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NEWS BRIEFS

Sensex climbs 473 points

MUMBAI: Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty ended higher on Monday, as softer-than-expected US jobs data reduced expectations of aggressive monetary tightening by the US Federal Reserve, supporting risk appetite across emerging markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 472.77 points, or 0.66 per cent, to settle at 72,382.47. During the day, it surged 722.23 points, or 1 per cent, to 72,631.93. The 50-share NSE Nifty climbed 133.80 points, or 0.60 per cent, to end at 22,555.75.

Woman Anganwadi worker shot dead at shop in Delhi

NEW DELHI: A 38-year-old Anganwadi worker was shot dead at her shop in the Sultanpur Dabas area here on Monday morning, with police arresting her relative, an officer said.

The deceased was identified as Manisha Dabas, a resident of outer North Delhi. "We received information about the firing at 9.15 am from Sultanpur Dabas Main Chowk. An assailant entered the woman's shop and shot her before fleeing from the spot on a scooter," a senior police officer said.

HP police rescue two stranded persons in Kinnaur district

SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh Police, through its Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112), facilitated the safe rescue of two persons who had lost their way near Fayul Retreat in Kalpa area of Kinnaur district, police said on Monday.

According to the police, an emergency call was received through the ERSS-112 helpline from a person reporting that his friend had lost his way in the area. Taking prompt cognizance of the information, the emergency response system immediately communicated the details to the Police Station Reckong Peo for necessary rescue assistance.

Acting swiftly, a police team from Police Post Kalpa launched a search and rescue operation in the area. Through timely intervention and coordinated efforts, both stranded persons were located and rescued safely.

The police said the operation highlighted the effective coordination between ERSS-112 and the local police in providing timely assistance in challenging mountainous and remote areas. The Himachal Pradesh Police appealed to citizens and visitors to immediately contact ERSS-112 in case of any emergency, distress, getting lost or any situation requiring urgent police assistance.

Three scientists get Nobel Medicine Prize for research into brain activity

STOCKHOLM: The Nobel Prize in medicine was awarded Monday to three scientists working on the mechanisms the brain uses to switch on, or off, the activity of individual nerve cells. Karl Deisseroth, 54, Peter Hegemann, 71, and Georg Nagel, 73, have carried out research into light-gated ion channels and optogenetics. They are based at universities in Germany and the United States.

The Nobel Assembly lauded their work, writing on X that the method "is now being used in laboratories around the world to reveal the brain's mysteries." The assembly said Deisseroth is based at Stanford University in California, while Hegemann is at Humboldt University in Berlin and Nagel at the University of Wurzburg, also in Germany.

Apex court refuses to suspend CEC Gyanesh Kumar, issues notice to EC

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NEW DELHI, OCT 5

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to pass an ex-parte interim order seeking suspension of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over allegations that key decisions relating to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls were taken unilaterally, saying the Election Commission and others must first be heard. A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana issued notices to the Centre, Election Commission of India, CEC Gyanesh Kumar, Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, Deputy Election Commissioner Maneesh Garg and DG (IT) Seema Khanna. "Let's first have authenticated information on that. We can always annul any decision...", observed the bench.

The petition relied on a report claiming that 14 crucial SIR-related decisions were taken in the name of the ECI despite objections recorded by the two other Election Commissioners. Senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for one of the petitioners, Rakesh Kumar Singh, sought immediate suspension of the



CEC, contending that the alleged unilateral decisions posed a serious threat to

that the other two Election Commissioners could discharge the functions.

Modified Form 6 not approved by us : SC

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday said that it had not approved any modified version of Form 6 being used for enrolment of new voters during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana said the court would examine the record to ascertain who had introduced the changes after the Election Commission claimed last week that the new declaration attached to the online Form 6 had been approved by the apex court. "Any modified Form 6 has not been approved by us. Let's be clear. When the record is produced, we would like to see who has modified it," the CJ observed. The clarification came while hearing a plea filed by advocate Shalendra Mani Tripathi seeking prosecution of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and other officials over alleged unilateral decisions concerning the SIR exercise

electoral democracy. Referring to Section 18 of the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Act, Singh submitted that ECI decisions were required to be unanimous or, failing that, taken by majority. As Singh sought suspension of the CEC, the bench questioned the feasibility of suspending the CEC, observing that it could stall the functioning of the poll panel. "Who will conduct the elections?" the bench asked. Singh responded

BJP names 8 candidates to RS from UP, Hardeep Puri, Smriti not in list

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 5

The BJP has announced eight names for the coming Rajya Sabha election from Uttar Pradesh, keeping a balance between castes and indicating the possibility of election on at least one seat on October 16. Union minister Hardeep Puri, who was expected to be named, is not on the list, indicating a rejig at the Centre as well. The names of Union Minister of State BL Verma and former Union Minister Smriti Irani, were expected to be the list, are missing too.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday approved the names of eight candidates for the upcoming Rajya Sabha biennial election 2026 in Uttar Pradesh. The approved candidates are Dharampal Singh, Radhakant Ojha, Prakash Pal, Vidyasagar Sonkar, Gopi Krishna Pandey, Priyanka Singh Rawat, Ram Pratap Singh Chauhan and Shruti Gangwar. The announcement was issued by Tarun Chugh, Rajya Sabha MP and the party's National Headquarters In-charge.



The Election Commission of India (ECI) had earlier announced the schedule for biennial elections to 11 Rajya Sabha seats, 10 from Uttar Pradesh and one from Uttarakhand, which fall vacant in November upon the retirement of sitting members. A by-election will also be held for a casual vacancy from West Bengal, created by the resignation of TMC MP Rukmini Mallik. The retiring Rajya Sabha members from Uttar Pradesh include Union Minister Hardeep Puri, Arun Singh, Brijlal, BL Verma, Ram Gopal Yadav, Neeraj Shekhar, Geeta Alias Chandrababha, Ramji, Seema, and Dr Dinesh Sharma. Nareish Bansal is the lone retiring member from Uttarakhand. With this notification, Union Ministers Hardeep Puri and BL Verma have not been nominated for the Upper House. On October 4, the BJP named Dinesh Arya as its candidate from Uttarakhand and Rukmini Mallik, also known as Koel Mallik, for the West Bengal by-election. Meanwhile, the Samajwadi Party has named Professor Ramgopal Yadav and Dhanraj Parimal Nathwani as its two candidates for the Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh. The last date for filing nominations is October 6. Scrutiny of papers will be held on October 7, and the last date for withdrawal of candidatures is October 9.

India, Switzerland ink pact on mobility, transport technology and research



UNI
NEW DELHI, OCT 5

India and Switzerland on Monday unveiled a package of five agreements and an additional research initiative to deepen bilateral cooperation in migration and mobility, employment opportunities for young professionals, transportation technologies, scientific research and entrepreneurship during Swiss Confederation President Guy Parmelin's state visit to India.

The outcomes seek to expand the India-Switzerland partnership beyond its traditional economic and commercial foundations by establishing new institutional mechanisms for people-to-people mobility, professional exchanges, technology cooperation, scientific research and support for emerging enterprises. A key outcome is the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP), aimed at strengthening cooperation between the two countries on migration and mobility while ensuring equal treatment in accordance with their respective national laws. The framework also provides for cooperation to prevent and combat irregular migration, human exploitation and trafficking. Under the arrangement, eligible travellers will be able to obtain multiple-entry visas valid for up to five years, with stays of up to six months permitted during each visit. The agreement also provides for renewable one-year permits for students, potentially facilitating greater academic, professional and people-to-people mobility between India.

CM invites Singapore entrepreneurs to invest in Haryana

YUGMARG BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 5

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini met representatives of various companies at the SING Forum in Singapore and held detailed discussions on new investment opportunities in the state. The meeting covered important issues related to setting up data centres in Haryana, investment in the defence sector around Hisar, further strengthening infrastructure, and adoption of new technologies.

The Chief Minister said that the Haryana Government is committed to providing all possible support to entrepreneurs and investors. He invited all the participating entrepreneurs to visit Haryana and invest in the state. Sh. Nayab Singh Saini made it clear that the government would stand by investors at every step and



provide all necessary facilities.

Detailed discussions were also held on the development of the housing sector in Panipat. In this context, discussions were also held with the government on developing affordable

residential areas in Gurugram and the Housing for Rental policy. The discussions focused on making housing more accessible in the state and moving forward towards providing affordable housing.

Referring to the 'Make in India' initiative being pursued under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister said that concerted efforts must be made to take this initiative further. He emphasised that Haryana would play an important role in achieving the objectives of 'Make in India' and that efforts would continue to establish the state as a major hub of industrial and technological development.

The representatives of the participating companies appreciated the Chief Minister's positive approach and the investment-friendly policies of the state government. During the meeting, all sides expressed their commitment to creating a conducive investment environment, strengthening infrastructure and promoting new technologies in the state.

150 complaints resolved on the spot on day one of 'samadhan camps' in Malerkotla

AGENCY
MALERKOTLA, OCT 5

For many people, a pending police complaint can mean repeated visits to offices, waiting for responses and uncertainty about when their problem will be resolved. Seeking to ease this burden and provide people direct access to the concerned officers, Malerkotla Police resolved 150 complaints on the spot on the very first day of its 'Samadhan Camps'

held across the district.

The camps were organised at Police Lines Malerkotla, Sub-Division Ahmedgarh and Sub-Division Amargarh, providing citizens an opportunity to explain their concerns directly to the concerned officers without having to move from one office to another.

SSP Malerkotla Harkamalpreet Singh Khakh said the initiative was based on a simple idea: when a person approaches the police with a

genuine problem, they should feel that someone is listening and willing to help. "Behind every complaint there is a person, a family and often a great deal of anxiety. We want people to come to us, explain their concerns openly and know that they are being heard. Wherever possible, we want to provide the solution there itself, rather than making people visit different police offices repeatedly," he said.

Asian Games gold medallist archer Kirti Sharma gets grand welcome in Haryana village

UNI
JIND, OCT 5

Asian Games gold medallist archer Kirti Sharma was accorded a grand welcome on her return to her native Ritoli village in Haryana, with residents celebrating her success in the women's recurve team event.

Sharma was part of the Indian team that won the gold medal at the Asian Games 2026 after defeating South Korea 5-3 in the final.

Haryana Bureau of Public Enterprises (HBPE) Chairman Mohan Lal Badoli felicitated Sharma at a ceremony organised in the village, presenting her with a traditional turban, shawl and a letter of appreciation. Villagers welcomed the archer



with drums, flower petals and patriotic slogans.

"Kirti Sharma's achievement is a matter of pride for the entire Haryana and the country," Badoli said, adding

that women athletes from the state had carved a niche for themselves at national and international levels through talent and hard work.

He said Sharma's performance on

the international stage had brought further recognition to Haryana's sporting tradition.

Badoli said sporting achievements went beyond winning medals as they encouraged young people to embrace hard work, discipline, and dedication.

"Kirti Sharma's achievement will particularly inspire daughters to take up sports and move forward in the field," he said.

Badoli wished Sharma success in future competitions and said her gold medal was a matter of pride for her family, Ritoli village, Jind district and Haryana. Local representatives, villagers, sports enthusiasts and members of Sharma's family attended the felicitation ceremony.

Our govt will never let 'toon-toon' notifications on Mawan Dheeyan's phones stop: CM Bhagwant Singh



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, OCT 5

Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday asserted that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government would continue its people-centric policies, including 'Mawan Dheeyan Satkar Yojna' for women, free electricity for households, daytime power supply for farmers and government recruitment through a transparent "No Cash, No Farmaish" system, while pointing out to the BJP, Congress and Akali Dal's opposition of these public welfare measures and lacking a clear vision for Punjab. During a Lok Milni programme in Sardulgarh Halqa, he said his government had delivered more than it had promised, transforming government schools,

expanding public facilities and creating an environment in which athletes from Punjab's villages were bringing home Olympic medals.

Addressing the Lok Milni programme, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the people of Punjab had witnessed a fundamental change in the functioning of government, with public money increasingly being channelled towards welfare, education, healthcare, electricity, irrigation and employment. "The happiness reflected on the faces of women whenever financial assistance reaches their bank accounts is a testimony to the impact of welfare-oriented governance. Our government will never let the notifications on the mobile phones of Punjab's mothers and sisters stop.

MoUs signed between Kurukshetra International Skill Centre and Japan International Cooperation of Welfare Services

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, OCT 5

An initiative to connect youth from the Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency with employment opportunities in Japan has been launched under the guidance of MP Naveen Jindal, following the 'Kurukshetra-Japan Career Connect' programme. A Japanese delegation visited the Kurukshetra International Skill Centre as part of the initiative, which is aimed at creating a stronger link between skill training and employment opportunities for local youth.

The Japanese delegation comprised Rin Tanaka, Tomoe Iguchi, Tetsushi Takagi, Hiroya Yaguchi, Krishnan Narayanan and Kyoko Take-moto. During the programme organised in collaboration with the Naveen Jindal Foun-



dation and Japan International Cooperation of Welfare Services, the delegation interacted directly with the youth and briefed them about employment opportunities available in Japan and the preparations required to pursue them. MoUs were also signed between the Kurukshetra International Skill Centre and institutions associated with the Japanese del-

egation. The agreements aim to align skill training programmes with international employment requirements and strengthen cooperation for career opportunities in Japan. Krishnan Narayanan said Indian youth could find employment opportunities in Japan in sectors including nursing care, construction, manufacturing, electrical and electronics, automobiles,

agriculture, food services and hospitality.

He said candidates would need to focus not only on technical and vocational skills but also on learning the Japanese language. The delegation also toured the Kurukshetra International Skill Centre and inspected laboratories where various skill development courses are conducted.

Journalists submit memorandum on welfare demands



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, OCT 5

The Pathankot District Press Club, responding to the call of the Indian Journalists Union, submitted a memorandum to the President of India and the Chief Minister of Punjab, highlighting the long-pending welfare demands and problems faced by journalists. The memorandum was submitted at the Deputy Commissioner's office by Press Club president N.P. Dhawan in the presence of other journalists. The journalists demanded that pension benefits be extended not only to accredited journalists but also to desk staff. They also sought free travel facilities in govern-

ment buses and restoration of the free rail travel facility that was available to journalists during the Covid-19 pandemic. The memorandum further sought the setting up of a dedicated welfare fund for journalists to provide financial assistance during serious illness, economic hardship or other emergencies.

The journalists also demanded affordable housing or flats for media persons in Chandigarh and other districts. They urged the government to ensure hassle-free treatment under the cashless health insurance scheme, besides bringing transparency to the policy governing government advertisements.

Skip online shopping, support local markets: Ravindra Kakkar



KAMALSHARMA
TARAWADI, OCT 5

With the festive season approaching, markets in Tarawadi have started witnessing increased activity. Amid this, Tarawadi Trade Board president Ravindra Kakkar has appealed to residents to prioritise local markets and shopkeepers instead of opting for online shopping.

Kakkar said shopping from local markets was not merely a way of supporting traders but also an important contribution towards strengthening the city's economy. He said people purchase clothes, sweets, decorative items, electronic goods,

household products and various other items during the festive season. If these purchases are made from local markets, the benefits directly reach shopkeepers, employees, small businesses and others associated with the local trade ecosystem. This also increases footfall and strengthens the city's business environment, he added. Kakkar said customers sometimes face difficulties with online purchases regarding the quality, guarantee, warranty or actual condition of products. In contrast, customers shopping from local traders can directly approach the shopkeeper and seek a resolution to any issue.

Classified

I, Amarjit s/o Puran Chand r/o Mohalla Kharadian Nakodar district Jalandhar Punjab have changed my minor son's name from Khushman to Khushman Bassi. All concerned note please.

100066

I, Kulvinder Kaur w/o Rajan Kumar r/o H.No. 298, ward No. 12, Mohalla Preet Nagar Nakodar district Jalandhar inform that I am also known as Maninder Kaur. Both names are mine and one and the same person. In future known me as Maninder Kaur alias Kulvinder Kaur. All concerned note please.

100066

I, Chamkaur Singh S/o Hardev Singh Rakhra R/o House No. 1698, Street No. 1-C, Amritsar Road, New Dashmesh Nagar, Moga have changed my name to Chamkaur Singh Rakhra

90007

I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Chamkaur Singh Rakhra R/o House No. 1698, Street No. 1-C, Amritsar Road, New Dashmesh Nagar, Moga have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaur Rakhra

90007

It is for general information that i, SANDEEP Kaur W/O RAJVEER SINGH r/o ward no.15, Lambi road, Gidderbaha, distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab-152101, declares that the name of my husband has been wrongly written as Rajbir Singh in my passport. The actual name of my husband is Rajveer Singh, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that i have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I hitherto Known as Jagroop Singh Rajput S/O Dhola Singh residing at, VPO Bhalur Bhalur, Dist: Moga, 151207 Punjab India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manjit Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I hitherto Known as Manjit Kaur Rajput W/O Jagroop Singh, residing at VPO Bhalur, Dist: Moga, 151207 Punjab India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manjit Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

ਮੇਂ ਨਾਮਵਿਚਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੰਡਰ ਅਮਰਨਾਥ ਵਾਸੀ ਬੀ- 5/ 142 ਜਾਮਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਚੌਕ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰਬਰ ੦੮ ਮਾਹਿਲਾਪੁਰ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਗੜਸ਼ਕੋਟ ਜਿਲਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਨੇ ਅਪਣੇ ਲਥਕੇ ਰਹਿਤ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਪਣੀ ਚਿਲ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੇ ਬੇਚਾਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

63372

I Gurjit Kaur W/o Sohan Singh R/o Vpo Gureh Teh-Jagraon Distt Ludhiana declare that my daughter Gursimran Kaur is out of my control. So I disown with her from my moveable / immovable property. If anybody dealing with her at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Jasmir Singh S/o Dev Singh R/o Village Hargana, Tehsil Khamano (Fatehgarh Sahib) declare that my son Lovepreet Singh & his wife Sehajpreet Kaur, are out of my control. I disinherit them from my entire moveable/ immovable properties. I have no relation with them, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

63372

I, Jagtar Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh R/o Vpo. Halwara Teh-Raikot Distt. Ludhiana declare that my daughter-in-law Jaspreet Kaur W/o Late: Balraj Singh is out of my control. So I disown with him from my moveable / immovable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Gurbakhs Singh S/o Bachan Singh R/o Dirba Teh-Dirba Distt. Sangrur declare that my daughter Kuldeep Kaur W/o Gurmit Singh is out of my control. So I disown with her from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with her at his/her own risk.

63372

I hitherto Known as Kuldeep Rajput S/O Jugraj, residing at House No. 185, Near Govt High School, Bhalur, Po: Bhalur, Dist: Moga, 151207 Punjab India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kuldeep Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I, ARVIND KUMAR S/O MANAN GIRI Residing at Sacha souda road, near dane wala chok ward no 12 Malout District Sri Muktsar Sahib 152107 Punjab, India, have changed the name of my minor daughter TAPSAYA KUMARI, aged 16 years and she shall hereafter be known as TAPSAYA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I, Rajwinder W/o Virender Malik R/o Gali No. 3, Friends Colony, Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Rajwinder To Rajwinder Malik. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I, Ravish, son of Sh. Rajesh Ahlawat, resident of House No. 1214, Sector 11, Panchkula, Haryana, hereby declare that my former name was "Ravish", which has now been changed to "Ravish Ahlawat."

84451

I, Puneet Kumar, S/o Sh. Khushiram Kundu, R/o D3/604, GHS-79, Sandeep Vihar, Sector 20, Panchkula, hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from "Saaransh" to "Saaransh Kundu". Henceforth, he shall be known and recognized as "Saaransh Kundu" for all purposes.

989666

I Juzar Singh son of Puran Singh resident of VPO Sidhwan Dona, Sidhwan Dona. Kapurthala have changed my name from JUZHAR SINGH to JUJHAR SINGH. All concerned please note.

98706

I, Twinkle C/o Satnam Kumar R/o Vill: Gumtala Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Twinkle Rani.

