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NEWS BRIEFS

CBI questions Anil Ambani in SBI's Rs 2929 cr 'cheating' case

NEW DELHI: The CBI on Thursday questioned industrialist Anil Ambani in connection with the alleged Rs 2,929 crore cheating case registered against Reliance Communications Ltd and him on a complaint by the State Bank of India, officials said.
Ambani arrived at the agency headquarters this morning for questioning in the case.
The agency has alleged fund diversion, misappropriation and other irregularities in the loan funds issued to the company by the bank, they said.

SC quashes case against Elvish Yadav

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday quashed criminal proceedings against YouTuber Elvish Yadav in a case alleging the use of snake venom at rave parties, ruling that such use does not attract provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.
The Court also set aside proceedings under the Wildlife (Protection) Act on procedural grounds, holding that only an authorised authority can file a complaint under the law. However, it granted liberty to the competent authority to initiate fresh action under the Wildlife Act in accordance with law. A Bench of Justices MM Sundresh and N Kotiswar Singh passed the order on Yadav's plea challenging the Allahabad High Court's order declining to quash the proceedings .

War intensifies as Iran attacks world's biggest gas hub in Qatar

AGENCY
DOHA, MARCH 19



Qatar's state-owned energy company Qatar Energy has confirmed that several of its liquefied natural gas (LNG) production facilities came under missile attacks in the early hours of Thursday.

No casualties were immediately reported. Emergency services were called to extinguish the fires.

"QatarEnergy confirms that in the early hours of Thursday 19 March 2026, several of its Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities were the subject of missile attacks, causing sizeable fires and extensive further damage," the company said in a statement on X.

Earlier, on Wednesday, QatarEnergy reported a missile strike and a fire at the industrial hub of Ras Laffan in the country's north, home to its largest liquefied natural gas production complex.

Iran has warned it will target energy infrastructure in Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates in retaliation for Israeli and US strikes on its South Pars gas field.

On February 28, the United States and Israel launched strikes on targets in Iran, including in Tehran, causing damage and civilian casualties. Iran responded by striking Israeli territory and US military facilities in the Middle East.

The US and Israel initially claimed their "preemptive" attack was necessary to counter the perceived threat coming from Iran's nuclear program, but they soon made it clear that they want to see a change of power in Iran.

Qatar ranks as one of the world's top LNG producers alongside the United States, Australia, and Russia. This is not the first disruption; in the first week of March, Iran launched missile attacks on Qatari gas fields, compelling QatarEnergy, the world's largest natural gas exporter, to suspend production. These strikes are reportedly in retaliation for an Israeli strike on Iran's South Pars gas field, part of the world's largest natural gas reservoir.

Energy prices have spiraled since tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, which typically carries a fifth of the world's oil, was brought to a near-standstill by the threat of further attacks. Since the conflict began on February 28, US and Israeli forces have targeted the Islamic Republic's leadership in a string of strikes, most recently killing intelligence chief Esmail Khatib.

How it impacts India

This situation is having a particularly profound impact on nations like India, which procures approximately 50% of its natural gas requirements from the international market. Significantly, India imports roughly 20% of its natural gas requirements from Qatar.
"India imports 50 percent of its natural gas requirements from the international market. Of this, we purchase approximately 40% of our LNG from Qatar, meaning that roughly 20% of India's total LNG imports originate from Qatar. India will need to curtail its gas consumption; specifically, gas usage within the industrial sector, and particularly in the power sector, will have to be reduced," according to energy economist Kirit Parikh. Currently, India's daily natural gas consumption stands at 189 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meters per Day (MMSCMD). Out of this, 97.5 MMSCMD is produced domestically. As of last week, supplies amounting to 47.4 MMSCMD, representing a portion of India's total natural gas imports, were disrupted due to force majeure conditions. Consequently, state-owned gas companies placed orders for LNG cargoes from alternative new sources.

Rs 12 lakh crore wiped off as Indian markets slip on oil

AGENCY
MUMBAI, MAR 19



Equity investors lost about Rs 12 lakh crore on thursday after a massive crash in the markets. Indian markets closed with sharp losses on Thursday, with benchmark indices falling over 3 percent amid global risk-off sentiment and a surge in crude oil prices. The Sensex plunged 2,497 points to end at 74,207, while the Nifty dropped 776 points to settle near the 23,000 mark at 23,002. Market breadth remained extremely weak, with 3,072 shares declining against 999 advances. Volatility stayed elevated, with India VIX rising over 21 percent. The selloff was broad-based, led by auto stocks, which fell over 4 percent, while banking, IT, metal and consumer durable indices declined around 3-4 percent each, reflecting widespread risk aversion across sectors.

HDFC Bank declined more than 5 percent after the resignation of its part-time chairman Atanu Chakraborty. Financial stocks remained under pressure through the session, contributing significantly to the benchmark declines.

Banking stocks were among the key drags, with the Bank Nifty falling 1,875 points to 53,451. Around 10 Nifty 50 stocks, including TCS and Bajaj Finance, closed at their 52-week lows, indicating broad-based weakness in large-caps. Markets snapped a three-day winning streak and posted their sharpest fall in nearly two years, with benchmark indices declining over 3 percent. The Sensex dropped 2,497 points to 74,207, while the Nifty fell 776 points to 23,002. Market breadth was decisively negative, with the advance-decline ratio at 1:7.

Property dealer's murder: Two suspects arrested after encounter in Kaithal

UNI
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 19



In a breakthrough, the Punjab Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) has apprehended two prime suspects involved in the daylight murder of Chandigarh-based property dealer Chamanpreet Nagra, alias Chini, following a fierce gunfight in Kaithal, Haryana.

The encounter broke out when the suspects allegedly opened fire at the police team in an attempt to evade capture. In the retaliatory firing, both accused sustained injuries and were subsequently taken into custody.

Law enforcement officials have also recovered the motorcycle and the weaponry used in the fatal shooting at Sector 9, Chandigarh.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Rajan, also known as Piyush Pahalwan, a resident of Ferozepur, and Pritam Shah from Nawanshahr. Police revealed that Rajan had recently returned to India illegally from Malaysia via Nepal border. Both suspects reportedly have extensive criminal records.

The breakthrough comes amid immense pressure from the victim's family, who had steadfastly refused to allow a postmortem until the perpetrators were behind bars.

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Women's wing extends warm welcome to Nitu Singh in Payal



DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): In a significant political development in the Payal constituency, Nitu Singh formally joined the Shiromani Akali Dal. On her induction into the party, she was warmly welcomed by Bibi Jaspreet Kaur Dhaliwal, President of the Women's Wing of the party from Payal, along with her associates and supporters.Speaking on the occasion, Bibi Jaspreet Kaur Dhaliwal stated that the inclusion of dedicated and socially active individuals like Nitu Singh would further strengthen the party at the grassroots level, particularly among women. She emphasized that the Shiromani Akali Dal has always remained committed to women's empowerment and continues to provide a strong platform for their participation in public life.Expressing her gratitude, Nitu Singh thanked party president S. Sukhbir Singh Badal, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, and the entire party leadership for welcoming her into the party fold.

Lal Chand Kataruchak takes strict action against arbitrary practices of Gas Agencies; orders departmental inquiry



VERMA
GURDASPUR, MARCH 19

Taking public complaints seriously, Punjab's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak has ordered strict departmental action against a gas agency. The minister made it clear that any negligence or exploitation in providing services to the public will not be tolerated.

What is the matter?

Over the past few months, the Food and Supply Department had been receiving several complaints against the concerned agency. Consumers alleged that:

There were deliberate delays in the delivery of gas cylinders despite bookings.

Overcharging was being carried out.

There were reports of inappropriate behavior by the agency staff towards customers.

Minister's Strong Stand

After verifying these complaints, Minister Kataruchak directed the concerned officials to immediately inspect the agency's records. He stated, "Our government is a government of the common people, and we will not allow any private entity to exploit the public."

British High Commission warns youth and villagers against visa fraud in Kurukshetra

KURUKSHETRA, MARCH 19



Continuing its efforts to raise awareness about visa-related fraud and promote safe and legal travel routes to the UK, the British High Commission organised a photo exhibition and community engagement session in Kurukshetra under its ongoing 'Visa Fraud Se Bacho' campaign.In collaboration with Indira Gandhi National College, Ladwa, the British High Commission hosted a special photo exhibition at the college campus aimed at educating students about the risks of visa scams and irregular migration.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Alba Smeriglio, British Deputy High Commissioner Chandigarh; Charlotte Abbott, Second Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs at the British High Commission in New Delhi; Pawan Gaur, President of the college; and Prof. Kushal Pal, Principal.

Through real-life case studies and visual storytelling, the exhibition highlighted the common tactics used by fraudsters, the consequences of illegal migration, and the importance of following verified and lawful visa processes. The initiative encouraged students and young travellers to seek authentic information and make informed decisions regarding overseas education and employment opportunities.

Following the exhibition, the British High Commission team visited Village Ajrani in Kurukshetra district to interact with local residents as part of its community outreach programme. During the session, villagers were sensitised about the growing threat of visa fraud and were advised to rely only on official sources for travel and migration guidance.

The team also informed community members about a dedicated WhatsApp chatbot launched by the British High Commission to provide verified UK travel guidance in English, Hindi, and Punjabi. The chatbot helps users identify fraudulent practices and offers reliable information on legal routes to travel to the UK.In addition, individuals can access support through a WhatsApp helpline (+91 70652 51380), which provides guidance on visa procedures, scam awareness, and safe migration pathways.

Through the 'Visa Fraud Se Bacho' campaign, the British High Commission continues to collaborate with educational institutions, community organisations, and local stakeholders to protect aspiring travellers from fraud, promote safe mobility, and strengthen awareness about legitimate migration systems.

Classified

We Mrs Saroj Devi Wife of Shri Rishi Pal, Resident of House no. 516/1, New Peoda Road, Gali No 9, Ward No 23, Gadar Patti, Kaithal, Haryana-136027 and Mr. Joginder Son of Shri Nayala Ram Resident of House no. 206, Budha Khera, Kaithal, Haryana-136027, hereby declare that we are real sister & brother. We further state that the name Nihal Singh and Nayala Ram refer to one and the same person who is our father. Concerned Please note.

84451

PUBLIC NOTICES

I Baljit Singh S/o Arjan Singh R/o Mohalla, Khokhran Wala, Sanaur, Distt. Patiala declare that my son Jaskaran Singh, Ivjit Singh, who are beyond my control, disinherit them from my movable and immovable property and terminate all relations with my wife Surjit Kaur. Anyone who deals with them will be responsible for himself. There will be no responsibility on my part or on the part of the rest of my family.

63372

I Varinder Garg S/O Jagdish Garg R/O Tutomazara Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur Declare That I Was Going To Mahilpur. Some Of My Documents And The Senior School Certificate Examination Orignal Certificate Having Roll Number 2684494 Have Dropped Somewhere Else. Anybody Who Finds Return It To Above Said Adress.

63372

I Sucha Ram S/O Sai Ram And Kulbir Kaur W/O Sucha Ram Resident Of Mohalla Dharampura Qadian, Tehsill Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab, 143516, India, do solemnly here declare that Radha Rani is our real daughter and she is unmarried. We have no objection if she marry claudios pisciottani resident of Ladispoli, Rome, Italy.

63372

I, Dhalwinder Singh S/o Sr. Ranjit Singh Resident of Vpo. Shahpur Teh-Amloh, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, India and presently residing at 2015 Peardonville rd., Abbotsford, BC, V2T6J7, Canada, do hereby change my name from Dhalwinder Singh to Dhalwinder Singh Chahal with immediate effect.

63372

I, Gurwinder Kaur W/o Mr. Dhalwinder Singh Resident of Vpo. Shahpur Teh-Amloh, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, India and presently residing at 2015 Peardonville rd., Abbotsford, BC, V2T6J7, Canada, do hereby change my name from Gurwinder Kaur to Gurwinder Kaur Chahal with immediate effect.

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I Sukhwinder Singh S/o Charanjit Singh R/o R66, Village Balsarai Khurd, Tehsil Baba Bakala (Amritsar).Have Changed My Son Name Vihaan to Vihaan Singh.

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It is hereby informed that my correct name spelling is "Parkash kaur", wife of Jeet Singh, resident of Sawaya Rai Uttar, Panje ke Uttar, Firozpur 152024 In some documents, my name has been wrongly written as "Prakash Kaur". Hence, the correct name should be read as "Parkash Kaur".

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ਮੈਂ, ਸੰਜੀਵ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਉਮ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 4/312, ਅੰਕਿਤ ਵਿਹਾਰ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਜ਼ੋਨ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਜਿਥ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਨੈਨਸੀ ਮੋਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਤੇ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਸੋ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਉਸ ਦਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

63372

ਮੈਂ ਪ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਅਜੈਬ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਰਾਏਪੁਰ ਮੱਡਲਾਂ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਜੋਬਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਸੋ ਕਿ ਗਲਤ ਸੰਗਤ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਮੇਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਗਲਤ ਵਿਵਹਾਰ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਮੈਂ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਹਿੱਸੇ ਆਉਂਦੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਅੱਜ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਜੇ ਵੀ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰੇਗਾ, ਉਹ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

78521

I, Army No.2491843Y, Ex Nk Mithu Singh R/o Vpo. Ramuwala Jalal Ka Teh-Phul Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army record my father name wrongly entered Blour Singh and wrongly entered DOB 67 Yrs and my mother wrongly entered DOB is 65 Yrs. But my father correct name is Balor Singh & correct DOB is 04-08-1954 and my mother correct DOB is 01-01-1960. So amended my father name & DOB and my mother DOB in my army record.

63372

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Sony Ram R/o House No. 81, Village Papsar Tehsil Guhla & District Kaithal (Haryana) - 136033 have changed my minor daughter name from Manpreet Kaur to Milan Choudhry. Concerned Please note.

84451

I , Simranjeet Singh S/o davinder singh R/o Ladana Chakku Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Armaandeep Singh To Armaandeep Singh Virk. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I Sanjeev Kumar Bhalla S/o Sardari Lal Bhalla R/o Adarash Colony, Outside Khajuri Gate, Batala, District Gurdaspur. I have changed my name from Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjeev Kumar Bhalla. Please concerned note.

10005

I, Sarabjit Ram S/o Balwinder Kumar R/o VPO. Pandori Khas tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Sarabjit Ram to Ram Sarabjit. All concerned note please.

100066

We Ankush Kumar S/o Dharam pal Singh and Smt. Rashmi W/o Sh. Ankush Kumar #2157, Sector -9, Ambala City Haryana declared that we have changed our daughter's name from ANVI to ANVI TOMAR. Please Note.

98765

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Lakhvir Bhatti S/o Swaran Chand r/o Village Hyatpur Jattan Tehsil Balachaur Distt. S.B.S Nagar has apply for the BLAP Loan in Capital Small Finance Bank Ltd. Nawanshahr. I declare that Original previous Sale deed no 2897 dated 18-09-2008 in respect to Property 10 Marlas 3 Sarsahie being 46/351 share of land measuring 3 Kanal 18 Marlas, comprised in Khata No. 971/1123 Khasra No. 1586 (1-0), 1597(0-18), 1598(1-1) 1599(0-8), 1600(0-10), as per Jamabandi for the year 2013-2014 Situated at Situated at Village Nawanshahr-I Tehsil Nawanshahr Distt. S.B.S Nagar Hadbast No.126 & I have also lodge a police report for the same. (DDR no. 014 dated 11-03-2026) if any body have objection with above Property then Kindly intimate in writing to Ravinder Singh Parmar Advocate, Distt. Court Nawanshahr Having mobile no. 95013-45028 with in 7 days from the date of publication otherwise Capital small Finance Bank Ltd. Nawanshahr will proceed to mortgage the above said property.

R.S. Parmar (Advocate)
District Courts, S.B.S Nagar

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I Pankaj Kumar S/o Murari Lal R/o Jogiyan Gali, Bichla Bazar, Bhiwani 127021 Haryana have changed my minor daughter name from Nainsi to Naincy.

989752

I, Satbir Singh S/o Baru Ram, Father Pratyaksh, R/o Village- Danoda Khurd , Tehsil -Narwana , Distt. Jind, Haryana have changed my minor son name from Pratyaksh to Pratyaksh Singh.

100070

We Ankush Kumar S/o Dharam pal Singh and Smt. Rashmi w/o Sh. Ankush Kumar #2157, Sector -9, Ambala City Haryana declared that we have changed our daughter's name from ANVI to ANVI TOMAR. Please Note.

989666

I, Ravinder Singh S/o Darshan Singh, H. No. 36, W.No. 9, Mohalla, Kansian Wala, Sanaur, District Patiala, declare that have changed my name Rayansh to Rayanshveer Dhot.

9000

I Sandeep singh S/o Manjit Singh Residence Bhai Mati Das Nagar ,St No 3/9,Bathinda have Changed my Name Sandeep Singh To Sandeep Singh Sidhu .all Concerned Noted.

524479

I, Aditi, D/O- Vivek Kumar, R/O- Ward No 4, Simas(148) , PO:Simas, Dist: Mandi, Himachal Pradesh -176126, have changed my name from Aditi to Aditi Jaswal.

524479

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I,Sewak Singh S/o Surjit Singh Vpo Jandanwala BATHINDA Punjab -151201 have changed my name Sewak Singh To Gursewak Singh S/o Surjit Singh .Concerned Please Note.

524479

I Kuldip Kaur W/o Amandeep Singh R/o Village Hawara Kalan Tehsil Khamanon, District Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name from Kuldip Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur

524479

I Gurjant Singh Pamal S/o Mall Singh R/o Vill-Badduwal, Teh-Dharamkot, Distt Moga-142042, I have changed my name Gurjant Singh Pamal to Gurjant Singh, please all note.

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I, Ranvinder Paul Sharma S/o Sadhu Ram R/o H.No. 1156 W.No.01 Teacher Colony Zira Road Moga (Moga) have changed my name to Ranvinder Pal Sharma.

63372

I, Ravinder Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/o Badhni Kalan Distt. Moga have changed my name from Ravinder Singh to Singh Ravinder.

63372

I Husan Lal S/o Jit Ram R/o Vill-Garhi Kanungoan Teh-Balachaur Distt SBS Nagar-144521 Punjab I declared that my given name is Husan and surname is Lal.

63372

I, Harjinder Singh S/o Lehmbar Singh Garcha R/o VPO Garcha Tehsil Nawanshahr District SBS Nagar-144518, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereinafter be known as Harjinder Singh Garcha.

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Amandeep Kaur, (MRD Executive)

This Is To Inform You That, We Are To Undergo The Process of MRD Record Destruction As Per Norms. So We Want You To Separate All Files From 1st Jan, 2022 To Till 31st December 2022. Kindly Separate MIC Files, Death Files LAMA Cases Any Cases Pending In Court Proceedings In The Time Period And Make A Separate Report of The Same. Kindly Accomplish The Process Within 15 Days From Notice And Report To Dr. Surinder, Director, Regarding All Record. Kindly Comply With Efficiency.

Dr. Surinder Gupta Race Course Road, Amritsar 143001
Gupta Hospital

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I, Gurpreet Kaur W/o Devinder Singh Ghataura R/o Ludhiana Bye Pass Road Near Gulzar Hospital Malerkotla Distt Malerkotla, have Change my name to Gurpreet Kaur Ghatauray.

63372

I, Manpreet Kaur Rai D/o Mohinder Singh R/o Manjali Kalan (Ludhiana) changed my name Manpreet Kaur.

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I Japukeerat Sehgal S/o Navdeep Kumar Sehgal R/o Vpo. Arif Ke (Ferozepur) have changed my name Japkeerat Sehgal. concerned please note.

63372

I, Dawinder Singh Braich S/o Jarnail Singh R/o Vill-Mubarakpur Chunga Teh & Distt: Malerkotla have changed my minor son name from Abhaynoor Singh Braich to Abheynoor Singh Braich.

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I, Jasvinder Singh S/o Zora Singh Village Ghanaur Kalan Teh-Dhuri Distt Sangrur Have Changed my Name Jasvinder Singh to Jaswinder Singh.

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I, Renu D/O Surinder Pal R/O Vill. Chuharpur, Teh. Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar, I Have Changed My Name Renu To Renu Suman.

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I Parminder Kaur W/o Harinderjit Singh Sachdeva R/o Mohalla Arora Rasta, Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt: Kapurthala have change my name from Parminder Kaur to Parminder Kaur Sachdeva. All concerned may please note.

63372

I, Balkrishan Bansal S/o Bhag Chand R/o #111, Street No. 6, Ward No. 49, New Shakti Nagar Bathinda Have Changed My Name to Balkrishan.

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I, Naresh Handa S/o Vishwa Mittar R/o Dera Baba Appo App, Appo App Mohalla Nabha,Teh.Nabha, Distt.Patiala, Punjab (147201),india have changed my name Naresh Handa to Narotam Parkash.

63372

I, Chander Mohan S/o Chedi Lal R/o Dera Baba Appo App, Pipli Wala,Vpo.Nandpur Kesho ,Teh.&Distt. Patiala,Punjab (147001),india have changed my name Chander Mohan to Chandan parkash.

63372

I Lakhbir Singh S/O Gurmukh Singh R/O Thethar Khurd (Ferozepur) changed my name to Lakhvir Singh.

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I Surinder Kaur Gill W/O Lakhvir Singh (D/O Mohinder Singh) R/O Thethar Khurd (Ferozepur) Changed my name to Surinder Kaur.

63372

I, Baljit Kaur D/o Santokh Singh R/o H.No. 431/11 Railway Road Banga Distt. SBS Nagar Pb, India, Pincode-144505 have changed my name to Baljit as a given name and Kaur as surname.

63372

I Jasdeep Kaur W/o Jashanpreet Singh Aulakh R/o Village Kailpur, Po. Dakha Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jasdeep Kaur Aulakh.

63372

I Jagshir Singh S/o Puran Singh R/o Village Kaunke Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jagshir Singh Kalyan.

63372

I Hussan Lal S/o Gurdev Ram R/o Vpo Dhangerpur Teh Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Punajb Have Changed My Name To Husan Lal. All Please Note.

63372

I, Kashmir Singh S/o Nirbhai Singh R/o Bhoa Patti, Vpo. Khosa Pando, Tehsil Moga (Moga) Have Changed My Name Kashmir Singh Toor.

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I, Prabhjot Singh Sran S/o Nachhatar Singh R/o Budha Patti, Vpo. Lande, Tehsil Baghapurana (Moga) Have Changed My Name Prabhjot Singh.

63372

I Baljeeet Kaur Jammu W/O Tajinder Singh Jammu R/O Dharamkot Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Baljeet Kaur Jammu.

63372

I, Lakhwinder Singh S/o Jang Singh R/o Vill. Naro Majra, P.O: Saraud, Tehsil Ahmedgarh, Distt: Malerkotla (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Lakhwinder Singh Chahal.

63372

I hitherto known as Komal D/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vill-Kangniwal Po. Hazara, Distt. Jalandhar-144025, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Komal Kaur.

63372

I Radhika Verma W/o Ravi Kumar Bajania R/o H.No. 4186, Main Bazar, Mohalla Rethian Wala, Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana, have changed my name to Radhika Bajania

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7 drug peddlers held during 'Operation CASO' in Sujanpur



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Pathankot: Acting under the ongoing campaign against drugs, the police conducted a special search operation titled 'Operation CASO' in Prem Nagar area of Sujanpur under the supervision of DIG Border Range Harmanveer Singh Gill. During the operation, seven drug peddlers were arrested. Sharing details, DIG Harmanveer Singh Gill said that following the directions of the Punjab Government and the Director General of Police, Punjab, a special drive against drug trafficking is being carried out across the region. As part of this campaign, a targeted search operation was conducted in Prem Nagar, Sujanpur, leading to the arrest of seven individuals involved in drug trafficking.

He further stated that narcotic substances are being recovered from the arrested persons. The exact quantity of the contraband will be confirmed once the entire operation is completed.

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Neglect of Hindu community in Punjab will not be tolerated –massive rally in Kharar on March 27: Arvind Gautam



TILAK RAJ

MOHALI: Under the directions of Shiv Sena Punjab National President Shri Sanjeev Ghanoli and National Chairman Shri Rajeev Tandon, a meeting was held today in which Shiv Sena Punjab Youth State Chairman Arvind Gautam expressed strong concern and sharp reaction over the continuous neglect and mistreatment of the Hindu community in Punjab.He stated that due to the failure of Punjab Government policies, the Hindu community is forced to repeatedly appeal for its rightful demands from the grassroots level up to the Chief Minister. Even appeals have to be made to the Central Government, which is a shameful situation in a democratic system. Arvind Gautam further said that despite Hindus forming nearly 40% of Punjab's population, their demands and rights are being ignored.

