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NEWS BRIEFS

Ladakh records 4.60 Lakh tourist arrivals in 9 months of 2026

LEH/JAMMU: The Union Territory of Ladakh received over 4,60,000 tourists in 2026 till September, surpassing the annual footfall in 2025 by more than 35 per cent, a Lok Bhavan spokesman said. Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena attributed this massive growth to improved connectivity and promoting events, Ladakh Bike Week, Ladakh Marathon and Ladakh Festivals. He also attributed this to recent pioneering initiatives like the world's highest-altitude Lilium flower fields and the introduction of India's first high-altitude wildlife safari, which have added to the people's growing charm for the Union Territory.

ED arrests suspended Punjab DIG Bhullar in alleged corruption case

CHANDIGARH: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Harcharan Singh Bhullar, the then Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Punjab's Ropar Range, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), while a special PMLA court in Chandigarh has granted eight days of custody for interrogation. According to a press release from the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chandigarh Zonal Office-I, Harcharan Singh Bhullar, the then Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Ropar Range, Punjab Police, on October 9th, under Section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with a money laundering investigation arising out of corruption and possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources.

Rahul Gandhi, others file petition in SC alleging irregularities in SIR

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 12

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and others on Monday filed a petition in the Supreme Court over alleged large-scale voter deletions and irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

The plea has also been filed by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Trinamool Congress Party (TMC) MP Saugata Roy, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, Nationalist Congress Party (Pawar) (NCP-SCP) leader Supriya Sule, Shiv Sena-UBT leader Sanjay Raut, Congress Party of India's (CPI) D Raja, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MP Mahua Majhi, CPI(M) general secretary M A Baby and Indian Union Muslim League (IUML leader) E T Mohammed Basheer.

Earlier thousands of political



PROTESTS IN DELHI ENTERS DAY-3

workers and civil rights activists joined the march led by Rahul Gandhi, bringing major stretches of the capital, including Mandi House and Barakhamba Road, to a complete standstill.

Rahul Gandhi's legal team has reached the Supreme Court registry seeking an extension to file an in-person writ petition. The petition reportedly concerns the protest-related issues

in New Delhi linked to alleged irregularities by the Election Commission of India. It was third day of continued protests in National Capital.

"Rahul Gandhi is 'hawa-hawai' leader": Anurag Thakur slams LoP over march to SC

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 12

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Anurag Thakur on Monday launched a scathing attack on Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, calling him a "hawa-hawai" leader and accusing him of making empty statements, levelling baseless allegations and creating "unnecessary ruckus" across the country. Thakur's remarks came in response to the opposition INDIA bloc's march towards the Supreme Court and its move to seek judicial intervention over alleged irregularities in the electoral process. Addressing a press conference here, the BJP leader accused Rahul Gandhi of speaking without facts and habitual deflection following electoral defeats.

Addressing a press conference in the national capital, the BJP leader accused Rahul Gandhi of making allegations without facts and repeatedly blaming constitutional institutions following electoral defeats. "Rahul Gandhi is the Leader of Opposition, but he doesn't know the



real facts. His nature is to create unnecessary ruckus in the nation. Rahul Gandhi is a 'hawa-hawai' leader—everything is zero, just empty talk," Thakur said. Taking a swipe at Gandhi over the Congress party's electoral performance, the former Union Minister said, "After losing 99 elections, it has become his habit to blame the Election Commission and the government. Now he is even using street-level language." In a fresh attack on the Congress leader, Thakur alleged that Gandhi repeatedly targeted different institutions and raised allegations only to later apologise in court."

Haryana targets 100% coverage in Census 2027; 87,450 field personnel estimated for digital population count

YUGMARG BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 12

Setting an uncompromising target of 100 per cent population coverage, the Haryana government on Monday directed district administrations to ensure that not a single individual or household is left out of Census 2027, calling for strict accountability, intensive field supervision and timely preparations to prevent omissions, double counting and inaccuracies in the nationwide exercise.

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With the first phase of the Census successfully completed across 51,907 house listing blocks, Haryana is now preparing for the second phase of population enumeration, which is expected to involve an estimated 87,450 enumerators and supervisors, including reserve personnel, across approximately 70,000 enumeration blocks.

Financial Commissioner Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dr. Sumita Misra,

who is also the State Nodal Officer for Census 2027, issued the directions at a one-day conference of Principal Census Officers at Haryana Niwas here today.

Describing Census 2027 as a major national responsibility directly linked to nation-building, development planning and effective governance, Dr. Misra said the credibility of the exercise would depend on accurate enumeration, clearly defined administrative responsibilities and effective district-level supervision. Director of Census Op-

erations, Haryana, Dr. Lalit Jain, briefed officials on the technical and operational preparations and said Census 2027 would be India's first fully digital Census. He explained that enumerators would collect population information through dedicated mobile applications on smartphones, while the Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) would facilitate the monitoring of field operations, administrative progress and coordination among Census functionaries.



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Thousands celebrates Maharaja Agarsen Jyanti, call for unity in community

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, OCT 12

The 5,150th birth anniversary of Maharaja Agrasen Ji was celebrated with great pomp, enthusiasm and fervour under the presidentship of Vikram Garg alias Vicky, president of the Aggarwal Sabha, Sunam. A large number of members of the Aggar-



wal community, along with leaders of various political, religious and social organisations, participated in this func-

tion. Sanjay Bansal, Managing Director of Motia Group, Zirakpur, attended the event as the chief guest.

While addressing the gathering, he extended his greetings on Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti and emphasised the need for unity within the Aggarwal community so that its issues could be discussed and resolved collectively.

Lions Club Chandigarh Nightingale celebrates 30th installation ceremony with commitment to humanity



TILAK RAJ MOHALI, OCT 12

Lions Club Chandigarh Nightingale celebrated its 30th Club Installation Ceremony at Hotel Sip & Dine, Sector 7, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, with a renewed commitment to service, com-

passion, and humanitarian work. The club, recognised as the first ladies' club of District 321F, has continued its tradition of organising installation ceremonies and undertaking social welfare initiatives, including hunger relief projects for underprivileged communities.

Grand procession to be held in 'Bastiat' Area on Oct 23 to Mark Bhagwan Valmiki Maharaj's Manifestation Day



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, OCT 12

Punjab's Minister for Horticulture, Freedom Fighters, and Defence Services Welfare, Mohinder Bhagat; Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Walia; and Chairman of

the Punjab State Safa Karamchhari Commission, Chandan Grewal, reviewed the preparations for the grand procession scheduled for October 23 in the city's 'Bastiat' area to mark the manifestation day of Bhagwan Valmiki Maharaj.

Classified

I Gurjinder Singh S/o Kaka Singh R/o Village Rampur Po Rampur Landiali, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name To Gurjinder (Singh) As A Surname 666554

I Gurvinder Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Village Sampla Po Pamor, Tehsil Bassi Pathana, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name To Gurvinder (Singh) As A Surname 666554

I, Jagdish Singh Gill S/o Darshan Singh R/o VPO Darapur Moga have changed my minor daughter name Jasmeen Kaur Gill to Jasmeen Kaur. Jasmeen is First name and Kaur is Second name. 90007

I, Nirmal Singh, son of Fattan Singh, resident of Village Majra Nand Karan, Tehsil and District Kaithal (Haryana), hereby change my name from "Nirmal Singh" to "Nirmal". In future, I shall be known and identified by the name "Nirmal". All concerned are requested to kindly take note of the same. 84451

I, Siya Ram S/o Satpal R/o Village Songal Tehsil & Distt Kaithal (Haryana) have changed my minor daughter name from Third Baby Monika Devi To Divanshi. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I, Sarjeed S/o Jagdish R/o Chandana Gate, Shakti Nagar, Patli Dogar, KAITHAL Tehsil & District Kaithal (Haryana) have changed my name from SARJEED to RAIKA. In the future, I should be known by the name SARJEED RAIKA. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I, Gagandeep Kumar Goyal S/o Ashok Kumar # B-4, 11/1 Dhamshala Street Ward Number-6, GorianaMandi (Bathinda), Punjab-151201, have changed my name Gagandeep Kumar Goyal to Gagandeep Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar. Please concerned note. 90004

I, Gourav, S/o Tejpal, R/o Munda Khara (282), P.O. Udhampur, Distt Yamunanagar, Haryana-135003 have changed my minor daughter's name from Ivana to Ivana Nautane. In the future, my daughter will be known by the name Ivana Nautane. 78645

I, Sunita Rani, W/o Late Sh. Yashpal Kathuria, resident of H. No. 279-P, Sector-7, Ambala City, Distt Ambala, Haryana, hereby declare that my name is recorded as "Sunita Kathuria" in some documents, whereas my correct name is "Sunita Rani". I affirm that "Sunita Rani" and "Sunita Kathuria" refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself. Henceforth, I shall be known as "Sunita Rani" for all official purposes. 78645

I, Sandeep Kaur Randhawa, D/o Rajinder Singh Randhawa, R/o Sant Nagar, Mehlan Road, Sangrur, Punjab have changed my name to Sandeep Kaur. All Concerned please note. 666766

I, hitherto known as Jeena D/O Harjinder Singh R/O Vill. Barwa, P.O. Bhagoran, Distt. SBS Nagar (Punjab)-144516 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jeena Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 63372

I, hitherto known as Simran D/O Gurdev Singh R/O Vikas Nagar, Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar (Punjab)-144514 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Simran Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 63372

I, Harvinder Kaur, W/o Bhupinder Singh, No. 1548890F, Rank Hav, resident of VPO Khara, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141204, My Husband Service Record my name is Harbinder Kaur & Dob 13-02-1962. have changed my name Harbinder Kaur to Harvinder Kaur and my date of birth from 13-02-1962 to 15-01-1962. 63372

I, Khajoo W/o Mohammad Hafeez R/o Khushal Bassi near Mana Road, Malerkotla, solemnly declare that my son Mohammad Rafiq and his wife Aazmin Parveen are out of my control. Therefore, I disinherit both of them from my movable and immovable property and bank balance. From today onwards, anyone who conducts any kind of transaction with them will be solely responsible. Neither I nor my family will have any relation or connection with them. 63372

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I, Sikanderpal Singh s/o Nirmal Singh R/o Sant Enclave Beas, Post Beas, Tehsil Baba Bakala, District Amritsar (Punjab). Have changed my name from Sikanderpal Singh to Singh Sikanderpal, Singh is My Surname and Sikanderpal is my Given Name. Please Note. 9000A

I, Rafi Mohamad s/o Roshan Deen R/o WARD NO 11, DARJIA WALI GALL, RAYYA, Post Rayya, Tehsil Baba Bakala, District Amritsar (Punjab) Pin 143112. Have changed my Name from RAFI MOHAMAD to RAFFI MOHAMMAD. Please Note. 9000A

I, Kulwinder Jit w/o Mohan Singh R/o vill Marari Kalan p.o Majitha district Amritsar I have changed my name Kulwinder Jit to kaleinder Kaur please concern note 10005

I, Deepak Shingary S/o Dharan Pal Shingari R/o H. No. 261, St No. 17, Rattanpura, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab do hereby declare that Deepak Shingary and Deepak both the name are of one and same person i.e me. All concerned please note. 461257

I, Seema Ahuja W/o Deepak Shingary R/o H. No. 261, St No. 17, Rattanpura, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab do hereby declare that Seema Ahuja and Seema both the name are of one and same person i.e me. All concerned please note. 461257

I, Rohtash Kumar S/o Anand Kumar, R/o H.No. N.M. 475- A, Mohalla Karar Khan, Jalandhar have changed my name from Rohtash to Rohtash Kumar 600026

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Sh. Mani Ram House No. 2021 First Floor Sector 15-C, Chandigarh have changed my minor son name Dev Metra to Sukhdev Singh 100014

I, Litansh S/O Pawan Kumar R/O 180 Suchi Pind ,P/O Choghti Distt Jalandhar, Punjab 144009 Have Changed my Name From Litansh To Litansh Arora. All Concerned Please Note. 600022

I, Ranjit Singh S/O Sadihu Singh of Sunita Kumar R/O Machhiwara Khas (Ludhiana) hereby declare that my wife Baljinder Kaur is out of my control. I disinherit him from my Moveable/ Immoveable Property. Anybody deals with herself Responsible. She will be fully Responsible for their own loss. 100071

We, Dharam Singh (Aadhaar No. 837097493851), S/o Sh. Telu Ram, & Meena (Aadhaar No. 963951095306), W/o Sh. Dharam Singh-R/o H.No. 2915, Deedar Nagar, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra- hereby declare that our son Gagan, daughter-in-law Jannat, and granddaughter Ayra are out of our control. Therefore, we disown them from our movable and immovable property. Anyone entering into any dealings with them in the future shall be solely responsible: neither we nor our family shall bear any liability. 100074

I, Smt. Sonika Sharma (widow of the late Shri Ravindra Kumar), resident of Plot No. 64, Sundar Nagar, Niokehri (Tehsil Niokehri, District Karnal), do hereby solemnly declare and state as follows: My son, Chirag, and my daughter-in-law, Twinkle, are beyond my control; therefore, I hereby disinherit them from all my movable and immovable properties. Anyone entering into any transaction with my son Chirag or my daughter-in-law Twinkle in the future shall be solely responsible for the same; neither I nor my family shall bear any liability in this regard. 100046

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I, Parminder Singh S/o Lakhbir Singh R/o H.No. 113, Street No. 4, Tower Enclave Phase 3, Wadala, P.O. Wadala, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144003 have changed my name from Parminder Singh to Given Name Parminder & Surname as Singh. All concerned please note. 600022

I, Sanjay Kapoor son of Prem Nath Kapoor resident of House No. 31, Ward Number 26, Partap Road, Near Railway Station, Jalandhar, Punjab declare that Sanjay Kumar and Sanjay Kapoor both names are one and the same person. All concerned please note. 600022

I, JAGMAN SINGH, father of SHAURYAVARDHAN SINGH, resident of H. No. 1642, Sector 22-B, Chandigarh -160022, hereby declare that the names of the parents have been wrongly printed on my son's Birth Certificate as JAGMAN RANA (Father's Name) and GARIMA THAKUR (Mother's Name). The correct names of the parents are JAGMAN SINGH (Father's Name) and MEENAKSHI (Mother's Name). Have to change. 60013

I, hitherto known as Paramjeet Kaur W/o Kartar Singh R/o H.No B4-771, W.No.14, Azimgarh Abohar Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Paramjeet Kaur Chohan. 63372

