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Massive fire in Sector 22 phone market in Chd

CHANDIGARH: A fire broke out in a shop in Sector 22 here, one of the busiest commercial zones in the city, on Wednesday, officials said. No casualty has yet been reported.
The fire began on the first floor of a shop and spread to the adjoining shops.
An official said more than 15 fire tenders were pressed into service, and more may be deployed.

Sensex, Nifty climb nearly 1 pc

MUMBAI: Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended nearly 1 per cent higher on Wednesday, extending their winning run to the third day in a row, amid a slight drop in crude oil prices and a firm trend in global peers.
A rally in IT stocks also led to the optimistic trend in the domestic markets.
The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 633.29 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 76,704.13. During the day, it soared 929.38 points or 1.22 per cent to 77,000.22.

Heavy security at Vaishno Devi shrine for Navratri

KATRA/JAMMU: An elaborate security net has been cast over the trek leading to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hills for the Chaitra Navratras, an official said on Wednesday.
Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) CEO Sachin Kumar Vaishya said the entire shrine area, including the Bhawan and surrounding premises, has been decorated with flowers ahead of the nine-day festival.
A heavy influx of pilgrims is expected to visit the shrine during the period, which ends on Ram Navami.

Iran launches retaliatory strikes on Israel following killing of top leaders

TEHRAN: Iran on Wednesday launched fresh attacks on Israel, vowing retaliation for the killing of two top Iranian leaders a day earlier.
In the predawn hours, witnesses in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem reported flashes in the sky, including what appeared to be a cluster munition missile over Tel Aviv.
Multiple locations in Tel Aviv were hit by falling debris, prompting the deployment of bomb disposal teams and emergency responders.
Earlier on Wednesday, two people were killed in central Israel by missile shrapnel, while another person was injured in the city of Bnei Brak, just north of Tel Aviv, according to emergency services, CNN reported.
Iran's military said it had carried out "intense" strikes against Israel, with one commander describing the assault as a "rapid strike," CNN reported.
Iran's semi-official Tasnim news agency aired footage of what it said were missiles launched toward Tel Aviv, including the Khorramshahr-4, which experts say can carry up to 80 small bomblets. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said the strikes were carried out in "retaliation" for the killing of national security chief Ali Larijani, who was reportedly killed in an Israeli strike on Tuesday.
Meanwhile, explosions were reported across several parts of Iran early Wednesday, according to eyewitness accounts cited by Iran International.

Three children among nine of family killed in massive Delhi building fire



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Nine members of a family, including three children, died after a fire broke out in a multi-storey residential building in southwest Delhi's Palam area on Wednesday morning, officials said. Three others were injured, two of them jumped from the building at Ram Chowk Market near Palam Metro Station in a desperate attempt to escape the flames, they said.

The five-storey building had a cloth and cosmetic showroom on the ground and first floor, while the family of the owner of the showroom, Rajender Kashyap, lived on the second and third floors.

Information regarding the blaze was received at 7:04 am at Palam Village police station, following which teams rushed to the spot. Among the people who were rescued from the building, nine were declared dead at the hospital. Pravesh (33), Kamal, (39), Ashu (35) Lado (70), Himanshi (22), Deepika (28) and three minor girls aged 15, six and three – were identified to have died in the fire. Anil, 32, and one girl aged two are under treatment and Sachin (29) was being treated for 25 per cent burn injuries at Safdarjung Hospital. Around 30 fire tenders and 11 ambulances were pressed into service, along with personnel from the police, BSES, Air Force police and the NDRF, as part of a massive firefighting and rescue operation.

PM announces ex-gratia for victims

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday expressed deep sorrow over the fire incident in Palam, Delhi, that has claimed lives and left several others injured, while announcing financial assistance for the victims.
In a message posted on X, Modi said, "The fire incident in Palam, Delhi, is saddening. I extend my condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. May the injured recover at the earliest." His statement came as authorities continued rescue and relief operations at the site of the tragedy.
The Prime Minister also announced ex-gratia compensation from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for those affected. "An ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs. 50,000," he said.

Eight killed in house fire in Indore

INDORE: Eight members of a family were killed when a fire broke out in a three-storey house after an explosion at an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging point outside the building in Indore early on Wednesday, officials said.
The deceased included two minor children and three women, they said.
Alarmed by the incident, the Madhya Pradesh government announced a detailed investigation into it by a committee of experts and the framing of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for EV charging.

Punjab to recover Rs. 1.44 lakh crore from Rajasthan Govt for unpaid water dues: CM Mann



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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday asserted that the Punjab Government will stake claim to 1.44 lakh crore from the Rajasthan Government for decades of unpaid water usage, making it clear that Rajasthan must either release Punjab's rightful dues or stop drawing water, while also calling for a review of the historic 1920 agreement governing this arrangement.

Interacting with the media, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "The Rajasthan Government owes 1.44 lakh crore to Punjab for the water drawn through the Ferozepur Feeder since 1960, for which not even a single penny has been paid. Rajasthan must either release Punjab's rightful dues or stop taking water."

He stated that as per an agreement signed in the 1920s between the state of Bikaner, the erstwhile Punjab, and the British, Rajasthan had agreed to pay for water on a per-acre basis. "Payments were made till 1960, but after the Indus Water Treaty, Rajasthan stopped paying despite continuously drawing 18,000 cusecs of water," added CM Bhagwant Singh Mann.

Highlighting the contradiction in Rajasthan's stand, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Even today, Rajasthan continues to draw water under the 1920 agreement, but when it comes to paying dues, it takes shelter under the 1960 arrangement."

He further stated, "The governments at that time, while entering into the new arrangement in 1960, did not mention payment, but they also never cancelled the 1920 agreement."

Raising serious questions over past inaction, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "The agreement clearly mandated a review every 25 years, but previous governments never raised this issue or pursued Punjab's rightful claim."

Property dealer shot dead in Chandigarh



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CHANDIGARH: A 31-year-old property dealer was gunned down in broad daylight in the high-security Sector 9 area of Chandigarh on Wednesday.
The victim, identified as Charanpreet Singh, a resident of Kubbaheri village in Mullanpur, was targeted by bike-borne assailants as he was entering his car after exiting a local gym.
According to eyewitness accounts and preliminary police findings, the attackers fired approximately 12 rounds at Singh, who collapsed in the driving seat with multiple gunshot wounds to his chest, abdomen, and arms.
Following the attack, Singh's associates rushed him to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in a private vehicle. However, sources indicated that due to excessive blood loss, he was declared dead upon arrival at the hospital.
The brazen nature of the crime has sent shockwaves through the city, particularly as the incident occurred just minutes away from the offices of the Chandigarh Administration and the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP). Local Congress leader Kamaljit Singh, who reached the spot, revealed that Charanpreet was a bachelor who had been running a real estate business for several years and had opened his own office about 18 months ago. Kamaljit Singh alleged that the victim had received several threatening calls recently and had formally approached the police for protection. He claimed that despite these reports, the police failed to provide security to the developer, and his application for an arms license was also reportedly pending at the time of the murder.

"No full stop in politics": PM Modi bids farewell to retiring Rajya Sabha MPs

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday thanked the retiring Rajya Sabha MPs for their contributions, wishing them well for their future political endeavours as he emphasised that there was "no full stop in politics". Addressing the upper house of Parliament during the ongoing budget session, PM Modi said that every member plays a unique role, adding that their experience and contribution will always be remembered. "Discussions take place on various issues in the House, and every member plays a unique role in them. In moments like these, a common sense of respect is generated, rising above party lines. To the leaders who



are leaving the House after the end of their tenure, I want to say that there is no full stop in politics. The future is waiting for you. Your experience and contribution will always be remembered," the PM said. He further urged the newly elected MPs to learn from the veterans like HD Deve Gowda, Mallikarjun Kharge, Sharad Pawar, who he said have spent more than half of their lives in parliamentary work."HD Deve Gowda ji, Mallikarjun Kharge ji, and Sharad Pawar ji are senior leaders who have spent more than half of their lives in parliamentary work. Newly elected MPs should learn from them," he said. Speaking about Ramdas Athawale, whose term is coming to an end, PM Modi said, "Sometimes we used to hear that there is a lot of opportunity for humour and satire in the House. These days, perhaps it is gradually decreasing. But our Athawale is evergreen. Athawale is leaving, but no one here will feel any shortcoming. I am fully confident that he will continue to serve satire and humour in abundance."

NIA arrests six Ukrainians, one American over alleged Myanmar terror links

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NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday arrested seven foreign nationals, including six Ukrainian nationals and one American citizen, for allegedly providing terrorist training in Myanmar.

According to the information, the arrested individuals include six Ukrainian nationals and one American citizen.

The NIA stated that all the accused had illegally entered India and were allegedly involved in providing training in weapons handling and drone operations in Myanmar. During the probe, it was also revealed that drones used for training purposes were procured from Europe. They were produced before a special NIA court, which remanded all seven ac-



cused to 11 days of NIA custody. The agency is now interrogating them regarding illegal entry into India, arms training, drone operations, and the network involved in drone procurement.

Govt cracks down on misleading ads, unsafe content involving children

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NEW DELHI, MAR 18

The government said on Wednesday that the Advertising Code strictly prohibits misleading claims, unsafe portrayal of children and violations of Advertising Standards Council of India norms, while a statutory three-tier grievance redressal mechanism ensures effective and time-bound handling of complaints related to broadcast content.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said it has issued advisories and taken action against violations, directing media platforms to refrain from carrying advertisements of online betting platforms and their surrogate products.

In a written reply in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L. Murugan said all advertisements aired on private satellite TV channels must comply with the Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

Detailing key provisions, the Minister said, "No advertisement shall contain references which are likely to lead the public to infer that the product advertised… has some special or miraculous or supernatural property," as per Rule 7(5).

He further noted, "No advertisement which endangers the safety of



children or creates in them any interest in unhealthy practices… shall be carried," under Rule 7(7), adding that advertisements must also adhere to norms laid down by the Advertising Standards Council of India.

The government also highlighted that a statutory three-tier grievance redressal system, introduced under the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2021, enables effective handling of complaints. This includes self-regulation by broadcasters, oversight by industry bodies, and a final review mechanism by the Centre. As per the rules, viewers can file complaints directly with broadcasters or approach ASCI in cases related to advertising violations. "ASCI shall take a decision on the complaint within sixty days of its receipt," the Minister said.

Row Over Rajya Sabha Polls: Haryana CM accuses Congress of subverting democracy

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18



Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday mounted a sharp attack on the Congress over the Rajya Sabha elections, alleging that the party itself is guilty of undermining democratic principles. Terming Congress's claim of 'murder of democracy' as politically motivated, he said such assertions betray the party's frustration and that its own statements have, in fact, weakened democratic discourse.

Speaking during the ongoing Budget Session of the State Vidhan Sabha on Wednesday, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the issue did not formally arise for discussion in the House. However, he noted that senior member Dr. Raghubir Singh Kadian, a former Speaker, had questioned the necessity of fielding a third candidate. He also referred to remarks made to the media by MLA Geeta Bhukkal, who alleged that government ministers had sought to poach Congress MLAs.

The Chief Minister clarified that the third candidate was not backed by them, but was an independent candidate fielded by independent members. He emphasized that in a democracy, every individual has the right to contest elections.

The independent candidate had approached them for support and had also sought votes from the Congress. Ultimately, those who chose to back him did so in accordance with their conscience. There should be no objection to that.

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CU of Punjab professor invited by Chinese University to teach Punjabi language

BATHINDA (ANANTDEEP KAUR): In a significant step towards promoting Indian language and culture at the global level, a professor from the Central University of Punjab (CU Punjab), Bathinda, has been invited by a Chinese university to teach the Punjabi language. Prof. Zameerpal Kaur Sandhu Bajwa, Professor in the Department of Punjabi and former Dean of the School of Languages, Literature and Culture at CU Punjab, has been invited by Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU), China, to serve as a Foreign Expert in Punjabi Language and South Asian Studies for the academic session 2026–27. After receiving approval from the university, Prof. Bajwa has proceeded on a visit to BFSU, China. During her stay, she will teach courses on the Punjabi language and the history and culture of Punjab, prepare Punjabi teaching materials, supervise graduate students in South Asian language programmes, and assist in training Chinese teachers in Punjabi language instruction. During her visit to China, BFSU will provide round-trip travel and accommodation, while CU Punjab will continue to pay her salary.



ADC directs to ensure supply of commercial cylinders to educational institutions and hospitals on priority

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, MARCH 18



Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) Amaninder Kaur today directed the concerned officers to ensure supply of commercial cylinders to educational institutions and hospitals on priority.

Presiding over an important meeting regarding supply of commercial gas cylinders at the District Administrative Complex here, the Additional Deputy Commissioner said that the government has directed to supply commercial cylinders to educational institutions and hospitals on priority. He appointed DEO (Electricity), DEO (Sec) as nodal officers for educational institutions and the Civil Surgeon for the hospitals running in the district and directed that these officers will ensure that their demand regarding educational institutions and medical institutions is given to the gas companies every day. He also directed that the District Controller, Food and Civil Supplies will ensure the supply of gas as per their demand.

He told the nodal officers that they will inform the District Controller, Food and Civil Supplies about their demand daily and the District Controller will coordinate with the concerned gas agencies regarding the demand for commercial cylinders and ensure its fulfillment. The Additional Deputy Commissioner appealed to the people on behalf of the district administration that the booking of domestic gas cylinders will be done after 25 days (after the delivery of the first cylinder), therefore all the gas consumers should ensure to book the gas 25 days after receiving the cylinder. He also appealed that the consumers in the area where gas is being supplied through PNG should use PNG gas only and in view of the current situation, they should not book gas cylinders so that these cylinders can be provided to the needy consumers on time. The Additional Deputy Commissioner strictly instructed IOCL, BPCL, HPCL, District Nodal Officers and Sales Officers to continue uninterrupted supply of commercial cylinders.

St. Stephen's school choir weaves magic at Irish embassy's St. Patrick's Day celebrations in New Chandigarh

J.K. BATTA
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18



At the St. Patrick's Day celebrations hosted by the Irish Embassy at The Imperial Hotel, the Senior Choir of St. Stephen's School, Togan, New Chandigarh, mesmerised the audience with their melodious performance.

The event was graced by the dignified presence of diplomats, dignitaries, and distinguished guests. Clad in green attire, the choir brought the festive spirit to life while conveying a message of cultural unity.

The most poignant moment of the ceremony came during the rendition of Jana Gana Mana (India's National Anthem) and Amhrán na bhFiann (Ireland's National Anthem). Led by Irish Ambassador Kevin Kelly and Sophie Rogan, the singing of these national anthems—with the active participation of both the choir and the assembled gathering—imbued the atmosphere with deep emotion and pride.

The choir garnered immense appreciation from the audience by performing popular Irish songs such as "Forty Shades of Green," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "Like a Bird Without Wings," "Gold and Silver Days," "The Town I Love So Well," and "Take Me Home." Speaking on the occasion, Ireland's Attorney General Rossa Fanning, Ireland's Ambassador to India Kevin Kelly, and Mr. Sybi George, Secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs, highlighted the strength of India-Ireland relations in their respective addresses.

Representing the school, Principal Mr. Roy da Silva attended the event on behalf of Director Mr. Harold Carver and Ms. Diana Carver. He also conducted the choir, making the performance truly memorable through his expert direction.

Classified

I, Inderpal Kaur wife of Mukand Singh, mother of Army No. 4486060-H, Rank : Hav. Hardeep Singh C/o 9 Sikh Li resident of village Pharwahi, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur, Punjab, have changed my name from Inderpal Kaur to Sinderpal Kaur for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 18.03.2026 before Notary Public, Dhuri.
98724

I, Husandeep Singh Marahar S/o Jaswinder Singh, R/o Village Bamal (Dhuri) Sangrur) have changed name to Husandeep Singh
98724

I, Ajay Kumar S/o Sh. Churia Ram, Resident Of House No 587, Kanugo Mohalla, Tehsil & District Kaithal (136027), Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Dharay To Dhairya. Concerned Please Note.
100039

I Renu W/o Manoj Kumar, R/O H. No. 589, Street No. 3, Arjun Nagar, Patti Afghan, Kaithal (Haryana). I changing my name from Renu to Renu Rani. In future I will be known as Renu Rani. Please note the relevant.
100046

I Manoj S/o late Sh. Dharampal, R/O H. No. 589, Street No. 3, Arjun Nagar, Patti Afghan, Kaithal (Haryana). I changing my name from Manoj to Manoj Kumar. In future I will be known as Manoj Kumar. Please note the relevant.
100046

I Rohit s/o Dev Parkash Sharma R/o VPO Kharak Kalan, Bhiwani 127114 have changed my name from Rohit to Rohit Sharma.
989752

I, Subhash Chander Softa S/o Sh. Gian Chand Softa R/o # 158/2, St. No.1. Prof. Colony Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my name from Subhash Chander Softa to Subhash Softa.
524479

I Hitherto Known As Gurpiar Singh Brar S/o Gurcharan Singh , Residing At Village Chambeli , Distt Faridkot , Punjab – 151203 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gurpiar Singh
900014

I, hither to known as Suman D/o Satpal R/o H.No. 332/3 New Kalgidhar Avenue, Mithapur Jalandhar (Pb.)-144022 have Changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Suman Preet. I have Changed my name not my religion.
600022

I, hither to known as Ajmer Singh S/o Harjit Singh R/o H.No. 523 Gurmehar Enclave VPO. Wadala, Distt. Jalandhar (Pb.) India-144003 have Changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Ajmer Singh Dhanda. I have Changed my name not my religion.
600022

I, Appukuttan C is legally father of No. 15814358X Rank & Trade Hav SKT(MT) Name-Aneesh CA presently residing at address Vill-Ambalapara, PO-Mannur (West), Teh-Ottapalam, Distt-Palakkad, Kerala-678642 have changed my name from Appukuttan C to Appukuttan Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB3063764-1953165Y, Dated 16-03-2026 Before District Court, Jalandhar (PB).
600022

I, Raoh is Legally mother of No. 15814358X Rank & Trade Hav SKT(MT) Name-Aneesh CA presently residing at address Vill-Ambalapara, PO-Mannur (West), Teh-Ottapalam, Distt-Palakkad, Kerala-678642 have changed my name from Raoh to Radhakumari Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB3024946-3786687Y, Dated 16-03-2026 Before District Court, Jalandhar (PB).
600022

I, Paramjit, S/o Shri Parbhu Ram, R/o Village Jalaludin Majra, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra. have changed my name from Paramjit to Paramjeet Singh.
989666

I, Shakshi Sehgal, W/o Shri Ashish Sehgal, R/o House No. 4023, Block E, Sector 32, Ansal Sushant City, Kurukshetra. have changed my name from Shakshi Sehgal to Sakshi Sehgal.
989666

I, Baljeet Kaur Maan W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Vpo. Sudh Singh Wala Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Baljeet Kaur.
63372

I, Dilbar S/o Ram Dass R/o Pabwan Po. Pabwan Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Dilbar Lagah.
63372

I Jit Singh S/o Bant Singh S/o Jagat Singh R/o Kanganwal (Malerkotla) have changed my name Ajit Singh.
63372

I, Amritpreet Singh S/o Iqbal Singh R/o Sarwarpur (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Is Amritpreet And My Surname Is Singh.
63372

I, Jaspreet Kaur Aujla W/o Harwinder Singh R/o Vill: Rasulra Teh-Khanna Distt. Ludhiana have changed her name from Jaspreet Kaur Aujla to Jaspreet Kaur.
63372

I, Harwinder Singh Aujla S/o Darshan Singh R/o Vill: Rasulra Teh-Khanna Distt. Ludhiana have changed her name from Harwinder Singh Aujla to Harwinder Singh.
63372

I, Shashi Bala W/O Tek Chand R/O Sajida Colony, Malerkotla, Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name from Shashi Bala to Shashi Sharma.
63372

I, Sarbjeet Kaur W/o Nirpal Singh R/o H.No. 1708 W.No. 11 Payal Teh-Payal Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Sarbjit Kaur.
63372

I, Jasveer Singh S/o Dharam Singh R/o W.No. 2 Payal Teh-Payal Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Jasvir Singh.
63372

I, Manveer Kaur W/o Taranpreet Singh Grewal R/o Mor Karima Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Manveer Kaur Grewal.
63372

I, Charanjeet Singh S/o Harbans Singh R/o Ramgarh Bhullar, Jagraon, Ludhiana have changed my name to Charanjit Singh.
63372

I, Naman S/o Ranvir Singh R/o Rakran Dhahan Po. Rakkran Dhaha Distt. SBS Nagar (Nawanshahr) have changed my name from Naman to Naman Panesar.
63372

I Sarbjeet Kaur Brar W/o Karamjit Singh Gill R/o VPO Dhudike, Teh. & Distt. Moga-142053 have changed my name to Sarbjeet Kaur.
63372

I, Rajiv Kumar Sharma S/o Tilak Raj Sharma R/o H.No. 94 Dobetta Colony Nangal Distt. Rupnagar have known by both names Rajiv Kumar Sharma and Rajiv Sharma one and the same person.
63372

I Jagjit Singh S/O Surjit Singh, R/o VPO Harchowal, District Gurdaspur Have declare that Jagjit is my Given Name and Singh is my Surname.
63372

I, Pritpal Singh S/O Baldev Singh R/O Panjeta (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Is Pritpal And My Surname Is Singh.
63372

I, Sandeep Kaur W/o Sandeep Singh R/o Madhe Ke Road, Nihal Singh Wala (Moga) have changed my name from Sandeep Kaur to as Sandeep is my given name and Kaur is my surname.
63372

I Palwinder Singh S/O Balwant Singh R/O Dhapali Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Minor Son Name Gurveer Singh To Gurveer Singh Sidhu.
63372

I Ravinder Kumer Alias Ravinder Nath S/O Megh Raj R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Two Name Of One Person.
63372

I Chamkaur Singh S/o Bachan Singh R/o Vpo Lamma Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Chamkaur Singh to Chamkor Singh.
63372

I, Jagdish S/o Avtar Singh R/o Kot Badal Khan Po. Kot Badal Khan Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Jagdish Singh Cheema.
63372

I, Manvir Singh S/o Gurcharan Singh Sidhu R/o Vpo Pandori District Ludhiana , have changed my name from Manvir Singh to Manvir Singh Sidhu.
63372

I Jasveer Kaur W/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Kotha Guru Teh. Phul Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name From Jasveer Kaur To Jasvir Kaur.
63372

I, Boota Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/o Village Chohka, PO. Garhdiwala, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India declare that I have changed my name from Boota Singh to Buta Singh. All concerned note.
63372

I Champa Rani W/o Prem Nath Sehgal R/o 172 St.No. 06 Moh. Hargobindpura Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Joti Sehgal.
63372

I, Mehakpreet D/o Mangat Singh R/o Village Valtoha Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Mehakpreet to Mehakpreet Kaur.
63372

I, Jobanjeet Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o Village Sarai Talwandi, Allowal District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Jobanjeet Singh to Jobanjit Singh.
63372

I, Amandeep Singh S/o Harnek Singh R/o Vill: Rasulpur Po. Sarhala Khurd Teh-Garhshankar Hoshiarpur, Punjab, have changed my name from Amandeep Singh to Singh Amandeep.
63372

I, Pawandeep Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vpo. Machhike (Moga) have changed my name to Pawandeep Kaur Dhaliwal.
63372

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Chamkaur Singh R/o Vpo. Machhike (Moga) have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal.
63372

I, Satnam Singh S/O Jora Singh R/O Vpo. Datta, Distt. Moga (Pb), I Have Changed My Name Satnam Singh Rupra To Satnam Singh.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

ਮੈਂ ਬਲਵੀਰ ਕੌਰ (ਆਧਾਰ ਨੰਬਰ 6219 4201 3442) ਪਤਨੀ ਧਰਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਨੰਬਰ 3 ਘੜੂੰਆਂ, ਰਹਿਸ਼ੀਲ ਖਰੜ ਐਸਏਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਆਪਣੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਅਮਨਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਉਰਫ ਬੇਅੰਤ ਕੌਰ ਤੇ ਉਸਦਾ ਪਤੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਮੇਤ ਬੱਚੇ ਅਕਸ਼ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ, ਨਵਨੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਾਰੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।
100071

I, Sushma Devi, wife of Bimal Kumar, resident of village Bar Majra, Tehsil and District SAS Nagar Mohali, have dispossessed my son Roshan Kumar and daughter-in-law Reena Kushwaha from my movable and immovable property due to their being beyond my control. The person who deals with them will be held responsible.
524479

ਮੈਂ ਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ (Ravinder Singh) ਪੁੱਤਰ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ (Ajit Singh) ਵਾਸੀ ਬਡਾਲੀ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੋਪੜ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਯਾਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ (Yadwinder Singh) ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।
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PUBLIC NOTICES

It is for general information that I, Mohammad Sardar S/o Rafik Mohammad R/o Vill-Sangali, Teh-Malerkotla, Kishangarh, Post Office Himtana, Distt Malerkotla, Punjab-148023 Declare that name of mine and my father's Name has been wrongly written as Mohd Sardar and Rafique Mohd in my Passport No. H8054633. The Actual name of mine and my father is Mohammad Sardar and Rafik Mohammad which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.
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I, Manoj Arora S/o Amar Nath Arora R/o #21885, St.No.5, Dhobiana Road, (Dasmesh Marg) Bathinda, Punjab (151001) My Passport name has mentioned as Manoj Kumar Arora. I have changed my name from Manoj Kumar Arora to Manoj Arora. Please note it all.
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I Manoj Shukla S/o Shayam Shankar R/o Lehragaga Teh-Lehra Distt. Sangrur declare that Manoj Shukla and Isher Singh both names are of one and same person.
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I, Baldev Singh S/o Ram Singh R/o Mohalla Green Avenue, Teh/Distt Malerkotla, declare that I disinherit my Daughter Arshpreet Kaur from all my movable and immovable property as she is beyond my control. Anyone who has dealings with her will be responsible for it.
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I, Gurmit Singh S/o Chand Singh R/o Vill-Maholi Kalan Teh-Ahmedgarh Distt Malerkotla, declare that I disinherit my son Kuldeep Singh from all my movable and immovable property as she is beyond my control. Anyone who has dealings with her will be responsible for it.
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LOST & FOUND

I, Savita W/o Rammivas R/o Village Nigdhu, Sub-Tehsil Nigdhu, District Karnal, hereby declare that my Sale Deed No. 719, dated 25.10.2023, went missing somewhere at the Bus Stand, Village Nigdhu, District Karnal, on 01.03.2026. This document was intended to be pledged with Agriwise Finserv Limited (Branch: 1st Floor, Plot No. 38, Part 1 Market, HUDA Sector-15, HUDA Kaithal, Haryana 136027). I have also lodged a Police Report regarding this matter, bearing Report No. 132910852600096. Should anyone find this document, please contact Advocate Kabir Dhall at Chamber No. 84, Kaithal, on mobile number 9992456666, within 7 days from date of publication.
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LOST & FOUND

I Rajiv Mirchia S/o Manohar Lal Mirchia R/o #128 sector 8 Panchkula (Haryana), I have lost my property documents allotment letter and possession letter on 14.10.2025 of sco75 ground floor Swastik Vihar MDC SECTOR-5 Panchkula. Complaint has been logged in sector 7 police station panchkula no.132300732500490 dated 14.10.2025. If any body found the documents contact me on above address.
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LOST & FOUND

I Sandeep Kaur, D/o Mahinder Singh, R/o H.No. 154, Old Ajit Enclave Randhawa Road Kharar (Mohali) I declare that I went to Sector 17 Market with my family on 10th March 2026 and I purchased my property in respect of residential plot, 5.5 Marla, NRI Enclave Village Khaur, District SAS Nagar vide Sale Deed No. 12612, dated 13.03.2012 from Dharam Pal son Chunni Lal son Sewa Ram R/o Village Dhiran Post/Tehsil District Pathankot). While getting it removed from the market, my Sale Deed No. 12612, dated 13.03.2012 has been lost. I tried a lot to trace it but I was unable to trace it. I am taking home loan from SBI Mohali. The said registry will be kept as mortgage with SBI RACPC Sector 68 Mohali Punjab. If anyone has any claim regarding this property, he can inform RACPC Mohali Sector 68 within 15 days of publication of his information in the above branch at SBI Sector 68 RACPC Mohali. Mobile No. 98888-80095.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that sale deed bearing Vasika No. 28 dated 03-04-2017 registered with Sub-Registrar, Kharar, Tehsil Kharar Distt. S.A.S. Nagar by Manjit Kaur w/o S. Amar Singh favoring. S. Baljinder Kaur w/o S Paramjit Singh is lost and a report with the kharar. Police station has been registered as DD No. 198 SAS dated. If anybody finds it, he may contact Mrs. Malkit Kaur Mobile No.9888253211 The finder shall be suitably rewarded. H.N. 154/3 Acmay Height / Mandi Kharar
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LOST & FOUND

1- Certified that it is brought to Notice of General Public that Original Sale Deed No. 2132 Dated 07-06-2017 in favour of Manju W/o Parmod Kumar 1/2 Share and Asha Rani W/o Pawan Kumar 1/2 share Executed by Jagwinder Singh S/o Gurdev Singh has been lost and if anybody find the above-mentioned Original Sale Deed then contact to Adv R.P. Singh, Mobile No. 94634-19781. Lost Information Report SR No. 698595/2026 dated 18-03-2026.
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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited for canteen contract of civil hospital, Batala for one year. Tender Document can be obtain on any working day up to 19-03-2026 from the O/o SMO Civil Hospital Batala. Tender will be received till 12 Noon on 26-03-2026 has right accept or reject all/any quotation without assining any reason.