63372

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Prem Kumar R/o Bhadson Distt Patiala, have lost an important document; the details are as follows: 00 Bigha 07 Biswa Khota No. 27/102, Regarding Deed No. 2547 dated 15-10-1987, Kashalya Devi sold the land to Kirpal Singh and Sarup Singh via a sale deed. The current owners of the property covered by the said deed are Rajesh Kumar son of Prem Kumar and Vandana Gupta wife of Rajesh Kumar This deed went missing from my possession at Bhadson. In this regard, DDR No. LJR-2026-PTL-806410, dated 05-10-2026, has been lodged with the Police Department. If I recover this registry document, I will not misuse it. Should anyone find this registry, they are requested to immediately inform Advocate Ram Pratap Singh at mobile number 7508011581.

63372

I, Rahul S/o Sh. Dharmal, R/o Khanpur Rajputan, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt Ambala, Haryana, have changed my name from Rahul to Rahul Saini. In the future, I will be known by the name Rahul Saini.

78645

I, Ashu Bansal, W/o Sh. Rajeev Goyal, R/O House No. 451, Sector-20 HUDA, Kaithal-136027, Tehsil & District Kaithal (Haryana). Previously, my name was Ashu Bansal. Now, I have changed my name from Ashu Bansal to Ashu. Henceforth, I shall be known and called by my new name Ashu.

100046

ਮੈਂ, ਜਰੁਨਾ ਕੁਮਾਰੀ (Taruna kumari) w/o ਗੁਰਦੁਲ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਡਾਹਰ (Dahar) ਤਹਸੀਲ ਵ ਜਿਲਾ ਪਾਨੀਪਤ ਮੇਰੇ ਪੁਤ੍ਰ ਕਾ ਨਾਮ ਆਧਾਰ ਕਾਰਡ ਮੇਂ ਰੋਹਨ ਨਿਵਾਰੀ C/O ਗੁਰਦੁਲ ਕੇ ਨਾਮ ਸੇ ਹੈ, ਅਭਿਯੰ ਮੈਂ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੂੰ ਕਿ ਇਨਕੋ ਰੋਹਨ (Rohan) S/o ਗੁਰਦੁਲ (Rahul) ਕੇ ਨਾਮ ਸੇ ਜਾਨਾ ਵ ਪਛਾਨਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

471258

I, Vikramjit Singh S/o Bhagwant Singh R/o Village Jandiali, District Ludhiana have changed my name to Singh Vikramjit.

63372

I, Ranjana Saddi D/o Chand Lal Saddi R/o H.No. 11/115 New Gandhi Nagar Banga Distt. SBS Nagar Pb, have changed my name to Ranjana.

63372

I, Jaswinder S/O Harmesh Lal R/O Village Jeetpur, PO Mallewal, Tehsil Nawanshahar, Distt. S.B.S Nagar have changed my name from Jaswinder to Jaswinder Chaudhary.

63372

I, Kirandeep W/O Jaswinder Chaudhary R/O Village Jeetpur, PO Mallewal, Tehsil Nawanshahar, Distt. S.B.S Nagar have changed my name from Kirandeep to Kirandeep Chaudhary.

63372

I, Twinkle C/o Satnam Kumar R/o Vill: Gumtala Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Twinkle Rani.

63372

I Mohit Khuda Bakhsh (DOB -17-11-2010) S/o James Masih, Mother Name Rajni R/o V. Hiala Distt.S.B.S. Nagar have changed my name to Mohit Masih.

63372

I, Paramjit S/o Brij Lal R/o H.No.1 St.No.1 Baba Deep Singh Nagar Bhambian Khurd Po. Mundian Kalan Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Paramjit Singh.

63372

I, Amandeep Singh S/o Late Dharampal Singh R/o Vill-Latala Distt. Ludhiana That my father Dharmpal Singh and Dharampal Singh both names.

63372

I, Manpreet Kaur W/O Sukhwinder Singh. Vpo.Chahar Mazara Tehsil Nawanshahr Sbs.Nagar 144515 Declare That My Given Name Is Manpreet And My Surname Is Kaur.

63372

I Sukhwinder Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh Vpo. Chahar Mazara Teh-Nawanshahr S.B.S. Nagar 144515 declare that my given name is Sukhwinder and my surname is Singh.

63372

I, Lakhbir Paur S/o Bhagat Ram R/o Vill-Shakohpur Po Sahlon Sub Teh-Aur Distt.S.B.S. Nagar-144421 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Lakhvir Singh.

63372

I, Parwinder Kumar S/o Gurmeet Ram R/o Vill: Malpur Po. Mehrampur SBS Nagar (144518) have changed my name from Parwinder Kumar to Kumar Parwinder. Please note.

63372

I, Karnail Singh S/o Piara Singh R/o Vill: Natha Nangal Distt. SBS Nagar hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is Kamaljit Kaur not Kamaljeet Kaur.

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I, Joginder Singh (Aadhaar No. 534184264328), S/o Sh. Raghvir Singh, R/o Village Lohar Majra, Tehsil Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, hereby declare that my married daughter Suman Devi has become out of my control. Therefore, I disown her from my movable and immovable property. Anyone entering into any dealings or transactions with her in the future shall be solely responsible. We shall bear no liability whatsoever.

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I, Raju, son of the late Shri Kimti Lal—a resident of Sundar Nagar, Kisan Basti, Nilokheri (Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal) declare that My son, Goldi his wife Renu, have become defiant and do not heed my words or advice; therefore, I am disinheriting them from all my movable and immovable property. Anyone who enters into any transaction with my son Goldi and his wife Renu in the future shall be solely responsible for the consequences; neither I nor my family shall bear any liability in this regard.

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I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o No. 3378840N Ex-Nk (TS) Darshan Singh Resident of Vpo. Kishanpura Kalan Teh-Dharamkot Distt. Moga (Pb) Pin-142058, declare that I have changed my name from Gurmit Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur and my correct date of birth is 01-01-1974.

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I, Armandeep Singh Sekhon S/o Late: Harpreet Singh Sekhon R/o Vpo. Issawal Teh & Distt. Ludhiana Pb, India-141102 declare that my Passport No. B7370750 my father name wrongly mentioned as Harpreet Singh. But my father correct name is Harpreet Singh Sekhon. So amended my father name from Harpreet Singh to Harpreet Singh Sekhon my Passport.

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I, Sh. Om Parkash, father of minor Rishaan, aged 9 years, R/o H. No. 721, Street No. 5, Vedant Nagar, Moga 142001, have changed my minor son's name from Rishaan to Rishan Kumar. He shall henceforth be known as Rishan Kumar.

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15-day training begins for PASC Agriculture students



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL, FARIDKOT : Due to the initiative of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Punjab, a 15-day training was started for the students of PASC Agriculture Semester-7 at the Plant Health Clinic and Farm Advisory-cum-Training Center established at Faridkot. On this occasion, Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer, Faridkot, informed the students present about the departmental activities. Dr. Avininderpal Singh, District Training Officer, Faridkot, while addressing, said that in order to provide timely solutions to the problems faced by farmers related to the fields, it is very important to have experience in the fields along with book studies. Dr. Harinderpal Singh, Agricultural Information Officer-cum-Nodal Officer, Plant Health Clinic, took the students present to visit the laboratory of Plant Health Clinic and gave them technical information regarding the functioning of the installed instruments. Dr. Rupinder Singh, Farm Management Specialist, informed the students about the importance of Plant Health Clinic as well as moral education. On this occasion, Dr. Yadwinder Singh, Training Officer (Mel), Dr. Satbir Singh, Agricultural Development Officer, Faridkot and Professor Shashir Singh, Head Agriculture Department and Professor Himanshu Nagpal from Government Brijinda College, Faridkot were also present.

Vedanta Power reports highest ever sales
ISHWER GARG, TALWANDI SABO: Vedanta Power Limited, a leading power producer in India, today announced its production and operational performance for the second quarter and first half of FY2027, delivering its highest-ever quarterly power sales of 5,593 million units, up 26% year-on-year. The company recorded 10,817 million units of power sales in H1 FY2027, registering a 32% YoY growth, and stronger plant performance and improved availability across its portfolio drove robust momentum. The growth was led by a sharp acceleration at Meenakshi Energy and a significant turnaround at Jharsuguda Thermal Plant. At Meenakshi Energy, power sales increased 111% YoY to 1,470 million units in Q2, taking H1 sales to 2,820 million units, up 160% YoY. The performance reflects the operations of the expanded 1,000 MW capacity base, strengthening the plant's contribution to the company's overall generation portfolio.

The momentum was further supported by the Jharsuguda Thermal Plant, where power sales rose 186% YoY to 873 million units in Q2, taking H1 sales to 1,559 million units, up 59% YoY.

MCM's no nasha nation task force brings 'Reelvolution'



CHANDIGARH: The No Nasha Nation Task Force (NNNTF) at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, under the aegis of Arya Yuva Samaj, organised 'Reelvolution- Create Reels, Inspire Change', a first-of-its-kind digital awareness competition wherein student-created anti-drug messages were taken to social media and opened to public engagement and evaluation. The initiative provided students with an opportunity to use creativity, storytelling and digital communication to address an issue of significant relevance to young people. 13 teams took part in the competition and created original reels on themes including saying no to substance abuse, peer pressure and making the right choice, healthy ways to manage stress, supporting a friend in need, myths and facts about addiction, the impact of substance abuse on health and future, and choosing a drug-free life. The reels were shared through the NNNTF social media platform, extending the campaign beyond the college campus and enabling wider public participation in the evaluation process. Collectively, the 13 entries generated 62,208 views, 2,781 likes and 7,426 shares within the 24-hour evaluation period, reflecting significant audience reach and engagement with the awareness messages. As per the final scoreboard, team AWARE, COURAGE and VOICE secured the first three positions, followed by team HEAL.

Kewal Singh Dhillon expresses gratitude to Centre for approving Rs 93.94 cr for dev of Maharaja Ajj Sarovar Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, OCT 5

Punjab BJP State President Kewal Singh Dhillon said that the Central Government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has always given priority to the interests of Punjab and Punjabis. The latest example of this is the approval of ₹93.94 crore by the Central Government for the development of Maharaja Aj Sarovar. He expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on behalf of the people of Punjab for this initiative. He said that the Central Government has been continuously undertaking initiatives to promote Punjab's development, religious faith, historical heritage and

MLA Randhawa lays foundation stone for new high-level bridge over Ghaggar river at Mubarikpur crossing

DERABASSI, OCT 5

MLA Derabassi Kuljit Singh Randhawa today laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new High-Level Bridge over the Ghaggar River at the Mubarikpur crossing on the Mubarikpur-Dhakoli Road in District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.

He said that the Mubarikpur-Dhakoli Road is an important road link of the Derabassi Assembly Constituency and serves as a key route for the movement of local residents and commuters. The Ghaggar River crosses the road at the Mubarikpur crossing, where a submersible causeway, along with an approach road, was constructed in 2016, he added.

However, during the rainy season and periods of flooding, the flow of water over the causeway frequently disrupts vehicular movement, causing inconvenience to commuters and affecting connectivity in the area. Keeping this in view, the State Government led by Punjab CM S. Bhagwant Singh Mann has decided to replace the existing causeway with a new High-



Level Executive Engineer, Harpreet Kataria informed that the administrative approval for construction of the High-Level Bridge has been issued by the Punjab Government, under Head 5054 RB-10, at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,944.54 lakh (approximately Rs. 29.45 crore).

He further added that the construction work is scheduled to be completed within 18 months.

Once completed, the bridge will provide a safer and more reliable road link between Mubarikpur and Dhakoli and significantly improve transportation facilities for residents of the surrounding areas. According to the

project details, the main bridge will have a length of 300 metres, with an approach road of 250 metres on the Mubarikpur side and 240 metres on the Dhakoli side, taking the total length of the bridge and approaches to 790 metres.

In addition, service roads measuring 370 metres will be constructed on both sides of the bridge.

The bridge and approach road will have a 9.50-metre carriageway, along with 0.75-metre-wide footpaths and 0.50-metre-wide RCC railings on both sides, making the total width of the structure 12 metres. MLA Randhawa added that the new High-Lev-

el Bridge is expected to provide a permanent solution to the traffic disruptions caused by water flowing over the existing submersible causeway during the monsoon and flood conditions, thereby strengthening connectivity and improving road safety in the area.

The prominent persons present included President MC Zirakpur, Gurpreet virk MC Derabassi, Aashu Upneja MC Lalru Jorawar singh and Senior Vice Presidents, Zirakpur, Gurwinder Singh Derabassi, Davinder Saini, Lalru, Harish Madan and SDO Jaspal Singh Gandhara along with local office bearers, Panches and Sarpnaches.

Man arrested with button-operated knife in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH, OCT 5

The Chandigarh Police have arrested a 34-year-old man under the Arms Act and recovered a button/spring-operated knife from his possession, police said on Sunday. The accused has been identified as Nishu alias Ris-hant, son of Desraj, a resident of Sector 29-B, Chandigarh.

According to police, the action was taken under the directions of SSP Kanwardeep Kaur, IPS, and SP City Vijay, under the supervision of SDPO/East P. Abinandhan, DANIPS. A team led by In-spector Satnam Singh, SHO of Police Station Industrial Area, made the arrest. Police said that on October 4 at

around 5.50 pm, ASI Ombir Singh along with a police party was conducting routine foot patrolling near Sub-Division B&R Road, Sector 29-C, when they noticed the accused behaving suspiciously. He was apprehended and searched, leading to the recovery of a Kamanidar (button/spring-operated) knife. The accused allegedly failed to produce any valid licence or permit for possessing the weapon. A case, FIR No. 95 dated October 4, 2026, under Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, has been registered at Police Station Industrial Area. Police said the accused was arrested and the recovered knife was taken into possession as case property.

Gunjan Sood takes oath as Morinda Municipal Council councillor



YUGMARG BUREAU
MORINDA, OCT 5

Gunjan Sood, the elected councillor from Ward No. 1 of Morinda Municipal Council, was administered the oath of office by Chetan Bangar, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Morinda, at the Municipal Council office on Monday. Giving details, Municipal Council Morinda Executive Officer Gurdeep Singh said Sood had submitted a request to the Deputy Commissioner, Rupnagar, expressing her desire to take the oath. Following the request, the Deputy Commissioner directed the SDM, Morinda, to administer the oath to the newly elected councillor. In view of security arrangements, police personnel remained deployed under the supervision of DSP Morinda Gurjit Singh. In-

spector Gagandeep Singh, Station House Officer of City Morinda police station, also remained present along with other police officials. The oath-taking comes ahead of the October 14 hearing in the Punjab and Haryana High Court concerning the ongoing case related to the chairpersonship of the Morinda Municipal Council. With councillor Gunjan Sood receiving support from her group, the ruling side has gained strength ahead of the hearing. Morinda Municipal Council president Jagpal Singh Joul, senior vice-president Daljit Kaur, vice-president Harjinder Singh Chhibbar, councillor Amritpal Singh Khatri, councillor Harjit Singh Sodhi and Nambardar Rupinder Singh Bichra were present at the oath-taking ceremony.

Central Bank of India, Chandigarh zone organizes walkathon



CHANDIGARH: Central Bank of India, Chandigarh Zone, organized a Walkathon under the Vigilance Awareness Campaign under the leadership of Shri S. K. Singh, Zonal Head. The objective of the programme was to create awareness among the public and bank employees about the importance of integrity, transparency and vigilance. The programme was graced by the presence of Shri Sunil Kumar, CIA, Chandigarh Zone, as the Chief Guest. Shri Ram Kumar Yadav, Regional Head, and Shri Rajendra Singh Gehlot, Vigilance

Officer, were also present on the occasion. Staff members from the Zonal Office and Regional Office participated in the Walkathon with great enthusiasm and active involvement. Through the Walkathon, the participants spread the message of vigilance, integrity and transparency among the public and encouraged everyone to remain alert against corruption and uphold ethical values in their conduct. The active participation and enthusiasm of all the staff members made the event a successful and impactful initiative.

15,000 Defence Committees playing crucial role in campaign against drugs: Arora

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, OCT 5

Punjab Cabinet Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab President Aman Arora on Monday questioned the internal factionalism within the Congress and the decisions of its high command, saying that the party had disregarded the sentiments of its workers in Punjab and installed a leadership based on compromises between different factions, leaving grassroots workers disappointed and disillusioned.

Addressing a press conference here, AAP Punjab President Aman Arora extended his best wishes to newly appointed Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee President, Pargat Singh on his own behalf and on behalf of the Aam Aadmi Party. Describing Pargat Singh as an international hockey player, Olympian, for-



mer police officer and three-time MLA, Aman Arora said that a person who had experience of leading a team on the sports field had now been entrusted with leading the Congress in Punjab. "Pargat Singh has led a team on the hockey field and has now been given the responsibility of leading the Congress in Punjab. I extend my best wishes to him. However, the developments following his appointment clearly reflect the internal in-

stability within the Congress," he said. Referring to former Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee President Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, the AAP Punjab President said, "Amrinder Singh Raja Warring took charge of the Congress during a difficult period and worked with the party workers for four and a half years. But Sachin Pilot, who replaced Bhupesh Baghel as the Congress Punjab in-charge, decided to remove him during a visit to Punjab that lasted barely two hours." He said that such decisions affected the morale of leaders and workers who had worked for the party for years. Aman Arora further said that four days had passed since Pargat Singh was appointed Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee President, but Rahul Gandhi had not yet granted him an appointment.

Missing son in Russia: Father seeks Khanna's help for safe return



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, OCT 5

Jaspal Singh, a resident of Ram Nangal village in Mukerian tehsil, met former MP and senior BJP leader Avinash Rai Khanna to seek urgent help in tracing his son, Ajay Pal Singh, who has gone missing in Russia. According to Jyoti Kumar Jauli, secretary at Khanna's office, the father stated in a written representation that Ajay Pal Singh has been missing in the Russia-Ukraine conflict zone. Despite repeated efforts, the

family has been unable to obtain any confirmed information about his safety, condition or whereabouts. Jaspal Singh said he had received information from an unidentified source that his son had been forcibly recruited into the Russian army. The prolonged disappearance of Ajay Pal Singh has left the family deeply worried and emotionally distressed. During the meeting, Khanna assured the father that the Government of India remains committed to assisting Indian citizens caught in distress abroad.

Newborn baby's body found in dustbin at Maya Garden City, panic spreads in area

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, OCT 5

Panic spread in Maya Garden City, Zirakpur, after the body of a newborn baby was found inside a garbage dustbin placed outside the residential area. The shocking incident has once again left humanity shaken. As soon as the information was received, a police team immediately reached the spot and took the newborn's body into custody. The body has been kept at the hospital for the next 72 hours as part of the legal procedure. Police have started an investigation into the matter.

According to the information received, a sanitation worker was collecting garbage from the dustbin at Maya Garden City when he noticed the body of the newborn baby. He



immediately informed the management of Maya Garden City, following which the management alerted the police. Police officials said that they received information through the 112 emergency helpline regarding the body of a newborn being found inside a dustbin at Maya Garden City. Acting swiftly, the police reached the spot, took the body into custody and initiated further legal

proceedings. Police are now examining CCTV footage from Maya Garden City and the surrounding areas to identify the person who left the newborn inside the dustbin.

The police said that the matter is being investigated seriously and efforts are underway to trace the person responsible for this inhuman act and take legal action against them.

Young shooter Siddharth Sharma wins Gold in Khedan Vatan Punjab Diyan event

KAPURTHALA (ASHISHPURI): Young shooter Siddharth Sharma has once again showcased his talent by winning a gold medal in the Under-14 shooting event organised under the Punjab Government's sports ambitious program Khedan Vatan Punjab Diyan. Siddharth's achievement has brought laurels to Kapurthala and his family. He had secured 165 points out of a possible 200 in the shooting competition. On Tuesday, Deputy Commissioner Akash Bansal congratulated Siddharth on his achievement and encouraged the young shooter and appreciated his sporting talent. He said that it was important to connect children and youth with sports from an early age, as sports play a vital role in developing discipline, confidence and a competitive spirit, besides promoting a healthy lifestyle. Deputy Commissioner also appealed to youngsters and parents to identify children's sporting interests and provide them with proper opportunities and encouragement to excel in their chosen field.