Nippon paint partners with Punjab Kings to strengthen India market presence



TILAK RAJ

MOHALI: Nippon Paint India, part of the NIPSEA Group - Asia Pacific's No. 1 paint and coatings manufacturer, today announced a landmark partnership with Punjab Kings as the franchise's Official Partner for IPL 2026. The Nippon Paint logo will feature on the right sleeve of the Punjab Kings jersey across every match of the tournament - placing the brand in front of one of the largest, most engaged sporting audiences on the planet.The partnership was announced at an official launch event by Mr. Sharad Malhotra, Managing Director, Nippon Paint (India) Group; Mr. Mark Titus, President - Decorative Coatings Business, Nippon Paint India; and Mr. Satish Menon, CEO, Punjab Kings, in the presence of Yuzvendra Chahal - India and Punjab Kings cricketer and the IPL's all-time leading wicket-taker, and Shashank Singh - Punjab Kings cricketer and one of the most dependable finishers in the format.Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Sharad Malhotra, Managing Director, Nippon Paint (India) Group, said "We are delighted to join hands with Punjab Kings. They are a team that embodies tremendous energy, fearless spirit, and the relentless will to win. The team's 'Never Give Up' attitude resonates deeply with Nippon Paint's core values.

Mohali Administration holds preparatory meeting to review arrangements for IPL matches at Mullanpur stadium

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MARCH 19



Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Ms. Geetika Singh, chaired a preparatory meeting at DAC Mohali to review arrangements for the upcoming TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) matches at Maharaja Yadvindra Singh International Cricket Stadium, Mullanpur (New Chandigarh).

Divulging the details, she informed that as per the schedule, the IPL matches are slated to be held on March 31 and April 11, 2026. She emphasized that in view of the expected heavy footfall of spectators, it is the prime responsibility of all concerned departments to ensure adequate arrangements for parking, public utilities, and strict adherence to safety protocols both inside and outside the stadium premises. The ADC (G) directed the organisers to earmark sufficient parking spaces outside the stadium to facilitate smooth parking management by the District Police. She also instructed that mobile toilets and urinals be installed near parking areas for the convenience of visitors.

Reviewing safety measures, the Fire Officer was directed to thoroughly assess the availability and functionality of firefighting equipment and systems within the stadium. Officials from GMADA and the concerned authorities were asked to ensure proper upkeep and repair of roads leading to the stadium, as well as to examine the structural safety of the building and seating arrangements.

She further directed that all necessary inspections, arrangements, and compliance measures be completed well in advance of the scheduled matches, and that requisite safety and fitness certificates be submitted in a timely manner. The meeting was attended by GMADA Amrinder Singh Malhi, Assistant Commissioner (G) Dr. Ankita Kansal, SDM Kharar Gurmeet Singh, SP SAS Nagar Ramandeep Singh, Dr. Harman Brar from the Civil Surgeon Office, along with officials from various departments. Representatives of Punjab Kings franchise, including officials from K.P.H. Dream Cricket Pvt. Ltd., Chandigarh.

MLA Anmol Gagan Mann inaugurates New Tubewell



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MARCH 19

MLA of Halqa Kharar Anmol Gagan Mann today inaugurated the New Tubewell at Ward No. 19, Maharaja Ajj Sarovar Kharar. On this occasion, the MLA congratulated all the residents of the area and said that this tubewell will provide great relief to the residents of the area from the problem of water.

Giving information in this regard, Sukhdev Singh, the executive officer of the Municipal Council, said that the cost of this tubewell has been approximately Rs 42 lakh.

On this occasion, the residents of the area thanked MLA Amanmol Gagan Mann and said that this development work will prove to be very beneficial for the area.

On this occasion, Municipal Council President Anju Chander, J.E. Jang Bahadur and Manoj Kumar, MC Rajvir Singh Raji, Municipal Council office staff, Sukhwinder Singh Bittu (Chairman, Market Committee Kharar), Vikas Mohan (PA), Raghvir Singh Modi (Chairman, Block Committee Kharar), Baljit Singh (Media Incharge), Harmes Singh MC and many leaders were present.

Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs inaugurates NHPC Pavilion at Bharat Electricity Summit 2026

NEERAJ SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 19



Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, inaugurated the NHPC Pavilion at the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 on 19.03.2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. Shri Prahlad Joshi, Union Minister of New & Renewable Energy Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Shri Shripad Naik, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power), Government of India, Shri Bhupender Gupta, CMD, NHPC, Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director (Projects), Shri Suprakash Adhikari, Director (Technical) and Shri Mahesh Kumar Sharma, Director (Finance) were also present during the inauguration.

During his visit, the Hon'ble Minister was given an overview of the various initiatives undertaken by NHPC, particularly in the areas of hydropower development, renewable energy expansion and sustainable infrastructure. CMD, NHPC highlighted the organization's ongoing and upcoming projects, technological advancements and its contributions toward strengthening India's energy security and supporting the transition to clean energy.

Bharat Electricity Summit 2026, a major global conference and exhibition for the power and electricity sector, is being held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi from 19-22 March 2026. The four-day summit is themed "Electrifying Growth. Empowering Sustainability. Connecting Globally." The event underscores India's growing demand for reliable and sustainable electricity and highlights the importance of diversifying energy sources. It features panel discussions, technical sessions and networking opportunities aimed at fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among stakeholders.

Kultar Singh Sandhwan releases the book ' Bharat Di Udan-Pari Kalpana Chawla '



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU, MARCH 19

Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan Faridkot During the function organized at Hotel Star Duck, Principal Dr. Manjit Kaur's inspiring book titled ' Bharat Di Udan-Pari Kalpana Chawla ' was launched .Speaking on the occasion, Speaker S. Sandhwan said that Kalpana Chawla 's life is an example of struggle, hard work and dedication. He said that Kalpana Chawla brought glory to India across the world and inspired the youth to move forward in the field of science and space.He said that such books give the right direction to the young generation and instill confidence in them. He appealed to the students to read the life stories of great people and set their life goals and move forward with determination to achieve them.Speaker S. Sandhwan said that the Punjab Government is committed to the development of education and literature and will always encourage such efforts.On this occasion, Principal Dr. Manjit Kaur also expressed her views and said that Kalpana Chawla has been included in this book. Their life journey , their dreams and achievements are depicted in a simple and inspiring manner.On this occasion, PRO S. Manpreet Singh Dhaliwal, S. Sukhwant Singh Pakka, Simranjit Singh SC, Amandeep Singh PA, Madam Kuldeep Kaur Special Educator, Madam Sarabjit Kaur Lecturer, Madam Anjana Kumari Lecturer, Amandeep Singh, Master Jagroop Singh etc.

Thief arrested; stolen gold rings and documents recovered



CHANDIGARH, MARCH 19

Chandigarh Police achieved a significant breakthrough by arresting a theft and recovering stolen items, including two gold rings, an Aadhaar card, and a PAN card.Acting under the directions of senior officers, a team from Police Station Sector-31, led by Inspector Rajiv Kumar, successfully apprehended the accused, identified as Sumit Verma (39), a resident of Bharat Nagar, Pathankot, Punjab.

The arrest was made in connection with FIR No. 37 dated 27.02.2026 under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).The case originated on 26.02.2026 after a complaint of theft from a vehicle parked outside a residence in Phase-I, Ramdarbar.

The complainant reported that a black purse containing two gold rings belonging to his mother and important documents had been stolen. CCTV footage from the area helped identify the suspect.

During investigation, the accused was arrested on 15.03.2026 and placed on two-day police remand. The stolen items were recovered from his possession and seized as evidence.

Maharana Partap Senior Secondary School, Bhanwal announces annual examination results



SUJANPUR (VERMA): Maharana Partap Senior Secondary School, Bhanwal, declared the annual examination results for non-board classes in a formal ceremony.

The event was graced by the school Chairman, Mr. Avtar Singh Kohal, and the Chief Administrator, Mrs. Anuradha Kohal, as chief guests. On this occasion, Vice Principal Mr. Barjinder Singh congratulated all parents and students on their excellent performance.

In his address, Chairman Avtar Singh Kohal stated that behind every successful student, there is a dedicated teacher and the significant contribution of parents. He also motivated students to strive for success in life. At the end of the program, Chairman Avtar Kohal, Mrs. Anuradha Kohal, and Vice Principal Barjinder Singh distributed prizes to the meritorious students who secured top positions.

Raman Behal congratulates entrepreneur Sandeep Kaur from village Babbehali on being honored at State-Level function



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government has honored successful women entrepreneurs under the "Apna Barobar, Apni Pehchan" campaign, run by the Punjab State Rural Livelihood Mission (PSRLM), Rural Development and Panchayat Department. On this occasion, Gurdaspur constituency in-charge Mr. Raman Behal congratulated Sandeep Kaur (wife of Monavvar Masih), an entrepreneur from village Babbehali in his constituency, for receiving this honor. He stated that the Punjab Government awarded Sandeep Kaur with a cash prize of Rs 25,000 along with a memento, which serves as a source of inspiration for other women. Mr. Raman Behal further said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the government is continuously working to make women self-reliant. Schemes like "Apna Ghar, Apni Pehchan" are giving women in rural areas an opportunity to stand on their own feet. Entrepreneur Sandeep Kaur shared that she has been working in handmade artificial jewelry since 2008 and has built her identity through hard work.

FM distributes cheques worth Rs 40 lakh for development works



DIRBA (SUMER GARG): Finance Minister (FM) of the Punjab Government, Harpal Singh Cheema, distributed cheques worth Rs 40 lakh in the Dirba Assembly Constituency for various development works.

Out of the total, Rs 20 lakh was allocated to the Panchayat of Village Phalera, Rs 10 lakh to Guru Ravidas Dharamshala, Mehlan, and Rs 10 lakh to Janta Janardan Gaushala, Dirba.

While interacting with the media, the Finance Minister said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is consistently prioritising the development of both villages and cities.

He stated that by the completion of four years of the government, the promises and guarantees made to the people during elections have been fulfilled.

He further added that this is the first government under Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann that has fulfilled its promises within four years and has also carried out additional public welfare works that were not even promised earlier, keeping people's needs at the forefront.

Huge enthusiasm among Kharar residents for Shri Ram Mandir Pran Pratistha : Rana Gill



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): The installation of the idol of Lord Shri Ram Ji at Shri Ram Mandir and the Pran Pratistha Mahautsav is being celebrated on a large scale from March 21 to March 26 in Kharar. Senior BJP leader Ranjit Singh Gill has invited the residents of the area and all the devotees to participate in this holy ceremony.

Special enthusiasm is being seen in Kharar and surrounding areas regarding this ceremony. In this regard, the temple committee organizers said that the Mahautsav will begin with a grand Sobha Yatra on March 21.

Apart from this, Kalash Yatra, Kirtan and Bhajan Sandhya, Deepmala Mahautsav and honoring the elderly of the city will also be held during the Mahautsav. Fireworks will also be a special attraction at night.

The main Pran Pratistha, Havan and Purnahuti rituals will be held on March 26 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. After this, the temple will be opened for Darshan at 12:30 pm. Rana Gill appealed to all the residents of the area to cooperate with this holy event with their body, mind and money.

350th martyrdom anniversary of Dhan Dhan Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji



JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): The Punjab government has launched the "Mukh Mantri Tirath Yatra Yojana" to make people visit religious places. Under this scheme, a bus of devotees was flagged off from Ward No. 34, Abadpura, Jalandhar West today.

On this occasion, the yatra was flagged off by Atul Bhagat, son of Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat and he said that the Punjab government is respecting the beliefs of the people by facilitating religious pilgrimage.

Ravinder Bansal (President, Virasat Sewa Sangathan Jalandhar), Sanjeev Bhagat (District Media Incharge Jalandhar), Gurnam Singh (Ward Incharge), Balwinder Kaur (Coordinator), Satnam Kler, Sarabjit Kaur, Kuldeep Bhagat and Kulwant Singh were also present on this occasion.

Finally, the leaders appealed to the people that maximum people should take advantage of this scheme.

Sisodia and Health Minister review temple renovation works, appreciate Punjab government's efforts



PATIALA (RAKESH JINDAL): On the auspicious occasion of the first day of Chaitra Navratri, Aam Aadmi Party's Punjab Affairs Incharge Manish Sisodia paid obeisance at the Mata Shri Kali Devi Temple in Patiala along with his family. He was accompanied by the State Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh. On this occasion, he extended warm greetings of Navratri to all devotees and prayed for prosperity, peace, and progress for the nation. Manish Sisodia said he feels fortunate to have received the opportunity to visit this ancient and religiously significant temple on the first day of Navratri. He also performed a havan at the temple and said that visiting this sacred place gave him spiritual peace and renewed energy. Praying for the prosperity of the country and welfare of its people, he said that as long as the blessings of the Goddess remain with us, no force can harm the nation. He also gave a message of unity and brotherhood among people. During the visit, he, along with Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh, Mayor Kundan Gogia, and Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Walia, reviewed the ongoing renovation work at the temple.

Central University of Punjab inaugurates E-YUVA Centre and hosts Research Fest 2026



BATHINDA (ANANTDEEP KAUR): In a significant step towards fostering society-driven research and nurturing budding young entrepreneurs, the Central University of Punjab (CU Punjab), Bathinda, inaugurated the BIRAC-supported E-YUVA Centre and organized the Research Fest under the aegis of DST-PURSE on Wednesday. The E-YUVA Centre was inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. Ratan Gupta, Executive Director, AIIMS Bathinda along with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari in the presence of university officials, senior faculty members, and E-YUVA Centre staff.

Welcoming the dignitaries, Prof. Ramakrishna Wusirika, Dean In-charge Academics highlighted the role of the E-YUVA initiative in promoting innovation and research-based entrepreneurship among students. Prof. Monisha Dhiman, Director IQAC and Coordinator E-YUVA Centre, presented an overview of the centre, outlining its objectives, fellowship opportunities, and infrastructure developed under the DBT–BIRAC initiative. The guests also visited the centre's facilities, including the cell culture facility, biosafety cabinet, and molecular biology laboratories.

National conference "Confluence 2026" begins at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University with Deep Academic deliberations on Punjab's contemporary challenges



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): The National Conference "Confluence 2026: Contemporary Concerns of Punjab – An Interdisciplinary Perspective" commenced at Fatehgarh Sahib, bringing together eminent scholars, researchers, and academicians for a comprehensive dialogue on Punjab's evolving socio-economic, cultural, and educational landscape.

In his conceptual presentation, Dr. Sikander Singh, Head of the Department of Punjabi and Convenor of the conference, emphasized the critical need for interdisciplinary research and collaborative academic engagement to address the state's emerging challenges. The inaugural ceremony opened with a welcome address by Prof. Sukhwinder Singh Billing, Dean Academic Affairs, who highlighted the University's commitment to fostering intellectually vibrant spaces that nurture inquiry-driven scholarship and region-focused research within a broader global framework.

Presiding over the session, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prit Pal Singh underscored the transformative responsibility of higher education institutions in driving innovation, generating knowledge, and strengthening community linkages.

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Big conspiracy in Central constituency, alleges Gurdev Sharma Debi



LUDHIANA (SARBJIT SUFI): Today, the in-charge of the Central constituency and the BJP treasurer lashed out at Central MLA Ashok Parashar Pappi during a press meet held at his office. He said that the conspiracy to raid a small lottery shop by creating a drama and defaming the BJP is known to the public. Debi said that raids are not done on big betting shops because the MLA has a stake in them. Further, Debi said that if any BJP worker runs a betting shop, then a case should be filed against him and not just empty bragging. Debi said that big money is being taken from all the constructions going on in the Central constituency. And he will soon reveal this too with evidence. Debi said that Pappi is afraid of the BJP and that is why he is doing politics of gossip.

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Faculty development 5 days program organised at SLIET



RAVI GARG
LONGOWAL: The Department of Computer Science and Engineering of Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (SLI ET), Longowal, launched an online faculty development program on the topic 'AI for Teaching and Learning' from March 16 to 20. The inaugural session of the event was chaired by Professor Manikant Paswan, Director, SLIT. During his address, he highlighted the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the modern education system and motivated teachers to use AI-based tools to improve academic teaching and learning outcomes.
At this time, Mr. Vijay Kumar Rai, Former Deputy Director General (SRI), Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India, New Delhi, shared special information.

20th chet mela wrestling dangal held at Machhiwara Sahib



DEEPAK KUMAR
MACHHIWARA SAHIB: The 20th annual wrestling dangal was organised by the Prachin Chet Mela Dangal Committee near the old vegetable market in Machhiwara Sahib, drawing participation from renowned wrestlers from across the region. The event witnessed impressive bouts as wrestlers showcased their skills and strength, attracting a large gathering of spectators. Block Congress Urban President Kapil Anand and Ward No. 4 councillor Surinder Kumar Shindi attended the event as chief guests. They honoured the participating wrestlers and appreciated the committee's efforts in organising the dangal every year, stating that such initiatives encourage youth to take up sports. They emphasised that sports play a vital role in keeping youngsters away from social evils like drug abuse and urged them to spend more time in playgrounds rather than getting absorbed in mobile culture. They also encouraged youth to bring pride to the country through sports.
Committee president Sukhdev Singh Bittu, Paramjit Singh Neelo, wrestler Kulwinder Singh, Dr Madan Singh, Jeeti Pehalwan, Pali Pehalwan, Malkit Singh, Jassa, Happy and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Manwinder Giaspura flags off bus under Chief Minister Tirath Yatra scheme in Doraha



AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA: Under the Punjab Government's welfare initiative, the Chief Minister Tirath Yatra Scheme, a bus carrying devotees from Ward No. 4, Doraha, was flagged off for pilgrimage to the holy city of Sri Harmandir Sahib. The bus was flagged off by Manwinder Singh Giaspura, MLA from Payal constituency, in the presence of local president Sudarshan Sharma (Pappu).On the occasion, the MLA interacted with the devotees and extended his best wishes, praying for their safe and comfortable journey. He stated that the scheme, launched under the leadership of C.M Bhagwant Mann, is providing people with an opportunity to visit prominent religious places, and a large number of citizens are benefiting from it.He further informed that during the journey, all essential facilities including comfortable transport, proper accommodation, food, security, and medical assistance are being provided by the Punjab Government.During the three-day pilgrimage, the devotees will pay obeisance at Sri Harmandir Sahib and also visit Durgiana Temple.

Juvenile among six linked to cross border arms smuggling module held in Amritsar

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MARCH 19



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, Amritsar Commissionerate Police has busted a cross-border illegal arms smuggling module with the arrest of six accused persons, including one juvenile, and recovered seven sophisticated pistols from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Thursday.

Those arrested have been identified as Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi (27) of village Burj in Amritsar, Manish Kumar alias Jerry (24) of Sunder Nagar in Batala, Saroop Singh alias Roop (27) of village Chuchakwal in Amritsar, Chamkaur Singh (20) of village Fatehpur Rajputa in Amritsar and Vansh Sharma (23) of Bhikhiwind in Tarn Taran. The recovered lethal weapons include five 9MM Glock pistols and two .30 bore pistols.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused were in contact with a foreign-based handler operating from Portugal, facilitating the smuggling of illegal arms from Pakistan via drones. The accused used to retrieve these consignments and further supply them to criminal elements, he said. The DGP said that further investigation is underway to establish forward and backward linkages in this case to dismantle the entire network. Sharing operational details, Commissioner of Police (CP) Amritsar Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said that acting on secret information, police teams conducted a planned operation which led to the arrest Gurpreet alias Gopi and one Juvenile and two 9MM Glock pistols were recovered from their possession. During further interrogation, more disclosures led to the arrest of their accomplices Manish alias Jerry, Saroop alias Roop and Chamkaur Singh and three more 9MM Glock pistols were recovered from their possession, he said, while adding that subsequently, on the disclosure of accused Chamkaur Singh, Vansh Sharma was also arrested along with two .30 bore pistols. The CP said that accused Manish alias Jerry was earlier involved in a firing incident on police officials at Batala last year and was absconding in that case. Similarly, accused Saroop alias Roop also has a history of criminal involvement, with multiple cases pertaining to the NDPS Act and in theft cases registered against him, he added.

Arora inaugurates RUB; residents rejoice

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAR 19



On the auspicious occasion of the first day of Navratri, Cabinet Minister, Aman Arora presented a major gift to residents of the Sunam Assembly Constituency (SAC) by dedicating a railway underbridge (RUB) to the public. Constructed at a cost of around ?9 crore with support from the Central and Punjab Governments, the underpass—located near the Sunam bus stand—was opened for traffic today.

With the commissioning of the project, direct connectivity has been established between the Indira Basti area and the main city, fulfilling a long-pending demand of residents. The underpass is expected to significantly ease daily commuting, as people will no longer have to endure long waits at the railway crossing, which was frequently closed for extended periods. Speaking on the occasion, Arora credited his media advisor Jatinder Jain and Yadvinder Nirman for their key roles in the completion of the project, expressing his gratitude to them. He further stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is setting new benchmarks in development across sectors. He emphasized that the government's primary focus is to address everyday problems and improve the quality of life for citizens.

Describing the RUB as more than just a transport project, Arora said it would serve as a gateway to economic and social development, boosting commercial activity and creating new opportunities for local businesses. He added that the height of the underpass has been designed to accommodate large vehicles such as buses and trucks, ensuring smooth and uninterrupted traffic flow.

Highlighting the technical aspects, the Minister said that high-quality materials and modern construction techniques have been used to ensure durability, safety, and public convenience. He also thanked the railway authorities, various Punjab Government departments, and the local administration for their coordinated efforts in completing the project on time. Arora assured that more such development projects would be undertaken for the holistic growth of the constituency, with a continued focus on roads, drainage, water supply, and other essential infrastructure. He urged the public to follow traffic rules while using the underpass. Local residents expressed their happiness over the inauguration, calling the RUB a major relief. The occasion was marked by celebrations, with people distributing sweets. Several AAP office bearers and a large number of residents were present on the occasion.

Ludhiana woman wins Rs 3 crore in Punjab State Dear Holi Bumper 2026 draw



SHARMA
LUDHIANA, MARCH 19

The Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries announced the results of the Punjab State Dear Holi Bumper-2026 draw, held on March 14 in Ludhiana, where a resident of the city, Kamlesh Kaur, won the first prize of Rs 3 crore.

According to officials, the lottery scheme guaranteed a top prize of Rs 3 crore among the tickets sold. The winner, Kamlesh Kaur, is the wife of Makhan Lal, who operates a brick kiln in Appra. She submitted her claim form at the lottery office on March 19.

Expressing her joy, the winner said she plans to use the prize money for personal purposes. She also appreciated the transparency of the Punjab State Lotteries system, stating that such fair conduct has built strong public trust and enthusiasm in the schemes.

The department also announced that the Punjab State Dear Baisakhi Bumper-2026 draw will be held on April 18, with a ticket price of Rs 500. The upcoming scheme will offer a first prize of Rs 6 crore along with several other cash prizes.

PAU-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur organizes awareness camp on dairy animal management and climate change



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MARCH 19

An awareness camp on dairy animal management and climate change was organized by PAU-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hoshiarpur on 18-3-2026 at its campus in collaboration with Department of Climate Change & Agricultural Meteorology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. Dr. Ishank Kumar, Hon'ble Member Vidhan Sabha, Chabbewal constituency, Hoshiarpur graced the occasion as chief guest.

Dr Maninder Singh Bons, Associate Director (Training), PAU-KVK, Hoshiarpur extended a cordial welcome to the dignitaries, farmers & farmwomen and outlined the different activities of KVK Hoshiarpur for the welfare of the farming community. Dr. Bons also spoke on the need for adopting subsidiary occupations alongwith farming for complementing farm income.

He sensitized the farmers and farmwomen regarding different social media tools being promoted by PAU, Ludhiana for agricultural knowledge up gradation. Dr. Bons also shared important tips regarding integrated pest management of summer and kharif crops.

Big police action against drug smugglers in district, search operation conducted at different places



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, MARCH 19

To eliminate drugs, the Punjab government has started a war in the name of war against drugs.Under which drug smugglers and drug selling places are being identified across Punjab.Under this, as per the instructions of DGP Punjab Shri Gaurav Yadav, Under the leadership of Dr Pragiya Jain SSP Faridkot, Faridkot Police formed 08 special teams of police personnel under the leadership of Gazetted Officers of the district in all the three sub-divisions of the district, Faridkot, Kotkapura and Jait, and conducted operations against various drug smugglers. Faridkot Police has formed different police teams and conducted search operations at different places in the district. During this period, people against whom cases have been registered under NDPS and who have criminal records, have been raided and searched by police parties. During this, suspicious persons were checked and vehicles were checked on the basis of suspicion. During this search operation, the area was blocked and the people coming in and out were sealed and the suspicious persons were checked through the PICE app.