I, Anshdeep Singh S/o Jagroop Singh R/o Vill. Bhulloran Po. Bandhaura Distt. Malerkotla have changed my given name Anshdeep and surname Singh. 63372

I, Gagandeep Singh S/o Major Singh R/o Vill. Badshahpur Distt. Malerkotla have changed my given name Gagandeep and surname Singh. 63372

I, Gaman W/o Gagandeep Sharma R/o H.No. 526 Kayian Mohalla Nawanshahr SBS Nagar, Punjab-144514 have changed my name to Gaman and surname to Sharma. Please note. 63372

I, Gagandeep S/o Naresh Kumar R/o H.No. 526 Kayian Mohalla Nawanshahr SBS Nagar, Punjab-144514 have changed my name to Gagandeep and surname to Sharma. Please note. 63372

I, Neeraj Gupta S/o Ram Kumar Gupta R/o H.No.143, Sector-7 Urban Estate Kurukshetra, Haryana, Pin-136118, India, have changed my minor son's name from Divyam to Divyam Gupta. 63372

I, Chandeshwar Kumar (Aadhaar No. 350525005715), son of Bindu Singh and resident of House No. 124, Village Khokhra, Tehsil Kaifka, District Panchkula, declare that my son, Rakesh Kumar and his wife Anjali Singh, have become defiant and are living separately from us. Therefore, I am disinheriting both of them from my movable and immovable property. Anyone entering into any dealings with them in the future shall be solely responsible; neither I nor my family shall bear any liability. 989666

I, Ranju Bala W/o Rinku Bansal R/o Manduhban Enclave Shastri Nagar Jagraon Distt Ludhiana declare that in my son Anyan Bansal school record my name wrongly entered Ranju. But my correct name is Ranju Bala. So amended my name from Ranju to Ranju Bala in my son school record. 63372

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I, Shis Kaur W/o Raghuvveer Singh R/o Vpo. Sahlon Teh-Nawanshahr SBS Nagat, Pb. have changed my name to Bakhsish Kaur. 63372

I, Sunil Dutt S/o Tara Chand R/o H.No.273, Sector 3-A, Battan Lal Road, Opposite Kala Mandir Cloth House, Mandi Gobindgarh, Teh- Amich, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my name from Sunil Dutt to Sunil Dutt Mehta. Please Noted all concerned. 63372

I, Harmanjit S/o Harinder Singh Vpo. Talwandi Fattu Teh-Banga Distt S.B.S Nagar-144507, Pb, India, changed my name Harmanjit to Harmanjit Singh please Note. 63372

I, Kajal W/O Daljit Kumar Village Khafkar Kalan, Tehsil Banga, Distt Sbs Nagar, Punjab India-144512 Have Changed My Name From Kajal To Simran Kaur. 63372

I, Soma Devi W/o Gamdur Singh R/o H. No.3964 Hamayunpur Sirhind (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Soma Wali. 63372

I, Sakshi W/o Pranav Wadhwa R/o Flat No. 603 I-Block Gilco Towers, Gilco Valley, Sec-127 have changed my name to Sakshi Wadhwa. 63372

I, Sukhwinder Singh Kamal S/o Malkiat Singh R/o Rhode Saprai, Jamsheer Khas Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Sukhwinder Singh Kamal to Sukhwinder Singh. All concerned please note. 63372

I, Ankita W/o Jaspreet Singh R/o W.No. 9, Pie Banna Banoi Road, Sunam Distt Sangrur have changed my name Ankita to Ankita Rani. 63372

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh R/o Mahavir Colony Gali No. 1 H.No. 3282/3 Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Sohal. 63372

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I, Pooja D/O Balvir Singh R/O Vpo Dhahan Distt SBS Nagar have changed my name to Pooja Mail. in my name Pooja is my real name and Mail is my surname. 63372

I, Mantaj Singh Gharu S/o Darshan Singh R/o Vpo. Datewal Distt. Moga have changed my name to Mantaj Singh. 63372

I, Malkiet Singh Nagi S/o Gurbaksh Singh R/o Dharamkot Distt Moga have change my Name Malkiet Singh. 63372

I, Panthjeet Singh S/o Gurnam Singh R/o W.No. 14 Prem Colony Nandpur Sahnewal Teh & Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Panthjit Singh to Panthjeet Singh. 63372

I, hitherto known as Sourav S/o Satpal R/o Pensra Po Mazara Digranir Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana have changed my name shall hereinafter be known as Sourav Rath. 63372

I, Gurpreet Rai S/o Gurdev Chand R/o Vpo Kamam Sub Teh-Aur, Distt S.B.S Nagat, I have changed my name from Gurpreet Rai to Rai Gurpreet. I have used Rai as surname. 63372

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh. Dev Raj Vill-Chakali Sujait Teh-Nawanshahr Distt Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar I have changed my name Sandeep Kumar to Kumar Sandeep Please Note it. 63372

I, Priya D/O Kulwant, B-11/44, Kirpa Gate, Nawanshahr District SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name From Priya To Priya Kaur Please Note It. 63372

I, Lucky S/O Kulwant, B-11/44, Kirpa Gate, Nawanshahr District SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name From Lucky To Lucky Kaur Please Note It. 63372

I, Renu Bala W/o Kala Ram R/o Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Renu Garg. 63372

I, Sat Paul S/o Moti Ram R/o Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Satpal. 63372

I, Amandeep S/o Kulveer Singh R/o Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Amandeep Singh. 63372

We Tejinder Singh S/o Jagdish Singh Sidhu & Gurmeet Kaur W/o Tejinder Singh R/o Balla patli, Nathana Distt. Bathinda have changed our name from Tejinder Singh to Tejinder Singh Sidhu & Gurmeet Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur Sidhu. 63372

I, Satpal S/O Mani Ram Jangra R/O H.No.B-9/199 Lallian Mohalla Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name From Satpal To Satpal Jangra. All Note Please. 63372

I, hitherto known as Jeena D/O Harjinder Singh R/O Vill. Barwa, P.O. Bhagoran, Distt. SBS Nagar (Punjab)-144516 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jeena Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 63372

I, hitherto known as Simran D/O Gurdev Singh R/O Vikas Nagar, Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar (Punjab)-144514 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Simran Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 63372

I, Harvinder Kaur, W/o Bhupinder Singh, No. 1548890F, Rank Hav, resident of VPO Khara, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141204, My Husband Service Record my name is Harbinder Kaur & Dob 13-02-1962. have changed my name Harbinder Kaur to Harvinder Kaur and my date of birth from 13-02-1962 to 15-01-1962. 63372

I, Baljit Singh S/o Satpal R/O H.No. 505/9 Nawanshahr Road Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Baljit Singh to Singh Baljit. I have used Singh as my surname. Please note. 63372

I, Kashmir Kaur W/o Rafi R/o Moga Road B.S.F. Colony S.B.S. Engineering College Ferozepur Pb-152004 have known by both names Kashmir Kaur and Kashmiro one and the same person. 63372

I, Sourav S/o Ashok Kumar R/o Vpo. Bharta Khurd Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Sourav to Sourav Bharta. Please note. 63372

I, Preeti Sharma W/o Vikas Sharma R/o H.No. B-4/175 Near Shiv Mandir Arya Samaj Road Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, have changed my name from Preeti Nagar to Preeti Sharma. 63372

I, Rajinder Singh s/o Balvir Singh village Ahmedpur district Mansa (Punjab) state that I have changed my son's name from Samandeep Singh Randhawa son of Rajinder Singh Randhawa to Samandeep Singh son of Rajinder Singh. Related notes. 63372

I, Gurcharan Singh S/o Jagjit Singh R/o Vpo Sidhwan Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Gurcham Singh to Gurcharan Singh. 63372

I, Baljeet Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/o Village Bassuwal P/O Cheema Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Baljit Kaur to Baljeet Kaur. 63372

I, Kirpal Chand S/o Biru Ram R/o Village Jonewal, District Ludhiana (Punjab) have changed my name to Gurpal Chand. 63372

I, Paramjit Kaur Gaidu W/o Gurmanpreet Singh R/o Vill: Bhagpur alias Gagrah Teh- Dharamkot Distt. Moga Pb, have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur. 63372

I, Sukhwinder Kaur @ Lakhwinder Kaur W/o Mahinder Singh R/o Singhwala Tehsil Malout Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib declare That I know by two names i.e. Sukhwinder Kaur and Lakhwinder Kaur. Sukhwinder Kaur and Lakhwinder Kaur is one woman i.e. me. 63372

I, Gurdeep Singh Mander @ Gurdeep Singh S/o Charan Singh R/o Village Nandiali, Tehsil and District Fatehgarh Sahib, am known by both these names (Gurdeep Singh Mander and Gurdeep Singh); both names belong to me. Concerned parties please take note. 63372

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I, Khajoo W/o Mohammad Hafeez R/o Khushal Bassi near Mana Road, Malerkotla, solemnly declare that my son Mohammad Rafiq and his wife Aazmin Parveen are out of my control. Therefore, I disinherit both of them from my movable and immovable property and bank balance. From today onwards, anyone who conducts any kind of transaction with them will be solely responsible. Neither I nor my family will have any relation or connection with them. 63372

I, Ranjeet Kaur Mander @ Ranjeet Kaur W/o Gurdeep Singh Mander @ Gurdeep Singh R/o Village Nandiali, Tehsil and District Fatehgarh Sahib, am known by both these names (Ranjeet Kaur Mander and Ranjeet Kaur); both names belong to me. Concerned parties please take note. 63372

I, Sukhwinder Paul Jhamat S/o Gian Chand R/o Village Dhaliwal Qadian, Dhaliwal, P.O. Basli Guzan, Jalandhar Punjab-144002 changed my name to Sukhwinder Pal. 63372

I, Avtar Singh S/o Nachatar Singh R/o Vpo. Toorbanjara Teh-Dirba Distt. Sangrur have changed my name from Avtar Singh to Avtar Sidhu, date of birth 30-01

NEWS BRIEF

Punjab Sanjivalta Dal announces
Kulwinder Mann as candidate for
2027 Assembly polls from
Dharamkot constituency



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: Punjab sanjivalta Dal Party (PSd) took forward its political activities in Dharamkot constituency by organizing a large public gathering at Janer village near Kot Ise Khan. On this occasion, the party announced Kulwinder Singh Mann as its candidate from Dharamkot constituency for the 2027 Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections. During the gathering, party leaders and supporters shared their views on the politics of the constituency and the party's agenda. On this occasion, senior leaders of the party Anil Singh Mann, Khushinder Singh and Mahinder Pal Loomba and lawyer Madam Prabhjot Kaur while addressing said that people who follow the voice of conscience are automatically joining Punjab Sanjivalta Dal. They said that the purpose of the party is to clearly present its policies and agenda before the people, so that people can get complete information about the party's thinking and future plans. The party leaders said that they do not believe in the politics of making promises and claims only during elections, but are giving their party's agenda by writing it on an affidavit. They said that it is necessary to give importance to the promises made to the people and accountability towards the party's policies.

Career counselling session on
HDFCLife Insurance organised
at RR Bawa DAV College for
Girls, Batala



VERMA
BATALA: Under the stewardship of Dr. Meenakshi Duggal, Officiating Principal RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala and under the able guidance of Mr. Vinay Kumar (Dean Placement) and Mrs. Supriya Duggal (Incharge, Career Counselling Cell), a Career Counselling Session on Career opportunities in the HDFC Life Insurance sector was organised in the college premises. Mr. Rohan Kumar, ACH, from HDFC Life, interacted with the students and provided valuable insights into career opportunities in the life insurance industry. He also explained the HDFC Life Saksham Programme, highlighting its role in helping students explore career prospects and develop professional skills. Mr. Rohan Kumar provided valuable insights into the insurance industry, its functioning, and the various career prospects available in the field. He highlighted the importance of communication skills, professional competence, customer relationship management, and industry-specific knowledge for building a successful career in the insurance sector. He also encouraged students to explore opportunities in insurance, sales, financial services and related fields.

MCM celebrates World
Mental Health Day



CHANDIGARH: The Geetanjali Counselling Helpline of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organised a workshop on 'Mental Health Awareness and Tele-MANAS' to mark World Mental Health Day 2026. The workshop was organised in keeping with this year's theme, "Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change". The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Harishshree Kaur, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Tele-MANAS, and Mr. Abhishek Verma, Clinical Research Psychologist, Tele-MANAS, Department of Psychiatry, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Drawing on their professional expertise, the resource persons addressed common misconceptions surrounding mental health, discussed the phenomenon of languishing among young people, and highlighted early signs of psychological distress and healthy coping strategies. They emphasised the importance of empathy, active listening, and sensitively guiding individuals experiencing mental health difficulties towards appropriate professional support.

LPU violence case: HC pulls up Punjab government over delayed action

ASHISHPURI
KAPURTHALA, OCT 12

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has strongly criticised the Punjab Government over its handling of the violence-related case at Lovely Professional University (LPU), raising serious questions about the police investigation and the authorities' response. In a significant development, the High Court made several observations regarding the state government's conduct and the progress of the investigation. The High Court questioned why the Punjab Government had failed to take appropriate action despite the seriousness of the matter, particularly when the incident had reportedly taken place two days earlier.

Final electoral rolls handed over to recognised political parties in SAS Nagar

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, OCT 12

Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer, Ms. Komal Mittal, today held a meeting with representatives of all recognised political parties in the district in the presence of Roll Observer Mr. Mohammad Tayyab regarding the publication of the final electoral rolls following the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). During the meeting, the representatives were informed that claims and objections from the public, in connection with the Special Intensive Revision with October 1, 2026, as the qualifying date, were received up to September 12, 2026. After the disposal of claims and objections on October 8, 2026, the final publication of electoral rolls for all three Assembly Constituencies of district SAS Nagar—52-Kharar, 53-SAS Nagar and 112-Derabassi—was completed today, October 12, 2026. Following the final publication, the total number of registered voters in Assembly Constituency 52-Kharar stands at 2,65,702, while Assembly Constituency 53-SAS Nagar has 2,02,010 voters and Assembly



Constituency 112-Derabassi has 2,79,857 voters. Accordingly, the total electorate of district SAS Nagar stands at 7,47,569. The Deputy Commissioner informed that the final electoral rolls would be available for public at the offices of the concerned Booth Level Officers (BLOs), the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) of the respective Assembly Constituencies and the District Election Office, SAS Nagar. As part of the final publication process, one hard copy of the photo electoral rolls and one CD contain-

ing the electoral rolls without photographs were also provided to the representatives of all recognised political parties in the district. She further stated that eligible citizens whose names are yet to be included in the electoral rolls can apply for fresh voter registration during the continuous updation process by submitting Form 6. The application can be submitted to the concerned Booth Level Officer (BLO), at the office of the Electoral Registration Officer or through the online portal.