Health Minister felicitates outstanding blood donors, NGOS & blood centres



CHANDIGARH, OCT 5

Reiterating the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab government's resolve to make safe blood accessible to all, Punjab Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education & Research Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Monday felicitated outstanding blood donors, donor organisations, and blood centres during a state-level function organised at Municipal Bhawan here to commemorate National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. At the event, the Health Minister also celebrated Punjab's stellar feat of securing third position across the nation in voluntary blood donation per million population on the Union Government's e-RaktKosh portal, while leading the country in repeat

voluntary donors. On this occasion, Dr Balbir Singh also released a special commemorative souvenir of the Punjab State Blood Transfusion Council (PSBTC), encapsulating the milestones, best practices, and donor achievements across the state. Addressing the gathering, Dr Balbir Singh laid stress on four key focal areas to transform healthcare and blood transfusion services in the state. He gave a clarion call to the youth, urging that every college student must pledge to donate blood at least once a year. Exhorting active blood donors to step up as champions of the cause, he said, "You have proved your commitment through your selfless deeds. Now is the time to transition from 'Star Donors' to 'Star Motivators' so that you inspire thousands of others, particularly youngsters, to come forward and save lives." Expressing concern over the prevalence of Hepatitis C in the region, the Health Minister directed the Health Department to work on a mission mode to bring Punjab's Hepatitis C positivity rate well below the national average through rigorous screening, comprehensive tracking, early treatment linkage, and strict blood safety protocols. He reiterated that the government is strengthening transfusion safety by introducing advanced Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) and Chemiluminescence Immunoassay (CLIA) to reduce diagnostic window periods and eliminate transmission risks of infections like HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C.

RDA Bill gets cabinet nod for planned, sustainable & eco-tourism development

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, OCT 5

The Punjab Cabinet led by CM Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday gave its nod to the Ranjitgarh Development Authority (RDA) Bill, 2026. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Council of Ministers held here under the chairmanship of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann. Sharing this, the Chief Minister's Office stated the Ranjitgarh Development Authority Bill, 2026 would provide for the establishment of the Ranjitgarh Development Authority (RDA) for planned, sustainable and eco-tourism-oriented development of the Ranjit Sagar Dam and Shahr Kandi Dam areas. The RDA will be constituted as a statutory body under the administrative control of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs and will be vested with requisite administrative, financial and regulatory powers for integrated development, land management, project implementation and destination governance. The Authority



will be chaired by CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, with the Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs as Vice-Chairman. An Executive Committee headed by the Chief Secretary will oversee its day-to-day functioning and interdepartmental coordination. The Cabinet also gave approval for the creation of new posts of Drivers in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab. These posts have been created by surrendering posts of Peons out of the 19 permanent posts and one permanent post of Moharrir. The move is aimed at streamlining the functioning of the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab. The Cabinet also approved an amendment in Appendix-B of the Punjab Nursing Education Service Rules (Group B), 2016, for filling up the posts of Tutor in Government College of Nursing, Patiala and Amritsar, under the Department of Medical Education and Research through promotion. The posts will be filled from among Staff Nurses and Nursing Sisters working on a regular basis under the control of the Director, Research

and Medical Education, Punjab, who have obtained an M.Sc. (Nursing) in the concerned specialty. Preference will be given to candidates having one year of teaching experience in nursing education. The Cabinet also gave concurrence for regularization of the services of non-teaching staff working on a contractual basis under the Punjab Information and Communication Technology Education Society (PICTES). The employees to be regularized will be extended the benefit of regularization under PICTES in the prescribed pay scales.

I will not stoop to derogatory language, but have answers to every question: Baltej Pannu

CHANDIGARH, OCT 5

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab Media In-charge Baltej Pannu on Monday said he would not stoop to the level of Akali Dal (Badal) leader Virsa Singh Valtoha by using derogatory language, but had answers to every question and allegation raised against him. He said his upbringing by his parents and teachers had taught him to maintain dignity in his language, irrespective of who he was responding to. Reacting to Virsa Singh Valtoha's remarks against him, AAP Punjab Media In-charge Baltej Pannu said, "Everyone knows that the Akali government had registered a false case against me in 2015. I fought that case in court for nearly four-and-a-half years and was honourably acquitted. If Virsa Singh Valtoha does not im-



prove his language, I will reveal, word by word, who was behind that case and what they did at that time. I have personally gone through all of it and have every detail at my fingertips." The AAP Punjab Media In-charge said Virsa Singh Valtoha should also explain the allegations surrounding the Bahrain woman instead of attacking her character. "We have repeatedly seen the kind of language Virsa Singh Valtoha uses. His remarks

PWD Engineers' Association elects 35-member executive committee



TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, OCT 5

The Public Works Department (PWD) Engineers' Association has elected a new 35-member executive committee during a meeting attended by more than 100 engineers from various cadres, including Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers and Sub-Divisional Engineers. Engineer Nirmal Singh Bhanghu (XEN) was elected president of the association, while Engineers Ajay Singla (XEN) and Nirpal Singh (XEN) were elected Senior Vice-Presidents. Engineer Saugandh Singh Bhullar (XEN) was elected Vice-Presi-

dent and Engineer Gurmeet Singh (XEN) was entrusted with the responsibility of General Secretary. During the meeting, the engineers pledged to safeguard the financial interests of the government, ensure timely completion of development works and maintain high standards of quality in every project. They also expressed their commitment to working with dedication and integrity to provide world-class infrastructure to the people of Punjab. The association also decided to urge the government to ensure the efficient and effective utilisation of the technical manpower available in the department.

Meeting with Tajpur Dairy complex, civic officials to stop flow of dung and polluted water into Buddha Dariya



SARBJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA, OCT 5

A key meeting was held at Municipal Corporation Zone-B with the operators of the Tajpur Dairy Complex to prevent the flow of dung and polluted water into the Buddha Dariya and to find a concrete and permanent solution to the pollution problem. The meeting was attended by Rajya Sabha Member Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal, Ludhiana Mayor Principal Inderjit Kaur, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ojasvi Alankar, Zila

Parishad member and Sarpanch of Khassi Kalan Karamjit Singh Grewal and other Municipal Corporation officials. The participants discussed necessary measures for cleaning the Buddha Dariya, preventing pollution and restoring its former cleanliness. The problems faced by the operators of the Tajpur Road Dairy Complex were also heard in detail, and officials were directed to work towards finding a permanent solution to the issue at the earliest.

Congress will achieve Punjab target in 2027 under new leadership: Pal Singh Grewal

SARBJIT SUFI
SAHNEWAL, OCT 5

Senior Congress leader from Sahnewal Assembly constituency, former Market Committee Chairman and former Councillor Pal Singh Grewal congratulated newly appointed Punjab Congress President Pargat Singh, describing his appointment as an important step for the party. Grewal said that under Pargat Singh's leadership, the Punjab Congress would gain new energy and efforts to strengthen the party at the grassroots level would receive further momentum. Pal Singh Grewal said that at present, the biggest need for the Congress is to unite its leaders and workers and further strengthen direct contact with the people. He said the new leadership would also boost the morale of party workers and the Congress would move forward strongly



by raising issues concerning the people of Punjab more effectively, with the aim of forming the government in Punjab in 2027. He said the real strength of the Congress lies in its grassroots workers. Therefore, the party needs to make its organisation more active from villages to cities while understanding people's problems closely and becoming their voice. He expressed hope that Pargat Singh would play an effective role in strengthening the Congress by maintaining coordination with party leaders and workers.

Cheema presents cheques worth Rs 1.18 crore for development of five villages in Dirba

DIRBA, OCT 5

Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema visited five villages in the Dirba Assembly constituency and presented cheques totalling Rs 1.18 crore to their panchayats to accelerate development works. He personally handed over the cheques to the sarpanches at village gathering places and directed them to begin the works promptly and complete them within the stipulated time so that residents could benefit without delay. Sharing details, the Finance Minister said grants of Rs 20 lakh had been provided to Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Abadi Hariara; Rs 3 lakh to Sangatpura; Rs 40 lakh each to Ratolan and Sular Gharat; and Rs 15 lakh to Rampur Gujjaran. He said the funds would be used for development works and im-



provements to basic amenities in accordance with the local needs of these villages. Cheema said the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, was consistently working for the overall development of villages and towns. He said improving people's quality of life through better roads, streets, drainage systems, sports facilities and other essential infrastructure was a key priority of the government. The Finance Minister said Dirba

had earlier been regarded as a backward constituency, but development works undertaken by the present government had transformed it. He said special attention had been paid to strengthening road connectivity, sports infrastructure and irrigation facilities to make Dirba one of the leading constituencies in terms of development. He asserted that, over the past four and a half years, the present government had completed several works that had remained pending for decades.

2 cr fine recovered from passengers traveling without tickets in September

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, OCT 5

The Ticket Checking staff of Firozpur Division are continuously conducting ticket checking drives on trains to curb unauthorized and ticketless travel. During ticket checking conducted in trains throughout September 2026, a total of 22,855 passengers were found travelling without tickets or with irregular tickets. Revenue of more than 72 crore was recovered from these passengers as penalties. Regular checks are also being conducted at major railway stations of the Division to maintain cleanliness and prevent passengers from littering the station premises, while also creating awareness among the public regarding cleanliness. As a result, during the month of September, 202 passengers



were penalized for littering at station premises under the Anti-Littering Act, and a fine of more than 781,000 was recovered from them. Divisional Railway Manager Shri Sanjeev Kumar stated that ticket checking drives will continue across Firozpur Division. The primary objective of ticket checking is to provide safe and comfortable travel facilities to bona fide passengers.

36th Giani Meva Singh Ji Gurmat camp begins at Riarki College with devotion and enthusiasm

VERMA
GURDASPUR, OCT 5

Baba Aya Singh Riarki College, Tugalwala, popularly known as the "Shanti Niketan" of Punjab, has once again reaffirmed its commitment to imparting value-based and Gurmat-oriented education with the commencement of the 36th Annual Giani Meva Singh Ji Gurmat Camp, organised in the sacred memory of Giani Meva Singh Ji in collaboration with the Dharam Parchar Committee of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). The camp commenced in an atmosphere filled with devotion, enthusiasm and spiritual fervour. The inaugural ceremony was performed by Singh Sahib Giani Rajdeep Singh Ji,



Granthi of Sri Darbar Sahib, Sri Amritsar. SGPC Secretary S. Vijay Singh Ji, former Secretary S. Varian Singh Ji and S. Mahinder Singh Ji were also present on the occasion. The programme began with a soul-stirring and melodious Gurbani Kirtan by the Kirtani Jatha of Bhai

Amandeep Singh Ji from Gurdwara Burj Sahib. Addressing the gathering, College Principal S. Swaran Singh Virk said that connecting the younger generation with its rich heritage, history and Gurbani is one of the foremost needs of the present times. He said that the annual camp organised in memory of Giani Meva Singh Ji is not merely a religious programme, but a meaningful platform for providing students practical lessons in Gurmat, selfless service and the art of living a truthful and purposeful life. He said that the objective of the college is not merely to provide degrees to students, but to nurture them into hardworking, simple, disciplined and responsible human beings.

Teachers from DAV School, Jaito, participate in annual capacity building workshop seminar in Abohar



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, OCT 5

Under the guidance and direction of the DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi specifically President Arya Ratna Padma Shri Poonam Suri, Director V.K. Chopra, Chairman Ajay Goswami, Manager Dr. Satwant Kaur Bhullar, and Regional Assistant (PB Zone K) Smita Sharma—teachers from DAV School, Jaito, participated in an annual capacity-building workshop seminar held at DAV School, Abo-

har. This two-day seminar took place on October 2 and 3. It was organized under the leadership of Smita Sharma (Regional Assistant, Punjab Zone K) of the DAV Centre for Academic Excellence, New Delhi. Teachers from Jaito, Kotkapura, Malout, Giddarbaha, Ferozepur, Haripora, and Abohar participated in the event. The objective of the workshop was to enhance the teachers' pedagogical capabilities, equip them with new skills, and prepare them for evolving teaching methodologies.

Two arrested, stolen buffaloes recovered in Morinda theft case



YUGMARG BUREAU
MORINDA, OCT 5

Sadar Morinda police have solved a case involving the theft of two buffaloes from Dhanauri village by arresting two accused persons and recovering the stolen livestock. A minor has also been apprehended in connection with the case. Sadar Morinda SHO Inspector Simranjit Singh said two buffaloes were stolen by unidentified persons from Dhanauri village during the intervening night of August 19 and 20, 2026. A case was registered at Sadar Morinda po-

lice station and an investigation was launched. During the investigation, police learnt that the stolen buffaloes had been transported in a Mahindra pickup vehicle bearing registration number UP-11-DT-1381. On October 23, police received information about the presence of the vehicle in the area. A police team from Sadar Morinda set up a checkpoint and traced the vehicle. Gul Firoz, son of Mohammad Yusuf, resident near Makbara Masjid, Rashid Vihar, Saharanpur, and currently residing in Halalpur under Dehat Kotwali police station.



Dr Gurpreet takes charge as acting principal of college

SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA: Dr Gurpreet Kaur, Head of the Department of Punjab, has been appointed Acting Principal of Baba Zorawar Singh Baba Fateh Singh Khalsa College, Morinda, by the college Management Committee. She formally assumed charge in the presence of Management Committee Manager Harbans Singh Kandhola. The college staff welcomed her by presenting a bouquet and extended their best wishes on her appointment. Speaking after assuming charge, Dr Gurpreet Kaur thanked the management for entrusting her with the responsibility. She said she would discharge her duties with dedication and sincerely and work towards further strengthening the academic standards of the institution. She said equal emphasis would be laid on promoting sports, cultural activities and other co-curricular initiatives. With the cooperation of the teaching and non-teaching staff, she said, efforts would be made to take the college to greater heights in academics and other fields.

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AMRISH ANAND DORAHA: A large statue of Dr BR Ambedkar was installed at Ravidas Chowk, Ghudani Kalan, with the support of the village panchayat, residents, Dr Ambedkar Navayuvak Dal Punjab and various social and religious organisations. A free medical check-up and blood donation camp was also organised on the occasion. Jathehar Baba Pargat Singh inaugurated the blood donation camp, while Haroor Kaur, daughter of social worker S. Gurdeep Singh Kalli, inaugurated the medical camp. S. Gurdeep Singh Kalli contributed Rs 5,100 towards the statue installation on his daughter's birthday, while chairman S. Jagtar Singh Taari donated Rs 45,000. Leaders from various political parties and social organisations, including President Ranjit Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Jagtar Singh, Jatinder Singh, Baljit Singh Salana, Kuljinder Deep Singh Lehal, Social worker Bibi Nitu Singh and others, attended the programme.

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SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Kangra, will conduct a special campaign from October 7 to 9 to assist destitute individuals wandering due to mental illness. R. Mihul Sharma, Secretary of the DLSA, provided this information. He stated that the campaign aims to ensure the protection of the rights, dignity, and welfare of vulnerable and marginalized sections of

society, while also providing them with timely, humane, and appropriate medical assistance. He mentioned that during this special drive, such individuals in need will be identified through the coordination of the district administration, police, the Health and Family Welfare Department, and the Social Justice and Empowerment Department. Para-legal volunteers will also actively assist in the campaign.

Himachal HC orders one-year halt on anti-hail guns in Jubbal-Kotkhai

UNI SHIMLA, OCT 5

The Himachal Pradesh High Court has directed a halt to the use of anti-hail guns installed at Deorighat and Bareonghat in the Jubbal-Kotkhai area of Shimla district for at least one year, observing that concerns over their possible impact on neighbouring orchards stood substantiated. The Division Bench comprising Chief Justice G S Sandhawalia and Justice Bipin Negi also directed the state government to ensure that the two anti-hail guns already installed in the area are not operated till further orders. The state has further been directed to issue appropriate instructions to prevent private persons from using such anti-



hail guns. The court passed the directions while hearing a Public Interest Litigation, Court on its own motion versus State of Himachal Pradesh and others on October 1. The court impleaded Dr Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan and issued notice to the university through its Registrar. The court noted that, according to the state's reply, two anti-hail guns had been installed at Deorighat and Bareonghat and a study was being conducted by the university. The study would take at least four more years to reach a definitive conclusion. The Bench observed that the affidavit filed by the Director of Horticulture showed heavy rainfall had occurred when the hail-control system was

operational for more than an hour. "Thus, it is apparent that the concerns raised in the representation that by using the anti-hail guns, the cloud is getting pushed into other portions of the orchards, leading to heavy excessive downpour and hail at the cost of other adjacent areas, stand substantiated," the court observed. In view of the circumstances, the court ordered that use of the anti-hail gun system be stopped for at least one year until the report is received. The state has also been directed to file a response on whether stopping the use of the hail guns has benefited other areas in the neighbourhood or vicinity of Deorighat and Bareonghat.

Himachal moves ahead with AI-Powered Governance, expands digital services

AGENCY SHIMLA, OCT 5

Himachal Pradesh is steadily transforming the way government services are delivered by embracing digital technology and artificial intelligence to make governance faster, more transparent and citizen-friendly. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the state has launched a series of technology-driven initiatives aimed at improving administrative efficiency, strengthening accountability and simplifying access to public services. One of the key pillars of this transformation is the widespread adoption of the eOffice system, which is helping government departments move towards a paperless work culture. The platform enables digital file management, electronic



signatures, workflow automation and real-time tracking of official documents. Today, nearly 900 government offices across the state, including the Secretariat, district administrations and field offices, are connected through the system, making official processes quicker and more streamlined. The government has also strengthened public grievance redressal through the Mukhyamantri Seva Sankalp Helpline (1100). The platform allows citizens

to register complaints online and track their resolution, while departments ensure timely action. Features such as a WhatsApp chatbot and improved monitoring have further enhanced its effectiveness, with more than 10,000 officers linked to the system. To create a reliable database for welfare delivery and policy planning, the state launched HimParivar, a unified family and social registry that consolidates information from multiple government databases.

BJP-backed candidate wins Lahaul-Spiti ZP chief post: Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: BJP Himachal Pradesh president Rajiv Bindal on Monday said the election of a BJP-backed candidate as chairperson of the Lahaul-Spiti Zila Parishad reflected what he described as a clear political message from the people of the state. Bindal said that following the completion of elections to the chairperson posts in all 12 Zila Parishads, BJP-backed leadership had emerged in 11 of them. He said BJP-backed Thinley Dichen was elected chairperson of the Lahaul-Spiti Zila Parishad after the post had remained vacant for a considerable period. He claimed that BJP-backed candidates had emerged in several districts, including those of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister's home districts, as well as Shimla and Kangra. Bindal alleged that the Congress government and its leaders had made efforts to establish their leadership in the Zila Parishads, but BJP-backed candidates nevertheless secured the majority of chairperson posts. He also alleged misuse of government influence in Lahaul-Spiti, a charge that was not independently established in the statement. Describing the results as a "referendum" on the Sukhu government, Bindal said the BJP viewed the outcome as both an indication of public sentiment and a responsibility for its elected representatives. He said BJP-backed representatives would focus on development, public service and resolution of local issues.



Himachal police rescue two stranded persons in Kinnaur district

UNI SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh Police, through its Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112), facilitated the safe rescue of two persons who had lost their way near Fayul Retreat in Kalpa area of Kinnaur district, police said on Monday. According to the police, an emergency call was received through the ERSS-112 helpline from a person reporting that his friend had lost his way in the area. Taking prompt cognizance of the information, the emergency response system immediately communicated the details to the Police Station Reckong Peo for necessary rescue assistance.

Acting swiftly, a police team from Police Post Kalpa launched a search and rescue operation in the area.

Through timely intervention and coordinated efforts, both stranded persons were located and rescued safely.

The police said the operation highlighted the effective coordination between ERSS-112 and the local police in providing timely assistance in challenging mountainous and remote areas.

The Himachal Pradesh Police appealed to citizens and visitors to immediately contact ERSS-112 in case of any emergency, distress, getting lost or any situation requiring urgent police assistance.

