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NEWS BRIEFS

Rupee crashes 82 paise to settle at 93.71 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee crashed 82 paise, or nearly 1 per cent, to settle at an all-time low of 93.71 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, weighed down by persistent foreign fund outflows and a steep rise in crude oil prices amid mounting geopolitical tensions.

Forex traders said the Indian rupee is under tremendous pressure as surging crude oil prices and a shift toward risk-aversion dented investor sentiments.

Moreover, heightened geopolitical uncertainty risks are driving energy costs higher, which could widen the trade deficit and stoke inflationary pressures, they added.

IRGC spokesperson killed in US-Israeli strikes

TEHRAN: Ali Mohammad Naini, spokesperson for Iran's Revolutionary Guards, was killed in early Friday US-Israeli airstrikes, the IRGC said, minutes after he was quoted outlining continued missile production despite the ongoing war.

The strike follows a series of targeted operations against Iran's top brass since the death of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on February 28. Earlier, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed the killing of Esmaeil Khatib, Iran's intelligence minister, who was involved in the crackdown on the 2022-2023 Mahsa Amini protests and operations against Israelis and Americans abroad.

This week, Iranian security chief Ali Larijani and Gholamreza Soleimani, head of the Basij paramilitary force, were also killed in Israeli airstrikes. Lawmaker Pezeshkian condemned the attacks, calling them "cowardly" and vowing that the deceased leaders' "path will continue stronger than before."

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said that the Americans and the Israelis are unable to understand that the Islamic Republic of Iran has a strong political structure with established political, economic, and social institutions, and the killing of one political figure will not make a difference to the established structure.

CJI Surya Kant recuses from hearing on EC appointments law



NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Friday recused himself from hearing a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of a 2023 law that removed the CJI from a committee responsible for appointing the chief election commissioner and the ECs to the poll panel. "I will be accused of conflict of interest. There is a conflict of interest," the CJI, who was sitting alongside Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi, said at the outset. The bench was hearing PILs challenging the validity of certain provisions of the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, on the ground that it excluded the Chief Justice of India from the selection panel responsible for appointing CEC and the ECs.

Unseasonal rains and hailstorms lash region; Orange alert issued

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 20

A powerful Western Disturbance has triggered widespread unseasonal rainfall, hailstorms, and high-velocity winds across Haryana and Punjab, leading to a dramatic shift in weather conditions reminiscent of peak winter.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an 'Orange Alert' for 19 districts in Haryana and several parts of Punjab for Friday, predicting thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds reaching speeds of 40 to 50 km/h.

The sudden downpour has raised significant concerns among the farming community regarding potential damage to standing crops during the crucial harvesting month of March.

In Haryana, the impact was most pronounced in districts such as Gurugram, Faridkot, Hisar, and Rewari, where intermittent rain and cold winds caused the mercury to plummet. Gurugram reported instances of waterlogging in several low-lying areas, while in Rewari, residents were seen braving the rain in long queues at gas agencies to secure LPG cylinders.

According to meteorological data, the state's average maximum temperature recorded a sharp decline of 5.7°C, settling nearly 6.5°C below the seasonal normal. Rohtak witnessed the most extreme fluctuation, with temperatures diving by 10.5°C to a high of just 20.7°C, alongside recording the state's highest rainfall of 5 mm.

Parallelly, Punjab and the joint capital, Chandigarh, have also been gripped by an unexpected cold wave.



In a historic weather event, Ludhiana broke a 50-year-old record as the maximum temperature fell to 20.4°C on March 19, surpassing the previous low of 20.7°C recorded in 1976. Chandigarh marked its coldest March day in two years, with temperatures hovering around 20.8°C, nearly 7 degrees below the normal range.

The sudden chill has forced residents to bring out winter clothing once again, as the regional temperature dropped by an average of 2.7°C over the last 24 hours.

Snowfall at higher reaches in Himachal

SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh witnessed one of the heaviest spells of rain and snowfall of the season, as continuous precipitation over the past two days intensified cold wave conditions across the state and adjoining north-west Himalayan regions, including Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir.

According to the Meteorological Centre Shimla, higher reaches received heavy snowfall, with Gondhla recording 21 cm, while Hansa received 25 cm, Kalpa 17 cm and Keylong 15 cm, amounting to nearly half a foot of snow at several places. Kukumseri also recorded 13.2 cm snowfall, indicating widespread snow activity in tribal and high-altitude regions.

Premium petrol price up Rs 2, industrial diesel up Rs 22

No change in regular fuel prices

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 20

The price of premium or higher-grade petrol price on Friday was increased by Rs 2 per litre while the rate of bulk diesel sold to industrial users was hiked by about Rs 22 a litre, reflecting the spike in global oil prices amid conflict in the Middle-East.

However, the price of normal petrol and diesel remains unchanged.

Premium 95-Octane petrol price in Delhi has been increased from Rs 99.89 per litre to Rs 101.89 in the national capital, industry sources said.

Alongside, bulk or industrial diesel prices were hiked from Rs 87.67 per litre to Rs 109.59 in Delhi.

International oil prices touched USD 119 per barrel on Thursday on intensifying Iran war, before pulling back to around USD 108 a barrel.

A litre of normal petrol in Delhi continues to cost Rs 94.77 while the same grade diesel comes for Rs 87.67 a litre.

Normal petrol typically has an octane rating of 91-92 and is suitable for standard engines, offering adequate performance for everyday driving. Premium petrol, on the other hand, has a higher octane rating of 95-98, making it ideal for high-performance or high-compression engines.



At a media briefing, Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, said there is no increase in prices of normal petrol and diesel.

"Some increase is reported in the premium category which hardly makes up for 2-4 per cent of the entire petrol (sold in the country)," she said. "There is no increase in price for the common man.

Pricing decisions, she said, are taken by oil companies independently as petrol and diesel pricing was deregulated in 2010 and 2014 respectively. "It (pricing) is decided by oil marketing companies. Government does not regulate petrol and diesel prices," she added. The government is closely monitoring global oil markets, but there is no immediate plan to raise retail fuel prices. Oil marketing companies are expected to absorb the current cost pressure for the time being. "Our priority is to make energy available to all consumers, which we have been doing all through the crisis. Till now we have not increased the prices," she added. Retail petrol and diesel prices have been frozen since April 2022, with fuel retailers like Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) absorbing losses when crude prices are high and making profits when rates are low.

Govt bans 300 betting and gambling platforms



NEW DELHI: In a major crackdown on illegal gambling and betting platforms, the government on Friday banned 300 websites and mobile applications.The blocked platforms include online sports betting sites, casino apps offering games like slots, roulette, and live dealer tables, as well as betting exchanges operating as peer-to-peer marketplaces. The action also targeted Satta/Matka networks and real-money card and casino gaming apps.

An official stated that around 8,400 such websites have been blocked so far, with the majority, approximately 4,900, taken down after the enactment of the Online Gaming Act.Earlier this year, in January, the Centre blocked 242 illegal betting and gambling website links as part of increased enforcement actions following the passage of the Online Gaming Act, government sources said.

They said that action taken reflected the Government's commitment to protect users especially youth, and to curb financial and social harm caused by illegal online betting and gambling platforms. President Droupadi Murmu had given her assent to The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, that was passed by Parliament in August last year.The legislation marked a strong move to shield citizens from the menace of online money games while promoting and regulating other kinds of online games.The legislation is designed to curb addiction, financial ruin and social distress caused by predatory gaming platforms that thrive on misleading promises of quick wealth, a release said, adding that it reflects the Government's resolve to safeguard families while guiding the digital economy towards safe and constructive growth.

AAP Govt's Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna guarantees Rs. 10 lakh cashless treatment without restrictions : CM Mann

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 20

Continuing his series 'Shandaar Chaar Saal Bhagwant Mann De Naal', Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Friday presented the four-year report card of the health sector, after earlier detailing the AAP Government's work in agriculture and irrigation. Drawing a sharp contrast between a "condition-ridden" Ayushman Bharat and the AAP Government's Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna, he asserted that the difference lies in intent and delivery, positioning the initiative as a model of universal, accessible healthcare.



Presenting data-driven outcomes, the Chief Minister asserted the AAP Government has moved beyond announcements to visible change on the ground, from guaranteeing 10 lakh cashless treatment without restrictions to building a system that people actively use and trust. Taking aim at the people who are spreading misinformation, the Chief Minister said those spreading canards about the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna do not want to see Punjab healthy.

Addressing a press conference, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna is a comprehensive healthcare plan for the well-being of all, and those spreading canards about this ambitious scheme don't want to see Punjab healthy."

He stated that the AAP Government has launched this scheme to ensure that all residents, especially those from weaker sections, have direct access to quality treatment. "To provide comprehensive healthcare, we have launched Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna, a first-of-its-kind scheme in the country that provides cashless medical treatment up to 10 lakh for every resident family in Punjab," he added.

Bangladesh national arrested for hoax bomb threats to schools

CHANDIGARH: The Gurugram Police have apprehended a Bangladeshi national in Gujarat for allegedly sending hoax bomb threats via email to several schools in Gurugram and other states.

The accused, identified as 30-year-old Saurabh Biswas, alias Michael, had reportedly been residing in India for the last nine years using forged identification documents. The arrest follows a detailed investigation into a series of threatening emails sent on January 28, which triggered widespread panic across educational institutions.

According to ACP (Cyber Crime) Priyanshu Diwan, the accused was tracked down to Ahmedabad, Gujarat, where he was working as a freelance digital marketer.

Investigations revealed that Biswas, originally from Bangladesh, had managed to procure fraudulent documents in the North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. While he initially worked as a laborer, his proficiency in digital marketing and graphics eventually led him into a sophisticated cyber network involving international collaborators and cryptocurrency transactions.

The technical probe uncovered that Biswas was part of a social media group where he connected with another Bangladeshi national, Mamunur Rashid.

Rashid allegedly sought a large number of Gmail accounts from the accused in exchange for payments in USDT (Tether). Biswas reportedly provided approximately 300 email IDs, one of which was utilized to dispatch the bomb threats to schools in Gurugram and across Haryana.

Bail pleas of 14 youths who held 'biryani party' on Ganga rejected



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VARANASI, MARCH 20

A local court late Thursday rejected the bail pleas of 14 suspects accused of holding 'iftar' in a boat in the Ganga and sent them to judicial custody.

The court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) IX, Amit Yadav heard the case involving an incident where the accused consumed biryani during an Iftar party in the Ganga and subsequently threw the leftovers into the river.

Concurring with the arguments presented by the counsels for both the prosecution and the plaintiff, the court has summoned the criminal history records of the accused from the police station concerned. The next hearing is due March 23.

Advocate Shashank Shekhar Tripathi stated that the court has called for the criminal antecedents of all the accused. He remarked that the accused not only committed the act of desecrating 'Mother Ganga' but also intimidated and compelled the boatmen to take them along.

When the boatmen refused, the accused did not desist; instead, they threatened them with death and took control of the boat. "Now they are weeping in court and expressing remorse.

Centre, Haryana sign MoU for Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0: CM Saini

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 20

In a significant step towards strengthening rural water infrastructure, the Government of India and the Haryana Government on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0. The MoU was signed virtually in the presence of Union Jal Shakti Minister, Sh. C.R. Patil and Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

On behalf of the Haryana Government, Commissioner and Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Sh. Mohammed Shayin signed the MoU.

The Chief Minister joined the MoU signing ceremony via video conferencing from Chandigarh. Public Health Engineering Minister, Sh. Ranbir Gangwa, Chief Secretary, Sh. Anurag Rastogi, and Deputy Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, .Sh. Yashpal also remained present on this occasion.



Describing the MoU as a crucial milestone, Chief Minister said that Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 will deepen Centre-State collaboration while expanding the mission's scope beyond water supply to include quality, sustainability, and long-term resource management. He said key components of the second phase will include, modernisation of water storage infrastructure, expansion of piped water supply to remaining households, targeted interventions in water-stressed districts such as Nuh, Palwal and Mahendragarh.

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High Court reserves verdict in Punjab ward delimitation cases; key decision expected soon: Advocate N.K. Verma

NEW CHANDIGARH (J.K. BATTA): A crucial hearing regarding matters related to ward delimitation in Punjab took place today before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, wherein over 25 petitions were listed for simultaneous hearing.



These petitions primarily challenged those ward delimitation notifications that had been issued after December 31. During the hearing, the High Court adopted a stern stance regarding the State Government's conduct and delivered a sharp rebuke. The Court explicitly remarked that, given the census notification had already been issued, what was the necessity of subsequently issuing ward delimitation notifications?

Following this strict observation by the Court, the State Government voluntarily withdrew the ward delimitation notifications issued after December 31—a list that included those pertaining to Pathankot and Fazilka. Advocate N.K. Verma stated that, following detailed arguments presented by the parties involved, the hearings for several of these petitions have concluded.

Swami Vivekananda Day observed with devotion at Ramakrishna Mission Ashram

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 20



The first day of the three-day annual celebration at Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Chandigarh, was observed as Swami Vivekananda Day with devotion and enthusiasm at the Ashram premises.

The programme began with a welcome address by the Secretary of the Ashram, Swami Bhitiharanandaji, who stated that the Ashram has been serving society since 1958 through value-based education, spiritual retreats, a mobile dispensary for nearby villages, a students' hostel and a library. He urged everyone to cultivate firmness, love and a spirit of service in their hearts in accordance with the teachings of Swami Vivekananda.The Chief Guest, Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, IAS, Chief Secretary, UT Chandigarh said that although school curricula do not always present a detailed account of Swami Vivekananda's life and work, his literature is available to all for study and inspiration. He noted that Swamiji brought the fundamental principles of Sanatana Dharma to the masses. He did not see God confined to temples but in every human being.

Chandigarh highlights power reforms, clean energy push at Bharat Electricity Summit 2026

CHANDIGARH: Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh, participated in the Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 held on March 20, 2026 at New Delhi, organized by the Ministry of Power, Government of India.



While addressing the summit, the Governor highlighted that Chandigarh Administration's progressive steps towards achieving the Vision 2047 goals, emphasizing reforms in the power sector and adoption of sustainable energy practices.It was stated that Chandigarh has successfully completed privatization of its power distribution business through a transparent competitive bidding process. This landmark reform aims to enhance operational efficiency, encourage infrastructure investment, improve consumer services, and significantly reduce Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses through professional management and adoption of modern technologies.Highlighting Chandigarh's leadership in renewable energy, the Administrator informed that a total of 103.623 MWp grid-tied solar capacity has been installed across 11,633 sites in the city as of March 2026. This includes 67 MWp rooftop solar plants at 6,606 government sites and 36.623 MWp at 5,057 private sites, installed since 2012.

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We Jarnail Singh S/O Geja Singh & Mandeep Kaur R/O Giyani Jail Singh Colony, Amargarh, Distt Malerkotla declared that our Son Pargat Singh and his wife Simranjit Kaur and Grand Son Gurnam Singh all of them out of our control, So we disown with all of them from our movable and immovable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

63372

We, Rajesh Kumar S/o Ram Kishan & Bimlesh W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o H.No.37, Guru Teg Bahadar Nagar, Khanna (Ludhiana) declare that our son Sanjeev Kumar & his wife Laxmi are out of our control & mentally harassed us. We disinherit them from our entire moveable / immovable properties. We have no relation with them, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

63372

We, Lal Singh S/o Sukh Ram R/o 2/291 Near Baba Roudi Wala Masandan Patti Banga Teh-Banga Distt. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab and 2) Veena Verma W/o Lal Singh R/o Dhar Nalag, Sunder Nagar, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh declare that we, were evicted / disown our son Karan Verma (Aadhar Card No. 7263-9894-0714) from our whole moveable and immoveable property. Now our son Karan Verma is under our control. So we, cancelled this eviction. Our son Karan Verma will be owner and claimant or our moveable and immoveable property in future. Please.

63372

I No. 15580666Y Rank NK Harjinder Singh S/o Ajmer Singh R/o Lohat Baddi (Ludhiana) my service record mother name & Dob Shinder Kaur 02-01-1968 incorrect but correct sinder Kaur 07-07-1958 vide Estamp No.IN-PB92254284682341X Dated 13-11-2025 before Raikot.

63372

I, Harjinder Kaur spouse of No 14366628X Ex Nk (TS) Harminder Singh resident of VPO-Dhudike, Tehsil- Moga, Distt-Moga (Pb), PIN- 142053 have change my name Rajinder Kaur to Harjinder Kaur and DOB from 06 Apr 1967 to 09 Feb 1966 vide Affidavit No IN-PB279502-42476947Y dated 09/03/2024.

63372

I, Matadeen Bichhwal is legally Father of No. 3017680K, Rank Sep, Name Dharmpal Bichhwal C/O 56 APO Residing at Chanwara, Post Office Chanwara, Tehsil Udaipurwati, District Jhunjhunun, Rajasthan 333053. Hereby declare that I have changed my name From Matadeen Bichhwal To Matadeen and DOB From 17/08/1955 To 01/01/1955. Due to wrongly entered in service record of my son. Both names and DOB Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

63372

I Simranjeet Kaur D/o Ramesh Kumar R/o Village Sotal,Po Bajheri,Tehsil Kharar,Distt Sas Nagar Mohali Have Changed My Name To Simranjeet (Kaur) As A Surname

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ਮੈਂ, ਸੁਦਾਗਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸਾਧੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਨੈਚੀਆਂ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਦਾ ਨਿਮਨ ਲਿਖਤ ਹਲਫ ਨਾਲ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ,ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਉਕਤ ਪਤੇ ਦਾ ਪੱਕਾ ਵਸਨੀਕ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰਾ ਆਧਾਰ ਕਾਰਡ ਨੰ 2143 2764 0024 ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਮੇਲਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਕਰਮਗੜ੍ਹ ਤਹਿ: ਵਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ।ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਉਕਤ ਲੜਕੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇ-ਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ।ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਉਕਤ ਲੜਕੀ ਨਾਲ ਜੋ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰੇਗਾ, ਖੁਦ ਜੁੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।ਮੇਰੀ ਕੋਈ ਜੁੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਕਿ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ ।

514467

I, Firdous Anjum, wife of Asif Iqbal, resident of Mohalla Ehsanpura, Maler, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla, state that my name Firdous is entered in the school certificate of my daughter Zunaira Amber and my correct name Firdous Anjum should be corrected in the school certificate of my daughter.

63372

I, Inderjit Kaur am legal dependent (Mother) of Army No. 4491355H Rank L/Hav name Amritpal Singh presently residing at Vpo. Laut Teh-Nabha Distt. Patiala (Pb) Pin-147001 declare that in my son service documents my name wrongly entered Inderjeet Kaur. But my correct name is Inderjit Kaur. So amended my name from Inderjeet Kaur to Inderjit Kaur in my son service documents.

63372

I Parminder Singh S/o Baljit Singh R/o village: Machhi jowa, P.O: Sultanpur Lodhi Tehsil: Sultanpur Lodhi , Distt: Kapurthala. I declare that My given Name is Parminder and Surname is Singh.All concerned may please note.

63372

I, Gyarsi Devi is legally Mother of No. 3017680K, Rank Sep Name Dharmpal Bichhwal of Unit , 21 Rajput C/o 56 APO Residing at Chanwara, Post Office Chanwara, Tehsil Udaipurwati, District Jhunjhunun, Rajasthan 333053. Hereby declare that I have changed my name From Gyarsi Devi To Gyarasi and DOB From 06/09/1955 To 01/01/1963. Due to wrongly entered in service record of my son. Both names and DOB Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

63372

I Nikita Sagar Khandekar Spouse of No 15631729F L/NK Khandekar Sagar Sunil R/o Village Shirol, Tehsil Shirol, District Kolhapur (MAHARASHTRA) Pin-416120. Declare that in My husband army service Record My Name Mentioned NIKITA SATISH KHOT which is incorrect My Correct Name is NIKITA SAGAR KHANDEKAR.

9000A

I, Gadga w/o Budh Ram r/o Village Bass Azam Shahpur, P.O. Bass, Tehsil Hansi, Hisar, Haryana 125042 have changed my name from Gadga to Sataywati.

989752

I Krishna is legally Mother of Unit 21 Rajput, C/O No.JC482655K, Rank Sub, Ramesh Chauhan 56 APO, Residing at H.No.188, Binjalpur, Ambala Haryana affirm and declare That I have changed my name from Krishna Devi to krishna due to variation in service document of my son. That I have change Date of Birth from 20 feb 1952 to 01 Jan 1954 due to variation in service document of my Son. That both names Krishna Devi and Krishna and both Date of Birth 20 feb 1952 and 01 Jan 1954 pertain to one and same person. Note All

989666

I. Smt. Kuldeep Kaur Wife of Shri Jeewan Singh Rank: Ex. Hav. No. 14403694A resident of House No.228. Ward No. 6, Mohalla Jattpura, Sirhind City, District Fatehgarh Sahib State Punjab PIN 140406, I have changed my name Kuldip Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur and entered my wrong DOB 10 July 1973 in my husband Jeewan Singh army Discharge Book while correct DOB is 08 March 1975.

887213

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that I, Banarsi Singh S/o Chet Ram S/o Himmat Ram resident of 150, Sector 25-B, Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib was in possession of two original sale deeds bearing Vasika No. 2020-21/24/1/1535 Dated 21-07-2020 executed by Narinder Kumar and Chander Shekhar in favour of Anchal Dhawan W/o Chander Shekhar and the original sale deed bearing Vasika No. 2021-22/24/1/544 Dated 04-06-2021 executed by Anchal Dhawan W/o Chander Shekhar in favour of Dharampal S/o Banarsi Singh. The sale deeds detailed above were previous sale deeds and are required by Bank of India, Branch Khanna for credit facilities to be obtained by Dheeraj Ghai S/o Hoshiar Chand, Mandi Gobindgarh. Both the sale deeds were lost somewhere Market, Mandi Gobindgarh on 18-03-2026. Any person/institution having any right, lien, charge or any other interests of any nature whatsoever may contact Dheeraj Ghai, Mandi Gobindgarh or Bank of India, Branch Khanna within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise it will be presumed that there is no objection to any person/institution against the said property and that the Bank shall be authorized and able to safely proceed to sanction and advance the loan/limit to Dheeraj Ghai, Mandi Gobindgarh.

Banarsi Singh S/o Chet Ram S/o Himmat Ram resident of 150, Sector 25-B, Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

63372

I, Chandra Veer Singh Baghel, son of Moti Lal Baghel, resident of Flat No. 101, Ground Floor, Block C, HIMUDA Housing Board Colony, Mandhala, Tehsil Baddi, District Solan, do hereby solemnly affirm that I have changed my name to Chandra Veer Singh son of Moti Lal In the future, I shall be known only by the name Chandra Veer Singh son of Moti Lal All concerned are requested to take note of this change.

481259

Apoorva Deepak Bhagwat w/o Lt.Col. Abhishek Abhay Karle Residing at 3/3 Abohar Military Station, Abohar Distt. Fazilka, Punjab have corrected my name from Apoorva Karle to Apoorva Deepak Bhagwat.

451256

I, Sumitra Rana w/o Bhola Singh Rana r/o # 160-B Sec-51A chandigarh 160047 have changed my name from Sumitra Rana to Soma Devi Rana and my correct DOB is 01-01-1948 (not this incorrect DOB 15-08-1947 this is wrong mention my service document)

60013

Harjinder Kumar s/o Kashmir singh r/o Vpo. Samrai Nimawala chowk tehsil Philaur distt Jalandhar have changed my name from Harjinder Kumar to Kumar Harjinder. All concerned note please.

100066

I, Sonny Sidhu S/o Pal Singh Sidhu, Village Sidham Hari Singh, Teh- Phillaur, Distt- Jalandhar, Punjab (india), Solemnly Declare That I Known By Two Names Sonny Sidhu And Santokh Singh S/o Pal Singh Sidhu. Both Names Are Same And One Person. I Recognised With Two Names.

600022

COURT NOTICE

(Publication Under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Sh. Mandeep Singh, Tehsildar-Cum-Assistant Collector 1st Grade, Goraya
Nature of Case: Partition
Village: Indna Kiaske
Khewat No: 48/48, 50/50, 51/51, 52/53
Khatoni No. 66, 67, 68, 69
Case Title: Piara Singh Vs Sarwan Singh etc.
Notice to: 1) Nirmal Singh S/o Mehanga Singh (Died through L.R) (A) Manjit Singh s/o Nirmal Singh (B) Gurmohan Singh s/o Nirmal Singh (C) Davinder Kaur d/o Nirmal Singh (D) Inderjeet Kaur d/o Nirmal Singh 2) Sarwan Singh s/o Mehanga Singh all Residents Village Vill. Phillaur Distt.Jalandhar.
Respondents.........
Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the respondents named above cannot be served in the ordinary manner, therefore, this publication is issued against the respondent, named above, to appear in this Court on 16-04-2026 at 10.00 am., either personally or through any authorised agent or pleader failure which, exparte proceeding shall be taken against them according to law.
No. 800/R, Date 17-03-2026
Assistant Collector 1st Grade,
Goraya

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I, Shally Sharma W/o Suraj Kumar R/o E-7/657, Gali No. 3, Opp. Police Station, New Ranjit Pura, Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name in my son Paras Sharma's School record from SHALLY SHARMA to SHALLY. All Concerned Note.

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I hitherto known as ARITA RANI W/o SANJU VERMA residing at House No. 461-B, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RITU VERMA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

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I Dawinderjit Singh S/o Paramjit Singh V P O Butala Teh Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar have change my name from Dawinderjit Singh to Singh Dawinderjit.

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I, Manpreet Kaur W/o Balram Singh R/o Vpo. Kulam Teh-Nawanshahr Dist. SBS Nagar, Pb, India, have changed my name from Manpreet Kaur to (surname) Kaur (given name) Manpreet.

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I, Rajpreet Kaur Buttar W/o Kuljeet Singh R/o Vpo. Saidoke Distt. Moga have changed my name to Rajpreet Kaur.

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I, Bhuvesh Kumar S/o Raghvir R/o Vpo. Mahil Gaila Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, India, have changed my name to Bhuvesh as a given name and Kumar as surname.

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COURT NOTICE

(Publication Under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Sh. Mandeep Singh, Tehsildar-Cum-Assistant Collector 1st Grade, Goraya
Nature of Case: Partition
Village: Bara Pind
Khewat No: 205/201, 772/767, 199/195, 1519/1505, 775/770, 1685/1676, 1681/1672, 204/200, 1490/1481
Khatoni No.
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Case Title: Gurnath Singh Vs Manjit Singh etc.
Notice to: 1) Manjit Singh S/o Gurdass Singh Residents Village Bara Pind Teh. Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar. 2 Balwinder Kaur w/o Ranjit Kumar Residents Village Khanora Vill. Teh. & Distt. Hoshiarpur present Address VIA PAPA GIOVANNI XXIII [illegible] 3. Ajit Singh s/o Rawal Singh 4. Sardara Singh s/o Shankar Singh 5. Surjit Kaur w/o Sardara Singh all Residents Village Bara Pind Teh. Phillaur Distt.Jalandhar.
Respondents.........
Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the respondents named above cannot be served in the ordinary manner, therefore, this publication is issued against the respondent, named above, to appear in this Court on 06-04-2026 at 10.00 am., either personally or through any authorised agent or pleader failure which, exparte proceeding shall be taken against them according to law.
No. 793/R Date 12-03-2026
Assistant Collector 1st Grade,
Goraya

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I Nitin Kumar Garg S/o Suraj Bhan R/o Lehragaga, Teh. Lehra Distt. Sangrur declare that I Nitin Kumar Garg and Nitan Kumar both names are of one and same person.

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I Sandeep Singh S/o Bhajan Singh R/o Behrampur Bet, Teh-Chamkaur Sahib (Ropar) have changed my name as Sandeep Singh Khokhar.

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I Harpreet Singh Rathour S/o Ravinder Singh R/o Sansowal Kalan, Teh-Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name as Harpreet Singh.

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I, Mamta Rani W/o Arjun Singh R/o Vill: Chak Alahi Baksh Po. Dhangerpur Distt. SBS Nagar-144515 declare that my given name is Mamta and my surname is Rani.

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I, Mamta Rani W/o Arjun Singh R/o Vill: Chak Alahi Baksh Po. Dhangerpur Distt. SBS Nagar-144515 declare that my minor daughter given name is Taranveer and my surname is Kaur.