Sd/- Senior Medical Officer, Mata Sulakhani Ji Civil Hospital, Batala
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Foundation stone laid for Gaushala to shelter stray cows at Mullanpur Dakha

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Under the patronage of Punjab Kesari Group MD Vijay Chopra, Swami Ganganand Ji Bhuri Wale Gaushala Trust laid the foundation stone of a new gaushala near Raqba Bhawan for the care of stray and abandoned cows, which often become a cause of road accidents. The ceremony was performed by Sant Karam Das, Gaddinashin of Gareeb Das Dera Sant Sadhu Ram Ji, Noormahal. Sant Karam Das said that cows hold great religious significance and are regarded as mother, adding that the Trust has taken a commendable step with the support of devotees and the public to serve and protect them selflessly. He urged everyone to contribute to this noble cause. Before the foundation ceremony, trustees including Krishna Kumar Bawa, Raj Purohit Doongar Singh, B.K. Bansal (Marigold Feed), Girdhari Lal Bassi, Nitin Bansal, along with former minister Malkiat Singh Dakha, Sandeep Sandhu, Pawan Diwan, Vinod Kalia, Nitin, Tarlochan Safari, Santokh Singh, Advocate Boota Singh Bairagi, Santosh Sharma, Rajinder Pal Bansal, Ranjit Singh, Karnail Singh Gill, Praveen Gandhi.



NEWS BRIEF

Eid-ul-Fitr prayer in Qadian to be offered at 9:00 AM on March 20, subject to moon sighting

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QADIAN: The faithful in Qadian will gather in a spirit of devotion and unity to offer the auspicious Eid-ul-Fitr, marking the culmination of the holy month of Ramadan. Subject to the sighting of the moon, the Eid prayer will be held on March 20, 2026, at precisely 9:00 AM, Insha'Allah. The announcement has been made to ensure that all community members can make necessary arrangements to participate in this sacred occasion. Eid-ul-Fitr, a festival symbolizing gratitude, compassion, and togetherness, is celebrated with great fervor and reverence across the region.
Devotees are encouraged to arrive at the prayer venue well in time, maintaining discipline and the sanctity of the occasion, while embracing the true spirit of harmony and brotherhood that Eid signifies.

Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal demands strict law to prevent sacrilege of religious texts



ARVIND PATHAK

SULTANPUR LODHI: Rajya Sabha Member Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal strongly raised the issue of repeated incidents of sacrilege of religious scriptures in the country and demanded the enactment of a stringent law to prevent such acts. His Special Mention on the issue was accepted by the Rajya Sabha. While speaking, Sant Seechewal highlighted incidents ranging from the Nakodar sacrilege case 40 years ago to the Bargari incidents. Addressing the media, he stated that the desecration of sacred scriptures like Guru Granth Sahib, Bhagavad Gita, Quran and others is deeply painful and hurts the sentiments of people across communities, often disturbing peace in Punjab. He emphasized that Punjab, being a border state, requires special attention to ensure that no forces are allowed to exploit such incidents to destabilize law and order. Sant Seechewal informed the House that during the Nakodar sacrilege incident on February 2, 1986, five saroops of Guru Granth Sahib were burnt. During the protests that followed, police firing led to the martyrdom of four Sikh youths. Similarly, during the Bargari sacrilege incidents, two Sikhs lost their lives in police firing. He expressed concern that justice is still awaited in these cases.He further stated that religious scriptures are not merely books but serve as spiritual guides for society. Guru Granth Sahib, he added, is revered as a living spiritual presence that guides humanity.He demanded that a strict and effective law be enacted at the national level to prevent sacrilege of religious texts.

CM Mann calls for greater role for women in politics

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MARCH 18



Positioning women at the centre of Punjab's growth story, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday laid out an expansive vision for their role in governance, economy and society, asserting that real empowerment lies in education, representation and economic opportunity.

Speaking at a felicitation event awarding grassroot entrepreneurs in Mohali, he gave a detailed account of the AAP government's initiatives, from job reservations and direct financial support to large-scale livelihood programmes, while urging women to step into decision-making roles and reshape the state's future. Addressing the gathering after felicitating women entrepreneurs, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "It is imperative that girls come forward and empower themselves through education. It is in the larger interest of the nation, as women who manage homes and families efficiently should also run the country. The state government is committed to this noble cause and is leaving no stone unturned for it."

Encouraging greater political participation, he said, "Girls must come forward and participate in politics to become active partners in decision-making and bring necessary change in society. Today, girls have outnumbered boys in almost every field, but politics is still an exception. This field has long been considered a fiefdom of men, but the time has come for women to excel here as well. Women's participation is essential to build an egalitarian society and strengthen democracy at the grassroots level.

Women must ensure that they and their families exercise their vote carefully so that the right leaders are elected to the Assembly and Parliament."

Highlighting the broader vision for the state, the Punjab CM continued, "This will help make Punjab a progressive and prosperous state.

Retail Karyana Merchant Association Kharar donates kitchenware for Shri Ram Mandir Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MARCH 18

The grand festival of idol installation and Pran Pratishtha is being celebrated on 26 March at Shri Ram Mandir Kharar. There is an atmosphere of great joy among the people of the city in this regard. Today, one thousand steel plates, one thousand glasses, 84 dozen spoons, 10 big Sandook were donated to the organizers by Retail Karyana Merchant Association Kharar for the event being organized on that day.

On this occasion, among others, Association President Pawan Mangal, Secretary Amandeep Garg, Kamal Kumar, Dinesh Kamwar, Saurav Gupta, Prakash Jain, Ravi Kumar Gupta, Naresh Mittal etc. were present.

It is worth mentioning that the association is also donating a very big chandelier to be installed in the sanctum sanctorum.

Apart from this, they have also donated a large number of kitchenware and ration items.

RBU hosts International conference on Life Sciences, health and environmental sustainability

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MARCH 18



Rayat Bahra University organised the two-day 3rd International Conference on Life Sciences, Health and Environment Sustainability (ICLSHES-2026) under the aegis of the University School of Life Sciences. The conference brought together researchers, academicians and experts from across the country to deliberate on emerging challenges and innovative solutions related to health, life sciences and environmental sustainability.

The conference was organised in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club, Punjab Youth Services, the Indian Red Cross Society, the Microbiologists Society of India, the Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST), Chandigarh, and Innovation Mission Punjab.

Addressing the gathering, Gurvinder Singh Bahra, Chancellor of Rayat Bahra University, Rayat Bahra Professional University, Hoshiarpur, and Bahra University, Shimla, emphasised the importance of encouraging startups and entrepreneurship among young people. He highlighted that promoting an entrepreneurial mindset can enhance employability while also fostering environmental responsibility and sustainable development.

Prof. (Dr.) Simerjit Kaur DSW welcomed the distinguished guests, speakers and participants and presented an overview of the conference. The conference was attended by Shivdular Singh Dhillon, Secretary-cum-Chief Executive of the Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest. Prof. (Dr.) Dapinder Kaur Bakshi, Joint Director and Head, Research and Startup Facilitation Division, attended as Guest of Honour and highlighted the importance of intellectual property rights, research culture and innovation-driven development. Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar emphasised the need for universities to build strong ecosystems that promote research, innovation and entrepreneurship. He also spoke about the Sustainable Development Goals.

Vapar mandal President Dapinder Arora honoured with 'Award of Excellence'



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MARCH 18

President of the Pathankot Trade Association, Dapinder Arora, affiliated with the Punjab Pradesh Beopar Mandal and Bhartiya Udyog Beopar Mandal, was honoured with the "Award of Excellence" at a state-level traders' event held on the occasion of Traders' Day. The award was presented under the leadership of Punjab Pradesh Beopar Mandal president Pyare Lal Seth, general secretary Sunil Mehra and general secretary Sameer Jain. Representatives from nearly 23 trade units across Punjab attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, Dapinder Arora said the Pathankot Trade Association had achieved significant progress within just eight months due to collective efforts and cooperation between traders and the district administration. He dedicated the honour to senior traders, executive members and the entire team of the association. He added that no president can succeed without the support of a strong and united team, stressing that unity remains the greatest strength of the trading community. During the event, traders from across Punjab also expressed concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in the state.

Rayat institute of pharmacy achieves academic and research excellence in 2025–26



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, MAR 18

Rayat Institute of Pharmacy, under Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab has achieved remarkable progress in academic and research excellence during the academic session 2025–26.

The institute has demonstrated strong research productivity through publications in reputed national and international journals.Executive Dean Dr. N S Gill shared that

the faculty members published 41 research and review articles in international journals, many appearing in high-impact journals with impact factors ranging from 6–9 and indexed in Scopus.

The institute has also strengthened its innovation ecosystem by filing/publishing 9 patents, reflecting its commitment to research, technology development, and intellectual property generation. He further said these achievements highlights the institution's dedication to quality research, innovation.

The institute continues to encourage faculty and students to engage in impactful research activities, contributing to the advancement of pharmaceutical sciences and healthcare innovations.

'War Against Drugs' national marathon in Mahilpur on March 22: Jai Krishan Singh Rauri



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): The Punjab government is organising the Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh National Marathon at Sri Guru Gobind Singh Khalsa College, Mahilpur on March 22 to raise awareness about the ill effects of drugs and encourage people to connect with sports. Deputy Speaker Jai Krishan Singh Rouri today reviewed the preparations and arrangements during a meeting with officials here.

Deputy Speaker Jai Krishan Singh Rouri stated that under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, large-scale action is being taken to eradicate the scourge of drugs, alongside meaningful activities to protect people from narcotics, and this national marathon in Mahilpur is part of that series. He emphasised that eliminating drugs is a special priority for Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, with continuous efforts underway, and youth can be saved from social evils by engaging them in sports.On the Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh National Marathon in Mahilpur, the Deputy Speaker said it features four categories—5km, 10km, 21km, and 42km—where participants will run and pledge to say 'no to drugs'. He directed that foolproof arrangements be made in every aspect for smooth conduct, instructing SSP Sandeep Kumar Malik to ensure traffic management and awareness about alternative routes, while urging maximum student participation to spread the anti-drug message to the grassroots level.

Traders' Commission holds meeting to ensure prompt redressal of issues



DHURI (SUMER GARG): In a significant step towards ensuring swift and effective redressal of traders' issues, a meeting of the Traders' Commission was convened in Dhuri Assembly constituency. The meeting was chaired by Chairman, Punjab Traders' Commission, Dhuri, Pushpinder Sharma, and attended by SDM Dhuri, Dr. Ismit Vijay Singh, commission members, officials from various departments, and representatives of the trading community.

Addressing the gathering, Pushpinder Sharma stated that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, remains committed to safeguarding the interests of traders. He highlighted that Traders' Commissions have been constituted at the Assembly constituency level to provide a dedicated platform for addressing grievances in a structured and time-bound manner, thereby facilitating smoother business operations.

Reiterating the Commission's mandate, he assured that all issues raised by traders would be given due priority and resolved expeditiously in coordination with the concerned departments. He also urged traders to proactively approach the Commission for timely redressal of their grievances. SDM Dhuri, Dr. Ismit Vijay Singh, reaffirmed the administration's commitment to working in close coordination with the Commission to resolve traders' issues on a priority basis, ensuring efficient and responsive governance.

Memorandum highlights civic neglect in Ludhiana, Dewan questions minister



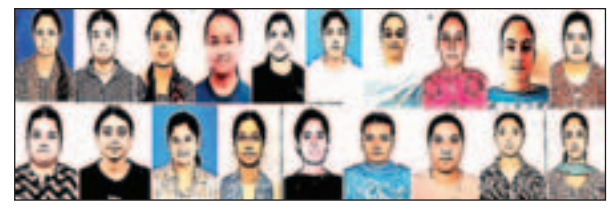
LUDHIANA (SARBJIT SUFI): Former District Congress Committee Ludhiana (Urban) President and former Chairman of the Punjab Large Industrial Development Board Pawan Dewan, along with several Congress leaders, submitted a memorandum to Municipal Commissioner Dr. Neeru Katyal Gupta, highlighting serious civic issues in Ludhiana (West).

The memorandum pointed to problems such as broken roads, erratic water supply, overflowing sewerage, non-functional streetlights, neglected parks and uncollected garbage.

Speaking after submitting the memorandum, Dewan expressed surprise that the Punjab Local Government Minister, who represents Ludhiana (West), has allowed residents to face such hardships due to lack of basic civic amenities. He remarked, "If the Minister cannot set his own constituency in order, one can imagine the plight of the remaining 116 Assembly constituencies across Punjab."

Detailing the issues, Dewan said the condition of roads has deteriorated badly, with large potholes and damaged stretches making commuting difficult and increasing the risk of accidents, especially near educational institutions and hospitals.

Golden college of education (B.Ed) achieves excellent results; 19 students secure 90 pc marks



GURDASPUR (VERMA): The results of the B.Ed third semester at Golden College of Education, Hanuman Chowk, Gurdaspur have been outstanding. As declared by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, the college has performed remarkably well compared to other B.Ed institutions. This achievement once again reflects the institution's high academic standards and disciplined environment.Expressing happiness over the results, Chairman Dr. Mohit Mahajan stated that the students of the institution consistently perform excellently every year. He highlighted that 19 students secured 90 percent marks and achieved top positions, which is a significant accomplishment. Additionally, 23 students scored 88 percent marks, further bringing pride to the college. He credited this success to the students' hard work, dedication, and the continuous guidance of the faculty.Principal Dr. Surinder Singh informed that the students who secured 90 percent marks include Renuka, Jaswinder Lalotra, Jasleen Kaur, Ananya Sharma, Sapna Hans, Sonia, Rajwinder Kaur, Jaspinder Kaur, Amandeep Kaur, Puneeta, Muskan, Arpita, Gunjan, Pallavi Kumari, Jasnoor Kaur, Simranjit Kaur, Arvinder Kaur, Harpreet Kaur, and Mandeep Kaur.

MCM hosts free medical and dental camp



CHANDIGARH: Health Committee and NSS Units of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in collaboration with Fortis Hospital, Mohali, and Dr. Harvansh Singh Judge Institute of Dental Sciences and Hospital, Chandigarh, organised a free Medical and Dental Camp. The initiative aimed to promote health awareness and facilitate access to essential healthcare services within the campus.

The medical team from Fortis Hospital comprised a panel of doctors, including Dr. Prabha Bansal (Dermatology), Dr. Ruchi (Gynaecology), Dr. Ravi Kant (General Medicine), and Dr. Ritesh Khokhar (Orthopedics), along with dietitian Dt. Vanshika and trained paramedical staff. The team conducted a range of diagnostic screenings such as blood glucose testing, blood pressure monitoring, ECG, and weight assessment, along with personalised diet counselling and chart recommendations. The dental camp was conducted by experts from Dr. Harvansh Singh Judge Institute of Dental Sciences and Hospital, who educated participants on proper oral care practices. They demonstrated correct brushing techniques and emphasised the importance of preventing common dental issues such as tooth decay and gum diseases through regular hygiene practices. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 200 staff members and students, who benefitted greatly from the expert consultations and screenings.

Vikas Nagar's Kahlon farm faces neglect amid unfulfilled development promises



CHANDIGARH (J.K. BATTA): In Naya Gaon's Vikas Nagar (Kahlon Farm, Ward-1), the reality stands in stark contrast to the area's name, as it suffers from a severe lack of development works; residents here are plagued by issues ranging from non-functional streetlights to unpaved streets.

According to locals, basic amenities remain conspicuously absent due to the negligence of the Municipal Council, forcing local residents to endure immense hardship. Residents state that the Municipal Council had previously passed proposals to pave and construct several streets in the area—specifically those running from Mahavir's house to Ganesh's, from Ravi's house to Sandeep's, from Pawan's house to Laxman Aswal's, and from Bir Singh's house to Vicky's.

These proposals included plans to pave the streets and install stormwater drainage pipes; tenders for these projects had even been floated at one point. However, these streets remain a blot on the very concept of "development." Residents further pointed out that, ironically, work has now hastily begun on paving a few *other* streets that were approved in a sudden rush. This situation prevails in the Kumaon Nagar section of the Vikas Nagar (Kahlon Farm) area.

37th Maa Bhagwati Jagran held with great devotion at Doraha's mata rani park



DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): The 37th Maa Bhagwati Jagran was organised with great devotion and enthusiasm at Mata Rani Park, Doraha, during the Basrayan fair, with active support from local residents.

The sacred jyot was brought from Shri Mata Naina Devi Ji, marking the beginning of the religious event.A large number of devotees gathered to offer prayers and participate in bhajans. A community langar was served, while devotees also presented traditional offerings such as gulgule, kachoris, and soaked lentils.Organisers, including President Kuljit Singh Vicky and Vice President Avtar Singh, stated that heavy footfall was witnessed throughout, and proper arrangements were ensured. The programme featured devotional performances by Narinder Johar and Party (Nabha).

Prominent attendees included former MLA Lakhvir Singh Lakha,Chairman Bant Singh Daburji ,Vinit Ashat, Mandeep Mangat Anish Bhanotalong with several representatives from social, religious, and political organisations.

MC Chandigarh cracks down on encroachments; 71 challans issued



CHANDIGARH (RN KHERA): The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh carried out a comprehensive enforcement and anti-encroachment drive across key city locations today, reinforcing its commitment to maintaining civic discipline and ensuring obstruction-free public spaces.

The morning drive in Sector 17 near Bank Square resulted in the issuance of 25 challans, with enforcement teams removing illegal vendors occupying public areas and hindering pedestrian movement.

In the afternoon, action was taken in the Motor Market of Sector 28, where 16 vehicles were impounded for carrying out repair works on road berms, leading to encroachment and inconvenience to commuters.

The evening drive in Timber Market, Sector 26 targeted unauthorized roadside activities, particularly vehicle painting and repair work being conducted on public land. During the operation, 7 vehicles were impounded. Additionally, 3 trucks loaded with coconuts were seized for illegal vending.

Enforcement teams also confiscated equipment such as jacks, rubbing machines, and seat cover materials being used for unauthorized operations. Overall, a total of 71 challans were issued during the day-long drive.

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Health Minister announces major grant of Rs 77 crore for Patiala rural area

PATIALA (RAKESH JINDAL): Today marked a historic occasion for the rural area of Patiala as the Punjab Government made major announcements for the overall development of villages. Fulfilling the vision of Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann, under the "Rangla Punjab" campaign, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh released a significant amount of Rs. 77 crore for the development of rural Patiala.



On this occasion, he announced several important measures to strengthen basic infrastructure in villages.

Cheques of Rs. 5 lakh each were also distributed to village sarpanches, which will accelerate development works at the grassroots level. These funds will be utilized for roads, sanitation, drinking water, and other essential facilities in villages. Dr. Balbir Singh stated that the main objective of the Mann Government is not only infrastructural development but also to make every village and city clean, well-organized, and healthy.

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Appeal to major powers to prevent world war; organizations dedicated to peace must step forward: Gurdas Girdhar



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
MUKTSAR: Today, the entire world is gripped by anxiety regarding the possibility of a world war. Everyone is terrified by this prospect.To avert this danger, the world's major powers must set aside their self-interests and take the initiative to establish global peace. Expressing these sentiments here today, Gurdas Girdhar—General Secretary of the Punjab Pradesh Congress (Freedom Fighters' Family Wing)—stated that the people of the world are already plagued by environmental pollution, dreadful diseases, drastic climatic shifts, rising temperatures, and soaring inflation. Therefore, organizations dedicated to peace must step forward with full vigor and actively engage in this cause. Every possible effort must be made to liberate humanity from these looming threats.

DM issues order in view of public interest and safety



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR: District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Jalandhar Dr. Himanshu Agarwal, exercising the powers vested in him under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Protection Code, has issued orders keeping in view the public interest and safety that there will be a complete ban on planting of any kind of big trees like Safeda, Popular etc. in all rivers coming within the limits of Jalandhar district, their natural course (River course/River bed), flood plain or water flow area without any prior permission. According to the orders, this ban will be applicable to all types of land, whether it is under government, panchayat or any kind of private ownership, as any kind of obstruction in the river bed can pose a threat to public safety.
The orders state that it has come to their notice that some persons are planting large trees of white, popular and other types in the river course/river bed of the Sutlej River and its tributaries flowing along the boundary of Jalandhar district.

Harsimrat Badal raises Mansa railway issues in parliament; SAD leaders thankful



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH: Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leaders have thanked Harsimrat Kaur Badal for raising key railway demands of Mansa district during the Lok Sabha session. In a statement, SAD leaders said Badal highlighted that several trains passing through the Bathinda constituency were discontinued during the COVID-19 pandemic and have not been restored, while no new services have been introduced. She termed the neglect of Punjab as unfortunate and urged the Centre to address pending demands. She also called for better rail connectivity, including linking key Sikh religious centres. Among major demands, Badal sought opening a railway station gate on the northern side of Mansa and shifting the railway siding outside the city to ease congestion.
She also demanded improvements at railway underpasses, including sheds and drainage to prevent waterlogging. Badal further reiterated the long-pending demand to connect Sardulgarh with the railway network to boost regional development.
SAD leaders said that if accepted, these demands would improve connectivity, promote trade, generate employment, and reduce travel time. They added that the move could significantly accelerate overall development in the region.

10,000 cusecs of additional water from seasonal rivers supplied to fields: CM

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday laid out a historic turnaround in Punjab's irrigation system, noting that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government has, in just four years, ensured water supply to fields equivalent to the Bhakra canal by unlocking 10,000 cusecs from seasonal rivers and reviving a collapsing canal network.

The Chief Minister said canal irrigation coverage has surged from just 26.50% in 2022 to 78% today, with long-defunct systems like the 22-km Sarhali canal brought back to life, round-the-clock water supply ensured through the Ferozepur-Sirhind feeder, and canal water reaching 1,446 villages for the first time since Independence. CM Bhagwant Singh Mann addressed a detailed press conference, presenting a comprehensive account of the Punjab Government's work in the irrigation sector over the past four years. "Rs 6,700 crore has been spent on canal lining, repair, modernisation and strengthening of infrastructure from April 2022 till now, which is the highest ever in Punjab's history," said the Chief Minister.

He emphasised that Punjab has a total canal irrigation potential of around 75.90 lakh acres, but until March 2022, only 20.89 lakh acres, which was merely 26.5%, were actually receiving canal water. "Today, we have increased this coverage to nearly 58 lakh acres, taking utilisation to around 78%. This is almost three times the earlier figure," CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, adding that the Punjab Government has ensured maximum utilisation of canal water available in the state. Detailing the massive scale of work undertaken on the ground, he said, "We have spent around Rs 2,000 crore to construct and restore nearly 13,000 km of canals, due to which canal water is now reaching 58 lakh acres. Along with this, around 7,000 water channels have been restored." He further added, "A total of 15,539 canals have been cleaned and 18,349 watercourses have been revived, ensuring that even tail-end agricultural fields now receive canal water."

Highlighting a major structural intervention, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "For the first time in Punjab's history, 101 abandoned canals spanning 545 km have been revived. Many of these canals had been closed for 30 to 40 years and even filled up with soil. We restored them without acquiring even a single inch of land."

He added that revival of rainwater channels alone has helped bring an additional 2.75 lakh acres under irrigation. "By restoring old canal systems, we have ensured that an additional 10,000 cusecs of water is now reaching fields. In effect, we have created a new 'Bhakra canal' without acquiring any land," he said.

Major terror threat averted in state; two held with two hand-grenades

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, MARCH 18



DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the recovered grenades were part of an illegal supply-chain linked to cross-border elements, intended to disrupt peace and public safety in the border state.

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Bathinda has averted a major terror threat with the arrest of two accused persons and recovered two hand grenades from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Wednesday.