Modi govt has always stood with Himachal in interest of farmers: Anurag Singh Thakur

ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR, OCT 5

Former Union Cabinet Minister and Member of Parliament Anurag Singh Thakur said that the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently stood with Himachal Pradesh in the interest of farmers and the development of the agriculture sector. Anurag Singh Thakur expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shrivraj Singh Chouhan for the release of the second instalment of Rs. 64.82 crore to strengthen Himachal Pradesh's agriculture sector and enhance farmers' incomes. The released amount includes Rs. 28.31



crore under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Rs. 36.51 crore under the Krishi Unnati Yojana. He said the continued support from the Central Government reflects its commitment towards the holistic welfare of the farmers of Himachal Pradesh and strengthening the state's agricultural economy. Anurag Singh Thakur stated that undHe said that from the

digitisation of agricultural mandis and improving market linkages to strengthening agricultural research and expanding natural farming, the Central Government is extending support across various areas of agriculture. He reiterated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shrivraj Singh Chouhan, the Centre remains committed to working with the farmers of Himachal Pradesh and strengthening the state's agricultural sector. er the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has allocated a total of Rs. 589.59 crore to Himachal Pradesh under the PM-RKVY scheme during the last 12 years. Of this, Rs. 456.07 crore has been

released, while Rs. 378.24 crore has been utilised for agricultural development. He further highlighted that Rs. 52.26 crore was released in 2024-25, Rs. 69.43 crore in 2025-26, and the entire allocated amount of Rs. 56.61 crore for 2026-27 has been released. He said these allocations underline the continued focus on strengthening agriculture and supporting farmers in the hill state. Keeping in view the unique geographical and agricultural conditions of Himachal Pradesh, the Central Government has been consistently supporting initiatives related to crop diversification, modern irrigation facilities, agricultural infrastructure and improved market access.

Veer Gatha program organised in Govt Sr Sec School Thathal



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: Shaurya Chakra winner Sushil Kumar Jariyal addressed students at the Government Senior Secondary School, Thathal, on Monday as part of the Veer Gatha program. Sharing his inspirational thoughts, he urged students to stay away from drugs, use their mobile phones wisely, and understand the importance of time. He explained to the students how a brave soldier protects and serves the nation by performing his duties on the country's borders. He said that every citizen can make a significant contribution to the country's development through their actions, discipline, and positive thinking. Mr. Jariyal encouraged the students to set a clear goal in life and strive relentlessly to achieve it. School Principal Vinod Baniyal also shared his thoughts during the program. He thanked Shaurya Chakra winner Sushil Kumar Jariyal for visiting the school and said that his inspiring experiences and guidance will provide students with a new direction in life. He added that such programs play an important role in developing patriotism, discipline, and a sense of social responsibility in students. The school family, teachers and students warmly welcomed Sushil Kumar Jariyal and expressed their gratitude for his inspiring speech.

Una school wins 104 medals in sports competitions



KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, OCT 5

Players of Vashisht Public School, Una, won 104 medals, including 45 gold, 47 silver and 12 bronze, in minor, major and athletics competitions organised under the Himachal Pradesh School Sports Association.

The school said the performance also saw 23 of its players selected for state-level competitions, where they will represent Una district. The selected players

include Atharv Sharma, Rudra, Swastik, Viraj and Vibhas in badminton; Shaurya, Shlok, Smridhi, Maninder Singh, Bani and Samar in basketball; Vinayak, Ishmeet Singh Chhokar and Pratham Kalia in table tennis; Ayush Raizada, Vaman and Kabir in chess; Harshdeep Singh in tenikoit; Nishtha in shooting; and Aarav Chaudhary, Mahi, Jaditya and Riddhi in athletics.

The school credited the achievement to the guidance

and training provided by its five experienced coaches.

School director Anuj Vashisht congratulated the medal winners, state-level selections, coaches and parents for the achievement.

Principal Deepak Kaushal also congratulated the players and appreciated their performance. Chairman Satpal Vashisht said the medal tally and selection of 23 players reflected the students' hard work, discipline, coaching and parental support.

Jai Ram Thakur alleges 'Extortion Racket' driving industries out of BBN belt

UNI SOLAN, OCT 5

Former Himachal Pradesh chief minister and Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur on Monday launched a scathing attack on the ruling Congress government, alleging that an "institutionalised extortion racket" is driving industries out of the state's premier Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) industrial belt.

Addressing media persons at Baddi after a felicitation ceremony for newly elected grassroots representatives, the senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader warned that alleged bureaucratic harassment, regulatory pressure and political interference had pushed the state's pharmaceutical hub towards an "existential crisis".

Thakur alleged that the Congress government's much-publicised promise of "Vyavastha Parivartan" (systemic change) had instead resulted in what he described as a system of "predatory rent-seeking", threatening Himachal's industrial base. "The present administration is allegedly running an orchestrated extortion network across the state's industrial heartland. Under political patronage, kickbacks running into crores of rupees are allegedly being demanded for land and plot allocations. Compliant bureaucrats have been handpicked and strategically posted to harass, arm-twist and fleece industrialists," Thakur alleged. The Leader of Opposition said rising taxes, regulatory pressures and what he termed an

"unfriendly" bureaucracy had severely dented investor confidence, forcing established manufacturing units to explore relocation to neighbouring states offering more favourable business conditions.

"Arbitrary tax increases, administrative extortion and policy paralysis have pushed established manufacturers to the brink. If industries continue to leave the state, it will cause a serious loss to the exchequer and severely affect employment opportunities for local youth," he claimed.

Thakur also raised concerns over the deteriorating environmental conditions in the BBN industrial belt, alleging that untreated industrial effluents and rising pollution levels had become a growing public concern.

Congress emphasizes unity to save the nation's democracy

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, OCT 5

The monthly meeting of the Kangra Block Congress was held under the chairmanship of Block President Nageshwar Mankotia, attended by State Congress Committee Vice-President and In-charge Satpal Raizada and Vivek Kumar. Additionally, APMC Chairman Nishu Mongra, HP Education Board Chairman Dr. Rajesh Sharma, and former MLA Surendra Kaku participated as special invitees. Zone presidents Praveen Sharma, Kuldeep Rana, Rajesh Kumar, and Rita Mankotia along with their respective committees and the entire block executive body, took part in the meeting. Raizada explained in detail the alleged involvement of Gyanesh Kumar in the "vote



theft" attributed to Modi and asserted that Rahul Gandhi does not stand alone. Today, youth across every corner of the country have embraced the path of agitation to protect the Constitution. People from all walks of life have realized that the Constitution drafted by Baba Saheb is being tampered with. Raizada urged everyone to unite to safeguard the nation's democracy. The Block President took attendance and called upon all block

office-bearers to attend every monthly meeting and work in unison. Jyoti from the Mataur Panchayat Samiti joined the Congress party in Raizada's presence, and Karan Sharma was appointed as the Kangra Urban President. Panchayat Pradhans from various areas also participated, agreeing to take the message regarding the "vote theft" issue raised by Rahul Gandhi to every village and pledging to keep the country's democracy alive.

SDM holds meeting with officials regarding preparations for Asuj Navratri fair

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, OCT 5

The Asuj Navratri fair is being held at Mata Shri Chintpurni from October 11 to 20. This information was given by SDM Amb Paras Agarwal on Monday while presiding over a meeting held at Maidas Sadan regarding the preparations for the fair. Paras Agarwal stated that for the successful conduct of the fair, SDM Amb will be appointed as the Fair Officer, while DSP Amb will be appointed as the Police Fair Officer. Four other police officers will also be deployed to assist them. The SMO will be deployed as the Medical Officer at the fair. He stated that the fair area will be divided into four sectors. Police and Home Guard personnel will be deployed to maintain peace and order. Agarwal stated



that a supervisor will be deployed in each of the four sectors to ensure cleanliness. He further stated that to ensure clean drinking water for the devotees attending the fair, the Jal Shakti Department has been instructed to ensure the cleaning of drinking water tanks before the fair. Additionally, drinking water stalls will be installed at four locations. He also instructed the Electricity Department to ensure a smooth power supply during the fair. He also instructed the Fire Department to ensure that fire fighting vehicles are in good condition. If there are

any problems with the vehicles, ensure they are inspected before the fair. He also said that if hydrants are in bad condition, they should be repaired promptly and a report should be submitted. He said that during the fair, a special task force will be formed to keep a strict vigil on begging and if anyone is caught making children beg, action will be taken against him as per the rules under the POCSO Act. He said that during the fair, devotees will receive darshan slips for the Mata's darshan at Mai Das Sadan, Shambhu Barrier, and MRC.

Shoolini PhD scholar gets ANRF support to attend IUFRO Acacia 2026 conference in Vietnam

DINESH AGARWAL SOLAN: Shoolini University PhD scholar Ms Anwesha Bandyopadhyay has received financial support from the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) to attend the prestigious International Union of Forest Research Organisation (IUFRO) Acacia 2026 Conference being held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from October 5 to 8. Ms Bandyopadhyay is a PhD scholar in Biotechnology at Shoolini University and is working under the supervision of Dr Tarun Pal. The international conference, being held under the theme "Sustaining Acacia Plantations in a Dynamic Changing World", brings together researchers, scientists, policymakers and industry experts from across the world to discuss the latest developments in Acacia research and sustainable plantation management. The conference focuses on key areas including plantation sustainability, biodiversity, biotechnology, resource management and the circular bioeconomy. It provides an international platform for researchers to exchange scientific knowledge, discuss emerging challenges and explore collaborative approaches for sustainable management of Acacia plantations in a changing environmental and climatic landscape. The ANRF support enables Ms Bandyopadhyay to participate in the international scientific forum and engage with researchers working in the field. Her participation also provides an opportunity to gain exposure to global research developments and contribute to discussions on sustainable forestry and biotechnology.



NEWS BRIEF

BJP appoints ex-servicemen cell district coordinators

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: The BJP Himachal Pradesh's ex-servicemen cell has announced the appointment of district coordinators and in-charges to strengthen the organisation at the district level. State convener Lt Commander Abhishek Patil said Captain Shamsheer Singh had been appointed district coordinator for Kangra, Honorary Captain Gyan Chand for Kullu and Honorary Captain Prem Singh for Lahaul-Spiti. Patil said he would serve as district in-charge for Kangra, Mandi and Bilaspur, while Brigadier R K Sharma would oversee Una, Commandant Vijay Jamwal Sundernagar, Subedar Kamlesh Kumar Hamirpur and Dehra, and Subedar Vijay Bhatt Palampur. Other appointments include Leading Bhagat Singh for Solan, Naik Vinod Kumar for Lahaul-Spiti, Honorary Captain Jitendra Kumar for Kinnaur, Subedar Major Santram Tomar for Sirmour, Naik Hira Lal Thakur for Kullu and Captain M R Thakur for Chamba. Patil said the appointments would help streamline the cell's activities at the district level and strengthen coordination and communication with ex-servicemen across the state.

Kalyan Kala Manch holds monthly literary meet in Bilaspur

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: The monthly literary gathering of Kalyan Kala Manch, Bilaspur, was held at Kale Baba's Nagar Kutia at Hanuman Tilla with the lighting of the traditional lamp and prayers to Goddess Saraswati. The gathering paid tribute to internationally acclaimed dancer Phoolan Chandel, District Public Relations Officer Anand Shohar, Bilaspur Ram Natak Samiti stage coordinator Omkar Nath Sharma and retired principal Ramesh Sharma, who recently passed away. Participants observed a two-minute silence in their memory. Retired Block Primary Education Officer Ruma Chandel, the chief guest, was conferred the Kale Baba Shiksha Scout Samman-2026, while senior Manch member Dr Anek Ram Sankhyan received the Kale Baba Satat Lekhan Samman-2026.

PM Modi hails India-EFTA trade pact as new phase of economic cooperation

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 5

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries had entered a new phase of economic cooperation with the implementation of their landmark Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA), describing it as India's "first free trade agreement" with a European economic bloc.

Addressing the press alongside Swiss Confederation President Guy Parmelin, Modi said the agreement would significantly expand market access for Indian products in Switzerland and facilitate greater investment flows between the two countries. "We have implemented a historic Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement between India and the European Free Trade



Association, or EFTA, countries. This is India's first FTA with any European economic bloc," PM Modi said. EFTA comprises Switzerland, Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein. The agreement, signed in March 2024, entered into force on October 1, 2025, providing preferential

access and establishing a framework for deeper cooperation in trade, investment, services and technology. EFTA countries have offered market access covering 92.2 per cent of tariff lines, accounting for 99.6 per cent of India's exports. PM Modi said India and Switzerland had taken

several important decisions to improve access for Indian products in the Swiss market and make investments between the two countries easier. Agriculture, pharmaceuticals, textiles and engineering goods are among the sectors expected to gain from expanded export opportunities. At the same time, India is seeking to attract fresh Swiss investment into sectors including biotechnology, life sciences, banking, insurance, food processing and sustainability. The TEPA carries an investment commitment of USD 100 billion over 15 years and is linked to the facilitation of one million direct jobs in India. The agreement is also expected to deepen cooperation in services and enable Indian companies to integrate more closely with advanced European value chains, giving a further push to India's efforts to expand its global trade and investment partnerships.



Singh, a resident of Mundri village, raised issue of illegal encroachments and

pollution of village pond. He demanded that the pond be measured and demarcated, removed and cleaned. Rajo, a resident of Dharampura village, requested benefits under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. He explained that his house was in dilapidated condition and water leaked from tin roof during rain. He had four daughters and belonged to BPL category.

Employees protest again over their demands



JAGBIR UPLANA
ASSANDH, OCT 5

The Asandh and Nissing units of the Haryana State Electricity Board Employees' Union staged a protest regarding their demands at the power station located on Salwan Road in the city. During a 'gate meeting' that lasted nearly two hours, employees raised slogans vehemently against the Executive Engineer (XEN). The protest was presided over by Surendra Redhu (JE, DCO, Central Council). Speaking to reporters, he stated that they had met the XEN to discuss issues such as EPF for DC-rate employees, increased salaries for

HKRN employees, and medical bill reimbursements, but no resolution was reached. He asserted that these demands are legitimate and should be fulfilled by the officials promptly. He warned that if a solution is not found soon, concrete further action would be taken, and the agitation would be intensified if the employees' demands remain unmet. Unit President Vikas Kumar conducted the proceedings. Employees present on the occasion included Block President of the Employees' Federation Shiv Kumar Sharma, Sita Ram Sharma, Sudhir Rana, Mahipal, Balwinder, Sunil, Yogesh, Kamveer, Rajesh Bastali, and Kambir, among others.

Drug de-addiction awareness rally held in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 5

Under the direction of Sanjay Kumar (IPS), Additional Director General of Police, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, and the guidance of Rajendra Kumar Meena (IPS), Deputy Inspector General of Police cum Joint Commissioner of Police (Faridabad), a war-like effort against drug abuse is underway across Haryana. Simultaneously, awareness programs are being conducted to encourage people to stay away from drugs. As part of this initiative, the Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau organized an awareness campaign focused on de-



addiction and environmental conservation on the occasion of World Habitat Day. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma (Sub-Inspector), the Bureau's in-charge for awareness programs and rehabilitation, conducted a bicycle rally to raise public awareness across various areas of Karnal and educated students at the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) about the harmful

effects of substance abuse. The event at the institute was attended by 200 students and 14 trade instructors, in the presence of Principal Satyendra Singh Four and instructor Mr. Dinesh Kumar. Dr. Verma urged the students to abstain from drugs, adopt a healthy lifestyle, and play an active role in environmental conservation. All participants also took a

pledge against substance abuse. Dr. Verma emphasized that the youth are the nation's strength and that protecting them from social evils like drug abuse is a collective responsibility. He stated that the objective of the bicycle rally was to convey messages regarding de-addiction, environmental conservation, health, and a safe life to the general public. He appealed to everyone to report information regarding drug trafficking to the Haryana Narcotics Control Bureau's helpline (90508-91508) and the national MANAS helpline (1933). At the conclusion of the program, the students pledged to "Quit drugs and improve their lives."

Officials should submit ATRs of complaints got at Samadhan camp on time: Pankaj Setia

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, OCT 5

Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer of Zila Parishad Pankaj Setia said that Samadhan Camps are proving beneficial for public. At these camps, officials resolve problems of district's citizens on a priority basis. Officials of concerned departments should ensure that ATRs for complaints received at Samadhan Camps are submitted on time. He was providing necessary guidance to officials while listening to public's grievances during Samadhan Camp in auditorium of Mini Secretariat today During Samadhan Camp, DC listened to problems related to CRID and other departments, resolved various issues on spot and provided necessary guidance



to the officials of concerned departments to resolve pending issues. He stated that a time limit has been set for ATRs for complaints. Officials of concerned departments should ensure that ATRs are submitted within stipulated timeframe. Sdministration is organizing Samadhan Camps every week on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am to 12 pm in auditorium of New Mini Secretariat. He appealed to the general public to take

advantage of camps being organized to resolve their problems. All departments should continue to reap this benefit by resolving their department-related problems in a timely manner. People came to solution camps with their problems, which mainly included pension, family identity card, ration card, Ayushman card, water supply, road repair, pension-related problems and complaints related to revenue matters.

INLD protests over paddy procurement, submits memorandum to Governor

AVNI SHARMA
GUHLA/CHIKKA, OCT 5

Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) held protest today regarding problems farmers face in paddy procurement and chaos prevailing in mandis. Led by State President Rampal Majra, party officials and workers raised their voices regarding farmers' demands. Following protest, memorandum was submitted to Governor through Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil). Memo said that farmers' paddy crops have arrived in mandis, but slow pace of government procurement has caused distress. In many places, crops are lying in open and farmers are worried about losses due to bad weather. INLD demanded that every heap of farmers' paddy be purchased at prescribed



minimum support price through government agencies. Party alleged that farmers are not receiving full MSP for their crops. Memorandum cited fixed MSP of Rs 2,461 per quintal for paddy stating that farmers are being underpaid due to moisture and other deductions. INLD demanded availability of adequate moisture meters in all mandis. Issue of Meri Fasal-Mera Byora portal and gate pass

system was also raised during protest. INLD leaders said that due to technical difficulties, farmers are facing difficulties with registration and gate passes. Party demanded removal of gate pass requirement. INLD also demanded removal of requirement that farmers sell paddy only in mandis of their respective districts. According to party leaders, many mandis in border districts are closer to farmers.

My Bharat registration drive held for NSS Volunteers



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: My Bharat Registration Programme was organised by Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar for all NSS volunteers. The volunteers were guided and assisted in completing their registration on the My Bharat App. During the programme, Dr. Payal Lamba, Dr. Hemant Mishra, and Dr. Gian Bhusan interacted with the first-year volunteers and guided them regarding the registration process. They also highlighted the importance of active participation in youth-oriented, community-service and nation-building initiatives. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal Dr. Arvinder Singh Bhalla appreciated the efforts of the NSS team and encouraged the volunteers to actively participate in the activities of My Bharat and NSS. The programme aimed to facilitate the effective enrolment of NSS volunteers on the My Bharat platform and encourage their active engagement in various social service, youth development and nation-building activities.

Students made aware of need for drug-free India



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: DAV College held Drug-Free India awareness campaign under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan. Dr Kamdev Jha was chief guest and Vishal Sharma was special guest. Guests provided detailed information to students about the ill effects of drug abuse and encouraged them to stay away from drugs and make society drug-free. They encouraged students to adopt a healthy and positive lifestyle. Acting college principal Dr Suman Lata also addressed the students, cautioning them about social and personal harm caused by drug abuse. Prof Amit Kumar of Political Science Department interacted with students and answered their questions regarding drug addiction. He urged them to play an active role in building a drug-free India.

Shri Har Har Mahadev Langar Sewa Committee holds prasad distribution ceremony

DAVINDER SHARMA
RUPNAGAR, OCT 5

The Shri Har Har Mahadev Langar Sewa Committee, Rupnagar, organised a prasad distribution ceremony following the conclusion of its 20th langar service during the Shri Manimahesh Yatra. Committee president Mukesh Gupta said the organisation had set up a langar at Gaurikund for pilgrims undertaking the yatra. The service provided hot water, tea, breakfast, lunch and dinner to devotees. Arrangements for overnight accommodation and medical assistance were also made available for pilgrims. Gupta said the langar service continued round the clock for around 22 days with the blessings of Lord Shiva. After the conclusion of the langar, a prasad distribution ceremony was organised at the temple



and kutia of Swami Baba Nadi Paar Kurali Wale, near DAV School in Rupnagar. The programme began with a devotional kirtan by the sevadars, following which prasad was distributed among all the volunteers. The sevadars were also honoured for their contribution. The organisers emphasised that prasad should also reach all devotees who had contributed their services to the langar. Food arrangements were made for all sevadars

during the programme. Mukesh Gupta, Ajay Dogra, Pritam Sharma, Satish Sharma Babbu, Dr Ashutosh, Prem Raj, Dr Yashpal, Anup Gupta, Subhash Sharma, Dharampal Kaku, Baldev Raj, Deshranj, Kamal Vohra, Mohan Puri, Himanshu of Hoshiarpur, Mahesh Bhardwaj, Rakesh Kumar Kaku, Yash Sharma, Rahul Sharma, Govardhan Katli, Devender Kala, Roda Halwai and other members were present.