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I, Mamta Rani W/o Arjun Singh R/o Vill: Chak Alahi Baksh Po. Dhangerpur Distt. SBS Nagar-144515 declare that my minor son given name is Fateh and my surname is Singh.

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I, Kulbinder Singh S/o Davinder Singh R/o Vill: Shahpur Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Kulbinder Singh to Kulbinder Singh Mavi.

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I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o St.No. 5 Left New Cantt Road Distt. Faridkot have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Dhandal.

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I, Ramandeep Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh Dhandal R/o St.No. 5 Left New Cantt Road Distt. Faridkot have changed my name to Ramandeep Kaur Dhandal.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Deepak Kumar S/o Megh Raj R/o Maur Mandi Distt. Bathinda do hereby Solemnly affirm & declare that I am the owner of property measuring 7 Kanal 7 Marla situated at Maur Kalan Bathinda Khasra no. 153/11 min (7-7) vide Tabdeel Malkiat no. 2022-23 71/12117 dated 23-03-2023 & dated 15-02-2022 No. 2023-24/71/1404 But its previous original sale deed no. 1595 dated 30-10-2013 were misplaced anywhere. we want to avāil additional credit facilities from Punjab National Bank Maur Mandi (Bathinda) Regarding this LR/FIR no.318 dated 17-03-2026 has also been registered at police station maur mandi in respect of loss of these sale deed. If anyone have objection regarding of said priority he/she may raise his/her objection in writing to manger Punjab National bank MCC Branch Bathinda Mobile no. 97792-91233 within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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I Gursewak Singh S/o Baljit Singh Village Chak Marhana, Po-Makhu Teh-Zira, Ferozpur have changed my name Gursewak Singh to Gursewak Singh Sandhu.

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I, Amrik Singh Sandhu S/o Amar Singh R/o Vill: Kot Sekhon Po. Barmalipur Teh-Khanna Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Amrik Singh.

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I, Nikhil S/o Bhajan R/o Vill: Gunachaur Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Nikhil to Nikhil Kumar.

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I Bishan Das S/o Balvir Ram R/o Vill-Ranewal Po. Jadla Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar-144515 Pb, declare that my given name is Bishan and my surname is Das.

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I. Balkar Singh Brar S/O Himmat Singh R/O Vpo Charik Distt Moga Have Changed My Name To Balkar Singh.

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I Avinash Kaur W/O Balvir Singh R/O Vpo.Karnana Teh. Nawanshahr Distt. Sbs Nagar Pin.144513 Have Changed My Name Avinash Kaur To Abnash Kaur.

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I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Major Singh R/o Vill: Rangian Po. Morinda Distt. Ropar have changed my name to Singh Gurpreet.

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I, Rajesh Kumar Sharma S/o Satya Nand Sharma R/o New Teacher Colony Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my minor son name from Devansh to Devansh Sharma.

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COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF Sh. Yogesh Gill
Judicial Magistrate First Class-20
Jalandhar

AMRIT MALWA CAPITAL LTD.
Vs.
DEEPAK KUMAR

COMPLAINT U/S 138 NI ACT

NACT/8638/2024
CNR No. PBJL03-034504-2024
Next Date:- 06-04-2026

NOTICE TO:
DEEPAK KUMAR
:- C/O BALWAN RAJ
R/O H.NO.186/3 INSAAR CHOK
PANIPAT HARYANA 132103

In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 06-04-2026 at 10.00 a.m.
For details logon to:
https://www.highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Jalandhar

Judicial Magistrate First Class 20
Jalandhar

Dated this day of 17-03-2026

I Rajender Kumar S/O Parkash Chand #157, St.No. 3, S.B.S Colony, Rampura Phul, Dist Bathinda, Punjab-151103 Changed My Name To Rajinder Kumar Goyal For All Future Purposes.

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I Shelly Goyal W/O Munish Goyal, St.No. 3, Word.No. 10, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony, Rampura Phul, Dist. Bathinda Punjab-151103 Changed My Name To Shelly Garg For All Future Purposes.

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I Hardeep Singh Naper S/O Amar Singh Village Gosal Tehsil :-Payal Ludhiana Have Changed Name Hardeep Singh.

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I Amrinder Singh Sidhu S/O Rajpal Singh R/O Lehra Dhurkot Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Amrinder Singh.

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I Navneet S/o Suresh Kumar R/o #398, Ward number 25, Shish Mahal Road, Gali Number 1-2-3, Malerkotla have changed my name to Navneet Gupta.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Satish Kumar S/o Sh. Jai Pal, R/o VPO Kairon, Tehsil Gharaunda, Distt Karnal, Haryana 132114, hereby inform that I resigned from the partnership firm M/s S.N. ENTERPRISES, having office at Shop No 140, New Grain Market, Gharaunda, Karnal, Haryana, with effect from 31 March, 2025.I have no association, control, or involvement in the firm's business from that date and shall not be responsible for any transactions, liabilities, tax matters (including GST), statutory compliances, borrowings, or obligations of the firm incurred after 31 March, 2025.All concerned, including the public, government authorities, banks, creditors, suppliers, and customers, are hereby informed accordingly.
Date:
Place: Gharaunda
Satish Kumar
Former Partner-M/s S.N. ENTERPRISES

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Punjab Governor extends Eid-Ul-Fitr greetings

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Governor and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria today greeted the people of Punjab and Chandigarh on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr. Shri Kataria said, I convey my heartiest greetings and best wishes on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, the festival marks the culmination of the holy month of Ramzan and brings to the fore the noble instincts in people.

I hope that this joyous occasion fosters a spirit of brotherhood, compassion, and sharing among all, zand further strengthens the pluralistic fabric of our composite society. In his message, the Governor urged the people to practice the qualities of kindness, compassion, benevolence, generosity and tolerance towards our fellow citizens by recalling the tenets of Islam which lay emphasis on peace, purity and submission and obedience to the will of God.

NEWS BRIEF

Akal University organises expert talk on cervical cancer awareness

ISHWER GARG

TALWANDI SABO: An expert talk on "Cervical Cancer" was jointly organized by the Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with the Department of Physiotherapy, Akal University, Talwandi Sabo on March 18, 2026. The offline mode lecture was held from 11:00 am onwards under the coordination of Dr. Navjot Kaur (PT) and Dr. Kamaldeep Jindal (PT). The event witnessed the participation of approximately 120 students and faculty members. The primary objective of the session was to create awareness among female students and faculty regarding cervical cancer, one of the most common, yet preventable cancers affecting women. The talk aimed to educate participants about its causes, risk factors, early symptoms, and the importance of early diagnosis. It also emphasized preventive strategies, including regular screening through Pap smear tests and the role of HPV vaccinat ion. Furthermore, the program encouraged young women to adopt healthy lifestyle practices and seek timely medical advice.

MCM hosts expert lecture on 'Making it to IAS'



CHANDIGARH: The Postgraduate Department of Economics at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organised an expert lecture on "Making it to IAS" to guide students on the preparation strategies and career prospects in the civil services. The insightful session was conducted by Mr. Raj Malhotra, Founder and Director of Raj Malhotra's IAS Study Group. Drawing upon over two decades of experience in mentoring civil services aspirants, Mr. Malhotra provided valuable insights into the preparation process for examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission and various State Public Service Commissions. He elaborated on the structure and stages of the Civil Services Examination, emphasising the need for conceptual clarity, a well-planned strategy, effective time management, and sustained consistency. Highlighting the evolving demands of the examination, he underscored the importance of analytical thinking, strong command over current affairs.

Construction of Sri Guru Ravidass Bani Adhyayan Centre to commence soon: Harpal Singh Cheema

JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, MARCH 20



Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Friday announced that construction work for the much-anticipated Sri Guru Ravidass Bani Adhyayan Centre near Dera Sachkhand Ballan in Jalandhar district will commence shortly, following the successful preparation of its official layout plan.

The announcement came during his visit to Dera Sachkhand Ballan, where he personally reviewed the proposed plan and took stock of the project's progress.Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema informed that to facilitate the project, the Punjab Government has successfully taken possession of 10.50 acres of land in the villages of Naugajja and Faridpur. He further stated that the layout plan has received formal consent from the current head of the Dera, Sant Niranjan Dass Ji, paving the way for the next phase of development. "The tendering process will be completed swiftly so that the project's construction can be formally initiated.

The facility is designed to be a comprehensive hub for learning and spiritual research. The center will feature an Administrative Block equipped with modern classrooms, a dedicated library, and specialized coaching facilities designed to accommodate up to 500 students simultaneously as they study the teachings of Guru Ravidass Ji. Furthermore, a dedicated Guru Ravidass Bani Interpretation Hall will be constructed to exhibit materials and artifacts related to the life, teachings, and philosophy of Sri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji," he stated.

Traders' Commission holds interaction with shopkeeper

SHASHI PAL JAIN
ZIRAKPUR, MARCH 20



In a continued effort to address the concerns of the trading community, the Punjab State Traders' Commission held an interaction with traders and shopkeepers at Kalgidhar Market, Baltana. The meeting witnessed active participation from local traders, public representatives, and senior administrative officials.

During the interaction, traders raised various issues affecting their businesses. Assuring prompt action, the officials reiterated that all genuine concerns would be addressed in a time-bound manner. MLA Derabassi, S. Kuljit Singh Randhawa, along with administrative officers and representatives of the District Traders' Commission, patiently heard the grievances of traders and assured necessary intervention. District Chairman of the Traders' Commission, S. Ranjit Pal Singh, Vice Chairman S. Tarlochan Singh Baidwan, and Constituency Chairman Sh. Ajay Kumar also assured the traders that the issues highlighted during the meeting would be resolved at the earliest. Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Derabassi, Sh. Amit Gupta, who chaired the interaction, stated that such engagements are aimed at strengthening trade and commerce in the state by resolving issues that hinder business operations. He added that while local issues would be addressed on priority by the district administration, matters requiring intervention at the state level would be forwarded accordingly.

Bihar foundation to observe Bihar Diwas on March 22

CHANDIGARH: The Bihar Foundation (Punjab & Chandigarh Chapter) is set to host a grand celebration on the occasion of Bihar Diwas on March 22, 2026 (Sunday) at Baba Makhan Shah Lubana Bhawan, Sector 30-A, Chandigarh. The event will be graced by H. Rajesh Prasad, IAS (Chief Secretary, Chandigarh) as the Chief Guest and Dr. Sagar Preet Hooda, IPS (DGP, Chandigarh)as the Guest of Honour. The event will be presided over by Dr. Rupesh Singh, Chairman, Bihar Foundation (Punjab & Chandigarh Chapter). The celebration will showcase the rich cultural heritage of Bihar through vibrant performances. Renowned Bhojpuri folk singer Nikhil Mahadev Jha will enthrall the audience, along with energetic folk dance performances by the Shankara Live Music Band. A special felicitation ceremony will also be held to honour outstanding individuals from the Bihari community in the city.Guests will also get to relish authentic traditional Bihari cuisine during lunch, adding a delightful culinary experience to the event.

One of the key highlights of the celebration will be the presence of traditional stalls featuring iconic Bihari delicacies and crafts such as litti-chokha, ghughni, chura, kachori, sev, boondi, laddoo, chana sattu, Madhubani paintings, Bhagalpuri silk, gaja, khaja, khurma, dal badi, papad, tilauri, khoa lai (barh), roasted makhana, and Bhagalpur Katarni chura. These stalls will offer visitors a unique opportunity to experience the authentic flavors, art, and craftsmanship of Bihar under one roof.This event aims to celebrate and promote Bihar's rich cultural legacy while bringing together people from different walks of life on a common platform of unity and pride.

Function organised to mark Guru Ravidas Jayanti

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MARCH 20



A religious function was organised at the Satguru Ravidas Mandir Bhadroa to mark the 646th birth anniversary of Guru Ravidas. The programme was organised by the Guru Ravidas Mandir Welfare Society with great devotion and enthusiasm.

The event began with the ceremonial hoisting of the Nishan Sahib, followed by devotional hymns and spiritual discourses. Swami Gurdeep Giri attended as a special guest and addressed the congregation with a discourse based on the teachings of Guru Ravidas. On his arrival, he was warmly welcomed with garlands by society president Keval Krishan and other members. Swami Giri appreciated the efforts of the society, stating that the temple had witnessed remarkable development over the past two years.

Tiny steps towards strong expression: UKG students learn use of 'Is, Am, Are' at BVM International School



BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): BVM International School organized an engaging and informative activity for UKG students aimed at making language learning both interesting and effective. The session focused on teaching the correct usage of "Is, Am, Are," introducing young learners to the basics of English grammar and helping them form proper sentences.During the session, children were taught the usage of "Is, Am, Are" through pictures, objects, and real-life situations. The classroom was filled with colorful teaching aids and activity-based methods, which encouraged students to participate actively.

HNBSS, UF distribute clothes to needy families



CHANDIGARH (SUMER GARG): On the occasion of the death anniversary (Punyatithi) of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna, the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Smriti Samiti (HNBSS), in collaboration with Ujhania Foundation (UF), organized a compassionate initiative by distributing clothes to needy families in Chandigarh. The drive aimed to support underprivileged sections of society by providing essential clothing, especially to those facing economic hardships. Volunteers and members of both organisations actively participated in the distribution, ensuring that the benefits reached those who needed them the most.

Founder of Ujhania Foundation, Parav Goyal, emphasized the importance of social service and encouraged everyone to contribute towards the welfare of society. He stated that such initiatives not only help those in need but also strengthen the spirit of humanity and compassion.

People are benefiting from Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme in large numbers: Dhaliwal



JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): Under the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme launched by the Punjab Government to provide quality health facilities to the common people, a week-long special camp was organized at Guru Ramdas Physiotherapy Centre , Ferozepur Road , Faridkot to make health cards worth up to Rs 10 lakh. This camp was inaugurated by the Chairman Nagar Sudhar Trust Faridkot S. Gagandeep Singh Dhaliwal. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman S. Gagandeep Singh Dhaliwal said that this scheme is an important step by the Punjab government for the welfare of the people. He said that this scheme has been started by adopting the message of' Sarbat de Bhale ' of the great Gurus, under which free treatment up to Rs. 10 lakh is being provided to about 65 lakh families of the state.

Sandhwan launches campaign to settle pending dues in village Fidde Kalan



JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan today launched a special campaign for the settlement of pending land transfers in the village of Fidde Kalan of the constituency. On this occasion, he said that the land cases of the people will not be kept pending and the land transfer cases will be settled immediately.Speaker S. Sandhwan said that the Punjab government is continuously making efforts to make the administrative procedures easy and transparent so that the common people do not have to face any kind of problem. He said that special teams have been formed for the speedy disposal of pending cases of mutations.He said that for the last several years, there are some mutations left, which have not been done and now the Tehsildar and Naib Tehsildar will come to the villages and work. He said that earlier about 400 mutations have been done and the remaining ones will also be completed soon.

Samridh Sharma adjudged Punjab's best boxer : Hard punch boxing club players win medals



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Players of Hard Punch Boxing Club, functioning under the District Boxing Association, brought laurels to Pathankot with an impressive performance at the 7th Sub-Junior Boys Boxing Championship held from March 18 to 20 at Maharaja Ranjit Singh School. The club's boxers secured medals in different weight categories, marking a significant achievement for the team. Samridh Sharma clinched the gold medal in the 49–52 kg weight category with an outstanding performance. He was also declared the "Best Boxer" of the tournament, bringing pride to Pathankot district. In other bouts, Aditya secured a bronze medal in the 32–35 kg weight category, while Ekam Singh Bassan also bagged a bronze medal in his respective category, contributing to the team's overall success.

Annual 49th athletic meet organized at S.L.B. Shastri Arya Mahila College

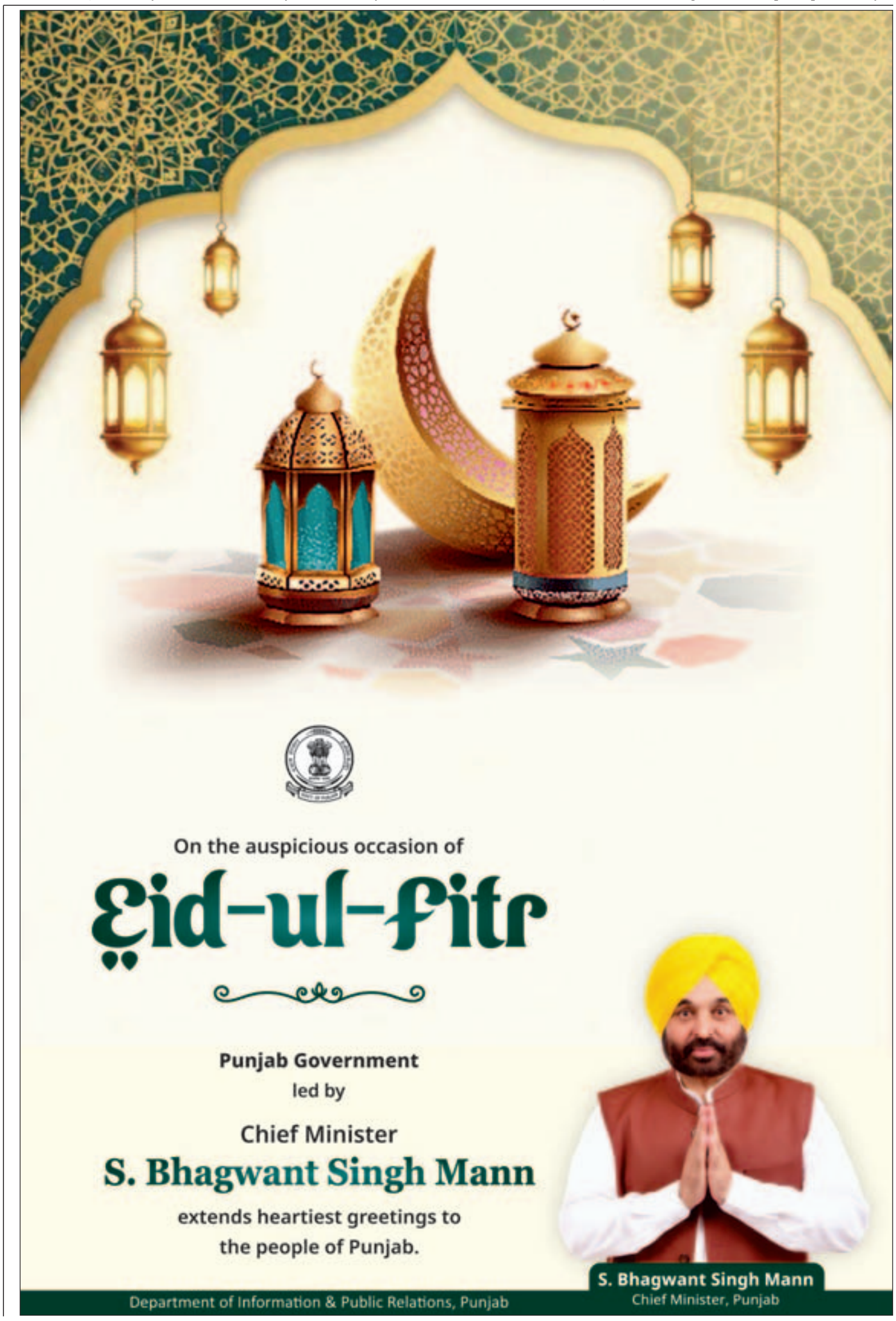
BARNALA(BALWINDER AZAD): The 49th Annual Athletic Meet was successfully organized at S.L.B. Shastri Arya Mahila College, Barnala, with the support of Maya Brindavan Souri Charitable Trust. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and staff, making it a grand success. On this occasion, Mr. Manoj Kumar Das, General Manager, Chandigarh Circle, Canara Bank, along with his wife Mrs. Sujata, graced the event as the Chief Guests.Welcoming the dignitaries, Acting Principal Dr. Sushil Bala highlighted that the institution.



Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Smriti and Ujhaniya foundation distribute clothes to needy families

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA):- On the occasion of the Punya Tithi of former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Smriti Samiti in collaboration with Ujhaniya Foundation took an initiative to distribute clothes to needy families in Chandigarh.

The aim of this campaign was to help the economically weaker sections of the society and provide them with essential clothes. Members and servants of both the organizations participated in large numbers and ensured that the help reached the real beneficiaries.



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Punjabi University hosts seminar in collaboration with fisheries dept

PATIALA (TAPINDER SINGH): The Department of Zoology and Environmental Sciences, Punjabi University, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Punjab, organized a one-day seminar on 'Recent Advances in Fish Culture.' The event saw active participation from fish farmers, researchers, faculty members, government officials, and students. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jagdeep Singh, presiding over the inaugural session, emphasized that while Punjab is an agrarian state, it is time to move beyond the traditional wheat-paddy cycle. Agricultural diversification is the need of the hour, and fisheries stand out as one of the best alternatives.



With modern technologies, we can produce high-quality, disease-free fish using minimal land and water. More farmers should adopt this to boost their income, he said. Dr. Sukhpal Singh, Chairman of the Punjab State Farmers' and Farm Workers Commission and a renowned agricultural economist, attended the valedictory function as the Chief Guest. He highlighted that the new Punjab Agriculture Policy gives special importance to fisheries due to its high profitability.

NEWS BRIEF

Khanna police recover Rs 4 lakh in cyber fraud case, arrest two



AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA : The Khanna Police have recovered Rs 4 lakh in a cyber fraud case and arrested two accused, officials said on Wednesday. According to DSP Mohit Kumar Singla, a complaint was filed by a Khanna resident who was duped of around Rs 15 lakh by fraudsters posing as officials handling a parcel detained at an airport. The victim was persuaded to transfer money in multiple transactions.Following the registration of an FIR, police arrested the accused—Arshdeep Singh and Jagtar Singh alias Jora, both residents of Beas. The recovery has been returned to the complainant, while efforts are ongoing to trace the remaining amount.Police have urged the public to remain cautious against such scams and report cyber frauds immediately on helpline number 1930.

Fishing contract finalized for Ranjit Sagar Dam Lake after four months



VERMA
SHAHPURKANDI: After a delay of nearly four months, the contract for fishing in the vast lake of the Ranjit Sagar Dam project has finally been awarded for Rs 1,03,11,407. The lake, spread over approximately 7,750 acres under the Ranjit Sagar Dam project, had its fishing contract postponed seven times. Eventually, the contract was awarded late in the evening to Mohammad Aftab, a resident of Bilaspur district in Himachal Pradesh, for a total amount of Rs 1,03,11,407. The concerned department has now initiated the formalities to complete the process. According to officials from the Hydraulic and Regulation Division of the Water Resources Department, including Executive Engineer Gagandeep Singh, the previous one-year contract for fishing in the RSD lake had concluded on November 26, 2025.

Free medical check-up camp at Barmalipur on March 21



AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA : A free medical check-up camp will be organised on March 21 at village Barmalipur, near Doraha, by the village panchayat in collaboration with Ganga Agro Wool Company.The camp will be held at the Government Primary School and Gurdwara Singh Sabha, where a team of specialist doctors from DMC Hospital will examine patients and provide medicines free of cost. Sarpanch Karamjit Singh Toor, along with Gagan Verma and former Sarpanch Inderjit Singh Toor, informed that all arrangements have been finalised. Several local members were also present during the meeting.

Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh National Marathon

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: In view of the National Marathon dedicated to the martyrdom of Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh ji, scheduled for March 22 in Mahilpur, Hoshiarpur district police have released details of alternate traffic routes to ensure public convenience.SSP Sandeep Kumar Malik provided the following information: On the day of the national marathon, all traffic heading from Swarn Farm Chowk on Chandigarh Road towards Mahilpur will be diverted via Purhiran-Mehitiana towards Phagwara. Similarly, traffic from Purhiran Bypass towards Mahilpur will be rerouted to Mehitiana-Phagwara. Traffic at the Mehitiana canal checkpoint will be diverted towards Phagwara.



Govt to pioneer AI in agriculture, CM Mann announces at Kisan Mela

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 20 (UNI)



Punjab is poised to become the first state in the country to revolutionize its agricultural sector by integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.

This landmark announcement was made by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday during the inauguration of the two-day 'Kisan Mela' (farmers' fair) and Pashu Mela (livestock fair) at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) and Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) in Ludhiana.

The event, opened alongside Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, aims to promote modern farming techniques and address critical challenges faced by the farming community.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Mann emphasized the Punjab government's serious commitment to agricultural advancement through the deployment of modern technology. "Punjab will be pioneering the use of AI to enhance farming practices," Mann stated, while also delivering a direct message to PAU scientists. He urged them to move beyond treating farmers as simple subjects of experimentation, emphasizing that the focus must be on providing practical solutions and new, effective methods. Referencing a past instance of pest infestation in cotton, the Chief Minister underscored the responsibility of the university to solve problems rather than stating they faced similar issues, asserting that adequate government funding is provided to fulfill this duty.

The Chief Minister also revealed that Punjab has secured the hosting rights for the Asian Hockey tournament. Matches will be organized in Mohali, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, and Bathinda, with the PAU grounds also slated as a venue.

Turning to environmental concerns, Mann declared that his government would not approve any industry that causes pollution in the state. In a veiled attack on the opposition, without naming the Akali Dal, the CM claimed he does not seek "shares" or commissions from any businesses, contrasting this with his perception of past political practices.

In another significant agricultural development, Mann announced that in collaboration with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the government intends to expand the land area dedicated to horticulture from the current 6 percent to 15 percent. PAU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Satveer Gosal remarked that this annual March Kisan Mela is incredibly beneficial for farmers, with a special highlight this year being the launch of a new rice variety aimed at helping farmers achieve better yields.

Three linked to mule account gang involved in routing fraud funds to Chinese nationals held

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 20



Amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police's State Cyber Crime Division has busted a gang involved in facilitating the opening and supply of Current bank accounts—commonly known as mule accounts—to cyber fraudsters for routing, layering, and settlement of defrauded funds, with the arrest of three persons, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Friday.

A mule account is a bank account used by criminals to receive, transfer, or launder illicit funds without the knowledge or sometimes with the complicity of the account holder.

Those arrested have been identified as Gurjeet Singh, Raman Rai, and Sukhdev Singh, all natives of Jalalabad in Fazilka, and were operating from a rented room at Phase 5, Mohali, under the name "Brother Traders" to arrange and supply current bank accounts for cyber fraud activities. Police teams have frozen approximately ?20 lakh in bank accounts linked to the gang, while, 23 ATM cards, two laptops, seven mobile phones, five SIM cards, forged bank/KYC documents including 14 cheque books and Udyam certificates, six stamps, and cryptocurrency worth 5100 USDT were recovered from their possession.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that during the investigation, it was found that the accused had been involved in such illicit activities for the past two years, earning approximately ?50 lakh in commission by providing mule bank accounts to cyber fraudsters. "The bank accounts were opened using forged and morphed documents and to evade scrutiny, the accused had rented a room in Mohali where they staged a fake business setup, including changing hoardings as required and keeping Ayurvedic products to create the impression of a genuine enterprise," he added. Sharing details of the operation, Special Director General of Police (Special DGP) Cyber Crime V Neeraja said that action was initiated under ongoing operations against "domestic hotspots" to prevent cybercrime.

State govt bears Rs 2042 crore in free bus travel for women: Dr. Baljit Kaur

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 20



The Cabinet Minister further informed that around 1.20 crore free bus rides are being availed by women across Punjab every month, clearly reflecting the popularity and effectiveness of this initiative.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government continues to take consistent, people-centric and impactful steps towards empowering women, bringing meaningful change in their lives.

Sharing details, Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur stated that approximately Rs 2042 crore has been spent on providing free bus travel to women from the financial year 2022–23 to 2025–26. She elaborated that Rs 495 crore was spent in 2022–23, Rs 497.50 crore in 2023–24, Rs 450 crore in 2024–25 and Rs 600 crore in 2025–26 under this scheme.

The Cabinet Minister further informed that around 1.20 crore free bus rides are being availed by women across Punjab every month, clearly reflecting the popularity and effectiveness of this initiative. She emphasized that this facility is not merely about free travel, but a transformative step that is bringing a new wave of freedom and confidence into the lives of women.

It is enabling them to access education, employment and healthcare services without financial constraints, thereby making them more self-reliant and empowered. Dr. Baljit Kaur further stated that women empowerment is the foundation of a progressive society, and the Punjab Government remains fully committed to strengthening it. She added that more impactful and welfare-oriented initiatives will continue to be undertaken in the coming times for the well-being of women.