Those arrested have been identified as Buta Singh alias Gurpreet Singh alias Gopu, a resident of Gillwali in Ferozepur and Harmander Singh alias Nikka, a resident of Mothawali in Moga.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the recovered grenades were part of an illegal supply-chain linked to cross-border elements, intended to disrupt peace and public safety in the border state. The DGP said that further investigation is underway to establish forward and backward linkages and identify other associates involved in this module. Sharing operational details, Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) CI Bathinda Avneet Kaur Sidhu said that police teams had received a reliable input that two operatives linked to terror module have retrieved hand grenades. Acting swiftly on intelligence input, CI Bathinda launched intelligence led operation and apprehended both the suspects from Moga-Ferozepur Road and recovered two hand grenades from their possession, she said. The AIG said that the swift action by Counter Intelligence teams thwarted an untoward incident and neutralised a potential threat. In this regard, a case FIR no. 06 dated 17.03.2026 has been registered under sections 3, 4, and 5 of the Explosives Act at Police Station State Special Operations Cell (SSOC) Fazilka.

17,651 women provided free support through one stop centres: Dr. Baljit Kaur

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18



Reaffirming its strong commitment to ensuring the safety and dignity of women, the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann has taken significant steps to strengthen support systems for women facing violence and distress. As part of these efforts, a total of 17,651 women have been provided free and integrated support through One Stop Centres across the state from the financial year 2022–23 to 2025–26.

Disclosing this, Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur said that these centres provide immediate and coordinated assistance to women in need under one roof. The services include medical aid, legal assistance, police facilitation, counselling, temporary shelter and food. Sharing year-wise data, the Minister informed that 3,592 women were assisted during 2022–23, 3,633 during 2023–24, 5,305 during 2024–25, and 5,121 during 2025–26. She stated that the increasing numbers reflect the expanding outreach of the government and growing trust among women.

Dr. Baljit Kaur said, "These are not just numbers, but stories of courage and hope. Women who once faced fear and injustice are now rebuilding their lives with dignity and confidence. One Stop Centres have emerged not merely as service points, but as strong pillars of support, ensuring safety, trust and empowerment." She further added that One Stop Centres have been established in all districts of Punjab to ensure that no woman is left without support in times of need.

The Minister also urged that every woman should be aware of the Women Helpline number 181 (toll- free)and emphasized the need for its wide publicity so that timely assistance can be ensured during emergencies.

Speaker honours successful students of civil services examination in Vidhan Sabha



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, MARCH 18

Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan specially honored the talented students in Punjab Vidhan Sabha who brought laurels for Punjab by performing brilliantly in the civil services examination.

On this occasion, he highly appreciated the hard work, dedication and struggle of the students and said that these youth are the future of the country and their success is a source of inspiration for other youth. During the function, Aman Aloone, Rasneet Kaur, Manpreet Kaur, Jayant Garg and Kritika Chaudhary were honored and Speaker appreciated their excellent performance. Congratulating the students and parents, Speaker S. Sandhwan said that to clear civil services competitive examination is a great achievement, which requires hard work, discipline and determination.

He advised the students always give priority to truth, honesty and justice while discharging their responsibilities in the field of public service. He said that use the power of pen and chair for the welfare of the people which will brought positive change in society. Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan, while congratulating all the talented students of the country, said that the daughters and sons of Punjab have once again proved with their talent.

Police arrest 2 drug smugglers along with 11 thousand banned capsules and narcotic pills

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, MARCH 18



Strict action is being taken against drug smuggling under the anti-drug campaign under the direction of Dr.Pragya Jain SSP Faridkot.Under the guidance of Shri Jogeshwar Singh Goraya SP (Investigation) Faridkot and under the direction of Shri Sanjeev Kumar DSP (Sub-Division) Faridkot, Police Station City Kotkupra achieved a major success by arresting two accused and recovering 11 thousand banned capsules and 80 drug pills from them.The arrested persons have been identified as Parveen Kumar (resident of Jeevan Nagar, Kotkapura) and Karandeep Singh alias Karni (resident of Buza Gujjar Gandhi Nagar, Shri Muktsar Sahib). According to information, on March 16, Assistant SHO Bhupinderjit Singh along with the police party was present at Navi Dana Mandi Kotkapura for patrolling and checking, when both the accused were seen coming towards the sand in the market, which was in the vehicle of the police party. Seeing this, he became completely frightened and took out Golia leaves from his pockets and threw them aside, where he was searched without any suspicion. During this, 80 drug pills, Tramadol and 11,000 Pregabalin capsules were recovered from the accused.In this regard, case number 55 dated 17.03.2026 has been registered under sections 22(B)/61/85 and 223 BNS of the NDPS Act at Police Station City Kotkapura.

Pankaj Mahajan 'Billu' honoured by Pathankot Vyapar Mandal, elevated as Senior Vice-President

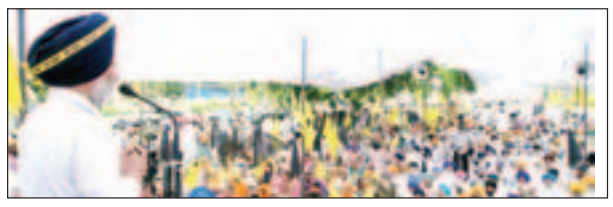


SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MARCH 18

Pankaj Mahajan 'Billu', president of the Paint, Hardware, Iron and Sanitary Association, was honoured by Pathankot Vyapar Mandal president Maninder Singh 'Lucky' and chairman Anil Mahajan for his services towards the trading community.In recognition of his contribution and active role in safeguarding traders' interests, Mahajan has been elevated as Senior Vice-President in the Vyapar Mandal's cabinet. On the occasion, Amit Mahajan 'Ashu' and Ashok Gupta were also entrusted with the responsibility of secretaries. President Maninder Singh 'Lucky' said the Vyapar Mandal has always been committed to resolving traders' issues and will continue to work for their rights.

He added that the new appointments would further strengthen the organisation.Thanking the leadership for the honour, Pankaj Mahajan 'Billu' said he would continue to work with dedication for the welfare of traders.

Surjit Singh Rakhra leads massive protest in front of DC's office



TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MARCH 18

A massive protest was held in front of Deputy Commissioner's Office Patiala today under the leadership of former Cabinet Minister Surjit Singh Rakhra in support of Samana Tower Morcha of Patiala district, during which the demand for the immediate implementation of the 'Sarab Dharam Granth Anti-Sacrilege Act' was strongly raised. A large number of Sadh Sangat and people from different constituencies supported this protest and turned it into a major mass movement. Addressing the protest, Surjit Singh Rakhra said that the present government, which had promised strict action regarding sacrilege cases during the elections, has proven to be a complete failure during its four-year tenure. He said that no seriousness was shown regarding this important law during the budget session as well. Referring to the struggle of Bhai Gurjit Singh Khalsa, he said that he is steadfast on his faith due to the grace of the Guru. On this occasion, Shiromani Akali Dal (Punar Surjit) President and former Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh while addressing the Sadh Sangat said that sacrilege of religious scriptures is happening in the state.

Children at Green Field Convent School told about importance of newspapers

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, MARCH 18



While making the children at Green Field Convent (Senior Secondary) School Dangarh aware about the importance of newspapers, Assistant Coordinator Novelpreet highlighted that reading newspapers is very important in our lives. It keeps us connected with new events and information every day.

By reading newspapers, we get information about the latest news. Due to which we keep updated about the events happening in the country and abroad. And increase our knowledge immensely like getting information about politics, sports, science, education etc. Madam told the children that by reading newspapers, our language, reading and writing skills improve. Apart from this, Madam made the students aware that by reading articles and editorials in newspapers, we can understand different ideas and strengthen our thinking.

After this, the children were told how news is published in newspapers, how people's problems can be brought to the fore in the form of news, how political, social, religious issues etc. are raised, information was shared openly on various topics. On this occasion, Chairman S. Sukhminder Singh Gill said that reading newspapers is very important for us. Because through newspapers we get such basic information about the country and the world, which greatly increases our general knowledge today, while also helping us in building our career. Apart from news, we should also read articles and essays in newspapers. Which creates interest in connecting with literature and reading. On this occasion, Principal Preet Kamal Sharma, Vice Principal Jasvir Kaur etc.

Students of Miri Piri Khalsa College organize hiking and trekking camp

BALWINDER AZAD
BHADOUR, MARCH 18



Miri Piri Khalsa College, recognized by Punjabi University Patiala and All India Council for Technical Education (New Delhi), is a renowned institution in the area.

This institution is working under the Shragurdwara Management Committee and various activities are organized here for the development of the students along with their studies. In this series, the Youth Services Department, Chandigarh, Punjab organized Hiking and Trekking Camps for boys and girls. The boys' camp was organized from 5 to 9 March 2026 at Pallanpur, Mohali and the girls' camp was organized from 8 to 12 March 2026 at Harike Pattan. 12 boys and 10 girls participated in these camps. Principal S. Under the able guidance of Malvinder Singh and Assistant Director of Youth Services Department Shri Arun Kumar, the students were sent to the camp where they participated in trekking and other activities. In the camp, while the boys were made to trek Siswan Dam, Mirzapur and Bamboo Trail and other sports were also organized including valley crossing, wall climbing and other risky activities, the girls were made to visit the Interpretation Center, Sutlej Beas confluence, and Bird Sanctuary. On their return, the Program Officer of the Red Ribbon Club Dr. Vandana Sukhija and Madam Bhinderjit Kaur welcomed them and congratulated them for successfully organizing the camp. On this occasion, Principal Malvinder Singh said that such activities are very important for the all-round development of the students.

PGSC Chairman assures Punjab roads will be free of Gau dhan

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, MAR 18



Chairman of the Punjab Gau Sewa Commission (PGSC), Ashok Kumar Lakha, and Vice Chairman Kimti Bhagat today asserted that not a single Gau dhan will be seen on Punjab's roads, reaffirming the Commission's commitment to proper care and protection of cattle. While chairing a meeting with managers of gaushalas and district administration officials at the district administrative complex here today, they said such interactions are being regularly held to strengthen coordination for better management of cattle.

The duo informed that they recently visited the Government Cattle Pond Gaushala at village Jhaneri and issued directions to resolve issues related to the admission of cattle. They assured that the facility will now function smoothly without any hindrance in accommodating Gau dhan.

They also directed Executive Officers of Municipal Councils to ensure that stray cattle from urban areas are shifted to the Jhaneri gaushala, warning that negligence in this regard will not be tolerated. Emphasising the importance of cattle welfare, they said all efforts are being made to provide proper shelter and care to stray animals and to prevent loss of human lives due to road accidents.

The officials were further instructed to ensure effective utilisation of funds collected under the cow cess for the smooth functioning of gaushalas. Directions were also issued to carry out timely vaccination of cattle.

SSP Khanna chairs crime review meeting; directs zero tolerance against drug traffickers and anti-social elements

DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): Dr Darpan Kaur Ahluwalia, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Khanna, chaired a comprehensive crime review meeting with senior police officials, including Gazetted Officers (GOs) and Station House Officers (SHOs), to assess the prevailing law and order situation in the district and to strategize effective policing measures.During the meeting, the SSP issued strict directives to adopt a zero-tolerance policy against drug traffickers and anti-social elements.



Emphasising the need for firm and proactive policing, she instructed all officers to intensify efforts to curb illegal activities and ensure strict legal action against offenders.She stressed that maintaining law and order remains the top priority and called for enhanced vigilance, coordination, and accountability at all levels of the police force. The SSP further underlined the importance of public safety and directed officers to respond swiftly and effectively to any criminal activity.In order to ensure efficient policing, clear instructions were also issued for the prompt disposal of pending cases.

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Woman's mutilated body found in field in Hamirpur

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HAMIRPUR: In Hamirpur district, a shocking incident was reported from Maudaha police station area where a woman's body was found lying in a field in Ramna village early in the morning on Wednesday. Local residents who were passing by noticed the body and were horrified to see that the woman was completely naked. The scene was further disturbing as stray dogs had partially mutilated the body. Initially, villagers tried to identify the woman, but her identity remains unknown. Someone informed the police, who arrived at the scene along with a forensic team. The body was taken into custody and sent for postmortem. Police estimate the woman to be around 35 years old, though confirmation is pending. Prima facie, there are suspicions that she may have been gang-raped and murdered. However, officials stated that the exact cause of death will only be confirmed after the postmortem report.

NEWS BRIEF

Special arrangements for Chaitra Navratra Fair at Chintpurni Temple

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Special arrangements will remain in force at Mata Shri Chintpurni Temple during the Chaitra Navratra fair from March 19 to March 27 to ensure convenience of devotees and maintain law and order. District Magistrate Jatin Lal has issued orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in this regard. According to the orders, no person will be allowed to carry weapons during the fair except security personnel deployed on duty. To control noise pollution, the use of loudspeakers will be strictly prohibited for everyone except the temple trust. The District Magistrate said that bringing brass bands, drums, long chimtas and similar items will also be completely banned during the fair. If anyone brings such items, they will have to deposit them at the police barriers set up on the route.

Dharamshala Municipal Corporation presents annual budget of Rs. 159cr

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 18



The annual budget for the Dharamshala Municipal Corporation for the year 2026-27 was presented on Wednesday by the MC Mayor, Neenu Sharma. The total budget for this financial year, 2026-27, has been set at Rs. 159.85 crore. In the previous year (2025-26), this budget stood at Rs. 141 crore. Meanwhile, the remaining 15 percent of the property survey work is scheduled to be completed by March 31; subsequently, from April onwards, the collection of pending house taxes—accumulated since March 2020—will commence. Special provisions,including the granting of exemptions for newly merged areas, will be finalized following a meeting of the Finance Committee. Tax collection will be carried out in accordance with these established guidelines. Furthermore, the Municipal Corporation intends to make special efforts to boost its revenue; while the corporation generated Rs. 3 crore in additional income last year, a growth of Rs. 10 crore is projected for the current year, 2026-27. Regarding house tax collection, 85 percent of the work has already been completed. A new house tax system is set to be implemented across the entire city starting from this financial year. Dharamshala Municipal Corporation Mayor Neenu Sharma stated that the corporation's revenue is expected to increase through the determination of rental rates for the leasing and licensing of municipal properties. Plans have also been formulated to enhance revenue generated from parking facilities. A proposal seeking Rs. 200 crore for the establishment of a sewerage system in newly incorporated areas will be submitted to the Central Government.

Vice Chancellors of HPU and Nauni University call on Governor

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 18



Vice Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University Prof. Mahavir Singh and Vice Chancellor of Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni Prof. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel called on Governor Kavinder Gupta at Lok Bhawan here today.

During the courtesy call, both the Vice Chancellors apprised the Governor about various academic, research and developmental activities being undertaken in their respective universities. They also briefed him on ongoing initiatives aimed at strengthening higher education and promoting innovation and skill-based learning among students. The Governor held a detailed discussion on improving the quality of education in higher educational institutions and emphasized the need to align academic programmes with emerging global standards. He underlined the importance of holistic development of youth, including value-based education, skill enhancement and research-oriented learning. Gupta stressed that universities play a crucial role in shaping the future of the nation and should focus on nurturing responsible, skilled and socially aware citizens. He also encouraged adopting innovative practices and contributing towards the overall development of the State. In a separate meeting, Special Envoy to the UAE and India Ms. Kanika Chaudhary, called on the Governor here today.

Kangra Valley railway among India's historically significant rail lines: Anurag Thakur

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 18



Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament from the Hamirpur parliamentary constituency, Anurag Thakur, raised a significant query in Parliament regarding the Chakki River railway bridge—an issue of vital importance to the people of Himachal Pradesh and the Kangra Valley region. In response, the Ministry of Railways informed the House that the reconstruction work on the critical Chakki Khad Bridge No. 32—which was washed away during heavy rains on August 20, 2022—has been fully completed. Consequently, the track has now been declared fit for train operations across the entire section stretching from Pathankot to Joginder Nagar.Former Union Cabinet Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur has been making persistent efforts to ensure the restoration of this vital rail link. Through continuous dialogue with the General Manager of Northern Railway and the Divisional Railway Manager of the Jammu Division regarding this matter, he has successfully spearheaded meaningful efforts toward the reconstruction of the Chakki Bridge and the full restoration of train services on the Kangra Valley Railway line. His persistent advocacy on behalf of the people of the region played a pivotal role in keeping this project on the Railways' priority list and ensuring the timely completion of the restoration works. The Kangra Valley Railway stands as one of India's most picturesque and historically significant rail lines; winding through the Dhauladhar mountain range, it traverses lush green valleys, terraced fields, dense pine forests, and ancient temples nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas. In response to Anurag Thakur's query, the Ministry of Railways further informed Parliament that UNESCO has included the Kangra Valley Railway in its 'Tentative Heritage List' as an extension of the 'Mountain Railways of India' World Heritage Site. With this inclusion, the Kangra Valley Railway line has joined the prestigious league of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, the Kalka-Shimla Railway, and the Nilgiri Mountain Railway. Inclusion in the Tentative List marks the first formal step toward a full UNESCO nomination.

"The Pen must capture the pulse of its own time": Sahitya Akademi awardee Nilotpal Mrinal inspires people at Nalwari Literature Festival

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 18



In a powerful and thought-provoking address, renowned young author and Sahitya Akademi Award winner Nilotpal Mrinal captivated audiences at the Literature Festival organised during the state-level Nalwari Fair, asserting that contemporary history cannot be written through the lens of the past. Visiting Bilaspur for the first time, he described his arrival as a deeply meaningful moment, calling the land culturally rich and inspiring.

Emphasizing the evolving nature of storytelling, Mrinal stated that every era carries its own distinct narrative, and literature must stand the test of time by truthfully reflecting present realities. "We are documenting the living history of our times," he remarked, underlining that the true strength of the pen lies in its ability to portray contemporary society with honesty and depth. Reflecting on his personal journey, he spoke about his active role in the UPSC aspirants' movement, which led to a significant increase in the number of attempts allowed, showcasing literature's connection with real-life struggles. Referring to his widely discussed work Vishwa Guru, he described it as a mirror of modern India, while expressing concern that the influence of the pen has diminished in today's age and must be revived. Highlighting India's democratic strength, he noted that voices like Sonam Wangchuk continue to thrive due to the nation's liberal values. Calling for optimism, Mrinal dismissed pessimistic narratives and urged young writers to embrace truth with courage. He concluded with a stirring message: literature is not mere entertainment, but a powerful reflection of society that demands integrity, responsibility, and fearless expression.

Route chart issued for doorstep LPG supply in Una district

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: District Magistrate Jatin Lal has issued a detailed route chart for all LPG gas agencies in Una to ensure smooth and timely supply of domestic gas cylinders at focal points as well as door-to-door delivery across the district. The directions have been issued in compliance with instructions of the Himachal Pradesh Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, with the aim of preventing inconvenience to consumers and discouraging any misleading rumours regarding gas supply. The DC directed all gas agencies and distributors to strictly adhere to their designated route charts. He also instructed that all delivery vehicles must be equipped with public announcement systems (loudspeakers) to inform residents about gas distribution in their respective areas. He said that in case of any disruption in supply from bottling plants or inability to follow the route chart due to administrative reasons, the concerned gram panchayat and food inspector must be informed in advance. Distributors have also been instructed to carry weighing machines and gas leakage detectors in their vehicles and ensure issuance of proper cash memos to consumers. Jatin Lal warned that any violation of the route chart would be taken seriously and action would be initiated as per law. He added that distributors must comply with all directions issued by the administration from time to time. The route chart specifies day-wise supply schedules for various gas agencies, including Kamal Gas Agency Una, Bangana Gas Agency, Shaheed Sunil Gas Service Gagret, Panjawar Gas Service, Sugam Gas Service Rakkar Colony, Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation (Amb and Mehatpur units), Deepak Gas Service Santoshgarh, Aryan Indian Gramin Vitrak Baduhi, Indian Gas Service Mata Shri Chintpurni, Bharat Gas Service Chintpurni and Bharat Gas Service Baba Badbhag Singh.

Youth goes missing under mysterious circumstances in Amb, family worried

AVINASH CHAUHAN



AMB: A young man, resident of the village of Anadoura Upper, under the jurisdiction of the Amb police station, has gone missing under mysterious circumstances. The man, identified as Mandeep Singh alias Deepu, son of Sukhdev Singh, has not returned home since around 10 pm on March 16th. The police have been informed of the incident, but no clues have been found yet. According to reports, Mandeep Singh had gone with some friends to eat at a yard near the new bridge being constructed over the Swan River on the Amb-Gagret Road. He was reportedly last seen there around 10 pm on March 16th. He then suddenly disappeared. According to the family, Mandeep's friends left the motorcycle he was riding some distance from home, but they could not provide any satisfactory information about him. The young man's sudden disappearance has left the family in deep shock. The family has also raised questions about the police's actions. They say that if the police had conducted a serious investigation, they would have certainly found some clues by now. The family has appealed to the general public that if anyone gets any information about Mandeep Singh, then immediately inform the Amb police, so that the young man can be handed over to his family as soon as possible. DSP Amb Anil Patial said that the police are investigating the matter but have not yet found any clues. Three police teams have been formed and are investigating at different locations.

DC Jatin Lal reviews development works in Haroli, stresses quality and timely completion

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 18



Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal inspected various ongoing and proposed development projects in the Haroli Vidhan Sabha constituency on Wednesday to review progress and accelerate execution. During the visit, he issued necessary directions to officials, emphasising quality and adherence to timelines. The DC visited multiple project sites, including the under-construction traffic park in Roda, Haroli College campus, an indoor stadium in the Khadd area, the Jal Shakti Department rest house, the proposed ropeway project at Pandoga and the Pandoga-Tyuri bridge site. He conducted a detailed review of each project and stressed the importance of maintaining construction standards. Jatin Lal directed officials to strictly follow prescribed norms in all development works and ensure completion within the stipulated timeframe.

He warned that any negligence or delay in execution would not be tolerated. He said these projects are crucial for the overall development of the region and will significantly improve infrastructure and public facilities, benefiting local residents directly once completed. The DC added that the district administration is closely monitoring all projects as per the directions of Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, with the aim of ensuring that government schemes reach the public efficiently and without delay.

Census data forms the foundation of policy-making: DC Jatin Lal

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 18



Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal said that census data forms the foundation for government policies and development plans, enabling authorities to design effective welfare measures for the public. He was addressing trainees during a programme organised for the smooth conduct of Census 2027. He said the training aims to familiarise employees with modern techniques, digital tools and census procedures so that the exercise can be carried out smoothly and without errors. Urging trainees to perform their duties with sincerity, honesty and vigilance, he emphasised the importance of recording accurate data for every individual and household in the field. The DC described the census as not just an administrative exercise but an opportunity to contribute to nation-building. He called upon officials and staff to work with a team spirit and ensure timely execution of tasks with proper public interaction during fieldwork.

On the concluding day of the training, a practical session was held at the computer lab of the Degree College, Una, where participants were given hands-on training in various census-related processes. Officials demonstrated the use of mobile applications and the Census Management and Monitoring System, including exercises on map creation, area demarcation and house listing. Participants were also trained in conducting door-to-door surveys, data collection, digital data entry through mobile devices and ensuring accuracy in information gathering. Officials highlighted the importance of being prepared to handle challenges field-level effectively.

Shimla students witness Assembly proceedings, Speaker explains legislative process

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 18



Students from Chapslee School, Lakkar Bazar, and Sambhota Tibetan Senior Secondary School, Shimla, visited the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha to witness the proceedings of the budget session's second phase on Wednesday. Before entering the House, the students interacted with Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania outside the Council Chamber. During the interaction, the students sought to understand the functioning of the Assembly, its role, structure and the significance of the Speaker's position. Responding to their queries, Pathania explained that the Legislative Assembly is the law-making body of a state, comprising elected representatives from different constituencies. He said that just as schools have different classes, states have various constituencies, each represented by an MLA, and together they form the Assembly. He elaborated that the primary role of the Assembly is to make laws for the welfare of the people. He explained that the party with the majority of MLAs forms the government, headed by the Chief Minister. MLAs raise public issues in the House and the government is accountable to respond. He also explained the concept of the budget, stating that the government presents its annual financial plan, which is debated and passed by the Assembly. The Speaker further said that he presides over the proceedings and ensures smooth functioning of the House, similar to how a principal conducts a school assembly. He also highlighted the role of the opposition in holding the government accountable and raising the voice of the people. He added that debates are held on various issues and laws are passed through voting by members. Describing the Assembly as a vital pillar of democracy, Pathania said it provides citizens an opportunity to participate in governance through their elected representatives.

137th Nalwari Fair begins in grandeur as Minister Rajesh Dharmani leads historic opening ceremony

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 18



The 137th State-Level Nalwari Fair commenced with great enthusiasm and tradition at Luhnu Ground, as Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani inaugurated the iconic festival by performing the age-old ritual of planting the ceremonial peg and leading a vibrant procession from the Lakshmi Narayan Temple. Addressing the gathering in the local Kahluri dialect, the Minister described Nalwari Fair as a living symbol of Bilaspur's rich heritage, carrying forward a legacy of over a century. From its origins in 1889 at Sandu Ground to its present grandeur, the fair continues to strengthen cultural roots, rural economy, and traditional livelihoods. Highlighting development initiatives, Dharmani announced support measures for farmers, including MSP of Rs. 51 for cow milk and Rs. 61 for buffalo milk, along with incentives for natural farming. He also emphasized improvements in education and healthcare, including CBSE affiliation for 151 schools statewide and deployment of specialist doctors in civil hospitals. This year's fair promises a vibrant blend of tradition and innovation, featuring the grand "Sutlej Maha Aarti," Kahloor Festival from March 18, a literary festival on March 19, and talent platforms like "Voice of Bilaspur" and "Miss Bilaspur 2026." Cultural performances, folk music, and traditional dances will add to the festive spirit. Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar noted that the fair is not just a cultural celebration but also a significant boost for local trade, tourism, and handicrafts.

Sanjeev Goel honoured ahead of retirement at Palampur LIC Branch



KISHORI LAL BAINS

PALAMPUR: Senior Development Officer Sanjeev Goel was honoured by the Development Officers' Association of the National Federation of Insurance Field Workers of India (NFIFWI) at the LIC Palampur branch on Tuesday. All Development Officers of the branch attended the dignified and emotional function organised ahead of his retirement on March 31. On the occasion, speakers appreciated his long and distinguished service and described him as a disciplined, dedicated and inspiring officer who significantly contributed to the growth of the branch. They said he not only took the branch business to new heights but also guided and mentored many agents towards success. Senior Branch Manager Atul Gupta, Branch Manager Vinod Sharma, Assistant Branch Manager Sandeep Kumar, Senior Business Associate Manoj Kanwar, NFIFWI President Sanjeev Daroch and Secretary Ayush Vyas, along with Development Officers Nanak Chand Thakur, Prateek Bassi, Ravinder Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Manish Rana and Deepankar Nishant, and retired Development Officers Rajeshwar Singh Lohia and Sanjay Arora were present on the occasion.