DAV Yamunanagar wins first prize at JMIT Science exhibition

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 5

The students of DAV Public School, Professor Colony, Yamunanagar, brought laurels to the school by showcasing excellence in the field of science and innovation and securing First Position at the Science Exhibition organised at Seth Jai Parkash Mukand Lal Institute of Engineering and Technology (JMIT), Radaur. The Science Exhibition was held at the main ground of JMIT, where 80 teams from 40 schools participated. The team from DAV Public School impressed the judges with its innovative Smart Drone Disaster Management System and won the First Prize, along with a cash prize of Rs.



11,000. The winning team comprised Alisha Tyagi and Aardhya Anand of Class XI (Science) and Adarsh Das of Class VIII. The Principal, Sh Vijay Kumar Kashiv, expressed his delight at the students' achievement and congratulated them on their remarkable success. He stated that such platforms play a significant role in nurturing scientific thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills

among students. The achievement was made possible through the continuous guidance and support of the ATL In-charge and mentors. DAV Management Committee members and entire school fraternity celebrated the students' success and encouraged them to continue pursuing excellence in the fields of innovation, scientific research and technology.

Ambala Civil Hospital expansion gets Defence Minister's nod on Military land

UNI
AMBALA, OCT 5

Expansion of the Ambala Cantonment Civil Hospital in Haryana has received a fresh boost with Haryana Energy, Transport and Labour Minister Anil Vij securing a positive assurance from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on providing adjoining military land for the project.

Vij said the hospital urgently needs additional space as the population of Ambala Cantonment has increased manifold. When the cantonment was established, its population was around 30,000-40,000, while it now caters to nearly three to four lakh people. The existing hospital premises, he said, are therefore no longer adequate to meet the healthcare requirements of the area.

The state government has also sanctioned several important healthcare projects for Ambala Cantonment, including a Rs 10-crore dharamshala for attendants of cancer patients and a Spine Injury Centre, which Vij said would be the first such facility in Haryana. However, the projects require additional land, and there is no

suitable alternative government land available, he said.

Vij said Ambala Sadar was carved out of the Cantonment Board area and constituted separately on February 5, 1977. The remaining surrounding land is under the Cantonment Board and the Army. As a result, adjoining military land is crucial for expanding the Civil Hospital and implementing the proposed healthcare projects.

He said he met the Defence Minister on Sunday and specifically raised the requirement for military land. Rajnath Singh, Vij said, gave a positive assurance and directed that the matter be taken up through the proper channel with all necessary documents and in accordance with the prescribed conditions.

Vij said acquisition of defence land involves several formalities and can be a lengthy process, but expressed confidence that the Defence Minister's intervention would help advance the proposal. He stressed that the ex-



pansion of the Ambala Cantonment Civil Hospital is essential in view of the area's rapidly growing population.

Reacting to the Opposition's demand for the resignation of Chief

Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Vij accused Opposition parties of unnecessarily creating controversy over electoral rolls.

He said the Opposition was questioning the electoral rolls after facing political setbacks, despite its leaders having themselves won elections on the basis of the same rolls.

"If the same electoral rolls were used for our victories, they say the rolls are wrong; but when Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi won elections on the basis of the same electoral rolls, they were considered correct," Vij said.

He further said that if Opposition leaders genuinely believed the electoral rolls were incorrect, they should resign from the positions they had won using those very rolls. Vij accused the Opposition of raising objections to the electoral process selectively after losing elections.

Mayors have key role in giving new direction to urban development: Renu Bala Gupta



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 5

Karnal Mayor and president of the All India Mayors Council Renu Bala Gupta participated in the 118th meeting of the All India Mayors Council, where she and mayors from across the country discussed issues related to urban development, public amenities and strengthening urban local bodies.

The first inaugural session of the meeting was held at Hotel Mount View in Chandigarh on Monday. Mayors exchanged experiences and views on the development of their respective cities and ways to improve urban governance.

Renu Bala Gupta said the development of cities cannot be limited to basic infrastructure and that there is a need to build modern, clean, safe and citizen-centric urban systems. Since urban local bodies are directly connected with citizens, they must be provided with adequate resources, powers and technical support, she said.

She added that sharing successful initiatives and experiences among urban local bod-

ies could help other cities adopt effective practices. Such national platforms, she said, can promote positive changes and better practices in urban governance.

Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Singh Kataria, the chief guest, inaugurated the session. He said urban local bodies would have to adopt new approaches and effective working systems in line with the changing needs of cities. Better administration at the local level, he said, is the foundation for providing quality services to citizens.

Rajya Sabha member Naveen Jain said comprehensive urban development could not be achieved without strengthening urban local bodies. He described the experiences and suggestions of mayors as important inputs for urban development policies.

All India Mayors Council general secretary Ashutosh Varshney stressed the need for better coordination and exchange of experiences among urban local bodies across the country through the council. Actor and former MP Kirron Kher also highlighted the importance of the active participation of elected representatives in city development.

Devotion and satsang give renewed strength to values: Renu Bala Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 5

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta participated in a devotional satsang organised by the Karnal chapter of Vishva Jagriti Mission at Dr Mangal Sen Auditorium. Held in the presence of Param Pujya Sudhanshu Maharaj, the programme focused on devotion, spiritual knowledge, Indian culture and human service.

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harinder Kalyan and Nilokheri MLA Bhagwan Dass Kabirpanthi also attended the programme.

Gupta said devotion and satsang were not merely means of attaining spiritual peace but also helped strengthen values, positive thinking and a spirit of service in life. She said Indian culture had always placed humanity, compassion, harmony

and mutual love at the centre of social life.

She said spiritual gatherings provided an opportunity for introspection amid the pressures of modern life and helped

strengthen social bonds. She said it was the collective responsibility of society to promote respect for Indian culture, spiritual values and public service. She also appreciated the efforts of Vishva Jagriti Mission towards promoting spiritual awareness and values in society.

Assembly Speaker Harinder Kalyan said Indian culture was deeply rooted in spiritual thought and values. He said the company of saints and participation in satsang encouraged people to introspect and understand their social responsibilities. Kalyan stressed the need to connect children and young people with Indian culture, values and moral principles in the present era.

spread positive energy in society. She added that the teachings of saints and great thinkers could guide people towards the right path.

Gupta said devotion brought peace and renewed energy to the mind, while a spirit of service and harmony helped



Vijay Garg Appointed co-convenor of Agarwal Vaishya Samaj Haryana's Membership Drive Committee: Rajesh Singla

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Ashok Buwaniwala, State President of Agarwal Vaishya Samaj Haryana, has constituted a membership drive committee to accelerate the membership campaign, with the aim of making the organization stronger, more organized, and more widespread across the state. Rajesh Singla, State General Secretary of Agarwal Vaishya Samaj Haryana, stated that Amarnath Gupta (Panipat) has been appointed as the Convener, while Rakesh Kumar Goyal (Safidon), Payal Goyal (Narwana), and Vijay Garg (Kurukshetra) have been appointed as Co-conveners of the committee. State General Secretary Rajesh Singla mentioned that under the guidance of State President Ashok Buwaniwala, efforts are being made to take the organization to every region of the state and to every Vaishya family. He emphasized that the membership drive is not merely about increasing numbers; rather, it is a means to connect as many families as possible—especially the youth and women—with the organisation and enable them to play an active social role. Rajesh Singla stated that the newly formed committee would actively engage people by apprising community members of the organization's objectives, activities, and social commitments. He expressed confidence that Amarnath Gupta, Rakesh Kumar Goyal, Payal Goyal, and Vijay Garg would infuse new momentum into the membership drive through their experience and active participation, playing a pivotal role in further strengthening the organization across the state. Expressing gratitude to State President Ashok Buwaniwala and State General Secretary Rajesh Singla, the newly appointed Co-convenor Vijay Garg (Kurukshetra) pledged to discharge the assigned responsibility with utmost sincerity and dedication.



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
HISAR, OCT 5

The operator of Vidhata Nursing Home in Uklana, Dr Bijendra Tak, has been arrested by Hisar police in connection with an alleged case of fraudulent claims and forged documents under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

A team led by CM Flying Hisar Range in-charge Sunaina had raided the nursing home on March 22, 2026, following allegations of irregularities in the scheme. Dr Tak had reportedly been evading arrest for nearly six months. Before his arrest, he approached the District and Sessions Court, Punjab and Haryana High Court and the Supreme Court seeking anticipatory bail, but failed to secure relief. The High Court had observed that custodial interrogation was necessary for the investigation.

Irregularities found

during joint inspection

According to the investigation, Sunaina, along with a joint team from the Health Department, conducted the raid at Vidhata Nursing Home on March 22. During the inspection, some patients were shown as admitted on the Ayushman Bharat portal, although they were reportedly not present at the hospital at the time of the inspection.

48,000 claim allegedly made in newborn's name

During the inspection, discrepancies, including alterations in the discharge date and other details, were reportedly found in the records of a newborn child. Sandeep, the child's father and a resident of Bithmara village, told the team that his child had not been admitted



to the hospital again, although the Ayushman portal showed the child as admitted and a claim of around 48,000 had allegedly been submitted in the child's name.

Investigators also reportedly found forged signatures and other documents in the records. The doctor whose name was mentioned as the treating physician reportedly denied visiting the hospital or signing the relevant records.

Based on these findings,

police registered a case against Dr Bijendra Tak on a complaint filed by the CM Flying team under Sections 318(4), 336(3), 338 and 340 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

High Court said custodial interrogation was necessary

Seeking to avoid arrest, Dr Tak first moved the District and Sessions Court for anticipatory bail, but his plea was rejected. He subsequently approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which also declined to grant him anticipatory bail in July 2026. In its order, the High Court referred to the prima facie material on record indicating that allegedly fake bills had been prepared for patients who were not admitted to the hospital during the relevant period.

Ayushman Bharat fraud case: Vidhata Nursing Home operator arrested in Hisar

NIGF Hry chapter annual conference held at Adesh Medical College

GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD, OCTOBER 5

The annual conference of the NIGF Haryana Chapter was held at Adesh Medical College and Hospital, Mohri. Obstetricians, gynecologists, physicians, consultants, and postgraduate students from various states across North India participated in the event, which saw a total attendance of 106 delegates. The primary objective of the conference was to strengthen practical and emergency medical skills alongside modern medical knowledge in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology. Experts shared vital information regarding safe motherhood, women's health, rapid decision-making in emergencies, and evidence-based medical practices. Dr. Guntas Singh Gill, Director of Adesh Medical College and Hospital, reaffirmed the commitment to strengthening women's health and providing quality maternal healthcare services. NIGF President Dr. Ragini Agrawal urged doctors to strive for excellence in women's health and to keep their knowledge and skills updated. Dr. Meenakshi B. Chauhan, President of the NIGF Haryana Chapter, emphasized that continuous training is essential for improving the quality of maternal and women's health ser-

vices. The conference also featured an expert panel discussion on the rising trend of Caesarean deliveries and the appropriateness of the procedure. Experts, including Dr. Meenakshi Rohilla (PGI Chandigarh), Dr. Reeti Mehra, Dr. Navneet Takkar, and Dr. Savita Singhal, shared their views. They stated that decisions regarding Caesarean deliveries should be



based on medical necessity, established guidelines, and the woman's condition, while stressing the importance of avoiding unnecessary interventions.

Dr. Mohneet Walia, Joint Secretary of NIGF Haryana, noted that such training programs play a crucial role in enhancing doctors' capabilities to handle emergency situations. Other doctors, including HMC Supervisor Dr. Ranjana Sharma, DMS Dr. Naresh Jyoti, and MEU Coordinator Dr. Gurleen Kaur, also contributed to the event.

Message of natural farming to resonate in Nepal; 50 farmers arrive at Gurukul Kurukshetra

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, OCTOBER 5

The natural farming farm at Gurukul Kurukshetra is establishing itself as a premier training centre for natural farming, not just within India but on an international scale. The impact of the continuous efforts made by the Honorable Governor of Gujarat, Acharya Devvrat, to take natural farming to the masses is now becoming visible in neighboring countries as well. In this context, a delegation comprising agricultural experts and 50 progressive farmers from Nepal arrived at Gurukul Kurukshetra to undergo formal training in natural farming. During this special training program—organised through the joint efforts of the Governments of India and Nepal—the Nepalese farmers spent five days at the Gurukul's natural farming farm, closely observing and understanding various techniques, processes, and experiments associated with natural farming. While gaining insights into the practical and scientific aspects of the practice, the farmers also had their queries and doubts addressed by the experts.

Upon their arrival at Gurukul, Pradhan Rajkumar Garg and Administrator Ramniwas Arya extended a warm welcome to the delegation from Nepal. The delegation included agri-



cultural officers—Rajendra Prasad Yadav, Sapna Khapung, Jharana Upadhyay, and Hemlal Busai—alongside progressive farmers and Kishi Sakhis. During the five-day training, agricultural experts—Padma Shri Dr. Hariom, Dr. Baljit Saharan, Dr. Shubhendru, and Dr. Gagan-deep Singh—provided the farmers with detailed information regarding the various methods and components of natural farming. Describing natural farming as farmer-friendly from a scientific perspective, Padma Shri Dr. Hariom stated that the future belongs to natural farming. To mitigate the adverse effects of chemical-based farming, farmers must shift towards natural farming. It was stated that adopting natural farming is the only way to ensure clean water, fertile land, and a safe food system for future generations.

Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Karnal secures second place

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU), Karnal, secured second place in the 'Government Department' category at the agricultural fair held at the Agricultural University, Hisar—a moment of pride for the entire MHU family. Dr. Satyapal Yadav, Dr. Shubham, Dr. Bijendra, and Dr. Alisha Goyal received the award on behalf of MHU. MHU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Suresh Malhotra stated that winning this award at the Agricultural University is a matter of pride for the MHU family. It demonstrates that MHU is progressing in every field and that its work is being appreciated by farmers. He noted that MHU has previously won awards at both national and international levels. The university is engaged in research aimed at benefiting farmers and has already achieved success in several research initiatives.

He added that MHU is collaborating with renowned universities across the globe. Hon'ble Chief Minister Nayab Saini also visited the MHU stall and was apprised of the efforts being made by the scientists. He mentioned that thousands of farmers visited the exhibition at the MHU stall during the fair and highly appreciated it. Products created by final-year B.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture students under the Experiential Learning Programme (ELP) were displayed at the stall. Registrar Prof. Surendra Singh, Dr. Bijendra Singh, and students were present on the occasion.



DLSA holds workshop for officials and Sarpanchs of Indri Block

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL: A workshop for officials and Sarpanchs of Indri Block was organized by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Karnal, in collaboration with the Superintendent of Police, the District Development and Panchayat Department, and the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the Civil Hospital, Karnal. The event was presided over by Uday Pratap, Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Indri. He interacted with the attending officials and Sarpanchs, encouraging them to participate in the 'Drug-Free Haryana Mission' and foster mutual cooperation to ensure the mission's success. Counselors Harsh Vats and Harish provided information regarding the free medical facilities offered by the Civil Hospital to individuals suffering from substance abuse. Meenakshi Yadav, CJM and Secretary of DLSA, Karnal, stated that the workshop had been organized at the request of Sarpanchs who were actively working towards de-addiction and sought cooperation from the relevant departments.

Officials from the Police Department and staff from the Narcotics Department were also present. Discussions during the workshop focused on curbing drug abuse among children and preventing the sale of narcotics. Officials from the concerned departments shared the contact numbers of nodal officers with the Sarpanchs and assured them of collaborative efforts and all possible support to make Haryana drug-free. Gurumalk Singh (Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Indri), Dharmveer Singh (SHO, Indri), and Ishant Chopra (Panel Advocate and Retainer, Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee, Indri) were also present on the occasion.

Benefits of schemes being delivered to people's doorsteps through 'Seva Setu' camps: Jyoti Saini

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: BJP District President Jyoti Saini stated that the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' (Service Pledge Campaign) is being conducted until October 17 to mark the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. As part of this initiative, 'Seva Setu' camps are being organised with the primary objective of easily delivering the benefits of the government's public welfare schemes and services directly to people's doorsteps. District President Jyoti Saini was addressing the gathering on Monday during a 'Seva Setu' camp held at the Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) office building as part of the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan'. Upon her arrival, BDPO Annu Tonk welcomed the chief guest. District President Jyoti Saini first inspected the stalls set up by various departments. She remarked that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been serving the nation continuously for 25 years without pause or fatigue. He has showcased the state of Gujarat as a model. Today, India's influence resonates across the globe. Government schemes are being implemented for the welfare of every section of society in the country. Women are being empowered and made self-reliant. Efforts are underway to double farmers' income through various schemes. State Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is effectively implementing all central government schemes in the state and ensuring the delivery of their benefits. Jobs are being provided to the youth based on merit to ensure their empowerment. She added that through 'Seva Setu' camps, citizens are receiving information about various government schemes, guidance on eligibility, and assistance with the application process—all under one roof. 'Seva Setu' Camp to be Held in Titram Village on October 6.



EDITORIAL

Relief expected for genuine buyers from input tax credit loss

The GST Council is likely to consider a proposal to protect genuine buyers from losing input tax credit due to tax defaults by suppliers at its meeting on October 7, while also examining a wider ambit of credit eligibility for several business expenses, sources told ANI.The proposal is aimed at ensuring that buyers who have undertaken genuine transactions and paid suppliers, including the applicable tax, are not penalised for a supplier's failure to deposit the tax with the government.Under the proposed framework, recovery would instead be directed towards the defaulting supplier.The changes are expected to be considered at the 57th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, and would be subject to the Council's approval.Sources said the proposal seeks to address situations where a business has a valid invoice, has received the goods or services and has made full payment, but is subsequently denied input tax credit because a supplier further up the transaction chain has failed to deposit the tax.The proposed protection, however, would not apply where the buyer is knowingly involved in fraudulent transactions. Authorities would continue to have the power to take action against buyers who participate in or benefit from such fraud, according to the note.The proposed changes are also based on improved invoice matching and linkages between input and output ledgers and summary returns, which allow tax authorities to identify fraudulent credit closer to its point of origin.The supplier-linked denial of input tax credit has been a major source of disputes and litigation. Compliance-related risks have also prompted businesses to avoid smaller and newer vendors, even when they may offer competitive pricing or better quality.Separately, the GST Council is also likely to examine a proposal to widen input tax credit eligibility for a number of business-related expenses.The proposed expansion includes health and life insurance purchased by businesses for employees, outdoor catering, telecommunication towers, pipelines laid outside factory premises and free samples. Credit could also be allowed for goods destroyed after expiry of their shelf life where such destruction is required under law.For vehicles, the proposed changes would cover vehicles with seating capacity of up to 13 persons, including the driver. Input tax credit could also be extended to insurance, servicing, repairs and maintenance of such vehicles, as well as their leasing, renting and hiring.The proposal would therefore potentially cover both the purchase of eligible vehicles and their subsequent running and maintenance expenses, sources said.In the case of employee insurance, the proposed changes would enable businesses to claim credit on tax paid for workforce insurance coverage, potentially lowering the overall cost of providing such benefits.

Tata Sons: Save the golden goose while protecting shareholder rights

The Tata Sons dispute calls for regulatory flexibility, a fair deal for minority shareholders and protection of a rare philanthropic institution.

India has spent decades trying to build businesses capable of thinking in generations. It now faces the curious prospect of forcing one of its most historically important business groups into a stock-market listing even though its ownership structure serves a purpose beyond private wealth.

The Tata Sons dispute has become a test of whether Indian regulation can accommodate an institution whose commercial success finances massive philanthropy and whose investments increasingly serve national industrial priorities. India must not kill the golden goose to settle a regulatory dispute.

Tata Sons sits at the centre of a sprawling group spanning information technology, steel, automobiles, aviation, power and advanced manufacturing. The Tata Trusts collectively own about 66 per cent of the holding company, while the Shapoorji Pallonji group holds approximately 18.4 per cent. The trusts use dividends from their investments to finance the charitable work. The resulting arrangement is unusual: a large industrial group is ultimately majority-owned by philanthropic institutions rather than a controlling family seeking to maximise personal wealth.

The immediate dispute concerns the Reserve Bank of India's regulatory treatment of Tata Sons as a systemically important non-banking financial company, or NBFC. The RBI rejected its request to relinquish its core investment company registration in September 2026, reviving the prospect of a mandatory listing. Tata Trusts opposes an IPO, while minority shareholders have strong reasons to seek liquidity and a transparent valuation. The disagreement has now spilled into the boardroom, including the reappointment of N Chandrasekaran as chairman.

