal measuring 128 sq yards, this property is a portion of total property pertaining to Corporation number B-21-1460/11, in the name of bounded as under : Boundaries as under : East: Gautam, Garg 62 ft, West : Gyan Auto Engineers 64ft, North: Gautam Garg 18'8", South: Sarabjit Singh 20'8"

Property number 2 : All that piece and parcel of land as detailed below with all the buildings and structure thereon, fixtures fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future.
Commercial property measuring 350-7/18 property number B-21-14586, Hadbast number 174, Gandhinagar, zila Ludhiana, khewat no. 887/1189 khasra no. 394 as per Jamabandi for the year 2004-2005, bounded as under : Boundaries as under : East: Jaswant Singh 53'6", West: Dada 52'6", North: Street 14 ft wide, South: Neighbour Green Motors 61 ft.

Property Number 3 : All that piece and parcel of land as detailed below with all the buildings and structure thereon, fixtures fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future.
Commercial property measuring 450 sq yards situated at Gandhinagar, Wakia Mauja Rakba Dholewal, GT Road Dholewal in the name of Gautam Garg transferred vide unregistered WILL dated 12.09.2008 in respect of the same a mutation No. 28346 has been duly sanctioned in the revenue records on 26.06.2013 bounded as under : East: n/a, West: n/a, North: n/a, South: n/a.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
6.	**1. M/S Kali Mata Ji Steel Corporation through its Proprietor Mr Radhey Shyam Tiwari,** Address :- Sector 3 Block A 131 Kang Market Street no.2, Mandi Gobindgarh, Fatehgarh Sahib , Salana - 147301. **2. Mr Radhey Shyam Tiwari s/o Banwari Lal,** Address :- House no. 286, Sector Number 7, Adarsh Nagar, Sector 2 B, Mandi Gobindgarh, Fatehgarh Sahib, 147301. **3. Mr Subhash Sharma** s/o Banwari Lal, Address: House no. 339A, Sector 2B, Adarsh Nagar, Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil Amloh, Gobindgarh , Fatehgarh Sahib - 147301. **4. Mr Ravi Shankar** s/o Radhey Shyam, Address: House no. 256, Street no.7, Adarsh Nagar, Sector 2B, Mandi Gobindgarh, Fatehgarh Shab - 147301.	02-Feb-2026	09-Dec-2025	**Rs. 67,82,924/-** (Rupees Sixty Seven Lacs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred And Twenty Four Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

All that part and parcel of Commercial Property Land Measuring 08-38 i.e. 60/2500 share in land measuring 68-59 comprised in Khata no. 508/754 Khasra no. 955/785/436 (6-5) as per jamabandi for the years 2002-03 situated in the revenue estate of Village Nasrali, H.B. no. 63, Sub Tehsil Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib and bounded as under: East – H/o Bhatta (58'-6"), West – H/o Mahendru (58'-6"), North – Street 20' wide (23'-1"), South – H/o Chanan Singh (23'-1").

Therefore, this public notice is hereby issued in lieu of direct communication.

The Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s), where applicable, are hereby called upon to remit the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failure to do so will result in the initiation of further actions, as permitted under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, after the lapse of the 60-day period.

The Borrowers are specifically referred to Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act regarding their rights to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 13.03.2026
Place : Punjab

Sd/-
(Authorized Officer),
Axis Bank Ltd.

FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
CHANDIGARH (DRT 1)
2nd Floor, SCO 33-34-35, Sector-17-A, Chandigarh
DEMAND NOTICE

Notice Under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.