VB nabs Junior Engineer red handed accepting bribe of Rs 14,000/-



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, MARCH 20

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing drive against corruption in the state, has apprehended Junior Engineer Lakhvir Singh posted at PSPCL office Talwandi Sabo, district Bathinda, red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs. 14,000/-. Disclosing this here today, an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above-mentioned accused has been arrested based on a complaint lodged by a resident of Talwandi Sabo district Bathinda. He said that the complainant's son hit the electric pole in the street while parking his vehicle. The vehicle was damaged and the pole was also broken. Accused Resham Singh ALM and Lakhbir Singh J.E. reached to the spot and told that your vehicle will be seized. Both accused demanded a bribe of Rs. 25000/- to settle the matter. They agreed to take a bribe of Rs. 15000/- from Rs. 25000/- on complainant's request.

In this regard, Complainant had recorded the entire conversation of demanding illegal gratification. Unwilling to pay any illegal gratification, the complainant approached the Vigilance Bureau range Bathinda. After a preliminary enquiry on his complaint, the VB team laid a trap during which the accused Junior Engineer was arrested red handed while accepting bribe money of Rs 14,000/- from the complainant in presence of two official witnesses.

7-day divine Sri Ram Katha from today at Patti Thakur Dwara



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MARCH 20

The ancient Thakur Dawara in Patti village, Hoshiarpur district, will host a 7-day Divine Sri Ram Katha from March 21 to 27 under the leadership of Present Mahant 1008 Pawan Kumar Dass Ji. Blessed by Brahmleen 1008 Mahant Shri Brahm Dass Ji and Brahmleen 1008 Shri Mahant Ram Sevak Dass and with support from the devotee community, the event will feature melodic narration by katha vyas Shri Sachin Shastri Ji from Krishna Kashi, Hoshiarpur.The katha will commence daily at 7 PM and continue until Hari ichcha (divine will), followed by aarti and prasad langar distribution.Additionally, a Sri Ramayana Navah Parayan Path will run from March 19 to 27, starting at 9 AM each morning. The poster for the entire event was released by Mahant Pawan Kumar Das Ji Maharaj on behalf of Shri Thakur Temple, Patti, and Swami Dr. Dineshwaranand Ji Maharaj, President of Akhil Bharatiya Sant Samiti, Punjab.Prominent attendees included Rakesh Kumar, Kulbhushan Sharma, Charanjeet Singh, Manish Kumar, Channi, Rani, Kamla, Nirmala, Mamta, Nirmal, Shindo, Jaswinder Kaur etc. , the saint community, and the Bansal family from Chandigarh.

Eight CU Punjab faculty members awarded ICSSR research grants worth Rs 1.07 crore



ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, MARCH 20

In a significant academic achievement, eight faculty members of the Central University of Punjab (CU Punjab), under the mentorship of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, have been recently awarded prestigious research grants by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), amounting to a total of ?1.07 crore.

The grants have been sanctioned under ICSSR's research project schemes aimed at promoting high-quality social science research addressing contemporary societal challenges.

The awardees include Dr. Renu Sharma (Department of Geography), Dr. Pritam Chand (Department of Geography), Dr. Shahila Zafar (Department of English), Dr. Bali Bahadur (Department of Sociology), Dr. Smriti Rai (Department of Law), Dr. Sukhdev Singh (Department of Library & Information Sciences), Dr. Lalhmangaihi Chhakchhuak (Department of Sociology).

Domestic LPG supply top priority; black marketing, hoarding won't be tolerated: Varjeet Walia



RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, MARCH 20

Deputy Commissioner Patiala, Varjeet Walia, today convened a meeting to review the supply of domestic and commercial LPG in the district.

Chairing the meeting with District Food & Civil Supplies Controller Dr. Ravinder Kaur, other officials and representatives of gas companies, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized that the government's foremost priority is to ensure uninterrupted supply to domestic consumers. DC made it clear that any leakage, black marketing, or hoarding will not be tolerated under any circumstances. The Deputy Commissioner also stressed that institutions and bulk consumers should be encouraged to opt for Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections, wherever feasible, to reduce dependence on LPG cylinders and ensure more efficient energy usage.

International Women's Day program organized at the railway club

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
FARIDKOT, MARCH 20



In a press release issued on Friday by the Firozpur Railway Division of Northern Railway, it was announced that an International Women's Day program was organized today at the Railway Club in Firozpur.

During the event, a detailed discussion was held regarding the remarkable work being undertaken by female railway employees across various departments of the railway.

Participants shared their respective views on the subject at hand. A street play (Nukkad Natak) based on women's empowerment was staged during the program, serving to raise awareness and inspire everyone present. Additionally, other cultural performances were presented by the female employees. In his address, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Mr. Sanjeev Kumar stated that the participation of women in Indian Railways is continuously increasing; in the Firozpur Division, the percentage of female employees stands at 6.49%, a figure that is steadily rising. Women are no longer confined merely to office environments but are now playing active roles in critical operations such as train management. He highlighted that the division's Jalandhar City station was dedicated exclusively to women for one day, during which all operations—including ticket checking, train maintenance, signaling operations, and more—were handled entirely by female employees; furthermore, a train running between Jalandhar and Firozpur was operated entirely by an all-female crew. This year, the theme for International Women's Day is "Give to Gain," which conveys a message of cooperation and empowerment.

Isherpreet Singh Sidhu emerges as strong 2027 contender: Youth leader's growing influence reshapes political equations in Fatehgarh Sahib

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MARCH 20



In a significant political development, NSUI Punjab President Isherpreet Singh Sidhu has rapidly emerged as one of the strongest congress party contenders from the Fatehgarh Sahib Assembly constituency for the upcoming 2027 Punjab elections. His rising prominence within the party and his expanding grassroots connect have positioned him as a formidable face of youth leadership in the region.

During a key meeting in Delhi, Sidhu briefed Bhupesh Baghel, the Incharge of Punjab Congress affairs, on the ongoing NSUI activities across Punjab, particularly in Fatehgarh Sahib. The interaction is being viewed as an important step in strengthening youth participation and revitalizing the party's organizational structure at the constituency level. For several years, Isherpreet Singh Sidhu has remained consistently active—politically and socially—across Fatehgarh Sahib. His sustained outreach efforts, student-oriented initiatives, and engagement with local communities have strengthened his rapport with voters, especially the youth. What has surprised many senior observers is Sidhu's ability to reconnect with party veterans, former office-bearers, and workers who had distanced themselves from the party in recent years. His efforts have played a pivotal role in bringing several disgruntled leaders back into the Congress fold.

Kindergarten Graduation Day celebrated at Mount Litera Zee School Rampura

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MARCH 20



Graduation is a time to celebrate new beginnings and say goodbye to everything that has given you a reason to smile. Kindergarten graduation is an exciting milestone for pre-primary children as it is their first step towards a future full of hopes and possibilities.

To celebrate progress and development, Mount Litera Zee School Rampura celebrated Graduation Day with a host of stage activities reflecting the students' year-long education. To bless the students and encourage them to become good learners, the school president Gagan Bansal, general secretary Namita Bansal and principal Geeta Pillay graced the occasion with their presence. The program began with the lighting of the lamp. This was followed by the graduation song performed by the kindergarten students. Then came the most important part of the celebration, when the students of each section of Senior KG walked on stage for their KG convocation and gave information about themselves and their dreams. The children narrated their feelings in such a beautiful and charming way that everyone was captivated. At the end of the program, the little Punjabis and Punjabinas of Senior KG performed a Punjabi dance. It was truly a happy and memorable day for the little children as they received their graduation certificates from our dignitaries.

Graduation ceremony held at Garden Valley International School



MACHHIWARA SAHIB (DEEPAK KUMAR): A graduation ceremony was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Garden Valley International School, where students participated with excitement and joy. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by a series of cultural performances presented by the students.

Members of the school management committee attended the and extended their best wishes to the students for a bright future. The ceremony was specially organised for children transitioning from kindergarten to Class 1, marking the beginning of a new academic journey for them.

School Principal Dr Harpreet Kaur and Headmistress Harjeet Kaur congratulated the students for their efforts and achievements. Parents were also present in large numbers, sharing in the of their children. To make the event more engaging, various entertaining games were organised for the students, in which they participated with great enthusiasm.

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Dy CM to lay foundation stones of Rs. 60 crore road and sports projects in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri will lay the foundation stones of key road and sports infrastructure projects worth around Rs. 60 crore during his one-day visit to the Haroli Vidhan Sabha constituency on March 22. According to an official spokesperson, Agnihotri will at 5:30 pm lay the foundation stone for the upgradation of the road from Jaijon Morh to Tahliwal Chowk via Bhai Ka Morh. The project, estimated at approximately Rs. 50 crore, aims to strengthen road connectivity in the region. Later, at 6:30 pm, he will lay the foundation stone for a synthetic athletics track at Roda, to be constructed at a cost of around Rs. 10 crore. Officials said that these projects will significantly improve road infrastructure and sports facilities, benefiting residents and youth of Una district and nearby areas.

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Deputy CM Mukesh Agnihotri to visit Solan distt on Mar 22



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri will be on a tour of Nalagarh and Doon subdivisions in Solan district on March 22. According to information shared by APRO Kulbhushan Kumar, the Deputy CM will preside over the state-level World Water Day-2026 function at Hanuman Chowk in Baddi at 10 am. Later in the day, at 2:30 pm, he will lay the foundation stone of the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) complex at Peer Sthan in Nalagarh. At 3:30 pm, Agnihotri will also lay the foundation stone for tube wells at Malpur in the Nalagarh assembly constituency.

CM Sukhu invites investment in Tourism, Food Processing and IT Sectors

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 20



While presiding over the CII Himachal Pradesh Annual Conference themed "Building a Future-Ready Himachal Pradesh for a Better Tomorrow: Harnessing Local Strengths for Global Competitiveness" in Shimla late evening on Thursday, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu invited industry leaders to invest in the tourism, food processing and Information Technology sectors. He said that the present State Government is actively promoting green industries, keeping in view the State's unique geographical and environmental conditions. He further said that the Government would provide all possible support and necessary facilities to industries, and that investment in the tourism and hospitality sectors is being actively encouraged. The government also plans to invest Rs. 3,000 crore in tourism in the coming times, he added. He said that heliports are being constructed at district headquarters and prominent tourist places of the State and added that heli-taxi services have already been introduced, with plans underway to expand this facility. Additionally, the expansion of the Kangra airport is in progress. The Chief Minister assured that any form of harassment of industrialists would not be tolerated and their grievances could be brought directly to his notice. He further stated that a Bulk Drug Park is being developed at Haroli in Una district, where incentives are being offered to investors. Emphasizing improvements in the single-window system, he said that all clearances for industries should be provided at one place and the Industries Department should actively facilitate investors. Sh. Sukhu said that most industries in the state are located along the borders with neighbouring States and added that the Government is focusing on developing better infrastructure in these areas. He said that underground utility ducts, on the lines of Shimla, would be developed in Baddi, and efforts are being made to address power load issues in industrial areas.

MoU inked for JJM 2.0 between centre and Himachal Pradesh



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 20

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0 was signed between the Government of India and the Government of Himachal Pradesh in New Delhi today. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri joined the event virtually from Shimla, while Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil also attended the event virtually. On behalf of the State, Secretary Jal Shakti Vibhag Dr. Abhishek Jain was present, while Joint Secretary Swati Nayak signed the MoU on behalf of the Government of India. JJM 2.0 will be implemented up to December 2028 with an enhanced outlay and restructured framework, focusing on structural reforms in the rural drinking water supply sector. At present, priority is being given to all single village schemes (SVS), including those for which States and Union Territories have already incurred advance expenditure.

Shuttles soar, spirits shine: Nalwari Fair 2026 Badminton tournament delivers electrifying sporting showcase

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 20



The State-Level Nalwari Fair 2026 witnessed an exhilarating display of skill, stamina, and sportsmanship as the badminton tournament concluded on a high note, captivating spectators with thrilling matches across multiple categories. The courts came alive with intense rallies and roaring applause, reflecting the growing passion for sports in the region.

In the fiercely contested Open Singles category, Mohit showcased exceptional finesse and determination to clinch the championship title, while Vansh put up a commendable fight to secure the runner-up position. The Open Doubles event saw Rahul and Arjun emerge victorious with remarkable coordination and strategy, outplaying Mohit and Prince, who finished as runners-up. Young talent shone brightly in the Under-19 Doubles category, where Ridham and Vansh delivered a stellar performance to claim the top spot, with Harshit and Dishant finishing close behind. The tournament also celebrated sporting excellence across age groups, as Kapil and Manoj triumphed in the 90+ Doubles category, while Manoj and Pawan secured victory in the 80+ segment. In the 70+ Doubles category, Kapil and Rahul emerged champions, highlighting the enduring spirit of sportsmanship. Adding prestige to the occasion, Assistant Commissioner Raj Kumar honored the winners and applauded all participants for their enthusiasm and dedication. He emphasized that such vibrant sporting events not only inspire youth participation but also strengthen the culture of fitness and discipline.

Kalpa, Keylong record half feet snowfall, cold wave tightens grip across region

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SHIMLA, MAR 20



Himachal Pradesh witnessed one of the heaviest spells of rain and snowfall of the season, as continuous precipitation over the past two days intensified cold wave conditions across the state and adjoining north-west Himalayan regions, including Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir. According to the Meteorological Centre Shimla, higher reaches received heavy snowfall, with Gondhla recording 21 cm, while Hansa received 25 cm, Kalpa 17 cm and Keylong 15 cm, amounting to nearly half a foot of snow at several places. Kukumseri also recorded 13.2 cm snowfall, indicating widespread snow activity in tribal and high-altitude regions. The intense weather system also brought incessant rainfall across mid and lower hills. Manali recorded the highest rainfall at 57 mm, followed by Palampur 49.2 mm, Seobagh 39 mm, Jogindernagar 38 mm, and Sarahan 30.5 mm. Several other stations, including Kasauli, Slapper and Sandhole, also recorded around 30 mm rainfall, making it one of the wettest spells of the season.

The prolonged wet spell has significantly pulled down temperatures across the state. Kalpa recorded the lowest minimum temperature at zero drgrees remainiwhile Shimla recorded 6.6 degrees, about two degrees below normal. Other key stations included Dharamshala 9.2 degrees, Solan 10 degrees, Sundernagar 11.5 degrees, Bhuntar 8.5 degrees, Una 12.7 degrees, Nahan 9.5 degrees and Kangra 12.6 degrees. Among tourist destinations, Manali recorded 3 degrees, while tribal areas continued to reel under cold conditions with near-freezing temperatures.

AAP to hold key organisational meet in Mandi, Manish Sisodia to outline strategy



ANIL KUMAR
MANDI: The Aam Aadmi Party is set to hold a major organisational workers' conference on March 22 at Vyas Sadan in Mandi as part of its efforts to strengthen its base in Himachal Pradesh. Former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister and party leader Manish Sisodia will attend the meeting and interact directly with party workers and office-bearers from across the state. His presence is expected to lend strategic direction to the party's expansion plans and upcoming electoral preparations. Party leader Dr Sumit Punyal said the conference is significant for strengthening the organisation at the grassroots level and charting out future strategies. He added that key decisions taken during the meeting will play a crucial role in shaping the party's functioning and direction in the state. Leaders and workers from district and Vidhan Sabha levels are expected to participate in the conference. Discussions will focus on organisational expansion, increasing active membership, strengthening public outreach campaigns and consolidating the party's presence at the booth level. Sisodia is also expected to review the organisational structure in detail and provide clear guidelines to workers regarding future political strategy.

Livelihood training for economic empowerment of senior citizens



SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARMASHALA: The government is continuously striving to economically empower the elderly. In line with this objective, and under the National Action Plan, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated a 7-day livelihood training workshop at the hall of the Kalibari Temple, located in Ghuggar, Palampur. The aim of this workshop is to make senior citizens economically self-reliant—and to bolster their self-esteem—by integrating them into small-scale and cottage industries. During this seven-day workshop, senior citizens will receive practical training in the production of various household products. The program was inaugurated by Ramesh Kumar, the Joint Commissioner of the Palampur Municipal Corporation. Speaking as the Chief Guest, Joint Commissioner Ramesh Kumar stated that the elderly are a source of honor for us. He noted that workshops of this nature are beneficial in making them economically capable and in strengthening their sense of self-worth.

Akhilesh Kapoor nominated to ICAR Committee of Central Potato Research Institute Shimla

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU, MAR 20



BJP leader and State Spokesperson Akhilesh Kapoor has been entrusted with a significant responsibility within the Institute Management Committee (IMC) of the Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Shimla, following his nomination as a non-official member of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. He has been inducted into the management committee as a non-governmental member. As soon as news of this appointment emerged, an atmosphere of enthusiasm and jubilation was witnessed among the state's farmers, horticulturists, and party workers. This appointment of Akhilesh Kapoor—who has been actively associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party for nearly 35 years—is regarded as a testament to his extensive experience, strong organizational capabilities, and unwavering dedication to the farming community. During his tenure as the State General Secretary of the "Kisan Morcha" (Farmers' Wing), he not only vociferously championed the issues faced by farmers but also played a pivotal role in ensuring that the Central Government's schemes reached the grassroots level. Now, under this new mandate, he is poised to serve as a crucial link in conveying the concerns of the state's horticulturists to the Centre, while simultaneously advocating for the farmers' voice within the policy frameworks of research institutions with even greater efficacy. He has previously rendered his services as a member of the State Horticulture Committee and as a Nominated Director at the Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation (HRTC). His strategic role as the Election Coordinator alongside MP Kangana Ranaut in the Mandi parliamentary constituency has also been particularly noteworthy.

Anurag Thakur makes surprise visit to Jwalamukhi library, interacts with students

ANIL KUMAR
JWALAMUKHI, MAR 20



Former Union Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Singh Thakur visited Jwalamukhi and Baglamukhi temples on the first day of Navratri and later made a surprise visit to a local library, where students were preparing for competitive examinations. After offering prayers and seeking prosperity for the nation and the state, Thakur reached the library, where a large number of students were studying. His unexpected visit initially surprised the students, but soon created a sense of excitement among them. He quietly observed the study environment and then interacted with the students, asking about their preparation, academic progress and future plans. He emphasised that consistent hard work, discipline and dedication to one's goals are essential for success. His encouraging words motivated the students, who expressed gratitude for his visit and guidance. Dehra BJP district vice-president Dr Sukrit Sagar was also present on the occasion. Thakur extended his best wishes to the students for their competitive exams and wished them success in their future endeavours.

Nalwari Fair theatre night wins hearts with humor and powerful performances

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 20



A spectacular blend of humor, emotion, and artistic brilliance lit up the second evening of the theatre festival at the state-level Nalwari Fair, drawing huge applause and an overwhelming response from the audience. The grand cultural night witnessed two strikingly different yet equally engaging plays—"Ek Ladki, Paanch Deewane" and "Zahar"—beautifully capturing the essence of entertainment and meaningful theatre in one powerful showcase.

Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Superintendent of Police Sandeep Dhawan and Additional Deputy Commissioner Om Kant Thakur marked their presence, adding prestige to the cultural evening.

The audience was left in roaring laughter with "Ek Ladki, Paanch Deewane," brilliantly presented by Udaan Theatre Group, Bilaspur. Directed by Abhishek Dogra, the play creatively portrayed the amusing attempts of five young men, each with a unique style, trying to win over a young woman. The lively performances by Naveen Soni, Abhishek Soni, Anubhav, Ishan Gautam, Parul Chauhan, Milap Sharma, Dakshi, Naksh, and Nikhil, complemented by Dheeraj Sharma's engaging musical arrangements, made it a memorable experience.

Adding depth and contrast to the evening, the intense play "Zahar," directed by seasoned theatre artist Sanjay Sood, captivated the audience with its gripping narrative and powerful performances by Sanjay Sood and Nishant Raghu.

10 students from Diamond International Public School Patta clear JNV entrance exam



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: Students of Diamond International Public School, Patta, have delivered an outstanding performance in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) entrance examination for the academic session 2026–27, with 10 students securing selection. School principal Sheetla Devi informed that the selected students include Shanvi Sharma, Poorvi, Aryaveer Singh Thakur, Arshit, Navdeep, Aarav Thakur, Divyansh Thakur, Ayush Sharma, Sahil Changra and Ayaan Ranaut. Expressing happiness over the achievement, the principal said that usually two to three students from the school qualify for JNV each year, but this year's result has exceeded expectations. She added that the selected students are not only academically strong but also actively participate in co-curricular activities. The school management and principal congratulated the students on their success and wished them a bright future.

E-TENDERING NOTICE

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest money	Time Limit	Cost of form	Start and Last date for uploading the tender through e-tendering
1	Providing Lift Water Supply Scheme for Shunta & Other Multi Villages Rural Piped Water Supply Scheme for the part of Block Bhattiyat in Distt. Chamba H.P.) (Sub Head:- Operation and Maintenance W.S.S. for One Year.)	Rs4172366/-	Rs.8344T/-	12 Month	Rs. 2000/-	From 18-03-2026 at 9.00 A.M. to 25-03-2026 at 5.00 PM
2	Providing L.W.S.S. to PC habitation of C/V Dhar, Janoli,Nagali, Nhuin, Bagdhar, Buroh, Khuin, Dhalog, Estimated Bannu, Bassa Kaniyarka Phatti and Ulwi in Bagdhar, Nagali, Dhalog, Sudli and Momu in Tehsil Dalhousie Distt. Chamba) (SH:- Operation and Maintenance of Scheme for 5 years.)	Rs.8314452/-	Rs.166289/-	60 Months	Rs. 2000/-	

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BJP leader expresses anger over recovery of bovine remained

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Senior BJP leader Sumer Chand Muradgarh has expressed strong indignation regarding incidents involving discovery of bovine remains in Indri region. Terming such occurrences as highly condemnable, he stated that



these acts hurt sentiments of community and could potentially create atmosphere of unrest in area. Seeking action, Sumer Chand Muradgarh urged that those responsible for killing cattle be arrested as soon as possible and subjected to strictest possible legal action in order to prevent similar incidents from recurring in future.He emphasized that administration must take this matter seriously, take immediate concrete steps and ensure that culprits are brought within ambit of law and handed down severe punishment.

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Voter List Update: Eligible citizens asked to apply at Amb Municipal Council by Mar 28

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: According to the latest notification from the State Election Commission, those who turn 18 by April 1, 2026, are being given the opportunity to vote in the upcoming elections. Harsh Gupta, Secretary of the Amb Municipal Council, stated that young people who have turned 18 by April 1, 2026, can apply to have their names registered in the voter list. Additionally, any voter belonging to the Amb Municipal Council can apply to have their names removed from the voter list for voters who have passed away, married, or otherwise moved to another location. Interested citizens can submit their applications through the prescribed forms at the Amb Municipal Council office. Gupta urged citizens to submit any such applications by March 28, 2026.

Govt proposes 'orphan cess' on petrol, diesel to fund welfare schemes

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SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh government has proposed an 'Orphan and Widow Cess' on petrol and high-speed diesel to generate dedicated funds for social welfare schemes. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, who also holds the finance portfolio, introduced the 'Himachal Pradesh Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026' to amend the existing VAT framework and establish a sustainable funding mechanism for the welfare of orphans and widows. The Chief Minister said the initiative aims to provide financial assistance and strengthen welfare schemes for economically weaker orphans and widows. He emphasized that a stable revenue stream is necessary for the effective implementation of such programmes. The Bill proposes inserting a new Section 6-A into the Act, formally defining the cess within the state's taxation structure. Under this provision, an Orphan and Widow Cess of up to Rs 5 per litre would be levied on petrol and high-speed diesel at the point of first sale in the state. To minimise the burden on consumers, the cess would be imposed in a calibrated manner, with the exact rate to be notified separately.

Sanjeev Arora inaugurates development projects worth Rs 1.74 crore to boost infra and encourage sports

SHARMA
LUDHIANA, MAR 20



In a major boost to the infrastructure and encouraging sports among youth, Cabinet Minister for Local Government, Industries & Commerce, Power and Investment Promotion, Sanjeev Arora inaugurated different development projects worth around Rs 1.74 crore in the city on Friday. The projects inaugurated on Friday included a multi-purpose sports park near Children Day (backside civil hospital) established at a cost of around Rs 91 lakh; redeveloped Vishwakarma Park on Jaimal Singh road at a cost of around Rs 38 lakh and laying of sewer lines in SAS Nagar backside Dholewal military complex at a cost of around Rs 45 lakh. Cabinet Minister Arora stated that the multi-purpose sports park has been established by transforming the site which was lying in ruins for decades and used as a garbage dumping site. Four grounds have been established in the sports park including a cricket ground (box cricket), Pickleball, Volleyball and Basketball. The sports park has been established at a cost of around Rs 91 lakh. Quality sports infrastructure has now been established at the site which will develop the culture of sports among youth and push them away from the menace of drugs. The sports facility would be available free of cost for the residents. While inaugurating the sports park, Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora also played sports with youngsters. Later, Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora inaugurated the redeveloped Vishwakarma park on Jaimal Singh road (on Gill road). Badminton and Basketball courts have also been established in the park to promote sports and healthy living. The park has been redeveloped at a cost of around Rs 38 lakh. Further, Cabinet Minister Arora launched the project to lay sewer lines in Sahibjada Ajit Singh (SAS) Nagar situated at the backside of Dholewal military complex. The project is being taken up at a cost of around Rs 45 lakh. MLA Ashok Prashar Pappi, MLA Kulwant Singh Sidhu, Mayor Principal Inderjit Kaur, Senior Deputy Mayor Rakesh Prashar, Deputy Mayor Prince Johar, MC Commissioner Dr Neeru Katyal Gupta, Joint Commissioner Vineet Kumar, ADC Manjeet Singh Cheema, Joint Commissioner Amanpreet Singh, Joint Commissioner Deepjot Kaur, Zonal Commissioner Gurpal Singh, councillor Simranpreet Kaur, Surinder Kaur Manna, Sohan Singh Goga, Kapil Sonu among others were present during the inauguration ceremonies.

Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi meets Amit Shah, raises border farmers, health and law-and-order issues in Punjab



TAPINDER SINGH
FEROZEPUR, MAR 20

Raising the problems of farmers in border areas prominently, BJP National Executive Member Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi met Union Home Minister Amit Shah. During this, he strongly demanded that the farmers be given permanent rights to their lands and be compensated for crop damage. Dr. Sodhi told the Home Minister that farmers in border areas have been struggling for the ownership of their land for years. He said that thousands of acres of crops are destroyed in situations like floods and wars, but due to keeping the lands in the "raw" category, the farmers do not even get compensation. He demanded that farmers be given permanent ownership rights of lands and their rights over fenced lands should be ensured so that there is no hindrance in agriculture. He also said that during the previous governments, the Girdawari of lands was also affected, due to which the farmers had to face many administrative problems. Appealing to resolve this issue on priority basis, he said that it is very important to strengthen the economic condition of farmers. Along with this, Rana Sodhi also raised an important issue regarding health services.

Pay royalty or lose river water: Sukhbir Badal's stern warning to Rajasthan

MEHARJOT SINGH
SHAHKOT, MAR 20



Shiromani Akali Dal President Sukhbir Singh Badal on Friday strongly articulated his party's stance on river waters, the prevailing political climate, and the plight of potato growers during the Punjab Bachao Rally held at Shahkot. The rally was organized under the supervision of Jalandhar (Rural) district president and constituency in-charge, Bachitar Singh Kohar. Addressing the gathering, Badal stated that over the past decade, the people of Punjab have witnessed the "destruction" caused by the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). He claimed a growing realization among the state's populace—from children to the elderly—that only the SAD, as Punjab's native regional party, is capable of safeguarding the state's interests. He cited the massive turnouts at his ongoing rallies as indicative of a palpable desire for change. Reacting sharply to the Rajasthan Chief Minister's assertion that there is no legal provision to pay the ?1.44 lakh crore royalty bill for river waters, Badal emphatically declared that the waters of Punjab's rivers belong exclusively to Punjab. He reiterated the SAD's commitment to ensuring that "not a single drop" of water flows out of the state unjustifiably. Badal reminded that it was during the tenure of former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal that a resolution was passed in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha demanding royalty for river waters.