The Tata Trusts want to merge Tata Electronics Systems Solutions and Tata Consulting Engineers into Tata Sons, giving the group's holding company substantial operating revenues alongside its investments. The



calculation is regulatory: with operating revenue of Rs 1.05 lakh crore and investments in group companies below 90 per cent of net assets, the restructured entity could fall outside the Reserve Bank of India's definitions of an upper-layer non-banking financial company and a core investment company. This should be looked at as the sensible solution.

The issue that involves Tata Sons deserves three arguments to be considered separately.

First, India's philanthropic capital is too scarce to treat the Tata ownership model as an inconvenience.

India has many wealthy individuals and a growing number of corporate foundations. It has far fewer philanthropic institutions with the scale, longevity and financial independence of the Tata Trusts. Their holdings in Tata Sons provide a continuing stream of income for hospitals, education, scientific research, nutrition and community development. The trusts' charitable mandate gives the ownership structure a public purpose that a conventional promoter-owned

holding company does not necessarily possess.

A public listing would not automatically end this philanthropy. The trusts would retain their shares and their dividends, unless they chose to sell. Yet an IPO could change the incentives surrounding the group. Quarterly market expectations, pressure to distribute cash and greater scrutiny of capital allocation could complicate decisions whose returns emerge over decades.

The important principle is that a regulatory objective should be achieved through the least disruptive lawful means. If Tata Sons can satisfy the RBI's prudential concerns through a genuine restructuring, through merging the two companies, for example, and stronger disclosures or other approved arrangements, an IPO need not be the default outcome.

Second, Tata Sons is increasingly an instrument of industrial strategy.

The Tata group is no longer simply a collection of established consumer and industrial businesses. Tata Advanced Systems is building aerospace and defence capabilities, including India's first private-sector

final assembly line for military aircraft, the Airbus C295, and semiconductor manufacturing through Tata Electronics, an important part of India's effort to establish a domestic chip industry.

These investments demand capital, patient planning and tolerance for long development cycles. Semiconductor fabrication requires enormous initial expenditure, specialised technology and years of work before a new facility reaches commercial scale. Defence manufacturing involves certification, technology transfer, supplier development and close coordination with the armed forces. A holding company able to allocate capital across businesses can support these investments even when their immediate financial returns are uncertain.

A stock-market listing would not prevent Tata Sons from making such commitments. Public companies undertake long-term industrial investment all the time. The question is whether India should preserve the option of private ownership where it supports a distinctive combination of patient capital, strategic

manufacturing and philanthropic funding.

Regulatory flexibility, subject to clear safeguards, would give the country that option.

Third, minority shareholders deserve liquidity and a fair price, not an indefinite stalemate.

The Shapoorji Pallonji group's substantial holding makes this a practical problem. An unlisted stake in a company of Tata Sons' scale can represent enormous wealth while offering limited opportunities to realise it. An IPO would create a public market, improve price discovery and provide an exit route. Those benefits should be acknowledged openly.

There are alternatives. In September 2026, the Shapoorji Pallonji group proposed selling a portion of its holding for at least Rs 25,000 crore, with payment over two tranches spanning 18 months. The proposal contemplated a selective capital-reduction process through the National Company Law Tribunal. This provides a concrete starting point for negotiations.

Tata Sons could explore a staged purchase of minority shares, subject to the Companies Act, the RBI's requirements, available funding and all necessary approvals. An independent valuation process could use several recognised methods, including discounted cash flow, comparable-company multiples and the value of underlying investments. An independent expert should reconcile the results, disclose assumptions and account for the illiquidity of an unlisted holding without allowing that discount to become a device for underpaying sellers. Payments could be spread over an agreed period, backed by enforceable commitments and appropriate financial safeguards.

A selective capital reduction or another legally permissible arrangement could provide a route for shareholders wishing to exit while allowing the trusts to preserve control. Any transaction must respect shareholder rights, creditor protection and the interests of the company itself.

The RBI's concerns about financial stability and transparency are legitimate. Tata Sons cannot claim exemption simply because its history is distinguished or its owners.

US monitoring suspected fatal pneumonic plague case in Russia



The US State Department is actively monitoring unverified reports concerning a suspected fatal case of pneumonic plague originating within Russia, prompting an official appeal directed towards Moscow to promptly release precise information.Speaking anonymously to Fox News, a State Department official confirmed that Washington remains cognisant of the reported fatality located in Irkutsk Oblast, a territory situated in southeastern Siberia.

The official noted that the situation is being closely observed in tandem

with their diplomatic counterparts at an official level because we might have people in Russia who might be at risk," Hoffman warned."Washington will be speaking to all of our allies and partners in the region and sharing what we know."According to the State Department official, pneumonic plague remains manageable through standard antibiotic regimens, particularly when therapeutic intervention commences during the early stages of infection.

The CDC indicates that proper medical protocols ought to be initiated immediately upon suspected exposure, utilising either intravenous or oral antimicrobials contingent upon the illness's severity and additional clinical factors.Furthermore, the official observed that occurrences of pneumonic plague manifest naturally across multiple global regions.Reaffirming that the protection and welfare of American nationals abroad constitutes a paramount institutional objective, the department encouraged citizens journeying internationally to register via the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to obtain timely advisory updates.

"I would also expect our embassy in Moscow to be engaging

Haryana's Prompt Response To Public Grievances: Nayab Singh Saini



That the Chief Minister, Mr Nayab Singh Saini, truly belongs to the masses is borne out by his reach-outs that truly reach out. Fired by the zeal to understand and solve people's problems, he mixes and mingles with them to understand their problems, hears them out, addresses their concerns, and answer their asks.

Whether he is at his residence, Saint Kabir Kutir in Chandigarh, at a session with diaspora, at a roundtable with industrial giants, at an interaction with Gen-Z, or at a public

rally at any back-of-beyond area of the state, Mr Saini touches the hearts of people. He has been at it since the day he assumed the office of Chief Minister two years ago, on October 17, 2024. His hunger for interacting with people and coming to their aid, is never satiated.

His Kutir draws people in hordes. Never mind the time by your watch; it is daytime; day has made way for the dusk; or it is long after the Sun has gone down. If you are needy, in distress, or are nursing any grudge, grouse or complaint, just leg the distance to his residence, and come out smiling. The portals of his place are always open for the distressed and the aggrieved. Here, the thirsty get their thirst quenched; the hungry food; and the despaired, hope, if not a ready solution.

After a long and gruelling day in office stretching well into the evening, the Chief Minister

continues to receive, hear and entertain visitors at his Kutir. And, they keep coming in hordes, many holding stacks of unarranged and unstapled papers in their hands, and wearing worries on their sleeves, and concerns on their minds.

While somebody is worried about his daughter's future; another is grappling with financial constraints; yet another has a family problem; and someone else has come with the hope of receiving the benefit of a welfare scheme he is entitled to, but got left out on the margins. On days, even as the clock ticks close to the midnight hour, Mr Saini can be seen listening to, and comforting people.

He meets them one by one, lends a patient ear, and wherever intervention is required, issues directions to the officers concerned on the spot for prompt action. His easy accessibility, patience, calm and affable

demeanour, willingness to hear people and answer their needs has come to define his persona. Direct connect with citizens across Haryana makes him stand tall as a politician.

His late-night interactions also reflect a larger approach to governance, one that seeks to bridge the distance between government and the people it is meant to serve. This is also an extension of the emphasis of the Saini Government that social security and welfare measures should not remain confined to the confines of announcements, but also get translated into tangible outcome and support to eligible beneficiaries.

His latest drive--care of the elderly at home--bears a ready evidence. Responding to the needs of the changing social milieu, especially the trend of the increasing unitary families, in which many elderly people need regular care, assistance and

support, the state government has taken another initiative to come to their aid.

Two of his recent outreach events--Happening Haryana 2.0 in Mumbai, a global outreach programme, where he interacted with diaspora and the 'who is who' of the industrial world, preceded by one in Gurugram with university students--had a telling effect. Showcased ably as an investment magnet by Mr Saini, Haryana inked MoUs worth Rs 66,000 crore in attracted investment in Mumbai.

And in Gurugram, the students went back home inspired by the example of the Chief Minister who has risen from the ranks of a typist in the BJP office in Panchkula, to become what he is today.

Wherever he goes and interacts with people, he strikes an instant chord. This endears him and his government to the people.

China expands its military base network in Southeast Asia



China's first overseas military base was set up in Djibouti in the Horn of Africa in 2017, but it now also has access to two bases in Southeast Asia. One is a naval facility in Cambodia, and the latest revelation is of a newly built air base in neighbouring Laos.The news of the Laos base came as a surprise, with China's Ministry of National Defense (MND) revealing its existence on 29 September 2026. It stated on social media that "the China-Laos Joint Support and Training Center at Ban Keun Airport in Laos and the China-Laos Friendship Aviation Academy officially went into operation".An official ceremony was graced by Laotian Defense Minister Khamlieng Outhakayson. Incidentally, the opening of the new base comes after Lao President Thongloun Sisoulith visited Beijing to

meet Chairman Xi Jinping in June. On that occasion, Xi called for strategic dialogue on a number of issues, such as national defence.With grid coordinates of 18.36043°N 102.56424°E, this air base in Ban Keun is approximately 50km north of the Laotian capital, Vientiane. The airfield was once home to Lima Site 44, part of a network of airbases built by the US military and CIA during the Vietnam War. Laos is one of the poorest countries in Asia.The site was converted from farmland, and construction seemed to start late last year. The base features a 2,000m-long paved runway, as well as a taxiway, a parking apron, an air traffic control tower, and five hangars at its northern end. Most of the supporting infrastructure is in place, although works are still ongoing.The MND's announcement

continued: "The two institutions, jointly maintained and operated

by both sides, aim to help Laos strengthen the training of its air force

pilots. The establishment and operation of the two institutions reflect mutual

respect and equal consultation between China and Laos, aligning with domestic laws of both countries, as well as international law and common practices."China's military said the base is "not directed against any third party" and that it "aims to help further deepen practical cooperation between the two militaries and contribute to maintaining peace and stability in the region."As for not being directed against a "third party", the country most alarmed by this development will be Vietnam. China instigated an invasion of Vietnam in 1979. This airbase gives the PLA a foothold some 400km farther south into the Indochina Peninsula than its existing southwestern border. The location is also due west of Vietnam. This means China can use it to exert influence deep in

Indochina.The Lao People's Liberation Army Air Force (LPLAAF) is small, comprising a mix of Russian-built and Chinese-built aircraft and helicopters. Sourced from China, the air force possesses single MA60 and MA600 transport aircraft, four Z-9 helicopters, five LE500 turboprop basic trainers and a quartet of K-8W jet trainers/light attack aircraft. The LPLAAF has two primary air bases: one is at Vientiane-Wattay International Airport, and the other at Xiengkhouang to the northeast.With such a diminutive air force, it would appear the LPLAAF's training requirements are not great. Of course, China will be keen to wean Laos off Russian equipment entirely and to supply its own aircraft and weapons. Such a move creates long-term dependencies, which will enable Beijing to exert

further pressure.In typical fashion, China did not disclose what assets, aircraft platforms or personnel numbers would deploy to Laos. However, one source suggested the People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) will base JL-8 jet trainers at the new Ban Keun facility, alongside relocated Laotian K-8Ws.A key question is the legal arrangements and terms governing PLA access to Ben Keun Air Base. Presumably the PLA needs the host's permission to use the airfield outside of any existing commitments, though this does not prevent Beijing from putting pressure on Vientiane to achieve its wishes.The China-Global South Project (CGSP) quoted Junwu Ciweimian, the author of a popular Chinese military commentary account. He cited two reasons for the PLA choosing to set up,

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: A special health check- up camp was organized at the Community Health Center, Sadhaura, as part of the SevaSankalpAbhiyan, with aim of "Empowered Women, Empowered Families." A large number of people from the surrounding area visited the camp and availed themselves of various health services. A team of specialist doctors from



the MMU examined women, children and other patients for various ailments. Giving information, Dr. Dharmesh Saini, SMO of CHC Sadhaura, stated that the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan has been running since September 17. This special health check-up camp has been organized as part of this campaign. The camp's primary objective is to provide better healthcare facilities to the public, leading to empowered women and families.

NEWS BRIEF

MLA Ramkumar Kashyap holds public hearing program at Irrigation Department Rest House



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: MLA and Government Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap held a public hearing at the Irrigation Department's rest house on Monday to listen the grievances of the constituency's residents. Most of the problems and complaints raised at the public hearing were resolved on the spot and officials were directed to resolve administrative issues promptly. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that a large number of people from the constituency came to the public hearing held every Monday with their problems and complaints. His main endeavor is to ensure that people's problems are resolved quickly so that they can benefit from government services. He appealed to the public to immediately bring any problems in their villages to his attention so that they can be resolved quickly. He urged those attending the public court to take advantage of the state government's welfare schemes, which are being implemented for the public.

UP ranks No. 1 in country under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

YUGMARG BUREAU
LUCKNOW, OCT 5

Uttar Pradesh has achieved a historic milestone in implementing the 'Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana' by installing more than 8,76,500 rooftop solar plants and surpassing Gujarat in cumulative installations. With this, UP has secured first position in the country in cumulative rooftop solar installations under the scheme. This achievement is the result of continuous, coordinated efforts under CM Yogi's leadership to take solar energy to every section of society. For the past several months, the pace of rooftop solar installation under the 'Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana' in UP has remained consistently high. Regular district-level reviews, inspection and monitoring of metering at the DISCOM level, banking follow-up, vendor coordination, and resolution of pending cases are being prioritized. Under the scheme, UPNEDA has also impanelled more than



8,000 vendors, employing more than one lakh people, and this direct impact is reflected in the national ranking of districts. A total of 15 districts of the state are among the top 100 in the country, with Lucknow ranking first and Varanasi tenth. The state's installed rooftop solar capacity has crossed 2,942 MW. At a standard of 4.5 units per kilowatt per day, this capacity can generate more than 1.32 crore units of clean electricity every day. At an equivalent value



of Rs. 6.50 per unit, this electricity is equivalent to more than Rs. 8.5 crore per day and more than Rs. 3,100 crore annually. This provides relief to lakhs of families on electricity bills while also strengthening the state's energy economy. One of the biggest features of rooftop solar is that it does not require large tracts of land for electricity generation, as it is installed on house rooftops. Based on the standard of 4 acres per MW, the current rooftop solar

Sports foster discipline, patriotism among students: Deshraj Sharma

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, OCT 5

Sports play an important role in developing discipline, patience, confidence, leadership and team spirit among students and should go hand in hand with education and patriotism, Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan National General Secretary Deshraj Sharma said. Addressing the concluding ceremony of the five-day 37th All India Chess and Football Sports Meet at Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Senior Secondary School here, Sharma said sporting success was not limited to winning medals but also involved learning from competition and setbacks. "A good sportsperson is always disciplined. Talent can take a player to the field, but discipline, regular practice, patience and the right strategy lead to excellence," he said. Sharma urged students to treat defeat as an opportunity to improve and said qualities developed on the sports field, including time management, teamwork, respect for opponents and perseverance, would help them in education and their careers. He also stressed the importance of patriotism and nation-building, urging young players to use their



talent to bring glory to their school, families and the country. He formally declared the sports meet concluded. Haryana Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana, who was the chief guest, congratulated the participants and distributed medals and shields to the winners. He also participated in the foundation stone ceremony for a new school building. Renowned industrialist and social worker Vinay Gupta was the guest of honour. School Chairman Mohinder Pal Singla, Manager Virender Walia, Vice-President Ashok Roshia, Treasurer Ramesh Gulati, member Jung Bahadur Singla and Principal Anil Madan were also present. North Region Sports Coordinator Malkhan presented the report of the five-day event.

Guidelines issued for success of service resolution Jyot Kalash Yatra to be held on Oct 7



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The monthly meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Karnal District, was held on Monday at the District BJP office, chaired by District President Praveen Lathar. The meeting was attended by BJP Karnal District Incharge and senior state leader Jawahar Yadav. District in-charge Jawahar Yadav introduced himself to all the district officials, divisional presidents, in-charges and front presidents at the meeting. He took detailed reports from each of them about their responsibilities, work done so far, travel, booth empowerment, and Mann Ki Baat programs. Addressing the workers, Jawahar Yadav said that the BJP was an ideology-based family. To strengthen the organization, officials must remain in the field. He urged every official to go to the booth level and disseminate the public welfare schemes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini to the public. He said that in BJP there were responsibilities, not posts and they all have to strengthen the organization with a spirit of service. On this occasion, District President Praveen Lathar stated that the party is running a "Seva Sankalp Abhiyan" from September 17 to October 17 to commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25th year in public life.

Spiritual speaker Devi Chitralekha accorded warm welcome at KS Overseas



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Renowned spiritual speaker and storyteller Devi Chitralekha was accorded a warm welcome at KS Overseas. Managing Director Pankaj Goyal, Harsh Goyal, Brij Bhushan Goyal, Ashu Goyal and other family members welcomed her with bouquets and appreciated her spiritual and religious work. Industrialists Pankaj Goyal and Mamta Goyal said Devi Chitralekha had started working to promote Sanatan Dharma at a young age. Through her spiritual knowledge and powerful oratory, she has connected a large number of devotees in India and abroad with Sanatan culture and religious values, they said. Her discourses particularly focus on devotion to Lord Krishna, Indian culture, values and the importance of ethical conduct in human life. Devi Chitralekha has been taking the message of Sanatan Dharma to audiences in India and abroad through religious and spiritual programmes, they added.

Female students in Samalkha spark social awareness through street plays



ARVIND KUMAR
SAMALKHA: A grand street play themed 'Namo Seva – Untold Stories' was organised by the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit at Vaish Kanya Mahavidyalaya as part of the 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan' (Service Pledge Campaign). Held under the guidance of NSS In-charge Dr. Manju Mor, the event aimed to raise public awareness about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public welfare schemes. Samalkha MLA Manmohan Bhadana, who attended the event as the chief guest, said, "The youth are the most powerful agents of change in society. Conveying information about these schemes to the person at the very end of the social spectrum through the medium of art is a commendable effort." He also apprised the audience of the Central Government's policies. Through the street play, the students vividly depicted the social and economic impacts of the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi' and 'Ujjwala Yojana'. Veer Prakash Jain (President of the College Management Committee), Ramesh Mittal (Secretary), and Dr. Suman Dahiya (Principal) stated that the college always remains at the forefront of fulfilling social responsibilities.

Women and Child Development Department showcases welfare schemes at Seva Setu campaign



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: A programme was organised at the SDM office under the Seva Setu campaign launched by the administration. Various departments, including the Women and Child Development Department, set up stalls to provide information about welfare schemes being implemented by the department. During the programme, SDM Narendra Kumar performed the traditional godh bharai ceremony for a pregnant woman. He said the objective of the campaign was to promote the spirit of service, cooperation and humanity in society and ensure that the benefits of government welfare schemes reach people at the grassroots level. He said the Women and Child Development Department was organising various activities to raise awareness about the health and nutrition of pregnant women and children. He appreciated the department's efforts and said pregnant women would benefit from the initiative. CDPO Tarwinder Kaur advised pregnant women to remain attentive to their health. She stressed the importance of consuming a nutritious diet during pregnancy and advised women to include green leafy vegetables and fresh fruits in their meals and practise yoga regularly.

DC inspects Panipat grain market as paddy arrivals begin

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, OCT 5

Deputy Commissioner Dr Harish Kumar Vashisht on Monday inspected the Panipat grain market as paddy arrivals began, reviewing procurement arrangements and basic facilities for farmers. Vashisht inspected paddy heaps and checked moisture levels using a digital moisture meter. He directed procurement agencies to ensure transparent and smooth purchase of the crop and timely lifting to prevent congestion in the market. The DC also reviewed the issuance of gate passes, verification and weighing arrangements. He instructed officials to ensure that farmers were not subjected to unnecessary delays or inconvenience and that all procedures were completed within the stipulated time. During the inspection, Vashisht checked sanitation, drinking



water and power arrangements and directed officials to maintain cleanliness regularly rather than only during inspections. He warned that lapses in sanitation or essential facilities would invite strict action. He also inspected the Atal Canteen and checked the quality of food being served to farmers and workers. At the help desk, he directed staff to address farmers' grievances promptly.