RC/239/2025 18-02-2026

Axis Bank Vs M/s Victory Sales Corporation

To, (CD1) M/s Victory Sales Corporation Near Arya Girls School Mukerian Through Rajan Katna Proprietor, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144211 **(CD2) Sh. Rajan Katna** W/o Sh. Ashok Kumar R/o Ward No. 5, Banian Mohalla, Mukerian, Hoshiarpur, Punjab **(CD3) Ms Chandni @ Punam Katna** R/o Ward No. 5, Lambi Gali, Banian Mohalla, Mukerian, Hoshiarpur, Punjab **(CD4) Sh. Sunil Katna** S/o Sh. Shiv Kumar Katna, R/o Ward No. 5, M.C Rad, Mukerian, Hoshiarpur, Punjab **(CD5) Sh. Shiv Kumar** S/o Sh. Om Prakash, R/o Committee Road, Ward No. 5, Mukerian, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 1) in **OA/1505/2022** an amount of **Rs. 16685921.43/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Six Lakhs Eighty Five Thousands Nine Hundred Twenty One and Paise Forty Three Only)** along with pendentelite and future interest **@ 24%** Compound Interest Monthly **w.e.f. 06/07/2022** till realization and costs of **Rs. 1,50005/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousands Five Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/ Limited) 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing 4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **26/03/2026** at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings. 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **18/02/2026**

Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal Chandigarh (DRT-1)

Kogta Financial (India) Limited

CIN No. U67120RJ1996PLC011406, **Corporate Office:** S-1 Gopalbari, Near Ajmer Pulia, Opp. Metro Pillar No. 143, Jaipur - 302001, Rajasthan, India. **Tel.:** +91 141 6767067, **Registered Office:** Kogta House, Azad Mohalla, Bijainagar – 305624, Rajasthan, India | **Email:** info@kogta.in | **www.kogta.in**

APPENDIX IV [See Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Kogta Financial (India) Limited,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **28.07.2025** calling upon the Borrowers / Guarantor/Mortgagor **MR. NAMA SINGH S/O MR. PRITAM SINGH (APPLICANT/MORTGAGOR), GUDDU KARYANA AND GENERAL STORE THROUGH ITS PROPRITOR MR. NAMA SINGH, MRS. SIMARJEET KAUR W/O MR. NAMA SINGH (CO-APPLICANT) Loan Account No. 0000323875** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **RS.2013912/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Only) as on 26.07.2025** payable with further interest and other legal charges until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/ mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **11** of **March** of the year **2026.** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower/ mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Kogta Financial (India) Limited** for an amount of being **RS.2013912/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Only) as on 26.07.2025** and interest & expenses thereon until full payment

Description of Immovable Property

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY GAIR MUMKIN SITUATED AT KUTTIWAL KLAN (HADBAST NO. 66), TEHSIL MOUR DISTT. BATHINDA, PUNJAB AREA MEASURING 0-4.60 MARLA COMPRISED IN (KHEWAT NO. 267 AND KHATONI NO. 424 TO 426 AS PER TRANSFER DEED) KHEWAT NO. 267 AND KHATONI NO. 424 TO 426 KHASRA NO. 364/2(8-8), 365/1/1(7-3), 366/3/1(0- 18), 366/3/1(1-2), 366/3/1MIN(1-2), 367/2(3-17), 368/3(1-0), 467/3MIN(1-7), 469/1/2(2-9), 469/3/1(4-18), 470/3/1(2-3), 364/2MIN(4-0), 365/1/1MIN(4-0), 364/2MIN(4-0), 367/2MIN(2-0), 368/3MIN(2-0), KITTA 16 TOTAL AREA 50 KANAL 7 MARLA OUT OF WHICH 460/100700 SHARE WHICH COMES TO 0-4.60 MARLA IN THE NAME OF SIMARJIT KAUR W/O NAMA SINGH VIDE TRANSFER DEED NO. 826 DATED 15.07.2021 AND VIDE MUTATION NO. 5749 AS PER REVENUE RECORD FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017.

BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: EAST: STREET 13 FEET WIDE, SIDE 28 FEET, WEST: MALKIT SINGH, SIDE 28 FEET, NORTH: PREM SINGH, SIDE 45 FEET, SOUTH: MALKIT SINGH, SIDE 45 FEET.

Date : 11.03.2026
Place : Mour, Bathinda

Authorised Officer,
Kogta Financial (India) Limited

RBL BANK LTD.
RBL BANK apno ka bank
Registered Office: 1st Lane, Shahupuri, Kolhapur-416001.
Regional Office: 1st Floor, Building No.1, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase-3, New Delhi-110020.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of RBL Bank Ltd has taken over Physical Possession of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act.