7 needy girls married at Gurdwara Sachkhand Angitha Sahib Mastuana Sahib



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, MARCH 19

Keeping in mind the incarnation day of the great saint and donor of education of the twentieth century, Sant Baba Atar Singh Ji, Anand Karja was organized for seven needy girls at Gurdwara Sachkhand Angitha Sahib Mastuana Sahib under the supervision of Baba Surjit Singh Ji, Patron of the Sant Sewak Jatha of Gurdwara Sahib, President Baba Darshan Singh Ji, Vice President Baba Sukhwinder Singh Soni and Gurdwara Management Committee. On this occasion, Baba Bikramjit Singh Khalsa, Baba Karamjit Singh Hazuri Sant Sewak Jatha enthralled the Sangat by reciting Gurbani Kirtan in their melodious and captivating voices. On this occasion, great personalities Bhai Didar Singh Ji, Sant Baba Sukhdev Singh Ji Sidhana, Sant Baba Harbeant Singh Ji, Baba Nirmal Singh Cheema, Baba Satpal Singh Bhure, Master Jaswant Singh, Baba Bharbhur Singh Ji Changal, Baba Jaswinder Singh Haredi, Harpal Singh Bhojowali, Baba Manpreet Singh Kupwale etc.

'Shahidi Mela Special' train to run between Ferozepur and Hussainiwala on the 23rd

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
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Mr Paramdeep Singh Saini, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of the Ferozepur Railway Division (Northern Railway), announced on Thursday that the Martyrdom Day of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev is observed annually on March 23. Furthermore, a 'Shahidi Mela' (Martyrdom Fair) is organized every year near the Sutlej Bridge in Hussainiwala.As is its annual practice, and for the convenience of rail passengers, the Railways has decided to operate six pairs of 'Shahidi Mela Special' trains between Ferozepur Cantt and Hussainiwala on March 23, 2026. The details are as follows: Between Ferozepur Cantt and Hussainiwala, Shahidi Mela Special Train No. 1 Up will run at 09:00 AM; No. 3 Up at 10:30 AM; No. 5 Up at 11:55 AM; No. 7 Up at 01:50 PM; No. 9 Up at 03:30 PM; and No. 11 Up at 05:00 PM. On the return journey—between Hussainiwala and Ferozepur Cantt—Shahidi Mela Special Train No. 2 Dn will run at 09:40 AM; No. 4 Dn at 11:10 AM; No. 6 Dn at 12:45 PM; No. 8 Dn at 02:40 PM; No. 10 Dn at 04:20 PM; and No. 12 Dn at 06:00 PM. These trains will make a scheduled halt at Ferozepur City Railway Station in both directions.

11th plenary of Indian Journalists Union to be held in Vijayawada on March 28-29

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MARCH 19



The 11th plenary of Indian Journalists Union (IJU) will be held in Vijayawada (Amravati) (Andhra Pradesh) on March 28-29.

IJU President K. Srinivas Reddy, Secretary General Balwinder Singh Jammu and Secretary D. Som Sundar said that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will be the chief guest and will inaugurate the first session. They said that several Union Ministers and Andhra Pradesh Ministers will also attend as special guests. Andhra Pradesh Union of Working Journalists is hosting the IJU plenary after 34 years. State Chairman Balbir Singh Jandu, President Jai Singh Chhibber, Vice President Rajan Mann, Secretary General Santokh Gill, Bindu Singh, Bhushan Sood, Davinder Singh Bhangu, Sukhnaib Singh Sidhu and Harjit Singh Kapurthala will represent Punjab.Punjab and Chandigarh Journalists Union State Vice President Rajan Mann and Secretary General Santokh Gill while sharing information said that earlier the second IJU plenary was held in Vijayawada in 1992. Elected representatives of affiliated unions from 25 states, state presidents and general secretaries will participate in this plenary. The plenary will discuss professional issues, current situation of media in India, recent threats to media freedom and organizational matters. The conference will prepare a plan to advance the demands of journalists, which will include measures for the welfare of the profession and journalists. The plenary will also elect a new National Executive Committee for the next two years. The newly elected National President Balwinder Jammu and Secretary General D. Som Sundar will take over the reins.

Review meeting held at Community Health Center Bajakhana and awareness raised about health programs

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU, MARCH 19



A review meeting of all health supervisors and health workers was organized at Community Health Center Bajakhana, in which various health and administrative issues were discussed and awareness was created about various health programs.

Civil Surgeon Faridkat, along with District Immunization Officer Dr. Hassan Pal, Senior Medical Officer Dr. Varinder Kumar, Dr. Kirandeep Kher, Dr. Palak and Senior Pharmacy Officer Sunil Sigala participated. On this occasion, Dr. Parvejit Singh Gill said that HPV vaccine is being provided completely free of cost in government health centers. Under the first phase of this campaign, 14-year-old girls are being vaccinated under the supervision of medical officers at government health centers. He reviewed the ongoing registration work under the Prime Minister's Health Scheme and said that steps should be taken for its registration so that all people can get its benefits. Dr. Hassanpal said that cervical cancer, which is cancer of the cervix, is considered the second most common cancer among women in India. For its prevention, HPV vaccine is very effective and safe. He said that people should be made more aware about it and more and more vaccination should be done so that this disease can be cured. Dr. Varinder Kumar, while giving information and reviewing about the Janani Shishu Sarksha Karyakram, Makhsh Minister Health Scheme, Gliikama, Sugar Rag, HPV Vaccine, Kasht Rag Nivaran Program, Sajata App, Ayushman Health Insurance Card, Importance of Iodine.

98-year-old woman receives cashless cancer treatment under Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna

JAGRAJ SANGHA
MOGA, MARCH 19



Reinforcing its commitment to accessible and dignified healthcare, the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann continues to ensure that even the most vulnerable citizens receive timely medical treatment without financial burden, with a 98-year-old woman in Moga benefiting from cashless cancer care under the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna.

Mukhtiar Kaur, one of the oldest beneficiaries of the scheme, underwent specialised treatment including chemotherapy-related care, fully covered under the Sehat Card. At an advanced age where continuous medical support is critical, the availability of cashless treatment ensured that medical decisions were driven purely by need, not financial constraints. The treatment involved advanced medication and supportive therapy as part of a chemotherapy regimen, requiring close monitoring and timely medical intervention. With the Sehat Card verified at the hospital, the treatment commenced without delay, ensuring continuity of care. For families supporting elderly members, the cost of repeated hospital visits and specialised treatment often becomes a significant concern. The Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna is addressing this gap by enabling access to quality healthcare without financial stress, allowing families to focus entirely on patient recovery.

Awareness camp organized under drug free Punjab, drug free India campaign



JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): As per the guidelines of Director Social Security and Women and Child Development Department, Punjab, an anti-drug drive campaign was launched in Faridkot district under the campaign of Drug-Free Punjab, Drug-Free India, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Ratandeep Sandhu, District Social Security Officer .

Under this campaign Camps were organized in villages and colleges at circle level in all blocks .This campaign Under this, students of ITI Faridkot and Diet Faridkot were given detailed information about the ill effects of drugs and it was told that drugs not only spoil the health of the person , but also have a negative impact on his family and society . Students were motivated to stay away from drugs and make others aware about it.Under this campaign, camps were also organized in various villages in which about 2250 beneficiaries and Village Sarpanch, members and other important persons participated. During the camp, detailed information was given about the harmful effects of drugs and people were motivated to stay away from drugs.

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Night fire guts 16-room house in Shimla, no casualties

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SHIMLA: A 16-room house was completely gutted in a fire that broke out around 9:30 pm on Wednesday in Deem village of Jubbal tehsil in Shimla district.

According to reports, the house belonged to Devinder Singh and Mohinder Singh, sons of Jaggi Ram. The blaze rapidly engulfed the structure, reducing it to ashes.

No loss of life was reported in the incident, though the entire property was destroyed.

The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. Local authorities are expected to assess the damage.

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Jeevan Sharma welcomes decision to withdraw cabinet rank status in Himachal

ANIL KUMAR

SHIMLA: Former state president of the Himachal Pradesh Promoted School Lecturers Association and retired Deputy Director Jeevan Sharma has welcomed the decision of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to withdraw cabinet rank status granted to chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and advisors of various boards, corporations and commissions. Sharma said the decision comes at a crucial time when the state is facing financial constraints and termed it a step in the right direction. He also appreciated the government's move to impose a 20 per cent cut in salaries and monthly allowances of the concerned Office bearer till September 30.



HP government present Rs 40,461 crore supplementary budget for year 2025-26

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Himachal Pradesh government on Thursday presented the first and final batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for the financial year 2025–26, totaling Rs 40,461.95 crore.

Of this, Rs 36,374.61 crore is allocated for State Schemes and Rs 4,087.34 crore for Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu who held the portfolio of finance stated in the house that key allocations under State Schemes include Rs 26,194.95 crore for repayment of Ways & Means Advances and overdrafts, Rs 4,150.14 crore for power subsidies and electricity infrastructure, Rs 818.20 crore for natural calamity relief, Rs 785.22 crore for water supply and sanitation, and Rs 657.22 crore for healthcare initiatives including HIMCARE, SAHARA, robotic surgery in medical colleges, and establishment of advanced testing laboratories. Other allocations cover education, rural infrastructure, roads, bridges, social welfare programs, and state development projects.

For Centrally Sponsored Schemes, major allocations include Rs 2,453.97 crore for disaster management, Rs 688.40 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana, Rs 352.18 crore for compensation to Renukaji Dam oustees, and funding for schemes such as PM Awas Yojana, MNREGA, National Ayush Mission, and irrigation projects.

The government has sought the approval of the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly for these supplementary grants to support ongoing and new development initiatives.

HP govt to spend Rs 3,000 cr on medical equipment, over 100 professors to be recruited at Tanda medical college

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Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday announced that the state government would spend nearly Rs 3,000 crore on procuring state-of-the-art medical equipment for all government medical colleges to strengthen healthcare infrastructure.

The Chief Minister made these remarks while intervening during the Question Hour on the fifth day of the Budget Session of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly. He said that advanced robotic surgery machines and other modern medical equipment are being procured on the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, strictly following a transparent tendering process. "All machines are being purchased in a transparent manner to ensure quality healthcare services," he added. Sukhu further stated that a state-of-the-art cancer hospital to be established in Hamirpur district to enhance specialized healthcare facilities. He also noted that postgraduate (PG) courses are being expanded across medical colleges in the state, with PG classes already started at Nahan Medical College, which would also help address staff shortages.

Intervening during a discussion on staffing at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College and Hospital, the Chief Minister said that more than 100 Assistant Professor posts will soon be filled at the institution.

He added that the existing system of walk-in interviews would be replaced with a more transparent, merit-based selection process by introducing fixed percentage criteria.

Historic budget to chart new course for Dharamshala's development: Devender Jaggi

SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA, MAR 19



Devender Jaggi, former Mayor of Dharamshala, stated that a historic budget for Dharamshala was presented yesterday by Mayor Neenu Sharma—a budget poised to provide a new direction to the city's holistic development, sanitation systems, and modern amenities. He noted that this budget has been drafted not only with current requirements in mind but also incorporates future needs, thereby facilitating Dharamshala's evolution into an exemplary and well-organized city. He highlighted that the budget includes significant provisions to promote solar energy, specifically a decision to offer a rebate of up to 10 percent on property tax; this initiative aims to encourage a greater number of citizens to adopt clean energy and contribute to environmental conservation. Furthermore, for the first time, the establishment of a "Safai Sathi Welfare Fund" (Sanitation Workers' Welfare Fund) has been announced to ensure the well-being of sanitation workers; a provision of Rs. 10 lakh has been allocated for this fund, which will significantly bolster their social and economic empowerment. Devender Jaggi added that, with the objective of securing Dharamshala's inclusion in the national list of clean cities, a budget of Rs. 50 lakh has been earmarked under the "TOP Mission," a move intended to further strengthen the city's sanitation infrastructure. Additionally, a plan has been formulated to introduce e-vehicles as part of the "City Service" within the Municipal Corporation limits to provide improved transportation facilities to local residents; this initiative is expected to enhance traffic management and reduce pollution levels. He further stated that several key development projects have been proposed to reinforce traffic management within the city. These include a provision of ?1 crore for the construction of a link road connecting Charan Pul to Footpath Maidan; ?5 crore for the construction of drains and utility ducts between Red Cross Chowk and ITI Chowk; Rs. 1 crore each for the development of footpaths in the McLeod Ganj and Kotwali areas; and Rs. 1 crore for the construction and maintenance of parks across all wards. He concluded by asserting that this budget will lay a strong foundation for Dharamshala's bright future and play a pivotal role in transforming the city into a clean, beautiful, and modern urban center.

Govt to regulate service conditions of multi-task workers

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The Himachal Pradesh government would regulate the service conditions of Multi-Task Workers (MTWs) across various departments by formulating a comprehensive welfare policy. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu stated this in the State Assembly on Thursday while replying to a query raised by BJP MLA Satpal Singh Sati, who expressed concerns over the service conditions of MTWs. Earlier, responding to the query, Public Works Department Minister Vikramaditya Singh said that the issue is already under consideration of the government and efforts were underway to formulate a comprehensive policy for the welfare of MTWs. He added that currently, junior engineers and assistant engineers engage these workers and assign them duties in their respective jurisdictions. The Minister further stated that the decision to appoint MTWs was taken during the previous rule of the BJP government in 2022, but no structured or comprehensive policy governing their service conditions was framed at that time. Raising the issue, Sati sought detailed information on whether the government is formulating a policy to improve the working conditions of MTWs, including clarity on duties, working hours, and overall service structure. He also questioned the steps being taken to enhance their salaries, stating that the current remuneration is not commensurate with the workload assigned to them.

The BJP legislator pointed out that despite prescribed working hours, many MTWs are reportedly made to work beyond their duty limits.

Farewell party held at Govt College Bhoranj, Riya and Ayush crowned with titles



ANIL KUMAR

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A farewell party was organised at Government College Bhoranj, where students, along with teaching and non-teaching staff, participated enthusiastically in various activities. During the programme, students engaged in a range of fun and interactive games and shared memorable moments with their juniors and teachers, making the occasion lively and emotional. Riya was crowned Miss Farewell, while Ayush received the title of Mr Farewell amid applause and celebrations. The event provided a platform for students to reflect on their college journey and bid an affectionate farewell to their peers in a cheerful atmosphere.

400 young students felicitated at SSRVM Una convocation ceremony



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: A grand convocation ceremony was organised at SSRVM Una for the academic session 2025–26, where around 400 students from Nursery to Class II were honoured for their outstanding performance. During the event, students were awarded certificates and mementos by Managing Director Sumesh Kumar Sharma and Academic Head Surinder Ratra. They congratulated the young achievers and wished them success in their future endeavours. Addressing the gathering, MD Sumesh Kumar Sharma appreciated the efforts of both students and teachers, stating that value-based and holistic education is essential for building a strong society. Principal Brij Bala Sharma also congratulated the students and encouraged them to maintain discipline, focus and a continuous learning mindset. School manager Sakshi Sharma extended her best wishes to the students, motivating them to pursue their goals with confidence and determination.

Sukhu government should first teach etiquette to Rahul Gandhi: Trilok Kapoor

SANJAY AGGARWAL

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has launched a scathing attack on the new 'dress code' and social media restrictions issued by Himachal Pradesh's Sukhu government for government employees. Terming this government decree as "ridiculous and contradictory," senior BJP state spokesperson Trilok Kapoor took a sharp jibe at the Chief Minister.Trilok Kapoor questioned whether this order was, in fact, an "indirect" message intended for Rahul Gandhi. Citing the famous Kangra proverb—"Dhiye tu sun, nuein tu kan kar" (Speak to the daughter, but intend the message for the daughter-in-law)—Kapoor asserted that Chief Minister Sukhu actually wishes to impart this advice to his top leader, Rahul Gandhi; however, lacking the courage to speak directly, he is instead making the state's employees scapegoats. He asked whether the rules framed to uphold the simplicity and dignity of employees would also apply to Rahul Gandhi—a figure who mocks decorum by wearing T-shirts inside the Parliament (the "temple of democracy"), shoots social media reels at the Makar Dwar, and creates a picnic-like atmosphere while hosting tea parties. Kapoor argued that the Sukhu government should first teach the importance of a professional image to its own "Yuvraj" (heir apparent). He added that before issuing such "Tughlaqi decrees" (arbitrary and whimsical orders), the government should have consulted with employee unions and offered them alternative options. The BJP spokesperson alleged that, in an attempt to divert attention from the state's dire economic condition and stalled development projects, the government is now hiding behind issues concerning employees' attire and mobile phone usage. Trilok Kapoor stated unequivocally that the dignity of the workplace is determined not merely by clothing, but by the government's style of functioning and its underlying intent.

BJP questions HPMC profit claim amid Rs. 120 crore dues to orchardists

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA, MAR 19



BJP state spokesperson Sandipani Bhardwaj has raised serious questions over the financial claims of the Himachal Pradesh Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation, alleging that the Congress government is hiding the real financial situation while payments worth more than Rs. 120 crore to apple growers are still pending under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). He said that as per reports, payments of about Rs. 120.59 crore to nearly 57,000 orchardists are yet to be cleared, which shows administrative failure and injustice towards farmers. He alleged that the government purchased nearly 98,506 metric tonnes of apples under MIS in 2025 but failed to make proper financial arrangements for timely payment. Bhardwaj questioned how HPMC could claim a profit of Rs. 5 crore in its board meeting despite having liabilities of more than Rs. 120 crore towards growers. He said that if such a large amount is pending, the balance sheet should reflect losses instead of profit, raising doubts about financial transparency and possible manipulation of figures. He also alleged that several CA stores built by HPMC are lying unused, while orchardists are waiting for their payments. According to him, this reflects poor management and misplanning by the government.

The BJP spokesperson demanded that the pending amount under MIS should be released immediately, an independent audit should be conducted, and strict action should be taken against officials found responsible for negligence. He also demanded that orchardists should be paid with interest for the delay.

NIFT Kangra launches three-day Artisan Awareness Workshop

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A three-day "Artisan Awareness Workshop" commenced at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Kangra on Wednesday, aimed at empowering artisans and promoting traditional crafts.

The workshop, inaugurated with a ceremonial lamp lighting, has brought together 52 artisans from eight craft groups across Himachal Pradesh. Participants represent a diverse range of traditional crafts, including Kullu weaving, Chamba rumal, bamboo craft, Kinnauri shawls and handloom traditions from Lahaul-Spiti.

Joint Director Deepak Rana welcomed the participants, highlighting NIFT Kangra as a vital platform for artisans to strengthen and showcase their skills. Campus Academic Coordinator Vinod Kumar Sharma emphasized aligning traditional crafts with modern design needs to ensure economic and social empowerment of artisans.

Admission Coordinator Kamaljeet Singh informed artisans about special admission schemes and financial assistance available for them and their children at NIFT.

Experts from the craft sector also addressed the participants. Avani Pandya from Yoshita Crafts spoke on design intervention in traditional crafts, while Tenzin Bodh from Garsha Looms, Lahaul, guided artisans on branding and storytelling to enhance market reach and product value.

The workshop features hands-on sessions and expert interactions focused on upgrading traditional techniques, adapting to contemporary design trends, and exploring new market opportunities, serving as a bridge between artisans and the design industry.

Grand health check-up camp organised at KC College, Pandoga

AVINASH CHAUHAN

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Under the able leadership of BMO Dr. Shingara Singh, a grand health checkup camp was successfully organized at KC College, Pandoga, as part of the Ayushman Arogya Shivir. The camp was organized in accordance with the guidelines of CMO Dr. Sanjeev Verma and with the support of DTO Dr. Vishal Thakur, through the joint efforts of the Health Department, Haroli, the MP Mobile Health Service, and the Sunrise NGO. The main objective of this health camp was to ensure timely identification and treatment of TB (Tuberculosis) by screening maximum number of people under the "TB Free India Campaign". During the camp, students and college staff underwent comprehensive health checkups. X-ray screenings and various lab tests were also performed. A large number of students participated and appreciated this initiative. Apart from this, health screening of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the college was also done, due to which everyone got important information about their health condition. X-ray screening team members Gulshan Kumar, Deepak, Joginder, Rajesh, Satish, and Dharampal played a key role in making the camp a success. The cooperation of ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers was also highly appreciated. Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Manish, Ruchi, Nihal Singh and other health workers provided their services in the medical team. On this occasion, BMO Dr. Shingara Singh said that the objective of such camps is to provide health services to the general public and to achieve the goal of "TB free India" by timely identification of TB and other serious diseases.

Action taken over social media post: Congress leader Anil Dadwal sent to Tihar Jail, Himachal politics heats up



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Anil Dadwal, a Congress leader from the Gagret area of Una district in Himachal Pradesh, has been sent to Tihar Jail for allegedly posting offensive posts on social media against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The court ordered him to be remanded in judicial custody for 14 days, sparking a political uproar in the state. According to police sources, the Delhi Police Special Cell registered a case against Dadwal on February 25 under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including 336(4), 353(2), and 386. Subsequently, the police raided several locations in the Gagret area of Una in search of him, but he remained out of police reach for some time. Later, Dadwal himself appeared at the Special Cell office in Delhi on police summons, where he was questioned in detail. Following the interrogation, he was arrested and produced in court. At the preliminary hearing, he was remanded to police custody. After the expiry of the remand period, the police again produced him in the court, where the Patiala House Court, considering the seriousness of the case, issued orders to send him to Tihar Jail in judicial custody for 14 days. Regarding his political background, Dadwal has been active at the Panchayat level and has served as a former Deputy Pradhan and Panchayat Samiti member of the Gram Panchayat Dioli. He is considered a close supporter of Gagret MLA Rakesh Kalia.

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Kindergarten Graduation ceremony 'Kindergarten Bye Bye' organised at Baba Gandha Singh Public School Barnala

BALWINDER AZAD

BARNALA: Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony 'Kindergarten Bye Bye' program was organized at Baba Gandha Singh Public School Barnala, a renowned educational institution of the area. On this occasion, Madam Gurjit Kaur, District Child Protection Officer Barnala, attended as the chief guest. The program was started with Shabad singing



as per the school tradition. The school yard echoed with happiness when the students came very neatly and their smiles were shining in the school yard. In the beginning, the nursery students presented a welcome song. The children captivated the hearts of everyone present with their fun performances in various activities. The children performed Punjabi folk dance Bhangra and the girls performed Giddha, forcing everyone to dance.

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Chairman, Vice Chairman elected for Block Samiti Barnala



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: The election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Block Samiti Barnala was completed in the presence of Halka Incharge Harinder Singh Dhaliwal. Harinder Singh Dhaliwal said that this election has been completed under the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and under the leadership of MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer to give impetus to development in the rural areas of Barnala district. In which Aam Aadmi Party candidate Jagdev Singh Mann Sekha was elected Chairman and Harmel Singh was elected Vice Chairman. After the election, Halka Incharge Harinder Singh Dhaliwal honored all the office bearers and members with siropas at the Panchayat Samiti Barnala office. Ram Tirath Manna, Chairman of Nagar Sudhar Trust Barnala, also congratulated all the candidates, village sarpanches and panchayats for this election.

Civil Defence Volunteers trained in disaster management at Barnala



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Civil Defence volunteers were given special training on disaster management at Baba Kala Mehr Multipurpose Sports Stadium, where experts from the National Disaster Response Force shared important techniques to handle emergency situations. Commandant Baljinder Singh, DIG, 7th Battalion NDRF, Bathinda, said that Civil Defence volunteers play a leading role during natural disasters as well as war-like situations and act as frontline soldiers to ensure the safety of citizens. He emphasized that trained volunteers are the first line of help during any emergency. On the occasion, AC/GD Saroj Rani from the 7th Battalion NDRF also provided practical training to the volunteers.

Rain, snow lash Kashmir for 2nd day, temp comes down

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Snowfall in Kashmir's upper reaches and moderate rain in the Valley plains continued for the second consecutive day on Thursday, bringing down temperatures across the region, officials said.