Bharat Vikas Parishad Kaithal celebrates Hindu New Year Vikram Samvat 2083 with great pomp



SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: The Bharat Vikas Parishad Kaithal branch celebrated the Hindu New Year, VikramSamvat 2083, with great pomp on Friday. On this occasion, 70 council members praised Goddess Durga, and women recited the Durga Saptashati. Council Secretary Satpal Bhardwaj spoke about the day and wished all members a Happy Hindu New Year. Branch Patron Dr. Ashok Garg spoke in detail about the Hindu New Year, noting that it is celebrated in memory of our ancestors, who have taught us our culture and traditions. Branch President Ashwini Agarwal thanked all the members who attended and said that Bharat Vikas Parishadwas an organization that works for the development of society and the country. The council's members work in various fields, such as education, health, culture and the environment. The council's goal is to bring together all sections of society to contribute to the country's development. On the occasion of New Year, pure ghee pudding was distributed and the Council President Ashwini Agarwal, Secretary Satpal Bhardwaj, Program Coordinator Bakhshish Girdhar and other members together gave greeting cards to Kaithal DC Mrs. Aparajita, IAS, SP Mrs. Upasana, IPS and other officers on Hindu New Year.

Complete Swachh Bharat works within deadline: ADC Una



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Additional Deputy Commissioner Mahendra Pal Gurjar on Friday directed officials to complete all development works being carried out under the Swachh Bharat Mission within the stipulated time frame while ensuring quality execution. He said negligence in the implementation of government schemes will not be tolerated and regular monitoring of works must be ensured.

He issued the directions while chairing a review meeting held to assess the progress of various development schemes being implemented under the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA). During the meeting, the progress of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) was reviewed in detail. Officials of the concerned departments presented updates regarding the status of ongoing works.

The ADC said that most of the targets approved for the financial year 2025–26 under the Swachh Bharat Mission have nearly been achieved and directed officials to complete the remaining works by March 31, 2026.

YS Public School shines in IEO Olympiad, 15 students win Gold Medals

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, MAR 20



Continuing its tradition of academic excellence, YS Public School, ranked among the Top 50 Schools of India, has once again achieved outstanding success in the Olympiad examinations conducted by the Science Olympiad Foundation. Students from Classes 3rd to 11th participated enthusiastically in the International English Olympiad (IEO) and showcased remarkable talent and confidence. In a proud achievement for the school, a total of 15 students secured Gold Medals in the prestigious examination. The accomplishment highlights the school's strong academic atmosphere, dedicated teachers, and the consistent hard work of its students. The Olympiad also helped enhance students' English proficiency, comprehension skills, and overall confidence. Expressing his happiness, Principal Mohit Jindal congratulated the students and staff and said that the achievement reflects the dedication and perseverance of the students along with the continuous support of teachers and parents. He added that the school remains committed to nurturing young minds and encouraging them to excel at national and international platforms. The school management also congratulated all the winners and participants and wished them success in their future endeavors.

RBU hosts an expert session on disaster preparedness

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MAR 20



The University School of Physiotherapy & Radiology at Rayat Bahra University organised a skill-based training programme on "Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, and Emergency Response" at the Mini Auditorium. The initiative aimed to enhance safety awareness and equip participants with essential knowledge of disaster management and emergency handling in academic and healthcare settings. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Chancellor S. Gurvinder Singh Bahra, Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar, and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Satish Kumar, who continue to promote academic excellence and professional development. Prof. (Dr.) Lalit Kumar Gupta, Dean of the University School of Physiotherapy & Radiology, chaired the session and played a key role in its successful organisation. The training session was delivered by Vipin Kenthal, former Chief Fire Officer and Acting Director/HOD, Delhi Fire Service, and a two-time recipient of the President's Fire Service Medal. He provided a comprehensive overview of disaster preparedness strategies, fire safety protocols and emergency response mechanisms, drawing on his extensive professional experience. The programme witnessed active participation from faculty members, students and staff of the university. Attendees gained practical insights into risk assessment, fire prevention techniques and emergency response planning, which are essential for ensuring safety in academic and healthcare settings.

NIRC Hisar to hold seminar on Bank Branch Audit on Mar 22



MAHENDER GOYAL

HISAR: The Hisar branch of the Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) will organise a seminar on bank branch audit on March 22 at Chaudhary Ranbir Singh Auditorium of Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, officials said on Friday. The seminar, dedicated to Chartered Accountants and CA students, will be held from 10 am to 5 pm and will focus on detailed discussion on bank branch audit and related procedures. CA Lokesh Gupta and CA Sanjeev Siwach will be the main speakers at the event.

NIRC Hisar Branch Chairman CA Ajay Goyal said the seminar will include multiple technical sessions to provide in-depth understanding of bank branch audit. He said CA Lokesh Gupta will speak on bank audit, while CA Sanjeev Siwach will deliver a detailed session on audit of agriculture advances. Vice-Chairman CA Vishesh Bhardwaj, Secretary CA Rajesh Sihag, Treasurer CA Sunil Godara, NIRCASA Chairman CA Prateek Arya, former chairman CA Aman Bansal, executive member CA Mukul Mittal and ex-officio member CA Ratan Singh Yadav will also be present.

Goyal said the NIRC Hisar branch remains committed to guiding Chartered Accountants and students by organising seminars, workshops and awareness programmes from time to time to enhance professional knowledge and skills.

HP adds 100 MW Solar capacity in two yrs ; targets 209 MW next Fiscal

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SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh has registered a steady push in the renewable energy sector, adding nearly 100 MW of solar power capacity over the last two year, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu informed the State Assembly on Friday. Responding to a question raised by Jhanduta MLA Jeet Ram Katwal, the Chief Minister said the government is expanding its renewable portfolio alongside its traditional hydropower strength, with the state already harnessing around 13,000 MW of combined hydro and solar potential. The Chief Minister said that solar capacity reached 188 MW in 2024–25 and is projected to rise to 209 MW in 2025–26, indicating a clear upward trajectory in the sector. "If private or institutional players come forward with projects ranging from 2 MW to 100 MW, the government is open to considering them," he added. Highlighting efforts to diversify energy sources, Sukhu said the state has signed an agreement with an Iceland-based company and is also in talks with the Army for exploring wind energy generation. Replying in a lighter vein to the nature of the query, the Chief Minister remarked that "Babu-type questions get Babu-style replies," indicating that detailed technical data would be furnished as per procedural format. He also pointed out that power generation saw a dip after damage to the Larji hydropower project, underlining the vulnerability of infrastructure to natural factors. However, the state is working to stabilise output and expand capacity through new solar initiatives, including early projects such as the Pekhuwala solar plant.

Indira Gandhi Mahila Mahavidyalaya students shine in Kurukshetra University B.Sc 5th Sem result

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, MAR 20



Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra declared the result of B.Sc. (Physical Science) 5th semester on March 17, 2026. The students of Indira Gandhi P.G. Mahila Mahavidyalaya Kaithal delivered an excellent performance, bringing laurels to the institution. Providing further details, the College Principal Dr. Arti Garg stated that, according to the results, students Shabnam and Shweta secured a perfect SGPA of 10.00 and jointly achieved the first position in the college. Samita secured the second position with 9.80 SGPA. Shivani, Anchal Devi, and Anjali secured the third position jointly with 9.60 SGPA. In addition, 14 students of the college scored between 9 and 9.40 SGPA. A total of 20 students achieved above 9 SGPA, marking an outstanding academic accomplishment. On this remarkable result, the President of the Governing Body, Ram Bahadur Khurania, congratulated the students and said that this achievement is the result of the hard work of the students and the guidance of the teachers. On this occasion, Jagdish Bahadur Khurania (President, I.G.M.M.V. Samiti), Naresh Kumar (Joint Secretary, I.G.M.M.V. Samiti), Narendra Milglani (General Secretary, Governing Body), Somprakash Mangal (Management Member), and Ms. Shweta Tanwar (In-charge Principal, Evening Session) was present and congratulated all the successful students. In the end, the college family extended their best wishes to all the successful students for a bright future.

Leadership conference on RRB reforms held at Haryana Gramin Bank Head Office, Rohtak

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK, MAR 20



A one-day leadership conference was organized on thursday, at the Head Office of Haryana Gramin Bank in Rohtak under the theme "Advancing Reforms in Regional Rural Banks for the Next Generation." The conference witnessed participation from all 11 Regional Offices along with Head Office teams. The main objective of the session was to align the Bank's leadership with the next-generation reform agenda for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), as discussed in recent high-level meetings held on March 11, 2026 (DFS-IBA Conference) and March 17, 2026 at National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mumbai. During the conference, detailed discussions were held on the changing reform landscape of RRBs and the development of the EASE framework. Senior officials shared strategic directions related to digital transformation, business growth, governance improvement, and achieving targets for the financial year 2026–27. Special emphasis was laid on technology adoption, financial inclusion, and strengthening customer-centric banking services. The conference reflected the Bank's commitment to building a future-ready, digitally empowered, and growth-oriented institution in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, reaffirming that Haryana Gramin Bank is fully prepared to implement upcoming reforms with clarity, confidence, and dedication.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Beware of cyber fraud under guise of LPG cylinder booking: SP

DALBIR SINGH MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Cyber fraudsters are constantly adopting new methods to commit fraud. Whether it is a joyous occasion, a time of disaster, or a festive season, cyber scammers do not hesitate to cast their nets to deceive people. Currently, such cyber fraudsters are attempting to commit fraud under pretext of LPG gas cylinder bookings; therefore, we need to remain cautious and vigilant.Through an advisory, Kurukshetra Police has appealed to general public to remain alert regarding cyber fraud committed in name of LPG gas bookings. SP Nitish Agarwal stated that cyber criminals are targeting people by exploiting their concerns regarding gas cylinder shortages or by luring them with promises of expedited delivery. These fraudsters are deceiving people and extorting money from them through fake websites, links, and text messages. Advisory noted that cyber criminals attract people by sending messages such as "Fast LPG Booking" or "Immediate Cylinder Delivery." Upon clicking links provided in these messages, users are redirected to a fraudulent website that appears identical to a genuine gas agency's portal. Subsequently, an advance payment is requested under guise of booking the cylinder.

Fatehabad ranks number one in state in resolving complaints

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 20



Fatehabad district has secured the top position in the state for the prompt, transparent, and effective resolution of complaints received during Samadhan camps. Principal Secretary, Labour Department, Sh. Rajeev Ranjan, while reviewing the Samadhan Cell during a meeting on Friday, appreciated the efficient administrative work of the Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Vivek Bharti, and the district administration and congratulated them on this achievement.

During the video conference review, the Principal Secretary said that the Fatehabad district administration is taking complaints received at Samadhan camps seriously and ensuring their timely resolution, which is an example and a model for other districts to follow. He mentioned that no complaints from 2024 are pending on the Samadhan Cell portal in the district, reflecting the administration's commitment and efficiency. He also directed the prompt resolution of all pending cases.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Vivek Bharti, during the meeting said that this achievement is a result of team spirit, which is enabling the district to deliver public services effectively. He directed that complaints received at the Samadhan camps should be resolved as a priority, and all pending complaints of the year 2025 must be resolved within the next 15 days, and a report be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner's office.

Deputy Commissioner. Dr Vivek Bharti also said that detailed reports, including the reasons, be submitted within two days for complaints rejected, to ensure transparency and accountability in the process. He also directed officers to prioritise resolving complaints registered on the SMGT portal, CPGRAMS, and the CM Window.

Road Safety is shared responsibility; everyone must adhere to traffic rules: Justice Lalit Batra



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, MARCH 20

Justice Lalit Batra, Chairman of the Haryana Human Rights Commission, stated that road safety is a shared responsibility. We must all step forward and strictly adhere to traffic rules to prevent road accidents. Road safety is of paramount importance for human life; therefore, no negligence should be tolerated at any level in this regard. Furthermore, there is a deep and intrinsic connection between road safety and human rights. Lalit Batra was addressing a seminar on the subject of "Road Safety and Human Rights" as the Chief Guest on Friday at the Ashok Leyland Driving Training Institute located in the village of Padla. He commenced the program by lighting the ceremonial lamp. He remarked that when we speak of human rights, the most fundamental and essential right is the right to life and personal safety. Every individual on the road—whether a driver, a pedestrian, a cyclist, or a passenger—has the right to reach their destination safely.

Unsafe traffic conditions pose a direct threat to this fundamental human right. Since road accidents are predominantly caused by negligence and a lack of safety measures, they constitute a violation of human rights—specifically, the right to life. An accident does not merely impact a single individual but devastates the entire family, causing a loss that can never be compensated for throughout a lifetime; therefore, road safety must be recognised and treated as a shared responsibility. He further emphasised the necessity of ensuring safe infrastructure and the rigorous enforcement of traffic laws. Institutions such as driver training centers play a pivotal role in fostering awareness and cultivating responsible driving behavior. Citizens must strictly abide by traffic regulations and demonstrate respect for the safety of others. From a human rights perspective, road safety encompasses several critical elements; it involves various facets such as designated road markings, visibility mechanisms, pedestrian safety, driver awareness, and timely emergency assistance. In this regard, the Haryana Human Rights Commission has also recognized the paramount importance of road safety.

The Commission stated that an inquiry into a specific complaint revealed that a citizen's right to the safe use of roads constitutes an integral component of the Right to Life and the Freedom of Movement.

Sanatan Vedic New Year belongs to all humanity, not any one community: Subhash Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI, MAR 20

A grand hawan yagya was organised at the grain market in Tarawadi under the inspiration of Geeta Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj, as part of celebrations marking the beginning of the Sanatan Vedic New Year. The event was conducted by Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti, with participation from committee members and local traders.



The programme commenced at sunrise with ritualistic abhishek, followed by Vedic chants, shankh dhwani, and prayers for universal well-being. The entire grain market resonated with Vedic mantras and conch sounds as traders and social workers collectively took part in the ceremony.

On the occasion, Samiti president Subhash Gupta said that Chaitra Shukla Pratipada, according to the Vedic calendar, marks the first day of the New Year and signifies not merely a change of calendar but the awakening of nature, culture, and consciousness. He said the day also marks the beginning of Vikram Samvat, an ancient and prestigious system of timekeeping established by Emperor Vikramaditya.

Gupta emphasised that the Sanatan Vedic New Year is not confined to any caste, class, country, or sect, but belongs to all humanity. He described it as a geographical festival rooted in nature and cultural harmony, symbolising new energy, creation, and positive beginnings. He added that, according to belief, creation of the universe began on this day when Lord Brahma initiated the process of creation. The festival, he said, is not only a symbol of religious faith but also an opportunity for self-reflection and self-improvement.

Market Committee Tarawadi vice-chairman Rajeev Narang said that Chaitra Navratri is a festival dedicated to the worship of Shakti and conveys the message that every new day brings an opportunity for a fresh beginning. He added that the New Year inspires people to adopt positive changes and take new resolutions in life.

Cross-voting row intensifies political heat in Haryana, Subhash Chandra targets Congress

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 20

The controversy over cross-voting in the Haryana Rajya Sabha election has further intensified, with Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana Vice-Chairman Subhash Chandra launching a sharp attack on the Congress and questioning its organisational functioning.



Chandra said that instead of targeting its MLAs, the Congress should fix accountability of its agents and observers involved in the voting process. He argued that in a sensitive election like the Rajya Sabha polls, voting takes place under strict supervision, and if MLAs were casting votes after showing them to agents and observers, responsibility cannot be placed solely on legislators.

His remarks come in contrast to the Congress leadership's stance, which has indicated disciplinary action against MLAs accused of cross-voting. Chandra termed such an approach "incomplete" and said it ignores the role of the party's internal monitoring mechanism.

Rejecting allegations of horse-trading levelled against the BJP, he described them as a political narrative. He said MLAs have the right to vote based on their conscience and political understanding, adding that those who chose to support BJP-backed candidate Satish Nandal did so accordingly.

Chandra also raised concerns over the cancellation of four votes, calling it a serious issue. He said if technical errors occurred during voting, the responsibility lies with the party's training and supervision system. Issuing show-cause notices to MLAs alone, he added, appears to be an "easy way out" rather than addressing the root cause. Political observers believe that cross-voting in such elections often reflects internal dissent, factionalism and organisational weaknesses within parties. The episode, coupled with the invalidation of votes, has highlighted gaps in coordination and procedural understanding within the Congress.

Leaders pay tribute to Prem Kaur Kalyan, condole demise



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A large number of political leaders and dignitaries paid tribute to Prem Kaur Kalyan, mother of Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan, at Kalyan Farm in Kutel, and expressed condolences to the bereaved family.

Among those who visited to offer their respects were Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's wife Suman Saini, Haryana ministers Shruti Choudhry and Aarti Rao, Rajya Sabha MP Subhash Barala, MLAs Jagmohan Anand, Mool Chand Sharma, Nirmal Singh, Maman Khan, Devender Hans, and Vinesh Phogat, along with former minister Captain Abhimanyu.

Chief Minister's political secretary Tarun Bhandari, BJP district president Praveen Lathar, chairperson Megha Bhandari, former MLAs Kaliram Patwari, Tuda Ram, Sumita Singh, and Nagender Bhadana, as well as former JJP president Nishan Singh, were also present. Several other political leaders, officials, and prominent citizens joined in paying their respects.

Prem Kaur Kalyan had passed away on the night of March 13.

Gurmat samagam to be held at Gurdwara Dera Kar Sewa on Guru Amar Das Ji's Gurugaddi Diwas

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A Gurmat Samagam dedicated to the Gurugaddi Diwas of Sri Guru Amar Das Ji and the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib and other martyrs will be organised on March 21 at Gurdwara Dera Kar Sewa, Kalandar Gate, Karnal. Sharing details, Guru Nanak Sewak Jatha president Ratan Singh Saggu said the programme will be held from 6:30 pm to 11 pm under the supervision of Baba Sukha Singh Kar Sewa Wale. Renowned ragi jathas, dhadi groups and kathavachaks will participate and spiritually enlighten the sangat.



Among the □□□□ participants will be Singh Sahib Giani Rajdeep Singh, Head Granthi of Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar, Bhai Simarpreet Singh, Hazoori Ragi of Sri Darbar Sahib, and Bhai Amarjeet Singh from Patiala, who will present kirtan and discourse. The Guru Nanak Sewak Jatha from Gurdwara Manji Sahib will also perform kirtan. Saggu informed that for the past 15 years, the jatha has been running Shri Guru Nanak Dev Charitable Homeopathic Dispensary at Gurdwara Manji Sahib, where patients are treated daily from 10 am to 1 pm with a nominal registration fee of □20 and are provided free medicines. He added that the organisation also supports underprivileged children by providing school fees, books and other essentials. He said that Dasmesh Akhara, Stree Satsang Sabha and Nimana Sewak Jatha are □□□□ in organising the event. An uninterrupted langar will also be served for the devotees.

Student dialogue on 'Viksit Bharat' held at BMU Rohtak, youth urged to take active role in nation-building

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK, MAR 20



The Department of Law at Baba Mastnath University organised a student dialogue on the theme "Viksit Bharat: Our Dream, Our Responsibility" under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), encouraging students to actively participate in nation-building.

The programme was held under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr) B.M. Yadav and Registrar Dr Vinod Kumar, with the objective of connecting students to the process of nation-building while strengthening their awareness of cultural roots.

The event was coordinated by Dr Ritu and organised by Dr Parmila, who emphasised that active participation of youth is essential for building a developed India and will form the foundation of a brighter future.

During the session, Dr Atul Kumar from the Department of Humanities highlighted that along with technological advancement, preservation of moral values is equally important for India to achieve a leading position globally.

Students participated enthusiastically in the dialogue, sharing their perspectives on the concept of "Viksit Bharat" and discussing the role of education, legal systems and social responsibilities. The interactive format added depth and engagement to the programme.

Dean of the department Dr Manish Dalal expressed satisfaction over the successful , stating that the university aims not only to impart academic knowledge but also to instil discipline and ethical values among students.

Student coordinators Harsh Saini, Shravan Bhardwaj, Ritesh Yadav and Nitesh Yadav played a key role in organising the event. Faculty members including Dr Seema Devi, Dr Neha, Dr Viniti, Dr Sonia, Dr Harvinder, Dr Annu and Dr Akash Deep were also present and appreciated the students' efforts.

Teachings of Lord Ram's maryada are meant for all humanity, says Ashok Pandey



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

NILOKHERI: The Shri Ram Katha Mahotsav began at Shri Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Neelnagar, on the occasion of Ram Navami, with renowned storyteller Dr Ashok Pandey from Ayodhya delivering the discourse on the opening day. While narrating the story of Lord Ram, he said that worship is not of an individual but of one's character, and it is the conduct of a person that is truly revered.

Pandey said that whether one believes in Lord Ram or not, imbibing even a few aspects of his disciplined life can make life meaningful. He emphasised that Lord Ram, a symbol of dharma, established values and maryada that are not limited to Hindus or Sanatan Dharma alone, but are relevant to all humanity.

He further stated that attending satsang, Shri Ram Katha, or Shrimad Bhagwat is not merely about listening, but about understanding and adopting life lessons from these teachings. True benefit, he said, comes when these principles are internalised in daily life. Presiding over the event, Shiv Nath Kapoor informed that the Ram Katha will be held daily from 4 pm to 6 pm till March 26, and will conclude with a grand bhandara on the final day. Among those present were Shiv Nath Kapoor, Pandit Jagdish Acharya, Nikhil Malik, Virender Anand, Deenanath Juneja, Ashwani Sharma, Bholanath Kapoor, Kamal Arora, Praveen Anand, and Vaibhav Mehra.

Colorful conclusion of 11th Ratnavali Youth 'Saang' festival at DAV College

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, MARCH 20

The 11th Ratnavali Youth 'Saang' festival, held at DAV College, Sadhaura—courtesy of the Department of Youth and Cultural Affairs, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra—concluded on its fourth day with a performance by the team from Arya PG College, Panipat. The team in-charge, Naresh Kumar, stated that the theme of their 'Saang' (folk play) performance was 'Jaimal Fattata'. The student participants in the team included Vinay, Ankit, Sagar, Gulshan, Kartik, Aryan, Rahul, and Rustam. Additionally, Shripal and Sajid played the harmonium, Dharamvir played the Dholak, and Balwan played the Nagara. The Chief Guest for the festival's closing ceremony, Dr. Kushal Pal Singh—Principal of IGN College, Ladwa (Kurukshetra)—congratulated the college staff and students on the successful organisation of the 'Saang' festival and also encouraged the participating students.



The festival's Convener was Dr. Chhatrapal Singh, and the Organizing Secretary was Dr. Yogesh Singh Mohan.Dr. Chhatrapal Singh explained that during this four-day event, performances were presented by teams from RKSD College (Kaithal) on the first day, SD PG College (Panipat) on the second day, the University Teaching Department (UTD) of Kurukshetra University on the third day, and Arya PG College (Panipat) on the final day. Principal Dr. Tejvir Singh expressed his gratitude to the Chief Guest, Dr. Kushal Pal Singh, and the Guest of Honor, Anil Sandhu, for taking time out of their busy schedules to encourage the students. While congratulating the college's Cultural Committee on the event, he emphasized the importance of continuing to organise such events in the future to promote Haryanvi culture.

First demonetisation, now gas shortage has forced people back into queues: Devender Singh

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Congress Urban District President Devender Singh has launched a scathing attack on the government regarding the rising gas prices and shortages in the state. He stated that, currently, the common people are grappling with a gas crisis, yet the government is failing to take any concrete measures to address the situation. Urban District President Devender Singh remarked that the condition of the state is deteriorating day by day. On one hand, gas prices are witnessing a continuous upward trend, while on the other, the availability of gas is also being severely impacted. This is having a direct effect on the kitchens of common citizens, leaving the public distressed. He alleged that the government is solely focused on garnering applause, while absolutely nothing is being accomplished in the name of development at the grassroots level. He pointed out that the condition of roads in both urban and rural areas is abysmal. Broken roads scattered across various locations have become a source of constant trouble for the public, yet the administration and the government remain unwilling to pay any heed to the matter. The fundamental issues facing the public are being completely ignored. Citing the example of demonetization, Devender Singh noted that during that period, people were forced to stand in queues for hours; now, the gas shortage has once again compelled people to queue up. He asserted that this situation is deeply concerning and serves as a clear indication of the government's policy failures. He demanded that the government immediately streamline the gas supply and bring prices under control to provide relief to the common people. Furthermore, he issued a warning that if this issue is not resolved promptly, the Congress party will take to the streets to stage protests.



Probe demanded into illegal appointments and scam in PACS

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, MARCH 20

To investigate allegations of illegal appointments and embezzlement within the PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Society) at Ismailpur, former Directors and a former Deputy Chairman of the committee have demanded an inquiry from the PACS General Manager and the Chief Minister of Haryana. In the submitted complaint, former Deputy Chairman of the committee Praveen Kumar, former Director Deshraj, members Subhash Kumar, Ramesh Chand, Narendra Singh, former Director Jai Singh Saini, Sarpanch of Lakad Surendra Kumar, and others stated that embezzlement amounting to crores of rupees has occurred at PACS Ismailpur, and this matter warrants a thorough investigation. If an inquiry is conducted in strict accordance with the rules, the actual scale of the embezzlement could prove to be significantly larger. Furthermore, despite a government ban on such activities, new appointments have been made within the committee in blatant disregard of official government orders.

Funds have also been misappropriated by securing loans against the Fixed Deposits (FDs) held by numerous PACS members. The complaint further alleges that the manager, instead of renting out the tractors and other agricultural implements owned by the PACS—which are intended for rental purposes—has utilized them on his own private fields without depositing any rental revenue into the PACS accounts, thereby causing a loss of revenue to the society. They further asserted that one or two employees of the Central Cooperative Bank are also in collusion with the manager, a matter that requires investigation. Additionally, the complaint alleges that copies of the Fixed Deposit certificates belonging to many PACS members have been torn up; the reasons behind this act serve as evidence of corruption. The complaint also accuses the PACS manager of keeping official PACS records at his private residence—another fact cited as evidence of corrupt practices.