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Prof. Sudhir Mahajan known for education and social service

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GURDASPUR: Professor Sudhir Mahajan, known for his contribution to education and social service, is currently guiding students at Adarsh Indian College, Pathankot. With his rich experience, he not only teaches History but also



motivates students to take part in social and humanitarian activities. A well-known personality in Pathankot district and Sujanpur town, Prof. Mahajan remains actively involved in religious and social events and is often seen at the forefront of community service initiatives. Living a simple life, he believes in sharing the pain of others and considers social service the highest duty. He gives special attention to helping economically weaker students so that they can continue their education without difficulty.

NEWS BRIEF

Healthcare now at your doorstep: Free medical camp organised in Lalahdi



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: With the aim of providing healthcare services to rural areas, the MP Mobile Health Service team organized a successful health check-up camp in Lalhari village. The camp was organized under the guidance and efforts of MP Anurag Thakur, and with the support of ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers, ensuring maximum participation of villagers. The camp provided villagers with free health checkups, medicines, and specialist consultations. Outpatient services were conducted for 75 patients and 33 different tests were performed, providing accurate information about their health. Dr. Pradeep Ruchi Manish of the MP Mobile Health Services team examined patients on the spot and provided them with appropriate treatment and necessary guidance.

Caretaker hired to serve elderly woman stole 19 tolas of gold ornaments and cash

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The caretaker hired to take care of an elderly woman in a house near the city's main bus stand took the opportunity to steal gold ornaments and cash worth lakhs of rupees from the house. The police have registered a case against the caretaker and started searching for him. According to the statements recorded at the local police station City-1, the complainant Praveen Garg son of Surinder Pal Garg said that on March 15, he had gone to listen to a satsang organized in the city along with his entire family. In the house, his elderly mother was lying in a room, who could not see from her eyes and was a diabetic patient and was walking on the bed due to bad toes. For whom a caretaker had been arranged, they stated that when the family returned home from the satsang, their senses were blown away.

Double-engine govt set new model of security, development in 9 years: CM Yogi

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday launched the book 'Nav Nirman Ke 9 Varsh' at an event held at Lok Bhavan, marking the completion of 9 years of unprecedented development and sustained prosperity in Uttar Pradesh. Addressing the gathering, he said, "The transformation witnessed in the state over the past 9 years under the guidance and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the result of the policies of the double-engine government, the tireless efforts of party workers, the service-oriented approach of public representatives, and the support of the people."

The Chief Minister congratulated the people of the state for these achievements, stating that this transformation reflects the collective strength of 25 crore citizens. The Chief Minister said, "To understand this 9-year journey, it is important to know the condition of the state before 2017. Uttar Pradesh, despite its immense potential, was facing an identity crisis. Despite having some of the most fertile land and abundant water resources in the world, farmers were driven to distress. Artisans, known for their skills, were forced to migrate as laborers instead of becoming entrepreneurs. Youth faced a crisis of identity and employment, while recruitment processes were affected by corruption and malpractice." He added, "The law and order situation was such that neither women, nor traders, nor common citizens felt safe. There was no clear vision for development, leading to frustration among the youth, who either migrated or struggled without direction."

CM Yogi said, "Today the situation has completely changed. Over the past 9 years, the double-engine government has worked extensively on security, infrastructure, investment, employment, farmer welfare, women empowerment, and upliftment of the underprivileged. Welfare schemes have ensured that benefits reach Dalits, the underprivileged, and those at the last mile. Significant progress has been made in governance by improving education, healthcare, environment, and service sectors."

He added, "At the same time, continuous efforts have been made to preserve and promote the state's faith, culture, and traditions, giving Uttar Pradesh a renewed identity at the national and global level."The Chief Minister said that to take these achievements to the people, a 9-day program based on 9 themes is being organized, starting from Chaitra Navratri.

'Aapda Mitra' serve as crucial link in delivering first-response aid during disasters: DC Meena



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 18

Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena stated that during times of disaster, it is the 'Aapda Mitras' who will be the first to reach out and provide assistance to the people. Consequently, the 'Aapda Mitras' are being viewed as a pivotal link in the disaster response chain. Volunteers are currently undergoing training to equip them to provide aid in such situations. All participants will also be imparted practical knowledge. In accordance with the directives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the national level and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini at the state level, the 'Aapda Mitras' are being trained across the region. The DC was speaking on Wednesday at the 7-day training camp organised under the 'Yuva Aapda Mitra' scheme. The camp was conducted by the District Disaster Management Authority—in compliance with the directives of the National Disaster Management Authority—at the Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School, located near Gate No. 2 of Kurukshetra University. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena, Additional Deputy Commissioner Vivek Arya, District Revenue Officer Chetna Chaudhary, and District Education Officer Vinod Kaushik formally inaugurated the training camp by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

The Cultural Council organises Dr Padam Singh Sharma Kamlesh memorial poetry competition at DAV Girls College

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 18



The Cultural Council organized the Dr.Padam Singh Sharma Kamlesh Memorial Poetry Competition at DAV Girls College courtesy of the Department of Youth and Culture, Kurukshetra University. Dr. Vivek Chawla, Director of the Department of Youth and Culture, was the chief guest. Supervisor HarvinderRana and the former Vice Chancellor's OSD, Ravi Thapa, were the special guests. Acting Principal Dr. Surinder Kaur, Program Coordinator Dr. Neeta Dwivedi and Co-ordinator Gursharan Kaur jointly presided over the event. Students from various educational institutions, including DAV Girls College, Guru Nanak Khalsa College, MLN College, Hindu Girls College, Maharaja Agrasen College and Gurjar Kanya Gurukul Mahavidyalaya, enthusiastically participated in the competition, showcasing their creativity and talent. In his address, Dr. Vivek Chawla emphasized the importance of regular practice in poetry writing. He encouraged students to write regularly to achieve excellence in the field of literature. He also emphasized that participating in extracurricular activities alongside studies contributed to students' development. Education is not just about acquiring bookish knowledge or a degree, but also about all-round development. Dr. Surinder Kaur said that such competitions played an important role in developing students' personalities and honing their expressive abilities. Dr. Neeta Dwivedi said that such events inspired students to express themselves creatively. Such platform boosts students' confidence and brings their talents to the fore.

Over 500 patients examined at free multi-speciality health camp in Delhi

DAULAT CHAUHAN
NEW DELHI: A free multi-speciality health check-up camp was organised at Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan by Om Help Foundation in collaboration with the Airport Authority of India's welfare organisation Kalyanmayi, where around 500 patients were examined. The camp saw participation from a team of specialist doctors from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, including senior cardiologist Dr Kavita Tyagi, gastroenterologist Dr Naresh Bansal, gynaecologists Dr Kokil Bhardwaj and Dr Shraddha Srivastava, and Dr Rohan Arora, among others. Eye specialists from Vision Eye Centre conducted vision screenings, while Dr Ishita Bhargava and her team from Kalov Dental Clinic carried out dental check-ups. Dr Manisha from Fit Natural organisation conducted BMI tests and advised patients on healthy lifestyles. During the camp, essential tests such as blood pressure, sugar levels, ECG, lipid profile, BMI and CBC were conducted free of cost. Dr Kokil Bhardwaj also created awareness about women's health issues, including breast and cervical cancer prevention. Dr Kavita Tyagi and other specialists highlighted the importance of heart health and shared preventive tips with attendees to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases. Several dignitaries, including Kalyanmayi All India President Shikha Rani, Vice-President Subanandani, Reena Malhotra, General Secretary Maya Lakhwani, Secretary Simmi Narula, Chief Coordinator Ritu Malhotra, Om Help Foundation Chairman Bachchan Singh Rana, Ashok Sisodia and Saurabh Singh, were present on the occasion.



Fake NCERT books racket busted in Samalkha, press reopened on court orders



RAKESH BHAYANA
SAMALKHA/PANIPAT: A major development has surfaced in the fake NCERT books printing case in Samalkha, Haryana, after Khatauli police from Muzaffarnagar reopened a previously sealed printing press on court orders and conducted a fresh inspection. During the operation, police recovered a large quantity of machinery, paper and counterfeit NCERT textbooks. Sub-Inspector Mukesh Kumar of Khatauli police station said that a case (Crime No. 214/25) had earlier been registered under the Copyright Act. Acting on court directions, the seal of the premises was broken and a re-inspection was carried out, during which fake books and printing material were recovered from the warehouse. Police revealed that the illegal printing work was being carried out in Samalkha, while the warehouse used for storage was located in Bhainsi village of Khatauli in Uttar Pradesh. The case dates back to June 3, 2025, when a raid was conducted at an illegal printing press in the HSIIDC area near GT Road in Samalkha. Fake NCERT textbooks printed there were allegedly being supplied to several states including Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan and Haryana.

DTP team removes illegal dhaba in Raogarh of Revenue Estate Thanesar: Vishram Kumar Meena

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 18



Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said that demolition action was carried out with the help of the district administration in the illegal Dhaba construction constructed in Raogarh of Revenue Estate Thanesar. Under the leadership of the Duty Magistrate, the DTP team along with the police force demolished the illegal Dhaba construction constructed on about 0.25 acres in Raogarh of Revenue Estate Thanesar with the yellow paw. Under this, the walls, shed and banner board of the Dhaba were removed by the team. He said that according to the report of DTO Naveen Kumar, a case of illegal dhaba construction in Raogarh of Revenue Estate Thanesar had come to light. After which the department had issued notices to landowners and property dealers under sections of the HDR Act 1975, ordering them to obtain necessary permission. However, the landowners and property dealers neither stopped the construction being carried out in the illegal colonies nor obtained permission from the department. Taking action on this, the District Town Planner Department has demolished the construction in these illegal colonies. He warned people not to buy plots or undertake any construction work, lured by property dealers offering cheap plots. Furthermore, before purchasing land, they should obtain information about the legality and illegality of the colony from the District Magistrate's Office. All Tehsildars and Deputy Tehsildars should also follow government-issued instructions before registering a land plot. Anyone purchasing a plot in an illegal colony will face action by the District Magistrate's Office, with penalties of up to 50,000 rupees and a three-year sentence.

Arya College students excel at State Youth Red Cross camp

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, MAR 18



Students of Arya College, Panipat, brought laurels to the institution with an impressive performance at the five-day State-Level Youth and Red Cross Training Camp organised by Kurukshetra University's Youth and Red Cross Unit. The camp was held from March 11 to 15, 2026, at Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Udaipur.

More than ten students from the college participated in the camp and displayed their talent in various competitions, winning several trophies and medals. On their return on Wednesday, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Jagdish Gupta warmly welcomed the students and congratulated them on their achievement, wishing them success in the future. The Principal also appreciated Youth Red Cross Unit In-charge Dr. Vijay Singh and his team for the accomplishment. He said such camps provide students with valuable opportunities to showcase their abilities and gain practical exposure through different activities. Puneet Kiradiya, a second-year student of the Mass Communication Department, secured second position in the speech competition, while Monty, a second-year B.A. student, won a consolation prize in the dance competition. Six students were also awarded medals for being outstanding volunteers during the camp. The students participated under the guidance of Psychology faculty member Khushboo Verma. Principal Prof. Jagdish Gupta said that participation in such camps helps students gain knowledge, develop confidence and understand different cultures.

DC Office employees go on pen-down strike in Ferozepur



TAPINDER SINGH
FEROZEPUR: Office work at the Deputy Commissioner's office in Ferozepur came to a complete standstill on Wednesday as employees observed a pen-off strike in protest against the arrest of Punjab State District DC Office Employees Union state president Tajinder Singh Nangal. The protest was organised by the DC Office Employees Union, Ferozepur, along with staff from the SDM and tehsil offices across the district. Employees also raised objections over what they termed the desecration of religious symbols during the arrest. Addressing the media, District President Sandeep Singh Deol and General Secretary Gurtej Singh said that following the decision of the state body of the DC Office Union, employees have begun a pen-off strike from March 18 to March 20. They stated that the union would not tolerate any harassment of its members and alleged that leaders raising their voice for employees' rights were being arrested in an inhumane manner to intimidate them. However, they asserted that such actions would not suppress their struggle for justice. The union leaders further warned that the agitation would be intensified if necessary.

HP Assembly budget session second phase begins, Speaker Pathania presides over proceedings



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: The second phase of the 11th session of the 14th Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly commenced on Wednesday, marking the first day of proceedings of the current budget session. Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania arrived at the Vidhan Sabha Secretariat to conduct the House proceedings and was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour at Gate No. 1. On his arrival at the Secretariat, Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania welcomed the Speaker by presenting a bouquet. The second phase of the session began after a break, and it is part of the fourth budget session of the present state government. Prior to the commencement of the proceedings, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu paid a courtesy visit to the Speaker. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Harshvardhan Chauhan and Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Anirudh Singh were also present during the meeting.

DBU engages in post-budget webinar 2026 on education and skills development

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 18



The Department of Business Management and Commerce at Desh Bhagat University, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and IQAC, actively participated in the Post-Budget Webinar 2026 organized by the Ministry of Education. The webinar, themed "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas – Fulfilling Aspirations of People," focused on Education, Skills & University Townships and was addressed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The programme witnessed active participation from faculty members, administrators, and students. Attendees joined the live session to understand the key highlights of the Union Budget related to the education sector. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Tavneet K. Reen.

Distinguished dignitaries including Dr. G. S. Batra, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Dr. Buta Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Research, Innovation and Consultancy, Dr. Gurvinder Pal Singh, Assistant Dean Academics, Dr. Naveen Thakur, Director Academics, Dr. Dinesh, Convinor, DBU, IIC and Dr. Baldeep Singh, Department Coordinator, IIC graced the occasion.

In his address, Dr. G. S. Batra lauded the government's emphasis on strengthening higher education through research, innovation, and skill-based learning. Dr. Buta Singh highlighted the potential of budgetary provisions to foster startup culture and innovation, encouraging students to become job creators.

Congress stages massive protest against inflation and gas black marketing with burning an effigy of PM

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 18



Congress workers, led by the District Congress Committee, held a protest on Wednesday against rising inflation and the alleged black marketing of LPG cylinders. The protest began at the District Congress office and continued through the city's main streets, reaching Agrasen Chowk, where the workers raised slogans against the central government. During the protest, activists questioned the central government's policies, raising slogans like "Narendra missing from Parliament, cylinders missing from homes." A large number of women and youth activists also participated in the demonstration, expressing their displeasure over the financial burden placed on ordinary families due to rising inflation. In this demonstration, led by District Congress President Meva Singh, he stated that inflation is constantly rising in the country, making life difficult for the poor and middle class. He alleged that the common people are facing immense hardship due to the rising prices of LPG cylinders and black marketing.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Fugitive accused absconding for a year nabbed

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR : Police spokesperson stated that District Police is currently conducting a special drive to apprehend fugitive accused persons and bail jumpers. Acting under directives of SP Kamaldeep Goyal in this regard, Proclaimed Offender staff team has achieved another major success. Team has arrested an accused individual who had been declared a fugitive by court nearly a year ago and has produced him before court for further legal proceedings. Police spokesperson further informed that a special team was constituted under leadership of Inspector Jagbir Singh, In-charge of PO Staff, comprising ASI Ashwani, Head Constables Sandeep, Bijender, and Mahavir and Woman Constable Sonia. Through a concerted effort and acting on a tip-off, team successfully arrested fugitive accused—identified as Umesh Verma alias Ashu son of Ramesh Kumar, a resident of Gaushala Colony, Jagadhri who had been absconding for a year. Accused Umesh Verma was implicated in a criminal case and had been declared a fugitive by Court due to his failure to appear for court hearings. Accused had been evading police and remaining at large for approximately three years.

Haryana CM urges leaders to rise above politics, promote natural farming

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18



Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini urged all public representatives to actively promote natural farming, stressing that certain issues must rise above partisan politics. He said it is the collective responsibility of all stakeholders not only to adopt natural farming in their own lives but also to encourage and educate farmers about its benefits.

The Chief Minister was addressing a special awareness programme on natural farming organized in the State Vidhan Sabha on Wednesday. On this occasion, Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat delivered a lecture highlighting the importance and impact of natural farming.

Welcoming the Governor, the Chief Minister described Acharya Devvrat as a strong source of inspiration for Indian culture, ethical values, and a natural way of life. He said that Acharya Devvrat has dedicated his life to social service, education, and especially to the promotion of natural farming, actively reaching out to farmers across the country.

Highlighting current agricultural practices, the Chief Minister expressed concern over the excessive use of pesticides, urea, and chemical fertilizers, which not only pollute the environment but also adversely affect human health.

He said that Haryana, being an agrarian state, stands to benefit significantly from the natural farming model, which offers a sustainable and cost-effective alternative. Referring to the natural farming farm developed at Gurukul, Kurukshetra, he said the 180-acre model, established under the guidance of Acharya Devvrat, serves as a unique example for farmers. The farm operates without chemical inputs, relying solely on traditional organic formulations such as Jeevamrit, Ghanamrit, and Beejamrit prepared from cow dung and cow urine, making it a low-cost farming method.

The Chief Minister further informed that Haryana launched its Natural Farming Scheme in 2022. A dedicated portal has been developed under the scheme, through which 19,723 farmers have verified their participation, covering 31,873 acres of land. More than 12,000 farmers have already been trained in natural farming practices. Additionally, HAMETI, Jind conducted one-day online training programmes for all sarpanches in the state.

He added that the scheme also provides incentives for branding and packaging of natural farming produce. A subsidy of Rs. 30,000 is offered for the purchase of indigenous cows. Under the scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 75 lakh has been provided to 2,500 farmers for drums, while Rs. 1.30 crore has been granted for the purchase of 523 indigenous cows.

Suman Saini addresses people in Jhirbari and Jivrahedi villages



DALBIR SINGH MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MARCH 18

Suman Saini, Vice Chairperson of the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has fielded Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini as a candidate from the rural areas of the Ladwa Assembly constituency to accelerate rural development. The direct objective behind this move is to foster the development of the rural sector. Development initiatives are now being undertaken in villages on the lines of urban areas. Currently, development work is being carried out in every village and urban locality within the Ladwa Assembly constituency.

Suman Saini was addressing villagers in Jhirbari and Jivrahedi villages of the Ladwa Assembly constituency on Wednesday. Upon her arrival in Jhirbari village, Vice Chairperson Suman Saini was felicitated by the village Sarpanch, Preeti, who presented her with a floral bouquet. During the event, Vice Chairperson Suman Saini also received written grievances submitted by the villagers. She emphasized that the government has launched various schemes catering to every section of society, ensuring that the benefits of these initiatives reach the citizens. Specifically for women, the 'Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana' is currently being implemented. Furthermore, all 24 crops cultivated by farmers are being procured at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), and an annual sum of 6,000 is being deposited directly into farmers' bank accounts under the 'Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana'.

She assured the villagers that the demands they had submitted to her would be fulfilled. She noted that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini himself is touring all the villages within the assembly constituency; while most villages have already been visited, the Chief Minister is scheduled to visit the remaining villages shortly. Prominent dignitaries present on this occasion included Mandal President Amarendra Singh, Mandal President Vikas Sharma, BL-1 Satbir Mangoli, BL-2 Rajendra Sharma, Sarpanch Preeti, Sarpanch Representative Amit, and Swarn Singh, among others.

Haryana Congress turmoil deepens after Rajya Sabha poll, MLAs stage protest

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, MAR 18

Political tensions within the Haryana Congress escalated on Wednesday as Sirsa MLA Gokul Setia and Nangal Chaudhary MLA Manju Chaudhary staged a protest outside the party office in Sector 9 amid the ongoing controversy over cross-voting and invalid votes in the recent Rajya Sabha election.

The two legislators alleged that their names were being wrongly circulated among those accused of cross-voting or whose votes were cancelled. They demanded that the party leadership immediately make public the names of the concerned MLAs to prevent reputational damage and bring clarity to the issue.

Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda rushed to the spot after learning about the protest. He spoke to both MLAs, assured them of support and personally escorted them from the protest site, taking them along to the .

Speaking to the media, Hooda gave a clean chit to both MLAs, stating that the allegations against them were baseless. He said that no MLA had acted wrongly and assured that the names of those involved in cross-voting would be revealed within two to three days. While his statement provided temporary relief, the controversy remains unresolved.

Meanwhile, Independent candidate Satish Nandal, who lost the Rajya Sabha election, announced that he would move the Punjab and Haryana High Court. He alleged irregularities in the voting process, claiming that Congress MLA Bharat Singh Beniwal's vote should have been declared invalid and that procedural norms were violated during polling. Sources indicated that the Congress has identified around five MLAs allegedly involved in cross-voting, though their names have not yet been disclosed. The party high command is reportedly considering issuing show-cause notices instead of immediate suspension, while keeping the option of stricter disciplinary action open. The developments point to deepening internal discord within the party, which could impact its political strategy in the state. With the opposition likely to capitalise on the situation, all eyes are now on the Congress leadership's next steps and whether it can restore unity within its ranks.

Organic farming and modern technology key to strengthening agriculture: BMU VC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK, MAR 18



A one-day training programme on organic farming was organised by the Department of Agriculture Sciences at Baba Mastnath University, aimed at acquainting students with sustainable agricultural practices and modern scientific techniques.

Addressing the gathering, Vice-Chancellor Dr B.M. Yadav said the agriculture sector is currently facing several challenges, including declining soil fertility, excessive use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides, and environmental imbalance. He emphasised that the future lies in sustainable and eco-friendly farming systems, urging students to go beyond traditional knowledge and adopt modern scientific approaches along with organic farming practices.

University Registrar Dr Vinod Kumar highlighted that agriculture is not just a means of production but also the backbone of the country's economy and society. He said agricultural education today must focus on developing scientific thinking among students so they can promote environmentally sustainable farming systems.

The chief guest and agriculture expert Vipin Saini elaborated on the importance of organic and natural farming. Drawing from his experience, he explained practical techniques, benefits and future prospects of sustainable agriculture, encouraging students to adopt such methods.

Department of Agriculture Sciences Head Dr Dilbag Singh said such training programmes play a crucial role in connecting students with modern and sustainable agricultural practices and exposing them to new opportunities in the sector. During the programme, Dr Ravina Saini, Dr Kriparam, Dr Ankit Gill and Dr Vijender Deshwal also delivered lectures and presentations on various aspects of organic and natural farming.

Youth dies after injection by medical store operator in Karnal, case registered

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI: A youth died under suspicious circumstances in Nigdu area of Karnal district, with family members alleging that a medical store operator administered an injection without proper examination, leading to his sudden deterioration. The accused is currently absconding, and police have registered a case and initiated an investigation.



According to the complaint, Jagindra Kaur, a resident of Bir Badalwa village, said her son Kulwant Singh fell ill on the evening of March 16. She took him on a motorcycle to Gurukripa Medical Store in Nigdu for treatment. She alleged that the operator, identified as Mohit, administered an injection without conducting any prior check-up.

She stated that the injection was given while she had briefly stepped out to get water. Soon after receiving the injection, Kulwant collapsed on a sofa inside the shop. Despite her request to stop, more than half of the injection had already been administered by then.

The family alleged that as the youth's condition worsened, the accused took him on his motorcycle and returned after some time. Subsequently, they arranged a vehicle and took him to Aggarwal Hospital in Kurukshetra, where doctors declared him dead after examination.

The complainant further alleged that the accused fled after reaching the hospital. Based on the complaint, Nigdu police have registered a case against the accused and launched further investigation.

Rajat Malik distributes 'Ownership Deeds' to 54 beneficiaries under Lal Dora Scheme

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: The ambitious 'Lal Dora-Free' scheme—spearheaded by the government led by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini—has gained fresh momentum in Barara. The property registration process, which had been stalled for months due to the Municipal Council's sluggish approach, was successfully completed within just a few days following a firm stance taken by Municipal President Rajat Malik. During a program held today at the Municipal Council office, President Rajat Malik handed over 'Ownership Deeds' (registration papers) for their homes to 54 beneficiaries, bringing smiles back to their faces.



For a long time, beneficiaries had been making repeated rounds of various offices in an attempt to get their 'Lal Dora' properties registered. The beneficiaries had alleged that no official or employee provided them with clear or accurate information regarding the matter.

Taking public sentiments into account, President Rajat Malik wrote a strongly worded letter to the Secretary, issuing directives to resolve the entire matter within seven days. Following this letter from the President, the Municipal administration immediately sprang into action; they cleared the backlog of pending files and began preparing the registration-related documents for eligible individuals.

Upon receiving their ownership rights, the beneficiaries expressed their joy and conveyed their gratitude to President Rajat Malik. The beneficiaries remarked that a task which had remained stalled for months was completed so swiftly solely due to the President's intervention. Appreciating Chief Minister Nayab Saini's scheme, the residents stated that they have now secured legal rights over their properties.

Kurukshetra has given message of righteous action to world: Suman Saini

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MARCH 18



Suman Saini, Vice-Chairperson of the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, stated that Dharmakshetra-Kurukshetra is a sacred city. This land has always conveyed the message of righteous action (Karma) to the entire world, and continuing to perform one's duties while walking this path should be the primary objective of every human being. In keeping with this spirit, and with the cooperation of the city's religious organisations, the pilgrimage of the Ashtakosi Tirthas (eight-cros pilgrimage sites) has been launched. This Ashtakosi Yatra will visit various pilgrimage sites situated along the banks of the holy River Saraswati. Suman Saini was speaking on Wednesday at an event organized at the Chitta Mandir in Pipli regarding the Ashtakosi Yatra. Subsequently, Vice-Chairperson Saini also joined the pilgrims in undertaking the Ashtakosi journey. Earlier in the morning, at the Darra Khera Nabkamal Temple—where the Ashtakosi Yatra was organised in collaboration with the Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) and various organizations—the pilgrimage was formally inaugurated. The inauguration ceremony was led by Dhuman Singh Kirmach (Vice-Chairman, Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board), Uma Sudha (Former Chairperson, Municipal Council), Upendra Singhal (Honorary Secretary, KDB), and Pankaj Setia (CEO, KDB), who performed prayers and rituals at the Nabkamal Temple.

Vice-Chairperson Saini remarked that the pilgrimage of Kurukshetra's Ashtakosi Tirthas would remain a historic and memorable experience. Through such programs, efforts are being made to revitalize and bring to life the ancient and historical traditions of Kurukshetra; the Ashtakosi Yatra stands as a significant part of these endeavors. The *Parikrama* (circumambulation) of Kurukshetra is, in essence, a circumambulation of the sacred *Sannihit Sarovar* (sacred tank) situated within it. This pilgrimage site historically extended for two kos (approximately 4 miles) in each of the four cardinal directions; the tradition of offering donations and performing ritual baths at the temples established along its banks has persisted for centuries. The Ashtakosi Parikrama (eight-mile circumambulation) of Kurukshetra is believed to grant salvation to one's ancestors.