8th Dussehra grand festival at Shivalik City, Kharar on October 20

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): The 8th Grand Dussehra festival is being celebrated with great enthusiasm at Shivalik City Kharar on October 20. Providing details about the event, Advocate Piyush Vij, President of the Shri Ram Dussehra Committee, Shivalik City, stated that a procession featuring tableaux would be organized from Shri Shave-tambar Shiv Mandir to Shivalik City Gate No. 3 at 2:00 PM. This will be followed by the Ravan Puja at 3:00 PM. The burning of the effigies of Ravan, Kumbhkaran, and Meghnath is scheduled for 5:45 PM.

1,000 patients examined at mega health camp held at Holy Basil Hospital, Landran Road Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, OCT 12

A mega health camp was organized yesterday at the renowned Holy Basil Hospital, located on Landran Road, Kharar. Despite inclement weather, more than thousand patients participated in the camp and received information regarding their health. Providing details, Dr. Sachin Verma stated that at the camp, people underwent various types of tests free of charge and received necessary medical advice following their health check-ups.



He mentioned that the camp was entirely free. A notable feature of the event was the presence of leaders from various political parties and social organizations.

PAU imparts practical beekeeping skills to farmers, farm women

LUDHIANA: The Skill Development Centre, Directorate of Extension Education, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), organised a five-day basic beekeeping training course with the Department of Entomology from October 5 to 9, 2026. Held under the guidance of Dr. Makhan Singh Bhullar, Director of Extension Education, the programme drew 17 farmers and farm women from across Punjab. Dr. Rupinder Kaur, Associate Director (Skill Development), said the course aimed to equip participants with scientific knowledge and practical beekeeping skills through interactions with university experts. Dr. Kulvir Kaur, Course Coordinator, highlighted the importance of skill-based training and apprised the participants of upcoming programmes at the Centre. During the course, Dr. Amit Chaudhary discussed the significance of beekeeping, seasonal management of honeybee colonies, and techniques to enhance honey production, while Dr. Bharti Mohindru explained disease and pest management in honeybees.



MRSPTU research scholar Himani Sharma secures second position in state-level technical poster presentation

ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, OCT 12

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MR-SPTU), Bathinda, has achieved another milestone in research excellence as Ms. Himani Sharma, a research scholar in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology, secured second position in the State-Level Technical Poster Presentation. The competition witnessed participation from 105 pharmacy institutions across Punjab, with over 1,000 students participating. Dr. Montu Kumar M. Patel, President, Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), presented the award at a state-level function organised by the State Pharmacy Council, Punjab, at Punjabi University, Patiala. Dr. Amit Bhatia, research supervisor of Ms. Himani Sharma, appreciated her dedication, commitment and perseverance in research. Dr.



Ashish Baldi, Head of the Department, congratulated her, noting that such achievements inspire other research scholars to pursue excellence in research and innovation. Ms. Himani Sharma dedicated the award to her department and expressed gratitude for the valuable guidance, encouragement and support extended by her teachers throughout her academic journey. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Vice Chancellor, and Prof. Paramjit Singh, Registrar, MRSPTU, also congratulated Ms. Himani on her achievement. They described it as a proud moment for the

University and appreciated her efforts, along with the guidance and mentorship provided by her research supervisor and departmental faculty. The achievement reflects MRSPTU's commitment to promoting quality research, academic excellence and innovation among its research scholars. Photo Caption: Dr. Montu Kumar M. Patel, President, Pharmacy Council of India, presenting the second-position award to Ms. Himani Sharma, MRSPTU research scholar, at the State-Level Technical Poster Presentation held at Punjabi University, Patiala.

Saint Soldier International School organises workshop on disaster mgt



CHANDIGARH: Saint Soldier International School organised a CBSE Capacity Building Programme on Disaster Management to enhance awareness about disaster preparedness, safety measures and effective emergency response. Resource persons were Mr. Parveen Kumar Patpatia, retired Principal and Ms. Neerja, an accomplished educator and teacher trainer. The resource persons shared valuable insights into disaster preparedness, prevention, risk reduction and effective emergency response. They

also covered the framing of a School Disaster Management Plan, highlighting the importance of systematic planning, safety measures and preparedness in ensuring the well-being of students and staff during emergencies. The session emphasised the need for awareness, responsible decision-making and a proactive approach to managing unforeseen situations. The workshop concluded with Principal Ms. Anisha Ghuman thanking the resource persons in recognition of their valuable contribution.

Mai Bhago Di Fauj will bring big crocodiles of drug trade to justice : Harsimrat Badal



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, OCT 12
Senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal today said the Mai Bhago Di Fauj, the anti-drug vigilante group established by the party, would bring the big crocodiles responsible for destroying the future of an entire generation of youth to book. The MP, who addressed a mammoth gathering of women here along with Halka incharge Bubbli Dhillon, said chief minister Bhagwant Mann had not only gone back on his promise to end the scourge of drugs in four months but had also failed to take action against his own party men who were patronising the drug trade. "Women of Punjab are asking Bhagwant Mann why the big crocodiles behind drug trafficking in Punjab roam free, why their sons are dying drug over dose deaths and why there is virtual home delivery of 'chitta' in the State". Stating that enough was enough, Mrs Harsimrat Badal said the Mai Bhago Di Fauj would collect all details of the ongoing drug trade along with the names of the traffickers as well as those who provided shelter to them. Once this is done, when the next SAD government is formed in 2027 this data will be used to end the drug menace once.

Pargat Singh's appointment must energise Punjab Congress, strengthen grassroots connect: Dr Sukhjot Singh

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, OCT 12

Dr Sukhjot Singh, National Coordinator of the Indian Youth Congress, has congratulated former Olympian and Padma Shri awardee Pargat Singh on becoming president of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC), expressing hope that his leadership will give fresh direction to the party's organisational activities in Punjab. Extending his best wishes, Dr Sukhjot Singh emphasised the need to strengthen the Congress organisation at the grassroots level, improve coordination among party workers and encourage greater participation of young people in political and organisational activities. He said the new leadership would have an important role in bringing workers together and ensuring that public concerns receive sustained attention.



Dr Sukhjot Singh observed that the strength of a political organisation lies in its connection with ordinary people, the commitment of its workers and its responsiveness to public issues. He stressed that the Congress must continue to uphold democratic values and its ideological commitments while giving priority to the concerns and aspirations of people across Punjab. Highlighting the importance of youth engagement, he said young people should be provided greater opportunities to contribute ideas, take organisational responsibilities.

Two NCC cadets from Pratap World School bring laurels at the national level



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, OCT 12

NCC Naval cadets Ramira Singh and Arnav Singh of Pratap World School, Pathankot, have brought honor to the school by representing the Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Chandigarh Directorate at the All India Nau Sainik Camp. Selected naval cadets

from across the country participated in this national-level camp held at INS Shivaji in Lonavla. The school management welcomed both cadets upon this achievement. School Director Sunny Mahajan stated that this accomplishment is the result of the cadets' hard work, discipline, and determination. He expressed hope that this success would in-

spire other students to achieve new milestones as well. While congratulating Ramira Singh and Arnav Singh, Principal Subhra Rani remarked that such achievements. They strengthen the spirit of leadership, self-confidence, discipline, and service to the nation among the students. The school family congratulated both the cadets and their mentors.

Rayat Bahra Professional University hosts guest lecture on neuromodulation by neurologist Dr. Nishit Sawal



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAHPUR, OCT 12
The School of Allied & Healthcare Sciences at Rayat Bahra Professional University, Hoshiarpur, successfully organized a special guest lecture on "Neuromodulation & Innovations in Neurology" for the students of Bachelors in Psychology. The academic session was held under the guidance of Head of Department Dr. Sukhmeet Kaur Bedi and co-ordinated by Dr. Kriti Sharma, aiming to bridge clinical neuroscience with behavioral healthcare education. The keynote speaker for the event was eminent neurologist Dr. Nishit Sawal (DM Neurology, AIIMS; Fortis Hospital), widely acclaimed as the pioneer of neuromodulation in North India. Dr. Sawal shared his groundbreaking medical journey, highlighting his milestones of establishing North India's first Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) program for Parkinson's disease in 2018 and pioneering Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) for refractory epilepsy in 2019.

Verka butter shortage faced in city, supply effects



SHARMA
LUDHIANA, OCT 12

Co-operative field's big name Verka Milk Plant's butter products become short in Ludhiana city. Many reports today received about the alleged shortage of butter since 10-12 days, but the Milk Plant officials are not giving heed to this problem, faced by the shopkeepers and suppliers. Although a few years ago, the government and Milk-fed had claimed that the production capacity of Verka would increase with the introduction of

new machinery in Verka Milk Plant, Ludhiana, but for the last 10-12 days, there has been a shortage of butter from the government milk company. Shopkeepers Sham Nagar, Bus Stand area and Model Gram areas said that there is a demand for Verka butter in this area, but the supply is not available. Due to which the customers and shopkeepers are facing problems. Shopkeepers claimed that some private companies are taking benefit of this situation, whereas the buyers are looking Verka's butter availability, sources said.

Maxim Merry School Kharar students visit Sri Ram Mandir ahead of festive season



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, OCT 12

To foster holistic development and keep young learners grounded in their cultural roots, Maxim Merry School organized a temple visit to Sri Ram Mandir for students of Nursery, LKG, and UKG, accompanied by their class teachers. With the upcoming festive season, the visit offered the children a meaningful opportunity to seek blessings and learn about rich cultural traditions.

The School's Principal, Mrs. Pooja Khosla and Managing Director, Mr. Parthasarathi emphasized that connecting students with their heritage plays a key role in building strong moral values alongside academic learning. The visit concluded on a joyful note as the young students received blessings and returned to school ready for the festive celebrations.

NEWS BRIEF

Doraha traders and youth extend warm support to SAD during door-to-door campaign



AMRISH ANAND DORAHA : Under the directions of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal, a door-to-door public outreach campaign was conducted in the markets of Doraha under the leadership of Payal constituency in-charge Jathedar Manjit Singh Madhniur.During the campaign, senior party leaders and workers interacted with traders, shopkeepers and local residents, apprising them of the party's policies and highlighting what they described as the failures of the present government. vice president Shiromani Akali Dal Jagdev Singh Boparai,SAD SC Wing Punjab general secretary Bibi Nitu Singh, Bibi Jaspreet Kaur and Bibi Karamjit Kaur were also present.A key feature of the campaign was the enthusiastic participation of local residents, particularly youngsters, who filled out forms and shared suggestions regarding Punjab's future. The party leaders thanked the people of Doraha for their warm response and support.

Sandhwan starts procurement of paddy in village Dhurkot and village Machaki Mall Singh



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kultra Singh Sandhwan started the procurement of paddy at village Dhurkot and village Machaki Mall Singh of Kotkapura constituency and interacted with the farmers , agents and laborers who had come and listened to their problems and suggestions. Speaker S. Sandhwan said that the Aam Aadmi Party government led by Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann is fully committed to purchasing every single grain of the farmers' crop. He said that the government procurement of paddy is being run in a very smooth and transparent manner and the government has made adequate arrangements so that the farmers do not have to face any kind of trouble in the markets . He said that the administration is constantly monitoring all the arrangements including drinking water , shade , gunny bags , timely procurement and lifting for the convenience of the farmers in the markets.

Congress will continue fight to protect democracy: Singla



KULWINDER KARWAL MANSA: District Congress Committee Mansa president Kulwant Rai Singla, along with party leaders and workers, left for Delhi to participate in a gathering at Jantar Mantar to raise concerns over alleged vote theft and the independence of constitutional institutions. Singla said the Congress would continue its struggle to protect democracy, the Constitution and citizens' voting rights. He stressed the need to address concerns over alleged deletions from electoral rolls and ensure fairness in the electoral process. Allying that BJP and RSS policies had raised questions about the autonomy of democratic institutions, he called upon all democratic forces to unite to safeguard constitutional values. He said the Congress would not hesitate to make sacrifices to protect democracy and the country's unity and integrity.

Sangat Singh Gilzian assumes charge as working President of PPCC in Chandigarh



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Senior Punjab Congress leader and former Cabinet Minister Sardar Sangat Singh Gilzian today assumed charge as the Working President of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) in Chandigarh. His appointment has generated enthusiasm among Congress leaders and workers across Punjab. On this occasion, Punjab Congress President Pargat Singh and Election Committee Chairman Charanjit Singh Channi congratulated Sardar Sangat Singh Gilzian on being entrusted with this new responsibility. They expressed confidence that his political acumen, extensive experience, and dedication to the party would play a significant role in further strengthening the Congress organisation in Punjab. They also expressed hope that his contribution would prove crucial in helping the Congress form the government in the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections. After assuming charge, Sardar Sangat Singh Gilzian said that he would hold meetings with party leaders and workers at every level, from the booth level to the state level, to strengthen the Congress organisation. He emphasised that his priority would be to improve coordination with party workers, raise issues concerning public welfare.

Developing Sangrur into skating hub to nurture international-level players: CM

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, OCT 12

Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said Punjab is transforming Sangrur into a skating hub to nurture international-level talent, with players from the district winning 70 to 80 national medals every year and a new world-class skating track coming up in Dhuri. Contrasting his government's focus on sports with the neglect of previous governments, he highlighted the record Rs 1,790 crore sports budget and pledged that no athlete would be deprived of facilities or resources. Emphasising Punjab's sporting legacy, he said the captains of India's cricket, hockey and football teams are Punjabis, while urging parents to encourage children to balance sports with education and bring glory to the country. Taking to X, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated: "It was heartening to see the enthusiasm of young children and youth at the skating track in Sangrur. Sangrur has now emerged as a skating hub, with its players winning



70 to 80 national medals every year. Salute to the hard work and dedication of these young athletes' parents and coaches. The captains of India's cricket, hockey and football teams are Punjabis because Punjabis are never satisfied with anything less than the top position. To provide athletes with international-level facilities, we have increased the sports budget to ?1,790 crore for the first time. We pray that our children achieve great success in sports and academics and bring glory to the coun-

try. Inquilab Zindabad." Interacting with the players, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "We are developing Sangrur into a skating hub to nurture international-level players. Skating is a highly challenging sport that requires exceptional skills, technique and dedication." The Chief Minister also congratulated the players who had won silver medals at the 19th and 20th Asian Roller Skating Championships. "It is a matter of pride that players from Sangrur district win 70 to 80 national medals every year. Our

government will ensure that players have access to the best facilities and resources to excel at national and international competitions," he said. He said, "We already have two skating tracks in Sangrur district, and another excellent skating track is being developed in Dhuri. Our objective is to provide skaters with international-level facilities so that they can bring laurels to Punjab and the country. We will not allow any shortage of facilities or resources to hinder the progress of our players."