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Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

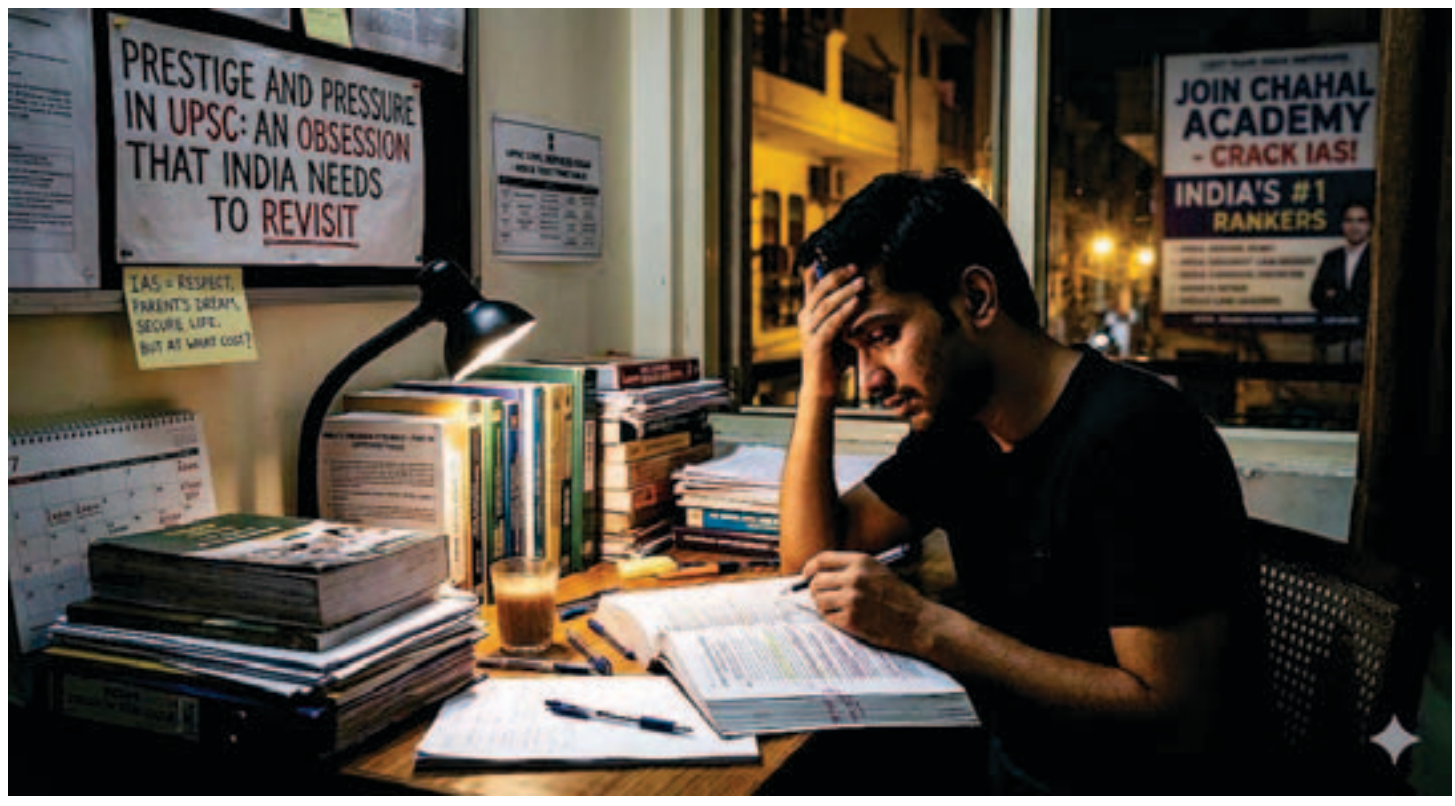
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EDITORIAL

Qatar LNG output capacity reduced by 17% for 5 years after missile hit

Missile attacks on Qatar's Ras Laffan Industrial City have significantly disrupted global energy supplies, reducing the country's liquefied natural gas (LNG) export capacity by 17 per cent and raising concerns for import-dependent nations like India.In an official statement, QatarEnergy said the strikes, which occurred on March 18 and early March 19, 2026, caused extensive damage to key production facilities and are expected to result in an estimated loss of USD 20 billion in annual revenue.The company added that repairs could take up to five years, forcing it to declare long-term force majeure on some LNG contracts.Providing an update, Minister of State for Energy Affairs and QatarEnergy President and CEO Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi said "The missile attacks reduced Qatar's LNG export capacity by 17 per cent and caused an estimated loss of USD 20 billion in annual revenue- Extensive damage to our production facilities will take up to five years to repair and will compel us to declare long-term force majeure"The disruption has raised concerns for India, which relies heavily on Qatar for its energy needs. Official data from the Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC) and the Ministry of Commerce shows that Qatar accounts for nearly half of India's LNG imports.In 2024, India imported about 27.8 million metric tonnes (MMT) of LNG, with Qatar supplying 11.30 MMT worth USD 6.40 billion, representing nearly 47 per cent of total LNG imports. Official 2025-26 data from the Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC) and the Ministry of Commerce also confirmed that Qatar remains India's primary gas supplierThe ongoing disruption is expected to increase vulnerability for India's energy imports amid rising geopolitical tensions, as reduced supply from its largest supplier could impact availability and pricing in the domestic market.As per official statement by Qatar, the attacks damaged two liquefied natural gas (LNG) producing Trains 4 and 6 totaling 12.8 million tons per annum (MTPA) of production, representing approximately 17 per cent of Qatar's exports. Train 4 is a joint venture between QatarEnergy (66 per cent) and ExxonMobil (34 per cent), and Train 6 is a joint venture between QatarEnergy (70 per cent) and ExxonMobil (30 per cent).Minister Al-Kaabi said: "The damage sustained by the LNG facilities will take between three to five years to repair. The impact is on China, South Korea, Italy and Belgium. This means that we will be compelled to declare force majeure for up to five years on some long-term LNG contracts."The attacks also targeted the Pearl GTL (Gas-to-Liquids) facility, a production sharing agreement operated by Shell, that converts natural gas into high-quality cleaner burning drop-in fuels and produces base oils used to make premium engine oils and lubricants, and paraffins and waxes."The damage caused to one of the two trains at Pearl GTL is being assessed and is expected to be offline for a minimum of one year" Minister Al-Kaabi added.

Prestige and Pressure in UPSC : An obsession that India needs to revisit



The recent declaration of the UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2025 final results on 6 March has once again triggered a nationwide media frenzy over the "toppers' journeys". Social media erupts with motivational taglines, videos, and memes celebrating their success and struggles.

Families and communities distribute sweets, treating the achievement as a collective social triumph rather than a personal one. Toppers' stories are portrayed with the grandeur of Olympic medal wins or major sporting accomplishments yet these successes, if truly achievements in a broader sense, remain deeply personal and have limited tangible social impact.

Without delving into precise numbers, the 2025 results selected 948 candidates from a pool of roughly 10 lakh applicants. The civil services have become synonymous with prestige in India, often overshadowing other vital professions. Building on that critique, the 2025 results provide a fresh lens to examine the over-glorification of both the exam and the services it feeds into.

This is not to diminish the hard work of the selected candidates. Rather, it challenges the dominant societal narrative: UPSC toppers are frequently portrayed as demigods. Media profiles dissect their "strategies" from daily routines to book lists as if cracking the exam unlocks the secrets of life itself.

This narrative ignores the significant role of randomness and privilege embedded in the process. Many toppers, such as those with medical or engineering backgrounds emerge from stable, privileged educational ecosystems. The exam inherently favours candidates with access to quality coaching, strong English proficiency, and the financial and temporal resources for multiple attempts. For average aspirants from rural areas or economically weaker sections, the odds remain heavily stacked against them.

The 2025 results tell the same familiar story, yet the relentless emphasis on "inspirational" narratives glosses over these systemic barriers. We celebrate the rare exceptions while millions of aspirants burn out in isolation, grappling with severe mental health crises. Reports from coaching hubs like Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar consistently highlight alarming rates of depression and suicide. Yet the glorification machine rolls on unabated.

The examination structure itself perpetuates a built-in hierarchical system that undervalues true talent, efficiency, and domain expertise. A candidate who scores a mere fraction of a mark higher than others is elevated to a position of superiority that lasts for decades. This hierarchy often overrides humanity, knowledge, and practical skills: a person with minimal understanding of a domain can issue commands to those with far superior expertise.

Even more troubling is the service allocation process, which largely disregards competency and relies instead on accidental performance in a single exam cycle. This not only harms the lives of those who will be governed but also discourages genuine future governance talent.

The 2025 batch will enter a system where debates on lateral entry and reforms continue, yet core issues such as accountability, innovation, and performance remain unaddressed. Over-glorification breeds unrealistic expectations: new recruits anticipate a hero's welcomes, only to confront the daily grind of paperwork, political pressures, and frequent transfers. This mismatch fosters cynicism and inefficiency.

The economic costs are equally stark. Lakhs of young people devote their prime years to UPSC preparation, forgoing skill development in high-growth fields such as AI, sustainability, or entrepreneurship. India's demographic dividend risks becoming a liability when talent is funneled into a single, hyper- competitive exam that selects barely 0.1 per cent of applicants. The 2025 results underscore this skew: many toppers hail from IITs or NLUS, diverting valuable technical and intellectual capital from innovation and the private sector into administration. Imagine the potential impact if that talent were channeled elsewhere.

This year also saw several individuals falsely claiming to have cleared the exam and around 6-7 candidates publicly celebrating successes they never achieved. These incidents highlight the immense public pressure and allure of UPSC glorification.

A major structural flaw attracting widespread attention is the role of the District Magistrate, who consolidates enormous power with minimal accountability. A generalist with limited domain expertise or practical experience commands entire departments at the district level, often leading to inefficiencies and poor decision-making. This over-accumulation of power invites misuse, as accountability mechanisms remain weak.

Ultimately, we must confront and reform this colonial era system, which has failed to adapt to contemporary realities. It neither produces true domain experts nor effectively trains a modern workforce.

One of the boldest moves this government has taken was Lateral Entry but due to systematic resistance of the bureaucracy and opposition of certain political groups, it could not translate into reality as it should have. The over emphasis on conservative bureaucracy often stops the growth of other systems. We need a more robust module which can take the place of the UPSC.

International Union of Muslim scholars condemn Pakistan attack on Kabul



The International Union of Muslim Scholars has strongly condemned the attack by Pakistan's military authorities on a drug rehabilitation centre in Kabul, calling it a prohibited act and a violation of both Islamic principles and international law, Tolo News reported.Raising concern over escalating tensions between Afghanistan and Pakistan, the organisation urged Islamabad and its military leadership to immediately halt such actions and establish a transparent, independent commission to investigate the incident and assess casualties as per Tolo News.Earlier, Pakistan had decided on a "temporary pause" in the ongoing Operation Ghazab lil-Haq against the Afghan Taliban in view of Eid al-Fitr and at the "request of brotherly Islamic countries," Information Minister Ataullah Tarar announced on Wednesday.The minister made the announcement in a post on the social media platform X.Operation Ghazab lil-Haq was launched on the night of February 26, following "unprovoked firing" by the Afghan Taliban from across the border, Dawn reported."In view of the upcoming Islamic festival of Eidul Fitr, upon its own initiative as well as on the request from the brotherly Islamic countries of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Qatar and the Republic of Turkiye, the government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has decided to announce temporary pause amidst ongoing Operation Ghazab lil-Haq against the terrorists and their support infrastructure in Afghanistan," Tarar wrote on X.Tarar said the pause would be applicable from "midnight March 18/19 to midnight March 23/24," Dawn reported."Pakistan offers this gesture in good faith and in keeping with the Islamic norms," he added, as per Dawn.However, in case of any cross-border attack, drone attack or any terrorist incident inside Pakistan, Operation Ghazab lil-Haq shall immediately resume with renewed intensity," he warned, according to Dawn.Shortly after the announcement, the Afghan Taliban also declared a temporary suspension of its military operation against Pakistan, Dawn reported.Afghan Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said the decision was made in response to requests from brotherly Islamic countries, including Saudi Arabia, Turkiye and Qatar, Dawn reported.

Sports equipment exports could hit USD 8.1 billion, create 54 lakh jobs



India has a significant opportunity to emerge as a global hub for sports equipment manufacturing, but structural challenges continue to limit its export potential, noted a report of NITI Aayog released on Thursday.

The report highlights that the global sports equipment market, currently valued at around USD 140 billion, is expected to expand to nearly USD 300 billion by 2036. Despite this growth, India's share in global exports remains modest at approximately 0.5 per cent, indicating substantial untapped potential. In 2024, India exported sports equipment worth about USD 275 million, largely concentrated in categories such as cricket gear, inflatable balls, and fitness equipment. India's manufacturing ecosystem is primarily driven by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), with key clusters located in Jalandhar and Meerut. While these clusters have developed strong artisanal capabilities over time, the sector remains fragmented and constrained by limited scale, low technology adoption, and inadequate global integration. The report identifies a USD 8.1 billion export opportunity for India in sports equipment by 2036, which could generate nearly 54 lakh jobs.

However, achieving this target would require addressing both supply-side and demand-side constraints. On the supply side, high raw material costs, expensive land, and inefficient logistics significantly increase production costs. Indian manufacturers also face challenges due to limited access to advanced machinery, high certification costs, and gaps in testing infrastructure. These factors result in a cost disadvantage of around 10-20 percent compared to competitors such as China and Pakistan.

Demand-side issues further constrain growth. The report notes weak global brand visibility, limited partnerships with international sports brands, and insufficient athlete endorsements for Indian-made products. Additionally, trade barriers and lack of targeted provisions in free trade agreements restrict market access. The report also underscores the importance of leveraging upcoming global sporting events, including the Olympics and Commonwealth Games, as a demand catalyst. India's ambition to host the 2036 Olympics presents an opportunity to boost domestic manufacturing and integrate into global supply chains. To unlock the sector's potential, the report recommends a multi-pronged strategy. Key measures include rationalising import duties on raw materials, investing in shared testing and certification infrastructure, and promoting cluster-based manufacturing.

It also calls for targeted fiscal support, estimated at around Rs 2,000 crore, to enhance competitiveness in the medium term. In the long term, the report suggests developing new manufacturing clusters near ports, strengthening domestic raw material ecosystems.

Bolster SSN fleet for effective second strike capability

The ongoing Iran-Israel-America war has shown us new dimensions, but one thing is clear: if war continues, then the first phase of war will be air warfare and the next phase will be in the Seas, which will be decisive. Only then will land warfare be started as the last resort of this war if indulged countries want total war. So the importance of the Seas cannot be undermined by any strong military power to achieve its geopolitical objectives.

The Chinese navy has also been strengthening its capabilities by making several bases beyond its frontiers to dominate the seas. Our adversaries have enough capabilities in air warfare, and they are increasing it day by day, and we have to think about other options, and naval dominance is also utmost at par with Army and air force. The lease of Russian 'Charlie' nuclear-powered attack submarine INS 'Chakra of the Indian navy ended in 2021, now the Indian Navy has no SSN in its fleet. This is a matter of grave concern for the Indian Navy. India signed a $3 billion deal for another nuclear-powered 'Akula' class attack submarine 'Bratsk' from Russia in 2019 but the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian war it has not been delivered yet.As the United States, UK, and Australia are collaborating under AUKUS to develop nuclear-powered submarines. France is the only option for India now. In the Israel-Hamas war last year, the US had deployed Ohio-class nuclear submarines in the Mediterranean Sea. This is the first time the US has openly declared the deployment of these formidable submarines. However, the Chinese Navy is taking giant strides in developing its underwater warfare capabilities.

According to the US Naval Institute, the level of quieting in China's current Shang class SSN is at par with Soviet designs from the 1970s. The People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) is deploying super-quiet SSNs on par with the best US and Russian submarines, not only for its ability to defend on the open ocean but also in terms of China's capacity to threaten US naval forces well outside its area of sphere. This capability would give China trans-oceanic reach with a single platform, absent the extensive logistical support or need for the overseas bases that a carrier strike group requires.PM Shri Narendra Modi's on



Feb 10, 2025 visit to France was so crucial when the two leaders commended progress in collaboration in the construction of Scorpene submarines in India, including indigenisation, and in particular the work carried out with a view to the integration of DRDO developed Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) technology into Scorpene submarines. France's willingness to collaborate also in nuclear submarine technology was a welcome step. The primary function of a nuclear-powered attack submarine (SSN) is to protect carrier battle groups and track enemy ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs). However, SSNs are also highly effective platforms for anti-ship missions, land-attack operations, and surveillance. Their versatility supports the efficient deployment of SSNs and strengthens India's nuclear-triad in alignment with its nuclear war-fighting doctrine. In scenarios involving numerically superior naval forces, SSNs play a critical role. Their ability to strike at will, combined with their near-invisibility, make them among the most formidable assets in a nation's arsenal.

The Indian Govt. needs to focus on Project-77 on developing nuclear powered attack submarines, and France's willingness to provide cutting-edge technology is a good opportunity. This will also enhance its commitment to strong, long term defence partnership with India. India has successfully engineered nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) like the 'INS Arihant' and 'INS Arighat' which have nuclear missiles with a second strike capability of launching K-15 'Sagarika' Missiles with a range of 750-1500 km only and other Missile K-4 has a range of 3500 Kms only.The Capacity of the countries having submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles (SLBMs)Country Missile RangeUSA Trident-II D5 12000 kmRussia R-29 (New Version) 8300 kmFrance M-51 10000 kmBritain Trident-II D5 12000 kmIndia K-15_____K-4 750-1500 km_____3500 kmChina JL-2 8000 kmSource: Worldwide Ballistic Missile Inventories US Arms Control Association (www.armscontrol.org) PLAN's fleet consists of more than 79 submarines, including 8 nuclear ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs), 14 nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs), and more than 55 diesel-electric submarines (SSKs).

It now possesses the largest navy in the world, outnumbered the US Naval fleet. On the Contrary, India's conventional submarine fleet includes just 16 submarines—most of which were acquired in the 1980s and are now aging—along with 2 newly launched SSBNs. According to a Pentagon report published on October 20, 2023, China has launched its Type-093B nuclear-powered guided missile submarine, making it the third country after the U.S. and Russia to have such advanced technology. First, there is one possibility to make India self-reliant in nuclear-submarine technology is to enter the AUKUS agreement to make it IAUKUS i.e. India, Australia, the UK and the US to contain China in the Indo-Pacific and the Indian Ocean Region and other hostile players. Secondly, make our own Long-Term Plan to build stealth 'SSNs' like China as she built it within 18 months with a public-private partnership.

Thirdly, to have an agreement with Russian Authorities to obtain such a technology. China is also going to deliver Pakistan 8 submarines having AIP technology by 2026-28, which can remain underwater for a longer duration and cannot be detected easily. And India does not have AIP technology submarines, yet which is a big hole in our maritime preparedness. Indian Govt's plan to build conventional submarines under Project-76 is a costly project. The technologies given by France in Project-77 are a welcome step and quickly buy it from France before they change their mind as in the case of ISRO's Cryogenic deal with Russia. Now, reports are coming that the Navy has to retire the entire fleet of Shishumar class of diesel electric Submarines from 2033. So, India is in dire need of stealth SSNs having submarine-launched nuclear IRBMs and ICBMs to show power projection in the Indian Ocean and for the Balance of Power in the world to neutralize any other India's adversary, anywhere in the world. As the Chinese have overseas naval bases, they are trying to build more. We will be ready to fight on multiple fronts if opened against us.

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Blenders Pride Packaged Drinking Water Launches 'The One And Only' Campaign

CHANDIGARH: Blenders Pride Packaged Drinking Water has unveiled its latest campaign, 'The One And Only', celebrating a distinctive and evolved idea of success. In a world where success is increasingly common and visible, the campaign reinforces a powerful message — true success lies in standing apart. The campaign features three protagonists — Avanti Nagrath, Kirandeep Chahal, and Mahieka Sharma — each representing a unique dimension of the brand's identity. Avanti reflects fearless confidence and individuality, Kirandeep embodies bold allure and magnetic presence, while Mahieka exudes grace and quiet admiration. Together, they portray a world where many may be equal, but a few unmistakably stand out. Known for blending style with substance, the brand has long influenced aspirational success in modern India through innovation and iconic fashion-led platforms. With this new campaign, it aims to connect with a new generation that seeks not just recognition, but admiration and influence.

NEWS BRIEF

Amazon Fashion and Beauty make spring style discovery seamless with AI

SHIMLA: 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.

Croma Rolls Out Festive Mega Deals with Prices Dropping by Up to 70%

GURUGRAM : As consumers gear up for Ugadi and Gudi Padwa shopping, Croma, India's trusted omni-channel electronics retailer from the Tata Group, has announced a laptop-led festive offer campaign with big savings across gaming, AI, and everyday computing devices, along with attractive offers on select air conditioners, televisions, refrigerators, and more. With Ugadi and Gudi Padwa seen as occasions for fresh starts, the offers give customers a great opportunity to upgrade to newer, more capable devices. Customers can unlock a range of exciting benefits including bank cashback, exchange bonuses, special student pricing, and easy EMI options, making this one of the season's most value-packed electronics sales available until 31st March across all Croma stores. This festive period features an exciting line-up of laptop deals, with options tailored for everyone from high-performance gamers to students and professionals.

Ambuja Cements Marks International Women's Day 2026, Engages 1,700+ Women across India

SHIMLA: Ambuja Cements, the 9th largest building materials solutions provider globally and part of the diversified Adani Portfolio, celebrated International Women's Day 2026 through large-scale community engagements across Darlaghat in Himachal Pradesh, Sankrail in West Bengal, Bhagwanpur, Uttarakhandand Bhatapara in Chhattisgarh, reaching over 1,700 women from Self Help Groups (SHGs) and rural communities. At Darlaghat, more than 600 women from SHGs, including members of the Jagriti Mahila Federation, participated in a day-long programme featuring cultural performances, sports activities and awareness sessions. A street play on drug de-addiction emerged as a key highlight, drawing attention to critical social issues impacting rural families. Outstanding SHGs were felicitated for their enterprise performance, while women entrepreneurs showcased products developed through livelihood initiatives supported.

Early Screening Key to Prevent Tuberculosis: Dr. Rominder Kaur

AMRITSAR: On the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day, pulmonology expert Dr. Rominder Kaur from Fortis Hospital emphasized that early screening is crucial to control the spread of tuberculosis (TB). She stated that India reports a large number of TB cases every year, but lack of awareness often leads to delayed diagnosis. TB primarily affects the lungs and spreads through the air.



Symptoms such as persistent cough, fever, weight loss, and night sweats should not be ignored. She advised that anyone experiencing a cough for more than two weeks should get tested immediately.
Dr. Kaur added that free testing and treatment facilities are available in government hospitals, but patients must complete the full course of medication.

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) Signs MoU with Indian Army to Support Personnel and Their Families

BATHINDA:-- Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army to support the welfare of Army personnel and their families, including serving members, retirees, gallantry awardees, personnel with disabilities, and families of those who have died in service.Under this MoU, AESL will provide benefits to Indian Army students who wish to enroll in its courses across its PAN India centres and branches. The agreement was signed by Colonel, Ceremonial & Welfare, Indian Army, and Dr Yash Pal, Chief Academic & Business Head, Delhi-NCR, AESL. Mr. Chandra Sekhar Garisa Reddy, (MD & CEO), Aakash Educational Services Limited, said, "At AESL, we believe education is the strongest foundation for a brighter future. Partnering with the Indian Army allows us to honour the sacrifices of our brave soldiers by empowering their families with quality education and guidance.

Turkish Airlines Adds London Stansted as Its Third Gateway in London

CHANDIGARH: Turkish Airlines, the airline that flies to more countries than any other in the world, has added London Stansted Airport to its flight network as its third destination in the UK capital, following London Heathrow and London Gatwick. On the launch of the new route, Turkish Airlines Vice President Sales (Middle and Northern Europe) Fuat Fırat, stated: "The United Kingdom continues to be one of the key strategic markets for Turkish Airlines. With the addition of London Stansted flights, we are pleased to expand our presence in London to a third airport, further strengthening London Stansted's connectivity and offering our guests greater flexibility to access our unparalleled global network. We believe this new route will not only meet regional demand but also contribute to both commercial and tourism activity across the region."

Nutrica by BN Agritech forays into the honey category with function-first Nutrica Bee Honey

CHANDIGARH: Nutrica, a lifestyle and wellness brand by BN Agritech, India's fastest-growing wellness first FMCG brand, has forayed into the honey category with the launch of Nutrica Bee Honey. It is a range of purpose-led variants designed for energy, fitness, and immunity and is now available across general trade stores in Delhi NCR and Mumbai.Health-conscious living is rapidly becoming a priority for millions. Nutrica's move into honey comes at a pivotal moment. The brand, already known for function-first cooking oils, now extends its wellness promise through a superfood that's been embedded in Indian diets for centuries, honey. Nutrica Bee Honey introduces a purposeful spin on this traditional favourite, offering three targeted variants designed to meet the needs of today's increasingly health-driven, active households.Nutrica Bee Honey comes in three purpose-led variants. Pro-Energy Multiflora Honey blends nectar from diverse flora, naturally rich in antioxidants and nutrients, to provide sustained energy throughout the day. Pro-Fitness Lemon Infused Honey combines honey's natural sweetness with the zest of lemon to support digestion, metabolism, and weight management. Pro-Immunity Tulsi Infused Honey draws on the medicinal properties of Tulsi to help strengthen immunity and ease common.

India's second-largest Tata Steel plant starts operations in Punjab, thousands of youth to get employment



LUDHIANA: Punjab's industrial revival story under the AAP-led government received a major push as Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann inaugurated Tata Steel's second-largest plant in India in Ludhiana, positioning it as proof of a decisive policy shift from the past. With thousands of jobs promised and green energy-driven steel production launched for the first time in the country, the CM drew a sharp contrast with previous governments, asserting that industries that once left Punjab due to flawed policies are now returning under a pro-industry regime. The plant, set up in Ludhiana at a cost of 3200crore, marks a major step towards transforming Punjab's industrial landscape.

Addressing the gathering after unveiling Tata Steel's second-largest plant, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann stated, "This is a momentous day as history has been created to give a major fillip to the economic development of the state. Today Punjab has become the first state in India to start steel production using green energy through this Electric Arc Furnace-based plant. It is a red-letter day for Punjab as Tata Steel has taken responsibility to illuminate the future of 2600 to 2700 families directly and 8000–10,000 indirectly. This world-class plant is equipped with cutting-edge green energy technology."

Congratulating the Tata Steel team, he said, "When a company like Tata Steel invests in a state, it reflects trust, confidence and belief in its future. Tata Steel's presence sends a clear message that Punjab is ready for the next phase of industrial growth. This investment is not just a project, but an opportunity for the youth of Punjab, our engineers, our skilled workforce and for Punjab's manufacturing sector to grow stronger."

Emphasising the future vision, the Chief Minister continued, "Punjab has always been a land of entrepreneurs and cities like Ludhiana are globally recognised for their entrepreneurial spirit, hard work and manufacturing strength. With modern facilities like this Tata Steel plant, we are strengthening our legacy and preparing Punjab for the future of manufacturing. This is Tata Steel's first Electric Arc Furnace-based plant in India, which shows that Punjab is attracting not just investment, but modern and future-ready investment. Such production reflects the global shift towards efficiency, sustainability and better use of resources."

Reiterating the government's industrial vision, he asserted, "We want Punjab to become one of the most preferred industrial destinations in India. We want companies to see Punjab not just as a market, but as a long-term manufacturing partner. Tata Group is globally known for its social responsibility, and Ratan Tata had always led from the front in this regard."

Recalling a personal example, he shared that Ratan Tata had even started a dog shelter at Bombay House for stray dogs after seeing them struggle during the monsoon. Describing him as the 'Desh ka Beta', CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that when he passed away, the entire nation mourned his contribution to nation-building and reputation.

Flipkart Study Reveals Delivery Partners in North India Show Strong Interest in EV Transition

CHANDIGARH : Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, today released "The Last-Mile Leap: Empowering Delivery Fleets to Accelerate India's Electric Mobility Transition," a white paper based on insights from a survey of more than 6,000 Wishmasters (delivery partners) across India. According to the study, delivery partners across North India are showing strong interest in transitioning to electric vehicles (EVs), with 52% of the surveyed cohort in the North expressing willingness to adopt EVs. Out of the cities surveyed, Wishmasters and riders in Delhi demonstrated the highest willingness to move to EVs. The findings highlight growing readiness among riders to shift toward electric mobility, while challenges such as vehicle affordability, charging infrastructure, and EV availability continue to influence adoption decisions.The study indicates significant interest in EV adoption among delivery partners. Approximately 46% of respondents across the country expressed willingness to transition to electric vehicles, signalling strong readiness within the workforce. However, adoption remains limited today, with 94.3% of delivery partners currently relying on petrol-powered two-wheelers.



'Sheesha' Music Video Out Now: The Haryanvi Track Dominating India's Charts

LUDHIANA : Regional music isn't waiting for the spotlight anymore, it's taking lead. After weeks of dominating viral charts, playlists, reels and listener loops, the viral hit Sheesha (Aakhya Mai Aakh Ghali Jo Beran) by Mitta Ror & Swara Verma now has its music-awaited official music video featuring Sorab Bedi and Niharika Tiwari!
Written and composed by Mitta Ror, with Swara Verma's standout vocals, produced by Yeah Ishwar and directed by Teji Sandhu, Sheesha has steadily grown from a regional release into one of the most talked about songs in the country. The video builds that momentum matching the track's signature energy into a story that feels just as immersive as music itself.



At the centre of the video are Rajma Chawal and Tikhi Mirchi, a.k.a. Sorab Bedi and Niharika Tiwari, a pairing that audiences have already been rooting for online. As fan edits featuring the two began circulating widely with the track, the song's viral moment organically emerged with their on-screen chemistry. Picking up on that wave, the official music video now brings them together, turning what fans imagined into a fully realised visual treat!