The Meteorological Department has issued an advisory warning of heavy rain and snowfall in higher reaches at a few places during the night, accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds reaching speeds of 40-50 kmph. There is also a possibility of hailstorms at isolated locations. According to meteorological data, most parts of Jammu and Kashmir witnessed light to moderate precipitation over the past 24 hours. In north Kashmir, Baramulla recorded 29.5 mm of rainfall, while Poonch in the Jammu division received 29 mm. Batote registered 25.5 mm of rain. Tourist resort of Pahalgam recorded 20.6 mm of precipitation, while Gulmarg witnessed significant snowfall with an accumulation of around 23 cm. Officials said snowfall continued at the ski resort. The MeT has forecast widespread light to moderate rain, snowfall and thunderstorms across the union Territory over the next 24 hours, with isolated areas likely to receive heavy precipitation. It added that a few higher reaches, particularly in the Chenab Valley and south Kashmir, may receive moderate to heavy snowfall during this period. However, relief is likely thereafter, with the weather expected to remain largely dry from March 21 to 25, barring a brief spell of light rain or snow at isolated places on March 23. There are also chances of cloudy or rainy conditions around Eid, which is expected to be celebrated either on Friday or Saturday, depending on the appearance of the moon in Kashmir. Amid the ongoing wet spell, temperatures across Jammu and Kashmir have shown marked variation. Day temperatures have dropped significantly, remaining 5-8°C below normal in many parts of the Kashmir division and 5-10°C below normal in the Jammu division due to persistent rain and snowfall.

Panipat tightens Rabi procurement arrangements, 10-day deadline set

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, MAR 19



A review meeting regarding procurement of Rabi crops was held at the District Secretariat auditorium under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Virendra Kumar Dahiya, where detailed discussions were held on mandi preparations, transparency in the procurement process and facilities for farmers.

The Deputy Commissioner issued strict directions to all concerned departments, stating that negligence in the procurement system will not be tolerated. He said the administration's priority is to strengthen basic facilities in mandis so that farmers do not face any inconvenience during procurement. Officials were directed to ensure proper arrangements for drinking water, electricity, cleanliness, lighting, security and smooth road access in all mandis. Instructions were also given to keep 50 tarpaulins available in each mandi to protect the grain in case of bad weather. Dr. Dahiya said that number plates on all tractors entering mandis will be mandatory and procurement will not be done from tractors without number plates. To ensure transparency, a biometric system will also be implemented to prevent any mismatch in records.

CCTV cameras and computer systems will be installed in every mandi. For security, one Home Guard and one police personnel will be deployed at each mandi. Departments have also been instructed to make arrangements to stop stray animals from entering the mandis. The Deputy Commissioner warned that if procurement agencies fail to follow the instructions, FIRs may be registered against the concerned officials. He also directed that lifting of grain should be done on the same day to avoid congestion in mandis.

In an important decision, he ordered a complete ban on wheat coming from other states. Barricading will be arranged to prevent outside produce from entering mandis.

Manish Sisodia pays obeisance at Kali Devi Temple on Navratri

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAR 19



On the auspicious occasion of the first Navratri of Chet, Manish Sisodia, in-charge of Punjab affairs of the Aam Aadmi Party, paid obeisance at the famous Mata Sri Kali Devi Temple along with his family. Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh was also present on the occasion. Extending greetings on Navratri, Sisodia prayed for peace, prosperity and progress of the country and said he felt fortunate to visit the ancient and revered temple on the first day of the festival. He also participated in a havan at the temple and said that visiting the holy place gave him spiritual peace and new energy. During the visit, he reviewed the ongoing development works at the temple along with Dr. Balbir Singh, Mayor Kundan Gogia and Deputy Commissioner Varjit Walia. He said the temple holds great religious importance across the country and is a major centre of faith for devotees. He added that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is carrying out development work at the shrine and the remaining construction will be completed by the next Navratri. Sisodia also emphasized that service at religious places should be done with humility and devotion, adding that there should be no place for ego in such work. He said that if he gets an opportunity in future to serve any religious place, he will do so with full dedication.

KU VC unveils brochure for International Conference on Computational and Applied Sciences



DALBIR SINGH MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Kurukshetra University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva formally released the brochure for the upcoming International Conference on "Advancements in Computational and Applied Sciences", scheduled to be held on April 29–30, 2026. On the occasion, Prof. Sachdeva emphasized the growing significance of computational and applied sciences in bridging the gap between science and society. He noted that such international conferences serve as vital platforms for fostering research, innovation, and the exchange of knowledge, bringing together scholars from across the globe to share ideas and present cutting-edge findings. Registrar, KUK, Prof. Virender Pal lauded the efforts of the organizing committee and expressed confidence that the conference would establish a distinct identity at both national and international levels. He added that the event is expected to attract leading researchers and experts from diverse domains. Principal, Institute of Integrated and Honours Studies, Prof. Rita and Chairperson, Maths Department IIHS, Prof. Poonam Kumari also shared their views, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary research in driving scientific progress.

St. Lawrence International School hosts grand Graduation Day; students honoured



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: St. Lawrence International School, Pabni Road, Jagadhri, organized a grand and dignified Graduation Day Ceremony. The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp before Lord Ganesha and Goddess Saraswati by the Managing Director, Dr. M. K. Sehgal. The event aimed to recognize students' dedication, hard work, and achievements. Students were honoured with report cards, trophies, and certificates for their outstanding performance. In his address, Dr. M. K. Sehgal congratulated students, parents, and staff, stating that such successful events over the past 12 years reflect the collective dedication of the school community. He emphasized the school's commitment to holistic development through moral values, academic excellence, and leadership skills, preparing students to become responsible citizens.Chairperson Dr. Rajni Sehgal highlighted that the school focuses not only on quality education but also on overall personality development and strong values. She encouraged students to strive for excellence as they are the future pillars of the nation. Principal Ms. Pooja Batra expressed gratitude to all guests and appreciated the efforts of the teaching and non-teaching staff for making the event successful.

Tension peaks in Indri: Locals demand justice, shut down highway over cattle remains

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Public anger is growing in the Indri area due to the continued discovery of cow carcasses. Following the discovery of seven cow carcasses in the Western Yamuna Canal near Dhamanheri village on Tuesday, the discovery of five more cow carcasses on Wednesday created a tense atmosphere in the area. Angered by the incidents, residents blocked the Karnal State Highway in front of the Indri Court gate and staged a massive protest. Upon receiving information about the blockade, Indri DSP SatishGautam arrived at the scene with a heavy police force and tried to pacify the protesters, but the protesters remained adamant on their demand for the immediate arrest of the cow killers. Indri SDM Anil Yadav also arrived to control the situation. Administrative officials held talks with the protesters and assured them that the accused would be arrested soon. Gau Raksha Dal activists demanded the arrest of the accused within 24 hours and decided 24-hour police patrolling along the Western Yamuna Canal. The protesters only lifted the blockade after about two hours after receiving written assurances. This resulted in a long traffic jam on the highway, causing significant inconvenience to the public. Gau Raksha Dal activist Monu said that cow remains were being found continuously. The police have been given 24 hours to arrest the killers of cow slaughter. If the accused are not arrested soon, then the road will be blocked again. SDM Anil Yadav said that considering the seriousness of the case, the investigation has been intensified.

GITTI Patiala holds awareness rally against drugs

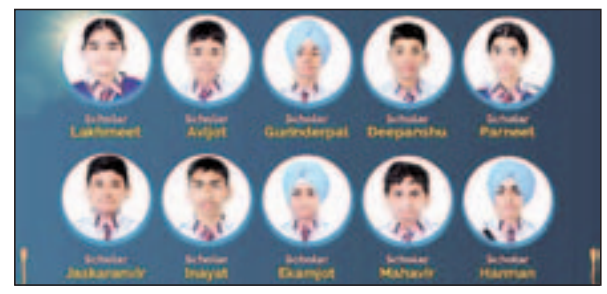
TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAR 19



Under the ongoing campaign to make Punjab drug-free, an awareness programme was organized at the Government Industrial Teacher Training Institute. The event was held as per the directions of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Patiala and the Assistant Director, Youth Services, Patiala, under the leadership of Principal D.P. Singh.

During the programme, slogan writing and poster-making competitions on the theme of drug de-addiction were organized under the Drug-Free India Campaign. Students and staff members took a pledge to stay away from drugs, to discourage drug use and to spread awareness in society about the harmful effects of addiction. An awareness rally was also taken out by the students and staff of the institute. Participants raised slogans against drug abuse and appealed to people to support the mission of a drug-free Punjab. The students showed great enthusiasm and actively participated in the rally. Among those present on the occasion were Office Superintendent Amarjit Kaur, Ashima Goyal, Mandeep Kaur, Ekampreet Kaur, Sonu Satija, Amarjit Singh, Maninder Kaur, Rajbir Kaur, Umesh Kumar, Manisha, Neena, Balbir Kaur, Jasdeep Kaur, Manjot Kaur, Sukhbir Kaur, Shinu, Rajjo Rani, Malkit Singh, Jatinder Kumar and Ritika, along with a large number of students and staff members.

YS Public School introduces Class 11 with career-focused batches



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: Marking a new step towards academic excellence, YS Public School has announced the launch of Class 11 for the academic session 2026–27. Known among the Top 50 Schools of India, the school continues to strengthen its commitment to quality education and career-oriented learning. With the introduction of senior secondary classes, the school has started a unique batch system to guide students according to their career goals. Six specialized batches—IIT-JEE, NEET, CA, UPSC, Entrepreneurship, and Law—have been introduced to provide focused preparation along with the CBSE curriculum. Under this system, students will begin preparation for competitive exams from Class 11 itself, allowing them to build a strong foundation for their future careers while continuing their regular studies. Principal Mohit Jindal said that the start of Class 11 is not just the addition of a new class, but the beginning of bigger dreams for students. He added that the school aims to combine academic learning with professional guidance so that students can achieve success in competitive fields.

SBI settles Rs. 50 lakh claim of Late Air Force Officer Archisha Jaswal



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MOHALI: As a responsible banker, State Bank of India has sanctioned and settled a claim of Rs. 50,00,000/- in respect of Late Air Force Squadron Leader Ms. Archisha Jaswal, as a tribute to her courage and supreme sacrifice in service of the nation. The amount has been released in favour of her mother, Smt. Asha Jaswal, and was handed over on 18.03.2026 in the presence of DGM (RCWM) Smt. Seema Tiwari, Regional Manager (RBO1, Mohali) Smt. Ani Kamdi, AGM (RCWM) Gaurav Narayan Sharma, CM (DVAS) Rajiv Bhatia, and BM (Kharar) Amrit Pal Singh. This support aims to ensure the family's financial stability while honouring the legacy of the brave officer.

Chaitra Shukla Pratipada starts with Yagya in Geeta Niketan Residential School, Kurukshetra

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 19



According to Indian calendar and traditions, Chaitra Shukla Pratipada has great importance from scientific, historical and cultural point of view. It is believed that creation began on this day hence making this day a symbol of creation and new beginnings. This date is considered to be the beginning of VikramSamvat, which is related to the coronation of the great emperor Vikramaditya. This festival also signifies new changes in nature. Besides, this day is also celebrated as the birth anniversary of Dr. Keshavrao Baliram Hedgewarji, who inspired us for patriotism, organization and values. On this auspicious occasion, a program was organized in the school premises on Thursday. The program started with Vedic chanting and Yagya by Sanskrit Acharya Vikas Sharma, due to which the atmosphere became completely spiritual and energetic. After that, melodious bhajans presented by senior teachers of the school, Dr. Santosh Kumar Dewangan and Dr. Amit Dhimanji made the entire atmosphere devotional. After that, the Principal of the school, Narayan Singh in his inspirational address said that at present Vikrami Samvat 2083 and Raudra Samvatsar has started. He said that New Year was not just a celebration but also an opportunity to move forward with new resolutions, enthusiasm and positivity. Inspiring the students, he said that they should learn from the past and try to improve their future. He also gave the message of maintaining love, harmony and cooperation in life while keeping in mind the welfare of all living beings.

Desh Bhagat University hosts global congress on clinical diagnostics & healthcare sciences

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 19



The Faculty of Allied & Healthcare Sciences at Desh Bhagat University successfully organized a three-day World Congress on Advanced Clinical Diagnostics & Healthcare Sciences – 2026, in collaboration with Centre for Research & Innovative Scientific Studies (CRIS), Dehradun, under the aegis of the Microbiology Society of India. The congress was inaugurated by Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh, Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur, and Vice Chancellor Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, marking the commencement of a globally aligned academic platform aimed at fostering innovation and interdisciplinary excellence in healthcare sciences. The event featured advanced hands-on training in molecular diagnostics, along with scientific oral and poster presentations, offering students valuable exposure to research methodologies. Special emphasis was placed on life-saving skills training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), cancer awareness initiatives, and an applied workshop on ergonomics and postural correction to prevent musculoskeletal disorders. A major highlight of the congress was the National Excellence Awards Ceremony, conducted under the aegis of the Microbiology Society of India. Distinguished academicians were honoured following a rigorous evaluation of their research credentials, academic achievements, and professional contributions, reinforcing merit-based global standards in scientific recognition.

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A. Mona Srinivas appointed Resident Commissioner of Haryana Bhawan



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NEW DELHI: The Haryana government on Thursday issued transfer and posting orders for IAS officers, appointing A. Mona Srinivas as the Resident Commissioner of Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi.
Srinivas was earlier serving as the Additional Resident Commissioner at Haryana Bhawan. She also holds the additional charge of Chief Executive Officer of the Sonipat Metropolitan Development Authority (SMDA).
The appointment is part of a broader administrative reshuffle undertaken by the state government.

23 IAS officers shifted, Anurag Agarwal is new ACS Town and Country Planning

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 19



In a major administrative reshuffle, the Haryana Government has transferred 23 Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers with immediate effect. Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi has issued an order in this regard.

Dr. Raja Sekhar Vundru has been posted as Additional Chief Secretary, Printing & Stationery Department while retaining the charge of ACS, Transport Department.

G. Anupama will now serve as Additional Chief Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment, Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes and Antyodaya (SEWA) Department and Additional Chief Secretary, Civil Aviation Department.

Sh. Apoorva Kumar Singhhas been posted as Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department and Additional Chief Secretary, PW (B&R) and Architecture Department.

Anurag Agarwal has been posted as Additional Chief Secretary, Town & Country Planning and Urban Estates Department.

Vijayendra Kumarhas been posted as Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Department; Officer on Special Duty for the proposed Haryana Income Enhancement Board; Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana (Appointments), Personnel Department; and Additional Chief Secretary, Sainik & Ardh Sainik Welfare Department.

Pankaj Agarwal will be new Principal Secretary, Irrigation & Water Resources Department; Advisor, Haryana Saraswati Heritage Board; and Principal Secretary, Mines & Geology Department.

Vijay Singh Dahiya has been posted as Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department and Principal Secretary, Sports Department. Ashima Brarhas been posted as Commissioner & Secretary, Energy Department, in addition to her present duties.

Phool Chand Meena in now Chief Executive Officer, Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority, Faridabad, in addition to his present duties.

Dr. Saket Kumar has been posted as Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Haryana; Commissioner & Secretary, Development & Panchayats Department; Commissioner & Secretary, Cooperation Department; and Managing Director, Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited.

A. Mona Sreenivas has been posted as Resident Commissioner, Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi and Chief Executive Officer, Sonipat Metropolitan Development Authority, Sonipat.

Memorandum submitted to Education Minister to expedite the process of Job Security Bill for Contractual Teachers of Universities – HUCTA



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANCHKULA, 19 MARCH

A delegation of Haryana Universities Contractual Teachers Association (HUCTA) submitted a memorandum to Higher Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda regarding the need to complete the process of the proposed Service-Security Bill related to job security of contractual teachers working in universities in a time-bound and speedy manner.

The Higher Education Minister assured that the department has collected the required information from all universities and the concerned officials are working on the matter so that the employment of contractual teachers in universities can be secured.

HUCTA State President Dr. Vijay Malik and Dr. Suman Ranga stated that the provisions passed in the Haryana Extension Lecturers and Guest Lecturers (Service Security) Amendment Bill-2026 should also be included in the proposed Service-Security Bill for about 1400 contractual assistant professors working in government universities of the state. They said that by doing so, contractual teachers of universities will also be able to receive all the benefits of service security similar to extension lecturers working in government colleges. Dr. Vijay Malik demanded that, on the pattern of contractual teachers working in colleges, schools, and polytechnics, contractual teachers of universities should also be granted job security up to the age of 60 years in the upcoming Cabinet / Assembly session at the earliest. He stated that securing employment will provide great relief to all contractual teachers. He further added that many teachers who have already crossed or are about to cross the maximum age limit prescribed for regular recruitment will also get significant benefit from this decision.

Karnal MC collects Rs. 28.86 crore in property tax, sets new record

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 19

The Karnal Municipal Corporation has surpassed its property tax collection target for the financial year 2025–26, collecting 28.86 crore and setting a new record ahead of the fiscal year-end.

The civic body had set a target of 27 crore for the year but exceeded it before March 31. Mayor Renu Bala Gupta expressed gratitude to citizens for their cooperation and urged all taxpayers to clear their pending dues before the deadline to avoid penalties.

She said residents can pay their dues through both online and offline modes. Six counters have been set up at the municipal office on all working days for tax payments, while online payments can be made through the official portal.

The Mayor cautioned that failure to clear dues on time would attract an annual interest of 18 per cent. She also hinted at the possibility of a forthcoming interest waiver scheme, which could provide relief to defaulters and further boost revenue collection.

Municipal officials said strict action would be taken against major defaulters, including property attachment if required. Tax Superintendent Gagandeep Singh and Regional Taxation Officer Ankush Parashar said 102 notices have already been issued to defaulters, urging them to clear their dues without delay.



Karnal aims to top Swachh Survey again, mayor directs intensified preparations

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 19



Karnal Municipal Corporation has intensified preparations for Swachh Survey 2025–26, with Mayor Renu Bala Gupta urging officials and staff to work collectively to secure a top position once again.

At a review meeting held on Thursday, the mayor highlighted that Karnal had secured the third position nationally in the 'Swachh City' category (population 50,000–3,00,000) in the previous survey, becoming the first city from Haryana to achieve this distinction. She expressed confidence that the city can repeat or improve upon this performance with coordinated efforts.

Gupta said teams from the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs may inspect the city at any time, and directed officials to launch special drives to ensure cleanliness and proper civic management. She instructed that street vendors be sensitised to maintain order, adding that while vendors will not be unnecessarily harassed, strict action will be taken against those causing encroachments or disrupting public spaces.

She warned that encroachments, littering and traffic obstructions will invite strict penalties, including seizure of goods in case of violations. Special monitoring drives will be carried out on key stretches, including Gandhi Chowk to Nirmal Kutia, Kalpana Chawla Medical College to Dayal Singh College and the rear side of the old bus stand to Mahila Ashram complex.

The mayor also directed vendors to keep green and blue dustbins to maintain sanitation standards and appealed to citizens to actively participate in keeping the city clean and encroachment-free.

Life Imprisonment, rigorous labour for accused in 'Identified Crime' case of Fatehabad

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
FATEHABAD: In a judgment delivered today by Tarun Singal, Additional Sessions Judge, Fatehabad, the accused has been sentenced to rigorous life imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,00,000/- under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) (with an additional imprisonment of 3 months in default of payment of the fine). Furthermore, a sentence of 3 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000/- (with an additional imprisonment of 1 month in default of payment) has also been pronounced under Section 354-A(1)(i) of the IPC. Providing details regarding this matter, Dr. Sunil Kumar Khichchi, Deputy Director of Prosecution, Fatehabad, and Mr. Devender Mittal, District Attorney, Fatehabad, stated that on September 1, 2022, the complainant's wife was returning to Tohana from her maternal home by train, accompanied by her son. During the journey, the accused—identified as Sandeep alias Hanuman, a resident of Village Kalwan, District Jind—molested the woman and, amidst a physical scuffle, pushed her out of the moving train, resulting in her death. Following the incident, the GRP Jakhal police took swift action, recovered the body from the scene, and, based on the complainant's statement, registered a case under Sections 302 and 354 of the IPC at the GRP Hisar Police Station. After conducting a thorough and impartial investigation, the police arrested the accused and submitted the charge sheet to the court. During the trial, Dr. Narendra Singh, Assistant District Attorney, presented a strong and credible body of evidence while conducting effective arguments on behalf of the prosecution, on the basis of which the Court found the accused guilty. Through effective legal representation in this grave crime, the Prosecution Department has successfully secured a conviction and punishment for the guilty party, thereby ensuring that justice was served.

District Attorney Devender Mittal honoured by minister Shruti Choaudhry

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
FATEHABAD: The Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Haryana, has honoured Devender Kumar Mittal, the District Attorney of Fatehabad, for bringing about a remarkable improvement in the sex ratio. A Certificate of Appreciation issued by the department states that Mittal played a pivotal role in raising the sex ratio at birth in the district to 961 in the year 2025, through the effective implementation of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme.



Under Mittal's leadership, a positive transformation has been witnessed in the demographic landscape of Fatehabad. He has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the protection of girl children, the strengthening of institutional accountability, and the promotion of gender equality. This honour was conferred by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Haryana. While commending his efforts, senior officials of the department stated that such initiatives constitute a significant step towards the empowerment and secure future of daughters across the state.The local administration and citizens alike have congratulated Mittal on this achievement, expressing hope that such efforts toward social reform will continue in the district under his leadership.

Students of Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University participate in Haryana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
JIND, MARCH 19



Under the able guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ram Pal Saini, students from the Department of Law at Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University seized a significant opportunity to observe the democratic process firsthand by participating in the Budget (Finance) Session of the Haryana Legislative Assembly. The objective of this educational excursion was to provide students with direct exposure to legislative mechanisms, parliamentary traditions, and administrative procedures. During the visit, the students observed the House proceedings with keen interest, gaining an understanding of the discussions on various issues, the Question Hour, and legislative processes. The Deputy Speaker of the House, Shri Krishan Middha, extended a warm welcome to the students present in the Assembly. He also shared inspiring thoughts with the students regarding the core spirit of democracy, the role of the legislature, and the importance of youth participation.

The Deputy Speaker made special arrangements for refreshments for the students, for which all the students expressed their gratitude. Furthermore, Dr. Krishan Lal Middha engaged in a cordial photo session with the students hailing from Jind city and extended his best wishes for their bright future. Highlighting the significance of this educational excursion, Prof. Kuldeep Nara, Head of the Department of Law, and Dr. Deepak Wadhwa, Department Incharge, stated that such initiatives enrich the students' practical knowledge and provide them with an opportunity to move beyond textbook learning to understand real-world scenarios. They emphasized that such excursions play a pivotal role in the personality development of students and that similar programs should continue to be organized on a regular basis in the future.

On this occasion, faculty members of the department—including Dr. Sudesh Rani, Dr. Lalita Sharma, Dr. Sujata, and other teachers—accompanied the students and made significant contributions toward making the entire programme a success. This educational excursion not only provided the students with a deep understanding of the legislative process but also instilled in them an awareness of their duties as responsible citizens.

Padhana village Sarpanch considers himself above HC and DC

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL: The Sarpanch of Padhana village is acting under the belief that he is superior to both the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the Deputy Commissioner (DC). To delay the implementation of orders issued by the High Court and the DC, the Sarpanch has filed a petition in the SDM court. There is also pressure being exerted on the political administration by a public representative from Nilokheri to ensure that this village land is not vacated. This case involves land worth crores of rupees. In January, acting on orders from the Punjab and Haryana High Court, the district administration initiated the process to free approximately 88 acres of Panchayati land in Padhana village from encroachers and to conduct a legal auction of the land, following directives issued to the DC of Karnal. The Panchayat and the Revenue Department, along with the Kanungos and Patwaris, began the demarcation of the Panchayati land. VDPO Sahib Singh stated that by January 18, the land demarcation had been completed; subsequently, a report was submitted to the DC detailing the eviction of illegal encroachers and the steps taken to comply with the court's orders.
Following this report, the DC held a hearing on March 10 and issued directives to the BDPO of Nilokheri to clear the encroached land in Padhana village—in accordance with the High Court's mandate—complete the necessary administrative actions as per the court's orders, and submit a compliance report to the administration. However, before these orders could be implemented, the Sarpanch began creating obstacles in their path. Through certain intermediaries, he has initiated proceedings to take the matter to the SDM court, despite the fact that this matter does not fall under the jurisdiction of the SDM. It is noteworthy that last year, in November, the High Court had set a deadline of two months for the completion of this entire process. These directives were issued by a Division Bench of the High Court—comprising Justice Deepak Sibal and Justice Lapita Banerjee—while hearing a petition filed on behalf of Deshraj, a resident of Padhana, and other villagers. The petitioners apprised the court that 88 acres of Panchayat land situated in Padhana village has historically been utilised as Gaucharan. However, this land was illegally allotted to influential individuals without conducting any bidding process.

Farewell organised by physiotherapy department at BMU Rohtak, students given success mantra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK, MAR 19

The Department of Physiotherapy at Baba Mastnath University organised a farewell ceremony for final-year students, aiming to celebrate their academic journey and wish them success in their future endeavours.