11 nodal officers appointed for paddy procurement arrangements in the district : DC



FARIDKOT (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): As per the orders of the Punjab Government, the procurement of paddy crop has been started from October 1, 2026. In view of which, the District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Faridkot Mr. Rahul Chaba has appointed nodal officers in the mandis in the district to conduct the procurement of paddy in a smooth manner, who will be responsible for conducting the procurement of paddy without any disruption. Giving information in this regard, District Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner Mr. Rahul Chaba said that Keshav Goyal PCS. Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) Main Mandi Sadiq, But-ter, Deep Singh Wala, Mumara, Kauni and Jand Sahib, Mr. Puneet Sharma PCS. SDM Faridkot Main Mandi Faridkot , Machaki Kalan , Mehmuna , Machaki Mall Singh etc.

PSIC celebrates state-level Right to Information Day



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, OCT 12

The Punjab State Information Commission (PSIC) today organised a special event at the UT State Guest House, Chandigarh to celebrate Right to Information Day, marking 21 years of the implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Act is a landmark legislation that has further strengthened transparency, accountability and citizen empowerment in democratic governance.

On this occasion the book titled "RTI and Good Governance", authored by Punjab State Information Commissioner Harpreet Sandhu, was released under the patronage of Punjab Chief Information Commissioner Inderpal Singh Dhan-na. The book is dedicated to highlighting the significance of the Right to Information frame-

work and its role in promoting transparent, accountable and responsible administration. The publication aims to raise public awareness about the objectives and provisions of the RTI Act, its evolution over the past 21 years and emerging dimensions of information governance in the context of contemporary legal and administrative developments. Addressing the gathering, Punjab Good Governance and Information Technology Minister Aman Arora said that the Right to Information Act, 2005, had empowered ordinary citizens to secure their rights while ensuring transparency and accountability in government functioning. He said that in keeping with the spirit of the Constitution, the government must be of the people, by the people and for the people. This objective can be achieved only when public institutions func-

tion transparently and remain accountable to citizens. He added that the state government was further strengthening good governance through digital platforms by ensuring time-bound delivery of services and fixing accountability for delays. The state-level RTI Day event was attended by Punjab Chief Information Commissioner Inderpal Singh Dhan-na; State Information Commissioners Sandeep Dhaliwal, Varinderjit Singh Billing, Harpreet Sandhu, Dr. Bhupinder Singh Bath and Pooja Gupta; and former Punjab Chief Information Commissioners Rajan Kashyap, IAS (Retd.), Ramesh Inder Singh, IAS (Retd.), S.S. Channy, IAS (Retd.) and Justice Harmaresh Singh Gill. The gathering also included Chandigarh DGP Sagarpreet Singh Hooda, a delegation from the Western Command led by Colonel Jagdeep Sandhu etc.

Free eye check-up camp organised in Ghanouri Kalan

VIKAS VERMA
DHURI, OCT 12

A free eye check-up camp was organised in Ghanouri Kalan village today under the Punjab Government's 'Healthy Eyes, Prosperous Punjab' campaign. The camp was inaugurated by Sukhvinder Singh, OSD to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. Organised in collaboration with Shankara Eye Hospital, Ludhiana, the camp provided free eye examinations and medical consultations by a team of specialist doctors. Free medicines and spectacles were also provided to patients, while arrangements were made for eye surgeries for those in need. Addressing the gathering, OSD Sukhvinder Singh said that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is committed to strengthening health-



care services and ensuring better medical facilities for people across the state. He said the government is working towards realising the vision of 'Rangla Punjab, Healthy Punjab' by promoting accessible healthcare and encouraging people to prioritise their well-being. He emphasised that regular eye examinations play a vital role in the early detection of eye-related ailments and

can help ensure timely treatment, thereby protecting one's precious eyesight. He urged residents to make the most of such free medical camps and remain proactive about their health. A large number of residents from Ghanouri Kalan and nearby areas attended the camp, underwent eye examinations and benefited from the free healthcare services provided.

Space science society launched at SLIET Longowal



BALWINDER AZAD
LONGOWAL, OCT 12

The Space Science Society was inaugurated at Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (SLIET) on the occasion of World Space Week by Prof. Mani Kant Paswan, Director of the institute and Patron of the society. The initiative aims to promote interest in space science among students and provide a common platform for learning, research and academic collaboration. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Paswan highlighted India's achievements in the field of space science and the significant role played by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Referring to India's

ancient knowledge traditions, he encouraged students to develop a scientific outlook and pursue knowledge through research and innovation. Prof. Ravi Kant Mishra, Founder President of the society, welcomed the guests and shared that the idea behind the initiative was conceived in 2006. Through the Department of Mathematics at SLIET, he has guided more than 25 postgraduate, M.Phil. and Ph.D. students in the fields of astrophysics and space science. He explained that the society plans to organise stargazing sessions, telescope demonstrations, lectures, quiz competitions, exhibitions and awareness programmes in schools in the coming years.

Workshop on human body and physical activities organized at Green Field Convent School



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, OCT 12

A workshop was organized at Green Field Convent Senior Secondary School, Dhangarh, to educate students about human body functions, bones, joints, and the importance of maintaining good health. During the workshop, Madam Sandeep used a human skeleton model to explain the structure and functioning of bones in the human body. She provided detailed information about the different types of joints and their functions.

She explained that a newborn baby has more bones than an adult and that, as a child grows, some bones fuse together, reducing the total number of bones to 206 in adulthood. She also informed the students about the importance of bones in the human body and explained that bones account for approximately 14 per cent of body weight. She highlighted the unique features of certain bones and explained that the hyoid bone in the throat is not directly connected to any other bone through a joint.

AAP's Sippy Bhakar's roadshow has left opposition in state of panic

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, OCT 12

Aam Aadmi Party senior leader Sippy Bhakar from Maur Mandi assembly constituency of Bathinda district took out a roadshow of vehicles from village Mandi Kalan. A large number of Aam Aadmi Party volunteers and people of the constituency participated in this roadshow.

This huge roadshow passed through villages Mandi Kalan, Khokhar, Chauke, Bhaini Chuhar, Kuttival Khurd, Kuttival Kalan and various areas of Maur Mandi and ended at Bhullar Dhaba. During this, at various stages of the route, senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Sippy Bhakar and the people of the constituency were honored by showering flowers and blessing them with siropas.



The specialty of this road show was that despite the heavy rain, people reached the grain market of Mandi Kalan in AAP with a bang. Addressing the large gathering at Mandi Kalan before the departure of the road show, AAP's Sippy Bhakar said that your presence in large numbers puts a stamp on the people-friendly policies of the state Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann in such a way that no example can be given. Sippy Bhakar thanked the AAP volunteers.

Govt ropes in drones to keep vigil on dengue larvae & target mosquito breeding sites

CHANDIGARH, OCT 12

In a pioneering move to leverage modern aerial technology in the fight against vector-borne diseases, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government has roped in advanced drones to trace and destroy mosquito larvae in hard-to-reach areas. In this regard, the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s Kiran Corporation/SPV, Mumbai, to initiate a 60-day emergency drone-operated larvicide spray operation in identified dengue hotspots of Patiala district.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Punjab Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education & Research Minister Dr Balbir Singh by



Director Health and Family Welfare Dr Hitinder Kaur on behalf of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, and Sachin Shetty on behalf of Kiran Corporation, Mumbai.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Balbir Singh said that the Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government is leaving no stone unturned to combat vector-borne diseases and is adopting tech-driven interventions to stay ahead of outbreaks.

"Instead of merely reacting to dengue cases, our prime focus is on actively hunting down and destroying dengue larvae."

Many large stagnant water bodies, rooftop accumulation points, abandoned plots, and congested localities remain inaccessible for conventional manual spraying. Drones will now act as our aerial eyes and sprayers to neutralise high mosquito breeding grounds with precision," the Minister asserted.

DC Barnala honours Indian Hockey Captain Harmanpreet Singh

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, OCT 12

Indian Hockey Captain Harmanpreet Singh was honoured by Barnala Deputy Commissioner Harpreet Singh on the occasion of his recent visit to Barnala. On behalf of the district administration, the Deputy Commissioner presented him with a shawl and a set of books as a mark of respect.

Deputy Commissioner Harpreet Singh said it was a matter of pride for Barnala district that Indian Hockey Captain Harmanpreet Singh had visited Barnala to attend an event after returning to his home in Amritsar district following India's gold medal victory at the recent Asian Games in Japan. He said the

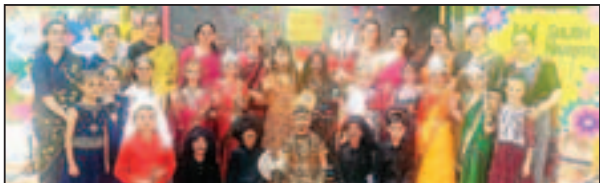


entire country was proud of Harmanpreet Singh, who became the first Indian Captain to lead the country to two Asian Games Gold medals under his captaincy.

Harmanpreet was also the top scorer at the Asian Games this time, netting 12 goals. During his illustrious career spanning a decade, Harmanpreet Singh has won two Olympic Bronze medals. India returned to the back to back Olympic Hockey podium

after a gap of 52 years. Thanking the district administration for the honour, Indian Hockey Captain Harmanpreet Singh appealed to the people of Punjab to turn out in large numbers for the Hockey Asian Champions Trophy, which is scheduled to begin in Jalandhar on 27th October. Harmanpreet Singh said that Punjab was hosting an International Hockey tournament of this kind for the first time.

Grand cultural programme on Navratri at Rose Public School, Sulyali



VERMA
GURDASPUR, OCT 12

Rose Public School, Sulyali, celebrated the auspicious festival of Navratri with a grand cultural programme filled with enthusiasm and devotion.

The event was successfully organised under the guidance and in the gracious presence of Principal Sanjay Sharma Saugni and Vice-Principal Babita Saugni. Students of Classes I, II and III participated enthusiastically in the programme. The

young children presented religious and cultural performances depicting the various forms of Goddess Durga. Their delightful presentations captivated the audience and beautifully highlighted the religious significance of the festival. The students showcased their talent, creativity and enthusiasm through their performances. On the occasion of Navratri, the school premises were beautifully decorated with artistic creations, tridents and various symbols associated with Goddess Durga.

Blossoms convent school participates in 'Daan Utsav'



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, OCT 12

Blossoms Convent School, Leelan Megh Singh (Jagraon), a renowned educational institution in the region, actively participated in the 'Daan Utsav' campaign organised by the Ludhiana Corporation, continuing its annual tradition of contributing to this noble cause. The main objective of this campaign is to help the underprivileged sections of society and encourage people to embrace the spirit of char-

ity and service. Under this initiative, people donate surplus and usable items from their homes, such as clothes, shoes, utensils, books, toys and other essential goods, so that these items can be put to good use by those in need. Giving more information about this, School Principal Dr. Navneet Kaur said that the purpose of the school's participation was to encourage students and members of society to help others, share resources and develop a spirit of humanitarian service."

CM condoles demise of Kiran Bhadana’s father

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed condolences on the sudden passing of Atar Singh Bhadana, father of Deputy Commissioner Lahaul-Spiti Kiran Bhadana. The Chief Minister conveyed

his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and expressed solidarity with them in this hour of grief. He prayed to the almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and give strength and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

Railway expansion takes centre stage as Himachal sees massive infrastructure push

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, OCT 12



Rail connectivity has emerged as a key focus of Himachal Pradesh’s expanding infrastructure landscape, with the Bhanupalli–Bilaspur–Beri railway line progressing alongside plans for its strategic extension towards Manali and Leh. The 63-km Bhanupalli–Bilaspur–Beri project, estimated at Rs 13,410 crore, is targeted to reach Bilaspur by December 2027. However, financial contributions and land acquisition on the remaining Bilaspur–Beri stretch continue to be important issues requiring coordination between the Centre and the state. Available figures put Himachal Pradesh’s outstanding contribution towards the Bhanupalli project at Rs 2,063 crore, while another Rs 231 crore has been cited as pending towards

the Chandigarh–Baddi railway line, taking the combined amount to around Rs 2,294 crore. Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, while reviewing major development projects, underlined the need for timely state contributions and faster execution. He maintained that the Centre has consistently supported Himachal with substantial funding and said such assistance should translate into projects on the ground through effective Centre-state coordination.

Governor unveils 100-day youth development roadmap for ‘Viksit Bharat-2047’ at Dr. YS Parmar University

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, OCT 12

Governor and Chancellor of Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry Kavinder Gupta released the university’s 100-Day Roadmap for Youth Development, aimed at promoting skill development, entrepreneurship, employment generation and sustainable rural livelihoods in alignment with the national vision of Viksit Bharat-2047. Prepared in accordance with the directions of the Chancellor’s Inter-university Viksit Bharat Task Force, the roadmap seeks to strengthen innovation, promote best practices and enhance coordination among universities to improve the quality and relevance of higher education and contribute to the development



of Himachal Pradesh. It is pertinent to mention that the Governor had recently constituted the Chancellor’s Inter-university Viksit Bharat Task Force to bring universities across the state onto a common platform. During an interaction with Vice Chancellors,

he had directed all universities to prepare 100-day roadmaps focusing on youth empowerment, innovation and adoption of best practices, and sharing of successful initiatives. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the roadmap

reflected the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Viksit Bharat-2047, with youth empowerment, skill development and entrepreneurship serving as key drivers of national progress. He emphasized that the potential of Himachal Pradesh’s youth must be harnessed by connecting academic learning with practical skills and emerging economic opportunities. The Governor said that the state’s strengths in horticulture, forestry and allied sectors offered immense opportunities for young people to become entrepreneurs, generate employment and strengthen the rural economy. He expressed confidence that the initiative would encourage innovation, promote self-reliance and enable youth to transform their knowledge into productive

ventures. Stressing that there is a dire need to transform the mindset of the youth from job seekers into job creators, he stated that the 100-day roadmap serves as an effective blueprint to bridge the gap between academic education and real-world market demands. By equipping students with practical skills, fostering innovation and opening avenues for self-reliance in key sectors like horticulture and forestry, the roadmap will enable the state’s youth to become active leaders in economic growth and key contributors to a developed India. The roadmap envisages hands-on training in orchard management, grafting, nursery production, protected cultivation, mushroom farming, beekeeping, tissue culture, soil testing, agro forestry and value addition.