Nissan Motor India Opens an All-New Pearl Nissan 3S Facility in Kurukshetra



KURUKSHETRA : Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMIPL) has strengthened its footprint in Haryana with the inauguration of a state-of-the-art Pearl Nissan 3S facility in Kurukshetra. This development aligns with Nissan's ongoing efforts to enhance its reach and deliver seamless sales and service experiences in key markets across India. The facility features a modern showroom spanning 3,500 sq. ft. with a display capacity of 5 cars, and a fully equipped service workshop spread across 15,000 sq. ft. with 5 service bays, offering integrated Sales, Service, and Spare Parts support under one roof. Designed in line with Nissan's global retail standards, the state-of-the-art outlet is equipped with high-quality amenities and staffed by knowledgeable, well-trained, and passionate sales and service professionals committed to delivering premium ownership experience and exceptional customer value.The dealership inauguration was marked by 11 car deliveries to customers, including 7 Nissan GRAVITE units and 4 Nissan Magnite units, highlighting strong demand for Nissan's product portfolio in the region. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India, said: "We are pleased to strengthen our presence in Haryana with the inauguration of our 3S facility in Kurukshetra. The region continues to show strong demand from customers, promising growth potential for the Nissan brand. This expansion is an integral part of our nationwide network expansion, reinforcing our commitment to being closer to our customers and delivering seamless ownership experience.

M3M Foundation Organises "M3M Foundation Gold Cup



ROHTAK : In a significant step towards strengthening India's rich akhada tradition and nurturing the country's future Olympic champions, M3M Foundation, in collaboration with the Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy, organised the "M3M Foundation Gold Cup - Under-20 National Wrestling Mahasangram" on 15-16 March 2026 in Rohtak, Haryana. Organised under the inspiring theme "Mitti Se Olympics Medal Tak", the national championship witnessed the participation of 550+ Under-20 wrestlers from across the country, including 25+ international-level wrestlers. The tournament brought together participants from 8+ states, representing 50+ akhadas and wrestling academies, providing a strong national platform for emerging talent to showcase their skill, determination and competitive spirit. Speaking at the event, Dr. Payal Kanodia said: "Being a sportsperson myself, I understand the dedication, discipline and resilience it takes to excel in competitive sports. At M3M Foundation, we firmly believe that India's future Olympic champions will emerge from our villages and akhadas. Through initiatives like the M3M Foundation Gold Cup, we aim to provide young athletes with the right platforms to showcase their talent and aspire for excellence at national and international levels." The two-day championship was hosted at the Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy, founded by Olympic medalist Yogeshwar Dutt, reflecting the deep-rooted connection between India's traditional wrestling culture and the country's aspirations for global sporting excellence.

CHIAFF'26 Showcases Creative Excellence and Industry Insights at Chitkara University



CHANDIGARH: The Chitkara International Animation & Film Festival (CHIAFF'26), now in its second edition, concluded at Chitkara University after two days of intensive engagement with animation, storytelling, and digital creativity, drawing participation from students, industry professionals, and leading creators. Hosted by the Chitkara Design School's Department of Animation, the festival featured a curated lineup of film screenings, panel discussions, masterclasses, and student showcases, positioning itself as a significant platform for emerging talent and industry interaction in the field of animation and visual storytelling. Among the key highlights was the participation of artist and content creator Harun Robert, widely known for popularising DIY creativity, who engaged with students through interactive sessions. Digital storyteller Prateek Sethi also addressed participants, sharing insights from his work on FAQ and discussing evolving trends in content creation and audience engagement. The festival also conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award on noted animation filmmaker Nina Sabnani, recognising her longstanding contribution to animation and narrative practices in India.
Several other industry experts and creators participated in the event, offering perspectives on creative processes, technological advancements, and the future of animation as a discipline.
Dr. Madhu Chitkara, Pro Chancellor, Chitkara University, citing the importance of such initiatives, stating, "CHIAFF serves as a vital platform for nurturing creativity and encouraging young minds to explore the power of storytelling.

Ather Energy Doubles its Service Network in a Year, Expands to 500 Centres Across India

CHANDIGARH : Ather Energy Limited, one of India's leading electric two-wheeler manufacturers, today announced that it has expanded its service network to 500 authorised centres across India, in tandem with its growing retail footprint. From the beginning, Ather has focused on ensuring service support in every city where it sells its scooters, reinforcing its emphasis on making EV ownership seamless and convenient for riders across markets.In addition to expanding its service network, Ather continues to invest in service quality, efficiency, and the customer experience. Ather's Gold Service Centres, for instance, are equipped with modern customer lounges, advanced service equipment, and streamlined processes that enhance transparency and reliability. Alongside standard servicing, Ather's ExpressCare initiative, a 60-minute periodic maintenance service, is available at 82 centres, allowing riders to complete routine maintenance quickly and conveniently without compromising quality. In FY26, Ather Energy nearly doubled its service network, expanding from 277 to 500 service centres and significantly increasing its service footprint. These initiatives reflect Ather's ongoing focus on continuously improving the service experience at every touchpoint. Commenting on the milestone, Ravneet

50th Environment Panchayat Organised to Promote Environmental Awareness



MOHALI: The 50th session of the Environment Panchayat was held in Zirakpur, Mohali, marking a significant milestone in one of the region's most sustained grassroots environmental awareness campaigns. The session was jointly organised by the Jai Madhusudan Jai Shri Krishna Foundation and VinaySantJan Foundation.
The Environment Panchayat initiative was conceived to take environmental awareness directly to communities — engaging citizens at the ground level and encouraging the adoption of responsible environmental practices in everyday life. Since its launch, dedicated teams have conducted sessions across multiple districts, building a growing network of environmentally conscious citizens across the region.
The 50th session carried additional significance for the initiative's founder, Prabhunath Shahi — a former Flight Engineer of the Indian Air Force and a committed environmental activist. The session was held on 13 March, the anniversary of his induction into the Indian Air Force, and was dedicated in honour of the force. "Reaching the 50th Environment Panchayat in collaboration with VinaySantJan Foundation is a matter of genuine pride," said Shahi. "Each session brings us closer to building a community that understands its responsibility toward the environment and acts on it."
Rajnish Kumar, Director of VinaySantJan Foundation, commended the sustained impact of the initiative and acknowledged Prabhunath Shahi's consistent leadership in advancing environmental consciousness across the region.

Yezdi Roadster wins car&bike 'Bike Design of the Year' for its defiant design

CHANDIGARH : The 'Born Out of Line' Yezdi Roadster from Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles has won the "Bike Design of the Year" award from car&bike, adding another major recognition to the motorcycle's growing list of honours.



Earlier this year, the Roadster was also named the "Best 350cc Motorcycle" at the Zee Media Auto Awards. Boman Irani, Co-founder of Classic Legends, received the award from renowned automotive designer Thomas Dal, Dean of Strate School of Design India. The honour recognises the Roadster's bold reinterpretation of the classic roadster with a 'Born Out of Line' design built around a planted silhouette, muscular proportions and modular versatility.Boman Irani, co-founder of Classic Legends, said, "Recognition from car&bike carries weight, especially when it comes to design. The Yezdi Roadster was created by deliberately rethinking classic proportions while staying true to Yezdi's rebellious character, a philosophy that's defined the brand since the 1970s. As the only India-born classic motorcycle marque, Yezdi has always challenged the mould. The Roadster reflects that spirit. Its design can shift effortlessly from the stealthy modern Shadow Black to the retro Red Wolf. That versatility is exactly what we set out to achieve."

World Down Syndrome Day: Those with intellectual disabilities to stage 'Andher Nagri Chaupat Raja'

CHANDIGARH Smiling Dandelion Foundation, in association with Discover Ability Special School and Down Syndrome Federation of India, will present a unique theatrical production titled 'Andher Nagri Chaupat Raja' at 6 pm on Mar 21- World Down Syndrome Day, at Punjab Kala Bhawan, Sector 16, Chandigarh. This production will be a pioneering effort, featuring 35 children and young adults with intellectual disabilities as the majority cast in a full-length classical Hindi play lasting just over an hour. Sharing her vision, Shivani Dhillon, Co-Founder, Smiling Dandelion Foundation, said, "This production will be a dream come true. I wanted to challenge the bias, change the perception, and highlight abilities rather than limitations. Our foundation believes in creating inclusive spaces where individuals with intellectual disabilities get equal opportunities. " Directed by Suchi Gupta, the play will be graced by Madhavi Kataria, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, UT Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest.

Ai+ Smartphone Signs as Official Smartphone Partner for 2 Leading IPL Teams

CHANDIGARH : Ai+ Smartphone today announced as the Official Smartphone Partner for 2 leading teams - Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders for the upcoming T20 season. The partnership places Ai+ Smartphone at the centre of one of India's most powerful and biggest cultural platforms connecting the brand directly with millions of passionate cricket fans across the country offering exclusive fan experiences including player meet and greet, match tickets, and signed merchandise and access to exclusive player content shot on Ai+ Smartphone. Commenting on the partnership, Madhav Sheth, CEO of Ai+ Smartphone and Founder of NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said: "Sport has a unique ability to bring people together in moments of shared excitement and aspiration. Our partnership with Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders allows Ai+ Smartphone to connect with millions of fans where India's energy is most visible and alive. It reflects our belief that technology should move at the same pace as the ambition and passion of the people who use it."



A Mumbai Indians spokesperson said: "Ai+ Smartphone's focus on delivering accessible, high-performance technology aligns well with the evolving expectations of today's fans. We look forward to collaborating on initiatives that enhance how fans engage with the game."
Binda Dey, CMO, Knight Riders Sports, said: "Cricket in India brings together fans, communities, and shared moments at an unmatched scale. Our approach to partnerships is focused on creating meaningful engagement and delivering experiences that feel relevant and accessible to fans. With Ai+ Smartphone, we look forward to building initiatives that deepen this connection and add value to the overall fan journey."

Punjab's State Information Commissioner Meets Central Chief Information Commissioner

CHANDIGARH: An informative and insightful interaction took place between the Central Information Commissioner, Shri Raj Kumar Goyal, IAS (Retd.), and State Information Commissioner, Punjab, Shri Harpreet Sandhu, at the Central Information Commission (CIC) Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting was held in the presence of Shri Vinod Kumar Tiwari, IFS, (Retd.), Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. The Punjab State Information Commission has its office in Chandigarh's Sec 16. Shri Harpreet Sandhu warmly greeted and congratulated Shri Raj Kumar Goyal on his recent appointment as the Central Information Commissioner. The interaction reflected a shared commitment to reinforcing the spirit of the RTI Act and advancing the principles of good governance.



Shri Harpreet Sandhu said that the meeting was highly enriching and reaffirmed his dedication to further strengthening the RTI framework in Punjab through collaborative initiatives and adoption of best practices.
The discussions focused on the effective implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, strengthening institutional mechanisms, and enhancing public awareness about citizens' right to access information.
Both dignitaries deliberated on emerging challenges and opportunities in ensuring timely and transparent dissemination of information, with emphasis on proactive disclosure and efficient redressal of appeals.
On the occasion, Shri Harpreet Sandhu presented his authored book, "Sukhna Lake at Dawn," to the Chief Information. In a gesture of goodwill, Shri Raj Kumar Goyal also felicitated Shri Harpreet Sandhu with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Central Information Commission.

Mercedes-Benz India launches the 'private suite on wheels, the all-new V-Class Extra Long Wheelbase in Punjab

LUDHIANA: India's most desirable luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz today, launched the all-new V-Class, redefining the strongly evolving private luxury mobility segment in Punjab markets. The introduction of the V-Class Extra LWB in Punjab further strengthens Mercedes-Benz's desirable and diverse product portfolio in one of the country's important luxury vehicle markets. Punjab has been key growth markets for Mercedes-Benz India, with a strong demand for Top-End Vehicles (TEV) that combine prestige, luxury appointments and cutting-edge technology. The launch of the new V-Class in Chandigarh and Punjab markets reflect the brand's continued focus on bringing its most desirable global luxury products closer to customers, across high-potential markets in India. Mercedes-Benz India also announced price correction of 2% across portfolio from 1st April, 2026. Brendon Sissing, Vice President, Sales & Marketing said, "Starting April 1, we will be implementing a price correction of around 2 per cent across our portfolio. This decision is largely driven by continued forex volatility, particularly the sustained depreciation of the rupee against the euro, along with rising input costs. While we always strive to absorb cost pressures, some price adjustment becomes necessary to maintain business sustainability. Our focus remains on ensuring minimal impact on customers while continuing to deliver best-in-class products and experiences."



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Justice Harpreet Singh Brar inspects District Courts and visits Village Fatehgarh Chhanna



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and Inspecting Judge of Sessions Division Barnala, Justice Harpreet Singh Brar, conducted the annual inspection of the District Courts Barnala today and also visited village Fatehgarh Chhanna. On this occasion, Ms. Anshul Berry, District and Sessions Judge, along with other judges, was also present. During the visit, Justice Brar inspected all courts in the Barnala court complex. He reviewed the functioning and annual records of all civil and criminal courts and issued necessary directions to the concerned officials. He also met with members of the Bar Council. On this occasion, Justice Brar planted sapling in the District Court Complex and held a meeting with all judicial officers of the Barnala Sessions Division.

NEWS BRIEF

Ladwa lions in action: From saving lives to reuniting families



KARAMBIR
LADWA: The Lions Club of Ladwa not only keeps doing social work, but also donates blood from time to time and helps the poor and destitute. Now the Lions Club of Ladwa has done a commendable job by locating and reuniting a sick person who was separated from his family. The credit for this goes to senior club members Sweety Bhullar, ParasGarg and Naveen Sinha. He told that Jagtar Singh, resident of village Faizgarh under police station Amargarh district Malerkotla, had gone missing about a month ago. Jagtar Singh is mentally ill. Naveen Sinha, a member of Lions Club Ladwa, identified this missing sick person and after finding out his complete whereabouts, informed his family. With the help of Ladwa Police, necessary paperwork was completed and Jagtar Singh was handed over to his family on the first day of Navratri and some financial help was also provided.

Minister Rajesh Nagar inspects Gharaunda Mandi, orders timely wheat procurement arrangements



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GHARAUNDA/KARNAL, MAR 20

Haryana Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Rajesh Nagar made a surprise inspection of Gharaunda grain market late in the evening and talked to market brokers and farmers. He instructed the officials to complete the procurement arrangements for the upcoming wheat season in time and provide clean drinking water, accessible toilets, electricity, canteens, sheds and repairs to the roads in the markets for the farmers. There should not be any carelessness in the purchase of mustard and farmers should not be allowed to face any problem. While talking to the media, he said that a tender has been floated to provide adequate number of vehicles for lifting wheat from the mandis and the arrangement of trucks will be ensured soon. He said that adequate quantity of gunny bags are being arranged and instructions have also been issued by the government to all the procurement agencies that they will soon complete all the preparations related to their respective departments. He clarified that during the Rabi season, farmers will not face any kind of problem in the mandis every grain of their crop will be purchased by the government. He assured that if any kind of problem is seen in the market, it can be reported and immediate action will be taken.

Grand Square will inspire future generation to follow in footsteps of Lord Shri Parashurama: Dr. Arvind Sharma



YAGYADUTT SHASHTRI
PEHOWA: Haryana's Minister for Cooperation and Tourism, Dr. Arvind Sharma, stated that the nation's future generation will draw inspiration from the Lord Shri Parashurama Square established in Pehowa. This square will instill the inner strength in the youth needed to move forward by upholding the ideals of Lord Shri Parashurama. Furthermore, this magnificent square will add immense splendor to the beautification of the pilgrimage town of Pehowa.Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma was speaking on Friday at an event organised by the Municipality in Pehowa. Earlier, Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma formally inaugurated the Lord Shri Parashurama Square in Pehowa on behalf of the Municipality. During the event, Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma announced a grant of ?11 lakhs to fund various development projects. Prior to this, Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma paid his obeisance at the Maa Saraswati Temple and performed traditional rituals and worship.

Allegations of irregularities in RS polls; name of 5th MLA to remerge soon: Bhupinder Singh Hooda



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 20

Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda arrived in Karnal on Thursday, where he received a warm welcome from all senior party leaders and workers led by Congress Urban District President Parag Gaba who greeted him with bouquets of flowers. Speaking to journalists at Karn Lake, he leveled serious allegations regarding Rajya Sabha elections. Hooda stated that names of four Congress MLAs involved in cross-voting have already surfaced and name of fifth MLA is also expected to emerge soon. He clarified that party would not shield anyone and disciplinary action would be taken against all individuals involved without exception.He alleged that during Rajya Sabha elections, dignity of democracy and the decorum of Legislative Assembly were violated. In this regard, he met with the Governor and apprised him of entire situation. Responding to Congress MLA Kuldeep Vats' statement regarding game played by powerful patrons, Hooda remarked that such an act was likely orchestrated by a senior leader of BJP. He directly accused ruling party of exerting political pressure. Regarding Congress MLA Shaili Chaudhary's statement about releasing videography footage and quitting politics, Hooda advised her to respond to show-cause notice issued by the Congress party. He further stated that those who engaged in cross-voting would not lose their membership of Legislative Assembly.

MLA Yogendra Rana distributes 48 tractors at Assandh grain market



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, ASSANDH: Asandh MLA Yogendra Rana today attended a 'Farmers' Training Camp' organised at the New Grain Market as the Chief Guest. On this occasion, under the 'ATMA Initiative' (SC Component), he distributed approximately 48 tractors to eligible farmers belonging to the Scheduled Castes through a lucky draw. Addressing the farmers at the event, MLA Yogendra Rana stated that the government's primary objective is to make farmers economically empowered and technologically advanced. Providing further details, he informed the gathering that the government would provide a subsidy of Rs. 3 lakhs per farmer on all these tractors, while the remaining amount would be paid by the farmer. He clarified that the selection process was entirely transparent, and the benefits were extended only to those farmers who had registered themselves on the 'Saral Portal'. During the camp, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Animal Husbandry jointly conducted awareness sessions for the farmers. The Department of Animal Husbandry distributed free medicine kits to the farmers. Agricultural experts provided detailed information to the farmers regarding modern farming techniques, water conservation, and important schemes such as the Soil Health Card.

NSS camp concludes at SD PG College, 112 volunteers honoured



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: A seven-day special camp of the National Service Scheme (NSS) concluded at SD PG College on Friday, with 112 volunteers taking a pledge to serve society and participate in community welfare activities. The camp was organised from March 14 to March 20 under the aegis of Kurukshetra University and ended with a closing ceremony attended by NSS Coordinator and Chief Security Officer Dr Anand Kumar as the chief guest. He distributed certificates and awards to the volunteers for their active participation. During the camp, volunteers attended sessions on financial literacy, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, water conservation, environmental protection, cleanliness, gender equality, nutrition, women empowerment, disaster management, Digital India, first aid, yoga and skill development. Experts and social workers guided the students throughout the programme. Sarabjit Singh and Anshul Jangra among boys, and Nancy and Pooja among girls were honoured as the best NSS volunteers for their performance during the camp. College president Dinesh Goyal said NSS activities help in the overall development of students and build social responsibility, while Principal Dr Anupam Arora highlighted the importance of teamwork and community living.

Sahastra Chandi Mahayagya held at Mata Shakumbhari Devi Temple



KARAMBIR
LADWA: Kailash Saini and social worker Sachin Garg had participated as chief hosts in the ongoing Sahastra Chandi Puja and Mahayagya at Ladwa Mata Shakumbhari Devi Temple on Friday. Before this, they offered sacrifice in the Yagya and worshiped Goddess Shakumbhari Devi. He said that he felt spiritual peace by participating in this Mahayagya. He described this Sahastra Chandi Yagya performed during Navratri as extremely virtuous and beneficial. Social worker Sachin Garg, while participating in the Yagya as a special guest, made offerings in the Havan Kund and wished for the happiness and prosperity of the area. He said that such events during Navratri keep our culture and traditions alive. It is a privilege for them to participate in the Yagya and they will continue to cooperate in such religious activities in future also. Naresh Garg, head of the temple service committee, welcomed the chief host and the guests and also honored them on behalf of the committee by giving mementos.

ADC Vivek Arya directs banks to meet targets of central schemes, clear pending loan cases



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Additional Deputy Commissioner Vivek Arya said that the targets set for centrally sponsored schemes should be met within the stipulated timeframe and that the maximum number of eligible people should be provided with the benefits of welfare schemes. Any laxity in this regard will not be tolerated. He said this while he was addressing the District Bankers Committee meeting in the auditorium of the local Mini Secretariat late Thursday evening. He said that the loan applications that were approved should be repaid quickly and no loan-related benefits should be kept pending without any reason. He directed the DCOs of the banks to instruct all the bank branches under their control that all the pending applications received under the Prime Minister Vishwakarma Scheme, Prime Minister Employment Generation Program and other government loan schemes should be settled soon and the data should be updated on the related portal. He also said that under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, people should be given the benefits of the schemes under the Social Security Sanpat Abhiyan by organizing camps at the village level.

New Principal appointed at Dhanna Bhagat Shiksha Samiti, Kurukshetra



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Based on the interview conducted on March 8, 2026, by Dhanna Bhagat Shiksha Samiti, Shanti Nagar, Kurukshetra, Manika Mehta has been appointed as the new Principal of the school. She assumed office on March 20, 2026. Mehta holds an M.A. (English) and has over 18 years of extensive experience in the education sector. She is also known for her multitasking skills and effective leadership. Mehta is also an author. Her English book, 'Scattered Leaves' (2018) and the novel, 'Step-Million Reasons to Cry' (2020), have been published. She has also been writing a blog called 'Giving Wings to Dreams' since 2019. She has also worked on writing plays, songs, and composing school anthems for schools. She is currently working on two new novels.

PO staff team arrest fugitive accused who had been absconding for almost year



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: A special operation was conducted by the district police to nab fugitive accused and bail jumpers. Working on the guidelines of Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal, the staff team has achieved another major success. The team has arrested the accused, who has been declared a fugitive by the court for almost a year and has produced him in the court for further action under the judicial process. Giving information, police spokesperson said that a special team was formed under the leadership of Inspector Jagbir Singh, in-charge of the staff, in which ASI Ashwini, Chief Constable Sandeep, Bijender, Mahavir and lady constable Sonia. With joint efforts, on the basis of secret information the team successfully arrested accused Baldev, son of Mangatram, resident of village Kareda Khurd, who was absconding for about a year. Accused Baldev was involved in a criminal case and was declared a fugitive by the Court due to his non-appearance in the Court. The accused was absconding after dodging the police for almost a year, but due to the vigilance and efforts of the team, he was caught.

Parthajit De takes charge as Director (Finance) of SJVN



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: SJVN Chairman and Managing Director Bhupender Gupta congratulated Parthajit De on assuming charge as Director (Finance) of the company, a Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Power, Government of India. Before joining SJVN, De was serving in NHPC Limited, where he was handling Corporate Accounts & Policy Section, Corporate Tax Cell and Employment Benefit Trusts at the corporate office. He also served as Nominee Director on the Board of Loktak Downstream Hydroelectric Corporation Limited, a subsidiary of NHPC. He started his career with NHPC as Trainee Officer (Finance) in November 1998 and has more than 27 years of professional experience in corporate accounts, taxation, financial systems and contracts. His expertise includes Indian Accounting Standards, taxation laws, tariff regulations and corporate governance related to power sector projects. During his career, he has worked at several major projects including Rangit Project in Sikkim, Teesta Low Dam Projects in West Bengal, Siang Basin Projects in Arunachal Pradesh and Rural Roads Project in Bihar. He also headed the committee for first-time adoption of Indian Accounting Standards in NHPC.

Rajeev Arya appointed president of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Ladwa



KARAMBIR
LADWA: A special meeting of Bharat Vikas Parishad Ladwa was held in the grain market of Ladwa, which was presided over by Aman Goyal. On the occasion, the election meeting of the upcoming Samvat 2083 was organized, in which Dr. Amrit Pal Garg was appointed as the election officer. Under the leadership of Election Officer Dr. Amrit Pal Garg, the election of President, Secretary and Finance Secretary for Samvat 2083 was conducted unanimously. Anil Arora from the State Executive was present in the meeting as an observer. In the meeting, Rajiv Arya, head of Ladwa AnajMandi Arhtiya Association, was unanimously elected as the President of the Council, while Sanjeev Mangala was given the responsibility of Secretary and Rumit Garg was given the responsibility of Finance Secretary.

Special train for Ayodhya under CM pilgrimage scheme to leave Panipat on Mar 26



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, MAR 20

A special train carrying pilgrims to Ayodhya under the Chief Minister's Pilgrimage Scheme will depart on March 26, officials said on Friday. Applications for the Yatra can be submitted online through the Saral portal till March 22. Additional Commissioner Vivek Chaudhary said the scheme is being implemented under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Virendra Kumar Dahiya to provide senior citizens an opportunity to visit religious places without financial burden. The train will be flagged off from Ambala Cantt and will halt at Kurukshetra, Karnal, Panipat, Sonipat and Delhi to board passengers before proceeding to Ayodhya for darshan at the Ram Temple. The journey will be flagged off by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. Under the scheme, applicants must be permanent residents of Haryana and aged between 60 and 80 years with annual family income up to Rs. 1.8 lakh. Applicants above 80 years can take their spouse free of cost, while differently-abled or ill persons may take an attendant on payment basis. Those not meeting the criteria can also join the pilgrimage on full payment. Officials said the government will provide third AC train travel, free accommodation, meals and other arrangements during the journey. Volunteers will assist pilgrims throughout the Yatra, and additional transport facilities will be arranged if required.

JUIT Waknaghat marks 25 years of excellence in technical education



DINESH AGARWAL
SOLAN, MAR 20

Jaypee University of Information Technology (JUIT), Waknaghat, celebrated 25 years of educational excellence by organising a press meet at its campus in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh, highlighting its achievements in technical education, research and innovation over the past two and a half decades. The interaction began with a welcome address by Prof. Tiratha Raj Singh, Associate Dean (Innovation) and Media In-charge, who spoke about the university's commitment to quality education and academic excellence. Brig. R.K. Sharma (Retd.), Registrar and Dean of Students, shared the journey of the university and highlighted its strong academic ecosystem, modern infrastructure, residential facilities and vibrant campus life. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rajendra Kumar Sharma said the university is focusing on research, innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship. He highlighted major initiatives including the Directorate of Research and Innovation and the Ramanujan Supercomputing Facility, which are promoting advanced research and interdisciplinary work. He added that students of the university are regularly securing internships and placements in leading organisations such as Amazon and Google, while many graduates are pursuing higher studies in premier institutes.

Kaithal murder case: Two get life imprisonment, fined Rs. 20,000 each

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: Sessions Judge Kanchan Mahi has pronounced the sentence in a murder case, awarding life imprisonment to two convicts along with a fine of Rs. 20,000 each. In case of non-payment of the fine, they will have to undergo an additional one month of simple imprisonment each. According to details, Naseeb, a resident of village Dhanori, had filed FIR No. 84 on April 22, 2024, at Sadar Police Station regarding the incident. The case on behalf of the complainant was argued by Deputy District Attorney Upma Ahuja, with assistance from Advocate Sachin Jain. As per the information, the agricultural land of complainant Naseeb was adjacent to that of Nirmal and Roshan. Naseeb's father, Bhala Ram, had cordial relations with both of them. A few days prior to the incident, a minor argument had taken place between them over a drinking-related issue, which was seemingly resolved at the time. However, Nirmal and Roshan reportedly held a grudge. On the evening of April 21, 2024, Bhala Ram was walking near the fields when Nirmal and Roshan attacked him with sticks. When Naseeb reached the spot, the accused fled while threatening to kill. Naseeb immediately admitted Bhala Ram to the Community Health Center (CHC) in Narwana, from where he was referred to PGI Chandigarh due to the severity of his injuries. He succumbed to his injuries on the afternoon of April 22.

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Royal Enfield Super Meteor 650 Marks Three Years With Rides Across 100+ Cities

CHANDIGARH: Celebrating the third year of the Super Meteor 650, Royal Enfield, the global leader in the mid-size motorcycle segment, organised a ride spanning the length and breadth of India. Nearly 4,000 riders from over 100 cities converge in a celebration of long-distance cruising and the unfiltered spirit of pure motorcycling, reaffirming the Super Meteor 650's status as the thoroughbred long-distance cruiser that continues to capture riders' hearts.The definitive cruiser runs on the proven 648cc parallel-twin engine, delivering smooth gear shifts, strong low-end torque, and responsive throttle control. Its low, wide seat and relaxed riding posture ensure lasting comfort across journeys that cannot be limited to hours or kilometers. Royal Enfield's pioneering upside-down front forks ensure rock-solid stability, confident handling.

Sanjay Tandon Attends Finance Committee Meeting of Punjab State Branch of Red Cross Society



CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader & member of BJP' National Council Sanjay Tandon attended the Finance Committee meeting of the Punjab State Branch of Red Cross Society held at Lok Bhawan, Punjab. The meeting was presided over by V P Singh, Secretary to the Governor.