The Authorized Officer of M/s. RBL Bank Ltd, had already conducted public auction for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
7. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
8. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
9. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details / clarifications and for submitting their application.
10. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
11. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.

SCHEDULE

Loan Account No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Description of Secured Assets/ Immovable Properties
809003068693	ANUP KUMAR PANDEY (Borrower), ANSHU DEVI (Co-Borrower)	Rs. 20,40,478.82/-	MEASURING 4 MARLA, KHASRA NO. 1246, 1247, 1249 AND 1250 AT CHAK HUSSAINA LAMBA PIND, JALANDHAR TEHSIL AND DISTRICT JALANDHAR.

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Rajpal Yadav celebrates 20 years of 'Malamaal Weekly'



The popular comedy film 'Malamaal Weekly' has completed 20 years since its release, and actor Rajpal Yadav marked the special occasion by thanking fans who continue to shower love on the film.The actor, who played a memorable character in Priyadarshan's comedy, shared a post on social media as the film clocked two decades on Tuesday.

The movie is still remembered for its funny scenes and the strong performances of its cast. To mark the occasion, Rajpal Yadav shared a video compilation on social media showcasing some of his funniest scenes from the film. Along with the video, he also thanked fans for their love and support over the years."Yakeen nahi ho raha ki 20 saal ho gaye! Bajey ko aur film ko itna pyar dene ke liye aap sabka dil se shukriya," read the caption of his post.

Released in 2006, 'Malamaal Weekly' featured a strong cast including Paresh Rawal, Om Puri, Riteish Deshmukh, Rajpal Yadav, and Asrani.The story follows Lilaram, played by Paresh Rawal, a lottery ticket seller in the poor village of Laholi. When one of the lottery tickets he sells wins a huge jackpot, Lilaram comes up with a plan to claim the prize for himself. What follows is a chain of funny situations and misunderstandings that keep movie buffs in stitches.The film was based on the 1998 Irish movie 'Waking Ned.' Over the years, the story also inspired remakes in other languages, including the Telugu film 'Bhagyalakshmi Bumper Draw' (2006), the Kannada film 'Dakota Picture' (2012), and the Malayalam film 'Aamayum Muyalum' (2014).

Zee Kutumb Awards Celebrates the Heart of Indian Families

CHANDIGARH : ZEE TV is the fastest growing channel in the Hindi GEC space, clocking an impressive 51% growth in this year from March 2025 to March 2026. ZEE TV is the No.1 channel in the core prime time for five consecutive months. Zee TV dominates the core prime time with slot leadership in four consecutive time slots 8 pm to 10 pm. These numbers reflect the strong connection its stories share with audiences across India. Through the recently conducted Zee Kutumb awards, ZEE TV has celebrated the spirit of aspirational India. An India that believes in the power of dreams and has the gumption to make them come true. ZEE TV characters reflect this new outlook and self-belief of Indians. The spirit of India also resides in the feeling of community, where neighbours become family members.



As Indians have evolved, so has ZEE TV's relationship with its audience. Over the years, this relationship has grown so strong that it has become a family bond. Thus, the iconic Zee Rishtey Awards have evolved to become the Zee Kutumb Awards.Zee Kutumb Awards 2026 is a celebration of progress and the togetherness of our communities. It is a living, breathing celebration of community living, our families, and the bonds that define us. More than just glamour, the evening became a heartfelt reminder of the India we grew up in, where neighbours are family, traditions are passed down like heirlooms, and stories are shared across generations. The red carpet welcomed the beloved stars of ZEE's most celebrated shows, including Tumm Se Tumm Tak, Saru, Vasudha, Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan, Jagadhatri, Lakshmi Niwas, and Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, as they arrived not just as stars, but as members of one large Kutumb.The grand stage of the Zee Kutumb Awards was opened by Sharad Kelkar, who plays Arya in Tumm Se Tumm Tak. Talking about the same, he said, "Indians are driven by extraordinary resilience. Across the country, there is a deep-rooted belief in growth, possibility, and the power of dreams. Despite all the challenges we face, the spirit within us never dies. Our family values, the bonds we cherish, and the friends we make along the way become our reason for existence without us even realising it. This 'Kutumb' is trying to embrace everything that makes us human and unites all of us in one way or another, and I think that is a beautiful thing."