Employees protest again over their demands



JAGBIR UPLANA
ASSANDH: The Asandh and Nissing units of the Haryana State Electricity Board Employees' Union staged a protest regarding their demands at the power station located on Salwan Road in the city. During a 'gate meeting' that lasted nearly two hours, employees raised slogans vehemently against the Executive Engineer (XEN). The protest was presided over by Surendra Redhu (JE, DCO, Central Council). Speaking to reporters, he stated that they had met the XEN to discuss issues such as EPF for DC-rate employees, increased salaries for HKRN employees, and medical bill reimbursements, but no resolution was reached. He asserted that these demands are legitimate and should be fulfilled by the officials promptly. He warned that if a solution is not found soon, concrete further action would be taken, and the agitation would be intensified if the employees' demands remain unmet. Unit President Vikas Kumar conducted the proceedings. Employees present on the occasion included Block President of the Employees' Federation Shiv Kumar Sharma, Sita Ram Sharma, Sudhir Rana, Mahipal, Balwinder, Sunil, Yogesh, Kamrveer, Rajesh Bastali, and Kamrbir, among others.

Bains hands over Pucca House to needy family in Dugri

SARBJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA, OCT 5

Former MLA and senior Congress leader Simarjit Singh Bains, who has consistently stood by people in their times of need, has extended his social service efforts by helping another needy family. As part of his ongoing initiative, a well-built pucca house was constructed for 'Happy', a resident of Dugri village, and its keys were handed over to the family. Speaking on the occasion, Simarjit Singh Bains thanked Guru Sahib and said that it is only through His blessings that



one gets the strength and responsibility to undertake such service activities.

He said that seeing a needy family get a permanent roof over its head brings a sense of happiness and satisfaction that cannot be expressed in words. Bains said that this was not a one-day effort and that he has been continuously helping needy families by

getting houses constructed for them. He pledged that wherever a family in the area needs a roof over its head, every possible assistance would be provided so that no poor family is left without proper shelter. The residents of Dugri village and the beneficiary family expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Simarjit Singh Bains.

Shri Ram Hanuman Ramlila committee organises devotional inauguration of Lord Shri Ramlila-2026

KARAMBIR
LADWA: The Shri Ram Hanuman Ramlila Committee, a religious, social and cultural organization in the Ladwa region, organized a grand and devotional inauguration of the Lord Shri Ramlila 2026. On the first day of the Ramlila, various scenes from the background of Lord Vishnu's incarnation as Ram, including the Ravana-Vedavati dialogue, were impressively staged. The audience remained immersed in the devotional atmosphere for a long time and applauded the artists' superb performances. The Ramlila performance began with a captivating Ganesh Vandana performed by the students of Sai Grace International School. Municipal Council President Sakshi Khurana was the chief guest on the first day. She inaugurated the Ramlila performance by cutting the ribbon on the stage and performing an Aarti to Lord Vishnu. On this occasion, all the journalists from the Ladwa Journalist Forum also participated in the Aarti to Lord Vishnu and received the Lord's blessings. While addressing, the chief guest Sakshi Khurana said that in the age of mobile phones, Ramlila was a golden opportunity for the new generation through which children and youth could imbibe good values. Vijay Kaushik, President of Ladwa Journalist Forum, inspired the people of the area to learn the ideals and dignity of Lord Ram and adopt them in their lives. Vinod Khurana, senior member of Ladwa Journalist Forum and President of North Haryana Journalist Association, while praising the staging, inspired more and more youth and children to watch the staging and participate in it.

Beneficiaries receiving free treatment under Ayushman, Chirayu schemes: Rahul Kanwaria

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Rahul Kanwaria said that Ayushman Bharat and Chirayu Ayushman Haryana schemes are proving helpful in providing free treatment to eligible families. PM Narendra Modi launched Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) to address healthcare needs of country's citizens. Ayushman Bharat scheme provides an annual benefit of up to Rs five lakh to beneficiary families. This medical benefit is completely cashless and paperless allowing beneficiaries to avail treatment at a panel hospital by simply showing their Ayushman card. This scheme covers secondary and tertiary care. SDM Rahul Kanwaria said that in continuation of this initiative, Haryana government has launched Chirayu Ayushman Haryana scheme in November 2022. Under this scheme, families with verified annual incomes below Rs. 180,000 are eligible for this ambitious scheme where database of verified income families is consumed by National Health Agency. Families with annual incomes between Rs.180,000 and Rs.300,000 can avail of scheme by paying a premium of only Rs.1,500. Such families will have to renew their cards by paying premium annually. He stated that eligible beneficiaries must bring their Aadhaar card, family identity card and a mobile number attached to their Aadhaar card to obtain card.



Athletes pledge to stay away from drugs as part of Seva Sankalp Abhiyan



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: As part of the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, an awareness program against drug abuse was organized at Chhotu Ram Indoor Stadium, Kaithal, on Monday. Players and children were sworn in to stay away from drugs. Judo and boxing matches were also held on the occasion. Handball coach Rajesh was the chief guest at the event. Addressing the players, he said that drug abuse ruins the future of youth. Youth should stay away from drugs and engage in sports and positive activities. Sports not only keeps the body healthy but also instills in them the urge to work hard. During the event, the players pledged to stay away from drugs, giving the message of "No to drugs, yes to sports." Approximately 300 children and athletes participated in the program. Boxing coach Gurmeet Singh, Prashant Rai, Mohinder Bhumbak, Randhir Dhanda, Joginder, Manoj, Amarjeet, Indira, Vikram, Sandeep, Rajat Mor, and Bhim Awardee Gurmail, along with other dignitaries and sports trainers, were present.

ICICI Life Insurance launches new brand identity
CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: ICICI Life Insurance Limited, formerly known as ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited, today announced its new brand identity and tag line — ‘Har Kal Aasaan’. Unveils new brand identity with a promise to make tomorrow easier to navigate, The tagline ‘Har Kal Aasaan’ captures the brand’s commitment to make life insurance, impler, more transparent, more flexible and easier for Indian customers. Commenting on the new brand identity and tag line, Mr. Srinivas Balasubramanian, Chief of Marketing, Digital & Bancassurance, ICICI Life Insurance Limited, said, “The ICICI name holds an enduring place in the lives of millions of Indians, serving as a symbol of trust, strength, and financial accessibility. Over the past 25 years, we have had the privilege of helping secure the dreams and futures of more than 20 crore Indians. Throughout this journey, we have witnessed.

Indriya unveils ‘Padmika’, a festive collection that reimagines gold and brings celebrations to life
CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Celebrating the spirit of love and togetherness that defines the festive season, Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, unveils Padmika, its new 22kt gold festive collection inspired by Goddess Lakshmi. Padmika brings the symbolism of Lakshmi to life through jewellery designed for festive dressing, with motifs that represents prosperity, blessings and auspicious beginnings reinterpreted through a contemporary design lens. At the heart of Padmika is the interplay of heritage craftsmanship and colour. The collection revives the fading art of Gulabi Meenakari, a traditional pink enamel craft, and pairs it with accents of Blue Meenakari, creating a distinctive expression of colour and contrast. These vibrant enamel details are brought together with auspicious motifs such as Goddess Lakshmi and the lotus.

Amazon expands its ultra-fast delivery service ‘Amazon Now’ across Haryana
PANIPAT : Amazon today announced the rapid expansion of Amazon Now, its ultra-fast delivery service, to more than 120 cities across India – doubling its reach in just two weeks. Customers in cities such as Amritsar, Ambahar, Jalandhar, Ambala, Mangalore, Manipal, Vizag, Kochi, Changanassery, Bhubaneswar and Karwar now get deliveries in minutes through Amazon Now. The service offers a wide selection of tens of thousands of daily essentials – from groceries (including fruits & vegetables and frozen food), personal care, fashion & beauty to small appliances, home & kitchen products and more. These orders are fulfilled through a network of close to 800 micro-fulfillment and urban fulfillment centres. “We are delighted to take ultra-fast deliveries with Amazon Now to India’s hinterland – from Amritsar & Ambahar in the north to Kochi & Changanassery in the south – ahead of the Amazon Great Indian Festival.

Vedanta Power reported highest ever sales
CHANDIGARH: Vedanta Power Limited, a leading power producer in India, today announced its production and operational performance for the second quarter and first half of FY2027, delivering its highest-ever quarterly power sales of 5,593 million units, up 26% year-on-year. The company recorded 10,817 million units of power sales in H1 FY2027, registering a 32% YoY growth, as stronger plant performance and improved availability across its portfolio drove robust momentum. The growth was led by a sharp acceleration at Meenakshi Energy and a significant turnaround at Jharsuguda Thermal Plant. At Meenakshi Energy, power sales increased 111% YoY to 1,470 million units in Q2, taking H1 sales to 2,820 million units, up 160% YoY. The performance reflects the operations of the expanded 1,000 MW capacity base, strengthening the plant’s contribution to the company’s overall generation.

IndiGo Re-calibrates Fuel Charges Amidst Sustained Increase in ATF (Aviation Turbine Fuel) Costs
CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA: The continuously rising ATF (Aviation Turbine Fuel) costs have required IndiGo to re-calibrate fuel charges across its domestic and international routes. The revised charges will be applicable to all new bookings made after 0001 hrs on 06 October 2026. ATF prices have remained volatile in recent months, especially following geopolitical issues in the Middle East. The continuous rise in the fuel prices, with the latest month-on-month increase exceeding 14%, has taken ATF costs to levels that are amongst the highest in the last decade. Given that Aviation Turbine Fuel makes up a significant share of airline’s operating costs, this rise is expected to impact airlines’ cost structures and network economics, including those of IndiGo. In view of the situation, IndiGo has marginally re-calibrated its fuel charges across its domestic as well as international flights. The following charges will be included in all new bookings on IndiGo flights starting 0001 hrs on 06 October 2026.

AGI to organise grand Vijayadashmi Mahotsav at Jalandhar Heights
BUNNY SODHI
JALANDHAR: AGI Infra Limited will organise a grand Vijayadashmi Mahotsav at Jalandhar Heights- 1, 66 Foot Road, on October 20, with the support of Shree Gundwara Sahib and Shiv Shakti Mandir, Jalandhar Heights-1. The celebrations will be held at the Sports Ground near FBlock and will feature traditional religious rituals. The programme will begin at 4.30 pm with a colourful Vanar Sena procession through Jalandhar Heights-1, bringing the spirit of the Ramayana alive for residents, children and families. The procession will be followed by Pujan and other traditional rituals, culminating in Ravan Dahan along with the effigies of Meghnath and Kumbhakaran at 6.30 pm. The organisers said the festive symbolises the victory of good over evil, truth over falsehood and righteousness over injustice.

OnePlus Festive Sale Brings Exclusive Offers Across Smartphones, Tablets and Audio Portfolio this Dussehra
CHANDIGARH : OnePlus India has announced its festive sale with attractive offers across smartphones, tablets and audio products. Starting October 8, 2026 (12 AM), customers can enjoy festive price drops, instant bank discounts, No Cost EMI and exclusive benefits across the OnePlus portfolio, making Dussehra the perfect occasion to upgrade to their favourite OnePlus devices. The sale will be available on OnePlus.in, Amazon.in, the OnePlus Store App, OnePlus Experience Stores and select offline partners, while IoT products will also be available on Flipkart, Mynta, Blinkit, Reliance Croma and Vijay Sams. The new Nord Buds 3r in Jade Mist also joins the festive lineup. OnePlus 13s, Nord 6 Series and N Series, with effective prices starting from INR 14,999 and going up to flagship devices like the OnePlus 15 at INR 81,999. The offers include festive price drops, instant bank discounts and No Cost EMI across select models. Customers purchasing the OnePlus Pad 4 can avail an instant bank discount of up to INR 4,500.

Administrator Kataria Felicitates Chandigarh Students, Teachers and Schools for National-Level Achievements



CHANDIGARH: The Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, today felicitated government school students, teachers and mentors for their achievements at national-level platforms. He also felicitated the principals of three Chandigarh government schools that secured positions among the Top 10 Government Day Co-Ed Schools in India in the Education World India School Rankings 2026-27.

During the felicitation ceremony Administrator was

accompanied by Chief Secretary U.T. Chandigarh Shri H. Rajesh Prasad; Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of Punjab Shri Vivek Pratap Singh; Education Secretary Ms. Prerna Puri; and Director School Education Shri Nitish Singla.

Four students of Government Model High School, Dadumajra; Kavya (Class VIII), Dila Dangi (Class X), Suraj (Class X) and Khushboo (Class VIII) were also felicitated during the event. The students participated in the Know Your Leaders Programme held at

the Central Hall of Parliament House, New Delhi, on October 2, 2026. Kavya, Dila Dangi and Suraj were among 12 students selected from across the country to deliver speeches on Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, while Khushboo participated as an invited student. The school was the only school from Chandigarh represented at the programme. These students shared their experience during the programme at Parliament House.

The Administrator also felicitated Janvi, Class 9,

Government Model Senior Secondary School, Mauli Jagran, for her selection for ISRO’s YUVIKA (Yuva Vignani Karyakram), a programme that introduces school students to space science and technology. Janvi shared her experience and the knowledge she gained during the programme.

The Administrator felicitated the principals of three Chandigarh government schools for securing positions among India’s Top 10 Government Day Co-Ed Schools. Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 16, secured the first position, while Government Model Senior Secondary School, Modern Housing Complex, Manimajra, and Government Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 35, secured the 9th and 10th positions, respectively.

The Administrator also felicitated Mr. Bharat Bhushan, TGT Social Science, and Ms. Preeti, TGT Science, for guiding the students for the Parliament programme. He appreciated the role of teachers and mentors in helping students develop confidence, skills and achieve opportunities at the national level.

Mahipal Dhandha honours Gold medal-winning players from Srishti School, Moth

DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI:The Under-17 boys’ kabaddi team from Srishti International Sports School, Moth (Namaund), Haryana, secured the gold medal by clinching first place at the CBSE National Kabaddi Competition 2026. The event was held from September 28 to October 3, 2026, at New Angel Senior Secondary School in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh. Teams from prestigious schools across various states participated in this esteemed national-level competition. Throughout the tournament, the Srishti School team demonstrated exceptional sporting skills, discipline, team spirit, and outstanding performance, winning consecutive matches to earn the honor of becoming CBSE National Champions. The gold medal-winning players include Mohit Lohan, Yashdeep, Yash Lohan, Sahil, Naveen, Aryan, Durvesh, Yaman, Vinay, Atul, and Keshav. Upon the team’s return to Namaund following this historic victory, a wave of joy swept through the school community and local residents. Haryana’s Education Minister, Shri Mahipal Dhandha, honored the players on this occasion. The winners received a grand welcome with floral garlands, and the magnificent achievement was celebrated with the distribution of sweets. Dignitaries present at the event included Bijendra Singh Lohan (District General Secretary, BJP Hansi, and President, Haryana Ice Skating Association), School Manager Anoop Lohan, Principal Ghanshyam Verma, Coaches Subhash Lohan and Pradeep Jaglan, Deepak Badala, Haripal Bisla, and other respected members. Congratulating the players, Education Minister Mahipal Dhandha stated that by winning the gold medal at the national level, the Srishti School players have brought glory not only to their school but also to the Namaund region and the entire state of Haryana.

Questions raised over 11,581 trips despite GPS tracking

AVNI SHARMA
GULHA CHEEKA: Despite the implementation of the GPS/VLTS system to ensure transparency in crop transportation during the paddy procurement season, records concerning 11,581 trips from the Cheeka center have come under scrutiny. A complaint has been filed demanding an investigation into the raw GPS data of these trips. Based on available records, the complainant has questioned several entries where the location and vehicle movement appear inconsistent with standard transportation operations. According to the complaint, ‘000’ is recorded as the starting and ending location for 2,820 out of the 11,581 trips. These trips reportedly involve 184 different trucks. The complainant has sought an inquiry into why location data was unavailable for such a large number of trips within the GPS-based system. Records indicate 658 trips where the vehicle’s starting point appears to be between 30 km and 1,484 km away from Cheeka. According to the

complaint, the distance ranges from 100 km to 1,484 km for 192 trips, and between 50 km and 100 km for 240 trips. It is claimed that 80 different trucks were involved in these trips. According to the complainant, for certain trips, the vehicle’s starting point appears to be 400–500 kilometers away from Cheeka, even though multiple trips by the same vehicle to rice mills in Cheeka are recorded on the very same day. The true nature of these instances can only be ascertained after examining the raw GPS server data. The most significant questions have been raised regarding 4,108 specific trips. According to the complaint, the distance recorded between the starting and ending points for these trips ranges from 0 to just 300 meters. In some of these cases, locations such as rice mills, workshops, hotels, and other sites are listed as the start and end points. The complaint states that 196 different trucks were involved in these 4,108 trips. The objective of the GPS/VLTS system is to maintain a record of a vehicle’s actual

movement. Therefore, to investigate the suspicious trips, it is essential to cross-verify the GPS data against gate passes, weighment slips, ‘mandi’ (market yard) records, rice mill arrival times, and payment records. The complainant has stated that drawing a final conclusion based solely on the available trip records would be inappropriate. Only an examination of the raw server data and relevant technical logs will clarify the reasons behind the discrepancies observed in the records. The complaint demands an investigation involving the retrieval of raw GPS/VLTS data for 11,581 trips from the relevant server. It also calls for the cross-verification of GPS company records, server logs, and other related documents. Furthermore, a demand has been made to investigate the roles played by the transporters, contractors, and concerned officials. A demand has been made for action in accordance with the rules should the investigation reveal any irregularities. The truth will emerge only after the investigation.

Neuhof School Band Wins Yamaha Teens Rock 2026 Grand Finale, Celebrating India’s Young Music Talent

CHANDIGARH: Yamaha Music India successfully concluded the Grand Finale of Yamaha Teens Rock 2026 – The Battle of Bands, powered by Trinity College London, at the Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Bengaluru. Bringing together young bands from across India, the event celebrated creativity, collaboration and live performance, while providing young musicians with an opportunity to express themselves and showcase their music. After an exciting evening of performances, Neuhof School Band from Neuhof English Medium School, Mizoram was crowned the winner of Yamaha Teens Rock 2026. CS Howlers from CS Academy, Tamil Nadu was named First Runner-up, while The Apricity from Shri, Hanuman Mandir Dharamshala School, West Bengal was named Second Runner-up. The Grand Finale featured performances by finalist bands, alongside special performances by students from KM Music Conservatory, The Sunshine Orchestra and Yamaha Artists. The young musicians also had the opportunity to perform in the presence of A.R. Rahman, Brand Ambassador of Yamaha Music India, making the event a memorable milestone in their musical journey. A.R. Rahman, Brand Ambassador, Yamaha Music India, said, “Music gives young people a space to express, and platforms like Teens Rock give that expression a stage. It was wonderful to see these talented bands come together, perform with passion and bring their unique identities into their music. I congratulate all the finalists and hope this experience inspires them to continue learning, creating and developing their own musical voices. Initiatives like Teens Rock play an important role in encouraging more young people to experience the power of music and performance.”

Cortevea Begins New Chapter as Focused, Innovation-Led, Global Crop Protection Leader

CHANDIGARH : Cortevea, Inc. (NYSE: CTV) today announced it has successfully spun off its advanced seed and genetics business and will move forward as a leading, pure-play global crop protection company. “This is a new day for Cortevea, and we couldn’t be more excited as we move forward with greater focus, agility and a renewed commitment to innovation and operational excellence,” said Cortevea CEO Luke Kissam. “As the challenges facing agriculture continue to evolve, we’re ready to meet the needs of the future with the industry’s best people, portfolio and pipeline—advancing safe, effective and sustainable solutions that deliver for farmers, our channel partners and our shareholders.”