The programme was coordinated by Dr Suman Rani, with Dr Manila Duhan as co-coordinator, while Dr Charu Sharma efficiently conducted the event as organising secretary.

University Registrar Dr Vinod Kumar and DSW Dr Sudhir Malik attended as chief guests. Addressing the students, Dr Vinod Kumar said student life is not limited to earning a degree but is a crucial phase for personality development. He advised students to uphold honesty, discipline and a continuous learning mindset, adding that those who adapt to challenges and upgrade their skills are more likely to succeed.

Dr Sudhir Malik emphasised the importance of having clear goals and strong determination to achieve them. He encouraged students to move forward with positivity, remain socially responsible and strive for excellence in their professions. He added that the values and experiences gained at the university would help them navigate future challenges.

Faculty members, including Dr Sonia, Dr Lalit, Dr Preeti, Dr Jyoti, Dr Ram Mehar, Dr Sapna, Dr Vaishali, Dr Sakshi and Dr Pinki, also shared their experiences and motivated students for their professional journeys.

Various competitions were held during the event. Simran was crowned Miss Farewell, while Pranav received the title of Mr Farewell. Alija and Narendra Kumar were named Miss Eve and Mr Eve respectively, while Jhalak and Himanshu Malik won the titles of Miss Personality and Mr Personality. Students also showcased their talent through cultural performances, adding vibrancy to the event. The ceremony concluded on an emotional yet celebratory note, with students and faculty sharing memories.

Gopal Sharan elected unanimously as National President of All India Agarwal conference

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Meeting of All India Agarwal Conference was held at Agra Vibhuti Smarak in Agroha.Gopal Sharan Garg was unanimously elected as National President of All India Agarwal Conference for a five-year term. Organization's National Organizing Secretary, Kharaiti Lal Singla, stated that election of Gopal Sharan Garg as National President has sparked a wave of joy throughout Agarwal community in Haryana. He noted that meeting held at Agra Vibhuti Smarak in Agroha was attended by a large number of community members, including Panchkula Mayor and State President Kulbhushan Goyal, State Vice President Vishal Singla, Kurukshetra District President Naveen Singla, Piyush Bansal, Odisha President Om Prakash Bapodia, Vinod Agarwal (Surat), Pramod Mittal (Muzaffarnagar), Surendra Gupta (Punjab), Chandmal Agarwal (Visakhapatnam), Kurukshetra District Women's Wing President Urmil Agarwal, Kamlesh Ladwa and Nisha Tayal. Kurukshetra unit distributed laddoos to celebrate Gopal Sharan Garg's re-election as National President of All India Agarwal Conference. Upon arriving in Kurukshetra, Kharaiti Lal Singla remarked that National President Gopal Sharan Garg has been dedicated to task of strengthening Agarwal community for many years. Entire Agarwal community places its complete trust in his experience, guidance and foresight.



Govt and admin fully vigilant regarding cooking gas in state: Rajesh Nagar

DALBIR SINGH MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MARCH 19

Rajesh Nagar, Haryana's Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, stated that the government and the administration are fully vigilant regarding the supply of cooking gas within the state. Steps are being taken to ensure that citizens do not face any difficulties regarding cooking gas in their homes. Meanwhile, across the state, 12 FIRs have been registered so far against instances of black marketing and the illegal use of gas cylinders, and approximately 169 cylinders have been seized. These seizures include 18 cylinders in Kurukshetra, 60 in Narnaul, 5 in Karnal, 21 in Ambala, 28 in Kharkhoda, 18 in Faridabad, and 19 in Jind. Minister of State Rajesh Nagar was interacting with journalists on Thursday following a meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee, held at the auditorium of the New Mini Secretariat. He mentioned that district-level committees have been constituted in all districts. These committees primarily comprise the Deputy Commissioner, the Superintendent of Police, and the District Food and Supplies Controller (DFSC). These teams are taking strict action whenever complaints related to cooking gas are received.



Minister of State Rajesh Nagar affirmed that the state government is deeply concerned about the welfare of the state's citizens. There is no need for any citizen to panic. He stated that supplies are arriving in full from the source, and these supplies are, in turn, being fully distributed to the public. The situation within the state remains completely under control. Citizens have absolutely no reason to be anxious. In Kurukshetra, the daily consumption of cylinders typically stood at around 8,000 units, and currently, approximately 8,000 cylinders are indeed being supplied to citizens every day. He observed that, in the current scenario, it has been noticed that citizens are rushing to agencies to get all the cylinders present in their homes refilled simultaneously.

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Look at the sky. We are not alone. The whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work.

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

EDITORIAL

NavIC needs urgent reset to meet India's navigation goals

Billed as India's answer to the American GPS network, the indigenous satellite navigation system — Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) — is plagued by technical failures and ageing infrastructure. It needs an urgent reset if the ambitious goals set by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) are to be met. Experts have commented that NavIC represents a classic case of overpromising and underdelivering. It is ironic that just two years ago, the Ministry of Science and Technology had described it as "a magnificent gem in the crown of India's technological prowess" and "a beacon of self-reliance, shining brightly in the world of satellite navigation". Despite ISRO's commendable technological achievements, persistent issues such as satellite failures, delays, and limited integration in consumer devices have restricted NavIC's effectiveness. The system's primary weakness has been the failure of onboard rubidium atomic clocks — many of which were imported. Without these precise clocks, satellites cannot provide accurate positioning data, leading to a cascade of service capability losses. The clocks have continued to malfunction, and as many as five satellites have been rendered unusable. A functional satellite navigation system requires at least four satellites to be visible simultaneously for reliable positioning. With reports indicating that the constellation has fallen below this threshold, the system's reliability for critical applications like defence, disaster management, and transportation is severely compromised. The navigation system was envisioned as a step towards self-reliance in satellite-based navigation, yet its relatively low usage in smartphones and commercial applications reflects gaps in policy execution and industry collaboration. Immediate corrective steps can help NavIC realise its true potential. The idea of NavIC was born out of a strategic need for indigenous navigation and timing services, particularly after India was denied access to foreign GPS data during the Kargil War. The NavIC was designed to provide precise position, velocity, and timing information over India and surrounding areas. It was meant to be particularly useful in high-altitude areas where signals from global systems are sometimes unavailable. The hybrid operation of NavIC, along with GPS and other systems, could contribute to higher accuracy and seamless operation in certain geographic areas. However, the commercial and public utilisation of NavIC has remained very low. India's mobile phone market currently has some 20 major brands and 700 phone models. To enable handsets to support the Indian navigation system, changes must be made to both hardware and software. Although some chipset manufacturers are shipping processors that support NavIC, a study by the Space Applications Centre and Vishwakarma University, Pune, found that NavIC signals on many devices remain invisible or are filtered out by low-level drivers, even though hardware support exists. Over the decades, ISRO has delivered complex scientific and operational missions, developing indigenous capability in key segments of space technology. However, it has faced huge challenges when it comes to the mass application of space technology beyond dedicated government use.

Dubai's safe-haven reputation tested amid rising gulf tensions



For decades, Dubai has carefully cultivated the image of a city insulated from the turbulence of West Asia. Its glittering skyline, world-class infrastructure and cosmopolitan lifestyle projected a reassuring message to investors and expatriates alike: that amid a volatile region, Dubai offered stability, opportunity and global connectivity.

That carefully constructed narrative has recently come under strain, as Iranian missiles and drones began targeting Dubai's iconic landmarks -including the Burj Al Arab, Palm Jumeirah and the international airport- from 1 March, in retaliation for joint Israeli-American air raids. Although the UAE's air defence systems intercepted most of the projectiles and physical damage, so far, appears limited, the deeper impact lies elsewhere. The incident challenges the psychological foundations of Dubai's economic model - its reputation as a safe and predictable hub in an uncertain region. Even if the conflict subsides quickly, restoring that perception of stability may take longer.

Dubai's rise from a modest trading port to the urbs prima of West Asia within four decades is one of the most remarkable urban transformations of our time. Unlike its neighbour Abu Dhabi, Dubai possesses relatively modest oil reserves. Recognising this constraint early, the ruling Al Maktoum royal family pursued an ambitious strategy of diversification focused on logistics, aviation, finance, tourism and real estate. Infrastructure investment was central to this transformation. The development of Jebel Ali Port in 1979 - today one of the world's largest free trade zones - helped establish Dubai as a global logistics hub. The rapid expansion of Emirates Airline further strengthened the city's role as a major transit centre connecting Europe, Asia and Africa.

The "Dubai model" combines aggressive market liberalisation with a highly proactive state capable of planning and executing projects at remarkable speed. Urban branding has also played a significant role. Iconic architecture and ambitious mega-projects- from the Burj Khalifa to the Palm Jumeirah - signal global ambition while reinforcing the city's reputation as a centre of innovation and opportunity. At the same time, the model depends heavily on a large expatriate workforce with limited citizenship rights. This flexible labour system has allowed Dubai to sustain rapid economic expansion while maintaining competitiveness.

Dubai's rise has also been shaped by regional instability. The emirate has repeatedly attracted capital and talent during crises elsewhere from Lebanese businesses relocating during the civil war of the 1970s to investors unsettled by the Arab Spring, and more recently Russians moving assets after the Ukraine conflict. In many ways, Dubai filled the vacuum left by Beirut's decline as the Arab world's financial and cultural centre by offering political stability, open markets and modern infrastructure.

Institutional innovation further strengthened this strategy. The establishment of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) in 2004 introduced regulatory frameworks modelled on global financial hubs such as London and New York. By 2025, DIFC had grown into a major financial centre hosting more than 290 banks, 102 hedge funds, around 500 wealth management firms and nearly 1,300 family-related entities.

Dubai has also invested heavily in cultivating a cosmopolitan cultural identity. Cultural districts such as Alserkal Avenue and Dubai Design District have become important spaces for artists, designers and creative entrepreneurs, helping position the emirate as a regional hub for the arts and creative industries. This openness contrasts with the more restrictive social environments found in several other countries in the neighbourhood and has contributed significantly to branding Dubai as the prime urban centre of the Arab world.

For India, Dubai functions not merely as a trading partner but as a crucial western gateway to the global economy. Few cities outside India are as deeply embedded in the country's commercial and social networks. The UAE is India's third-largest trading partner and the second-largest destination for Indian exports. Dubai plays a central role as a logistics and re-export hub through which Indian goods - from textiles and jewellery to machinery and food products - are routed to markets across West Asia and Africa. Many Indian companies also use the city as a base for managing their regional operations, benefiting from its connectivity, financial services and global infrastructure.

Equally important is the human bridge linking the two economies. By 2025, the Indian diaspora in the UAE was estimated at about 4.36 million people nearly 38 per cent of the country's population - with the largest concentration in Dubai itself. Their remittances support millions of households across India.

Cultural and sporting connections have also made Dubai a familiar and glamorous presence in India's popular imagination. It is a favourite location for Bollywood films, concerts and promotional events, with its skyline and landmarks appearing in movies such as 'Pathaan', 'Happy New Year' and 'Tiger Zinda Hai'. The Dubai International Cricket Stadium frequently serves as a neutral venue for high-profile India-Pakistan fixtures and IPL tournaments. The city's Gold Souk often sits at the top of tourists' bucket lists. Together, they have turned the city into a glittering extension of India's cultural and sporting world.

Geopolitical instability in this prime gateway city would therefore have wide-ranging implications, impacting trade flows, capital movements and mobility patterns.

Dubai's success has always depended on persuading investors, businesses, and professionals that it offers safety and stability in an otherwise volatile region. Over four decades, the emirate has leveraged its strategic location-within reach of nearly two-thirds of the world's population - and built world-class infrastructure to support that.

Yet geography also exposes it to geopolitical risks. The confrontation involving Iran, Israel and the United States underscores how closely Dubai's fortunes are tied to the stability of the wider Gulf region. The UAE lies just a short distance away from Iran across the narrow Strait of Hormuz one of the world's most sensitive maritime chokepoints through which a significant share of global oil shipments passes. Any prolonged disruption to shipping lanes or aviation routes could quickly affect investor sentiment and global trade flows. Demography adds another layer of vulnerability. Over 88 per cent of the UAE's population of 11.57 million are expatriates - making it one of the most expatriate dominated societies in the world. In times of regional instability, the confidence of this globally mobile population and the capital and expertise they bring can be fragile.

The deeper vulnerability lies in Dubai's economic model. With limited oil resources, the emirate depends on logistics, finance, tourism and real estate sectors highly sensitive to investor confidence and geopolitical shocks.

Vikram Doraiswami appointed as next Indian Ambassador to China



Vikram Doraiswami, currently serving as the High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to China, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement on Thursday.In an official statement, the MEA said, "Vikram K. Doraiswami (IFS:1992), presently High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the People's Republic of China.".He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.Doraiswami joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1992. Before that, he did journalism for a year.According to MEA, he received his master's degree in history from Delhi University.After completing his in-service training in New Delhi from 1992-1993, Doraiswami was appointed Third Secretary in the Indian Embassy in Hong Kong in May 1994. He completed a Diploma in the Chinese Language at New Asia Yale-in-Asia Language School, Chinese University of Hong Kong.In September 1996, he was appointed to the Indian Embassy in Beijing, where he served for about four years.

On his return to the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi in 2000, Doraiswami was appointed Deputy Chief of Protocol (Official). After two years he was promoted to the Prime Minister's office. Later he served as Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India.In 2006, Doraiswami took charge as the Political Counselor at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York and in October 2009 as the Consul General of India in Johannesburg, South Africa.In July 2011, Doraiswamy returned to the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, where he headed the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Division. During this period he was also the coordinator of the Fourth BRICS Summit in New Delhi in March 2012.From October 2012 to October 2014, Doraiswami was the Joint Secretary in the Americas Division of the Ministry of External Affairs. He became India's Ambassador to Uzbekistan in October 2014, before being appointed India's Ambassador to Korea in April 2015.After completing this duty, he returned to the headquarters in July 2018 and served as the head of the Bangladesh and Myanmar department.

Podcasts, live events power India's entertainment surge to global top 5 by 2030



India is on track to emerge as one of the top five global entertainment markets by 2030, while its podcast ecosystem is expected to grow multi-fold over the next three-to-five years, according to a report by Deloitte.The report highlighted that India's entertainment sector is witnessing strong momentum, supported by rising consumer demand, digital adoption, and expanding revenue streams. Corporate sponsorships, which account for nearly 40 per cent of revenues, underline the sector's growing economic potential.

It stated, "India is heading for a global top five entertainment position by 2030... India's podcast market will grow multifold over the next three-to-five years".The report mentioned that in 2024, the live events segment added nearly Rs 13 billion in incremental revenue, driven by strong demand and improved monetisation beyond brand sponsorships. The report noted that premium ticketing, including VIP and luxury experiences, doubled year-on-year, reflecting increased audience spending and higher returns for promoters and investors.This trend, coupled with the emergence of high-value customer segments, points to stronger profitability prospects for live-event investments. Concerts, in particular, are evolving into multi-billion-dollar economic engines, influencing allied sectors such as tourism, hospitality, taxes, and sustainability.By 2030, India has the potential to become one of the top five live entertainment markets globally, alongside the US, the UK, South Korea, and the UAE.

The report added that with continued strategic investments, policy support, and infrastructural upgrades, India is well-positioned to become a leading global live entertainment destination.On the digital front, Deloitte said India's podcast market is poised for significant expansion. The segment is expected to grow at a high double-digit CAGR over the next three-to-five years, driven by widespread smartphone usage, affordable data priced at around Rs 9 (USD 0.10), and evolving digital consumption habits.Podcast consumption in India has doubled within a year, indicating a shift from experimentation to large-scale adoption. The report noted that the country remains an underpenetrated but high-potential market, with adoption levels at 12 per cent compared to 47 per cent monthly usage in the US.India's strong mobile-first ecosystem, with 1.2 billion mobile subscribers and 955 million wireless internet users, is further supporting this growth. Rising data consumption, particularly among 5G users who now consume about 40 GB per month compared to around 27.5 GB earlier, is also accelerating adoption.The audience base for podcasts is projected to expand to 100-200 million listeners during 2024-2025, marking a transition from trial usage to routine and eventually becoming embedded in daily life across activities such as commutes, workouts, and downtime. The report added that this growth will enable the development of regional language ecosystems, niche communities, new storytelling formats, and creator-led media models.Deloitte noted that while India's podcast market is still in its early stages, it is now entering a scale phase where monetisation, localisation, and intellectual property creation are expected to accelerate.

Trump's Iran war gamble: Deep public skepticism and rising political costs



No US president in living memory has gone to war with less public support than Donald Trump has for the war in Iran. Even Barack Obama's much-maligned Libyan intervention began with 60 per cent of Americans in support in 2011.

There is no poll that shows a majority of Americans supporting the Iran war, and multiple polls showing clear majorities against it. And wars usually lose public support as they go on.

Trump did not make a public case for the war before it began, because he preferred quick, surprising strikes preceded by theatrical suspense. He presented the vast military buildup in the Persian Gulf as a high-pressure negotiating tactic in the short-lived bargaining sessions over Iran's nuclear enrichment.

Trump was undoubtedly emboldened by the tactical success of his removal of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, though that too was not very popular with Americans.

Wars are not necessarily better when the US government invests a huge effort in justifying them. The justification for the disastrous Iraq War, after all, was based on misperceptions, distortions and falsehoods. But by completely disregarding US public opinion before the war, Trump now finds himself in all kinds of trouble as he tries to fight it.

Political scientist Bruce Jentleson argued that public support for war in the United States depends not just on how the war is going, but on the public's understanding of the war's aims. The US public is much more likely to support wars aimed at imposing restraints on aggressive powers than wars aimed at bringing political change to other countries.

That theory explains why the Bush administration made such an effort to claim Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and was linked to the September 11 terrorist attacks, even though "regime change" was the aim of the Iraq war.

Regime change is also, quite clearly, the aim of the Iran war. Trump has been talking about it for months, and is still talking about it. It was only after the bombs started falling on Iran that Trump and his administration began to make the case that Iran was an "imminent threat" to the US. It wasn't very convincing.

After all, Trump had been boasting until recently that he had "completely obliterated" Iran's nuclear programme the year before. In a video released shortly after the attacks, Trump complained about the 1979 Tehran hostage crisis, the 1983 Hezbollah attack on US marines in Beirut, and the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole, which he said Iran was "probably involved in".

It was left to Secretary of State Marco Rubio to make the convoluted argument that the US was acting in preemptive self-defence, because it knew Israel was going to strike Iran, and that Iran would retaliate against Americans in West Asia. That did not play well in a country increasingly wary of Israel. A Gallup poll released just before the war began showed that, for the first time this century, more Americans said their sympathies were with Palestinians than Israelis. Recently, the biggest drop in support for Israel has been among political Independents, whose views have shifted significantly during the Gaza War.

Tucker Carlson, the loudest critic of the Iran war on the right, immediately labelled it "Israel's war". Joe Rogan, an influential figure among Trump's 2024 support base of disillusioned young men, said they felt "betrayed" by the war.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has tried to sell the war to Americans by gloating about the death, destruction and fear being inflicted on Iran. Even as investigations show the US military was responsible for the bombing of a school that killed more than a hundred children, he dismisses rules of military engagement as "stupid". The most recent Quinnipiac Poll showed Hegseth's approval rating at 37 per cent.

Despite high-profile opponents like Carlson and Marjorie Taylor Greene, Trump still has most of the MAGA base with him for now. They were never really opposed to foreign wars. What they hated was losing foreign wars, and Trump is promising them swift victory in Iran. But Trump has not prepared them or anyone else, including his own cabinet, for the costs this war will incur. Especially the disruption to global oil markets, which the International Energy Agency is calling the largest in history, and which will elevate the cost of everything from travel to food.

Trump's rhetoric about the price of war has hardly been Churchillian. One night he posted on social media that a short term increase in oil prices is "a very small price to pay for USA, and World, Safety and Peace. Only Fools Would Think Differently!"

But the next day he was forced to calm markets by claiming the war was nearly over. The Iranian regime, whose main goal is survival, is well aware of the political and economic vulnerabilities of the US and its West Asian allies, and these appear to be what it is targeting.

At the beginning of the war, Iran's seemingly scattered attacks on infrastructure, embassies and hotels in Gulf states were a source of mirth for some American commentators. But these were eventually enough to shut down large swathes of energy production and shipping, and inflict far more pain than Trump or his supporters were expecting.

Trump was already facing the same domestic problem that Joe Biden faced. It doesn't matter how much you tell Americans about positive GDP, stock market and employment numbers; if they are struggling with the cost of living, their view of both the economy and the President will be bleak.

Trump's glib dismissals of the price of oil are sounding a lot like his airy reassurances at the beginning of the pandemic. Few Republicans in Congress have been prepared to stand up to Trump over the war. But as midterm elections approach, many of them will be silently praying he finds an excuse to end it as soon as possible.

Income Tax Dept. holds survey on readymade showroom

SHARMA LUDHIANA– in view of upcoming 31 March, the Income Tax Department is conducting survey activities. Under this, a team of the Income Tax Department conducted a survey on three showrooms of leading local readymade showroom chain in city today. sources informed that team of Range-1 conducted a survey on Jawahar Nagar, BRS Nagar and Ghumar Mandi of said readymade store chain Moms And Me today. During this, the department examined the transactions and documents of the said firm. But the department did not provide any information about the survey. The investigation was going on till late evening.

Anurag Thakur offers prayers at Baglamukhi and Jwala Ji temples on Navratri



KANGRA : Former Union Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Singh Thakur offered prayers along with his wife at Maa Baglamukhi temple in Bankhandi and Maa Jwala Ji temple on the occasion of Navratri and the Hindu New Year, seeking blessings for the well-being of all.Extending greetings, Thakur said he conveys his best wishes to everyone on the auspicious occasion of Nav Samvatsar, Vikram Samvat 2083 and Chaitra Navratri. He described the festival as a symbol of India's rich cultural heritage, faith and scientific traditions.He said the festival reflects unity in diversity, strength through devotion and a collective spirit for national welfare. He prayed for happiness, peace and prosperity in the lives of all and urged people to take a pledge, with the blessings of Maa Durga, to work towards building a strong, cultured and prosperous India.

Cubist Modernism: Sangeet Sharma's Architectural Journey Captured in New Book



CHANDIGARH: Architect Sangeet Sharma has released his latest book, Cubist Modernism – The Architecture of Sangeet Sharma, a visually rich and reflective work documenting key projects from his decades-long architectural practice. More than a compilation, the book traces the evolution of a distinct design philosophy rooted in Chandigarh's modernist legacy and reinterpreted for contemporary times.Belonging to the second generation of architects influenced by the city's founding vision, Sharma draws inspiration from Le Corbusier and his team, which shaped Chandigarh's iconic urban identity. His father, Shivdatt Sharma, who worked with Corbusier, instilled in him core principles such as clarity, proportion, and structural discipline.While acknowledging this foundation, Sharma emphasizes the need for each generation to reinterpret inherited ideas. His concept of "Cubist Modernism" evolves traditional modernist values—clarity of form, structural honesty, and climate responsiveness—into a bold architectural language defined by fragmented geometries, intersecting volumes, and dynamic play of light and shadow.Drawing parallels with the Cubism movement in art, the book explores how multiple perspectives can be translated into architecture through faceted surfaces and spatial complexity. For Sharma, geometry is not ornamental but integral to structure, proportion, and experience.The publication also reflects on the gradual evolution of an architectural practice, demonstrating how a consistent design language can emerge from regional context without imitation. It positions modernism as a living, evolving tradition rather than a closed historical chapter.Through this work, Sharma conveys three key ideas: modernism continues to evolve, architectural identity develops over time through practice, and regional voices can meaningfully contribute to global discourse.

A Story That Feels Like Home – Rabb Da Radio 3 Trailer Unveiled



CHANDIGARH: The much-awaited Punjabi film Rabb Da Radio 3 created a wave of excitement with the grand launch of its official trailer at a vibrant press conference held. The event witnessed the presence of the film's stellar cast, turning the atmosphere electric with anticipation and celebration.

Leading stars Tarsem Jassar and Nimrat Khaira were joined by artists like Navdeep Kaller, Ronak Joshi, Shavinder Mahal, Prakash Gadhu, Malkeet Rauni, Manjit Singh, and Tarsem Paul, along with the film's creative team. The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the film's emotionally rich trailer, offering a glimpse into its heartfelt narrative, rooted in love, family values, and cultural depth.

The trailer immediately struck a chord with the audience, showcasing powerful performances, soul-stirring music, and a nostalgic essence that has been the hallmark of the Rabb Da Radio franchise. During the media interaction, the cast shared their experiences and emotional connection with the film, emphasising the passion and dedication that went into bringing this story to life.