Vicky Kaushal brings the valour of Chhaava alive with a grand performance at Maruti Suzuki presents 24th Zee Cine Awards 2026



CHANDIGARH: 'Z' once again celebrated the magic of Indian cinema with Maruti Suzuki presents 24th Zee Cine Awards 2026, bringing together the biggest stars, unforgettable performances, and fans who make every cinematic moment special. Staying true to its philosophy of FANtertainment, the grand night turned into a spectacular celebration where larger-than-life performances met the unmatched passion of movie lovers.

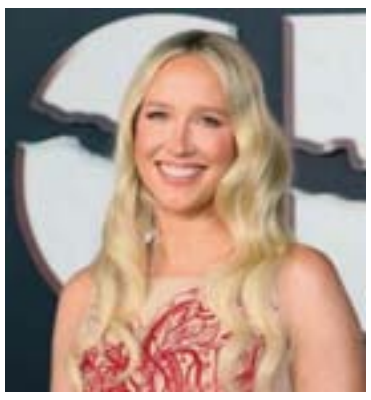
Among the many memorable highlights of the evening, Vicky Kaushal delivered a performance that was nothing short of spectacular. Known for his versatility and powerful screen presence, the actor brought alive the spirit of bravery and grandeur as he paid a special tribute to his much-loved character from Chhaava, creating one of the most talked-about moments of the night.

Making a truly majestic entry, Vicky arrived atop a grand elephant prop, instantly capturing the audience's attention and turning the arena into a grand cinematic spectacle. As he made his way closer to the audience, the atmosphere erupted with cheers and excitement, bringing the spirit of FANtertainment alive as fans witnessed the larger-than-life moment unfold right before their eyes.

The high-energy performance saw Vicky set the stage ablaze with a powerful act on "Toofan" from Chhaava, recreating the aura of the fearless warrior on the grand stage. Blending intensity with electrifying choreography, the performance also featured striking stunts and elements of the traditional Marathi dance form- Lezim, adding an authentic cultural flavour to the act. With unmatched energy and commanding stage presence, Vicky Kaushal owned the stage, transporting audiences into the world of Chhaava and leaving them thoroughly captivated.

Anna Camp comes out as bisexual, says "I only get one life, want to be happy"

Scream 7' actress Anna Camp has publicly come out as bisexual, saying she feels proud to speak about her identity and live life honestly. The actor opened up about her journey during a recent appearance on the podcast' I've Never Said This Before' with Tommy DiDario, according to PEOPLE. During the conversation, Camp opened up about how she feels proud of herself for speaking about her "sexuality" at the age of 43. "As a 43-year-old woman, I am very proud of myself for owning my sexuality at this age," Camp tells DiDario in the clip. "I am a very strong person for doing it in somewhat of a spotlight with people criticising and judging and making assumptions. I'm really proud to be bisexual," Camp said as per PEOPLE.



Camp also spoke about going through personal changes in her 40s and learning to accept them without fear. She said that life is about being true to yourself and choosing happiness. "Sure, there are times I feel like I am taking a risk and this is scary and I'm doing it in a public forum. But to say, 'No, I only get one life and I want to be happy,' that's what life is all about," she said.Earlier this year, Camp confirmed her relationship with Jade Whipkey in May 2025, according to PEOPLE. The couple later appeared together on the red carpet at the premiere of her film Bride Hard in June.Before this, Camp was married to actor Michael Mosley from 2010 to 2013. She later married her 'Pitch Perfect' co-star Skylar Astin in 2016. The two separated in April 2019, and their divorce was finalised later that year. Meanwhile, the actress is currently seen in Scream 7, which hit in theatres on February 26.