Students of Dyal Singh College bring laurels to institution at state-level youth Red Cross camp

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL: A 13-member delegation of students from Dyal Singh College, accompanied by their counselor, has returned safely to college from Udaipur (Rajasthan) after participating in State-Level Youth Red Cross Training Camp. Students from across state participated enthusiastically in this camp. During camp, students received practical training on vital subjects such as service, humanity, disaster management, first aid, health awareness and social responsibility. Representing college, Prof Rajni attended event as counselor; she guided students throughout camp and encouraged them to participate actively in various activities. Upon students' return to college, Principal Dr. Ashima Gakkhar welcomed them and extended her best wishes. She remarked that such training camps play a pivotal role in holistic development of students.



These camps not only enhance their knowledge and skills but also reinforce qualities such as discipline, leadership capabilities, teamwork and a spirit of service. She further added that in today's times, it is imperative for youth to be aware of social and humanitarian values and camps of this nature inspire them to become responsible citizens. Students also delivered outstanding performances in various competitions held during camp. Pankul secured second position in singing competition, while Richa achieved the third position in poster making. Sneha and Balkrishna were awarded medals for their excellent work within the Media Committee.

Anti Terrorist Front India chief Viresh Shandilya announces entry into politics

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, MARCH 18



Viresh Shandilya, National President of the Anti Terrorist Front India, on Wednesday formally announced his entry into active politics, stating that he will contest the upcoming Lok Sabha or Assembly elections from Haryana.

Addressing the media in Ambala, Shandilya said he is prepared to contest from any seat in the state and expressed confidence that the support he has received over the past 35 years of social work would be his biggest strength. He credited his father, Dr Ramamurti, for guiding him throughout his journey and thanked the local media for its continued support.

Highlighting his background, he said he has been active in social service since 1991 and has remained committed to public welfare for over three decades. He added that he has participated in the last rites of thousands of soldiers, describing it as a significant and emotional aspect of his life.

Speaking about his role in the Anti Terrorist Front India, Shandilya said he has consistently worked against terrorism and separatist forces at various levels, including legal forums, and asserted that such elements would not be allowed to gain ground in the future.

He also announced a series of upcoming engagements, including a three-day stay in Karnal, where his residence in Sector 6 will be open for supporters, followed by visits to Ambala city and nearby areas. He further revealed plans to organise a massive rally of one lakh people in the near future.

The announcement has sparked fresh political activity in Haryana, with observers closely watching Shandilya's next moves. Several associates, including Navratna Garg, Surender Pal KK, Manish Pasi and Aditya Sharma, were present during the interaction.

Barota expresses gratitude to CM, Dr Arvind Sharma for Parashurama memorial site

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A wave of jubilation has swept through the Brahmin community following Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's announcement in Haryana Legislative Assembly regarding establishment of Lord Parashurama Memorial Site. Under leadership of Surendra Sharma Barota, State President of Sarv Brahmin Sabha, Haryana, members of the community gathered at Brahmin Dharamshala to celebrate occasion by feeding laddoos to one another.



Surendra Sharma Barota remarked that for first time in history of Haryana, Brahmin community has received such a significant gift. He further noted that it was Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma who had formally raised demand for construction of Lord Parashurama Memorial Site within the Legislative Assembly. Acceding to request made by Cabinet Minister Dr Arvind Sharma, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has announced establishment of Bhagwan Parshuram Memorial Site and Park across four acres of land belonging to Haryana Urban Development Authority in Sector 26, Rohtak. Surender Sharma Barota, State President of the Sarv Brahmin Sabha, Haryana, stated that Cabinet Minister Dr Arvind Sharma had vigorously raised demand for creation of Bhagwan Parshuram Memorial Site in Legislative Assembly, keeping in mind honor and dignity of Brahmin community while carrying all sections of society along.

Cross-voting row rocks Haryana Congress, show-cause notices likely for MLAs

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NEW DELHI/NARAYANGARH, MAR 18

The Haryana Congress is facing a major internal crisis following the Rajya Sabha election, as allegations of cross-voting and invalid votes have triggered serious concerns over party discipline. State in-charge B.K. Hariprasad has publicly named several MLAs accused of cross-voting, intensifying the controversy.



According to Hariprasad, MLAs Shaili Chaudhary (Narayangarh), Mohammad Ilyas (Punhana), Mohammad Israil (Hathin) and Renu Bala (Sadhora) allegedly cross-voted during the election. He added that the name of one more has not been disclosed yet. The matter has been referred to the party's disciplinary committee, and show-cause notices are expected to be issued to the concerned legislators soon.

Despite securing a Rajya Sabha seat, the Congress is grappling with internal discord. The cancellation of four votes and alleged cross-voting by five MLAs have exposed cracks within the organisation and raised questions over coordination and discipline. Political observers believe the issue could pose a strategic challenge for the party in the near future.

The controversy has further deepened with the resignation of Ramkishan Gurjar, a senior party leader and husband of Narayangarh MLA Shaili Chaudhary. His exit has sparked speculation about growing dissatisfaction within the party ranks.

Responding to the allegations, Gurjar rejected claims of cross-voting and termed them baseless. He warned of legal action against those levelling false accusations and said political opposition should remain within democratic boundaries rather than turning personal. He also alleged a lack of communication within the party, stating that his concerns were not heard, which led to his decision to step down. He indicated that he would now consult his supporters before deciding his future course of action. The developments have put the Haryana Congress at a critical juncture, with questions being raised about unity and leadership. The party's next steps, particularly regarding disciplinary action and damage control, are likely to shape its political trajectory in the state.

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Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
Willing is not enough; we must do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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SEBI proposes modified nomination norms for Demat and Mutual Fund accounts

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a consultation paper to modify nomination norms for demat accounts and mutual fund folios, aimed at simplifying investor on-boarding and aligning processes with banking standards. Released on March 17, 2026, the proposal seeks to address operational challenges identified after the issuance of a previous circular dated January 10, 2025. The regulator has invited public comments on these suggestions until April 7, 2026.SEBI has proposed making nomination the default choice for all single accounts or folios opened after a specified date. Under this framework, any investor who does not wish to nominate will be "specifically required to choose 'opt-out of nomination'". This move is intended to prevent the creation of unclaimed assets. If an investor chooses to opt out, a pop-up message explaining the benefits of nomination and a declaration will be displayed, and the investor must "provide consent in this pop-up message to opt-out from nomination".SEBI has also suggested reducing the mandatory information required for a nominee to only their name and the nature of the relationship with the investor.

Other details, such as address, mobile number, email, and the percentage share of each nominee, are proposed to be optional. The regulator noted that "the process of furnishing so many details of the nominee is onerous for investors" and has led to many dropping off during on-boarding. If a percentage share is not specified, the assets will be "apportioned among the nominees equally".Regarding the number of nominees, SEBI has proposed increasing the limit to four, matching current banking norms, instead of the ten previously suggested in the January 2025 circular. Data reviewed by the regulator showed that a very low percentage of investors actually opted for more than one nominee. SEBI stated that "increasing the nominees to 10 may create a strain on the system leading to operational issues". While the nominee limit may increase, the maximum number of joint holders in an account will remain three.The consultation paper further addresses the role of nominees during an investor's lifetime. The industry had represented that a facility allowing nominees to operate accounts in case of investor incapacitation was "challenging due to high implementation costs and the difficulty in maintaining audit trails". SEBI observed that "a nominee becomes trustee of the assets only upon the demise of the investor". Consequently, it has proposed that the existing Power of Attorney mechanism should be used for situations where an investor is incapacitated but still has the capacity to contract.

India, China seen as key mediators as Hormuz tensions deepen



As the war in West Asia grinds on, with the failure of a decisive win and reluctance of USA's allies to be part of a naval fleet patrolling the Strait of Hormuz, analysts here feel the time has come for a "quiet international mediation effort".

Many feel that involving India and China, two major Asian economies affected by a war they did not choose, along with Oman which had been brokering a deal between the US and Iran before Washington and Tel Aviv chose to launch an attack on Tehran, could be a possibility.

"Both China and India have the right credentials. Both have good relations with Washington and Tehran and are trusted by both. US President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping have already spoken to each other on the crisis. It makes sense for them to step in with a quiet effort," said Vice Admiral Shekhar Sinha, former Flag Officer in Command of India's Western Naval fleet.

However, other former policymakers are unsure whether India or China may be at all tasked to mediate. "One can mediate only if both sides ask a nation to mediate," said Rajiv Dogra, formerly India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Agencies.

Sinha pointed out that the two Asian heavyweights also have the most at stake if this war prolongs and are the only ones with a strong Naval presence in the Indian Ocean area.

Finnish President Alexander Stubb has already urged India to mediate to de-escalate the West Asian conflict. In an interview, Stubb has said, "We need a ceasefire. I'm wondering if India can actually get involved. We saw Foreign Minister Jaishankar call for a ceasefire to calm things down."

President Stubb visited India as the Chief Guest at the Raisina Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi, where he discussed India's role in the ongoing dispute and praised India's "strategic caution."

A former Pentagon adviser, Douglas Macgregor, has also suggested that India could act as a critical intermediary to broker a ceasefire.

Indian diplomats have had limited success in getting Iran to agree to allow safe passage for the country's tankers and ships through the contested Strait of Hormuz. Some three tankers have come in since Monday, when the first one docked in Gujarat.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told a newspaper earlier, "I am at the moment engaged in talking to them and my talking has yielded some results." The career diplomat turned politician, however, has said there were no "blanket arrangements" for all Indian vessels.

Sources said while "there is no quid pro quo deal", India may be the ultimate source of supply of food and pharmaceutical stocks which Iran needs for its 90 million strong population and that central Asian countries are likely to be routing nations for such supplies.

India has in the past done brisk business in rice, tea, fodder and pharmaceuticals with its western neighbour.

Analysts pointed out that China has been actively positioning itself as a diplomatic mediator in the escalating West Asia war, advocating for dialogue and de-escalation while criticising military actions taken by the US and Israel against Iran.

However, there are doubts about whether the US would like China's stature to rise further as a mediator in a war that the US started and is finding difficult to end. "China has a strong hand but one has to see whether President Trump will ask for Beijing's help beyond what he has already done," said Dogra, who has also served as India's ambassador to Italy and Romania.

"Another nation with a deep stake in ending the war and which was earlier involved in brokering a deal between the Americans and Iranian is Oman," added Admiral Sinha. However, with Oman having failed in anticipating how the negotiations to de-nuclearize Iran would evolve despite Iran agreeing to all American demands on limiting uranium enrichment, it is doubtful whether Iran will accept "honest, but weak brokering."

Iran has already made it clear that it needed guarantees of peace, as previous agreements or attempts at achieving an agreement were torn up.

However, Ambassador Dogra pointed out that the US also has few alternatives to coming to some kind of a peace deal, given the fact that the war was proving costly and with its allies showing reluctance in joining efforts to patrol the strategic chokepoint of the Strait of Hormuz, which has been effectively blocked by the Iranians.

President Donald Trump has already lashed out at allies for what he described as a lack of "enthusiasm" toward the coalition he has proposed to secure the Strait of Hormuz. This occurred after several key allies showed their reluctance.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz was among those who indicated late Monday that his country may not join in patrolling the crucial chokepoint. "We lack the mandate from the United Nations, the European Union, or NATO required under the Basic Law," German Chancellor Merz said in Berlin, adding that Washington and Israel had not consulted Germany before launching the war.

Earlier, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer had said that Britain is discussing the possibility of using mine hunting drones for clearing the Strait of Hormuz, while indicating that the UK is unlikely to send naval ships into the war zone.

Bullet train network to reach 4,000 km with 7 new projects



Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday presented a comprehensive account of the Railways' performance in the Lok Sabha including progress made on the country's first bullet train project scheduled to be operational by 2027.

Highlighting financial and operational gains, Vaishnaw said the national transporter has achieved significant savings through energy transition. "By shifting from diesel to electric traction, the Railways has saved around Rs 6,000 crore," he told the House, adding that energy remains the second-largest expenditure after staff costs.

He noted that diesel locomotives are gradually being phased out and will eventually give way to electric engines.

Emphasising scale and capacity, the Minister said, "Indian Railways has now become the second largest cargo carrier in the world." He added that since 2014, "about 35,000 km of railway tracks have been laid and nearly 27,000 km have been electrified."

Vaishnaw also pointed to structural reforms, stating, "The politics of performance has replaced the politics of vote." He credited a key policy shift, saying, "The decision to merge the Railway Budget with the General Budget has led to higher financial allocations and better planning." As a result, he said, projects and train services are now rolled out throughout the year rather than being concentrated around budget announcements.

"Financial health has improved and transparency in accounts has increased," he added, noting that the Finance Ministry and other agencies monitor performance through IT-enabled systems.

Detailing infrastructure modernisation, the Minister highlighted progress on the high-speed rail corridor. "We have set a target to commission the first section of the bullet train project by 2027," he said, adding that work on the Mumbai–Ahmedabad route is advancing rapidly.

"A 21-km tunnel is under construction, of which five kilometres have already been completed, including an undersea section inspired by the Kolkata Metro model," he said. The train is expected to run at speeds of up to 350 kmph.

He further announced that seven new bullet train projects have been proposed. "With these additions, the network will expand to nearly 4,000 km," Vaishnaw said, asserting that the cost structure of India's first such project aligns with global benchmarks.

Outlining the impact on travel time, he said, "Delhi to Varanasi will take about three-and-a-half hours, Delhi to Lucknow two hours, and Varanasi to Patna less than one hour. Mumbai to Pune will be covered in 48 minutes." He added, "Pune to Hyderabad and Hyderabad to Bengaluru will take around two hours each, while Bengaluru to Chennai will be just 73 minutes."

Solo Travel: A path to happiness



Dr Rajesh K Pillania

March 20 is celebrated as international day of happiness since 2012 and it generates a lot of interest on the topic among people around the world.

Happiness is an important goal in life. There are various ways to be happy. Travelling makes people happy, as the author has found again and again by asking people from different age groups, genders, locations, countries, and continents over last decade.

When the author asked people what makes them happy while travelling or how they achieve happiness through travelling, they gave various reasons. The most common reasons are travel to experience new things, a break from the daily routine, and the freedom to live a day the way they want. Other research studies show that travel has a positive impact on people's happiness. Over the last many years the author has studied it and also experienced it firsthand by travelling solo to various parts of India and the world.

Solo travel has many advantages which make people happy. The three main reasons for this are listed here.

First, solo travel adds to the exposure and experience, as one is open to experiencing much more when travelling alone and being on one's own. One tends to talk more to strangers and learn different worldviews, interesting life stories, and experiences. When travelling with others, one tends to spend a lot of time and attention on them, missing a complete immersion in the travel experience.

Second, when someone is travelling alone, they have complete freedom over travel and travel plans and daily plans, without compromising as they would when travelling with someone else. Often, the final travel details are decided more by others, leading to a feeling of loss of control or freedom, even during travel.

Third, Solo travel gives a lot of time to be alone and is good for reflection, to relook at life and the world. Through this, one can learn, get new perspectives, and make sense of life in a better way.

Since solo travel has been shown to boost happiness, one needs to make it a part of life. The benefits of travel and solo travel can be achieved in many ways. One way is to go solo to faraway places, for longer durations if possible. Such travel offers different and diverse experiences, exposure, insights, and lessons about life and its various realities. When time and money constraints do not allow travelling far or for long, one should travel to nearby places that cost little in terms of time and money. Even when this is not possible, making time for oneself to go into nature or nearby places, where one can spend time alone and experience life in a different way, is helpful. Also travel and solo travel has its own challenges and one needs to be open to take these challenges as a learning and not get overwhelmed.

Solo travel is a great way to experience different things, to experience freedom from the mundane daily life, and to live life the way one wants, at least for that duration. This is possible, this is doable, and one should do it whenever possible, if not regularly. By making solo travel a part of life, one can make happiness a part of it and live a more fulfilling, happier life.

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Pre-workout supplements may cut sleep in half for young users, study finds

A popular fitness trend among young people may be quietly undermining their sleep. A new study led by researchers at the University of Toronto has found that teenagers and young adults who use pre-workout supplements are significantly more likely to experience extremely short sleep durations.

According to Science Daily, the research, published on March 9, draws on data from the Canadian Study of Adolescent Behaviors and highlights a potential health risk linked to the growing popularity of energy-boosting fitness products.

According to the study, individuals aged 16 to 30 who reported using pre-workout supplements within the past year were more than twice as likely to sleep five hours or less per night compared with those who did not use such products. Health experts generally recommend around eight hours of sleep per night for people in this age group.

As per Science Daily, pre-workout supplements, including widely used products such as Bang!, Jack3D, and C4, are commonly marketed to improve exercise performance and increase energy levels. However, researchers say the stimulant-heavy formulas in many of these products could be interfering with sleep patterns."Pre-workout supplements, which often contain high levels of caffeine and stimulant-like ingredients, have become increasingly popular among teenagers and young adults seeking to improve exercise performance and boost energy," said lead author Kyle T Ganson, assistant professor at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto."However, the study's findings point to potential risks to the well-being of young people who use these supplements," Ganson added.



One of the main concerns is the high caffeine content found in many pre-workout formulas. Researchers note that these products can contain anywhere from 90 milligrams to more than 350 milligrams of caffeine per serving.

By comparison, a typical can of cola contains about 35 milligrams of caffeine, while a standard cup of coffee has roughly 100 milligrams.

Health guidelines recommend that adolescents sleep between eight and ten hours per night, while young adults should aim for seven to nine hours. Insufficient sleep during these developmental years can affect mental health, physical growth, and academic performance.

The researchers say stimulant ingredients in pre-workout supplements may worsen existing sleep problems among young people who are already not getting enough rest.To address the issue, the research team is urging health professionals, including pediatricians, family physicians, and social workers, to discuss supplement use with young patients. They also recommend practical steps such as avoiding pre-workout supplements 12 to 14 hours before bedtime.

The findings also add to calls for stronger oversight of dietary supplements in Canada."Young people often view pre-workout supplements as harmless fitness products," Ganson said, adding, "But these findings underscore the importance of educating them and their families about how these supplements can disrupt sleep and potentially affect overall health."

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IGNOU extends admission deadline again, now until March 30

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: Dr. Dharmpal, Regional Director of IGNOU, announced that Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has extended final date for admission into various programs fo January 2026 session, setting new deadline at March 30, 2026. This extension applies to all courses falling under Diploma, PG Diploma, Undergraduate and Postgraduate categories, with exception of Certificate Programs. He further stated that students who have already registered on IGNOU portal but have not yet paid their fees are advised to deposit their fees promptly to secure their admission. IGNOU is most suitable university for those seeking skill-based and knowledge-based education. Objective of IGNOU is to enrich students' knowledge and provide them with equal opportunities for advancement. IGNOU is dedicated to delivering quality higher education to students residing in remote areas and rural regions.IGNOU's pedagogical approach differs significantly from that of other universities; it does not rely on traditional classroom teaching methods. Instead, education here is facilitated through a system comprising self-learning, study materials, counseling sessions, face-to-face interactions, and teleconferencing.

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Library Fiesta sparks creativity at Sanmati Govt College, Jagraon



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: Sanmati Government College of Science Education and Research hosted "Library Fiesta: A Celebration of Books and Creativity" today, igniting a passion for reading and innovation among students. Under the visionary guidance of Director Dr. Sumeet Brar and the motivational support of Vice-Principal Mrs. Nidhi Mahajan, the student-led event-spearheaded by chief organizer Naina Masih-drew enthusiastic crowds. Highlights included interactive zones like the Debate Wall, Book Clue, Scientific Minds Recognition, Puzzle Challenge, Poster Making, and 3D Art & Craft competitions. Participants also enjoyed a lively theatre play, motivational songs, poetry recitals, and an engaging Act & Guess game. Prabh Simran Kaur anchored the proceedings with poise, while the Library Committee-Dr. Geetanjali Chopra, Ms. Amandeep Kaur, and Librarian Harpreet Kaur-judged the contests. Committee heads Joban Sembhi, Dipanjot Kaur, Chetna Khullar, Jaspreet Kaur, Tania, Parneet Kaur, Sukhraj Kaur, Manpreet Kaur.

Names of MLAs who cross-voted will be revealed: Deepender Hooda



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, MAR 18

Congress MP Deepender Singh Hooda arrived as the chief guest at a public meeting organised in the village of Garhi Birbal. The event was presided over by the former MLA of Indri, Rakesh Kamboj. On this occasion, Congress workers—including former MLA Rakesh Kamboj—accorded him a rousing welcome by presenting him with a traditional turban. Addressing the gathering, Deepender Hooda launched a scathing attack on the BJP and other parties regarding the Rajya Sabha elections. He asserted that five Congress MLAs had engaged in cross-voting, and a comprehensive report—including their names—has already been submitted to the party high command. He stated that all these names would be made public very soon. Hooda alleged that the BJP had exhausted every possible avenue to win the election and had exerted immense pressure on MLAs in an attempt to defeat the Congress candidate, Karamvir Baudh. He further claimed that senior leaders had made phone calls to the MLAs, offering them various inducements and attempting to sway their votes. Reacting to the resignation of Congress Working President Ramkishan Gurjar, Hooda remarked that this step was taken preemptively, prior to any disciplinary action by the party.

Door-to-door outreach campaign for March 22 Hindu New Year festival continues with fervor



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: Vigorous door-to-door outreach campaign is currently underway for Haryana's grandest Hindu New Year Festival, scheduled to be held in Hisar on March 22 under aegis of Vishwa Hindu Parishad and organized by Shri Prabhubhakta Sankirtan Mandal.Women's Committee has established direct contact with 5,000 families. Shri Prabhubhakta Sankirtan Mandal team, Samrasta Mahila Samiti and Hindu New Year Organizing Committee are working in perfect coordination to promote Hindu New Year Festival. Outreach efforts are also being conducted for Dhwajayatra which is scheduled to commence at 7:00 AM on March 22. Enthusiasm displayed by Matrushakti for this festival is truly a sight to behold. Mamta Soni, Convener of Hindu New Year Festival, stated that entire city is now eager to join cultural renaissance, a movement whose foundation was laid in Hisar eight years ago by Prof Deepak Kumar.

Gulab Nagar pond to be renovated; Street, drain be constructed in Satsang Vihar; MC to spend Rs. 41.74 Lakhs

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 18



Municipal Corporation will undertake beautification and renovation of pond located in Gulab Nagar (Ward 1), as well as construction of a street and storm water drain in Satsang Vihar Colony, at an estimated cost of approximately Rs. 41.74 lakhs. On Tuesday, Mayor Suman Bahmani, in presence of former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal and Councilor Reena Rastogi, laid foundation stones for both development projects and formally inaugurated construction work by breaking a coconut. Mayor Suman Bahmani instructed officials to pay special attention to quality of work in both projects and to ensure their completion within stipulated timeframe. Mayor stated that beautification and renovation of Gulab Nagar pond would incur a cost of approximately Rs. 23.76 lakhs. Under this project, pond will be cleaned and a track approximately eight feet wide will be constructed around it, allowing residents to take morning and evening strolls. Additionally, grills and a boundary wall will be constructed around pond to ensure its safety and to ensure that surrounding area appears clean, tidy and organized. This initiative will not only promote environmental conservation but also provide residents with an improved public space. Residents will enjoy clean and beautiful environment alongside their daily walks. In Satsang Vihar Colony, construction of a street and installation of a storm water drain will be carried out at a cost of Rs. 17.98 lakhs. This street will be constructed extending from Rajbir Singh's residence to Sanjeev Sharma's residence.Completion of this project will provide significant relief to residents from problem of waterlogging during rainy season and will facilitate smoother commuting.

Project clean sweep: Beautification first, anti-encroachment next

DINKAR GAWRI



HANSI: DC Dr Rahul Narwal stated that the district administration is fully committed to providing the public with the best possible amenities. A main focus is being placed on cleanliness in the city. By April 15 the public will begin to see visible improvements. He expressed these views while addressing a press conference held in the local Public Works Department auditorium. He said that within the next five to six months, six model toilets would be constructed in the city, including a pink toilet for women. He said that a sanitation plan has been prepared to improve cleanliness. Under this plan, along with regular cleaning, a thorough cleaning of one street or intersection has been initiated every day. After the sanitation system improves, a special campaign will be launched to free the city's roads from encroachment. This campaign will not be for a day or two, but will continue for a long time, informs he. DC Rahul Narwal further stated that the government is approving positions for district-level officers. Positions for several departments have already been approved. The positions of Additional Deputy Commissioner and City Magistrate have also been approved. All district-level positions will be approved in March-April. He added that proposals for the District Secretariat building, the Judicial Complex, and residential housing for officers and employees will be sent to the state government this week. Responding to a question from journalists, he said that cow shelters were being identified to provide safe shelter to stray animals. All these animals will be tagged and transported to the shelters.

Chaitra Chaudas Fair: record crowds descend for final day



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Lakhs of devotees from different parts of the country prayed for eternal salvation of their ancestors by bathing, worshipping and offering Pind Daan at the holy Saraswati Tirtha. Due to the special importance of Pind Daan, a large number of devotees reached the holy Saraswati Tirtha on Wednesday. The devotees also checked their genealogy with their priests. As soon as dawn broke, thousands of devotees reached the holy Saraswati Tirtha to take a bath, chanting the praises of Goddess Saraswati and after taking a holy dip in the holy water, offered water to their ancestors. On this day, Pind Daan is considered especially significant. It is believed that devotees who perform PindDaan and offer water to their ancestors here are pleased and shower their families with happiness and prosperity. After the PindDaan, devotees offered water to the Pret Peepal tree, oil to the Swami Kartikeya Temple, and horses to Dargahi Shah. On the third day of the Chaitra Chaudas fair, devotees arrived from various parts of the country, including Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Chandigarh, but the largest numbers were Sikh devotees from Punjab.

Government urged to act firmly on repeated sacrilege cases



SANJEEV TEJPAL
MORINDA: Members of the Dharam Yudh Morcha intensified their ongoing agitation demanding the enactment of a strict law to prevent incidents of sacrilege involving Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji. The protest was held in support of Bhai Gurjeet Singh Khalsa, who has been staging a continuous demonstration for nearly 17 months from atop a tower in Samana. As part of the agitation, Morcha members along with a large number of devotees (sangat) reached the office of local MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh in Morinda and sought a clear response from the government regarding the delay in framing a stringent law. Senior Morcha leaders, including Amitoj Singh Mann, Khushinder Singh Jand Sahib and Jujhar Singh Gadharam, questioned why no concrete action had been taken on such a sensitive and serious issue. They alleged that successive governments had made repeated promises but failed to deliver effective legislation. Addressing the gathering, Morcha leaders emphasised that Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji is regarded as the living Guru by the Sikh community and any act of sacrilege is deeply hurtful and unacceptable. They urged the sangat to continue their struggle in a peaceful manner and to remain vigilant against any provocation.