Congress's double standards regarding JNU sexual harassmt case exposed: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 12

The Kangra district unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has launched a scathing attack on the Congress party and its leadership over allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct involving a Congress MP and female students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Hundreds of BJP workers—including Dharamshala MLA Sudhir Sharma, Kangra MLA Pawan Kajal, former MLAs Arun Mehra and Sarveen Chaudhary, Dharamshala Municipal Corporation Mayor Shamsher Nehria, and members of the Mahila Morcha—took to the streets to stage a protest.



They demanded the resignation of Congress MP Professor Angomcha Bimol Akoijam, and BJP leaders also called upon Rahul Gandhi to issue an apology. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Sudhir Sharma stated that the Congress party’s double standards regarding the dignity of women have

been exposed. Targeting the Congress party and its female leaders, he remarked that a party which champions women’s rights must answer for the serious allegations leveled against its MP. Sharma noted that while Congress leaders speak of women’s rights and dignity on public platforms,

the party must clarify its stance on the matter involving the Congress MP.

The issue of women’s dignity should not be confined to political speeches but must also be reflected in accountability. He accused Congress leaders of undermining the honor and dignity of women.

Attacking the Sukhu government in the state, he alleged that the Congress has hurt the dignity of the state’s women. He claimed that the party engaged in vote-bank politics during elections by making false promises to women, which is why the women of Himachal have been expressing their opposition to the Sukhu-led Congress government for the past four years.

Turning Himachal Bhawan into political hub is unfortunate : Anurag Singh Thakur

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, OCT 12

Former Union Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Singh Thakur strongly criticised the gathering of Congress workers at Himachal Bhawan in Delhi, alleging that the state government was allowing a public institution to be used for political activities. He said Congress leaders were already making irresponsible statements against constitutional institutions and had now turned Himachal Bhawan into a political centre. He added that this was not the first instance of the Congress using the government premises for political purposes. Referring to the shirtless protest staged by Congress workers during the AI Summit, Thakur said the



incident had embarrassed the country on an international platform. He alleged that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu had provided shelter to the Congress workers who left the protest site, first at Himachal Bhawan and subsequently in Himachal Pradesh. Thakur said that Congress workers had once again gathered at Himachal

Bhawan in the Mandi House area, with approximately 200–250 people reportedly making it difficult for ordinary citizens to enter and leave the premises. He added that Himachal Pradesh government officials, leaders and other visitors were also facing inconvenience while accessing the building. He emphasised that Himachal

Bhawan was meant to serve the people of Himachal Pradesh and facilitate official work, not function as a centre for political mobilisation. While the state was facing the burden of mounting debt, he alleged, the Congress government was simultaneously allowing the premises in Delhi to be used for political activities. Thakur further alleged that the Congress was crossing established limits in the name of protests, causing unnecessary inconvenience to the public. He said public premises should remain accessible for citizens and administrative purposes, and political gatherings should not obstruct the functioning of government offices or inconvenience ordinary visitors.

NSS camp at Bagwara School focuses on discipline, social service



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: Raj Kumar Patial, president of the Himachal Government Teachers’ Association, Hamirpur district, guided National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers on the second day of a seven-day special camp at Government Senior Secondary School, Bagwara. Patial highlighted the importance of education, discipline, moral values and social service, saying NSS camps play a vital role in developing leadership qualities, teamwork and a sense of social responsibility among students. He encouraged the volunteers to participate enthusiastically in camp activities and fulfil their responsibilities towards society. School Principal Raj Kumar also addressed the students and highlighted the objectives and significance of the NSS. He said discipline, values and a spirit of service, alongside education, contribute significantly to the overall development of students. He urged the volunteers to apply the lessons learnt during the camp in their daily lives and work towards bringing positive changes in society. Such camps help young people understand social problems and encourage them to contribute to their solutions, he added.

District-level under-19 cultural competition begins in Dalhousie

SUBHASH MAHAJAN
DALHOUSIE, OCT 12

A district-level under-19 cultural competition began at PM SHRI Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial Government Senior Secondary School in Dalhousie. The event was inaugurated by chief guest Vandana Chadha, president of the Dalhousie Municipal Council. On her arrival at the school, principal Vandana Sharma, school staff and students welcomed Chadha with a bouquet of flowers. The competition will provide students from schools across the district with a platform to showcase their talent. Addressing the gathering, Chadha said such events give students an opportunity to display their artistic abilities, creativity and cultural interests while interacting



with peers from other schools and sharing experiences. She said the district-level competition would encourage students to showcase their talent and participate more actively in cultural activities. Such activities play an important role in the all-round development of students by fostering self-confidence, creativity, discipline and a spirit of cooperation. She added that competitions also motivate students to refine their skills

and progress in life. Principal Vandana Sharma honoured the chief guest by presenting her with a shawl and traditional cap and thanked her for attending the event. Members of the District School Sports Association, Chamba, also felicitated Chadha with a memento. Chadha enjoyed the cultural performances presented by students and announced a contribution of Rs. 21,000 towards the promotion of cultural activities.

Una makes registration mandatory for private coaching centres

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, OCT 12

Private coaching centres in Himachal Pradesh’s Una district will have to register with the authorities by paying a fee of Rs 50,000, while the renewal fee has been fixed at Rs 25,000, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ishant Jaswal said on Monday. The registration certificate will remain valid for three years, and all eligible coaching centres must submit applications to the office of the Deputy Director of Higher Education, Una. Jaswal said the district-level committee would scrutinise applications as per the prescribed rules. Centres found deficient in essential facilities or other requirements may be given up to three months to rectify the shortcomings. He directed coaching centre operators to ensure adequate classroom space, proper lighting and ventilation, clean drinking water, toilets and fire safety arrangements. They must also maintain updated records of admissions, fees and attendance and ensure transparency in the charges collected from students. Registered centres will be required to obtain prior permission from the



competent authority before shifting their premises. The administration will conduct periodic inspections and examine complaints against coaching centres, he said. Violations of the prescribed rules may invite penalties or cancellation of registration, depending on the nature of the offence. Operators aggrieved by registration-related decisions can appeal to the competent authority under the prescribed procedure. Jaswal urged all coaching centre operators in the district to comply with the rules, emphasising student safety, adequate facilities and quality education.

Jairam Thakur accuses state govt of diverting tribal development funds

DINESH AGARWAL
KEYLONG, OCT 12

Former Himachal Pradesh chief minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur on Monday welcomed the establishment of an Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) centre for high-altitude medicine and public health research at Keylong, while accusing the Congress government of diverting funds meant for tribal development. Thakur attended the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the research centre, which was addressed by Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J P Nadda. Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, Mandi MP Kangana Ranaut and former MLA Ravi Thakur were also present. Thanking Nadda for the project, Thakur said the Centre, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s



leadership, had extended support to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh. He cited the establishment of four new medical colleges, the setting up of AIIMS in Bilaspur and a satellite centre of PGIMER in Una, besides the proposed research facility at Keylong, as key healthcare initiatives. The ICMR centre would help researchers study health conditions and diseases prevalent in high-altitude regions and contribute to improved

treatment and public health services, he said. Recalling ICMR’s contribution during the COVID-19 pandemic, Thakur expressed hope that the institute would address health challenges faced by residents living in the harsh climatic conditions of Lahaul-Spiti. He also said the Atal Tunnel had significantly improved connectivity in the tribal region, boosting tourism and creating employment opportunities for local residents.

Amb College student Varun Sharma wins Gold in HPU boxing championship

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, OCT 12

It is a matter of great pride and joy for Government College, Amb, that Mr. Varun Sharma, a second-year BA student, has brought laurels to the college by winning the gold medal in the Himachal Pradesh University Inter-College Boxing (Men’s) Championship. Dr. Pawan Patial, Professor of Physical Education, informed that the competition was held from October 5th to 8th, 2026, at Government College, Daulatpur Chowk. With this remarkable achievement, Varun Sharma has also been selected for the All India Inter-University Boxing Championship. Upon arrival at the college, Principal Prof. Darshan Kumar, along with all the



faculty and staff, warmly welcomed Mr. Varun Sharma, team manager Dr. Vijendra Jaswal, and Mr. Rajiv Sharma. This achievement brought joy and excitement to the entire college campus. On this occasion, Principal Prof. Darshan Kumar congratulated Varun Sharma on winning the gold medal and being selected for the All India Inter-University Championship. He also congratulated Varun’s parents, especially his father Rajiv Sharma, team manager Dr. Vijendra Jaswal, Rajesh Sharma, members of the Sports

Committee, and all the faculty and staff of the college for their support and contribution. The Principal praised Varun’s hard work, discipline, dedication, and outstanding performance, saying that such achievements inspire other students to participate in sports and achieve their goals. Wishing Varun the best of luck for the upcoming All India competition, he expressed hope that he would continue to excel in the future, bringing glory to Himachal Pradesh University and Government College, Amb.

Formation of School Management Committee in Govt Sr Sec School Naihariya



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A public meeting was held at the Government Senior Secondary School, Naiharia, within the Amb subdivision, to establish the School Management Committee (SMC). The meeting, chaired by the school’s principal, Parshuram, unanimously elected a new School Management Committee. At the meeting, Nirmal Singh was elected as the committee’s president, and Rakesh as its vice-president. Other members included Maya Devi, Rekha, Praveen Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Yash Chaudhary, Rajni Sharma, Shalin Dutta, and Gurmeet Singh. The meeting emphasized the role of the School Management Committee in school management, improving the academic environment, and overall development. Committee members were expected to promote the school’s academic activities and contribute to its development.

NEWS BRIEF

Health dept inspects food stalls and langars during Navratri fair at Chintpurni

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: The Health Department is inspecting food stalls, eateries and langars in Chintpurni to ensure that devotees are provided with safe and hygienic food during the Sharadiya Navratri fair. The department's team inspected food quality and hygiene arrangements across the fair area. Openly stored food items and the quality of cooking oil were also checked. During the inspections, shopkeepers, eatery owners and langar organisers were instructed not to use stale, rotten, expired or adulterated food items. Langar organisers were also directed to maintain cleanliness around drinking water sources and the areas where food is prepared and served. They were instructed to keep food items covered to prevent contamination. MHS Mohan Lal and other members of the Health Department team are conducting inspections across different sectors of the fair area.

Cricketer Suresh Raina Enamored by open vistas of Mcleodganj



SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: Indian cricketer Suresh Raina arrived in Mcleodganj late Sunday evening and enjoyed the chilly weather. Accompanied by his family, Raina shopped in the Mcleodganj market and posed for photographs with fans. He also enjoyed refreshments at the famous 'McLlo' restaurant in Dharamshala. Fans welcomed him warmly. Reports indicate that this was a purely private visit, intended for spending time with his family amidst the beautiful mountain landscapes. Raina, along with his mother, mother-in-law, and sister, also visited local temples. He remarked that Dharamshala is a favorite tourist destination of his—one he wishes to visit again and again. He added that the Dharamshala cricket stadium is the most beautiful in the world, offering a truly unique experience.

SC favours public awareness over firecracker ban, urges people to adopt safer practices

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, OCT 12

The Supreme Court on Monday called for a balance between public health concerns and religious sentiments while considering restrictions on firecrackers in Delhi-NCR, urging people to voluntarily adopt less polluting ways of celebrating festivals.A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana said it was not inclined to pass restrictive orders that could be difficult to enforce.“We will not hurt religious sentiments, but at the same time, people should themselves come forward and opt for it. The whole exercise should involve a balancing approach,” the CJI said, emphasising the need to make citizens aware of the health hazards of firecrackers.Justice Bagchi



questioned the religious basis for bursting crackers, prompting the amicus curiae to remark, “Gods would be aghast if they knew that children were suffering and getting sick in their name.”The amicus, senior advocate Aparajita Singh, cautioned that restrictions would remain ineffective without

proper enforcement, observing that it was “impossible for police officers to be in every street all the time”.

The CJI called for a practical approach, suggesting awareness campaigns, restrictions on highly polluting firecrackers and promotion of less harmful

alternatives.“We have to be extremely careful in passing an order unless we are in a position to make it manageable and enforceable,” CJI said.CJI further observed, “We have to make people wiser, bring awareness and tell them which firecrackers are harmful and which are less harmful. We should promote that kind of culture and persuade people to return to our original culture, where there were only sparklers and the lighting of lamps.”The bench also discussed measures to prevent stubble burning, with the Centre agreeing to file an updated status report on steps taken and future plans to tackle air pollution. The matter will be heard next on October 15.The apex court was hearing suo motu proceedings initiated by it on air pollution in Delhi-NCR, including firecrackers, crop residue burning and solid waste management.

Yogi govt budget for farmers three times more than that of Mayawati and Akhilesh govts: Agri Minister



YUGMARG BUREAU
LUCKNOW, OCT 12

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath provided relief assistance to more than 9 lakh farmers in the state affected by crop losses due to floods, excessive rainfall, hailstorms and cyclones. At a program organized in Gorakhpur, Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi said, “The Yogi government had opened its treasury for farmers. Previous governments, which called themselves sons of the soil and sons of farmers, had not done the expected work for farmers, whereas the Yogi government had spent more than three times the amount spent by them.”Shahi stat-

ed, "After forming the government in 2017, the first Cabinet meeting took the decision to waive loans worth Rs. 36,000 crore for 86 lakh farmers. The Mayawati government spent Rs. 10,207 crore on farmers, while the Akhilesh Yadav government spent approximately Rs. 12,000 crore. In comparison, the Yogi government has spent Rs. 69,163 crore on farmers so far."The Agriculture Minister said, "The Yogi government had ensured arrangements for the timely availability of seeds, electricity and adequate fertilizers to farmers. Last year, the state recorded a production of 752 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains, the highest ever."