Presented by Vehli Janta Films, the film is directed by Harry Bhatti and produced by Manpreet Singh Johal, with cinematography by Jaypee Singh. The film stars Tarsem Jassar and Nimrat Khaira in the lead roles. The film also features a powerful ensemble cast including Nirmal Rishi, Ronak Joshi, Jatinder Kaur, Sunita Dhir, Seema Kaushal, Gurpreet Bhangu, Rupinder Rupi, Satwant Kaur, Pawan Johal, Kulbir Virk, Amanjot Kaur, Sanshi, and Apneet Bajwa, among others.

With the album already resonating with listeners and generating enthusiastic responses, anticipation for the film continues to grow. Rabb Da Radio 3 is set to release in theatres on April 3, promising audiences another heartfelt story filled with emotion, culture, and music.

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A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

SH. AJMER SINGH S/O SH. GOPAL SINGH & SMT. ARMINDER KAUR W/O SH. AJMER SINGH approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of **Duplicate copy of Transfer Letter in faovur of Smt. Vijay Sharda W/o Sh. Sushil Sharda** in respect of DU **No.2181, Sector 40-C, Chandigarh** due to loss of this document. They have also furnished Lost Article Information Report in P.S. 39 at Serial No 463311 LAR No.2026/008259 registered with CHANDIGARH Police on dated 17.03.2026 regarding the loss of above said document. Any person having any objection against the issuance of **Duplicate copy of Transfer Letter in faovur of Smt. Vijay Sharda W/o Sh. Sushil Sharda** of above said DU to the applican: he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the document shall be issued. Further, in case original document as mentioned above is found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No.3274** of Category-MIG(II), Sector 44-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SH. PARVESH KUMAR SAINI S/O SH. PRITHVI SINGH SAINI** from the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. RAJ KUMARI KANSAL W/O SH. SURINDER KUMAR KANSAL.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU **No.3274** of Category-MIG(11), Sector 44-D, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. RAJ KUMARI KANSAL W/O SH. SURINDER KUMAR KANSAL.** Now, **SMT. RAJ KUMARI KANSAL W/O SH. SURINDER KUMAR KANSAL** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SH. PARVESH KUMAR SAINI S/O SH. PRITHVI SINGH SAINI** vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated **12.03.2026. SH. PARVESH KUMAR SAINI S/O SH. PRITHVI SINGH SAINI** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of Sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

SH. ANIL KUMAR MATTOO S/O SH. DWARKA NATH MATTOO, has approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of Duplicate Copy of Duplicate Allotment letter, possession letter, NDC, transfer letter no.11163 dt.22/09/2011 and Conversion Letter, in respect of Dwelling unit No. 3030, of MIG Category, Sector- 46-C, Chandigarh due to loss of these documents. SH. ANIL KUMAR MATTOO S/O SH. DWARKA NATH MATTOO, has furnished the DDR PS-34 registered in Chandigarh S.No 243878 L.A.R. No. 2026/008128, on dated 16/03/2026 regarding the loss of above said document. Any person having any objection, against the issuance of duplicate copy of Allotment letter, possession letter, NDC, transfer letter no. 11163 dt.22/09/2011 and Conversion Letter, in respect of the above said Dwelling Unit. He/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the documents shall be issued. Further, in case original documents as mentioned above are found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No.2894** of Category-EWS, Sector 49, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **FIROZ KHAN S/O MOHD SALIM** from the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. PARVEEN BALA W/O SH. RAMAN KUMAR.**

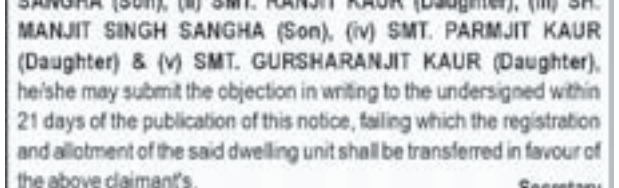
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU **No.2894** of Category-EWS, Sector 49, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. PARVEEN BALA W/O SH. RAMAN KUMAR.** Now, **SMT. PARVEEN BALA W/O SH. RAMAN KUMAR** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **FIROZ KHAN S/O MOHD SALIM** vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated **16.03.2026. FIROZ KHAN S/O MOHD SALIM** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of Sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE



Subject: Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/Registration of DU **No.3124-2** of Category-LIG, Sector 41-D, Chandigarh in the name of **(i) SH. SURJIT SINGH SANGHA S/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH, (ii) SMT. RANJIT KAUR D/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH, (iii) SH. MANJIT SINGH SANGHA S/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH, (iv) SMT. PARMJIT KAUR D/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH & (v) SMT. GURSHARANJIT KAUR D/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH** on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **SH. HARI SINGH S/O SH. MIT SINGH.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **SH. HARI SINGH S/O SH. MIT SINGH** owner of Dwelling Unit No.3124-2 of Category-LIG, Sector 41-D, Chandigarh expired on **23.12.1995** at **CHANDIGARH** as informed by his legal heirs. **(i) SH. SURJIT SINGH SANGHA S/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH, (ii) SMT. RANJIT KAUR D/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH, (iii) SH. MANJIT SINGH SANGHA S/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH, (iv) SMT. PARMJIT KAUR D/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH & (v) SMT. GURSHARANJIT KAUR D/O LATE SH. HARI SINGH** have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit **No.3124-2** of Category-LIG, Sector 41-D, Chandigarh in their name on the basis of intestate demise of **SH. HARI SINGH S/O SH. MIT SINGH.** They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of **(i) SH. SURJIT SINGH SANGHA (Son), (ii) SMT. RANJIT KAUR (Daughter), (iii) SH. MANJIT SINGH SANGHA (Son), (iv) SMT. PARMJIT KAUR (Daughter) & (v) SMT. GURSHARANJIT KAUR (Daughter),** he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No.3028** (Ground Floor) of LIG Category in Sector **47-D**, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the names of **(i) SH. SANDIP KUMAR VERMA S/O SH. UPENDRA PRASAD VERMA AND (ii) SMT. RAKHI KUMARI VERMA D/O SH. KISHOR PRASAD VERMA, W/O SH. SANDIP KUMAR VERMA,** from the name of allottee/transferee **(i) SH. SANJAY KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH (ii) SH. PAWAN KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH AND (iii) SH. RAKESH TANDAN S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH TANDAN.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 3028 (Ground Floor) of LIG Category in Sector **47-D**, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **(i) SH. SANJAY KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH, (11) SH. PAWAN KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH, AND (iii) SH. RAKESH TANDAN S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH TANDAN.** Now **(i) SH. SANJAY KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH (ii) SH. PAWAN KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH AND (iii) SH. RAKESH TANDAN S/O LATE SH. SHER SINGH TANDAN** have sold the above said dwelling unit to **(i) SH. SANDIP KUMAR VERMA S/O SH. UPENDRA PRASAD VERMA AND (ii) SMT. RAKHI KUMARI VERMA D/O SH. KISHOR PRASAD VERMA, W/O SH. SANDIP KUMAR VERMA,** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 05/03/2026 **(i) SH. SANDIP KUMAR VERMA S/O SH. UPENDRA PRASAD VERMA AND (ii) SMT. RAKHI KUMARI VERMA D/O SH. KISHOR PRASAD VERMA, W/O SH. SANDIP KUMAR VERMA** have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their names on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling ur shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Subject: Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/Registration of DU **No.3632** of Category-MIG-II, Sector 46-C, Chandigarh in the name of **(i) SMT. POONAM RISHI W/O LATE SH. BRAHM DUTT RISHI, (ii) SH. CHANDAN RISHI S/O LATE SH. BRAHM DUTT RISHI & (iii) SH. NAVEEN RISHI S/O LATE SH. BRAHM DUTT RISHI (THROUGH GPA SMT. POONAM RISHI W/O LATE SH. BRAHM DUTT RISHI)** on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **SH. BRAHAM DUTT (BRAHM DUTT/ BRAHM DUTT RISHI) S/O SH. KUNDAN LAL.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **SH. BRAHAM DUTT S/O SH. KUNDAN LAL** owner of Dwelling Unit **No.3632** of Category-MIG-II, Sector 46-C, Chandigarh expired on **26.06.2024** at **BRAMPTON, ONTARIO, CANADA** as informed by his legal heirs. **(i) SMT. POONAM RISHI W/O LATE SH. BRAHM DUTT RISHI, (ii) SH. CHANDAN RISHI S/O LATE SH. BRAHM DUTT RISHI & (iii) SH. NAVEEN RISHI S/O LATE SH. BRAHM DUTT RISHI (THROUGH GPA SMT. POONAM RISHI W/O LATE SH. BRAHM DUTT RISHI)** have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit **No.3632** of Category-MIG-II, Sector 46-C, Chandigarh in their name on the basis of intestate demise of **SH. BRAHAM DUTT (BRAHM DUTT/ BRAHM DUTT RISHI) S/O SH. KUNDAN LAL.** They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of **(i) SMT. POONAM RISHI (Wife), (ii) SH. CHANDAN RISHI (Son) & (iii) SH. NAVEEN RISHI (Son),** he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE



Subject: Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/ Registration D.U.No. **2061/3 of Category - MIG (L) in Sector 45-C,** Chandigarh in the names of **(i) SMT. GEETA JHA W/O LATE SH. RIKHI JHA (ii) SH. SAHIL RIKHI S/O LATE SH. RIKHI JHA (iii) SH. ASHUTOSH JHA S/O LATE SH. RIKHI JHA & (iv) SH. SHUBHAM S/O LATE SH. RIKHI JHA (RIKHI RAM JHA),** on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **SH. RIKHI JHA S/O SH. GOVERDHAN DASS (GOVERDHAN DAS JHA).**

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **SH. RIKHI JHA S/O SH. GOVERDHAN DASS (GOVERDHAN DAS JHA)** owners of Dwelling Unit No **2061/3 of Category MIG (L) in Sector 45-C,** Chandigarh expired on 10/06/2025 at Chandigarh as informed by his legal heirs. **(i) SMT. GEETA JHA W/O LATE SH. RIKHI JHA (ii) SH. SAHIL RIKHI S/O LATE SH. RIKHI JHA (iii) SH. ASHUTOSH JHA S/O LATE SH. RIKHI JHA & (iv) SH. SHUBHAM S/O LATE SH. RIKHI JHA (RIKHI RAM JHA),** have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No **2061/3 of Category MIG (L) in Sector 45-C,** Chandigarh in their names on the basis of intestate demise of **SH. RIKHI JHA S/O SH. GOVERDHAN DASS (GOVERDHAN DAS JHA).** They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of **(i) SMT. GEETA JHA (Wife) (ii) SH. SAHIL RIKHI (Son) (iii) SH. ASHUTOSH JHA (Son), & (iv) SH. SHUBHAM (Son)** he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTICE

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

Auction Catalogue No.	Description	Lot Start Date Time
UMB-Prkg-11-26	As per site plan, Comprehensive Parking Lot having area 507 sqm. in circulating area near Station Building and a two wheeler parking lot of total area 380.62 sqm. at 2nd Entry of Rampura Phul (PUL) Railway Station.	30.03.26 12:00:00
	Allotment of Comprehensive parking Lot at Circulating area in Malerkotla Railway Station covering total area 1757.128 Sq.m (As per Site Plan)	
	Comprehensive parking lot of total area 1133 Sqm. near T2 Colony Park at Saharanpur	
	Comprehensive Parking Lot having area 1894.20 sqm. near GRP quarter at location 2nd Entry of Bathinda Railway Station. (As per Site Plan)	

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CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE & TAXATION

Notice for inviting e-tenders for allotment of licences for Retailsale Vends (L-2/L-14A) from the general public for the year 2026-27 in U.T.. Chandigarh

1. It is hereby notified for the information of general public that e-tenders are invited for the grant of remaining one retail sale i.e. L-2/L-14A licences in the form of licensing units for the Excise Policy, 2026-27 (commencing from 1st April, 2026 to 31th March 2027). Each Licensing Unit will comprise L-2/L-14A (Indian Made Foreign Liquor, Imported Foreign Liquor and Country Liquor) under one roof.
2. The Retailsale vends shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder, quoting equal to or above the reserve price of the licensing unit. In case of more than one bid quoting the same highest price is received, the allotment shall be determined by draw of lots among the bidders quoting the same highest price.
3. All willing participants may visit the official website of the department i.e. **www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline** for information/ to know the procedure. The detailed procedure for e-tenders and submission of participation fee and earnest money, in accordance with the Excise Policy 2026-27, is available on the official website of the department i.e. **www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline** as well as in the Excise Office of the Department.
4. In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to get himself registered at **https://etenders.chd.nic.in.**
5. The terms & conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/sectors of Licensing Units Code, permissible no. of vends/ retail sale outlet, quota and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the Excise & Taxation Department i.e. **www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline** from 'Public Notices' section.
6. All licenses shall be granted subject to the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (as applicable to U.T., Chandigarh) and the Rules framed there-under and the Excise Policy for the year 2026-27. The Excise Policy for the year 2026-27 is available on the official website of the Department **www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline**
7. E-tenders will be available at **https://etenders.chd.nic.in** on 20.03.2026 at 11:00 am and the bidders may start to submit their bids from 20.03.2026 (11:00 am).

Schedule of dates for allotment of liquor vends:-

Starting date and time for bid submission	From 20th March 2026 (11:00 AM)
Closing date and time for bid submission	Till 25th March, 2026 (upto 11:00 AM)
Opening of Technical e-bids	25th March, 2026 (12:00 Noon onwards)
Opening of Financial e-bids	25th March, 2026 (02:00 pm onwards) at Conference Hall (1st Floor), Excise & Taxation Department, Sector 17, U.T. Chandigarh.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Union Territory, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN e-TENDERING PROCESS FOR ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES OF INDIAN MADE FOREIGN LIQUOR, IMPORTED FOREIGN LIQUOR, BEER, WINE AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-2/L-14A) FOR THE YEAR 2026-27 IN U.T., CHANDIGARH.

This is for the information of General Public that the process of online registration of persons to participate in the e-tendering process for allotment of liquor vends for the year 2026-27 in U.T., Chandigarh, will commence from 20.03.2025.

All willing persons may visit the official website of the department i.e. **www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline** for information/ to know the procedure and those who intend to participate in the e-tendering may get themselves registered at **https://etenders.chd.nic.in.**

It is further, informed that all prospective bidders will have to get themselves registered for e-tendering on the Chandigarh Administration's e-tender website i.e. **https://etenders.chd.nic.in.**

A helpdesk has also been set up in the office of the Assistant Excise & Taxation Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh for providing assistance to the participants for e-tendering.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Union Territory, Chandigarh

श्री गुरुतेग़ बहादुर पेंशनर्स एसोसिएशन मध्य ज़ोनल सहा लिमि. चुनाविल (सोनीपत)

सहा मध्य तिथि 06/03/2026

मंडल तिथि 02-03-2026 है सहा की चुनाव कमेटी की सर्वसम्मति की चुनाविल सीमि, सहायिल सहायक, सिविल / चुनाव सहा की चुनावी दिए जेते भी देय तिथि सरकारी भवन दिए तिथियों आदि भी सरकारी विभाग व भवियत की सर्वसम्मति सूचना, सेमलीय सहा है नोटिस जारी है।

सहा का ये चुनाव चुनाव कराने कोलकाता सभी देय है।चुनाव

मध्य नोटिस जारी है कि सेमलीय सहा चुनाविल के धारा 6 ये देय दिवसी सेमलीय सहायकी सहायक की सेवी देय तिथी सरकारिल: हो की भाग के/ 6813 तिथी 27/01/2026 सभी चुनाव नोटि का दूसरे 01 (सिंह तिथि 3 (तिन) तिथि सभी है 3 (तिन) तिथि सहायक से चुनी सरकारी सहा की देय तिथि 06/04/2026 है सहायकी सभियों। सहा का ये देय चुनाव केवल का भवियत की सर्वसम्मति सूचना, सेमलीय सहा है नोटिस जारी है। ऐसे सहायकी तीन उपरोक्त चुनाव देय चुनाव चुनाव सभी चुनाव सभी तिथि सहा के चुनाव सहायकी तिथि के तिथि सहायकी सहायक है केवल की भवियत सभी तिथि सेम के चुनाव सभी। ऐसे चुनाव का तिथि सहायक है।

क्रमांक	विवरण	तिथि	समय	स्थान
1. 2. 3.	सहायकी सहायक के सदस्य की सामान्यसहा सभी सहा चयन चुनाव की तिथि है सहा	06-04-2026	सवेरे 10:00 बजे से सायं 4:00 बजे तक	सहायक मुख्यालय सेमलीय सहा
4. 5.	सभासदी चयन सहा की तिथि है सहा	07-04-2026	सवेरे 10:00 बजे से 12:00 बजे तक	...दिवस...
6. 7.	सभासदी पेंशन के विवाचन सहा की तिथि है सहा	07-04-2026	12:00 बजे से 1:00 बजे तक	...दिवस...
8. 9. 10.	सभासदी पेंशन के चयनाल के विवाचन सहा की तिथि है सहा	07-04-2026	1:00 बजे से 2:00 बजे तक	...दिवस...
	सभी भगे आये सभासदी पेंशन की चुनी सहायिल की तिथि है सहा	07-04-2026	2:00 बजे से 2:30 बजे तक	...दिवस...
	सभासदी सहायक चयन सैल की तिथि है सहा	07-04-2026	2:30 बजे से 3:30 बजे तक	...दिवस...
	सिंह चुनावी चुने आये पेंशनरचयन चुनाविल	07-04-2026	3:30 बजे से 4:00 बजे तक	...दिवस...
	सेल विवाचन सहायक सहा की तिथि है सहा	07-04-2026	4:00 बजे से 4:30 बजे तक	...दिवस...
	सेल सहा आये पेंशनरचयन की चुनी सहायिल की तिथि है सहा	07-04-2026	4:30 बजे से 5:00 बजे तक	...दिवस...
	सेल भवियत की तिथि है सहा	09-04-2026	10:00 बजे से 2:00 बजे तक	...दिवस...
	सेल की तिथियों	09-04-2026	सेल सेल से चुनाव चयनाल	...दिवस...
	समीक्षा	09-04-2026	सेल की तिथियों से चयनाल	तिथियों सहायक सेमी

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Women of 'Nari Shakti Manch' worship Goddess Shailputri on the first day of Navratri



MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL: In Indira Colony, situated on Vikram Marg, the women of the 'Nari Shakti Manch' commenced their worship of Goddess Durga on the auspicious occasion of Navratri, continuing a tradition observed in previous years. On the first day, homage was paid to Goddess Shailputri—an incarnation of Goddess Durga. While performing the rituals and reciting the sacred legends at the residence of the Dr. Arora family, Dr. Anju Arora explained that, in her previous birth, Goddess Shailputri was Sati—the daughter of Prajapati Daksha and the wife of Lord Shiva. Once, Daksha organised a grand Yagna to which Lord Shiva was not invited. Sati attended the Yagna uninvited, where Daksha subjected Lord Shiva to severe humiliation. Unable to bear the insult directed at her husband, Sati immolated herself in the sacred fire of the Yagna.

NEWS BRIEF

Special committee constituted for smooth supply of essential commodities

RANVIR PARASHAR
KALAYAT: Sub-Divisional Administration has taken necessary steps to ensure smooth supply of essential commodities. Issuing strict directives under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, SDM of Kalayat, Ajay Hooda, has constituted a special committee. This committee will be chaired by Naib Tehsildar of Kalayat, while officials from various concerned departments have been included as members.Primary objective of committee is to ensure availability of essential commodities within sub-divisional area, monitor their proper storage and make these items available to general public at prescribed rates. He clarified that strict action will be taken against those who violate regulations. committee will conduct regular and surprise inspections across area, maintaining a close watch on storage, sale and transportation of commodities. In cases involving hoarding or black marketing, strict legal action will be initiated against culprits under Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Cooperation of Police Department will also be sought for enforcement activities whenever

Govt dedicated to interests of farmers and labourers: Yogendra Rana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ASSANDH/KARNAL, MAR 19



Yogendra Rana, MLA from the Assandh constituency, visited the Jundla Mandal today. During his visit, while on one hand he interacted with party workers to discuss strengthening the organization, on the other, the MLA presided over a significant organisational meeting with the Shakti Kendra Chiefs of the Jundla Mandal. Addressing the meeting, he stated that the Shakti Kendra Chiefs constitute the strong foundation of the organization, serving the crucial role of ensuring that the government's public welfare policies reach the very last person in society. While outlining upcoming programs and calling for the empowerment of every electoral booth, MLA Rana also distributed checks for financial assistance to affected families under the 'Chief Minister Kisan and Agricultural Laborer Life Security Scheme' (Mukhyamantri Kisan evam Khetihar Mazdoor Jeevan Suraksha Yojana). Extending the benefits of the government scheme to affected families and reiterating his pledge to public service, MLA Yogendra Rana provided financial assistance to two families under the 'Chief Minister Kisan and Agricultural Laborer Life Security Scheme-2013': The MLA handed over a cheque for an assistance amount of Rs. 5,00,000 to Rekha, the wife of the late Salindra Singh from village Sirsi. Additionally, financial assistance of Rs. 37,500 was provided to Shisha Singh, the son of Harbans Singh from village Bansa. Furthermore, financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 was provided to Kamlesh, the wife of Dharampal, from the village Bahri.

Resolving public grievances, providing maximum amenities admin's top priority: SDM Rajesh Khoth



DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI: SDM Rajesh Khoth stated that the administration's primary objective is to provide the public with maximum amenities by ensuring the swift resolution of their grievances. He informed that proposals regarding all 'hit-and-run' cases have been forwarded to the government, and the financial assistance will soon be deposited into the bank accounts of the respective beneficiaries. The SDM was listening to public grievances during a 'Samadhan Shivir' (Resolution Camp) held at the District Secretariat complex on Thursday. During the session, he provided information stating that under the 'Hit-and-Run Policy,' the State Government provides financial assistance of Rs. 2 lakh in the event of a fatality and Rs. 50,000 in the event of an injury caused by an accident. During the resolution camp, a resident of Vikas Nagar submitted an application requesting the removal of a banyan tree situated near his house.

Nine complaints resolved at DPR and grievance redressal committee meeting



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 19

While hearing the complaint of Sonu Narang, a resident of Mahavir Colony, Ladwa, Haryana's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister, Rajesh Nagar, directed that action be taken against the two suspended Food and Supplies Department inspectors in accordance with the FIR. A recommendation to re-suspension of them should be sent to headquarters. The minister was addressing the monthly meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee held in the auditorium of the new Mini Secretariat on Thursday. Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena and District President Tijendra Singh Goldy were also present. Of the 15 cases on the meeting agenda, nine were resolved on the spot after hearing, while the remaining six were kept pending for the next meeting. Acting on the complaint of Vishnu Colony resident SomPrakash, Minister of State Rajesh Nagar directed the police to take action against the person who occupied the house despite payment being made in the account and ensured the possession of the house to the complainant. Complainant SomPrakash told in the complaint that after taking the full payment from him and getting the registry transfer done and giving him the possession, his house was again occupied. On the complaint of Somi, Neelam and Manjeet, residents of village Jhivnredi, Minister of State Rajesh Nagar told the officials of Canara Bank that the loan amount of the women who had taken group loan should be settled.

It's Imperative for children to be mentally strong, self-reliant and emotionally balanced: Rajpal Basniwal



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: Divyang Ekadhikar Punarvas Trust organized a significant and enlightening workshop on the subject of Teacher Training on Mental Health and Skill Development at Digvijay Memorial School, Kamri. Primary objective of this workshop was to sensitize teachers regarding mental health of their students and to familiarize them with effective techniques for fostering development of their life skills. During program, experts shared practical strategies with the teachers for identifying rising levels of stress, anxiety, depression and behavioral issues among students, as well as for providing them with appropriate guidance. Furthermore, special emphasis was placed on critical life skills such as decision-making ability, problem-solving, communication skills, self-awareness and emotional balance. Rajpal Singh Basniwal, Convener of Divyang Ekadhikar Punarvas Trust, stated in his comprehensive address that in today's times, the scope of education is no longer limited merely to bookish knowledge. It is absolutely imperative for children to be mentally strong, self-reliant and emotionally balanced. Due to modern lifestyles and intense competition, stress, anxiety and behavioral issues are rapidly increasing among children; therefore, it is crucial to identify these issues in a timely manner and provide necessary guidance to steer them in right direction.