2 Panipat MC Engineers suspended over 'Mhari Sadak' portal lapses

RAKESH BHAYANA



PANIPAT: Panipat Municipal Corporation has taken strict action against negligence in official work by suspending two Junior Engineers, Shivraj and Rajkumar, for irregularities related to the government's "Mhari Sadak" portal. The action was taken with immediate effect for allegedly ignoring the Commissioner's directions and failing to properly map complaints on the portal. Additional Commissioner Vivek Chaudhary said the "Mhari Sadak" portal was created to upload complaints regarding damaged roads so that technical teams could resolve them quickly. However, the performance of the Municipal Corporation team was found unsatisfactory during review. He said Chief Engineer Ramesh Bagri had also expressed displeasure over the poor performance and recommended strict action against negligent officials. Acting on his report, Commissioner Dr. Pankaj Yadav issued telephonic orders to suspend both Junior Engineers. According to officials, the suspended engineers claimed that more work had been carried out on the ground, but the data did not match the information uploaded on the portal. Show-cause notices have been issued to both officers, and if their replies are found unsatisfactory, further action including charge sheets will be initiated. During the inquiry, discrepancies were also found between the data uploaded on other government applications and the records on the "Mhari Sadak" portal, which led to the disciplinary action. The move has created concern among other Municipal Corporation employees, as the administration has made it clear that negligence in public service portals and government schemes will not be tolerated.

Bar Council Elections conducted peacefully amid tight security, 595 advocates cast votes

VERMA



GURDASPUR: Under the Punjab and Haryana Bar Council elections, voting was conducted on Wednesday at the District Court Complex in Pathankot in a peaceful and well-organized manner. The strict arrangements and monitoring put in place by the administration remained a key highlight of the entire process.The polling began at 9:00 AM and continued smoothly until 5:00 PM. Polling Booth No. 54, set up within the Civil Court premises, witnessed enthusiastic participation from advocates. A total of 595 lawyers exercised their right to vote, reflecting active involvement and awareness among members of the Bar Association.To ensure complete transparency and fairness, special arrangements were made during the election process. Videography was carried out at the polling station to maintain a proper record of proceedings. Additionally, micro observers were deployed to closely monitor all activities, further strengthening the credibility and transparency of the election. The district administration left no stone unturned in terms of security.

Elections for Punjab and Haryana Bar Council concluded in peaceful manner

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA



KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that the voting process for the Punjab and Haryana Bar Council elections was completed in a peaceful and orderly manner in the district on Wednesday. Due to the promptness of the district administration and the cooperation of the advocates, a lot of enthusiasm was seen at the polling stations from 9 am to 5 pm. During the election tight security arrangements were made at the polling stations. He said that five polling stations were set up in the district to ensure smooth elections. In which out of total 3247 registered advocates, 2590 exercised their franchise. He said that special nodal officers were appointed by the district administration to monitor the election process. The election process remained transparent and peaceful at all the polling stations in the district. The elections were successfully conducted with the coordination of administrative officials and police force.

MPIPS Malsian hosts graduation ceremony for kindergarteners



MEHARJOT SINGH
SHAHKOT: Mother's Pride International Public School Malsian organized a graduation ceremony for its kindergarten students to celebrate their successful transition into primary classes. The event was conducted under the leadership of school chairperson Kumari Arun Jassal and principal Rajni Bala. The ceremony witnessed enthusiastic participation from parents, who were given a warm reception by the school management upon arrival. The programme officially commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, performed jointly by the attending parents. Following the inauguration, the young learners of the pre-primary wing were awarded their graduation degrees. The children beamed with pride and joy as they received their certificates, marking the successful completion of their pre-primary education and their readiness to step into the primary section.

NIILM School of Law students achieve third position in inter-college BIZPULSE business quiz competition



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: The School of Law from NIILM University proudly announces that its students Rakhi, Parth and Gauri secured Third Position in the Inter-College BIZPULSE Business Quiz Competition held on 17 March 2026. The quiz was organized by the School of Commerce and Management, NIILM University, and witnessed active participation from students of various colleges and disciplines. Through their excellent teamwork, sharp business awareness, and strong analytical skills, the students brought recognition and pride to the School of Law. On this proud occasion, Dr. Surender Kalyan, Dean, School of Law, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the achievers. He appreciated their sincere efforts and stated that such accomplishments motivate other students to actively engage in academic and co-curricular activities. The moment was further graced as Dr. Usha, Mr. Shivam Singla, and Ms. Rupali also congratulated the students for their commendable success and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in future competitions.

Haryana Congress in-charge and state president must resign immediately: Madhusudan Baweja

DALBIR MALIK



KURUKSHETRA: Advocate Madhusudan Baweja, District President of the Kisan Congress, stated that the Congress party is the oldest and most democratic political party. The High Command appoints an In-charge or a State President with the specific objective of strengthening the party and bringing in as many loyal workers as possible. The aim is to fortify the party so that the organisational structure becomes robust and the party gains strength; however, in Haryana, the Party In-charge and the State President have failed to instil internal cohesion and strength within the party, let alone strengthen the party as a whole. Advocate Madhusudan Baweja pointed out that during the recently concluded Rajya Sabha elections, certain party MLAs betrayed the party—a situation that those appointed to the state's top leadership positions failed to prevent, as they could not ensure that these MLAs cast their votes in favor of the party. Therefore, recognising their moral responsibility, they should tender their resignations with immediate effect to ensure that public trust in the party is upheld within the state. This would also reassure the public that the party does not condone indisciplined leaders. Furthermore, those MLAs who have engaged in rebellion from within the party ranks should be expelled from the party. While national leaders such as Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Vadra Gandhi, and National General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala are working tirelessly day and night for the party and striving to strengthen it, certain leaders are attempting to undermine the party for the sake of their own vested interests.

Two women accused of theft in an electronics shop arrested



ASHOK CHUGH
PANIPAT: The CIA 3 police team busted a gang involved in breaking into an electronics shop in BishanSwaroop Colony and arrested two women of the gang on Kakroi Road in Sonipat. The accused women were identified as Kaushalya and Mala, residents of Dahiya Colony, Sonipat. The CIA 3 in-charge Inspector Vijay said that during interrogation both the accused women admitted of committing the theft along with their three other accused women. During interrogation the accused women said that they worked as rag pickers. On the night of February 20 under the guise of rags pickers, they uprooted the shutter of a shop in BishanSwaroop Colony with a rod and committed the theft. Accused Kaushalya sold her share of 30 kg copper for Rs 18,000 and accused Mala sold her share of 25 kg copper and inverter for Rs 17,000. Inspector Vijay, in charge, stated that after questioning, the police produced both accused women in court, where they were granted two-day police remand.

Akali Dal members seek cancellation of Bagha Purana Block Samiti Poll



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: Shiromani Akali Dal Block Samiti members on Tuesday submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, Moga, demanding cancellation of the chairman and vice-chairman elections of Block Samiti Bagha Purana, alleging that the poll was conducted forcibly. Talking to reporters, Block Samiti members Sukhjit Kaur Jaimalwala, Harbans Kaur Budh Singh Wala, Khushwinder Kaur, Jasmel Kaur Kaleke, Manjit Kaur, Jaspreet Kaur Nathe Wala, Charanjit Kaur, Sunita Rani and Kiran Devi alleged that during the election held yesterday, several members were kept confined and were not allowed to cast their votes. They claimed that the chairman and vice-chairman were elected forcibly under the leadership of Aam Aadmi Party MLA Amrit Pal Singh Sukhanand. The members said they have submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding that the election be cancelled and fresh polling be conducted to ensure justice. Shiromani Akali Dal core committee member Jathedar Tirath Singh Mohalla and district president Nihal Singh Bhullar's Moga in-charge Sanjit Singh Sunny Gill said the Akali Dal has 15 committee members, but only four were allowed to vote, while others were allegedly intimidated and prevented from participating.

Cattle remains found in Western Yamuna Canal, probe underway



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Panic and outrage gripped the region after remains of 6–7 cattle were discovered in the Western Yamuna Canal near Dhaman Heri village. The incident has raised serious concerns over law and order in the area. Acting swiftly on information, the police reached the spot and began an investigation. Indri DSP Satish Gautam, along with a heavy police force, supervised the operation as the remains were recovered and taken into custody. According to preliminary findings, the remains have been sent to the Livestock Centre in Uchani, Karnal, for post-mortem to determine the exact cause of death. A forensic team also visited the site and collected key evidence. The incident triggered anger among residents of nearby villages, who alleged that unidentified individuals have been illegally slaughtering cattle along the canal, taking away the meat and dumping the remains. Villagers warned that such activities could escalate if not checked promptly.

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Amazon.in brings AI-powered festive shopping for Navratri, Gudi Padwa and Eid celebration

CHANDIGARH: As families across India prepare for Navratri, Gudi Padwa and Eid, Amazon.in is making festive shopping effortless with thoughtfully curated selections and flexible delivery options. Whether customers need last-minute Pooja essentials delivered in minutes through Amazon Now in parts of Delhi-NCR, Mumbai and Bengaluru, or prefer scheduled 2-hour slotted delivery via Amazon Fresh or want the convenience of same-or-next-day delivery through Everyday Needs, Amazon.in brings everything needed for festive celebrations to their doorstep. Customers can enjoy traditional fasting ingredients and premium dry fruits to classic mithai and refreshing beverages, customers can explore festive favorites from popular brands such as Tata Sampann, Farmley, GO DESi, Storia, Nutraj and more. For those seeking quick meal solutions during busy festive days, the specially curated Ready-to-Eat Store offers up to 35% off on a wide range of convenient options. All of this is supported by Amazon's delivery network, with special offers for Prime members and added savings via Amazon Pay.

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Isuzu I-Care Pre Summer Camp from March 23

JALANDHAR, Isuzu Motors India will be conducting a nation-wide 'ISUZU I-Care Pre-Summer Camp' for its range of ISUZU D-MAX Pick-ups and SUVs. This service camp is aimed at offering customers exciting benefits and preventive maintenance checks for a hassle-free driving experience during the season across the country. An initiative of 'ISUZU Care', the pre-summer camp will be organised across all ISUZU authorised dealer service outlets, between 23rd – 28th March 2026 . During this period, customers can also avail special offers & benefits for their vehicles which includes free 37-Point Comprehensive Check-up, 10% discount on Labour, 5% discount on Parts, 5% discount on Lubes & Fluids, 20% Discount on Retail RSA, 5% on PROCARE, 20% on Extended Warranty and Free 'REGEN' with certain conditions.

Dum Noorani clocks 5x growth, expands to 8 outlets across North India

CHANDIGARH: Dum Noorani, a popular Chandigarh-based restaurant known for its authentic royal Indian cuisine, has recorded nearly fivefold growth in its yearly order volumes since joining the Zomato platform in 2019. What started as a passion-driven takeaway kitchen has now grown into a multi-city brand with eight outlets across Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. Sharing the brand's journey, Founder Mannat Singh said Dum Noorani was built on the belief of serving royal Indian cuisine in its most authentic form. "Despite premium pricing, customers have continued to connect with our flavours. With the support of Zomato, we have been able to reach a wider audience and scale our operations with confidence," she added. Zomato CEO Aditya Mangla praised the brand's consistency and quality, stating that Dum Noorani's growth reflects the strong trust it has built among its customers over the years.

Four Seasons Strong: Coke Studio Bharat Announces Its Season 4 Artist Line-Up

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: After three seasons of reshaping India's streaming landscape, Coke Studio Bharat returns with Season 4. Known for bringing together artists from across India to reimagine regional sounds and traditions, the platform begins the new season with 'The List,' revealing the artists who will take part this year. If Season 3 gave audiences Arz Kiya Hai, a modern-day interpretation of India's poetry culture that topped the Indian music charts, and festival-ready tracks like Holi Aayi Re, Season 4 moves the conversation deeper into India's local terrains. This year's line-up features Aditya Rikhari, Kulte Khan, Ravator, Faheem Abdullah, Arsalan Nizami, Madhur Sharma, Ashok Maskeen, Vaibhav Pani, Mohammad Faiz, Mame Khan, Khwaab, Utpal Udit and Rekha Bhardwaj, a powerful cross-section of artists who represent very different corners of the country, different musical inheritances, and very different audiences.

Hyatt Announces Signing of Agreement for Hyatt Place Ahmedabad Nikol

CHANDIGARH: Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE: H) today announced the signing of an agreement for Hyatt Place Ahmedabad Nikol, marking a significant milestone in Hyatt's continued expansion in India. In development by Golden Buildcon, this 140-key hotel will offer a unique blend of comfort, style, and modern amenities, further strengthening Hyatt's brand presence in Ahmedabad, Gujarat's administrative and commercial hub. The hotel will feature a range of dining options offering a variety of culinary experiences, including a main restaurant and grab-and-go market. The hotel will also include a 3,455-square-foot (321-square-meter) ballroom, along with several conference rooms and a boardroom, providing ample space for meetings and events. Guests will also enjoy a fitness center and swimming pool, making it an ideal choice for both business and leisure travellers.

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Avis India Launches 'Tool for Trade' to Strengthen Mobility Solutions for India's Agricultural Ecosystem

Ludhiana : Avis India today announced the scaled rollout of its 'Tool for Trade' offering. The move aims to expand its managed mobility solutions into India's agriculture and rural markets and support the fast moving needs of the agriculture led industries and allied rural enterprises across key markets in the country. 'Tool for Trade' is designed for organisations operating across different landscapes like urban, semi-urban, and rural, including agri-input companies, farm machinery manufacturers, seed and fertiliser companies, chemical firms, and field sales and service teams. The offering provides professionally managed vehicle solutions to make sure reliable, uninterrupted movement for on-ground performance.The initiative is being launched across major agricultural-led states like Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Telangana, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan.These states are the major hubs for farm equipment, agri-input distribution, fertiliser and seed operations, and rural channel networks.

Bani Nirankar app crosses 1 million downloads worldwide

CHANDIGARH: The Bani Nirankar app has achieved a major milestone by surpassing 1 million downloads globally, emerging as one of the most trusted Gurbani platforms for users across all age groups. Built with a public-first approach, the app combines simplicity, authenticity and modern technology to make Gurbani accessible anytime and anywhere. The platform offers a wide range of features suited to modern lifestyles, including offline access, high-quality audio streaming, live Gurdwara connectivity, personalised path alarms and podcasts catering to all generations. It also enables Raagi Sahiban to go live directly, creating an interactive and spiritually enriching experience for users. The app's growing popularity is reflected in positive user feedback, with many appreciating its clean interface, accurate Gurbani presentation and ease of use.

Meet Hayer tears apart Union Government in parliament for completely forgetting Punjab farmers in Budget



Chandigarh/New Delhi: Lok Sabha Member from Sangrur Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, while speaking on Agricultural sector in Parliament today, severely castigated the Union Government for completely forgetting Punjab farmers in the Agriculture budget and said that the BJP hates the people of Punjab to such an extent that it did not even mention Punjab with regard to Agriculture sphere.

Demanding the guarantee of MSP for farmers and demanded immediate release of Rs. 8500 Crore from Punjab's Rural Development Fund (RDF), Meet Hayer also called for the immediate cancellation of the anti-farmer India-US trade agreement.

The MP from Sangrur said that two days were allotted to speak on Railways in Parliament but only a short time was allotted for discussion on Agriculture, thus making the intentions of the Union Government quite clear.

The Agriculture budget includes other states but Punjab, which feeds the entire country, has not found mention even once and this has been the case for the last 13 years. Punjab has only 1.5 per cent of its area but contributes 18 per cent to the country's wheat pool and 12 per cent to the country's rice pool.

Thus, Punjab lost its fertile soil and groundwater and not only this but due to the use of fertilisers, Punjab became a cancer home. The border State had to pay a heavy price for the Green Revolution, said Meet Hayer.

Carrying his attack right into the ranks of treasury benches, Meet Hayer lashed out at the Union Government and said that the Union Government has refused as well as utterly failed to double the income of farmers and guarantee the minimum support price of every crop. He said that to take Punjab out of the wheat and rice crop cycle, Punjab should be given a special package for crop diversification.

Describing the India-US trade agreement as an anti farmer sell out, the Lok Sabha Member divulged that in the USA, farmers get an average subsidy of Rs 27 lakh and in India, it is only Rs.6,000. How can our farmers compete like this?, asked the MP and averred that such an anti trade agreement should be cancelled. Raising the issue of the Union Government's anti-Punjab attitude, Meet Hayer disclosed that the Centre has deliberately withheld Rs. 8500 Crore of Punjab's RDF share.

He further added that due to the mistakes of the previous Congress Government, the then Chief Minister of that government, Captain Amarinder Singh, is in the BJP today. Why should the current Punjab Government should bear the cost of the mistakes of the BJP leader, questioned the Member of Parliament also raising the issue of the inadequate raise in the commission of the arhtiyas.

IFCT's Gala Runway: Ramp Walk Showcases Fashion Students' Designer Collections

MOHALI: The Institute of Fashion & Communication Technology (IFCT) successfully hosted its much-anticipated IFCT Gala Runway 2026, a spectacular fashion showcase where creativity met conscience, as young fashion designers from the Final Year B.Sc. Programme at IFCT, used fashion as a medium to express a heartfelt prayer for world peace. The evening's most celebrated moment came when the powerful collection 'Black Swan', inspired by the fragility and resilience of humanity, was awarded First Prize. The collection conveyed the message that even in times of darkness and conflict, humanity must rise with grace, compassion, and hope for peace.

Dr. Neha Miglani, Founder and Director of IFCT, said: "Fashion is not just about clothing; it is about storytelling and social consciousness. Through IFCT Gala Runway 2026, our students sent a powerful message that the youth of today believes in harmony, empathy, and world peace. I am immensely proud that every detail of this show was imagined and executed by our students."

The event brought together emerging designers, student models, choreographers, and creative teams from IFCT's campuses in Mohali and Solan. The runway turned into a canvas of ideas where 15 outstanding design collections, created entirely by final-year students, were presented before an enthusiastic audience. A total of 65 students participated in the show, contributing through designing, modelling, choreography, styling,



backstage production, and creative direction, making the event a true celebration of collaborative learning.

Final-year student Ravneet Kaur, one of the designers who showcased her collection, shared: "This show was more than a fashion presentation for us. Every stitch, every accessory, and every step on the ramp was our way of expressing hope for a peaceful world."

Another participating designer, Luxmi, added: "Working on the theme of world peace made us think deeply about the responsibility designers have. Fashion can inspire people and spark conversations about humanity and unity."

What made the show remarkable was that it was conceptualized, designed, and executed entirely by students. From the initial ideation to the final execution on the ramp; including costumes, masks, headgear, jewellery, styling, choreography, and stage presentation; every element reflected the passion, discipline, and imagination of IFCT students.

With the success of IFCT Gala Runway 2026, the institute once again demonstrated that young designers are not just shaping trends, they are shaping ideas that can inspire a better and more peaceful world.

Founded in 2023, IFCT has rapidly emerged as the first industry-led fashion school of the region. In just a short span, the institute has grown to a strength of over 250 students and has established itself as one of the leading and most affordable design schools in the region. With programs in fashion design, communication, media, interior design, and makeup, IFCT continues to nurture the next generation of creative professionals through hands-on learning and strong industry engagement.

House of Jolly Strengthens Its Legacy-Led Global Vision with the Thoughtful Acquisition of Enrico Cassina and Omporro

GURUGRAM : India's most enduring name in architectural hardware since 1944, marks a defining chapter in its evolution with the considered expansion of its House of Brands. Staying true to its philosophy quality through design, engineering and materials, Jolly has chosen to align with two design-led brands- Enrico Cassina and Omporro- each selected for their shared values of craftsmanship, longevity, materials and design integrity.



Founded in pre-independence India by Pt. Sh. Jeetendra Nath Bhargava, Jolly has long believed that hardware, though discreet, plays a defining role in the life and longevity of a space. From its early mastery of precision hinges to building one of India's most comprehensive architectural hardware portfolios today, the brand's journey has been guided not by scale alone, but by engineering excellence and enduring relevance. Under the leadership of the current generation, Aditya and Akshay Bhargava, this philosophy continues to inform every strategic decision, including global brand acquisition. "In an era where rapid expansion and multiple tie-ups are common, House of Jolly has taken a markedly different path. Rather than pursuing numerous international associations, the brand has carefully chosen to acquire only those names that mirror its own legacy, depth of craft, and timeless approach to design," said Rajesh Bhargava, Director, House of Jolly. This selective approach is reflected in the acquisition of Enrico Cassina, one of the world's oldest and most revered decorative hardware maisons (Estd. in 1850), with roots dating back to the 19th century. Renowned for its classic and neoclassical handles inspired by centuries of European art and architecture, Enrico Cassina represents a shared reverence for heritage craftsmanship, material mastery, and timeless aesthetics that can only be crafted in Italy! Its presence under the House of Jolly will introduce Indian consumers and designers to a refined global design language that aligns naturally with Jolly's own legacy-driven ethos.

Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon meets UT Administrator, seeks industry-friendly reforms including free FAR increase

CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon on Wednesday met Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria at the UT Secretariat, Sector 9, in the presence of senior officials including the Chief Secretary, Secretary to Governor, Secretaries of Home, Finance, Sports and Education, and the Chief Engineer. During the meeting, Tandon raised several key issues concerning industry, urban policy, and infrastructure development in the city. Highlighting the need for industry-friendly reforms, Tandon strongly advocated for an increase in Floor Area Ratio (FAR) without additional charges. He pointed out that neighboring regions like Mohali and Panchkula have already implemented similar measures free of cost.



He suggested that at least the increase from 0.75 to 1.5 FAR should be provided without any charge, while any further increase could be considered at nominal rates.

Tandon also emphasized the need to recognize supplier and allied units in industrial areas as part of the industrial ecosystem rather than categorizing them merely as traders.

He noted that such businesses play a critical role in supporting industries and should be granted appropriate permissions. The administration is currently examining this proposal.

Raising concerns over the interpretation of Supreme Court orders related to percentage-wise property sale, Tandon urged the administration to review its current stance. He highlighted that alternative interpretations exist and stressed the need for a balanced approach, noting that the number of dwelling units continues to rise in practice despite restrictions. He informed that he would also seek legal opinion on the matter. Another important issue discussed was the utilization of premises of kerosene dealers. With kerosene no longer being used for household purposes, Tandon suggested that these sites be repurposed for alternative uses such as CNG outlets or EV charging stations. The administration indicated that proposals from oil companies could be considered in this regard. The meeting also covered the proposal from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) regarding the development of an indoor stadium and the use of five school grounds for sports associations. The Governor directed officials to expedite the process. Additionally, Tandon brought up the proposal from Skate Asia to host the Asian Championship in Chandigarh in November 2027.

52-Year-Old Male with Acute Brain Hemorrhage successfully revived via minimally invasive procedure at Fortis Jalandhar

JALANDHAR: In a remarkable life-saving intervention, doctors at Fortis Hospital Jalandhar successfully revived a 52-year-old man, who had suffered an acute brain haemorrhageusing a minimally invasive



endovascular procedure. The team of doctors led by Dr. Trimaan Singh Sikand, Consultant, Interventional Neurology, Fortis Hospital, Jalandhar promptly treated the patient, and he was discharged in a stable condition within 5 days. The patient was rushed to the emergency department of the hospital after experiencing sudden, severe headache along with weakness on the left side of his body. An immediate CT scan confirmed the presence of an acute brain haemorrhage. Recognising the gravity of the condition, the hospital's Interventional Neurology team acted without delay. Further tests using angiography and 3D imaging showed a weak, balloon-like bulge in a blood vessel supplying the brain, located on the right side. To prevent further bleeding and stabilize the patient, the team performed an overnight minimally invasive endovascular stent-assisted coiling procedure, avoiding the need for open brain surgery. Thanks to the timely intervention and coordinated round-the-clock efforts of the medical team, the patient began showing signs of improvement the very next morning and made a complete recovery within five days. Giving details of the case, Dr. Trimaan Singh Sikand, Consultant, Interventional Neurology, Fortis Hospital, Jalandhar said, ""This was an extremely complex blood clot located in a very small brain vessel.

POCO Introduces the POCO X8 Pro Series, Pushing Next-Gen Performance to the Max - regional dissemination

LUDHIANA : POCO, one of India's leading consumer technology brands, today launched the POCO X8 Pro Series, featuring the POCO X8 Pro Max, POCO X8 Pro, and the special edition POCO X8 Pro – Iron Man Edition. Marking the next evolution of the X Series, the new lineup combines flagship-level performance, long-lasting battery life, immersive entertainment, and premium design, delivering a well-rounded experience for performance-focused users.Powering the series is next-generation chipset innovation built for real-world speed and efficiency. The POCO X8 Pro Max debuts in India as the first smartphone powered by the Dimensity 9500s chipset, built on a 3nm architecture and delivering an AnTuTu score of over 3 million. Paired with LPDDR5X Ultra RAM and UFS 4.1 storage, it enables faster multitasking, seamless app switching, and smooth content consumption. The POCO X8 Pro, powered by the Dimensity 8500-Ultra platform, delivers enhanced graphics performance and efficiency. Both devices support up to 120FPS gameplay across popular mobile titles, ensuring a smooth and responsive gaming experience.To sustain performance under demanding usage, the series incorporates advanced cooling systems.

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Speaking on the development, Lalitha Nataraj, MD & CEO, NBSL said, "As digital payments continue to scale in India, the next phase of growth is about strengthening preferences and deepening user confidence. With onboarding MS Dhoni as our brand ambassador, our objective is to position BHIM Payments App not just as a payments option but as the preferred app for each member in the Indian household. As BHIM Payments App enters its next phase of growth, trust remains at the centre of everything we do. Dhoni represents that same trust, built over time. That is why this partnership feels inevitable." Mahendra Singh Dhoni said, "Over the years, I have always believed in keeping things simple and staying clear in approach. What stood out to me about BHIM is its focus on making digital payments straightforward and accessible to people across the country. As India continues to move towards greater digital adoption, it is important that users feel comfortable and confident while transacting.