As a member of the Finance Committee, Tandon participated in detailed deliberations on key public welfare initiatives and financial matters concerning the Red Cross Society in Punjab.

According to him, one of the major decisions taken during the meeting was to intensify efforts to open more Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the state. The initiative aims to ensure that the general public has access to affordable medicines, in line with the Government of India's push to promote cost-effective generic drugs. Emphasis was also laid on encouraging the use of generic medicines for the common man.

The committee also appreciated the proactive outreach undertaken by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, who has been visiting districts across Punjab, particularly in the border belt, to raise awareness about the growing drug menace and to educate people on preventive measures and control mechanisms. Another significant point of appreciation during the meeting was the commendable role played by the Punjab Red Cross Society in providing relief and assistance during the recent floods in the state. Speaking after the meeting, Tandon highlighted the importance of coordinated efforts in healthcare accessibility and social awareness, reaffirming the commitment to public welfare and community support initiatives in Punjab.

UTCA to Organise Holistic Development Programme for Players

CHANDIGARH: The UT Cricket Association (UTCA) will organise a special holistic development programme titled "Energy @ Synergy" for its players on March 23, 2026 (Monday) at JW Marriott, Sector 35, Chandigarh. According to Sanjay Tandon, Founder President, UTCA 'The initiative will focus not only on enhancing players' fitness and fielding standards but will also emphasise team building, mental toughness and structured diet recommendations. The programme will feature expert-led sessions aimed at improving the overall performance and well-being of players who have participated in BCCI tournaments during the 2025–26 season'.

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
1.	MR. GURBRINDER SINGH S/O SURAT SINGH (Primary Applicant) GHAWIND NIWAS, GARDEN COLONY, WARD NO.2, NEAR BAHMANI WALA PULL PATTI, TARN TARAN PUNJAB, 143416. Also At : SCHOOL TEACHER, GOVT. ELE. SCHOOL BAHMANIWALA- PATTI, TARN TARAN PUNJAB, 143416, MRS. GURDISH KAUR W/O GURBRINDER SINGH (Co Applicant & Mortgagor) GHAWIND NIWAS, GARDEN COLONY, WARD NO.2, NEAR BAHMANI WALA PULL PATTI, TARN TARAN PUNJAB, 143416.	06-Feb-2026	23-Jan-2026	Rs. 19,84,339.44 (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine & Forty Four Paise Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

All that part and parcel of residential property measuring 484 Sq. yards i.e. 0 Kanal 16 Marla situated at Ward no. 2, garden Colony, patti, Tehsil Patti, Khasra no. 1230(6-0), 1230(5-0), 1691/1(4-16), 3 killy 20k-18M, 1245-0(min. 1252-0(min. 2 killy 8K-0M, 1242-0) min south facing, 1255-0) min south facing, 1261/1(1-11), 1751(6-18), Khata/khatoni no. 3/5,6,7, that is being 16/50/79 share of total land measuring 45 kanal and 07 marla having dimensions as (52 feet 8 inches x 83 feet 6 inches). Transfer Deed No 2018-19/17/1/1457, dated 01.03.2019 in favour of Mrs. Gurdish Kaur w/o Gurbrinder Singh. Boundaries (As per deed) : North: Garden Colony Road, South: Property of Deman, West : Gali, East: Property of Gurpinder Singh.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
2.	M/S BHARPUR CHAND & SONS PROPRIETORSHIP CONCERN OF MR. TIRATH RAM (Primary Applicant) SHOP NO. 48, NEW MANDI KHANNA,LUDHIANA-PUNJAB-141401. MR. TIRATH RAM DHIR S/O BHARPUR CHAND (Co-Applicant) R/O 331/24, DR. SINGLA HOSPITAL, KUCHA PARTAP NAI ABADI, KHANNA, KHANNA, LUDHIANA-PUNJAB-141401. MRS. SHAMA DHIR W/O TIRATH RAM DHIR (Co-Applicant& Mortgagor) R/O 331/24, DR. SINGLA HOSPITAL, KUCHA PARTAP NAI ABADI, KHANNA, KHANNA, LUDHIANA-PUNJAB-141401.	07-Feb-2026	15-Jan-2026	Rs. 6,72,027.12 (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Two Thousand and Twenty Seven and Twelve Paise Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

All that part and parcel of Property i.e House situated at Navi Abadi, Village Khanna Kalan, Tehsil Khanna and Distt. Ludhiana, area measuring 0-4-4-1/2 Marlas comprised in Khewat/Khatoni no. 225/352, Khasra no. 1273(0-2), Kita 1, total area 0-2 Marla out of which 0-1 marla and Khewat/khatoni no. 225/358, Khasra no. 1273(0-5), Kita 1, total Area 0-5 Marlas out of which 0k-2-1/2 Marlas and Khewat/Khatoni no. 225/365, Khasra no. 1274(0-2), Kita 1, Total Area 0-2 Marlas out of which 0-1 Marla, hence total property comes to 0k-4-1/2 Marlas in the name of Smt. Shama Dhir W/o Tirath Ram Dhir vide Transfer deed no. 2021-22/1671/1/2727 dated 13.12.2021 vide mutation no. 86653 as per revenue records. Boundaries (As per Transfer deed) : East: Street, (20'-0"), West: House of raj Kumar, North: House of Madan Lal, South: House of Surjit Kumar.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
3.	Mr. Shamsher Singh S/o Dharam Singh (Borrower & Mortgagor) Village Nangal Butter, Near farm-house PO Sekhwan, Gurdaspur Distt, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143516. Mrs. Kuldeep Kaur W/o Shamsher Singh (Co-Borrower) Village Nangal Butter, Near Farm House, PO Sekhwan, Gurdaspur, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab 143516.	03-Mar-2026	13-Feb-2026	Rs. 59,15,260.63 (Rupees Fifty-Nine Lakh Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Three Paise Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of Residential cum Commercial property i.e land measuring 2 Kanal 5 Marla comprised out of rect. 17 Killa 13/2 (7-16) as entered in jamabandi for the year 2021-22 situated in Village Nangal Butter Hadbast No. 185 Tehsil Qadian and Distt. Gurdaspur in the name of Shamsher Singh S/o Dharam Singh vide transfer deed no. 1388 dated 11.01.2018. Boundaries : North:Drain, West: Agriculture land of owner as per client, South: Main Road, East: Agriculture land of owner as per client.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
4.	MR. TIRATH SINGH S/O DALBIR SINGH (Borrower & Mortgagor) VILLAGE KAKKA KANDIALA, NEAR RAILWAY FATAK, TARN-TARAN PUNJAB-143401. MRS. BALVIR KAUR W/O TIRATH SINGH (Co-Borrower) VILLAGE KAKKA KANDIALA, NEAR RAILWAY FATAK, TARN-TARAN PB -143401. MR. DALBIR SINGH S/O HAZARA SINGH (Co-Borrower) VILL. KAKKAKANDIALA, NEAR RAILWAY FATAK, TARN-TARAN, PB-143401.	03-Mar-2026	25-Feb-2026	Rs. 20,14,799.50 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine & Fifty Paise Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of Residential property measuring 194.44 Sq Yds, having Plot Private no. 48, bearing Khasra No. 10/92, 1402/22, 15/1 min situated at rakba Bhavnwal Sub Urban Abadi Dream City, Teh. & Distt. Amritsar in the name of Tirath Singh S/o Dalbir Singh vide Sale deed no. 2019-20/80/1/16154 dt 22.10.2019. Bounded : North: Plot No 48, West Road 30'-0" wide, South: Plot No. 50, East: Plot No 33.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
5.	MR. SARBJIT SINGH S/O KULWANT SINGH (Borrower & Mortgagor) VILL- DHOTIAN, TARN TARAN, PUNJAB-143411. MR. KULWANT SINGH S/O MOHAN SINGH THROUGH ALL HIS LEGAL HEIRS (Co-Borrower) VILL- DHOTIAN, TARN TARAN, PUNJAB-143411.	03-Mar-2026	14-Feb-2026	Rs. 27,65,995.70 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five and Seventy Paise Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

All that part and parcel of Plot/ Property measuring 8 Kanals 1665 feet out of Property 68 Kanals 2 marlas in Khewat Khatuni 106/153 to 154, Bearing khasra no. 251(8-4), 252(3-15), 254(9-16), 255(8-5), 258(4-7), 267(5-9), 268(10-18), 257(8-10), 258(8-0) kitty 9, as per jamabandi 2013-14 Situated in the Area of Nalagarh, Tehsil & Distt. Tarn Taran, in the Name of Mr. Sarbjit Singh S/o Kulwant Singh vide Sale Deed/Vasika No.2586 dated 19.12.2017. Boundaries (As per sale deed) : North: Other, South, Plot, West : Gali 30ft., East : Plot.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
6.	MR. NAMAN S/O VINOD KUMAR SHARMA (Borrower & Mortgagor) S/O HARI KRISHAN SHARMA, H.NO. 47, WARD NO. 4, NEAR SARASWATI SCHOOL MOHALLA SAHIBZADIAN, PATHANKOT, TEHSIL AND DISTT. PATHANKOT-145001. MR. AMAN S/O VINOD KUMAR SHARMA (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor) S/O HARI KRISHAN SHARMA, H.NO. 47, WARD NO. 4, NEAR SARASWATI SCHOOL MOHALLA SAHIBZADIAN, PATHANKOT, TEHSIL AND DISTT PATHANKOT-145001.	13-Mar-2026	26-Feb-2026	Rs. 1,72,39,261.95 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Two Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One & Paise Ninety Five Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

1. Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of Residential house constructed on plot measuring 19.47 Marla Comprised out of Khasra No 443/435/84 (7-2) 443/435/84 min (0-9), 406/325/84 min (8-10), 406/325/84 (0-10), 406/325/84 min south (0-10), 406/325/84 min north (0-5), 406/325/84 min east (1-0) 85 (0-2) as entered in the jamabandi for the year 2019-20 situated in Pathankot HB No. 340, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot, in the name of Naman S/o Vinod Kumar vide rectified transferred deed no. 2022-23/44/1/4359 dt. 19.12.2022. Boundaries (As per Deed) : North :- Other, West :- Plot of Pankaj Sharma, South - Road/Gali + Romi Wadhera, East :- Plot of Romy Wadhera + Owner. 2. Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of Plot measuring 5 Kanal Comprised out of Khasra No.2127(21-1) as per the jamabandi for the year 2014-2015. Situated in Village Manwal HB No. 343, Tehsil and District Pathankot, in the Name of Aman S/o Vinod Kumar vide sale deed no 2022-23/44/1/1860 dt. 18.08.2022. Boundaries (As per Deed) : North :NA, West : NA, South: NA, East: NA.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
7.	MR. VINOD KUMAR SHARMA (Borrower) S/O HARI KRISHAN SHARMA, H. NO. 47, WARD NO. 4, NEAR SARASWATI SCHOOL MOHALLA SAHIBZADIAN, PATHANKOT, TEHSIL AND DISTT. PATHANKOT-145001. MRS. RENU SHARMA (Co-Borrower) W/O HARI KRISHAN SHARMA, H.NO. 47, WARD NO. 4, NEAR SARASWATI SCHOOL, MOHALLA SAHIBZADIAN, PATHANKOT, TEHSIL AND DISTT. PATHANKOT-145001. MR. NAMAN S/O VINOD KUMAR SHARMA (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor) S/O HARI KRISHAN SHARMA H. NO. 47, WARD NO. 4, NEAR SARASWATI SCHOOL, MOHALLA SAHIBZADIAN, PATHANKOT, TEHSIL AND DISTT. PATHANKOT-145001.MR. AMAN S/O VINOD KUMAR SHARMA (Co-Borrower) S/O HARI KRISHAN SHARMA, H. NO. 47, WARD NO. 4, NEAR SARASWATI SCHOOL, MOHALLA SAHIBZADIAN, PATHANKOT, TEHSIL AND DISTT. PATHANKOT-145001.	13-Mar-2026	01-Mar-2026	Rs. 1,61,62,848.94 (Rupees One Crore One Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred & Forty Eight & paise Ninety Four Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

1. Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of Residential house constructed on plot measuring 19.47 Marla Comprised out of Khasra No 443/435/84 (7-2) 443/435/84 min (0-9), 406/325/84 min (8-10), 406/325/84 (0-10), 406/325/84 min south (0-10), 406/325/84 min north (0-5), 406/325/84 min east (1-0) 85 (0-2) as entered in the jamabandi for the year 2019-20 situated in Pathankot HB No. 340, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot, in the name of Naman S/o Vinod Kumar vide rectified transferred deed no. 2022-23/44/1/4359 dated 19.12.2022. Boundaries (As per Deed) : North :- Other, West :- Plot of Pankaj Sharma, South - Road/Gali + Romi Wadhera, East :- Plot of Romy Wadhera + Owner. 2. Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of Residential house measuring 6.90 Marla Comprised out of Khasra No 443/435/84 (7-2) 443/435/84 min (0-9) as per the jamabandi for the year 2014-2015. Situated in Pathankot HB No. 340, Tehsil and District Pathankot, in the Name of Naman S/o Vinod Kumar vide transferred deed no.2022-23/44/1/4059 dated 07.12.2022. Boundaries (As per Deed) : North: Road, West: Property of Naman, South, Owner, East Owner.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	Date of Notice	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
8.	MR. BALWINDER SINGH S/O SEWA SINGH (Borrower & Mortgagor) AZAMPUR, KALA AFGANA, NEAR SCHOOL GURDASPUR, PUNJAB-143513 MRS. PARAMJIT KAUR W/O BALWINDER SINGH (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor) AZAMPUR, KALA AFGANA, NEAR SCHOOL GURDASPUR, PUNJAB-143513. MR. PARDEEP SINGH S/O BALWINDER SINGH (Co-Borrower) AZAMPUR, KALA AFGANA, NEAR SCHOOL GURDASPUR, PUNJAB-143513. MRS. KIRANDEEP KAUR W/O PARDEEP SINGH (Co-Borrower) AZAMPUR, KALA AFGANA, NEAR SCHOOL GURDASPUR, PUNJAB-143513. MR. SURJEET KAUR W/O DALBIR SINGH (Co-Borrower) NEAR ATTACHAKKI, DUDHALA, AMRITSAR-PUNJAB-143502.	09-Mar-2026	24-Feb-2026	Rs. 23,71,263.60 (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Seventy one Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three and Sixty Paise Only)

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES

1. Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of property measuring about 1½ Marla (karam 5½), being 5/8 share out of Khasra No. 88/10/1/1/1/1/1(0-4) Khewat No. 156, Khatauni no. 391 as per the jamabandi for the year 2004-05 at Present Khewat no.223 Khatauni no. 392 as per jamabandi for the year 2019-20 situated at Village kala Afgana, HB No.321, Tehsil Fatagarh Churian, Distt. Gurdaspur, in the name of Balwinder Singh S/o Sewa Singh vide Sale deed no. 1071 dated 14.10.2011, registered at Sub Fathegarh Churian. Boundaries (As per Deed)East -Ownership of Surinder Singh, West -Ownership of Nirvair Singh, North - Ownership of Gurdap Singh, South - Batala Road.
2. Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of property measuring about 6 Marla (karam 5½) with measurement 25'X60' being 6/817 share out of land 40k-17M bearing Khasra No. 88//18/2(2-15), 88//11min(2-0), 12/1/1(0-18), 23/1(4-0), 12/1/3(1-11), 18/2(12-10), 89//15/2/2(1-4), 88//10/3 (1-9), 23/2(4-0), 11min (5-12), 19/1(3-18), 20/1(2-18), 89//15/2/1(0-6), 16//18-2),25/1(3-4) Khewat No.45, Khatauni no. 68 to 75 as per the jamabandi for the year 2019-20 situated at Village kala Afgana, HB No.321, Tehsil Fatagarh Churian, Distt. Gurdaspur, in the name of Paramjit kaur W/o Balwinder Singh vide Sale deed no. 39 dated 08.04.2012, registered at Sub Fathegarh Churian. Boundaries (As per Deed) : East: Ownership of Balwinder Singh, West: passage, North: Ownership of Amrik Singh, South: Ownership of Baldev Singh.

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

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

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

Date : 21.03.2026 Place : Punjab

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

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ

ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ

(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)

ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 8, ਬਲਾਕ-ਈ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 66 ਐਰੋ, ਜਾਰੀਕ 100 ਵ.ਗਜ਼ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ 100% ਹਿੱਸੇ ਦੀ ਅਲਾਟੀ Sh. Ramninder Singh Nagra S/o Sh. Kanwaljit Singh Nagra, R/o House No. 4257, Block-E, Aerocity, SAS Nagar ਤੇ Smt. Bhupinder Kaur W/o Kanwaljit Singh Nagra, R/o House No. 4257, Block-E, Aerocity, SAS Nagar ਨੂੰ ਅਲਾਟ ਕੀ.ਪੀ.ਏ ਵਿਖਤਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਨੰ: 2019-20/3/4/1568, ਮਿਤੀ 27-02-2020 ਨੂੰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਦਫਤਰ ਅਲਾਟਮੈਂਟ ਪੱਤਰ ਗੁੰਮ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

ਇਸ ਸੀ.ਪੀ.ਏ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟ ਹੋ Sh. Ramninder Singh Nagra S/o Sh. Kanwaljit Singh Nagra, R/o House No. 4257, Block-E, Aerocity, SAS Nagar ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਕਤ ਪਲਾਟ Sh. Kanwaljit Singh Nagra, R/o House No. 4257, Block-E, Aerocity, SAS Nagar ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਬਿਨੈ ਪੱਤਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ: 474737 ...

ਇਸ ਲਈ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਅਸਟੇਟ ਅਫਸਰ (ਪ), ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਰਧਾਰਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਬਾਅਦ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ...

ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ (ਪ)

ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ।

COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF **Sh. Yogesh Gill Judicial Magistrate First Class-20 Jalandhar**

AMRIT MALWA CAPITAL LTD.

Vs.

DIKSHA

COMPLAINT U/S 138 NI ACT

NACT/8567/2024

CNR No. PBJL03-034271-2024

Next Date:- 15-04-2026

NOTICE TO:

DIKSHA C/O BALDEV SINGH R/O MALSIAN BAJA, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB, 142033

In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on **15-04-2026** at **10.00 a.m.**

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

Judicial Magistrate First Class 20 Jalandhar

Dated, this day of **17-03-2026**

Court Notice

In the Court of, District Marriage Officer, Tarn Taran

V/S

General Public



Subject: Issuance of Marriage Ability Certificate

Applicant Name: Amandeep Kaur

Father/Husband Name: Sukhwant Singh

R/o: Village Ekal Gadda Tehsil Khadur Sahib, District Tarn Taran, Village Ekal Gadda/Tehsil-Khadur Sahib/District- Tarn Taran, Punjab

has applied (submitted for application) in Suwidha Center for issuance of Marriage ability Certificate details are given as follows:

Name: Varinder Singh

Permanent Address: Village Ekal Gadda Tehsil Khadur Sahib District Tarn Taran, Ekal Gadda Khadur Sahib, Tarn Taran, Punjab

Foreign Address: Rua Santa Rita 121 Andar 1 Sao Joao Do Estoril 2765-281 City Lisboa Portugal

Age/DOB: 31-(22/11/1994)

The applicant has stated that he/she has no marital relation in India.

Notice is given to the general public that if there is any objection to any person regarding issuance of above said certificate than the person or his representative can put their objection/ grievance within 30 days from the issuance of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

The advertisement issued on 13/03/2026 through my signature under court seal.

Sd/-

District Marriage Officer, Tarn Taran

ਅਦਾਲਤ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਰਿਜ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਕਮ ਵਧੀਕ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਤਰਨ ਤਾਰਨ ...

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AXIS BANK LTD.

Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001.

Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmadabad-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 the Axis Bank Ltd for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No	Name Of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	NPA DATE	Date of Possession
		Outstanding Amount (As On Date Of Notice)		
1.	Mr. Baljinder Singh S/o Dilbag Singh (Borrower & Mortgagor) Village Mallikpur Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur Punjab-143511 Mrs. Amandeep Kaur W/o Baljinder Singh (Co-Borrower) Village Mallikpur Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur Punjab-143511	20-Dec-2025	25-Aug-2025	18-Mar-2026
		Rs. 33,26,835/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five Only)		

Details Of Properties:- Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of one site/property measuring 200 Sq. Yds or 6-1/2 Marle (Karam 5-1/2) with measurement 23'-1"X 78' being 13/5804 share out of Khasra No.29//9/2(2-12), 6(6-16),12/2(0-4),14(2-1),15(8-0),16(8-0), 17(8-0),18/1(6-1), 19(8-0), 20(8-0), 21/1(4-3), 22(8-0),23(8-0),24(8-0), 25(8-0),26(0-9), 30//1(0-2),10/2 (1-3),11/1(4-0),20(8-0),21(8-0), 26(8-19), 33//1(3-17),34//2(2-17),3(4-7),4(4-7),5(5-4) total land 145K-2M, Khewat 82, Khatauni 95 jamabandi 2013-14 situated at Batala Sharki (Jharianwal), Hadbast No.211,Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur in the name of Baljinder Singh S/o Dilbag Singh vide transfer deed dated 11.07.2019 bearing document no. 2019-20/146/1/1585 Boundaries: North: passage, West: Ownership of other, South: Hanali, East: Prabsharan Singh

Sr. No	Name Of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	NPA DATE	Date of Possession
2.	Mr. Dharam Pal S/o Saudagar Dass (Applicant) VPO : Khojki Chak, Khojeke Chak, Pathankot (Punjab) - 145027 Mr. Sunil Kumar S/o Dharam Pal (Co-Applicant & Mortgagor) VPO : Khojki Chak, Khojeke Chak, Pathankot (Punjab) - 145027	27-Nov-2025	13-Nov-2025	18-Mar-2026
		Rs. 14,76,070.97/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Seventy and Ninety Seven paisa Only)		

Details Of Properties:- All that part and parcel of the Property/Plot measuring 12 Marla Comprised out of Rect. 17 Killa 13 (9-6) Hadbast No.5 as entered in the jamabandi for the year 2014-15 Situated in the area of Village Khojaki Chak, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot registered in the name of Sunil Kumar S/o Dharam Pal vide Document no. 2021-22/45/1/103 Dated 22-09-2021 Boundaries (AS per sale deed) East: Kuhal, West: Land of Sh. Dharam pal, North: Road, South: Land of Sh. Dharam pal

Date: 21.06.2026, Place: Punjab

Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Workshop Electrical Engineer (I/C) Northern Railway, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002, for and on behalf of President of India, invites e-tenders through online mode only for under mentioned work:-

Name of Work	"Comprehensive Maintenance Contract of ACs (Split AC & Window AC) and Water Coolers for the period of Two Years".		
Tender Type	Open	Bidding System	Single Packet
Tender sale Closing Date	13/04/2026 at 11.30 hrs.	Date & Time of Uploading Tender	20/03/2026 10:57 hrs
Pre-Bid Required	No	Pre-bid query till Date	N. A
Advertisement Value	Rs. 1370436.70/- Including all taxes GST etc.	Tendering Section	Tender & Works/ Electrical branch Jagadhri Workshop
Earnest Money	Rs. 27400/-	Validity of Offer	60 days
Tender Document cost	NIL (as per Part-I clause No.3 of Indian Railways GCC April 2022)	Period of Completion	24 Months
Bidding Start Date	30/03/2026	Bidding End Date	13/04/2026 upto 11.30 hrs.
Tender opening date & time	At any time thereafter closing of tender. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserve the right to open the tender at any time after closing of tender.		
Website	For complete information & Bidding please go to www.ireps.gov.in		

No. 56/W/Elect/25-26/T/01/RT AMC of AC

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTICE

For and on behalf of President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/FS, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt., invites bids through e-Auction Leasing on IREPS website for contract of leasing of parcel space (4 /3.9 MT) in SLR/SLRD compartment of Brake vans in various Mail/ Express Trains over Ambala Division as per following details: -

SN	Auction Catalogue No.	Auction start date & time	Auction close date & time
1.	UMB-SLR-05-2026 (04 lots)	31.03.2026/10:00	31.03.2026/11:00
SN.	Train No.	To - from	Compartment
1	14218	CDG-PYGS	RSLR-I
2	14522	UMB-DLI	FSLR-I
3	19308	UHL-INDB	FSLR-I
4	20990	CDG-UDZ	FSLR-I

For participating in the e-Auctioning or for any other information related to e-Auction Leasing process, prospective bidders are advised to visit **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/FS, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt.

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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

CORRIGENDUM

Public Notice published in this Newspapers on 18/03/2026 wherein Sh. Amjot Singh mentioned as Transferee **may be read as** Transferor and rest remains unchanged in r/o D.U. No. 198-1, Cat-LIG, Sector 55, Chandigarh.

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING

8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

CORRIGENDUM

Public Notice published in this Newspapers on **28.02.2026** wherein Sector mentioned Dhanas **may be read as** Sector 47-D and rest remains unchanged in r/o D.U. No. 3306, Cat-LIG, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh.

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

AXIS BANK

Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001. Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025 Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd Floor, Opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006.

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE 8(1)] (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Axis Bank Ltd.** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 23/12/2025** calling upon the Borrower **1. M/s. BB Overseas** through its partners Mr. Vineet Jain and Bhawana Jain **2. Arun Kumar Jain 3. Kusum Lata 4. Sunil Kumar Jain 5. All the legal heirs of Bimla Rani 6. All the legal heirs of Pushpa Rani 7. Sohan Lal Jain 8. Abhinandan Jain 9. Hitesh Jain 10. Parveen Jain 11. Pratibha Jain 12. Puneet Jain 13. Veena Jain 14. Vineet Jain 15. All the legal heirs of Ashok Kumar Jain 16. Parveen Kumar Jain HUF through its Karta 17. Sohan Lal Jain HUF through its Karta 18. Parmod Jain 19. Shashi Jain 20. Bhawna Jain** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 6,89,00,000/- (Rupees Six Crores Eighty Nine Lakh Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **18th day of March of the year 2026.**

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd for an amount of **Rs. 6,89,00,000/- 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.

Description of the immovable property:

PROPERTY NUMBER 1 : Land measuring 8K-8M comprised in Khewat No.896, Khatoni No. 1146/1 bearing Khasra No.213/17/1(4-8), 24/1(4-0) situated at Sunam C, District Sangrur, Punjab as per jamabandi for the year 2004-05. Boundaries as under : East : N/a, West : N/a, North : N/a, South : N/a.

PROPERTY NUMBER 2 : Land measuring 1K-17M comprised in Khewat No.896, Khatoni No. 1146/1 bearing Khasra No.227/1/1/1(1-17) situated at Sunam C, District Sangrur, Punjab as per jamabandi for the year 2004-05. Boundaries as under : East : N/a, West : N/a, North : N/a, South : N/a.

PROPERTY NUMBER 3 : Land measuring 1K-0M (605 sq yards), khewat no. 896, khatoni no. 1148/1, killa no. 226//5/1 (1-0) = 1 kanal 0 marla as per jamabandi for the year 2004-2005. East : 148'6", West : 164'10", North : xxx, South : 71'8".

Date : 18.03.2026 Place : Punjab

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

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.

Sn	Lot No.	Description	Auction Start Date Time
1	ADVT-Int-135985-5-26-1	Commercial Advertisement space in Train No. 12449/50 (CDG-MAO-CDG) using display boards in the interior of train coaches (as per coach composition and dimension for advertisement)	03.04.2026 12.00.00 hrs
2	ADVT-UMB-UMB-OH-328-26-1	Commercial Publicity Rights for display of advertisements through Lollipop Cuboid Boards at Ambala Cantt. Railway Station having total quantity of lollipop cuboid 20 and size of each lollipop cuboid should not exceed 1.5'x1.5'x1.5'.	03.04.2026 12.00.00 hrs

For participation in E-Auction process or for any other information related to E-Auction leasing process, visit **www.ireps.gov.in**

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HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009 BRANCH OFFICE: HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, SCO 70,1st Floor,Sector 47 D Chandighar-160047.

The Undersigned As Authorized Officer Of Hdb Financial Services Limited Has Taken Over Physical Possession Of The Following Property Pursuant To The Notice Issued U/s 13(2) Of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of The Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act 2002 In The Following Loan Accounts With A Right To Sell The Same On **"as Is Where Is Basis" And "as Is Whatever Is There Basis"** For Realization Of Company's Dues.