Ratnavali Youth Saang Festival begins at Arya College Panipat



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: A colourful glimpse of Haryana's folk culture was witnessed at the O.P. Singla Auditorium of Arya PG College during the grand opening of the 11th Ratnavali Youth Saang Festival. The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp followed by traditional dholak beats that created a vibrant cultural atmosphere. Renowned social worker and industrialist Harpal Dhanda attended the function as the chief guest. Addressing the youth, he said that Saang represents the identity of Haryana's soil and reflects its traditions, values and stories of bravery. He appreciated Arya College for keeping the younger generation connected with its cultural roots. President Award-winning folk singer Prem Dehati also graced the occasion as a special guest and said that Saang is not just a performance but a form of devotion to folk art. He encouraged the youth to preserve this heritage and also presented soulful raginis that captivated the audience. On the first day, the team from R.K.S.D. College presented the traditional Saang 'Pingla-Bhartrihari', beautifully portraying the emotional story of King Bhartrihari and Queen Pingla. The performance, supported by sarangi, dholak and synchronized movements, received loud applause from the audience.

Haryana Human Rights Commission seeks report on punishment to girl students in Hisar School

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The Haryana Human Rights Commission has taken suo motu cognizance of an incident reported from a government school in Hisar district, where girl students were allegedly forced to perform "squat punishment" and paraded around the school premises. The Commission took action after a news report published on March 7, 2026 brought the matter to its notice. According to the report, the incident occurred at Government High School, Village Jagan, Block Agroha in Hisar district. Videos related to the incident were circulated and also sent to the office of the District Education Officer, following which an inquiry committee was constituted. The full Commission, comprising Chairperson Justice Lalit Batra and members Kuldip Jain and Deep Bhatia, observed that if the allegations are found true, the act would amount to a serious violation of the dignity, safety and mental well-being of the girl students. The Commission stated that physical punishment or mental harassment in the name of discipline is unacceptable and against the spirit of initiatives like Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao. The Commission noted that under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, physical punishment and mental harassment are prohibited, and provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act may also apply if the allegations are proved. It further observed that schools are responsible for providing a safe and respectful environment to students and such incidents harm the trust of children in the education system. The Commission has directed the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, District Education Officer and the Headmaster of the concerned school to submit detailed reports regarding the incident, action taken, and preventive measures.

Janata Samadhan camp resolves 18 complaints on the spot in Panipat



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: Under the guidance of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and as per the directions of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Virender Kumar Dahiya, the Janata Samadhan Camp organized at the District Secretariat auditorium is emerging as a strong platform of trust and hope for the public. During the camp held on Thursday, Municipal Corporation Joint Commissioner Dr. Sanjay heard the grievances of the complainants and issued clear instructions to the concerned officials for their early resolution. He said that the camp is not just a forum for filing complaints but reflects the administration's commitment to providing quick and effective solutions. He directed officials to ensure that every complaint is resolved within the stipulated time.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Satish Vats said that complaints related to the police department are being addressed on priority and the safety of citizens remains the top responsibility of the police. A total of 18 complaints were received during the camp, mainly related to income correction in Family ID, pension cases, ration cards and police matters.

Key decisions taken at Market Committee meeting



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: A meeting was held at the Barara Market Committee office, presided over by Chairman Kulraj Sharma. The meeting was attended by the Market Committee Secretary, the Vice-Chairman, and other members. Kulraj Sharma stated that the budget for the year 2026-27 was passed during the meeting, and deliberations were held regarding ensuring the provision of basic amenities at the grain market during the upcoming Rabi season. Furthermore, Chairman Kulraj Sharma also convened a separate meeting with the Arhtiyas, during which the Arhtiyas and their Munims were apprised of the new guidelines issued by the government and the Board office for the Rabi season.

Gobind Tour and Travels announces overseas opportunities for youth



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: Gobind Tour and Travels has announced new opportunities for youth who wish to go abroad, especially to Canada and the United Kingdom, under different visa and open work permit categories. Chairman and State Awardee Bhola Singh Virk, along with Managing Director Harpal Singh Virk, said that the organization has been working in the immigration sector for the past one and a half decades and has helped thousands of students and workers travel to countries such as Canada, Australia, the UK and the USA for study, work and travel purposes. They said that under the open work permit category, applicants get freedom to work abroad, and this opportunity is mainly for those who have passed at least Class 12 and are between 22 and 45 years of age. The management stated that all services including passport preparation, embassy documentation, visa application, study loan assistance and air ticket arrangements are provided under one roof in a transparent manner. They added that the organization not only works as a business institution but also serves society by guiding youth towards better career opportunities abroad. They appealed to educated youth to take advantage of this opportunity and build a bright future.

DTP cracks down on illegal colony in Indri



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: District Town Planner Gunjan said that on Thursday, a team from the department led by the duty magistrate and police, carried out demolition operations against an illegal colony in Indri. This illegal colony was located on approximately three acres near Sant Colony in the village of Matak Majri. Eight DPCs, the sewerage network and all the paved roads in the colony were demolished. The District Town Planner stated that the department is continuously carrying out demolition operations against illegal colonies and illegal construction. FIRs are also being filed regularly against those involved in illegal colonies and illegal construction. The department is also periodically informing the public that strict action will be taken against those promoting illegal colonies and illegal construction. All possible actions are being taken to curb illegal colonies and illegal construction and no laxity will be tolerated against illegal colonies and illegal construction.

District-level training class organised by All India Sahitya Parishad, Haryana Kaithal at Seva Sangh Bhawan



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: On the eve of New Year 2083, the district unit of All India Sahitya Parishad, Haryana, Kaithal, organized one-day district level training class under the guidance of the State Council of Haryana at Seva Sangh Bhawan, Jawahar Park, Kaithal city. In this program organized on the eve of New Year 2083, the council song "Bharati Ki Lok Mangal Sadhna Sweekar Ho" sung by Satpal Parashar Anand was released and a poetry conference was also organized. Giving information, the president of the council's Kaithal unit, Dr.Tejinder, said that in this event, the patron of the council's Kaithal unit, Dr. Harish Chandra Jhandai, participated as the president, the state general secretary of the council, Haryana, Dr. Jagdeep Sharma Rahi, participated as the keynote speaker and the founder-president of Seva Sangh Kaithal, National President of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Sikh community (India).

MLA Pramod Vij promotes sports, gifts basketball poles to players



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: Encouraging youth to take part in sports activities, Panipat Urban MLA Pramod Kumar Vij presented basketball poles to local players from his personal funds. The initiative brought enthusiasm among players and sports lovers in the area. On the occasion, the MLA also played basketball with the children and motivated them to stay connected with sports. He said that youth are the future of the country and sports help develop discipline, teamwork and a healthy lifestyle. He added that providing better facilities to players is his priority so that they can improve their performance and bring pride to the state and the nation. Vij further said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the Haryana Government is continuously promoting sports by strengthening infrastructure and providing rewards and incentives to players.

Prioritize and expedite resolution of complaints received at Samadhan Shivirs: DC



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: DC Aparajita stated that primary objective of Samadhan Shivirs is to ensure swift, transparent and effective resolution of common people's problems. All officials must take complaints received at these camps seriously and ensure disposal in a time-bound manner, based on priority so that general public does not have to face unnecessary hardships. She was issuing these directives to officials today while listening to grievances of public during a 'Samadhan Shivir' organized at auditorium of Mini Secretariat. During event, citizens registered their personal and public-related issues at camp. Many of these complaints were resolved on spot.

FSSAI license made valid for lifetime for food industry, Laghu Udyog Bharti welcomes decision



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: A significant and commendable decision has been taken for the food industry through the continuous efforts of the Chandigarh Administration and the support of the Ministers. The FSSAI license has now been made valid for a lifetime, eliminating the need for periodic renewals. Welcoming this decision, a delegation from Laghu Udyog Bharti, Chandigarh met Mr. Sukhwinder Singh (DO FSSAI, Chandigarh) and expressed their gratitude for his support and co-operation. Mr Sukhwinder Singh stated that this step would provide major relief to small and medium food businesses. He further assured that more such relaxations and industry-friendly measures are expected in the near future. AkshayChugh (Member, FSSAI Advisory Committee) appreciated the decision and said that it would reduce the compliance burden on traders and help promote ease of doing business.

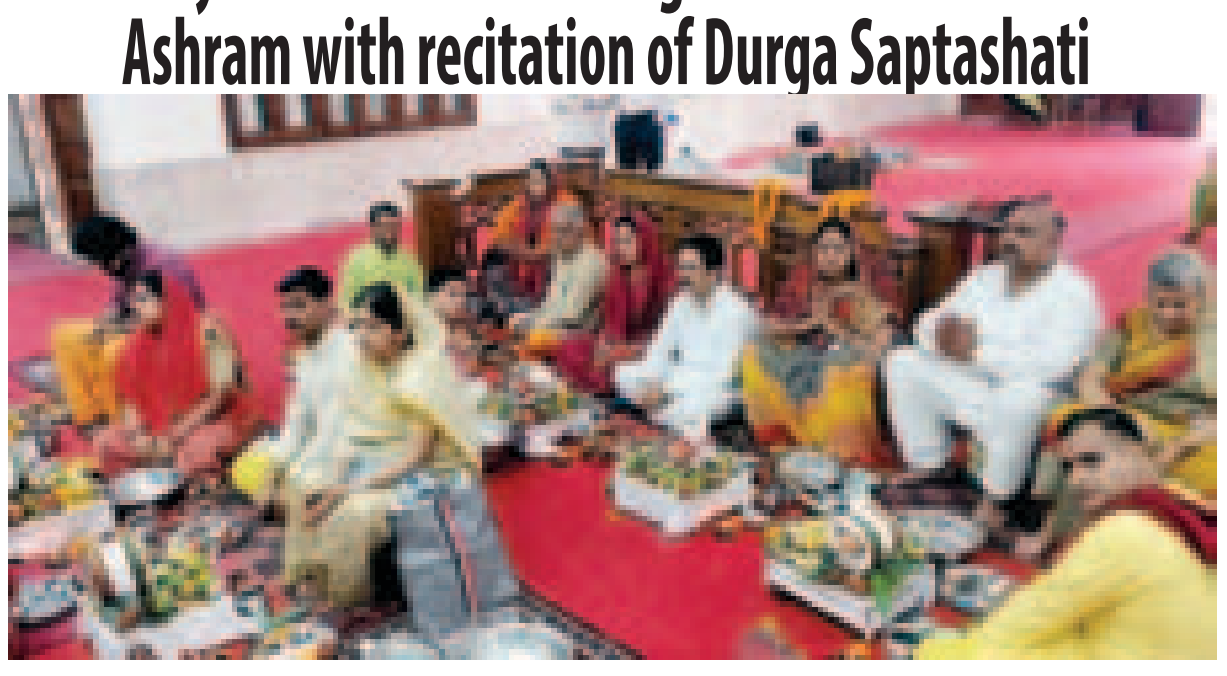
Accurate training is key to success of census: DC



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: Preparations for 2027 Census have been accelerated across state of Haryana. In line with this initiative, a three-day field trainer training program commenced in Kaithal today. Master trainers are imparting comprehensive training in strict adherence to prescribed standards for 2027 Census. Training covers various aspects, including house listing, collection of household details, digital data compilation, usage of mobile applications and strategies for addressing practical challenges encountered in field. DC emphasized that census is a task of paramount importance, as it serves as foundation upon which government policies and development schemes are formulated.

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9-day Navratri festival begins at Maa Santoshi Ashram with recitation of Durga Saptashati



HISAR: Nine-day Navratri festival commenced at Shri Adyashakti Peeth Maa Santoshi Ashram with worship and adoration of Divine Mother, performed in strict accordance with traditional rituals. During the proceedings, prayers for the welfare of humanity were offered alongside the recitation of Durga Saptashati. Principal host, Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandaleshwar Swami Santoshi Mata Ji, inaugurated Navratri festival amidst chanting of sacred mantras.Present as hosts during the ceremony were Gautam Agarwal, Subhash Bansal, Sushil Budakiya, Mukesh Garg, Ashok Bansal, Raghav Goyal, Rakesh Garg, Madhur Gupta, Deepak Bajaj, Ranbir Mahendra, and Premlata Goyal. Vedic scholars, who had arrived from Haridwar, guided the hosts through the worship rituals with profound devotion and strict adherence to scriptural norms.Ramesh Chugh, spokesperson for Maa Santoshi Ashram located in Model Town stated that a large number of dignitaries were present during worship ceremony, including Rajmal Kajal General Secretary of Shakti Upasana Trust, Anil Mehta in-charge of Bhandara, Sunita Gupta and Jaiprakash.He further informed that nine-day Navratri festival is being celebrated under spiritual guidance and presence of Mahamandaleshwar Swami Santoshi Mata Ji. Throughout festival, Shri Ram Katha will be organized daily, offering devotees the opportunity to listen to spiritual discourses. Seated upon Vyas Peeth, revered Anant Shri Vibhushit Swami Santoshi Mata Ji will deliver beautiful interpretations of Shri Ram Katha through divine spiritual discourses, delivered in powerful yet melodious voice.He announced that daily worship and scriptural recitations will take place at 8:00 AM, while Shri Ram Katha and spiritual discourses are scheduled to be held daily starting at 4:00 PM.

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF Ms. Samiksha Jain Judicial Magistrate First Class-17 Jalandhar

MANNAPPURAM FINANCE LIMITED
Vs.
MALKEET SINGH

CNR No. PBJL03-002388-2025
Next Date:- 18-04-2026
COMA/156/2025

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:
MALKEET SINGH
:-
SON OF BAKSHISH SINGH R/O WARD NO.13 SWARAN CHACK KATHUA J AND K 184101
MOB-8899323889

In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on **18-04-2026 at 10.00 a.m.**
For details logon to
https://www.highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Jalandhar

Judicial Magistrate First Class-17 Jalandhar

Dated, this day of 18-03-2026

COURT NOTICE

(U/0 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF Sh. Gurinder Singh Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Vs.
NEHA VASHISHT

CS/12398/2024
CNR No. PBLD02-0133735-2024
Next Date:- 12-05-2026

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:
NEHA VASHISHT
Spouse:-NARINDER PAL VASHISHT R/O HOUSE NO. 48/1, NEAR SNATAN MANDIR, NEW MODEL TOWN, LUDHIANA-141002
2ND ADDRESS - VPO JANGPUR, TEHSIL MULLANPUR, DIST LUDHIANA-141101

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on **16-03-2026 at 10.00 a.m.**
For details logon to
https://www.highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district notice&district=mogacourt

Civil Judge (Junior Division) Ludhiana

Dated, this day of 06-03-2026

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AXIS BANK

Retail Assets Center: AXIS Bank Ltd. "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001.
Corporate Office: 3rd Floor, Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhakar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400 025
Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd Floor, Opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Axis Bank Ltd.** for an amount and interest thereon.
The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1.	1. **Mr. Bansi Lal** S/o Kasturi Lal (Borrower) **and** 2. **Mrs. Meenakshi** W/o Bansi Lal (Co-borrower/Mortgagor)	08-Nov-2025	26-Nov-2025	17-Mar-2026	**Rs. 12,34,610/-** (Rupees Twelve Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Only)

Description of mortgaged Property

All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House No. A-7, measuring 01 Marla-203 Sq. Ft. comprised in Khata Khatauni No. 256/270, 257/271, Khasra No. 577, 578 as per Jamabandi for the year2015-2016 situated at Abadi Basti Shekh, Kala Sanghia Road, Near Dolly Palace, Tehsil & District Jalandhar registered in the name of Smt. Meenakshi w/o Bansi Lal vide Sale deed having Document No. 2021-2022/187/1/10700 dated 23-Feb-2022.
Boundaries (As per Sale Deed) : EAST- Others, WEST-Road, NORTH- Portion of House No. 7, SOUTH-Owner.

Date : 17.03.2026
Place : Ludhiana
Sd/- (Authorized Officer), Axis Bank Ltd.

HP State Pollution Control Board

HIM Parivesh Bhawan, Phase-III, New Shimla-09
Phone No. 0177-2673766, 2673020. FAX-0177-2673018

HPSPCB

Public Notice

According to the provisions of EIA Notification No. SO 1533 dated 14-09-2006, HP State Pollution Control Board invites suggestions, views, comments and objections on the proposal of Sh. Ashwani Kumar S/o Sh Bahal Singh, M/s Banorhey Mahadev Stone Crusher, VPO Chattara, Ward No. 6,Tehsil & District Una, H.P for mining of stone, boulder, bajari and sand @ 1,36,080 MT/year from Khasra 6525/1 and 6526/1 measuring area 03-61-42 Hect. (Private Land) falling in Mauza/Mohal Badehra, Tehsil Haroli, District Una, H.P.
The aforesaid Project Proponent has submitted Executive Summary (both in Hindi and English) and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (Draft EIA Report) including Environmental Management Plan related to the aforesaid unit for the purpose of perusal by all concerned.
Local affected persons and others having plausible stake in the environmental impacts of the project may inspect the Executive Summary available (both in Hindi and English) and Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (Draft EIA Report) as submitted by the Project Proponent in the offices of the: (i) The Director, Department of Environment, Science & Technology, Paryavaran Bhawan, Near U. S. Club Shimla, H.P.- 171001. (ii) District Magistrate, Una, District Una, H.P. (iii) Chairman, Zila Parishad, Una, Distt. Una, H.P. (iv) District Industries Centre, Una, Distt. Una, H.P. (v) The Regional Office Chandigarh (Sub Office) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, CGO Complex, Long Wood, Shivalik Khand, Shimla-171001 HP. (vi) Regional Officer. H.P. State Pollution Control Board, Una, Distt. Una, H.P. (vii) Headquarter of the H.P. State Pollution
Control Board, "Him Parivesh" Phase-III, New Shimla-171009 during normal working hours on any working day till the Public Hearing is over. In addition to this, these documents are also available in the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Haroli, Distt. Una, H.P and also on the website of the State Board **(www.hppcb.nic.in).** Suggestions views comments and objections from local affected persons and others having plausible stakes in the environment impacts of the project will be accepted by the State Board up to **22.04.2026.**
Environmental Public Hearing related to the above-mentioned unit is proposed at **Open Shed adjacent to M/s Shree Krishna Ice and Cold Store (Katna Farm), near mining lease area, Village lower Badehra, Tehsil Haroli, Distt. Una, HP on 22.04.2026 at 11:30 A.M.**
Local affected persons and others having plausible stake in the environment impacts of the project are also invited to participate in the aforesaid Public Hearing. The traveling and incidental costs to attend the Public Hearing shall be borne by the participants themselves.

DR. PARVEEN CHANDER GUPTA
MEMBER SECRETARY
H.P. STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot

Ph: 01639-256232, 256236
Advt. No. BFU-26/07

VACANCIES

Online applications are invited w.e.f 24.03.2026 to 13.04.2026 from eligible candidates through University website i.e. www.bfuhs.ac.in for the recruitment to the posts of Professor & Assistant Professor (Pharmaceutics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology, Pharmacognosy) under Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

For Application form, fee, specialty wise detail of posts, Category wise distribution and other terms & conditions, visit University website: www.bfuhs.ac.in

DPR-PB- PR-Advt. No:- 3108/12/2025-26/9683
Sd/- REGISTRAR

earc Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore Arc)

5TH FLOOR, PLOT NO. 137, SECTOR 44, GURUGRAM – 122 002, HARYANA

(WITHOUT PREJUDICE)

ENCOREARC/RES/IDFC/VH/2526/0301 16.03.2026

M/s Vishal Hosiery (Borrower) 408 2 Islamaya Road Ludhiana,Central Post Office Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 **Also At:** House No. B-5-413 Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street, Inside Corporation Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 **Also At:** House No. B-5-408 Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street, Inside Corporation Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008	**Mr. Keshav Kumar (Co-Borrower/Guarantor)** 408 2 Islamaya Road Ludhiana,Central Post Office Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 **Also At:** House No. B-5-413 Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street, Inside Corporation Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 **Also At:** House No. B-5-408 Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street, Inside Corporation Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008
Mrs. Muskan Vishal (Co-Borrower/ Gurantor) 408 2 Islamaya Road Ludhiana,Central Post Office Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 **Also At:** House No. B-5-413 Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street, Inside Corporation Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 **Also At:** House No. B-5-408 Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street, Inside Corporation Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008	**Mrs. Sital Devi (Co-Borrower/ Guarantor)** 408 2 Islamaya Road Ludhiana,Central Post Office Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 **Also At:** House No. B-5-413 Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street, Inside Corporation Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008 **Also At:** House No. B-5-408 Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street, Inside Corporation Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Notice for Sale of Secured Asset of M/s Vishal Hosiery ("Borrower") under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules") read with Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, possession of which has been taken over under Section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") read with Rules

As you are aware that pursuant to the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd. **("Encore ARC")** has acquired the financial assistance granted to the Borrower by the IDFC Bank ("IDFC") along with all underlying securities vide Assignment Agreement dated 24.09.2025.
Prior to the acquisition of financial assistance by Encore ARC, the IDFC issued a notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act on 28.12.2024 advising you to pay the dues as mentioned therein. As you have failed & neglected to pay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice issued under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, the Authorised Officer of the IDFC took over the symbolic possession of the immovable Secured Asset on 08.07.2025. That, pursuant to the aforesaid assignment, the possession of the Secured Asset lies with the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC.
Please treat this as 30 days' notice under Rule 8(6) of the Rules. Upon expiry of the notice period of 30 days', the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC shall take steps for selling the Secured Asset as more particularly mentioned hereinbelow by way of public e-auction/private treaty or any other modes provided under the Rules.

Description of Secured Asset:

Property-1 : All that piece and parcel of House No. B-5-413, Measuring 77 Sq. yds., Situated at Abadi Hajuri Road, Sanda Street inside corporation boundary, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008.
Property-2 : All that piece and parcel of Property measuring 125 sq. yds., comprising H. No. B-5-408, Admeasuring 50 sq. yds., & B-5-408/1, Admeasuring 75 Sq. yds., situated at Wakiya Saher Ludhiana, Abadi Mohalla Sanda, inside boundary corporation, Hazuri Road, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141008.
In case of sale by way of public e-auction, the detailed terms and conditions of the sale including reserve price, earnest money deposit etc. will also be uploaded on Encore ARC's website i.e. https://www.encorearc.com and https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/ as per Rule 8 (7) of Rules, simultaneously with the publication of public e-Auction sale notice in the Form given in Appendix-IV A.
The Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available to redeem the Secured Asset by repaying the entire dues of Rs. 2,15,71,386/- (Rupees Two Crores Fifteen Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Six Only) as on 06.03.2026, from 07.03.2026 together with future interest, charges & costs thereon.
A final opportunity is being given to Borrower/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) to redeem the Secured Asset accordingly, failing which, Encore ARC in its capacity as Trustee of EARC-EOT-001-TRUST shall proceed with the sale of the aforesaid Secured Asset as per the Rules.

Yours faithfully, Mr. Sachin Kumar (Authorised Officer)
For Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited
(Acting in its capacity as the trustee of EARC-EOT-001-TRUST

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Securitization Notice under S. 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002

We, Exclusive Leasing & Finance Limited the secured creditor of Applicant & Co-Applicant mentioned in below mentioned columns, do hereby inform you all that your account has been classified as Non-performing Account (NPA) in pursuant to the defaults in making payment / repayment of principal and interest and the amount mentioned in the below mentioned columns is now due and payable by you as on the date of the notice, together with further interest thereon to Exclusive Leasing & Finance Limited. In spite of our repeated demands, you have failed and neglected to make payment / amount(s) outstanding in your account(s) and you have not discharged your liabilities.
We, therefore, issued notice under section 13(2) of Chapter III of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, demanding payment of the amounts together with further interest applicable at the contracted rates, costs, charges, other moneys to discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of the notice.