CM Nayab Saini congratulates Hockey star Navneet Kaur

GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD, OCT 12

Indian women's hockey team's golden striker and Shahabad's daughter, Olympian Navneet Kaur, accompanied by Chairman Subhash Kalsana, met Chief Minister Nayab Saini at the Chief Minister's residence in Chandigarh. The Chief Minister congratulated Navneet Kaur for her outstanding performance in the Asian Games, bringing glory to the nation and blessed her with the promise of raising the tricolor for winning a gold medal for the country in the future. The Chief Minister also congratulated Navneet's father, Boota Singh, mother, Balwinder Kaur, and brother, Yuvraj Singh and noted that the family's sacrifice, support and values played a



significant role in her daughter's achievement.

Chief Minister Nayab Saini discussed with Navneet Kaur in detail the Indian women's hockey team's journey in the Asian Games. Navneet recounted her thrilling experiences from the first match to the final, the team's strategy, the players' coordination and their performances in crucial moments. The discussion also touched on the expansion of hockey. Navneet Kaur explained that she was the

only player representing Kurukshetra district in the Asian Games. She credited her success to her coach Baldev Singh. Subhash Kalsana said that Chief Minister Nayab Saini, while blessing the players said that the daughters of Haryana were bringing glory to the country on the international sports stage through their hard work, talent and determination. Navneet Kaur's achievement is an inspiration for the youth of the state, especially the daughters.

Mitti Foundation organises free eye check-up camp in Dhanaula

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, OCT 12

Mitti Foundation, Barnala, organized a free eye check-up camp at Gaushala, Dhanaula, today. Around 700 patients underwent eye examinations during the camp, and free medicines and spectacles were distributed to needy patients.During the camp, retired doctors Karamjit Singh and Suresh Rani, along with Dr. Bhupinder Singh, examined the patients and provided them with appropriate medical advice.Speaking to the media on the occasion, Mitti Foundation president and sitting Barnala Municipal Councillor Hemraj Garg said that this was the fifth eye check-up camp organized by



the foundation. Earlier, three camps had been held in Barnala and one in Jalore. Continuing this initiative, the fifth camp was organized at Gaushala, Dhanaula. Hemraj Garg stated that the foundation's primary objective is to provide spectacles to 10,000 women in Barnala district. He explained that many women experience difficulties in carrying out household chores due to weak eyesight. Providing spectacles to such women and making their daily lives easier is one of

the foundation's key objectives. Several prominent personalities attended the camp, including noted social worker Dr. Shankar Bansal of Dhanaula; Principal Garg district president rice industry association Barnala; renowned social worker Dr. Roop Chand Bansal and his son Dr. Rohit Bansal; Dhanaula rice industry association President Bony Bansal; President Dr. Bhushan Kumar Garg; social worker Ajay Kumar Kala; commission agent Makhan

Mittal; Praveen Kumar Bansal; Raman Kumar Rimpri, a commission agent from Dangarh; Advocate Vishal Bansal; and Gurdeep Bansal Mintu, among others. A large number of patients, senior citizens and women also attended the camp and availed themselves of the eye examination facilities. At the conclusion of the camp, Mitti Foundation president Hemraj Garg and all members of the organization expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the dignitaries, local residents and everyone who contributed to the successful organization of the camp. They also thanked all the patients, senior citizens and women who came forward to undergo eye examinations.

Employees of Haryana Skill Employment Corporation submit memorandum to Registrar of University

DALBIR SINGH MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, OCT 12

On Monday, the employees of Haryana Skill Employment Corporation working in Kurukshetra University, under the leadership of Haryana Skill Employment Corporation Union President Gurdeep Tanwar, submitted a memorandum to the University Registrar Dr. Virendra Pal in the name of the Chief Minister of Haryana. In this, they demanded from the government that like every year, the employees of Haryana Skill Employment Corporation, who were given a five percent salary hike, should be issued by the government as soon as possible so that the employees of Haryana Skill Employment Corporation



can get the increased salary during this festival season. After submitting the memorandum, Union President Gurdeep Tanwar told the journalists that although the government gives only a five percent salary hike to the employees of Skill Employment Corporation every year, which is like a drop in the ocean in today's inflationary times but the Haryana government has not issued the letter for that as well. They demanded from the government that this salary

hike is insufficient. Keeping in mind the interest of the employees, it should be increased from five percent to 25 percent so that the temporary employees can earn their livelihood properly. They also demanded from the government in the memorandum that due to the closure of the attendance portal of Kaushal Rojgar Nigam, the employees working in the university have not received their salary for the month of September.

Unique showcase of Nationwide Handicrafts at FICCI FLO Lucknow's 'Artisan Mela Season-3'

YUGMARG BUREAU
LUCKNOW, OCT 12

To promote Indian handicrafts, traditional arts, and the talent of artisans, FICCI FLO Lucknow—under the leadership of Chairperson Simran Sahni—organized ‘Artisan Mela Season-3’ at Khadi Bhawan in Dalibagh. Artisans and weavers from various states across the country showcased their traditional products and artworks at the fair. The initiative aims to foster self-reliance by providing artisans with market access, gaining recognition for their craft, and connecting them directly with customers.What began as a modest initiative has now evolved into a comprehensive platform. This edition features over 50 stalls, with artisans participating from states including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Odisha,



Kashmir, Punjab, Maharashtra, and Bengal. FICCI FLO Lucknow has provided exhibition space to the artisans free of charge, enabling them to reach customers and expand their businesses without incurring additional exhibition costs.Catering to Diwali and festive shopping needs, the fair offers a wide range of handicrafts and home décor products. The collection includes Lucknow's famous Chikanankari, blue pottery, Patola sarees, handloom products, jute items, Madhubani paintings, marble

décor, bone carvings, jewelry, block prints, home linen, candles, diyas (earthen lamps), bandhanwars (door hangings), recycled décor items, and honey, among others. A key highlight is that customers have the opportunity to purchase products featuring traditional crafts and local art at reasonable prices.To ensure the fair offers a festive experience rather than being limited to just shopping, arrangements have been made for entertainment programs, lucky draws, and food stalls.

Sports competitions provide excellent platform for youth to showcase talent: Surjit Singh



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Khajuri Rural Cricket Cup was organized in Khajuri village. Former Sarpanch and INLD leader Surjit Singh Bhura attended the event as chief guest and inaugurated tournament by cutting ribbon. Surjit Singh met players, boosted their morale, and urged them to remain actively involved in sports. Upon his arrival, organizing committee honored chief guest by presenting him with a memento.Surjit Singh remarked that organizing such sports competitions in rural areas provides an excellent platform for youth to showcase their talent. He noted that sports are not merely a means to maintain physical health; they also foster discipline, team spirit, leadership qualities and sense of brotherhood among the youth. He emphasized that young people should channel their energy in a positive direction and advance in fields of sports and education while staying away from social evils like drug abuse.He stated that there is no shortage of talent among rural youth in sports, including cricket.

108-day Mahamrityunjaya Spiritual Meditation being organised

PREETI SADHAURA: Under guidance of Dr. Manoj Kumar Vimal, 108-day Mahamrityunjaya Spiritual Meditation is being held to invoke Mahamrityunjaya Shakti, ultimate grace of Supreme Shiva Shakti for protection, peace and prosperity of world humanity, Mother Earth and our country India. Amidst global wars and inequality, natural disasters, increasing mental stress and growing instability in life, focusing on need to awaken light, positive energy, inner strength, spiritual consciousness and divine protective power within humanity, spiritual scientist, revered Dr. Manoj Kumar Vimal Ji, resolved to awaken light, power and spiritual consciousness. Divine conclusion of 108-day spiritual practice, which included Shaktipat, Om Sadhana, Mahaprana Reiki Sadhana, inner meditation, worship and consecration of Ardhnanarishvara form and 108-day Mahamrityunjaya spiritual practice at Divya Jyoti Sansthan, Patna and in online presence of seekers at centers across the country and abroad.For past five years, Dr. Vimal Ji has been continuously raising awareness among seekers about current circumstances through online mediums and personal interactions. His message has been that energy of present moment is pointing towards a major change, and this period could be a significant test for common man. In such times, not only external resources are essential, but also presence of light, power, positive consciousness and spiritual strength within oneself.



70% of CM-announced works in Samalkha completed: MLA

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, OCT 12

Around 70% of the works announced by the Chief Minister for Samalkha assembly constituency have been completed, while the remaining projects are held up due to land acquisition and disputes, MLA Manmohan Bhadana said.

He said efforts were underway to resolve the pending issues and the completed development projects would be inaugurated soon. The Samalkha bypass project, he added, requires the acquisition of some land, while one or two other projects are delayed due to disputes.

Bhadana said he was



regularly visiting villages and meeting residents to hear their grievances, besides standing by them in times of need. He also said he had been inspecting grain markets to ensure farmers faced no difficulties during procurement.

The MLA claimed that greater transparency in the procurement process had strengthened farmers' confidence in the BJP government. Earlier, farmers

often complained of deductions over the weight and quality of their produce, but such issues were being addressed, he said.

Bhadana said BJP legislators were visiting mandis to monitor procurement arrangements and ensure that farmers received fair treatment. He described the move as an important step towards safeguarding farmers' interests.

DPS Yamunanagar organises inter-play school dance competition 'Dhoom Dhamaka 2026'

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 12

Delhi Public School (DPS), Yamunanagar, organised the inter-play school dance competition 'Dhoom Dhamaka 2026' on Sunday, celebrating the joy of dance, rhythm and expression among young performers. The event was attended by school Director Hitesh Garg and Principal Purnima Wadhwa, along with principals of participating play schools. The programme commenced with a tilak ceremony, a green welcome and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. DPS students presented Durga Stuti, followed by Ganesh Vandana by Little Millennium Play School. Young performers from Little



Kingdom, Cambridge Montessori (Barara), Little Wings, Mother Trust, Arya Public School, Little Learners, Anand Public School and DPS Yamunanagar captivated the audience with colourful and energetic dance performances. In the Tiny Tots category, Little Wings Play School secured the first position, while Cambridge Montessori Play School, Barara, was declared the first runner-up and Little

Kingdom Play School the second runner-up. Arya Public School and Anand Public School also secured first positions in their respective categories. In the Inter-Academy Dance Competition, Folk to Fusion Dance Studio bagged the first position, while Veena Dance Academy secured the second position. The event provided a vibrant platform for young children to showcase their talent, creativity and confidence through dance.

Government cracks down on drug trafficking

71 drug cartels identified, 6,824 accused arrested and properties worth Rs. 19.52 crore attached in nine months

YUGMARG BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, OCT 12

The Haryana Government is focusing on strengthening cyber investigations, monitoring the financial activities of drug cartels, curbing the misuse of medicines and chemicals, and expediting prosecution to make the campaign against drug trafficking more effective. Accordingly, the state's strategy is being strengthened in line with the national framework for drug control being prepared for 2026-29.

These initiatives were reviewed at a high-level meeting of the Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB), chaired by Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi here today.

Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Sh. Sudhir Rajpal said that Union Home Minister Sh. Amit Shah had recently set an ambitious target for the states. He said that, just as terrorism and Naxalism had been eliminated in the country, efforts must be made to eradicate the drug trade as well. This would require a time-bound, multi-pronged strategy.



HSNCB Chairman Sanjay Kumar informed the meeting that 71 drug cartels had been identified in the state and action was underway to dismantle their networks. A specialised unit is being developed to investigate drug trafficking through the dark web and transactions involving cryptocurrency. A cyber expert has also been engaged to strengthen expertise in cyber investigations. He said that,

alongside conventional police action, special emphasis was being placed on tracing illicit proceeds from drug trafficking, identifying organised trafficking networks, and strengthening coordination among the police, prosecution and regulatory agencies.

The ADGP informed the meeting that Haryana Police registered 3,809 cases under the NDPS Act and arrested 6,824 accused between January and September 2026. Compared with the corresponding period last year, the number of cases increased by 39.93 per cent and arrests by 26.53 per cent. During January–September 2025, 2,722 cases had been registered and 5,393 accused arrested. Cases involving commercial quantities increased from 346 to 380, while cases involving intermediate quantities rose from 1,887 to 2,844, registering an increase of 50.72 per cent.

Regarding action against properties linked to drug trafficking, he stated that properties worth 19.52 crore had been attached in 113 cases between January and September 2026. During the corresponding period last year, properties worth 5.92 crore had been attached in 49 cases. Thus, the

value of attached properties increased by 229.72 per cent, while the number of property attachment cases rose by 130.61 per cent.

The state has set an annual target of attaching properties worth 30 crore, against which properties worth 19.52 crore have already been attached. In addition, proposals concerning properties worth 15.09 crore are under consideration by the competent authority. From 2007 to September 2026, properties worth a total of 86.52 crore had been attached in 318 cases involving 534 affected persons.

HSNCB Chairman Sanjay Kumar further informed the meeting that, from 2022 to September 2026, 176 unauthorised or illegally occupied properties linked to 167 drug traffickers had been demolished. A specialised Financial Investigation Cell has been established at the Bureau's headquarters to strengthen financial investigations in narcotics cases involving commercial quantities. Under this initiative, 139 police personnel have received training through four specialised training courses.

Excessive desire for respect from others is a major cause of suffering: Swami Gyananand



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI, OCT 12

Gita scholar and Mahamandaleswar Swami Gyananand Ji received a warm welcome upon arriving at the residence of BJP leader Shiv Nath Kapoor.

In his brief address, Swami Gyananand identified jealousy and ego as major causes of stress, distress, anxiety and suffering in a person's life. He said the meaningful way to overcome these emotions was to seek refuge in God and imbibe the teachings of the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita.

After completing a five-day tour aimed at promoting the Gita and Sanatan Dharma among people, Swami Gyananand said he was deeply impressed by the faith that non-resident Indians continued to have in their religion, saints and scriptures.

He said religious scriptures not only cautioned people against harmful tendencies but also offered solutions to their problems. Excessive desire for recognition and respect, coupled with an ego-driven outlook, could prevent a person from attaining happiness, he

added.

Swami Gyananand said that rather than focusing on changing others or seeking revenge, people should work on transforming themselves, as this was one of the most effective ways to overcome problems.