Kia India Brings ‘Kia Vibe Studio’ to Chandigarh for HYBE INDIA’S ‘Final Call’ Auditions, Celebrating Creativity and Youth Culture
CHANDIGARH : Kia India, one of the country’s leading mass-premium automakers, is set to bring its immersive customer experience to Chandigarh as part of its ongoing partnership with HYBE INDIA. Following the strong response to the HYBE INDIA Pop-Up Parks in Kolkata and Chennai, the experience now moves to Chandigarh with HYBE INDIA Audition: Final Call, creating an opportunity for participants to showcase their creativity and explore possibilities on a global stage. The Kia Vibe Studio came alive at the Kia Engagement Zone at the HYBE INDIA Pop-Up Park on 04 October 2026 at Nexus Elante Mall, Chandigarh, offering visitors an engaging space to experience music, creativity and interactive entertainment. At the heart of the experience is the Kia Vibe Studio, uniquely housed inside the Kia Syros EV & Kia Sorento. The in-car content creation setup enables visitors to record and create high-quality, shareable performance videos, turning the vehicles into spaces for creativity and self-expression. Extending the experience beyond the Pop-Up Park, Kia India will also replicate the Kia Vibe Studio at Joshi Kia, Chandigarh, from 06 October 2026. The dealership extension will enable a wider audience to experience the Kia Vibe Studio and engage with the collaboration beyond the main event, creating an additional

touchpoint where mobility, music and self-expression come together. Kia Syros EV and Kia Sorento HEV reinforce Kia India’s multi-powertrain strategy, offering customers a diverse range of mobility solutions across electric, hybrid and conventional powertrains. While the Syros EV strengthens Kia’s all-electric SUV portfolio, Sorento broadens customer choice with Smartstream 1.6 Turbo GDI Hybrid with 6AT and Smartstream 2.2 Diesel with 8DCT, with both powertrains available with AWD. The Sorento Hybrid, Kia India’s first hybrid offering, combines a 180 PS engine with a 65 PS electric motor, while the diesel powertrain delivers 193 PS and 442 Nm, further demonstrating Kia’s approach of providing multiple powertrain choices aligned with diverse customer needs. The Chandigarh leg marks the continuation of Kia India and HYBE INDIA’s collaboration, building on the successful Kolkata and Chennai Pop-Up Parks and bringing the HYBE INDIA Audition: Final Call experience to a new audience while creating opportunities for young visitors to express themselves through music and content creation. By extending the experience from the Pop-Up Park to Joshi Kia, Chandigarh, Kia India is also creating more opportunities for consumers to participate in and experience the initiative.

SIOBA TSD Rally 2026 concludes; Shabbir Hussain Saifee & Prakash Muthusamy clinch Pro 4-Wheeler title

CHANDIGARH: The SIOBA TSD Rally 2026, organised by the St. John’s Old Boys Association (SIOBA), concluded with the prize distribution ceremony held at the Chandigarh Golf Association, with Shabbir Hussain Saifee and Prakash Muthusamy emerging winners in the Pro 4-Wheeler category. The rally witnessed participation from 35 cars and 15 motorcycles, with competitors from across India taking on challenging tracks across Punjab. TSD stands for Time-Speed-Distance, a format in which competitors are required to maintain prescribed speeds and reach designated points at calculated times. Unlike a conventional speed race, success depends on precision, navigation, consistency and the ability to maintain the required average speed over the route. The winners were presented cash prizes and trophies, while all other participants were honoured with certificates. Nikhil Deep Singh Jaspal, President, SIOBA; Danish Singh Mangat, Secretary and Competitor Relations Officer, and other officials were present at the prize distribution ceremony. SIOBA President Nikhil Deep Singh Jaspal said, “This year’s rally introduced a new Bikers Class and featured a first-ever Night Stage, along with challenging new tracks that tested competitors across varied terrain and changing road conditions. The rally traversed parts of Mohali, SBS Nagar, Rupnagar, Hoshiarpur and Garhshankar.” In the Pro 4-Wheeler category, Shabbir Hussain Saifee and Prakash Muthusamy claimed the top spot. Rajesh Saini and Rudransh Dey finished 2nd, while Chandramouli M and Shiv Sakthivel secured third place.

Chandigarh U-19 team departs for Vizag for Vinoo Mankad Trophy



Chandigarh, The Chandigarh Under-19 cricket team departs for Visakhapatnam (Vizag) to compete in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy with the team scheduled to play five league matches. Chandigarh will open its campaign against Himachal Pradesh on October 8, followed by matches against Karnataka on October 10, Jharkhand on October 12, Gujarat on October 14 and Delhi on October 16. The Chandigarh squad comprises 15 players with skipper Abhay Singh Galla Ankan Latka, Ehit Singh Salaria, Gagandeep Singh, Hardik Sachdeva, Markanday Panchal, Rupesh Yadav, Shabab Singh, Sreshth Duggal, Vivek Pundeer, Hritik Raj, Parth Sen Gupta, Daksh Kashyap, Meht Dahiya and Ritwik Sood. The team will be accompanied by its support staff comprising Gagan Singh, Vineet Jain, Divyansh Vashisth and Owais Ahmad Malik.

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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/ Mortgagee/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
[A/c No.] L9001060114196532 Smt. Joyti [Co-Borrower & Legal Heir Of Late Shri Sukhdeep Singh - Borrower], Smt. Raj Rani [Co-Borrower]	28-Jan-26 Rs. 512611/- Rs. Five Lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Only 27-Jan-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Khewat Khatoni No 1159/2526,Khasra No-1458/572(0-4) Waka Pritam Park Colony,Back Side Thaper Collage,Village- Abhawal,Dist-Patiala,Punjab Bounded As East- B/U House , West- Naina Devi Mandir , North- Street , South- B/U House Admeasuring 100 Sqyds	3-Oct-26
[A/c No.] L9001060141819146 Lakhwinder Singh (Borrower), Smt.Manpreet Kaur (Co-Borrower), Smt.Sukhjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower)	18-May-26 Rs. 1068982/- Rs. Ten Lakh Sixty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Two Only 13-May-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Transfer Deed No-12, Khasra No-114/3/2, (3-11) 13, 20/7 (2-13), Khewat/Khatouni No-286/825, Mauja- Ramnagar, Teh- Maur, Dist - Bathinda, Punjab, 151509 Admeasuring 1024.87 Sqyd East: LAKHWINDER SINGH, West: SUKHJEET KAUR, North: STREET, South: SUKHJEET KAUR	30-Sep-26
[A/c No.] L9001060733579409 Rajesh Sahoo (Borrower), Smt.Sarita Devi (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 721165/- Rs. Seven Lakh Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Only 15-Jun-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khasa No-388/435, Khasra No-15/122, 23, 24/1, 24/2/1, 3/2, Hadbast No-243, Vill- Gobindgarh, Teh- Sahnewal, Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab, 141017 Admeasuring 630 Sqft East: ROAD 20 WIDE, West: NEIGHBOUR, North: RINKU DEVI, South: NEIGHBOUR	3-Oct-26
[A/c No.] L9001060138904203 Judge Singh (Borrower), Smt.Shimla Rani (Co-Borrower)	16-Jun-26 Rs. 388071/- Rs. Three Lakh Eighty-Eight Thousand Seventy-One Only 16-Jun-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- V Virk Khurd, Teh - Gurnaharshah, District - Firozpur, Punjab, 152022 Admeasuring 242 Sqyd East: HOUSE OF JARNAIL SINGH, West: HOUSE OF BOOTA SINGH, North: RASTA, South: HOUSE OF MAKHAN SINGH	1-Oct-26
[A/c No.] L9001060133875267 Bhupinder Singh (Borrower), Smt.Jaswinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	17-Jun-26 Rs. 967743/- Rs. nine Lakh sixty-seven thousand seven hundred forty-three Only 17-Jun-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Rect No 514:1-0 Khewat No 947 Khatoni No 1359, Killian Wall Malout, District- Muktsar, Punjab, 151211 Admeasuring 1119.5 Square Yard East: RAGHBIR SINGH, West: RAJWANT SINGH/ GURDWARA SAHIB, North: GURDWARA SAHIB, South: STREET/ HERSELF	1-Oct-26
[A/c No.] L9001060136333740 Tinu (Borrower), Smt.Munni (Co-Borrower)	18-Jun-26 Rs. 484675/- Rs. Four Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Only 18-Jun-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Sr No 34, Khoo Mehar Muhammad, Near Committee Gol Bhag, District-Firozpur, Punjab, 152002 Admeasuring 121 Square Yard East: ARVIND SHARMA, West: GALLI, North: GALLI, South: RETIRED POSTMAN	1-Oct-26
[A/c No.] L9001060717934320 M/S Grewal Building Material Store Through its Proprietor Inderjit Singh (Borrower), Inderjit Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Pardeep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	7-Jul-26 Rs. 3432143/- Rs. Thirty-Four Lakh Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three Only 7-Jul-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kh No 1191 H B No 263 Village Gill No-2, Khatta No 2525/3228, Mohalla Begoana, Te. & Dist.- Ludhiana, Punjab Admeasuring 132 Square Yard East: Neighbourer, West: Road, North: Market, South: Plot No. 63	3-Oct-26
[A/c No.] L9001060830025797 & L9001060126438192 Rajeev Kumar (Borrower), Sajan Oberoi (Co-Borrower), Smt.Amita Rani (Co-Borrower)	13-Jul-26 Rs. 660645/- Rs. Six Lakh Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five Only & Rs. 1045186/- Rs. Ten Lakh Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Five Only 13-Jul-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At-Khasra No 60/24/2-25-78/18-24-64/2-5-6-14/1/2-7/1-15/1-15/2-18-63/10 Khata No 524/577 525/578 526/579, Plot No 147, New Guru Nanak Nagar Jamalpur Awana, District- Ludhiana, Punjab Admeasuring 133.33 Sqyds East: Neighbour 30'0", West: Street 22'0" 30'0", North: Neighbour 40'0", South: Neighbour 40'0"	3-Oct-26
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. “The borrower’s attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 (6), in respect of time available, i.e., 30 days from this intimation, to redeem the secured assets.” The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.			
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Gul Panag renews flying licence after 10 years



Actor Gul Panag has renewed her flying licence, marking a decade since she first earned her wings!Sharing the milestone on social media, the actor and licensed pilot reflected on what it has taken not just to obtain a flying licence, but to keep it current over the years.Looking back at when she first got her licence ten years ago, Panag said, "Life is eventually all about perspective. Ten years ago, when I got my flying licence, I was over the moon. It had been on my bucket list for a very, very long time. And there had been no shortage of people telling me I couldn't do it. Or wouldn't be able to."https://www.instagram.com/p/DeEGDu-jDA9g/Panag pointed to the challenge of completing the prescribed flying hours while pursuing a career, clearing examinations, managing paperwork and keeping her medical requirements current.

"Starting flying training is one thing. Completing the prescribed flying hours while pursuing a career, clearing all the exams, navigating the paperwork, keeping your medical current and seeing the entire process through is quite another," she wrote, highlighting how the different requirements collectively make the process considerably more demanding.Panag also reflected that while some people begin their training and never complete it, others finish their flying hours but do not clear the required examinations. There are also those who earn their licences but eventually allow them to lapse because of work, life, medical requirements or simply not flying enough.For Panag, returning this time was therefore a markedly different experience."The amount of support I've received has been phenomenal, and has made all the difference in keeping me flying. Which is why coming back here, where it all began, to renew my licence ten years later, feels particularly special. I now appreciate not just what it took to get here, but what it has taken to keep going. And for once, I'm allowing myself a small pat on the back. Walking in this time, not as a student hoping to earn her wings, but as a licensed pilot returning for a renewal, felt rather different. And yet, some things haven't changed," she concluded.Along with the note, Gul Panag also shared a string of pictures, showing her donning her pilot uniform along with glimpses from her journey.

Janhvi Kapoor breaks silence on alleged morphed video of 'Chuttamalle'



Bollywood actor Janhvi Kapoor has finally broken her silence on the AI-morphed video of her song 'Chuttamalle', calling the misuse of technology to objectify women and circulate fictionalised content without consent "deeply violating" and "bordering on sexual assault."The actor also expressed gratitude to her 'Devara' co-star Jr NTR and fellow actors Chiranjeevi, Vijay Deverakonda and Khushbu Sundar for speaking out against the misuse of technology and supporting her.In a strongly worded statement, Janhvi said the issue goes far beyond the AI-generated videos she has faced in recent days. criminal misuse of technology to objectify women and circulate fictionalised content without consent is deeply violating, bordering on sexual assault," Janhvi said in an Instagram story, stressing that almost every woman in the film industry has faced some version of such behaviour.The actor underlined that consent, choice and respect for a woman's body should be among the most basic principles of humanity. "Consent, choice, and respect for a woman's body should be among the basic notions of humanity. Yet somehow, they continue to be treated as complicated. They are not. It is surprising that it still seems too nuanced for some people to understand that even if a woman says yes five days in a row and no on the sixth, that no must be respected," Janhvi said. The actor also highlighted how she has personally dealt with such issues throughout her career, adding, "This goes far beyond the AI videos I have dealt with over the last few days, or anything I have personally experienced throughout my career. It is about the larger reality of being a woman, the gaze, the judgement, the constant negotiation for safety, and the feeling that our boundaries somehow remain open to interpretation. That threat has now expanded into the digital sphere, when we have not even adequately addressed the very real, physical fear that continues to disrupt the lives of women every day."Janhvi further argued that the conversation cannot be limited to telling women to "protect your daughter."She credited men who are willing to speak up against such behaviour as an important part of that change. In particular, Janhvi thanked Jr NTR for taking a strong stand against the misuse of AI and condemning the violation."I am deeply touched by NTR sir for taking such a strong stand and condemning this violation," she said, adding that when a public figure admired by millions speaks up about an issue that may not directly concern him, "it makes a difference to every woman who has experienced some degree of this behaviour."Janhvi also thanked Chiranjeevi, Vijay Deverakonda and Khushbu Sundar for amplifying the sentiment and calling for action against what she described as an immoral mentality and practice.

Honey Singh fails to appear before Maharashtra Cyber Cell, requests more time in controversial remark case

Rapper and music producer Yo Yo Honey Singh was summoned by Maharashtra Cyber Cell for questioning on Monday. However, the rapper failed to appear before the Maharashtra Cyber. As per Maharashtra Cyber Cell, the rapper was asked to appear in person before the investigating officer through a notice, and record his statement. However, the rapper has sought more time from Maharashtra Cyber to appear before the investigating officer.

The issue stems from a controversial remark by the rapper at one of his concerts in Delhi. Honey Singh had allegedly made indecent remarks during a concert. After this, a person filed a complaint against Honey Singh in Maharashtra Cyber. Based on this complaint, Maharashtra Cyber is investigating the case and Honey Singh was summoned for questioning in this regard.

Earlier this year, Honey was seen making a sleazy remark in a viral clip, seemingly asking people to have sex in cars, a moment that left many social media users unimpressed and angry.

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Shreyaa Chaudhry to star opposite Ayushmann Khurrana in 'Mupapa'

Actor Shreyaa Chaudhry of 'Bandish Bandits' fame has been roped in as a female lead for Ayushmann Khurrana-starrer 'Mupapa'. Details regarding her character have not been disclosed yet. Directed by Sameer Saxena, Mupapa is produced by Akshaye Widhani (CEO, Yash Raj Films) and Posham Pa Pictures, the banner Sameer co-founded with Biswapati Sarkar, Saurabh Khanna and Amit Golani.

The film marks the first theatrical collaboration between the studio and the production house.Mupapa' is set to be released on February 19, 2027.Meanwhile, Ayushmann is busy promoting his new film 'Udta Teer' with Sara Ali Khan. The release date of 'Udta Teer' was recently changed. Instead of October 9, the film is now all set to hit the theatres on October 23.Marking the directorial debut of Akash A. Kaushik, 'Udta Teer' also stars Rahul Bose, Ram Kapoor, Suhail Nayyar, Gulshan Grover, late Mukul Dev, Raghubir Yadav, Brijendra Kala, Sandeep Anand, Supriya Pilgaonkar and Smita Tambe.Earlier



er speaking about the film, Ayushmann told ANI, "It features a very unique, novel, and distinct story, the kind of films I've always done. I am returning to my core, which champions original content, and this film embodies that. "The actor revealed that he plays a Pakistani spy in the film who loses his memory, creating a unique blend of patriotism and comedy."In the film, I play a Pakistani spy who loses his memory; while he retains a sense of patriotism, he forgets which country he belongs to, so he ends up supporting India. It could be described as a pro-India patriotic comedy; it's a genre-defying film that can be enjoyed with the whole family." Ayushmann added. Produced by Karan Johar, Adar Poonawalla, Apoorva Mehta, Guneeet Monga Kapoor and Achin Jain, 'Udta Teer' marks another collaboration between Dharma Productions and Sikhya Entertainment.

Tom Cruise's latest release 'Digger' bombs at box office

Hollywood icon Tom Cruise has failed to recreate his box-office magic with his latest release, 'Digger', as the film raked in just USD 8 million domestically during its opening weekend.The disappointing collections come as a major setback for the superstar, whose films have long been synonymous with blockbuster openings and massive theatrical success.According to Deadline, this marks Cruise's lowest domestic opening in 19 years.The satirical black comedy has reportedly been made on a production budget of USD 160 million to USD 180 million, but it seems difficult for Digger to recov-



er its hefty cost, especially after its weak opening at the box office.Digger will go down as a significant financial loss for Warner Bros., marking an inauspicious final release before Paramount Skydance's USD 111 billion merger with the studio is expected to be finalised on October 6, as per The Hollywood Reporter.

The film sees Tom Cruise in a different role from the action-heavy projects he is known for. In 'Digger', the actor plays a balding and heavier oil tycoon, marking a shift from his recent franchise films. The film takes Cruise back to the kind of filmmaker-led projects he worked on earlier in his career, including 'Rain Man', 'Born on the Fourth of July' and 'Magnolia'.

Shikhar Dhawan pays visit to Tirumala temple with wife Sophie Shine

Former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan and his wife, Sophie Shine, visited the Tirumala temple on Monday. In visuals captured by ANI, Dhawan was seen all smiles as he arrived at the temple with Sophie to offer prayers. The couple was dressed in traditional attire, with Dhawan donning a kurta and dhoti, while Sophie looked elegant in a graceful white suit.

Dhawan happily met devotees and also obliged fans by posing for photographs with them. After seeking Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy's blessings, Dhawan briefly spoke to the



media. He said, "I had such a wonderful 'darshan'. The administration here made such great arrangements. I am very grateful to have had such a good 'darshan' of Lord Tirupati."Notably, Dhawan and Sophie tied the knot on February 21, 2026. Earlier, Dhawan was married to Aesha Mukerji, with whom he shares a son, Zoravar. The couple parted ways in October 2023 after eight years of marriage, with a Delhi family court granting Dhawan a divorce decree on October 5, 2023.Dhawan has said that he has not been able to meet his son, Zoravar, in person for nearly two years following the end of his marriage.

Chef Derezaar Banaji is redefining luxury hospitality with ZAAR-LINE

Chef Derezaar Banaji is making waves in the hospitality and luxury lifestyle space with ZAAR-LINE, a multidisciplinary concept that brings fashion, food and hospitality together under one roof in Chelsea, New York City.

As Founder and Creative Director, Banaji is developing ZAAR-LINE's upcoming flagship as an immersive destination that will bring together a café, wine bar and carefully curated designer clothing. Rather than functioning as a traditional fashion boutique or dining establishment, the concept is designed around a more holistic idea: creating an experience where fashion, culinary culture

and hospitality come together seamlessly.

Banaji is overseeing every aspect of the guest experience, from ZAAR-LINE's visual identity and interior design to its apparel collections and culinary direction. The flagship is also expected to introduce private dining and bespoke catering experiences designed for an exclusive clientele.

His vision is informed by a career that spans luxury fashion, culinary arts and hospitality. Banaji has worked with fashion houses including Stefano Bemer and has undergone professional culinary training. His culinary background includes



experience at acclaimed New York establishments such as The Modern at MoMA and The Musket Room, alongside stage experiences within New York City's fine-dining community.

This diverse professional background has given Banaji a multidisciplinary perspective, allowing him to approach the development of ZAAR-LINE through both creative and operational lenses. His experience encompasses fashion merchandising and consumer behavior, as well as culinary development, kitchen operations and hospitality service.

His academic journey reflects the same intersection of disciplines. Banaji holds a BS in Hospitality Management from the New York Institute of Technology, a Chef's Career Culinary Diploma from the Institute of Culinary Education, and an MPS in Fashion Business Management from Parsons School of Design.

With ZAAR-LINE, Banaji is establishing a concept at the intersection of fashion, culinary arts and experiential hospitality. His vision is to create more than a place to shop or dine—a destination where every detail, from the clothing and food to the surroundings and service, contributes to one cohesive luxury experience.



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