Loan Account Nos., Name of the Borrowers, 13(2) Notice details and Symbolic Possession Date	Mortgaged Property Details
1) **Mr. Harbans Singh S/o Gurmit Singh (Borrower)** 2) **Mrs. Deepak W/o Harbans Singh (Co-Borrower)** 3) **Gurbaksh Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh (Co-Borrower)** 4) **Mr. Tarsem Singh S/o Amar Singh (Guarantor)** **Addresses for Correspondence** R/o Pind Rajgarh, PO Wazidpur, Patiala, Punjab – 147001 **Loan Account Number**: LAP-256-PATL **Loan Amount** :15,40,487 **NPA Date** :06-10-2025 **13(2) Notice dated** :21-02-2026 **13(2) Notice amount** :20,05,420	**Description of Mortgaged Property** Khewat No. 39/38, Khatoni No. 42, Khasra No. 10//15/2 (6-0), 10//16/1 (4-0), Jamabandi 2017-18 Wakia Village Rajgarh Tehsil & District Patiala in the favor of Harbans Singh S/o Gurmit Singh. **Bounded on** North by : Agriculture Land 225', South by : Agriculture Land 225', East by : Street Wide 16' 82' West by : Agriculture Land 83'3"
1) **Mr. Sukhchain Singh S/o Amarjit Singh (Borrower)** 2) **Mrs. Simran Kaur W/o Sukhchain Singh (Co-Borrower)** **Addresses for Correspondence** 1. R/o Sunny Enclave Patiala Punjab – 140101 2. R/o Kanjli, Near Govt. School Dhuri, DHuri, Sangrur, Punjab- 148024 3) **Kulwinder Singh S/o Jeet Ram (Co-Borrower)** R/o Jakhlan Tehsil Dhuri Sangrur Punjab **Loan Account Number**: LAP-591-PATL **Loan Amount** :20,62,249 **NPA Date** :11-02-2026 **13(2) Notice dated** :21-02-2026 **13(2) Notice amount** :23,54,875	**Description of Mortgaged Property** Plot No 197/01 situated at village Gharoli, Sunny Enclave, Hadbast No. 43, Khasra No. 8//16,17, 18...25, Tehsil & District Patiala (sale deed no. 12968 on dated – 16-10-2024 and mutation no. 5351 as per Jamabandi year 2019-20, Bounded on As per sale deed North by : Plot No. 197, side 75 ft., South by: Plot No. 196, side 75 ft., East by: Road 40 ft. wide, side 33 ft., West by : Vacant Plot side 33
1) **Mr. Ashok Singh S/o Gurmel Singh (Borrower)** 2) **Mrs. Joginder Kaur W/o Gurmel Singh (Co-Borrower & Mortgager)** 3) **Gurmel Singh S/o Harbans Singh (Co-Borrower)** 4) **Sukhchain Singh S/o Gurmel Singh (Co-Borrower)** 5) **Mr. Paramjeet Singh S/o Balveer Singh (Guarantor)** **Addresses for Correspondence** R/o Village Chak Tibbi Tabya, Zira, Ferozpur – Punjab – 142051 **Loan Account Number**: LAP-JOH-647 **Loan Amount** :13,32,740 **NPA Date** :06-01-2026 **13(2) Notice dated** :21-02-2026 **13(2) Notice amount** :21,41,634	**Description of Mortgaged Property** "Property 1 Kanal, 4 Marla, Khewat No. 3, Khatoni No. 3 to 34 as per jamabandi in the year 2018-2019 situated in village Tibbi Tabya Tehsil Zira, Ferozepur Punjab on the name of Joginder Kaur W/o Gurmail Singh village Tibbi Tabya Tehsil Zira, Ferozepur Punjab – 142051 Sale deed No. Transfer deed No. 2023-24/119/1/114 dated – 02-05-2023 (hereinafter referred to said property) Bounded on: North by : Desha Singh (118'), South by : Bhagat Singh (45'), East by : Street, West by : Agri land (118')
1) **Mr. Santokh Singh S/o Salwinder Singh (Borrower & Mortgagaer)** 2) **Mrs. Harjeet Kaur W/o Santokh Singh (Co-Borrower)** 3) **Mr. Sukhdev Singh S/o Mehnga Singh (Guarantor)** **Addresses for Correspondence** R/o Village Bhagian, Gurdaspur Punjab – 143510 **Loan Account Number**: LAP-BAT-286 **Loan Amount** :12,86,998 **NPA Date** : 06-02-2026 **13(2) Notice dated** : 21-02-2026 **13(2) Notice amount** :20,10,948	**Description of Mortgaged Property** Marking for Registered Mortgage on property measuring 1 Kanal 2 Marla Situated at Wakia Village Nangal Buttar, Khewat No 84,Katauni No.112, HB No. 185 Kadia Batala Gurdaspur in favor of Santokh Singh S/o Salwinder Singh R/o Village Bhagian, Gurdaspur Punjab – 143518 as transfer deed No. 2022-23/151/1/13 dated 01-04-2022 in khasra no 21//1, 34//4/1/1/2/4/1/2/2, 35//1/1/2, (hereinafter referred to as "said property") Bounded on North by : Property of Savinder Singh, South by : Street, East by : Property of Gurmukh Singh, West by : Property of Sukha Singh

Now the authorized officer of Exclusive Leasing & Finance Ltd. do hereby publish the contents of the above demand notice as provided under the Rules for discharge your liabilities in full, failing which, we shall, without any further reference, be constrained to enforce the above-mentioned security created by you in our favour by exercising any or all the rights given under the said Act.
Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to Exclusive Leasing & Finance Limited against the borrower and the guarantors of the said financial under law. You are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said Act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of above secured asset, without our prior written consent.

Place : Patiala, Firozpur, Gurdaspur Date: 20.03.2026
Sd/- Exclusive Leasing & Finance Ltd., Authorized Officer

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)
Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)

APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060139940221 **M/S Randhawa Constructions Company (Borrower)**, Navjit Singh (Co-Borrower), Gurpreet Singh Randhawa (Co-Borrower), Smt.Kulbir Kaur (Co-Borrower)	**18-Sep-25 Rs. 2143901/- Rs. Twenty-One Lakh Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred One Only 11-Sep-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Transfer Deed No 2023-24/148/1/1335, Khasra No 40//7/4, 3/2, 7/2, Village- Udhowali Khurd, Tehsil- Dera Baba Nanak, Dist- Gurdaspur, Punjab **Admeasuring 574.75 Sqyd**, East: Road, West: Gali, North: Satwant Singh, South: Rattan Singh	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060125749181 **Balwinder Singh (Borrower)**, Baldev Singh (Co-Borrower)	**14-Oct-25 Rs. 703284/- Rs. Seven Lakh Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four Only 10-Oct-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Measuring 3 Marlas 4 Sarsai Bearing Khasra No 66//15/1/1, Khewat No 384 Khatauni No 450 As Per Jamabandi 2017-2018, As Per Transfer Deed Bearing Vasika No 2019-20/186/1/1255 Dated 15/10/2019, Situated At Village Dharamkot South, Teh. Dharamkot. Distt. Moga, Punjab Bounded As East- Street, West- Chiranji Lal, North- Jasmail Singh'S Land, South- Balwinder Singh'S Land **Property Measuring 3 Marlas 4 Sarsai**	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060123433524 **Shinderpal Singh (Borrower)**, Smt.Karamjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Harbans Singh (Co-Borrower)	**14-Oct-25 Rs. 347963/- Rs. Three Lakh Forty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Only 10-Oct-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property At- Being 35/2178, Khata No-131/140, Rect.No-32, Killa No-24 (8-0), Rect No-37 Killa No-4 (8-0), (Khata No-144/151), Teh- Sidhwan Bet, Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab **Property Admeasuring 0K-5M-1.28 S**, East: Rasta, West: H/O Hardeep Singh Etc, North: H/O Jaswant Singh, South: H/O Sarabjeet Kaur	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060720169722 **M/S Karnail Trunk House (Borrower)**, Karnail Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Kulwant Kaur (Co-Borrower)	**14-Oct-25 Rs. 726791/- Rs. Seven Lakh Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-One Only 10-Oct-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- KHASRA No 133/2 (0-10), Khatta No 55/149, New Khata No-97/237, Vill- Fatehgarh Saniyawali, TEHSIL-Jhunir, Dist- Mansa, Punjab **Admeasuring 10 Marla**	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060823369800 **M/S Karnail Trunk House (Borrower)**, Karnail Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Kulwant Kaur (Co-Borrower)	**14-Oct-25 Rs. 385643/- Rs. Three Lakh Eighty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Three Only 10-Oct-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kh No 133/2 0-10 Khatta No 55/149, New Khata No-97/237, Vill- Fatehgarh Saniyawali, Th- Jhunir, Dist- Mansa, Punjab **Admeasuring 10 Marla**	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060834128431 **M/S Karnail Trunk House (Borrower)**, Smt.Kulwant Kaur (Co-Borrower), Karnail Singh (Co-Borrower)	**14-Oct-25 Rs. 734318/- Rs. Seven Lakh Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Only 10-Oct-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kh No 133/2 0-10, Vill & Th Fethgarh Sahnewali, Tah.- Sadulshahar, Dist- Mansa, Punjab **Admeasuring 10 Marla**, East: PLOT OF BALJEET SINGH, West: STREET, North: Road, South: STREET	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060832047048 **Gurpreet Singh (Borrower)**, Sukhdev Singh (Co-Borrower)	**06-Nov-25 Rs. 297099/- Rs. Two Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Ninety-Nine Only 04-Nov-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated:- Transfer Deed No-4875, Kh No-248, Khewat No-390, Khatauni No-440, Vill- Amargarh Alias Kaler, Teh- Jagraon, Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 226.87 Sq.Yds**	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060126112437 **Gurpreet Singh (Borrower)**, Sukhdev Singh (Co-Borrower)	**06-Nov-25 Rs. 395329/- Rs. Three Lakh Ninety-Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Only 04-Nov-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated:- Transfer Deed No-4875, Kh No-248, Khewat No-390, Khatauni No-440, Vill- Amargarh Alias Kaler, Teh- Jagraon, Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 226.87 Square Yard**	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060139920550 **Smt.Meet Kaur (Borrower)**, Balkar Singh (Co-Borrower)	**12-Nov-25 Rs. 248922/- Rs. Two Lakh Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Only 10-Nov-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khatta No 298/790, Present Khatta No 309-801, Village- Mansa Kalan, Tehsil And Dist -Mansa, Punjab **Admeasuring 138.84 Sqyd**, East: 25' GURTEJ SINGH, West: 25' STREET 35' WIDE, North: 50' UNKNOWN, South: 25' JASWINDRA SINGH	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060142633811 **Jasjiwan Singh (Borrower)**, Satgur Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Amarjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Baldev Singh (Co-Borrower)	**12-Nov-25 Rs. 1054723/- Rs. Ten Lakh Fifty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Only 10-Nov-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khatta No 11-23, KHASRA NO. 164(0-16)(, 300(01-18), 365(0-02), 461(0-04)Village- Mendor Budhlada, Tehsil -Bareta, District-Mansa, Punjab **Admeasuring 423.5 Sqyd**, East: H/O AMARJEET KOUR, West: H/O BHOLA SINGH, North: AGRI LAND OF LADDI SINGH & H/O GURNAAM SINGH, South: STREET	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001070144500612 **Gurmukh Singh (Borrower)**, Smt.Gagan Deep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	**13-Nov-25 Rs. 1283359/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Only 10-Nov-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khasra No. 345, 347, 372, 373, 371/1, 374, Khatta No.476/557, 480/561, 477/559, 476/557, 552/632, H.B No.260, Village Lohara, The & District - Ludhiana, Punjab. **Admeasuring 55 Square Yard**, East: PLOT NO. 88, West: STREET, North: PLOT NO. 89, South: PLOT NO. 91	**16-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060145565033 **Malkit Singh (Borrower)**, Smt.Shinderpal Kaur (Co-Borrower), Jagwinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	**13-Nov-25 Rs. 745180/- Rs. Seven Lakh Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty Only 10-Nov-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khasra No-34//15/1/1 (1-10), 35//11/1/1/1 (1-0), Khewat/Khatauni No-21/36, Wakia Rakba- Jogewala, Tehsil- Talwandi Sabo, District- Bathinda, Punjab **Admeasuring 605 Sqyd**, East: STREET, West: VACANT LAND, North: KUCHA RASTA & VACANT LAND, South: H/O JOGINDER SINGH	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060131884552 **Gursewak Singh (Borrower)**, Smt.Satwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Smt.Davinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	**12-Dec-25 Rs. 675518/- Rs. Six Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Only 11-Dec-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khatta No 185-438 To 473, Reg. No. 2022-23/66/1/998 Dt. 22-8-2022 Vill- Sardule Wala, Near Gurdwara, Th- Sardulgarh, Dist- Mansa, Punjab **Admeasuring 8.33 Marla**	**17-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060128996461 **Harnek Singh (Borrower)**, Smt.Kulwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Satvir Singh (Co-Borrower)	**16-Dec-24 Rs. 344395/- Rs. Three Lac Forty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Five Only 11-Dec-24**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Comprised in Khata No 61/68, Khasra No 948 (0-3), 949 (0-3), Jamabandi Year 2018-2019, Situated at Village Bhamipura-I, Teh Jagraon, Dist-Ludhiana, Punjab.Vide Title Deed No 2020-21/20/1/1350 dated 17-09-2020. **Admeasuring 0K-4Marla**, East: Road 22'-0", West: Harnek Singh 22'-0", North: Surjit Singh 50'-0", South: Mukhtiar Singh 50'-0"	**12-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060138926700 **Mangat Singh (Borrower)**, Smt.Seeta Rani (Co-Borrower)	**16-Oct-25 Rs. 847282/- Rs. Eight Lakh Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Two Only 10-Oct-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Mutation No.11596, Vill - Guruharsahai Shamali, District - Firozpur, Punjab. **Admeasuring 02K 00MIS**, East: HOUSE OF KASHMIR, West: STREET, North: HOUSE OF MAL SINGH, South: HOUSE OF KAKKA SINGH	**18-Mar-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060131055781 **Raj Singh (Borrower)**, Smt.Krishna Rani (Co-Borrower)	**16-Oct-25 Rs. 1009254/- Rs. Ten Lakh Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Four Only 10-Oct-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Rect No 47 Killa No 8 8-0, Panje Ke Fazilka, Guru Harsahai, Distt- Fazilka, Punjab, 152024 **Admeasuring 450.38 Sqyds.**	**18-Mar-26**

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act **read with rule 8 (6), in respect of time available, i.e., 30 days from this intimation,** to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.
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Place: PUNJAB **Date: 19-Mar-2026** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

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Kandi no longer left behind: Bhagwant Mann govt takes canal water to previously unreachable heights





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Asserting that all guarantees are being fulfilled without discrimination, Punjab Water Resources and Soil and Water Conservation Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal said the Bhagwant Mann-led government is delivering on its promises across sectors. The Bhagwant Mann-led Punjab government has achieved a major irrigation breakthrough in the long-neglected Kandi belt, turning difficult terrain into cultivable opportunity.

With the 214 crore Kathgarh Lift Irrigation Scheme bringing canal water to higher altitudes for the first time, he emphasised the AAP government's pro-farmer schemes, highlighting higher water utilisation, large-scale infrastructure investment and a long-term vision linking farmer relief with economic transformation.

Marking a historic step, Punjab Water Resources and Soil and Water Conservation Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal inaugurated the Kathgarh Lift Irrigation Scheme developed at a cost of 214 crore. For the first time, canal water has been successfully lifted and delivered to higher altitude areas, ensuring assured irrigation to dry and rain-fed lands of the Kandi region.

The project will provide irrigation facilities to nearly 11,500 acres of land across 33 villages, paving the way for enhanced agricultural productivity and increased farmer income. The initiative will transform the agrarian landscape of the region by enabling farmers to cultivate better crops and improve land value.

Addressing the gathering after the inauguration, Cabinet minister Barinder Kumar Goyal stated, "The Kathgarh Lift Irrigation Scheme will serve as a milestone in extending irrigation to areas that remained deprived due to elevation challenges through the Kandi Canal and Bist Doab systems. The project will significantly reduce dependence on groundwater and bring long-term benefits to the region."

Providing details of the project, he added that it is being executed in three phases. "The first phase covering 4,000 acres in 13 villages has already been completed in February 2026 at a cost of 67 crore. The second phase, costing 107 crore, will cover 5,500 acres in 14 villages and is expected to be completed by September 2026, while the third phase with an outlay of 40 crore will extend irrigation to 2,000 acres in 6 villages. A 650 kW solar plant has also been installed to minimise electricity burden," he shared.

Highlighting the technical aspects, Barinder Kumar Goyal said that the scheme has been connected to the Bist Doab Canal with a discharge capacity of 67 cusecs and water will be lifted through pumps and supplied via an extensive pipeline network to high, low and semi-hilly agricultural fields. He added that no land acquisition was required as existing departmental land was utilised for the pump house. Emphasising the significance of the project, the minister further said, "Due to deep groundwater levels and failure of tube wells, farmers in the Kandi area were heavily dependent on rainfall, which limited crop diversification and productivity. Being a semi-hilly terrain, conventional canal systems were not feasible earlier, which also kept land prices low.

Kasauli Rhythm & Blues Festival 2026 Returns for Its 10th Edition; Tickets Now Live



CHANDIGARH : The much-loved Kasauli Rhythm & Blues Festival (KRBF), presented by 1842 Kasauli and organised by Genesis Foundation, is set to return to the scenic hills of Kasauli on April 3 and 4, 2026, at Baikunth Resort. This milestone edition marks the 10th edition of the festival and celebrates 25 years of Genesis Foundation's mission to save little hearts.First launched in 2012, KRBF was built on the belief that music can bring people together for a meaningful cause. Over the years, it has grown into one of North India's most recognised purpose-led music festivals, known for its intimate setting, soulful performances and community spirit. As KRBF enters a decade of music in the hills, it continues to demonstrate how culture and compassion can come together to create life-saving impact.More than just a celebration of music, KRBF supports medical treatment for critically ill underprivileged children suffering from Congenital Heart Defects (CHD). One hundred percent of the proceeds from the festival go towards funding surgeries and critical interventions for children from families earning ₹20,000 or less per month.Over the past 25 years, Genesis Foundation has supported the treatment of over 5400 critically ill children across India, helping them access essential heart surgeries, catheter-based procedures and post-operative care.The 2026 line-up features celebrated artists including Indian Ocean, Nirmala Kannan, Shamaji and The Happy Factory, Prince, Mansa Jimmy, Shrey Tandan, True Blue and Sanjeeta Bhattacharya. Audiences can look forward to two days of live performances spanning rock, indie, blues and contemporary Indian music, set against the breathtaking Himalayan backdrop.Rooted in Kasauli's ecological, historical and cultural heritage, 1842 Kasauli by Scapes serves as the Title Sponsor for the 2026 edition. With a development ethos centred on sustainability, thoughtful design, and project planning that builds communities and preserve the environment aligns with the festival's commitment. Sameer Mutreja, Founding Director Scapes India, 1842 Kasauli said, "Our development philosophy guides every project we undertake and after partnering with the Khushwant Singh Literary Festival, we are delighted to now support KRBF 2026 with Genesis Foundation.

realme Launches P4 Lite 5G



CHANDIGARH: realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today launched the realme P4 Lite 5G"The Smooth 7000mAh Pioneer", the segment's only 7000mAh battery smartphone. Designed for users who prioritize long-lasting battery life and smooth everyday performance, the device delivers up to 1.47 days of usage on a single charge. Built to power through daily tasks without interruption, the realme P4 Lite 5G combines exceptional endurance with a sleek design, immersive display, and reliable 5G performance. The realme P4 Lite 5G is equipped with a massive 7000mAh battery engineered to eliminate battery anxiety and support extended usage across entertainment, communication, and productivity. Whether streaming, gaming, or multitasking, users can stay connected longer without frequent charging. Complementing this long-lasting battery is a display with up to a 144Hz refresh rate, delivering ultra-smooth scrolling, fluid animations, and a responsive viewing experience across social media, gaming, and everyday smartphone usage. With 900 nitspeak brightness, the display ensures clear visibility even under bright outdoor conditions, while integrated eye-comfort features provide a more comfortable viewing experience during extended screen time. Powering the device is the MediaTek Dimensity 6300 5G chipset, built on an advanced 6nm process with an octa-core architecture, ensuring stable and efficient performance for multitasking, gaming, and streaming. To maintain consistent performance during heavy usage, the smartphone features a large 5300mm² Airflow VC cooling system that effectively manages heat and enables sustained performance over longer durations. Designed with durability in mind, the realme P4 Lite 5G features ArmorShell™ protection and has passed the MIL-STD-810H military-grade shock resistance test, making it more resilient to accidental drops.

Havan yajna held by Dhiman Brahmin Panchayat Sabha



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Today, on the auspicious occasion of the Indian New Year (Chaitra Shukla Pratipada), a grand Havan Yajna was organised by the Dhiman Brahmin Panchayat Sabha, Kurukshetra, with renewed energy, enthusiasm, and fresh resolve. On this occasion, it was highlighted that the Indian New Year commences on the *Pratipada* (first day) of the *Shukla Paksha* (waxing phase of the moon) during the month of *Chaitra*, marking the beginning of the Vikram Samvat era. This day holds immense significance in Indian culture, as it is believed to mark the very inception of the creation of the universe. Across various regions of the country, this festival is celebrated under different names, such as Gudi Padwa, Ugadi, and others. This festival symbolises new energy, fresh beginnings, and positive resolutions.

Distinguished members of society and numerous community brethren participated in this religious ceremony, offering oblations into the sacred fire (Havan) and praying for happiness, prosperity, peace, and the progress of society upon the advent of the New Year. The atmosphere throughout the programme was deeply spiritual and imbued with devotion. During the Havan, the chanting of Vedic mantras filled the surroundings, rendering the atmosphere sacred and vibrant with energy. All those present collectively conveyed a message of unity and social harmony.

On this occasion, the office-bearers of the Sabha extended their best wishes to everyone for the Indian New Year and issued a call to uphold unity within the community.The successful organisation of this program was made possible through the special contributions of all the members and collaborators.

Deputy Commissioner ispects Bar Council voting process



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Polling stations were established at the local court complexes in Thanesar, Pehowa, and Shahabad by the Punjab and Haryana High Court. At all these polling stations, advocates cast their votes for the candidates contesting the Bar Council elections. To assess the security arrangements as well as the transparency of the process, Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena inspected the polling station set up within the Thanesar court complex. He stated that the voting process in Kurukshetra concluded peacefully. Robust security arrangements had been put in place to ensure this. Present on the occasion were Election Tehsildar Sandeep Kumar, President of the Kurukshetra Bar Association Dharmendra Atri, and other dignitaries.

Amazon Fashion and Beauty make spring style discovery seamless with AI

CHANDIGARH : As the spring season sets in, Amazon Fashion and Beauty is transforming how customers discover and shop for spring-ready looks with AI-powered tools that make style exploration effortless. From conversational shopping with Rufus to visual discovery through Amazon Lens AI, customers can now mix, match and build complete looks, turning inspiration into outfit reality with just a photo or a simple question. The Spring Summer'26 collection features over 1 lakh styles from 200+ leading fashion and beauty brands across apparel, footwear, watches, luggage and beauty. Curated edits such as Summer of Love, Indie Summer, Heritage Getaway, Beach Dream, Explorer Club, and Last Resort bring together standout looks — from brunch-ready playful florals and stylized bottoms for evening getaways to fashion-forward sneakers and statement accessories — perfect for making a statement all summer long. To make exploring spring styles effortless, Amazon Fashion and Beauty offers AI-powered discovery tools that help customers mix, match and build complete looks in seconds. With Rufus, Amazon's AI shopping assistant, customers can receive curated picks and personalized recommendations across fashion and beauty categories through simple conversational queries like 'Outfits in cloud white', 'Spring brunch look under INR 3000,' or 'Best pastel co-ord sets for women. Rufus continues to get smarter, faster and more capable by tracking price history. It provides 30- to 90-day price history tracker, allowing customers to see if the price is at its lowest and helping them make smarter shopping decisions with just a click on "Price history" option on the product detail page. Or just ask, "Has this item been on sale in the past 30 days?" or "What's the price history?" and Rufus will respond with details including current price, recent highest price and recent lowest price, helping you understand if you're getting the best deal.

Bharat Vikas Parishad extends greetings on New Year Samvat 2083



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: On the auspicious occasion of the Indian New Year, Samvat 2083—a symbol of Indian culture and tradition—heartfelt greetings were extended to the residents of the region on behalf of the Bharat Vikas Parishad Charitable Trust, Kaithal, and the Bharat Vikas Parishad, Kaithal. The office bearers of the organization called upon everyone to celebrate this sacred festival with enthusiasm, zeal, and unity. The organisation's office bearers appealed to citizens to welcome the New Year by lighting lamps in their homes and to share this joy with their families and the community. They stated that the Indian New Year symbolides our rich cultural heritage and glorious traditions, conveying a message of positivity and unity within society.
They highlighted that this day holds special religious and cultural significance. It is believed that Lord Rama's coronation took place on this very day, and the nine-day festival of Navratri also commences on this date. Furthermore, the inception of various auspicious undertakings is traditionally considered to begin on this sacred day. In their message, the organisation's office bearers expressed their hope that this New Year would bring new energy, enthusiasm, happiness, and prosperity into our lives. They urged everyone to come together to honor our glorious traditions and to foster harmony within society.
The organisation's Patron Dr. Ashok Garg, President Rajkumar Mittal, Secretary Rakesh Garg, along with other distinguished office bearers—including Sanjeev Gar, Bakhshish Girdhar, Ashwani Agarwal, Satpal Bhardwaj, and Jaipal Gupta—extended their best wishes to everyone for happiness, peace, and a bright future.

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