Referring to the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, he said that associating with people driven by greed, arrogance and jealousy, like Duryodhana, could lead to destructive consequences, while following the path of righteousness, as exemplified by Krishna and the Pandavas, could lead to victory. He added that a positive and righteous outlook could help people overcome many of life's difficulties and lead happier lives. Swami Gyananand also urged people to adopt healthy habits and disciplined lifestyles throughout the year, rather than making changes to their food and daily routines only during the nine days of Navratri. Such practices, he said, could contribute to lasting well-being and happiness. On the occasion, he congratulated Shiv Nath Kapoor's son Naveen Kapoor and Anjali on their marriage and blessed the couple, wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

Traders celebrate Haryana minister Dr Arvind Sharma's birthday in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 12

Traders in Sarafa Bazaar celebrated the birthday of Haryana Cabinet Minister Dr Arvind Sharma by distributing sweets on the occasion. Earlier, a cake-cutting ceremony was held at Shri Ram Jewellers, the establishment of Kishore Nagpal, a close supporter of the minister.

The traders prayed for Dr Arvind Sharma's long life and continued good health. Celebrations were accompanied by drumbeats, while office-bearers of the Sarafa Association, Swarnkar Sangh, Karn Gate Association and District Vyapar Mandal exchanged laddoos and distributed sweets among passers-by.

On the occasion, Kishore Nagpal said Dr Arvind Sharma had a special place in the



hearts of the people of Karnal. He added that the cabinet minister was working to promote tourism across Haryana and facilitate the implementation of public-friendly policies in departments under his ministry.

Nagpal described Sharma as an approachable leader with an unblemished image and said such leaders could serve as an inspiration to

those involved in politics.

Those present included former Indri Block Samiti chairman Rishipal Kamboj, former chairman Sumer Kamboj, Kishore Nagpal, Kamal Gupta, Boota Ram Dheer, Ravi Chaudhary, Pradeep Nagpal, Nand Lal, Vicky Chopra, Bobby, Raman Gupta, Vikram Verma, Nandtu, Prakash Bansal, Hansraj Kapoor and Pawan.

Mayor leads women's delegation from Karnal to Delhi for Nari Shakti march

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 12

A large group of women, led by Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, left for Delhi on Monday to participate in the BJP Mahila Morcha's 'Nari Shakti Hunkar March'. The group departed from the BJP office, Karn Kamal, amid considerable enthusiasm for the programme. The women raised slogans, demonstrating their unity and reiterating their commitment to the organisation and service to the nation.

Addressing the participants before their departure, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta described the women's participation as a symbol of the unity of women's power. She said women had established their distinct identity in society through struggle and hard work. Women's empowerment, she added, meant ensuring equal opportunities in terms of rights, dignity and participation in decision-making.

Gupta emphasised the need for women's participation in decision-making.



to strengthen women's voices and encourage their active participation in social and political activities. Targeting the Opposition, she said issues such as women's rights and empowerment should be addressed with concrete ideas and a positive approach rather than being

politicised.

She said women were aware of their rights and capable of expressing their views through democratic means. Any mindset that undermined women's participation, she added, should be countered through collective action.

The mayor urged women to participate actively in organisational activities and strengthen their role in nation-building. The delegation travelling to Delhi under her leadership reaffirmed its commitment to actively participating in the 'Nari Shakti Hunkar March'.

BJP district president Praveen Lather and former chairperson Nirmal Bairagi were also present on the occasion. Organisational unity and women's participation remained the focus of the gathering.

Poetry symposium organised in Karnal to mark Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Navchetna Manch and Shri Khatu Shyam Kirtan Mandal organised a poetry symposium at Golden Moments, Sector 12, Karnal, to mark Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti. Renowned poets Surendra Sharma, Arun Jain, Chirag Jain, Manisha Shukla, Gaurav Sharma, Vishnu Saxena and Shambhu Shikhar recited humorous poems and satirical verses on contemporary issues facing the country. Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan and Uttar Pradesh Minister of State Kapil Dev Agarwal attended the event as chief guests. Special guests included Navchetna Manch president SP Chauhan, MLA Jagmohan Anand, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, MP's representative Kavindra Rana and Virendra Chauhan. Through their engaging performances, the poets had the audience bursting into laughter while also encouraging them to reflect on social and national issues. The poems, rich in humour, satire and patriotic fervour, made the event memorable. Alongside light-hearted verses, the poets offered satirical commentary on contemporary affairs, social conditions and issues affecting everyday life. Renowned poet Surendra Sharma entertained the audience with his distinctive humorous style. His performance blended simple language, life experiences and humour drawn from everyday situations. Arun Jain also captivated the audience with his powerful delivery and satirical approach. Chief guests Harvinder Kalyan and Kapil Dev Agarwal extended their greetings on Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti and urged people to follow the ideals and path shown by Maharaja Agrasen. Senior journalist and PRO in the Haryana Assembly Sandeep Sahil, Krishna Arora, Naresh Barana, Mahesh Sharma, Ankur Gupta, Akash Gupta, Akshat Gupta, Ashish Gupta, Rajat Garg, Vipin Gupta, Amit Mittal, Manish Bansal, Karn Bansal, Sarthak Mittal, Pradeep Agarwal, Gagan Jindal and Harish Goyal, among others, were also present.



AVNI SHARMA
GUHLA/CHEEKA

A training programme for primary teachers was launched in the Guhla block under the Nipun Haryana Mission. Block Education Officer Narendra Dixit inaugurated the event. Programme Nodal Officer and Principal Sanjay Gupta, Ashok Kumar, and Block Nipun Coordinator Sunil Dutt were present on the occasion. The training aims to improve the quality of education at the primary level by familiarising teachers with modern teaching methodologies. Block Education Officer Narendra Dixit stated that two batches have been formed for the first phase of training, covering a total of 78 primary teachers. The training will provide information on innovative and child-centric teaching techniques to effectively impart foundational literacy and numeracy skills. The primary



objective is to develop students' basic capabilities in reading, writing, comprehension, and mathematics.

He urged the teachers to attend the training regularly and participate actively in all activities. He emphasised that the techniques and innovations learned during the training should be implemented in schools so that students receive education tailored to their learning potential. He noted the importance of monitoring each child's progress

and designing teaching activities according to their specific needs. Narendra Dixit stated that play-based and activity-based teaching should be promoted in classrooms to foster an interest in learning among children. Special attention should be paid to students who require extra assistance with learning. He directed that a record of student progress be maintained through regular assessment processes and that remedial teaching be arranged as needed. He clarified that the

objective of the training is not merely to impart information to teachers but to bring about a positive change in their teaching practices. This will help improve students' foundational competencies and achieve the goals set by the 'Nipun Haryana Mission'.

Block Nipun Coordinator Sunil Dutt stated that it is essential for teachers' knowledge and skills to evolve with the times. He remarked that just as software is updated periodically, teachers too must continuously improve their teaching methods and skills. He urged teachers to foster curiosity, self-confidence, and enthusiasm for learning among students. The event was attended by Kuldeep Nain, Harman Singh, Mohit Sehgal, Satish Kumar, Sandeep Seeda, ABRC Karamchand, Surjit Singh, Beyant Kaur, Rekha Rani, Manddeep Rani, Pramod Sharma, Seema Rani, BRP Nidhi Jain, and Sanu, along with other teachers.

Police restrictions will not dampen Congress workers' morale: Parag Gaba

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 12

Congress workers from Karnal, led by District Congress Committee (Urban) president Parag Gaba, headed towards Delhi following a call by Rahul Gandhi and senior party leaders, including former Haryana chief minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda, MP Deepender Singh Hooda, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee president Rao Narendra Singh and state in-charge Sanjay Dutt.

During the journey, the workers allegedly faced repeated police checks, with vehicles stopped at several locations and details such as registration numbers and the names of party workers recorded. Despite these interruptions, Gaba said the workers remained determined to reach Delhi and raise their concerns. "However authoritarian the government may become, or however many obstacles the police may create along the way, Congress workers will not retreat. We stand shoulder to shoulder with Rahul Gandhi and our senior leadership. We are determined to reach Delhi, raise the people's voice and continue our struggle to protect democracy," Gaba said.



He said vehicles were stopped and checked soon after the group left the Congress office, with registration numbers and the names of workers noted. Similar checks were allegedly carried out at the Gharaunda toll plaza, where vehicle number plates and other details were also examined. Gaba claimed that repeated stops and checks caused considerable delays and alleged that the exercise was intended to weaken the Congress protest and prevent party workers from reaching Delhi. Gaba said protesting and raising concerns over government policies were democratic rights of every citizen. Referring to barricades and restrictions imposed during democratic protests by the Congress and other Opposition parties in Delhi, he argued that preventing people from expressing their views peacefully was unjustified.

Vidya Devi Jindal School brings the science of stainless steel to the classroom through interactive industry session

YUGMARG BUREAU
HISAR: Vidya Devi Jindal School, supported by Jindal Stainless, organised an interactive knowledge session on 'Stainless Steel - The metal that refuses to rust and the chemistry behind it' for students of Classes XI and XII Science, connecting classroom concepts with their practical applications in the stainless steel industry. Conducted in collaboration with the Hisar plant of Jindal Stainless, the session gave students an opportunity to the fundamentals of stainless steel connecting the class room fundamentals to industry scale manufacturing. The session was led by Associate General Manager - Research & Development, Jindal Stainless, Dr Aramb Kundu. Drawing on his experience in industrial research and stainless steel manufacturing, Dr Kundu connected concepts from the students' science curriculum with their applications in material development and manufacturing processes. The session covered fundamental concepts including the atomic structure, periodic table, alloys, oxidation, corrosion and material properties. Students learnt how the addition of chromium transforms steel into stainless steel and how the protective chromium oxide layer gives the material its corrosion resistance. The discussion also introduced students to the four major families of stainless steel - austenitic, ferritic, martensitic and duplex - and their applications across sectors such as healthcare, railways, automobiles, architecture, food processing and chemical industries. Speaking on the occasion, Principal, Vidya Devi Jindal School, Ms Naina Dhillon, said, "Our endeavour is to help students see their classroom learning in the context of the world around them."



BJP Mahila Morcha stages protest over allegations involving JNU students

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 12

The BJP Mahila Morcha staged a protest march to the Congress headquarters in Delhi on Monday over an alleged sexual harassment case involving female students of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Karnal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta participated in the demonstration, which was led by BJP state president Dr Archana Gupta.

The women leaders and party workers demanded an impartial investigation, action in accordance with the law and accountability from the Congress leadership in connection with the allegations.

Raising slogans during the march, the protesters called on Congress leaders to clarify their position on the matter. They also demanded a response from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. The demonstration focused on women's safety, dignity and the accountability of political parties in cases involving such serious allegations.

During the protest, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta said an impartial investigation and action in accordance with the law must



remain the priority in serious cases concerning women's dignity and safety. She said political parties should make their positions clear and avoid applying double standards on matters involving justice for women.

Referring to initiatives undertaken under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership to promote women's participation and empowerment, Gupta said the commitment to women's dignity and safety must also be reflected in practice. She called for an impartial investigation into the case and action based on the facts.

EDITORIAL

Saudi-led coalition steps up operations against Yemen's Houthis

Saudi-led coalition forces have destroyed three Houthi rocket launch platforms as fighting intensifies along Yemen's western Red Sea coast and near the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait,coalition spokesperson Turki Al-Maliki said on Saturday. "We destroyed 3 rocket launch platforms used by the Houthi militia to threaten regional security," Al-Maliki said in a post on Friday, adding that attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure would be met with resolve. The operations highlight military coordination between Saudi Arabia and Yemen's internationally recognised government amid growing concerns over regional security and the safety of shipping through Bab al-Mandab, a key maritime chokepoint linking the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. Yemeni government forces have also taken control of the Bab al-Mandab area and Mayun Island after clearing the region media reported citing military sources. Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, told the United Nations Security Council categorically that it would not allow Yemen to "become a base for attacks against its territory or threats to maritime navigation."

"The Kingdom affirms that it will not allow Yemen to be turned into a staging ground for threats to its security or to the freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and Bab Al-Mandab Strait," Saudi Arabia's Permanent Representative to the UN, Abdulaziz Alwasil, told an emergency meeting of the council. Alwasil reaffirmed Riyadh's right to defend its sovereignty and citizens while reiterating its commitment to a political settlement in Yemen. He accused the Houthis of rejecting diplomatic initiatives in favour of military escalation and urged the Security Council to enforce relevant resolutions, including the arms embargo on the group. His remarks followed reported attacks on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh on Thursday that killed three Saudi nationals, including Saudia Airlines pilot Captain Hamoud bin Ali Alkalthami, and injured several others. Saudi aviation authorities said the attacks targeted airport facilities and an aircraft belonging to the national carrier, causing damage and disrupting flights. Those injured included residents of several nationalities. Saudi officials have also cited a series of reported Houthi attacks in recent weeks targeting Riyadh, Abha, Khamis Mushayt, Jazan and Najran. Earlier an attempted attack on Makkah on September 15 and a September 29 strike on the Taiba electricity distribution station in Madinah also took place. Alwasil warned that Houthi operations threatened Saudi security as well as commercial shipping, energy supplies and international trade. He also said external military and technical support had strengthened the group's capabilities, contributing to instability in Yemen and the wider region.

UPI MDR may push costs onto consumers despite surcharge ban



The revised fee framework for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions could indirectly burden consumers through higher retail prices, even as merchants are barred from directly passing on the charges, a technical report by professors at IIT Bombay has warned, calling for changes to the proposed model.The report estimates that the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) framework could generate around Rs 18,000 crore annually for payment service providers.

However, it argues that businesses may incorporate the additional expense into their general selling prices to protect profit margins,

potentially making even customers undertaking transactions below Rs 2,000 bear part of the cost.“UPI may lose public trust if it is floated as per the presently proposed MDR framework,” the report said, adding that the framework must be “tweaked and rationalised before implementation”.

Under the revised framework, merchant payments above Rs 2,000 can attract an MDR of up to 0.40 per cent, capped at Rs 300 per transaction. Person-to-person transfers and merchant payments up to Rs 2,000 remain free.Certain essential-sector transactions attract a flat fee of Rs 5, while capital market transactions carry a

charge of 0.02 per cent, subject to a Rs 300 cap.Using August 2026 data, the report estimates that merchant UPI transactions were worth nearly Rs 9 lakh crore, of which around Rs 6 lakh crore involved payments above Rs 2,000. Assuming an effective average MDR of 0.25 per cent, it projects monthly revenue of Rs 1,500 crore.The report also flags an existing burden on UPI users at outlets that accept credit cards. It estimates that the cost of credit card merchant fees indirectly borne by users of UPI, debit cards and cash could have reached Rs 26,000 crore in FY26.Since merchants generally maintain common prices across payment

methods, these customers may end up subsidising the rewards and benefits offered to credit card users, it said.