Adivi Sesh, Mrunal Thakur's 'Dacoit' gets new release date



Actor Adivi Sesh and Mrunal Thakur's upcoming film 'Dacoit' has received a new release date. The film, which was earlier planned to hit theatres on March 19, 2026, will now arrive a few weeks later. On Tuesday, the makers officially announced that the action-romantic thriller will now hit cinemas on April 10, 2026, instead of the earlier date, which coincided with the festival of Ugadi.Actor Adivi Sesh shared the update with his fans on his official social media handle. Announcing the new date, the actor wrote,

The film stars Adivi Sesh in the lead role and also features Mrunal Thakur. The project has created interest among fans as Sesh has also worked on the writing of the film. Known for choosing story-driven projects, the actor has co-written the story and screenplay along with Shaneil Deo, who is also directing the film.Dacoit is being shot at the same time in Hindi and Telugu. Apart from Sesh and Thakur, the film will also feature filmmaker Anurag Kashyap in a crucial role.The film was earlier set for a March 19 release, but the makers reportedly decided to shift the date as other big films, including 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge' and 'Yash's Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups' were also planned for the same day. However, Toxic has now been pushed to June 2026, while Pawan Kalyan's 'Ustaad Bhagat Singh' has moved to that date.Adivi Sesh was last seen in HIT: The Second Case (2022), directed by Sailesh Kolanu. The film followed the story of police officer Krishna Dev, also known as KD, who investigates a series of crimes involving female victims as part of the HIT unit in Andhra Pradesh.

HDFC Life's Latest Survey Results Show a 30-point Gap between Perception and Reality



SHIMLA: HDFC Life has released regional findings for North India on their Ready for Life Index (RLI). The findings reveal a financially confident region with identified areas for improving long-term readiness. The report, done in collaboration with Ipsos India, tests perceived and actual readiness levels on four fronts – Financial Planning, Emergency Preparedness, Health & Well-being, and Retirement Strategy.North India has an RLI index at 56, slightly lower than the All-India average at 59. A 30-point gap between perception and action highlights the difference between confidence and actual steps taken towards ensuring financial readiness.Emergency preparedness is identified as a major improvement area. Less than half of the surveyed individuals have an emergency corpus. Also, liquidity of the emergency corpus is low as it takes over a week to access the funds. Such observations highlight the need for accessible savings avenues to effectively handle unexpected scenarios of financial disruptions. In terms of financial priorities, North India tracks the national average, with the primary purpose of savings being for children's education. On the other hand, the priorities are relatively higher for the purpose of buying or owning a house and for starting or expanding the family business. The consumer portfolio in the region is diversified with fixed deposits, health insurance, and endowment policies being the most purchased or owned products. The ownership of term insurance products is equal to the national average. Vineet Arora – Executive Director & Chief Business Officer, HDFC Life, elaborated more on the insights for North India.

Sector 7 SOCIAL Brings Football Fever and Open Mic to Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: Sector 7 SOCIAL, the neighbourhood café-bar known for its culture-led programming and community gatherings, is set to host two engaging experiences this March; a live football screening and a poetry-led open mic, bringing together sports fans and creative voices under one roof on 15th March, from 7.30 PM Onwards at Sector 7 Social.

The weekend begins with KickOff at SOCIAL, where football lovers can catch the Manchester United vs Aston Villa clash live on the big screen. Whether you're backing the Red Devils or cheering for the Villans, the evening promises match-day energy, great food and drinks, and the thrill of watching the game with fellow fans.

Following the match screening, Sector 7 SOCIAL will also host a World Poetry Day Open Mic in collaboration with Speaking Souls, inviting poets, storytellers, and performers to take the stage. The afternoon celebrates self-expression and creativity, welcoming participants across genres, languages, and styles from poetry and spoken word to storytelling and other performance forms. Guests can come to perform their own work or simply enjoy an afternoon of powerful voices and shared stories on 21st March 2026 from 3.30 PM Onwards at Sector 7 Social.