1. BORROWER/S & GUARANTOR/S NAME & ADDRESS 2. TOTAL DUE+ INTEREST FROM	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY	1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD. 3. DATE & TIME OF THE PROPERTY INSPECTION	1. RESERVE PRICE 2. EMD OF THE PROPERTY
1.VISHNU FLOUR MILLS M/S VISHNU FLOUR MILLS SHOP NO 47 ANAJ MANDI SHIMLA SHIMLA SHIMLA.-171001 HIMACHAL PRADESH And Also: BUNGLOW NO 9 BUILT ON LAND MEASURING 62 SQ MTS ON PART OF LAND COMPRISED IN KHATA KHATONI NO 177/209, KHASRA NO 865, SHIMLA.-171009 **2.VISHNU SHARMA** S/O BHAGWAN SWAROOP SHARMA, **3. VARUN SHARMA (DECEASED THROUGH LEGAL HEIR) A. SEEMA SHARMA (LEGAL HEIR) B. ANANYA SHARMA (LEGAL HEIR)C.NIA SHARMA (LEGAL HEIR) 4.KARAN SHARMA 5. SHUCHITA VASHISHT** All R/o COTTAGE NO-9 AERA HOME, EXTENSION CHOTTA SHIMLA, SHIMLA KASUMPTI, SHIMLA URBAN (T) SHIMLA.-171009 HIMACHAL PRADESH **Loan Account No.** 10890748, 17995499 **2. Rs.13208111** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakh Eight Thousand One Hundred & Eleven Only) as of 10.09.2024 with further interest as per terms and conditions of loan agreement alongwith other incidental, costs and expenses till actual realisation	All The Piece and Parcel of Property bearing Bunglow no. 9 built on Land measuring 62 Sq Mtrs on part of land comprised in Khata Khatoni no. 177/209 Khasra no. 865, 1434/ 878, 1436/879, 1438/880 situated at mauja Kasumpti Koti Tehsil and Distt Shimla owned by Vishnu Sharma , Neeta Sharma vide Sale Deed Bearing No.472/2010 Dated 17.09.2010 and Varun Sharma and Karan Sharma vide Registred will no. 32 and 33 Dated 26.02.2018 mutation entered vide mutation no. 328 Registred With Sub Registrar Shimla.	1)) E-AUCTION DATE: 28.04.2026 10.30 AM TO 12:30 P.M. WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES. 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 24.04.2026 TILL 5 PM. 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 26.04.2026 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 01:00 PM IST	Property 1- Reserve Price (IN INR):Rs.14961848/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakh Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight Only) EMD Amount(IN INR): Rs. 1496184/- (Fourteen Lakh Ninty Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty Four Only)

The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself/itself in all aspects thereto. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property should be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s). The bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself/itself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/Properties, before submitting the bids. **Terms & Conditions of Online Tender/Auction (1)** The auction sale shall be **"online e-auction"** bidding through website https://www.bankeauctions.com Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP **on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes. (2)** The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: https://www.bankeauctions.com (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT in the account mentioned above. After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: https://www.bankeauctions.com) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact **M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Plot No. 68 ,3rd Floor, Sector-44, Gurgaon- 122003 Mr. Dharani krishna, email id - andhra@c1india.com; ph.no- 9948182222 and for any property related query may contact Authorised Officer: MR. Vikas Anand; Mobile No: 9711010384, E-mail ID: vikas.anand@hdbfs.com, Naval Kishore ; Mobile No: 7696442530 e-mail ID:naval.kishore@hdbfs.com, and MR. Vishal Ritpurkar; Mobile No: 9833671006, e-mail ID: vishal.ritpurkar@hdbfs.com** during the working hours from Monday to Saturday. **(3)** The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of Demand Draft/PAY ORDER drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Commercial Bank in favor of **"HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ LUDHIANA or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD**; on or before **date and time mentioned above (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above)** and register their name at https://www.bankeauctions.com and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded (1. Copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan/DD copy/ Pay order; 2.Copy of PAN card and 3.Copy of proof of address (Passport, Driving License, Voter's I-Card or Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Registered Leave License Agreement)) on the website before or by the last date of submission of the EMD(s) as mentioned in the table above and also submit hardcopy thereof at the Branch mentioned hereinabove. **(4)** Bid must be accompanied with EMD (Equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price) by way of Demand Draft/ Pay order in favour of **" HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ Chandigarh or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD; on or before date and time mentioned above. (5)** Bids that are not filled up or Bids received beyond last date will be considered as invalid Bid and shall be summarily rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. Once the bid is submitted by the Bidder, same cannot be withdrawn. If the bidder does not participate in the bid process, EMD deposited by the Bidder shall be forfeited without further recourse. However, EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price alongwith increment value of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) and the bidder shall further improve their offer in multiple of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only). The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price set by the Authorised Officer. **(7)** The successful bidder is required to deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) immediately but not later than next working day by Demand Draft drawn in favour of of **" HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ CHANDIGARH or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD** and the balance amount of sale price shall be paid by the successful bidder within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the Company. The EMD as well as Sale Price paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. The deposit of EMD or 10% of sale price, whatever may be the case shall be forfeited by the Company, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale or commits any default. **(8)** On compliance of terms of Sale, Authorised officer shall issue "Sale Certificate" in favour of highest bidder. All the expenses related to stamp duty, registration charges, conveyance, TDS etc. to be borne by the purchaser. **(9)** Company does not take any responsibility to procure permission / NOC from any authority or under any other law in force in respect of property offered or any other dues i.e. outstanding water/electricity dues, property tax or other charges, if any. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear all expenses including pending dues of any Development Authority, if any/ taxes/ utility bills etc. to the Municipal Corporation or any other authority/ agency and fees payable for stamp duty /registration fees etc. for registration of the Sale Certificate. **(11)** The Authorised Officer reserves the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn/cancel the sale without assigning any reason or modify any terms of sale without any prior notice. The immoveable property shall be sold to the highest bidder. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter-se bidding, if deemed necessary. **(12)** To the best of its knowledge and information, the Company is not aware of any encumbrances on the property to be sold except of the Company. However, interested bidders should make their own assessment of the property to their satisfaction. The Company does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid property. For any other information, the Authorised Officer shall not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the aforesaid property. **(13)** Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the loan documents on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc. is due and payable till its actual realization. **(14)** The notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyer/purchasers for purchasing the immoveable property as described hereinabove, as per the particulars of the Terms and conditions of sale. **(15)** Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer/tender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website https://www.bankeauctions.com for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned herein above, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website https://www.bankeauctions.com or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of HDB Financial Services Limited. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to Concerned Manager **Mr. Naval Kishore ; Mobile No: 7696442530; at HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, ADDRESS -** : SCO 277, 1st Floor, Sector 47 D chandighar- 160047 on or before date and time mentioned above. (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above). **(16)** The property shall be sold on "As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards encumbrance, charge and statutory outstanding on the property of any authority besides the Company's charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges and encumbrances over the property or any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid and at any stage thereafter. The Company shall not be responsible for anything whatsoever including damages or eviction proceeding, etc. The intending bidder shall indemnify the tenants as well as the Company in this regard. The purchaser shall take necessary action for eviction of tenant / settlement of tenant only in accordance with the Law. The Company presses into service the principle of caveat emptor. **(17)** This publication is also a **"30' (Thirty) days' notice**, to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 6(2), 8(6) and Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above alongwith upto date interest and expenses within **"30' (Thirty) days' notice** from the date of this notice failing which the Secured asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of Sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the borrower/mortgagors pays the amount due to the Company, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. **For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED Mr. NAVAL KISHORE Mobile No. 7696442530.**

Place: HIMACHAL PRADESH

Date: 21-03-2026

AUTHORISED OFFICER, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

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.) L9001060830271911 & L9001060126524801 **Gurprit Singh (Borrower)**, Sunny Verma (Co-Borrower), Pomal Verma (Co-Borrower)	13-Nov-25 Rs. 430487/- Rs. Four Lakh Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Only & Rs. 1329672/- Rs. Thirteen Lakh Twenty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Two Only 10-Nov-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Transfer Deed No-12120, Khewat/Khatoni No-116/271, Khasra No-49//2/2 (1-0), Kita 1, Vill- Mardanhari, Teh & District -Patiala, Punjab **Admeasuring 275 Square Yard**, East: LAND OF CHARANJIT SINGH, West: ROAD, North: HOUSE OF BALKAR, South: LAND OWNER	19-Mar-26
(A/c No.) L9001070130628649 & L9001070535260892 **Sunil Kumar (Borrower)**, Suresh Ram (Co-Borrower), Smt.Pinki Kumari (Co-Borrower), Suraj Kumar (Co-Borrower)	15-Dec-25 Rs. 1458056/- Rs. Fourteen Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand Fifty-Six Only & Rs. 631006/- Rs. Six Lakh Thirty-One Thousand Six Only 11-Dec-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Khasra No 51//15, Khata No 2631/3911, Page No 2081, Vill - Khanna Kalan, Saheed Bahgat Singh Colony, Th - Khanna, Dist - Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 0K-3-1/3M**, East: STREET H/O HARISH KUMAR 29'4", West: STREET 15'0"29'9", North: H/O BAKHSISH SINGH 30'5", South: SELLER 31'0"	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 under 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: 20-Mar-2026

Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

Mahieka Sharma turns showstopper for designer Anamika Khanna



The spotlight turned on model Mahieka Sharma as she turned showstopper for designer Anamika Khanna, delivering a stunning appearance on the first day of Lakme Fashion Week in Mumbai.Dressed in one of Khanna's runway outfits, Mahieka looked graceful as she took the lead.She walked the show in a flowy white drape ensemble, further accentuated with a customised hangbag with frills, which she held in her hand. She completed the look with frilled footwear and drop earrings.Mahieka kept her hair neatly tied in a bun, with a few loose strands at the front.While speaking to the media, she shared, "This is my second time walking for Anamika. But this time I am exclusive to her.. so you won't see me again." Designer Anamika Khanna, who delivered a grand finale on Day 1, spoke to ANI and detailed her latest collection.

"My collection is inspired by imperfect flowers. The whole idea was focused on the fact that the rose grows where it doesn't belong," she said.During the media interaction, Mahieka also reacted to the Indian Cricket Team's victory in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup."I am proud of our country.. I am proud of our team. They have all done such a phenomenal job. But obviously, he (Hardik Pandya) is my player of the team," Mahieka said.Coming back to Anamika Khanna's showcase, her label AK|OK's latest collection focused on garments that can serve multiple purposes like styling, layering, and more."From draped dhoti pants and ruffled asymmetric tops to relaxed co-ord sets and floor-length gowns, the garments moved effortlessly between statement dressing and everyday wearability.She also included hand-painted textures, unfinished details, asymmetry, 3D embroidery, intricate hand embroidery, and gold Zari work. One of the key highlights from the show was the introduction of menswear with the AK|OK initiative.

Aditi Rao Hydari, Barun Sobti to headline Konkona Sensharma's 'Welcome to Khoya Mahal'



Actors Barun Sobti and Aditi Rao Hydari will be seen sharing screen space for the first time ever in Prime Video's project 'Welcome to Khoya Mahal'. The upcoming series, created by Konkona Sensharma and Jaydeep Sarkar, was announced on Thursday. Official synopsis of 'Welcome to Khoya Mahal' read, "Kanishk and Kanupriya, ex-royals and half siblings united by a crumbling inheritance, are forced to take over their family's remote heritage hotel, The Khoya Mahal. Desperate to escape, they hatch a reckless plan to free themselves, unaware that Khoya Mahal has plans of its own."Take a look . While more details are being kept tightly under wraps, the announcement has already left fans excited. Meanwhile, Barun is basking in the success of 'Kohrra 2'. Aditi, who was last seen in 'Gandhi Talks', has several other exciting projects lined up in her kitty besides 'Welcome to Khoya Mahal'. One of them is Imtiaz Ali's 'Saathi Re'.

'Dhurandhar: The Revenge' delivers big, fans say it's total 'paisa wasool'

After fans waited for months through teasers, trailers and endless buzz online, 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge' finally arrived in theatres on March 19, and if the reactions pouring out of cinemas across the country are anything to go by, the much-anticipated sequel has clearly struck a chord with audiences.Directed by Aditya Dhar and headlined by Ranveer Singh, the spy thriller had preview shows on the evening of March 18. With the first film, Dhurandhar, becoming a massive success last year, expectations from the sequel were sky-high.For many moviegoers stepping out of theatres after the early screenings, the film seemed to deliver on the hype. Viewers, after watching the film, shared their excitement, with some even going as far as calling it one of the "greatest" Indian films they had watched.Agrima, a viewer from Bhopal, said the film impressed her with its action and suspense. Speaking about the "fantastic" performance by Ranveer Singh and the film's strong detailing, she said, "Action and fighting scenes are really good. Ranveer Singh's acting is fantastic... The suspense buildup is really good... Detailing in the film is really good..." enthusiasm was seen among moviegoers in Lucknow, where viewers appreciated the film's theme and scale.One viewer said the movie handled the subject of terrorism in a "positive" way and felt the sequel was better than the first film. "The movie was very good on the subject of terrorism. This movie works in a positive way. This movie is better than the first part of the same film," he told ANI.



However, the film's runtime, an imposing three hours and 55 minutes, has also become a talking point among audiences. While some viewers felt the length was a bit "too long," others said the film's pace kept them engaged throughout. In New Delhi, a fan who arrived wearing a Dhurandhar-printed T-shirt said he had already watched the first film several times and had high expectations from the sequel. Describing the experience as "amazing," he said the film was worth every penny and even revealed plans to watch it again the next day.He added that despite the nearly four-hour runtime, the film never felt slow. According to him, the story kept moving at a pace that didn't make the duration noticeable."I'm a huge fan of the first part. I had already watched it six or seven times in theatres. I came in with expectations that the movie would be amazing, and Part 2 turned out to be even more spectacular. We've even decided that we're going to watch it a second time tomorrow.

Hungama OTT's Zung Dives into a Twisted Game of Desire, Deceit and Deadly Secrets

CHANDIGARH : Hungama OTT launched its latest crime drama, Zung, a gripping crime drama that premiered on 18 March 2026. Set against the stark, unforgiving landscape of the Alang Ship Breaking Yard in Gujarat, the series brings together a story steeped in betrayal, survival and buried truths.

At the heart of Zung is Kaveri, a lonely housewife stuck in a loveless marriage with her quiet, unassuming husband Bakul. In search of an emotional escape, she begins a secret relationship with a scrapyard worker. What begins as a fleeting moment of connection quickly spirals into blackmail, pulling her into a dangerous spiral of crime, manipulation and murder. As the situation intensifies, the investigation is led by Inspector Sarthak, a man who shares a complicated past with Kaveri. With every layer he uncovers, the truth grows darker. What emerges is a chilling revelation — Kaveri has been unknowingly caught in a far larger game, one orchestrated by her own husband, who is secretly running a powerful drug empire and using her as a pawn to eliminate his enemies.



As loyalties fracture and danger closes in, Kaveri is forced to confront the reality of her circumstances. Pushed to the edge, she makes a choice that changes everything — stepping out of the shadows and into a final, deadly confrontation in the heart of the Alang shipyard, where survival comes at its ultimate cost.

Pavitra Punia, who essays the role of Kaveri, said, “Kaveri is an incredibly layered character who goes through a very intense emotional journey. At first, she appears vulnerable and trapped in circumstances beyond her control, but as the story unfolds, her resilience begins to shape. What drew me to this role was how the narrative explores a woman’s fight for freedom and survival in a world filled with betrayal, manipulation and danger.”

Zee Kutumb Awards: Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan's Sheizaan Khan Breaks Down on Stage

CHANDIGARH: Dreams, perseverance, and a mother’s unwavering strength came together in one unforgettable moment at the Zee Kutumb Awards when Sheizaan Khan, who plays Siddhu in Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan, received the first award of his career. What began as a celebratory moment soon turned deeply emotional as the actor was left completely taken aback by a surprise planned by the Zee Kutumb team. As the award was about to be presented, Sheizaan was stunned to see his mother walk onto the stage to hand him the trophy. The unexpected gesture left him visibly shocked, and for a few moments, he struggled to process what was happening. As the realization slowly sank in that his own mother would be presenting him with the first award of his life, Sheizaan broke down on stage. Overwhelmed with emotion, he shared that two of his biggest dreams had come true in that very moment, receiving his first-ever award and receiving it from the hands of his mother.



Unable to hold back his tears, Sheizaan said, “This is my first-ever award. No words can describe the emotions I am feeling right now. I’m sorry I’m taking time to say what I want to say, but this is overwhelming. What can I say? I am speechless. Every actor dreams of the day when he will receive his first-ever award. I also had this dream, but my biggest dream was that whenever I received my first award, I wished it would be from my mother’s hands. And today, as both my dreams have come true, I don’t know how to react or what to say.”

Making the moment even more meaningful, Sheizaan mother shared an emotional story that mirrored the journey of Ganga Mai from his show Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan. She said, “What a lot of people don’t know is that my journey and Ganga Mai’s journey are similar in one aspect. In the show, when Ganga Mai’s husband abandons her, she starts a food business to support her family. Similarly, when Sheizaan was just eight or nine years old, I too started a food business to support my family.” This heartfelt revelation struck a deep emotional chord with the audience and highlighted the strength of a mother who, much like Ganga Mai, stood strong against all odds to support her family and raise her children.

‘Sheesha’ Music Video Out Now: The Haryanvi Track Dominating India’s Charts

CHANDIGARH: Regional music isn’t waiting for the spotlight anymore, it’s taking lead. After weeks of dominating viral charts, playlists, reels and listener loops, the viral hit Sheesha (Aakhya Mai Aakh Ghali Jo Beran) by Mitta Ror& Swara Verma now has its music-awaited official music video featuring Sorab Bedi and Niharika Tiwari!

Written and composed by Mitta Ror, with Swara Verma’s standout vocals, produced by Yeah Ishwar and directed by Teji Sandhu, Sheesha has steadily grown from a regional release into one of the most talked about songs in the country. The video builds that momentum matching the track’s signature energy into a story that feels just as immersive as music itself. At the centre of the video are Rajma Chawal and Tikhi Mirchi, a.k.a. Sorab Bedi and Niharika Tiwari, a pairing that audiences have already been rooting for online. As fan edits featuring the two began circulating widely with the track, the song’s viral moment organically emerged with their on-screen chemistry. Picking up on that wave, the official music video now brings them together, turning what fans imagined into a fully realised visual treat!



The chart numbers tell their own story. Sheesha currently sits at #2on the Spotify India Charts and #3on the Billboard India charts, marking its continued dominance across platforms. It has sparked over 1.8 million IG reels, becoming a go-to sound across social media, clocking 40+ million streams on Spotify and over 40 million views on YouTube, alongside 1+ million YouTube Shorts. With the video now in play, the track is only getting bigger.

Driving this moment is Mitta Ror, one of the emerging voices pushing Haryanvi pop into a global phenomenon. His music blends the rawness of regional storytelling with contemporary beats, creating a sound that feels both grounded and widely relatable. Alongside him, Swara Verma’s vocals bring a distinct presence to Sheesha, adding both texture and recall to a track that has clearly struck a chord with listeners.

Akshay Kumar and Priyanka Sharda Laud Kiku's Mastery of Character Sketches on Wheel of Fortune

CHANDIGARH : Wheel of Fortune took an endearing turn when the spotlight shifted from the comedic trio of Kiku Sharda, Sugandha Mishra , and Harsh Gujral to the front row, where Kiku’s wife, Priyanka Sharda, was seated. In a rare candid moment, Priyanka opened up to host Akshay Kumar about the pride and reality of being married to one of India’s most versatile performers. The conversation began with a playful nudge from Akshay regarding the high stakes of the game as Kiku was falling a bit behind compared to others in the game. In respect to motivate him, Akshay turns towards his wife and asks her by saying “Aap kya kehna chahate hain isse.” Priyanka gives a very calm response as she feels it’s a game and she is fine with whatever he earns through this game.



As the focus on Kiku, Akshay brings up the topic of Kiku’s versatility to portray diverse female characters and lauded the comedian’s ability to slip into various sketches effortlessly. Akshay asks Priyanka does she share the same views as him, Priyanka agrees with Akshay’s views about her husband and even she feels proud to see Kiku portray so many female characters so effortlessly but at the end of the day when he comes back home she prefers to the company of Kiku as her husband by stating “Main kabhi gharpe bore nahi hoti kyuki I get to meet different female characters gharpe hi and I like what he does but at the end of the day I want my husband when he comes home.”

The moment served as a beautiful tribute to Kiku’s professional dedication and While Kiku’s versatility continues to win hearts across the nation, Priyanka’s heartfelt words reminded everyone that his greatest role is the one he plays at home. Her unique blend of pride and playful motivation gave Kiku the reason to pull up his socks and compete ahead in the game.

Gudi Padwa: Zee TV stars share how they celebrate the spirit of new beginnings

CHANDIGARH: Gudi Padwa marks the beginning of the Maharashtrian New Year and is celebrated with great joy and optimism across Maharashtra and many parts of India. The festival symbolises new beginnings, prosperity, and the triumph of good over evil. From hoisting the traditional gudi outside homes to preparing festive delicacies and spending time with loved ones, the day is deeply rooted in culture and tradition. For many, it’s also a moment to pause, reflect on the year gone by, and welcome the new one with positivity and gratitude.

Being a festival that holds a special place in the hearts of people across Maharashtra, Gudi Padwa is celebrated with equal enthusiasm on the sets of television shows as well. Actors often bring the festive spirit to their workplace, sharing traditions, food, and stories that make the day memorable.

This Gudi Padwa, Zee TV artists Sharad Kelkar and Sameer Patil from Tumm Se Tumm Tak, Hemant Thatte from Lakshmi Niwas, Parineeta Borthakur from Vasudha, Jayati Bhatia from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Indira from Ganga Mai Ki Betiyaan, Sonakshi Batra and Geeta Tyagi from Jagadhatri, and Mohak Matkar from Saru share what the festival means to them.



Sharad Kelkar, who plays the role of Arya in Tumm Se Tumm Tak, said, “For me, Gudi Padwa has always been more than just a festival; it represents the idea of starting fresh with hope and determination. Even today, amidst hectic schedules, I try to hold on to those traditions because they remind me where I come from. Festivals like these bring a sense of grounding and togetherness, and I believe it’s important to pass these values on to the next generation as well.”



Sameer Patil, who plays the role of Gopal in Tumm Se Tumm Tak, said, “Gudi Padwa has always been a very special day in our home. I remember waking up early, helping decorate the gudi, and enjoying the festive food my family would prepare. There’s a certain positivity in the air on this day that makes you feel hopeful about the year ahead. Even on set, we try to keep that festive spirit alive by sharing sweets and wishing each other prosperity and happiness.”

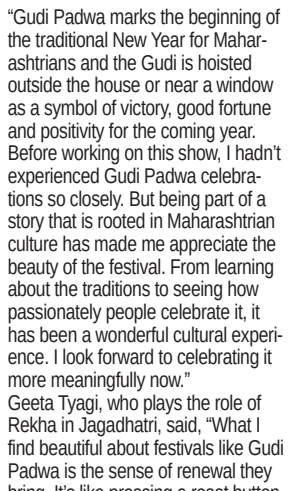


Hemant Thatte, who plays the role of Vivek in Lakshmi Niwas, said, “Gudi Padwa beautifully reflects the richness of Maharashtrian culture. What I love most about the festival is how it celebrates both tradition and optimism. The rituals remind us of our roots, while the spirit of the day encourages us to welcome the future with confidence. For me, it’s always a time to reconnect with family, traditions, and the values we often get too busy to acknowledge.”



Parineeta Borthakur, who plays the role of Chandrika in Vasudha, said, “I may not have grown up celebrating Gudi Padwa in the traditional sense, but over the years I’ve come to appreciate the beautiful meaning behind it. Every festival carries a message of hope and renewal, and Gudi Padwa is exactly that. I love how people come together to celebrate culture, food, and family. It’s always heartwarming to see the enthusiasm around it.”

Jayati Bhatia, who plays Sharda Bua in Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, said, “I came to know the importance of Gudi Padwa when I came to Mumbai. I’ve always believed that festivals are a wonderful way to stay connected to our culture and traditions. Gudi Padwa is such a vibrant celebration, especially here in Maharashtra, and I truly enjoy the warmth and enthusiasm around it. What I love most about festivals is the joy they bring into everyday life, the colours, the rituals, the food, and the feeling of togetherness. It’s a beautiful reminder to celebrate life itself.”



Indira Krishnan, who essays the role of Durgawati Ganga Mai Ki Betiyaan, shared,

“Our traditions carry deep wisdom. The gudi stands for resilience and strength. For me, it stands fr new beginnings yet again, which reminds me that my faith is stronger and my gratitude grows with every step I learn and the strength to rise from every challenge. The gudi reminds me of what I am today ..wishing everyone peace, prosperity”

Sonakshi Batra, who plays the titular role in Jagadhatri, said, “Gudi Padwa marks the beginning of the traditional New Year for Maharashtrians and the Gudi is hoisted outside the house or near a window as a symbol of victory, good fortune and positivity for the coming year. Before working on this show, I hadn’t experienced Gudi Padwa celebrations so closely. But being part of a story that is rooted in Maharashtrian culture has made me appreciate the beauty of the festival. From learning about the traditions to seeing how passionately people celebrate it, it has been a wonderful cultural experience. I look forward to celebrating it more meaningfully now.”

Geeta Tyagi, who plays the role of Rekha in Jagadhatri, said, “What I find beautiful about festivals like Gudi Padwa is the sense of renewal they bring. It’s like pressing a reset button for the year ahead. Whether it’s decorating the gudi, preparing festive food, or simply spending time with loved ones, these traditions remind us to slow down and cherish the little moments.”

Mohak Matkar, who plays the titular role in Saru, said, “Gudi Padwa has always been a very special festival for me because it marks a fresh beginning filled with hope and positivity. One tradition I’ve always loved is decorating the gudi every year and placing it in the window at home. It’s such a simple ritual, but it fills the whole house with festive energy and pride in our culture. Even with busy schedules now, I try my best to continue that tradition.

IDP Education to organise Study Abroad Expo in Chandigarh for students to pursue their international education journey

CHANDIGARH: IDP Education, the global leader in international education services, is organising one of the largest study abroad expos in Chandigarh. Scheduled for 23rdMarch at Hotel Taj Chandigarh from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, this event will support students planning to study at universities and institutions in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. The on-ground event will see participation from 37 reputed universities and institutions and offer students and parents an opportunity to explore diverse educational pathways.

This Study Abroad Expo offers students and parents a valuable opportunity to interact one-on-one with representatives from leading global universities. Through personalised counselling sessions, attendees can explore suitable universities and courses, understand scholarship options, internships, visa requirements, post-study work pathways, and campus life overseas. The expo is designed to equip participants with practical insights and expert advice, enabling them to make confident and informed decisions about their higher education and career journeys.

Speaking about the fair, Piyush Kumar – Regional Director, South Asia, Canada and Latin America (LATAM), IDP Education, said, “Chandigarh and the wider Punjab region have consistently emerged as key contributors to the global education ecosystem, with students showing a strong inclination towards gaining international academic exposure. As interest in overseas education continues to grow, IDP Education remains committed to bridging this aspiration by creating opportunities for students to engage directly with leading universities across Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Through these study abroad expos, we strive to offer reliable guidance, end-to-end support, and expert-led counselling, enabling students to make informed decisions and take confident steps towards achieving their global education goals.

Leading universities, featured in the QS World University Rankings 2026, such as The University of New South Wales (#20), The University of Sydney (#=25), Monash University (#=36), The University of Queensland (#=42), Adelaide University (#=82), Curtin University (#183), La Trobe University (#=233), Griffith University (#268), University of Alberta (#=94), and University of Waikato (#=281) will also be participating in the fair.

The fair will offer in-depth guidance on visa policies, scholarships, and post-study work opportunities for Australia, Canada and New Zealand ensuring students have all the information they need to make informed decisions. Banking partners will also be present to provide valuable insights into education loans and financial aid options, addressing the financial aspects of studying abroad. IDP Education provides free services, including application support, pre-departure guidance, and visa assistance, ensuring a seamless journey from start to finish.

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