Newstone & TDI Infracorp hosted Community Meditation

SONIPAT: Newstone & TDI Infracorp, in collaboration with the Brahma Kumaris, organized a Samuhik Dhyan (collective meditation) and "Om Shanti Raas Sandhya" at at TDI Lake Grove Township Sonipat,



bringing together residents, members of the corporate and business community, and spiritual practitioners for an evening dedicated to mindfulness and inner peace. The event aimed to encourage balanced living and mental well-being through spiritual engagement and community participation. The program commenced with a guided Rajyoga meditation session conducted by Brahma Kumaris representatives, allowing attendees to experience moments of calm and reflection amid their daily routines. On this occasion, BK Sister Santosh, Director of Brahma Kumaris from Saint Petersburg, Russia, addressed the gathering and spoke about the global relevance of Rajyoga Meditation and its role in maintaining mental peace in today's fast-paced world. She was joined by BK Sister Pooja, Centre Incharge of Brahma Kumaris Lake Grove Centre, who conducted the meditation session and welcomed the participants.

The evening concluded with a spiritually uplifting Om Shanti Raas, leaving attendees with a sense of calm, positivity, and renewed energy. The evening also featured the "Om Shanti Raas" segment, which created a serene and devotional atmosphere for attendees. The initiative aimed to foster a sense of togetherness within the community while highlighting the role of spirituality in enhancing overall well-being.

Godrej Consumer Products Named World's No.1 in Personal Products Sector on Dow Jones Best-in-Class Indices 2025

CHANDIGARH : Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL), a leading emerging markets FMCG company has been ranked #1 globally in the personal products category on the Dow Jones Best-in-Class Indices 2025, marking the first time the company has secured the top position on the globally respected benchmark. GCPL secured a score of 89 out of 100 in the Personal Products category in S&P Global's Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA), which evaluated more than 9200+ companies globally, placing it among the world's leading personal product companies on environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance. The recognition reflects the company's consistent progress across key sustainability priorities. Within the personal products sector, the Dow Jones Best-in-Class Indicesevaluates a wide range of criteria — from emission reductions to raw material sourcing, product disposal, packaging management, water management, sustainable sourcing, labour practices and many more.In addition to the top ranking, S&P Global has recognised GCPL for completing 10 years of active participation in the Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). This milestone reflects a decade-long commitment to transparency, continuous improvement and leadership in embedding sustainability into core business strategy. Commenting on the achievement, Sudhir Sitapati, Managing Director & CEO, Godrej Consumer Products Limited, said, "Being ranked #1 globally on the Dow Jones Best-in-Class Indices is a defining milestone for GCPL and a moment of immense pride for all of us. Sustainability is deeply embedded in our purpose of bringing the goodness of health and beauty to consumers in emerging markets. Our focus on creating value for people and the planet alongside profit shapes how we build our brands, design our products and run our operations. This recognition reflects the progress we have made in areas such as greener products, water positivity.

Audi strengthens Q range in India, launches the performance-focused Audi Sq8

CHANDIGARH: Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today launched the new Audi SQ8 in India, exemplifying balanced performance and precision engineering. The Audi SQ8 occupies a singular position in the Audi Q8 line-up - blending commanding presence, exhilarating performance and everyday practicality in a single, highly versatile package.



The Audi SQ8 is available in India at an introductory price of INR 1,77,72,000 (ex-showroom). It comes with a 10-year complimentary Roadside Assistance, along with attractive comprehensive maintenance and service packages.

Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Brand Director, Audi India, said, "The Audi SQ8 strengthens our high-performance SUV line-up in India by offering a compelling balance of power, everyday usability and genuine, visceral performance. It is designed for customers who want a versatile luxury SUV that can be effortlessly comfortable during the week and truly exciting on the weekend. We are seeing growing enthusiasm for performance cars across India, particularly among our discerning, younger clientele, and the Audi SQ8 is a natural extension of our commitment to bringing the brand's finest performance heritage to the Indian market."

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Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Loan A/c No.	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property
(A/c No.) L90010608206298888 M/S K D Garments (Borrower), Rakesh Kumar (Co-Borrower), Kamla Devi (Co-Borrower)	19-Jan-26 Rs. 543826/- Rs. Five Lakh Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Only As on 17-Jan-26	Property Situated At -Ward No 02 Khw 244 Kht 395 Khs 2596 Op Arvind High S Kailash Nagar Mahendragarh Narnaul ,Dist-Mahendragarh,Haryana,123001 Admeasuring 288 Sqyds
(A/c No.) L90010601215879222 M/S Star Fabricators And Engineers Through It'S Proprietor Irshad Khan(Borrower), Irshad Khan (Co-Borrower), Lukman Khan (Co-Borrower)	19-Jan-26 Rs. 2143956/- Rs. Twenty-One Lakh Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Six Only As on 17-Jan-26	Property Situated At Pragti Nagar, Near Eidgah Colony, Patti Jattan, Under M.C, Sonipat, Plot Comprised Under Kh No. 819Min, Te.& Dist.-Sonipat, Haryana,131001 Admeasuring 75 Sqyds
(A/c No.) L90010601320286766 M/S Titu General Store Through It'S Propreitor Ashok Kumar(Borrower), Ashok Kumar (Co-Borrower)	19-Jan-26 Rs. 591214/- Rs. Five Lakh Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen Only As on 17-Jan-26	Property Situated At - Shop No.- 8, Old Patel Road Near Mandir,Tah.&Dist.- Ambala, Haryana,134003 Admeasuring 9.35 Square Yard
(A/c No.) L90010608298524744 M/S Choudhary Hardware ((Borrower), Smt.Munni Devi (Co-Borrower), Ghanshyam (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 468227/- Rs. Four Lakh Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Only As on 19-Jan-26	Property Situated At- Killa No 23/1 5-17, Khewat 228 And Mustail No 61, Khatauni No 305, Vill- Narnaul, Dist- Mahendragarh, Haryana, 123023 Admeasuring 90.75 Square Yard
(A/c No.) L90010601276648111 M/S Dharmveer Dairy Farm (Borrower), Smt.Savita Hans Raj (Co-Borrower), Dharmveer Hansraj (Co-Borrower), Hans Raj (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 265797/- Rs. Two Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Only As on 17-Jan-26	Property Situated At- Khewat No 2 Khatauni No 2, Killa No 6 3 7 5, Mustail No 40, Mauja Aakoli, Narnaul, Dist- Gurgaon, Haryana, 122001 Admeasuring 1361.25 Square Feet
(A/c No.) L90010601314692011 M/S Shroha Misthan Bhandar (Borrower), Smt.Meenu (Co-Borrower), Anil Kumar (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 612303/- Rs. Six Lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Three Only As on 19-Jan-26	Property Situated At - Situated On Land Which Is Part Of Khewat No. 4734 Khata No. 5168 Killa No. 253//9/2 Waka Moja Gohana Abadi Gandhi Nagar Inside M.C. Limits Gohana Tehsil- Gohana, District- Sonipat, Haryana , 131301 Admeasuring 755 Sqft
(A/c No.) L90010601338214611 M/S Rajesh Paint & Putty (Borrower), Smt.Surmi Rani (Co-Borrower), Dhanu Ram (Co-Borrower), Smt.Sunita (Co-Borrower), Rakesh Kumar (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 513807/- Rs. Five Lakh Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Only As on 19-Jan-26	Property Situated At - Wakya Property Id No. 60351Wumm6500R0211A, Mauja Shakarpura, Tehsil Kullan & District Fatehabad, Haryana, 125106 Admeasuring 2060 Sqft
(A/c No.) L90010601424184046 M/S Chahal Enterprises (Borrower), Smt.Parm Jeet Kaur (Co-Borrower), Bhupender Singh (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 1241686/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Forty-One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six Only As on 19-Jan-26	Property Situated At - Khewet-Khatoni No.- 453-515 Waka Village Talwar Khurd Teh. Ellenabad, Distt. Sirsa,Haryana India 125102 Admeasuring 446.5 Sqyd
(A/c No.) L90010601435861061 M/S V S Denting Painting (Borrower), Sandeep Kumar (Co-Borrower), Shankar Lal (Co-Borrower), Smt.Misro Devi (Co-Borrower), Smt.Rani Devi (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 623190/- Rs. Six Lakh Twenty-Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety Only As on 19-Jan-26	Property Situated At - Plot/House Lgd. No. 607870027, Property Id No.- 60787NgDM0001RI027A, Waka Lal Dora Of Village Mehnakhera, Tehsil Rania, Distt. Sirsa, Haryana, 125076 Admeasuring 200 Sqyd
(A/c No.) L90010601461873831 M/S Sunil Milk Dairy (Borrower), Sunil (Co-Borrower), Smt.Parmeshweri (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 1562658/- Rs. Fifteen Lakh Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight Only As on 19-Jan-26	Property Situated At - Khewat No. 705 Khatoni No. 770 Waka Rakba Samaspur Teh. And Distt. Ch. Dadri,Bhiwani Haryana India 127306 Admeasuring 189 Sqyd
(A/c No.) L90010601290425431 M/S Jmk Enterprises Through It'S Proprietor Bharat Deswal (Borrower), Bharat Deswal (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Devendra Kumar - Co-Borrower)	28-Jan-26 Rs. 3481161/- Rs. Thirty-Four Lakh Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One Only As on 27-Jan-26	Property Situated At- Khewat No 176Min-147Min,Khata No 269,270,271,Mustil No 15,Killa No 24/1(0-1), 24/4(1-10),24/9(0-10), Village Balaur, Th - Bahadurgarh, District-Jhajjar, Haryana Admeasuring 150 Sq.Yds

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NEWS BRIEF

Traders' Commission Listens to Concerns of Traders in Kharar and Majri

SAS Nagar: The Punjab State Traders' Commission today held a meeting with traders from Kharar and Majri at Karoran to address their grievances and concerns. The Commission gave a patient hearing to the issues raised by members of the trading community and assured that all matters would be resolved within a stipulated period of one month. Reiterating the firm commitment of the Government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Commission emphasized ensuring a smooth and business-friendly environment across the state. Chairman of the District Level Traders' Commission, S. Ranjit Pal Singh, along with Vice Chairman S. Tarlochan Singh and Kharar Constituency Chairman S. Yashpal Bansal, were present during the interaction. They assured the traders that all the concerns raised during the meeting would be addressed in a time-bound manner. The representatives further stated that the Traders' Commission will now function in a structured manner from the constituency level to the district and state levels, ensuring that issues of traders are identified and resolved right from the grassroots level.

Pau and Pameti organize women in agriculture conclave 2026

LUDHIANA: The AICRP- WIA Project of College of Community Science, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) unit, successfully organized an entrepreneurship promotion event in collaboration with Punjab Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (PAMETI) to encourage rural entrepreneurship and value-added agri-business initiatives. The event featured 21 stalls by first-time entrepreneurs, who showcased a variety of products including handmade candles, resin art, soaps, traditional food items, beverages, and other value-added products. The initiative provided participants with an opportunity to interact with visitors, receive feedback, and promote their businesses. The event was graced by the Dr Neeru Katyal Gupta, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, who in her address, appreciated the efforts of PAMETI and AICRP in empowering rural youth and women through entrepreneurship development programs.

Governor calls for ensuring social welfare schemes reach every citizen under 'Aapki Yojana, Aapke Dwar'



CHANDIGARH. The Department of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Advisory Committee, organised the 'Aapki Yojana-Aapke Dwar' programme today at Tagore Theatre, Sector-18, to spread awareness about welfare schemes and ensure effective outreach to citizens. The Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, attended as Chief Guest, while Shri Satya Pal Jain, Chairperson of the Administrator's Social Welfare Standing Committee, was the Guest of Honour.

In his address, the Administrator emphasised that the strength of a democratic society lies in uplifting its most vulnerable sections and reiterated the Administration's commitment to inclusive development. Highlighting initiatives for empowerment of women, protection of children, social security of senior citizens and support for divyangjans, he said these schemes promote dignity, self-reliance and equal opportunities. He also underscored youth awareness efforts, including anti-drug campaigns, and called for active public participation to ensure welfare benefits reach genuine beneficiaries and contribute to the vision of "Viksit Bharat" by 2047.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Satya Pal Jain appreciated the Department's efforts and highlighted initiatives such as ₹31,000 assistance under the Shagun Scheme, progress on Majdoor Bhawan, evening OPDs at GMSH-16, proposals for pension enhancement and planning for a new Senior Citizen Home in Sector-49. He said that the purpose of the conference is to take these beneficial schemes to the most needed sections of society.

Sh. Davesh Moudgil former Mayor of Chandigarh said that we should strive for taking these schemes to the man who is standing last in row.

The initiative focuses on doorstep delivery of schemes and improved accessibility. Out of Chandigarh's population of about 10.5 lakh, the Department caters to nearly 4.7 lakh women, 1.17 lakh children, over 72,000 senior citizens and around 15,000 persons with disabilities through a strong institutional network of 450 Anganwadi Centres and Crèches, 14 Child Care Institutions, One Stop Centre-Shakti Sadan, working women hostels, senior citizen homes and facilities such as PRAYAAS. Initiatives like the Digital Library "NETRA" and POSHAN Amrit Van were also highlighted.

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Vande Mataram Resonates as Shri Ram Katha Begins with Devotional Fervour in Bassi Pathana



AJAY MALHOTRA

FATEHGARH SAHIB: The atmosphere at the local Aggarwal Dharamshala turned devotional and patriotic as the second Shri Ram Katha organised by the Shri Ram Leela Committee, Bassi Pathana, commenced with loud chants of 'Vande Mataram'. The grand event began under the presidentship of Ajay Singla and witnessed an impressive gathering of devotees. Renowned spiritual preacher Sachidanand Chetan Saraswati Ji Maharaj (Babbli Bhagat) and Brahmin Samaj Sewa Sangathan President Shri Dushyant Shukla graced the occasion as chief guests, praising the organisers for their committed efforts in nurturing cultural and spiritual traditions. The Katha was initiated by acclaimed narrator Shri Satish Kaushik Ji from Vrindavan Dham, who opened the ceremony with powerful chants of 'Vande Mataram'. In his soulful address, he highlighted how certain political elements today oppose the nation merely for personal gains. He emphasised that without love and respect for the motherland, even religious gatherings lose their meaning.

"If the nation is strong, Sanatan Dharma will naturally remain strong," he asserted, urging people to uphold unity and patriotism.

Chief guest Dushyant Shukla congratulated the entire organising committee for arranging such a magnificent spiritual celebration and appreciated their dedication toward preserving cultural values.

Congress protested in front of AAP MLAs' houses, demanded 4 years' worth of 48000 "dues" of women



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BATHINDA: During the assembly elections, the AAP supremo and the Chief Minister promised to give women Rs 1,000 per month, but the Rs 48,000 that would be made in 4 years was not put into the accounts of each woman in this budget. But now, considering the election year, misleading propaganda is being spread again by announcing a monthly salary of Rs. 1,000 to 15 Scheduled Caste women. While there is still no hope from the government for women to get access to financial resources. These allegations were made today on the instructions of Punjab Congress President Amarinder Singh Raja Warring. On the instructions of the Congress to protest in front of the houses of AAP MLAs, a women and children's group led by District President Rajan Garg protested in front of the house of MLA Jagroop Singh Gill today. A large gathering of Congressmen gathered and demanded Rs 48,000 from the Mann government for the four-year arrears of women A large number of women, office bearers and workers of the Women's Congress were present on this occasion. Addressing the gathering, Rajan Garg said that the government had guaranteed to give Rs 1,000 per month to women during the elections, but now the dues of 4 years have not been deposited in 48,000 accounts. Which reveals the government's double-dealing policy and women have been betrayed in a big way. On this occasion, District Vice President Rupinder Bindra, District President Mahila Congress Ramesh Rani, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee General Secretary Advocate Amandeep Kaur Bajwa, Amrita Gill, Jasvir Kaur, Sonia Rani, Gurdeep Kaur, Baljit Kaur, Mamta Rani Councilor, Jasvir Kaur, Sukhdev Singh Sukha MC, Harvinder Singh Laddu, Sunil Kumar Chairman, Balvir Singh Youth Leader, Jarnail Singh, Roop Singh, Sunny Brar, Hari Om Kapoor, Kartar Mehra, Jagmeet Singh, Baljit Singh along with a large number of Congress leaders and workers were present.

'Taj Punjab' poster unveiled in Chandigarh, film promises rich cultural narrative

CHANDIGARH: The much-anticipated Punjabi film Taj Punjab officially commenced its journey with the grand unveiling of its poster at the Press Club, Chandigarh, marking a significant moment for the film's team and the regional film industry. The event witnessed the presence of media professionals, industry insiders, and creative contributors, all gathered to celebrate the launch of a project that promises to showcase the rich heritage of Punjab. The poster reveal created an immediate buzz, offering a powerful visual introduction to the film's theme. With striking imagery and symbolic depth, the poster reflects the essence of Punjab's history, pride, and cultural legacy. It sets the tone for a narrative



that is expected to blend emotion, history, and cinematic grandeur. At the center of this ambitious project is Vir Sachin, the writer and director of Taj Punjab, whose vision drives the film forward. Known for his passion for storytelling, Sachin has conceptualized a narrative that not only highlights Punjab's glorious past but also connects with contemporary audiences. His dual role ensures a cohesive creative direction, bringing authenticity and depth to the film. Speaking at the launch event, Vir Sachin shared his inspiration behind Taj Punjab, emphasizing the importance of preserving and presenting Punjab's historical identity through cinema. He highlighted the extensive research and dedication that has gone into developing the storyline, aiming to deliver a film that resonates emotionally while maintaining historical relevance. The event also provided glimpses into the scale of the production. The film is set to be shot across various locations in Punjab as well as internationally in the United Kingdom, adding a global dimension to its narrative. While one of the key cast members has been revealed, the makers have chosen to keep the rest of the cast under wraps, building anticipation among audiences. Members of the media appreciated the poster's impactful design and the vision shared by the filmmaker. The atmosphere at the Press Club reflected optimism and excitement, with many acknowledging the film's potential to make a strong mark in Punjabi cinema.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Before Sh. Naveen, DANICS Asstt. Estate Officer,U.T., Chandigarh.

Sub. Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 1320,Sector 34-C, Chandigarh (RPD 15174) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Capt. Desraj Nijhawan.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Capt. Desraj Nijhawan is the owner of Residential Site No. 1320, Sector 34-C , Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share.

It has been informed by Col Dinesh Nijhawan that Sh. Capt. Desraj Nijhawan expired on 08/12/2025 and he has also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner:-

Sr No Name of Legal Heir Relation with deceased
1 Ratima Malhotra Daughter
2 Col Dinesh Nijhawan Son

Now,Col. Dinesh Nijhawan has applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 1320, Sector 34- C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100.00% Share held by Late Capt. Desraj Nijhawan in his favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 01/09/2003. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary)in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Naveen, DANICS,
Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

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NOTICE TO APPEAR/ATTEND PROCEEDINGS OF DLM&SFC-LDH

Through this publication this for Constructive Notice for Respondent **M/s Life Essentials Personal Care Pvt. Ltd., having registered office at Plot No. 28-29, Sector-18, Electronic City, Gurugram, Haryana- 122001** to appear in person or through authorized representative before the **District Level Micro & Small facilitation Council Ludhiana, District Industries Centre, Ludhiana Dated 06.04.2026** regarding claim reference petition submitted by claimant **M/S Nano Tech Chemical Brothers Pvt. Ltd.** U/s 18(1) of MSMED Act 2006 bearing reference: **MSEFC/DIC/12/24/3308.** If respondent still fails or omits to appear as above then arbitration proceedings shall be conducted as per section 23 & 25 of Arbitration and Conciliation Act and award shall also be passed on the basis of evidence before it.

Member Secretary cum General Manager **District Industries Centre,** Industrial Estate, Ludhiana, Ph. No. 0161-2540695, E-mail Id -didudhiana5@gmail.com, Ludhiana.msefc@gmail.com

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation for tenders through E-procurement system

Deputy Chief Materials Manager, N.R.Jagadhri Workshop-135002, for and on behalf of the President of India invites through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Closing Date
01	61265305	Inter-Vehicle Power Couplers	20 Sets	16 April 2026

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in** for details. 2. No manual offer will be entertained.
Tender Notice No:- 61265305 927/2026

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PRESS NOTICE TO ISSUE FOR PUBLICATIONS IN NEWS PAPER FOR E-TENDERING

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Chowari invites tenders on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time limit	Cost of Form	Start and Last date for uploading the tender through e-tendering
1.	Providing Lift Water Supply Scheme for Sihunta & Other Multi Villages Rural Piped Water Supply Scheme for the part of Block Bhattiyat in Distt. Chamba H.P.) (Sub Head:- Operation and Maintenance W.S.S. for One Year)	Rs4172366/-	Rs.83447/-	12 Month	Rs. 2000/-	From 18-03-2026 at 9.00 A.M. to 25-03-2026 at 5.00 PM
2.	Providng L.W.S.S. to PC habitation of C/V Dhar, Janoli,Nagali, Nhuin, Bagdhar, Buroh, Khuin, Dhalog, Estimated Bannu, Bassa Kaniyarka Phatti and Uled in Bagdhar, Nagali, Dhalog, Sudh and Mornu in Tehsil Dalhousie Distt. Chamba) (SH:- Operation and Maintenance of Scheme for 5 years.)	Rs.8314452/-	Rs.166289/-	60 Months	Rs. 2000/-	

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the departmental website **https://hptenders.gov.in.**
The Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the bids without assigning any reason(s).

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Chowari
Distt. Chamba (HP)-176302