Fortis Mohali Launches Robot-Aided Exoskeletal Technology to Improve Motor Impairment in Neurological Patients

CHANDIGARH : Fortis Hospital Mohali, has revolutionized physiotherapy practices by introducing Robot-aided Exoskeletal Technology powered by artificial intelligence to help patients suffering from neurological or musculoskeletal impairments regain their ability to walk. With this, Fortis Hospital Mohali has established itself as the Centre of Excellence in Advance Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation in the region.The Robot-aided Exoskeletal device uses a wearable, motorized lower-limb exoskeleton for gait improvement and assisted mobility training through user-friendly bluetooth accessories. Advanced neurophysiological techniques and advance technologies such as Immersive Virtual Reality, Biofeedback and Non-Invasive Brain stimulations help improve strength, balance and coordination in patients with mobility impairments. Speaking at the launch, Dr GK Balaji PT, Director and Head of Physiotherapy Department, Fortis Hospital Mohali, said, "Despite the fact that recovery in such patients largely depends on the severity of the disease or disorder, retraining the brain by enhancing neural plasticity (connective networks) can significantly improve outcomes. Strengthening these neural connections provides patients with a greater opportunity for faster recovery and helps them regain their functional abilities more effectively."Stating that gait training exercises are a form of physical therapy for patients with injuries affecting their lower extremities, Dr Balaji, added, "The integration of robotic technology in physiotherapy will be a game changer in the field of neuro-rehabilitation and will benefit patients whose lives have been hampered."Dr Balaji further stated that the Department of Physiotherapy has rehabilitated several patients suffering from neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease, stroke, spinal cord and brain injuries, cerebral palsy, autism, multiple sclerosis and other mobility impairments.



Jindal IVF Emphasises Personalised Fertility Care for Couples in Punjab

CHANDIGARH: With infertility challenges rising among young couples, Jindal IVF is advocating a patient-first approach to fertility care that prioritises accurate diagnosis and personalised treatment rather than immediately recommending invasive procedures. In these times, when the commercial IVF approach is crowding the market, the brand has come forth to inspire couples to make more informed decisions without compromising health. The brand is boldly saying that "invasive procedures are neither the first, nor the only solutions".

According to demographic estimates, Punjab's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined to around 1.5, significantly below the replacement level of 2.1. In such a scenario, specialists emphasise the importance of increasing awareness around fertility health, treatment options and the importance of a balanced medical approach.

As part of an awareness initiative, Jindal IVF is encouraging couples to understand that infertility treatment is not always synonymous with IVF or other invasive interventions. Instead, specialists advise that the treatment pathway should be guided by medical diagnosis and tailored to each patient's specific condition.

Dr. Sheetal Jindal, Senior Consultant and IVF-PGT Specialist at Jindal IVF, said, "Many patients assume that a fertility challenge automatically means they must undergo an invasive treatment such as IVF. However, that is not always the case. A holistic and diagnosis-driven approach often helps identify simpler and more suitable treatments, ensuring better health outcomes for both parents and the child."

Double Dhawan, Double Dhamaal in the laughter-packed finale of the Great Indian Kapil Show Season 4



CHANDIGARH : The laughter riot comes to a grand finale as The Great Indian Kapil Show wraps up its Season 4 finale with a blockbuster father-son duo, releasing this Saturday, March 14th. With playful banter, funny anecdotes, and Kapil's signature humour, the episode promises endless entertainment. With Varun's infectious energy to David Dhawan's witty charm, the duo brings double the fun and double the madness to the finale, making it a perfect finale to the season.Adding to the nostalgia, David Dhawan fondly reminisces about working with legendary actors from Hindi cinema's golden era. The moment turns emotional when Sunil Grover steps into the shoes of the iconic Kader Khan, leaving David Dhawan visibly moved as he recalls the legendary actor's unforgettable presence and contribution to comedy.With Kapil and the gang adding their signature comic chaos, the finale turns into a celebration of comedy, cinema, and family moments and also sees the show's favourite return in full form — Krushna Abhishek as Ramu (Govinda) and Kiku Sharda as Muthu (Satish Kaushik) bring their signature characters and interruptions to the stage, turning the celebration into a full comedy carnival.

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