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(A/c No.) L9001060137119647 **Teja Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Manjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower), Amritpal Singh (Gaurantor)	19-Jan-26 Rs. 1278362/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two Only **As on 17-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Par Of Fikhasa Nos 120/21/1/1 120/21/1/2, Khata No57 Khatouni No 92, Deed No 1308, Tehsil- Tappa, Distt - Barnala, Punjab,148107 **Admeasuring 151.25 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060117809047 & L9001060829384421 **Sukhwinder Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Kulwant Kaur (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 540584/- Rs. Five Lakh Forty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Only & Rs. 233215/- Rs. Two Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Kh.No.- 15//22/2(6-18), 23/2(6-18),24/1(5-4), Khewat No.- 910, Khatoni No.- 1082, Khewat No.- 938, Kh.No.- 1104, Kacha Dosanj Road, District - Moga, Punjab, 142001 **Admeasuring 792 SQFT**
(A/c No.) L9001070121365841 **Nermal Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Binder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 776972/- Rs. Seven Lakh Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Village Sanghera A Barnala, District - Sangrur, Punjab, 148001 **Admeasuring 120 sqyards**
(A/c No.) L9001060126062431 & L9001060834764192 **Karnail Singh (Borrower),** Jarnail Singh (Co-Borrower) Suraj (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 582569/- Rs. Five Lakh Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine Only & Rs. 322169/- Rs. Three Lakh Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Nine Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 4299/1240/1-16 Khewat No 1308/1630 Khewat No 1393/1723 Khasra No 4660/1230/0-4, Sherpur, Dhuri, District - Sangrur, Punjab, 148025 **Admeasuring 475 SQYARDS**
(A/c No.) L9001060128378208 & L9001060143046339 **Harpreet Singh (Borrower),** Joginder Singh (Co-Borrower) , Smt.Kuldeep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 557162/- Rs. Five Lakh Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two Only & Rs. 1052522/- Rs. Ten Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No.2739Min 2740 2741Min, Village- Phagwara Sharki, Phugwara Kapurthala, Dist - Kapurthala, Punjab, 144401 **Admeasuring 431.06 SQ YD**
(A/c No.) L9001060129776973 & L9001060834623931 **Harjinder Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Sukhwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 1016197/- Rs. Ten Lakh Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven Only & Rs. 452221/- Rs. Four Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-One Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 114/16/1 0-9 115/21 8-0 138/1/1 1-7 1/2 6-13 2 8-0 9 8-0 10 8-0 11 3-4 12 7-13 19 1-5 139/4/2 3-4 5 8-0 6 5-18 7 0-19 15 0-0 Khewat No 668 Khatauni No 1056, Plot No 11, Village Mallewal, District - Firozpur, Punjab, 152002 **Admeasuring 196.62 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060131865501 **M/S Naman Electro World (Borrower),** Smt.Santosh Rani (Co-Borrower) , Varinder Kumar (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 1147858/- Rs. Eleven Lakh Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Rect.No 1187/2 40-17, Deed Bearing Wasika No 2605, Village- Abohar Taluka Abohar, Khewat No 1082, Khatoni No 1344, Anand Nagari Abohar 1 District- Firozpur, Punjab, 152116 **Admeasuring 98.31 SQ YD**
(A/c No.) L9001060131388752 **Gurpreet Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Khushpreet Kaur (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 1002587/- Rs. Ten Lakh Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 614 1-11 615 1-3, Khewat No 296, Khatauni No 456, Village- Mudki-Shamali, TEHSIL & District - Firozpur, Punjab, 142060 **Admeasuring 161.24 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060134783192 **Smt.Charanjiwan Kaur (Borrower),** Lovepreet Singh (Co-Borrower) , Smt.Harbans Kaur(Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 677105/- Rs. Six Lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand One Hundred Five Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 301 302 305 306 Khata No 311/397 312/398 346/434 303/385, Hadbast No 236, Village- Ramgarh, Tehsil -Sahnewal, Dist - Ludhiana, Punjab, 141123 **Admeasuring 282 SQ YD**
(A/c No.) L9001060840375983 **Smt.Charanjiwan Kaur (Borrower),** Smt.Harbans Kaur (Co-Borrower), Lovepreet Singh (Guarantor)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 268813/- Rs. Two Lakh Sixty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirteen Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 301 302 305 306 Khata No 311/397 312/398 346/434 303/385, Hadbast No 236, Village- Ramgarh, Tehsil -Sahnewal, Dist - Ludhiana, Punjab, 141123 **Admeasuring 282 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060138030819 **Ramesh Kumar (Borrower),** Ravi Kumar (Co-Borrower) , Rajesh Kumar (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 1028540/- Rs. Ten Lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 4046/1/03-15,4365/4049/1-01-10, Near Icici Bank, Dist-Bathinda, Punjab,151401 **Admeasuring 62.55 SQ YD**
(A/c No.) L9001060143103618 & L9001060839630054 **Ramesh Kumar (Borrower),** Ravi Kumar (Co-Borrower) Rajesh Kumar (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 514740/- Rs. Five Lakh Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Only & Rs. 505853/- Rs. Five Lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No-4046/1 (03-15), 4365/4049/1(01-10), Khatta No-450/976, Teh- Sangal Kalan, Dist- Bathinda, Punjab, 151401 **Admeasuring 62.55 SQ YD**
(A/c No.) L9001060739434566 **Nirmal Singh (Borrower),** Jagga Singh (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 661716/- Rs. Six Lakh Sixty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Manpreet Kirana Store, Near Bus Stand Deluana, Tehsil & District, Distt - Mansa, Punjab, 151505 **Admeasuring 192 SQYD**
(A/c No.) L9001060131212263 **Love Kumar (Borrower),** Smt.Rekha (Co-Borrower) , Sonu Kumar(Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 454219/- Rs. Four Lakh Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated - Transfer Deed No 1211, Anandpur Basti Tappa, District - Barnala, Punjab, 148108 **Admeasuring 130.98 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060131516991 **Rachhpal Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Rani (Co-Borrower) , Smt.Nittu Kaur (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 332601/- Rs. Three Lakh Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred One Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated - Khasra No.97/11 20/1 97/20/2, Old Khatoni No 276 New 277, Khewat 245-246 2558 And 2637/3245, Hb No 329, Basti Machian Village & Tehsil Zira District- Firozpur, Punjab, 142047 **Admeasuring 302.5 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060131916510 **Sewak Singh (Borrower),** Sukhwinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 354875/- Rs. Three Lakh Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - 147//1/1, House Located At Street No.1, Near Gancha Road,Sant Nagar, Barnala Gurudwara Sahib, Distt - Barnala, Punjab, 148101 **Admeasuring 833 SQFT**
(A/c No.) L9001060133804003 **Balkaran Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Rubi (Co-Borrower) , Darshan Singh(Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 681816/- Rs. Six Lakh Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khewat No. 844 Mustil No. 99 Killa No. 20 Min(1-0) Vakiya Rakba Bhutti Wala Tehsil & Dist- Muktsar,Punjab, 152025 **Admeasuring 929 Sqft**
(A/c No.) L9001060134645540 **Rajat Gupta (Borrower),** Harish Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt.Kamla (Co-Borrower) , Smt.Sonia (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 2175771/- Rs. Twenty-One Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-One Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Main Gaoushalla Roadnear 3 Number Division Chowkmohalla Mehmodpura Ludhiana 141008 Vakiya Sehar Ludhiana Allabdi Mehmodpura Tehsil Dist Ludhiana Vasika No 20222310612183 Dated 11 May 2022 Area Of Land 2467 Sqyrd Owner Name Kamla W/o Manoher Lal, Ludhiana, Punjab 141008 **Admeasuring 666 Sqft**
(A/c No.) L9001060148772288 **Rajat Gupta (Borrower),** Smt.Sonia (Co-Borrower), Smt.Kamla (Co-Borrower) , Harish Kumar (Co-Borrower) , M/S Karan Opticals (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 1099319/- Rs. Ten Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Main Gaoushalla Roadnear 3, Number Division Chowkmohalla Mehmodpura, Vasika No 20222310612183 Dated 11 May 2022, Tehsil & Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab, 141008 **Admeasuring 666 Sqft**
(A/c No.) L9001070135215849 **Sandeep Kanojia (Borrower),** Smt.Anchal (Co-Borrower) , Ashok Kumar (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 1256363/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Fifty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No.37/22 Khatta No.887/724 Page No.882, H B No 177, Village- Jamalpur Awana, Tehsil & Dist - Ludhiana, Punjab, 141001 **Admeasuring 51 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060136357470 **Smt.Manjit Kaur (Borrower),** Naresh Singh (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 1155957/- Rs. Eleven Lakh Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khewat No. 559/545, Khatuni No. 761, Khasra No 30//24/3(2-0) 30//24/2(2-0), Kite 2 Vakiya, Village - Machhian Kalan, Hadbast No. 41, Sub Tehsil Koom Kalan , District & Tehsil -Ludhiana, Punjab, 141126 **Admeasuring 608 SQFT**
(A/c No.) L9001060140277655 **Gurjot Singh Khosa (Borrower),** Smt.Sukhdeep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 1572671/- Rs. Fifteen Lakh Seventy-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-One Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - 1 Kanal 15 Marle Khewat No.61/60 Total 518 Kanal 19 Marle Da 35/10379 Part Bakdar 1 Kanal 15 Marle Khatoni No.118 To 152 Hadbast No.161, The Showing Property is Situated At Near Gurdwara Sahib, Vpo Mothan Wala Guruharsahai, Dist - Ferozepur, Punjab, 152022 **Admeasuring 1058.75 SQYD**
(A/c No.) L9001060142124890 **M/S S M Teja Automobiles (Borrower),** Alvin Teja (Co-Borrower), Daisy Masih (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 1931566/- Rs. Nineteen Lakh Thirty-One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Plot No.- 2 Abadi Baba Kar Colony Village Kalanaur Bearing Khewat No. 851 Khatoni No. 1489 Mustil No. 193 Killa No. 7/2/1(3-9) Hadbast No. 103 Jamabandi 2017-18 Tehsil & Distt. Gurdashpur, Punjab,143512 **Admeasuring 166 Sqyd**
(A/c No.) L9001060142418956 **Amrik Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Surinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 1426967/- Rs. Fourteen Lakh Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - 54/1 Near Bus Stand,Village- Chhanga Khurd, Tehsil -Mamdot & Distt. Ferozepur, Punjab, 152023 **Admeasuring 514.25 SQYD**
(A/c No.) L9001061745263403 **Sandeep Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Chhinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 679412/- Rs. Six Lakh Seventy-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twelve Only **As on 19-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - PLOT, KHASRA NO. 83, KILLA NO. 8, VILLAGE- PANCHA WALI, NEAR Sampooran COLONY, Dist- Fazilka, Punjab, 152123 **Admeasuring 104.19 SQYD**
(A/c No.) L9001060114196532 **Smt. Joyti (Co -Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Sukhdeep Singh - Borrower),** Smt. Raj Rani (Co-Borrower)	28-Jan-26 Rs. 512611/- Rs. Five Lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Only **As on 27-Jan-26**	Property Situated At Khewat Khatoni No 1159/2526,Khasra No-1458/572(0-4) Waka Pritam Park Colony,Back Side Thaper College,Village- Ablowal,Dist-Patiala,Punjab **Admeasuring 100 Sqyds**
(A/c No.) L9001070117373083 **Smt. Raj Rani (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Maan Singh - Borrower),** Sukhdev Singh (Guarantor)	28-Jan-26 Rs. 477870/- Rs. Four Lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Only **As on 27-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 8/11/2-19 -20-18/2, 13, Khatta No 132/163-135, 166-167,Abadi, (Khatta No 138/171 ,H B No 180,Vill-Bhamian Khurd, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Teh & Dist - Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 60 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060825854302 **M/S Pc Jewellers & Sons Through It'S Prorietor Sonu Kumar (Borrower),** Sunil Kumar (Co-Borrower) , Sonu Kumar (Co-Borrower) , Satpal Rai (Co-Borrower)	28-Jan-26 Rs. 649329/- Rs. six Lakh forty-nine Thousand three hundred twenty-nine Only **As on 27-Jan-26**	Property Situated At - Property No 1627, Wasika No 2018 19 57 996, Tehsil - Jalalabad, Dist - Firozpur, Punjab, 152024 **Admeasuring 378.12 Squre Feet**
(A/c No.) L9001070629457815 **Smt. Baljeet Kaur (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Gurwinder Singh Uppal - Borrower)**	28-Jan-26 Rs. 986350/- Rs. Nine Lakh Eighty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Only **As on 27-Jan-26**	Property Situated At- Khewat No 1903/1905 Khatauni No 3283/3285,Reg. No. 2021-22/52/1/1788 Dt.30-9-21 Village Malout, Harjinder Nagar, Tehsil- Malout Dist- Muktsar, Punjab **Admeasuring 1200 Sqft**
(A/c No.) L9001070133889920 **Varun Kumar (Borrower),** Smt.Jyoti (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 814642/- Rs. eight Lakh fourteen Thousand six hundred forty-two Only **As on 27-Jan-26**	Property Situted At- Khasra No 62/19/1 62/11 12/1/1 26/1 62/10/2 Khatta No 36/39 37/40 35/38, H B No 178, Village- Kuliyewal, Tehsil- Ludhiana, Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab, 141001 **Admeasuring 50 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060133861346 **Smt.Kirna Devi(Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Anil Kumar - Borrower),** Sunil Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt.Rajni Bala (Co-Borrower)	28-Jan-26 Rs. 1469559/- Rs. Fourteen Lakh Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Only **As on 27-Jan-26**	Property Measuring 00K-06M Size 20X 80 Residential Plot Comprised In Khewat/Khatoni No. 1/1/9 Khasra No. 129//3(06-12) 12(2-8) 19(7-7) Kite 3 Total 16K-07M Situated At Village Dugal Kalan Tehsil Patran District Patiala Punjab Vide Sale Deed No. 2019-20/83/1/1566 Dated 05/09/2019 **Admeasuyrig 00K-06M**

Place: Punjab **Date : 18-03-2026** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

Any obscenity that hurts culture, values should not be promoted: Ravi Kishan

Actor and Lok Sabha MP Ravi Kishan condemned the alleged obscenity in the lyrics of the recently released song 'Sarke Chunar', saying that such songs should not be "promoted" in society. While talking to ANI on Tuesday, Kishan shared an example of the Dhurandhar calling it a film which "generated revenue worth thousands of crores" without adding any obscenity. "Any obscenity that hurts culture and values should not be promoted. Now, filmmakers should also consider films like "Dhurandhar," which can generate revenue worth thousands of crores without adding anything. Such things should not be introduced into this country for business, to promote a song, or to hype a film. This is not a good idea. I oppose it," Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Ravi Kishan said. Nortably, the Karnataka State Women Commission urges the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to take "strict action" against allowing the obscene lyrics that feature the "derogatory portrayal of women" in films.In a letter to the Regional Director of CBFC, the State Commission of Women in Karnataka has raised serious concerns over the use of derogatory and obscene lyrics in the song 'Sarke Chunar Teri Sarke' in the film 'KD: The Devil'.



"Based on complaints received from the public by the Women's Commission, it has come to the notice of the Commission that lyrics that are derogatory to the dignity of women are being used in the songs of some films that are under production and are currently being promoted (e.g. "KD-The Devil")," the letter read.Acting on public complaints, the Commission has highlighted that such content violates film certification guidelines, leading to a negative impact on the "safety and social well-being of women."It continued, "According to the film certification guidelines, any scene or lyrics that denigrate or obscenely portray women are subject to censorship. The public dissemination of such provocative lines is having a negative impact on the safety and social well-being of women. It is also a violation of the constitutional right to the dignity of women."The Karnataka State Commission also called for strict scrutiny and necessary action before granting certification."Therefore, it is hereby requested that such objectionable lyrics and scenes be thoroughly checked and the film crew be directed to delete/excise or modify them before issuing a certificate to the said films. It is hereby advised to take strict action against allowing illegal and obscene lyrics," concluded the letter. The State Commission of Women also wrote a letter to the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) regarding the control of the "use of obscene literature and dialogues that degrade the dignity of women in films.""In recent times, there have been strong objections in the public sphere regarding the lyrics of some Kannada films, especially the song 'Sarsay Sarsay...' from the film 'KD: The Devil'. Such lyrics are not only vulgar but also create misconceptions about women in society," read the letter.It also urged the Film Chamber of Commerce to take immediate action by directing film crews to avoid offensive content and to ban songs that disregard social responsibility and the dignity of women.



"It Was Over Two Pages Long" – Manasi Joshi Roy on Delivering Lakshmi Niwas' Intense Monologue in One Take

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Lakshmi Niwas continues to strike an emotional chord with audiences through its heartfelt portrayal of middle-class family dynamics, dreams, and the quiet resilience that holds relationships together. As the story unfolds, viewers witness deeper emotional layers in the characters, especially in Lakshmi, played by the versatile Manasi Joshi Roy.

In a recent episode, Lakshmi delivered a powerful, emotionally charged monologue that has quickly become one of the show's most talked-about moments.



What makes the scene even more remarkable is that Manasi Joshi Roy performed the entire monologue, which runs for approximately 3 minutes and 29 seconds, in a single take, capturing the raw intensity of the moment without any breaks.

The scene has resonated strongly with viewers, with many taking to social media to praise the performance. Fans have been calling it one of the most impactful scenes in the show so far, appreciating the depth and authenticity Manasi brought to Lakshmi's emotions.

Talking about the experience, Manasi Joshi Roy shared, "This monologue was a deeply satisfying experience for me as an actor. It was over two pages long, and I spent two days immersing myself in the lines and the emotional journey behind them. When we finally shot it, I performed it in a single take, both for the master and the close-up, which is truly exhilarating for an actor. I must mention our amazingly talented dialogue writer Sneha Desai, who crafted the monologue with such honesty and depth. When the writing is that powerful, it gives an actor the wings to truly fly."

With its emotionally rich storytelling and a strong ensemble cast featuring Manasi Joshi Roy, Rajendra Chawla's Lakshmi Niwas continues to explore the complexities of relationships, dreams, and the strength of family bonds.

Tune in to Lakshmi Niwas to watch the story unfold every Monday to Friday at 7 PM, only on Zee TV!

"My wife day before yesterday... do induction kharide, toh aap bhi khareed lijiye": Akshay Kumar

Bollywood star Akshay Kumar briefly touched on the LPG supply constraints faced by the country due to the West Asia crisis, saying that his wife Twinkle Khanna has ordered "two induction stoves".Speaking to the media, Akshay clarified that there is currently no shortage of LPG at his home. "My wife day before yesterday only..see abhi tak to nahi hai problem koi. Lekin what is that another oven which has come, induction kind of a thing, toh do kharide. Toh aap bhi khareed lijiye....my wife has ordered it, abhi ghar tak pahuche hai ki nahi ye nahi pata.."(My wife just the day before yesterday... see, there is no problem so far. But that new oven, the induction kind, she bought two of them. You can buy one too... I don't know if they have reached home yet.).Akshay was present at the Mumbai Clean League, a city-wide cleanliness competition organised by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), on Tuesday.

Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Suresh Gopi said on Monday that the government is making all efforts to ensure that global energy supply constraints do not affect the common man.The minister said there is no critical issue with LPG. "We are also finding alternative means. Why is the opposition not thinking about enthusing whichever party has the upper hand in such states? They should talk to the contingent who is looking after the food care of the people. They can propose alternative methods...We are trying to overcome that criticality in the situation due to a West Asian issue. You know how the Hormuz is favouring us. Let us wait to see fruitful results," Suresh Gopi told reporters.The government has said that LPG supply continues to be monitored in view of the prevailing geopolitical situation, and domestic LPG production has increased by 36 per cent.



COLORS' stars share heartwarming Gudi Padwa memories

CHANDIGARH: Tejasswi Prakash, from 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment', shares, "Gudi Padwa is the heartbeat of a Maharashtrian household; it's that one sacred day when the world slows down for my family, and my 25-year-old home comes alive with the aroma of my mother's cooking and a flood of nostalgia. Our morning rituals begin with festive music, followed by my parents stepping onto the balcony to hoist the Gudi. Every year, tying that bright silk cloth and neem leaves feels like a powerful promise of a fresh chapter. This year, thanks to my ongoing stint with Laughter Chefs, I'm bringing a dash of Chef Harpal–style innovation to the celebration. The menu is unapologetically Maharashtrian and made entirely from scratch - Masale Bhaat, Kothimbir Vadi, and my ultimate weakness, Shrikhand Puri. It's a full-blown, soul-satisfying feast shared with the people I love most and a chance to walk Karan (Kundrra) through how this beautiful festival is celebrated yet again. Here's wishing everyone laughter, soul-food, prosperity and new beginnings!"







Sneha Wagh, who plays Vidya in COLORS' 'Mahadev & Sons' shares, "The magic of Gudi Padwa, for me, as a child, was about waiting to savour the feast my mother would prepare. Padwa has always felt like the universe's way of pressing the reset button. One childhood tradition I remember is waiting for neighbours to finally take down the sugar-coated chip garlands from their Gudis, so I could happily sneak a taste of those sweet rewards. Those little moments of anticipation, joy, and togetherness are what made the festival magical. Now this sacred day is all about praying for a successful year ahead, distributing sweets, and reconnecting with relatives and friends. Much like this festival, Mahadev & Sons reflects the beauty of new beginnings. Just as we hoist the Gudi to welcome a fresh year, the characters on the show are constantly navigating the messy, heartfelt evolution of family bonds. It mirrors the nature of life - every unexpected turn and every challenge is an invitation to grow, to heal, and to rediscover meaning in the relationships that shape us. May we welcome the fresh chapter with faith and gratitude! Happy Gudi Padwa!"

Nishigandha Wad, who essays the role of Radha in COLORS' 'Mahadev & Sons', shares, "I still carry the memories of our elders narrating stories as we raised the Gudi; they were stories about good triumphing over evil and life always finding a way forward. One tradition that is special in our home is eating neem leaves with jaggery. As children, our elders would patiently explain the wisdom behind it - that it's a literal taste of life itself. The coming year, they'd say, will be a mix of bitterness and sweetness, challenges and joy. You can't have one without the other, and learning to accept both is what prepares you for the journey ahead. I see so much of this spirit reflected in Mahadev & Sons. The show celebrates family, traditions, and values that hold people together, especially during difficult times. Just like in real life, there are ups and downs, but the real strength lies in standing together and facing everything with positivity. As Radha, the eldest in the family, it is her responsibility to remind the younger ones to stay hopeful and united, no matter what challenges come their way. I hope everyone has that support at home and may this new year be about exciting possibilities! Happy Gudi Padwa!"

Ankita Lokhande, from 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment', shares, "Every Gudi Padwa begins as a memory for me long before it turns into a celebration. I still remember waking up to a house already buzzing with festive energy, the smell of shrikhand puri drifting in from the kitchen. Growing up in Indore in a Marathi household, this festival is about starting anew, eating homecooked delicacies, hoisting the Gudi and reconnecting with relative and friends. Every year, Papa and my brother Arpan would hoist the Gudi together. After my father's demise, Vicky carries the tradition forward so beautifully and that continuity means a lot to me. It's a treat to celebrate this special day distributing sweets to our Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment family that knows how to bring in the festive fervour. Celebrations are never about the noise or scale - they're about who you celebrate with. May you all have that and more this new year. Gudi Padwyachya khup khup shubhechha saglyanna."

Mansi Salvi, who essays the role of Bhanu in COLORS' 'Mahadev & Sons', shares, "This year, the Marathi New Year feels like the stars have aligned for my family, as the vibrant energy of Gudi Padwa coincides with my daughter Omisha's birthday. It's a double celebration with the joy and the gratitude we feel as we raise the Gudi. My heart always leads me back to my parents' home for the pooja, a tradition that's special and nostalgic. Seeing the doorway transformed by fresh mango leaves and bright marigold torans is an absolute delight. And honestly, the celebration feels official once the Shrikhand Puri hits the table; it's been the delicious, golden constant of our Gudi Padwa for as long as I can remember. The greatest gift I treasure this new year is the love that I'm getting as Bhanu Bajpai in Mahadev & Sons. There is so much for the audiences to look forward to in this family drama waiting to drop quite a few explosive twists. As we taste the neem and jaggery, let's remember to embrace both the challenges and the triumphs with a smile. Happy Gudi Padwa to you and your family!"

Parth Samthaan playing the role of Mahid in Seher Hone Ko Hai shares, "Gudi Padwa has always been a very special festival for me growing up in a Maharashtrian family. I have such fond memories of waking up early, watching my mother prepare the gudi outside our home, and the whole house filled with festive energy. My mother would make traditional food, and it was always a day spent with family, laughter and the feeling of a new beginning. Even today, whenever Gudi Padwa comes around, it instantly takes me back to those childhood moments and reminds me to pause and appreciate where I come from.

Karan Aujla's P-Pop Culture India Tour in Chandigarh turns into a Lay's ke liye Kuch Bhi Celebration

CHANDIGARH: Chandigarh witnessed an electrifying evening as music sensation Karan Aujla took the stage as part of the P-Pop Culture India Tour, with fans turning up in large numbers to celebrate the music and the moment. Adding to the excitement was Lay's, which brought fans closer to the experience through its ongoing "Lay's Ke Liye Kuchh Bhi" campaign. In the lead-up to the concert, Lay's invited creators and fans to show just how far they would go for their favourite snack, with participants sharing their playful and cheeky takes on the campaign theme. The challenge saw strong participation from creators across social media, with selected winners getting the chance to attend the much-anticipated concert in Chandigarh. Lay's dialled up the excitement at the concert with immersive fan experiences throughout the venue. Just before Karan Aujla's much-anticipated entry on stage, Lay's lit up the Chandigarh skyline with a striking drone show, unveiling the brand's refreshed identity and setting the tone for an unforgettable night. At Lay's booths across the venue, fans joined in the fun with a Spin the Wheel experience inspired by the "Lay's Ke Liye Kuchh Bhi" spirit, winning their favourite pack of Lay's and returning to the electrifying concert atmosphere.



Lay's refreshed brand identity in India is part of the brand's largest global refresh in nearly 100 years. Rooted in agriculture and finest, farm-grown potatoes, Lay's new visual identity sets the stage for the brand's next era, reflecting evolving consumer preference. Updated packaging with clearer cues such as "Made with Finest Potatoes"^ reinforces Lay's longstanding commitment to ingredient quality while retaining the flavours consumers know and love. With the crowd singing along to Karan Aujla's biggest hits and fans celebrating the moment together, the evening stood as a reminder that when it comes to experiences, they love, people are truly willing to do "Lay's Ke Liye Kuch Bhi."

From Iftaar on set to festive feasts: Zee TV stars talk about their Eid celebrations

CHANDIGARH: As the holy month of Ramzan comes to an end, Eid-al-Fitr arrives as a celebration of faith, gratitude and togetherness. It is a time when people embrace the spirit of generosity, reconnect with loved ones and rejoice in the blessings that the festival brings. From offering prayers and preparing festive delicacies to exchanging warm wishes and gifts, Eid fills homes with joy and positivity. Marking this beautiful occasion, Zee TV actors including Farman Haider from Jagadhatri, Sheizaan Khan from Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan, Nasirr Khan from Tumm Se Tumm Tak and Ayushi Khurana from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile shared what makes the festival special for them and how they plan to celebrate this joyous day. Farman Haider who plays the role of Shivaay in Jagadhatri said, "Honestly, fasting during Ramadan can be physically demanding, especially during long shooting hours under lights. There are moments when your energy dips, but I believe roza gives me inner strength and mental clarity. Performing dialogues or action scenes while fasting becomes more about focus and intention. When your intention is strong, your body adjusts. It's challenging, but it's also spiritually empowering. My day starts with Sehri before sunrise. I keep it simple and healthy protein smoothie, sometimes curd with rice and water. Then I head to the set and continue my shoot as usual. At Iftaar time, if I'm on set, we usually take a short break. I break my fast with dates and water first, following the Sunnah, then have something light like fruits or snacks. After that, once the shoot allows, I eat a proper meal. I try to keep it balanced and not too heavy so I can continue working comfortably. Sometimes I carry home-cooked food, especially if I want to maintain a specific diet. Otherwise, the production team is very supportive and arranges food on set. During Ramadan, everyone is quite considerate and makes sure things are comfortable. Ramadan is a month of discipline, gratitude, and self-reflection. It teaches patience and emotional control. Every year, fasting reminds me to slow down and reconnect with my faith and my inner self. It makes me more grateful for the smallest blessings even a sip of water feels special. Spiritually and mentally, it resets me. The atmosphere is always very warm and respectful. Even those who are not fasting wait or sit together during Iftaar time. There's a beautiful sense of unity. For those few minutes, work pauses and humanity feels more important than deadlines. It's a very emotional and beautiful feeling. Sharing Iftaar brings people closer. There's a sense of togetherness and peace. No matter how hectic the day has been, those few moments feel calm and blessed. It feels like family."



Sheizaan Khan who plays the role of Siddhu in Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan said, "Eid has always been a festival that reminds me of the importance of family, togetherness and gratitude. I am shooting for Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan, so I'm away from my family, and honestly, this is the time when I miss them the most. Eid at home is always filled with warmth, starting the day with prayers, enjoying my mother's special dishes and spending the day with loved ones. Shooting while fasting can definitely be challenging, especially with long hours on set, but I feel very fortunate to have such a supportive team. My co-stars and the entire team of Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan have been incredibly understanding and encouraging throughout Ramadan, which makes balancing work and faith much easier. What I truly love about Eid is the spirit of kindness and unity it brings. It's a time to reflect, be grateful and share happiness with everyone around you. Even though I may be away from home this year, the love and positivity of the festival still make it very special. I wish everyone Eid Mubarak and hope this beautiful occasion brings peace, joy and blessings to all."

Sonakshi Batra on filming Jagadhatri's risky Holi fire sequence: 'Safety was my top priority'

CHANDIGARH: The unique and gripping storyline of Jagadhatri has consistently won the hearts of viewers. The show's intriguing narrative, especially Jagadhatri's (Sonakshi Batra) dual life, balancing her calm, simple persona with her fierce and courageous side has kept audiences hooked and eager to see what unfolds next.



In the recent Holi sequence, the drama intensified when Tapasya's (Yesha Harsora) evil plans against Jagadhatri took a dangerous turn and landed Maya's daughter Gunjan (Pari Bhanushali) in grave trouble. During the chaos, Gunjan gets caught in a sudden fire, putting her life at risk. Determined to save her, Jagadhatri and Shivaay (Farman Haider) put their own lives on the line. In a nail-biting moment, Jagadhatri bravely jumps into the fire to rescue Gunjan and bring her to safety.

Actor Sonakshi Batra, who essays the role of Jagadhatri, recently opened up about filming the intense fire stunt with child actor Pari Bhanushali, who plays Gunjan, "Playing Jagadhatri has been an incredible journey and over time, action scenes have actually become one of my favourite parts of the show. The recent fire stunt was definitely challenging because such sequences require a lot of precision, focus and safety. Working with Pari Bhanushali, who plays Gunjan, is always smooth because she is a very bright child and follows everything that is told to her. Even during the fire stunt, she carefully followed all the instructions, which made things easier for everyone on set. She also understands the scenes and even the technicalities very well, so shooting with her has always been a good experience. While performing the stunt, I was always very alert because I was doing the sequence with Pari and wanted to make sure that she was completely safe. I knew that in this scene, Pari was my responsibility and I had to be extremely careful throughout. Our production team also took great care and ensured that every safety measure was in place before we began shooting. In the end, everything went smoothly and I truly enjoyed filming this sequence because such challenging scenes push you to grow and evolve as an artist." While this dramatic rescue will keep viewers at the edge of their seats, the upcoming episodes promise even more shocking twists. During the Holi celebrations, Rudra's jealousy will reach a dangerous peak as he shoots his step-brother Shivaay. In the aftermath, Jagadhatri and the Deshmukh family will rush Shivaay to the hospital, hoping to save his life. But the big question remains, will everyone discover that Rudra was the one who tried to kill Shivaay?Don't miss the high-voltage drama in Jagadhatri, every day at 10 PM only on Zee TV!

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