Questioning the need to impose additional charges on digital payments, the report estimates that banks earned a net interest margin of Rs 4.84 lakh crore from current and savings account deposits in FY26. It argues that banks should contribute around 3 per cent of this income, or about Rs 15,000 crore annually, towards sustaining UPI infrastructure.

The report also highlighted the contrast between charging for digital payments and maintaining free ATM withdrawals, despite the high cost of currency management.

They have called for exempting debt collection and loan repayment transactions from MDR, citing the risk of increasing the cost of digital repayments, particularly for microfinance borrowers.

The report recommends restricting charges to online merchants and businesses with annual turnover above Rs 50 crore, capping percentage-based MDR at Rs 40 and directing revenue towards the continued expansion and security of UPI.The report further said a more targeted framework could support UPI's next phase of growth while keeping consumers at the centre of the digital payments system.

Rural households optimistic about economic outlook



Rural households are optimistic about their economic prospects over the next year, although sentiment has declined across most economic indicators amid growing concerns over inflation, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest Rural Consumer Confidence Survey.Consumer confidence among rural and semi-urban households weakened in September 2026 while inflation perceptions and expectations rose despite households remaining optimistic about the year ahead, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest Rural Consumer Confidence

Survey. The survey indicated a moderation in consumer sentiment across most parameters, with spending being the only exception.“The Current Situation Index (CSI) has moderated to 90.6 with softening of sentiments in most of the survey parameters, barring spending,” the RBI said.As per the survey, rural households are still positive about their economic situation over the next 12 months. Future Expectations Index (FEI) remained in the optimistic zone, although it moderated compared with the previous survey round.

The FEI is a forward-looking economic indicator that measures

consumer or business optimism regarding future economic conditions over a specific upcoming period.“The year ahead outlook as captured by the Future Expectations Index (FEI) remained in the optimistic zone with some easing from the previous survey round to 112.8,” it said.

The survey also highlighted rising inflation concerns among rural households. Rural households' perception of current inflation rose by 70 basis points to 6.8 per cent, while their inflation expectations for the next year increased by 50 basis points to 7.9 per cent.“Current inflation4 perception and year ahead expectation among rural households increased by 70 basis points (bps) and 50 bps to 6.8 per cent and 7.9 per cent, respectively, in this survey round,” it said.

The RBI released the September 2026 round of its bi-monthly Rural Consumer Confidence Survey, conducted between September 10 and 20. The survey covered 8,799 respondents across rural and semi-urban areas in all Indian states and three major Union Territories.It captures households' perceptions of current economic conditions compared with a year earlier and their expectations for the next year.The survey assesses the general economic situation, employment conditions.

India's quick commerce growth set to accelerate, food delivery to remain steady



India's quick commerce sector is expected to see faster net order value (NOV) growth, while food delivery platforms are likely to maintain steady momentum according to an Emkay report.

According to the report, India's quick commerce sector is witnessing consolidation, with net order value (NOV) growth for leading platforms expected to accelerate to as much as 21.6 per cent quarter-on-quarter in Q2FY27, as higher minimum order values and reduced discounts at some platforms shift demand towards competitors.“We see NOV growth of quick commerce (Qcom) companies accelerating,” it said. Meanwhile, the food delivery segment is expected to maintain steady growth of around 18 per cent year-on-year in order value. “As we step into the festive season (3Q), we expect competition to intensify,” it further noted,

adding, “Food Delivery should maintain momentum – ~18% NOV growth and a sustained margin trajectory.”At the same time,

Emkay said, India's fintech sector is expected to witness steady revenue growth and improving profitability in Q2FY27, supported by

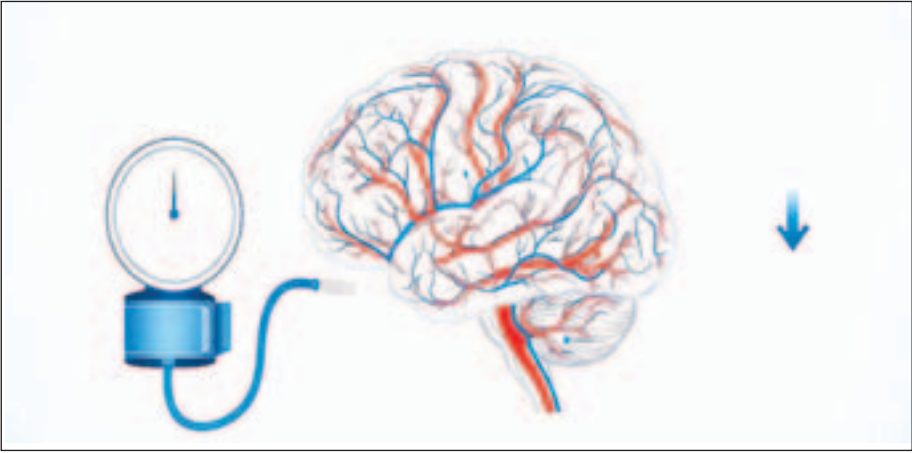
operating leverage, even as the shift in festive-season spending to the third quarter could weigh on year-on-year payment revenue growth.

“Payment companies will see an impact, with the FY27 festive period shifting to 3Q vs 2Q and 3Q in Fy26,” it said.Meanwhile, the implementation of merchant discount rates (MDR) on UPI transactions from October 15 is expected to remain a crucial factor for the sector; it said. Under the new framework announced by the government and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), a 0.4 per cent merchant discount rate (MDR) will be levied from October 15 on certain UPI person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions exceeding Rs 2,000. The charge will be capped at Rs 300 for transactions of Rs 75,000 and above, while person-to-person (P2P) transfers, merchant payments up to Rs 2,000 and transactions involving eligible small merchants under the zero-MDR framework will remain exempt.

Hypertension affects brain much earlier than expected

Hypertension may impair the brain far earlier than previously understood -- even before a measurable rise in blood pressure occurs -- according to a new preclinical study from Weill Cornell Medicine. The changes help explain why hypertension is a major risk factor for developing cognitive disorders, such as vascular cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease. The study reveals that hypertension triggers early gene expression changes in individual brain cells, which may interfere with cognitive functions such as thinking and memory. The findings may lead to medications that both reduce blood pressure and prevent cognitive decline.Patients with hypertension have a 1.2

to 1.5-fold higher risk of developing cognitive disorders than people without the condition, but exactly why is not understood. While many current hypertension medications successfully lower high blood pressure, they often show little or no effect on brain function. This suggests blood vessel changes could cause damage independently of the elevated pressure associated with hypertension."We found that the major cells responsible for cognitive impairment were affected just three days after inducing hypertension in mice--before blood pressure increased," said senior author Dr. Costantino Iadecola, director of the Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute, professor of neuroscience



and Anne Parrish Titzell Professor of Neurology at Weill Cornell. "The bottom line is something beyond the dysregulation of blood pressure is involved."Dr. Anthony Pacholko, postdoctoral associate in neuroscience at Weill Cornell, co-led the work. In previous work, Dr.

Iadecola's team found that hypertension affects the function of neurons globally, but recent innovations in single-cell technologies have allowed them to zero in on what is happening in the different types of cells in the brain at the molecular level.To induce hypertension in mice, the

researchers administered the hormone angiotensin, which raises blood pressure, thereby mimicking the condition in humans. Then, they examined how different types of brain cells were affected three days later (before blood pressure increased) and after 42 days (when blood

pressure was high and cognition was impaired).At day three, gene expression dramatically changed in three cell types: endothelial cells, interneurons and oligodendrocytes. Endothelial cells, which line the internal surface of blood vessels, aged prematurely with lower energy metabolism and higher senescence markers. The researchers also observed early signs of a weakened blood-brain barrier, which regulates the influx of nutrients into the brain and keeps out harmful molecules. Interneurons, brain cells that regulate the balance of excitatory and inhibitory nerve signals, were damaged, leading to an imbalance between inhibition and excitation like that seen in Alzheimer's disease.In

addition, oligodendrocytes that enrobe nerve fibers with myelin did not properly express genes responsible for their maintenance and replacement. Without enough oligodendrocytes to maintain the health of the myelin sheath, neurons eventually lose the ability to communicate with each other, which is critical for cognitive function. Even more gene expression changes were observed at day 42, coinciding with cognitive decline."The extent of the early alterations induced by hypertension was quite surprising," Dr. Pacholko said. "Understanding how hypertension affects the brain at the cellular and molecular levels during the earliest stages of the disease may provide clues to finding ways that can potentially block

neurodegeneration."An anti-hypertensive drug already in clinical use called losartan inhibits the angiotensin receptor. "In some human studies, the data suggest that the angiotensin receptor inhibitors may be more beneficial to cognitive health than other drugs that lower blood pressure," Dr. Iadecola said. In additional experiments, losartan reversed the early effects of hypertension on endothelial cells and interneurons in the mouse model."Hypertension is a leading cause of damage to the heart and the kidneys, that can be prevented by antihypertensive drugs. So independent of cognitive function, treating high blood pressure is a priority," Dr. Iadecola said.

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan and Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan, Municipal Corporation launched a special cleanliness drive in areas of Bank Colony, Golden Puri and Neelkamal School in Ward Nos. 21 and 22. Mayor Suman Bahmani, BJP District General Secretary Narendra Singh, Ward Councillors Manjit Kaur and Ruchi Sharma, Chief Sanitation Inspector Amit



Kamboj and Sanitation Inspector Pradeep Dahiya launched drive by sweeping. Mayor

himself used a hoe to clear grass and dirt growing on roadside. During drive, public representatives and corporation employees encouraged people to be aware of cleanliness. During drive, Municipal Corporation team and local residents cleaned various areas. Collected waste was sent for proper disposal. Residents were also encouraged to maintain cleanliness around them and avoid littering in public places.

There was no electricity under the SP government, but bills arrived- Now farmers receive electricity without bills: CM

YUGMARG BUREAU
GORAKHPUR, OCT 12

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday provided Rs. 493 crore in financial assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) as an agricultural input subsidy to farmers affected by floods, excessive rainfall, hailstorms, and cyclones in Gorakhpur. On this occasion, CM stated, "Over the past week, crops have suffered extensive damage across the state. There have also been casualties and loss of livestock at several places. Within just 8 to 10 days, the double-engine government has made arrangements to provide compensation to our food providers, farmers, for damage to their crops, houses and livestock." Taking a dig at the SP government that ruled before 2017, CM remarked, "Back then, electricity did not come, but the bills did. Now, the situation has changed. Now, the food provider farmer does not receive an electricity bill, but electricity is available." CM stated, "Today, Rs. 493 crore is being transferred directly to the bank accounts of 9,18,091 farmers in the state. This is part of the government's



efforts, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, to bring prosperity into the lives of our food provider farmers. This year, during the monsoon season alone, approximately Rs. 1,000 crore has already been provided to disaster-affected farmers and citizens across the state." CM Yogi stated, "Those whose houses have been damaged by excessive rainfall, cyclones and floods have been provided additional assistance of Rs. 1.20 lakh under Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana. This amount is not included in the Rs. 493

crore provided as crop damage assistance; it is being given separately. Instructions have been issued to provide immediate housing under Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana to those whose houses have been completely washed away or destroyed. Compensation is also being provided as per the rules for partially damaged houses. Arrangements have also been made to assist with livestock loss. In the event of any loss of human life, instructions have been issued to assist Rs. 4 lakh to the affected family within 24 hours." CM stated,

"Farmers in districts whose survey reports based on the Digital Crop Survey have been received by government have been provided immediate assistance. This amount is reaching our food-provider farmers' bank accounts directly through DBT. We have also ensured that no middlemen are involved in the disbursement of assistance and that the money reaches farmers directly. If assistance of Rs. 25,000 has been approved for a farmer, entire Rs. 25,000 will be transferred directly to the farmer's account." CM Yogi stated, "During Congress government's tenure, Rajiv Gandhi himself had said that the government sends Rs. 100, but by the time it reaches the ground, only Rs. 15 remains. Congress and SP leaders used to eat up the money along the way. Now, assistance provided by Prime Minister or Chief Minister reaches the beneficiaries' accounts directly. No middleman can siphon off any money in between. Today, the government is giving Rs. 493 crore to our food-producing farmers as compensation so they can get relief during this difficult time.

Nayab govt stands with farmers, every grain of paddy to be procured: Shyam Singh Rana

**SANJAY SHARMA/
RANVIR PARASHAR**
KAITHAL, OCT 12

Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and Fisheries Minister Shyam Singh Rana said the state government stands firmly with farmers and will procure every grain of their produce. He said crops would not be left out even if farmers record yields above the prescribed average, and such produce would also be procured at the stipulated minimum support price (MSP). For this, the concerned farmers will have to submit complete details of their produce in writing to the mandi secretary. The information will be verified through a district-level committee and entered into official records. The Agriculture Minister visited various grain markets in Kaithal district on Monday to review paddy procurement, lifting, payments and other



arrangements. During his visit, he inspected the procurement process at grain markets in Dhand, Pundri, Pai, Rajaund, Kalayat, Kaithal and other locations. He interacted with farmers and commission agents to hear their grievances. He also inspected heaps of paddy and had the moisture content checked using moisture meters. Pundri MLA Satpal Jamba accompanied him during the visit. The Agriculture Minister directed officials of the procurement agencies to ensure that procurement operations continued smoothly and in accordance

with the prescribed rules. He said paddy containing 17 per cent moisture should be procured immediately. Once a farmer's crop has been auctioned, the availability of gunny bags must be ensured. He also directed officials to maintain cleanliness in the mandis, deploy adequate staff for issuing gate passes and keep all registers and records updated. Payments for farmers' produce must be transferred to their bank accounts within the stipulated time. He warned that negligence in procurement or lifting would not be tolerated.

SDM Rajesh Kumar Soni listens to public problems in resolution camp



KARAMBIR
LADWA: SDM Rajesh Kumar Soni stated that the problems of the citizens of the Ladwa Assembly constituency are heard in detail at the resolution camp and action is taken as per the rules to resolve them. They are brought to the attention of the concerned officer and immediately forwarded for resolution. On Monday, SDM Rajesh Kumar Soni personally visited Chhapra village to review the complaints received at the resolution camp and the complaint related to Ladwa city was referred to the Municipal Corporation's Chief Executive Officer. SDM Rajesh Kumar Soni was hearing complaints received at the Sub-Divisional Officer's office on Monday. He stated that if anyone has a problem related to the family identity card, such as correcting family income, removing or adding a family member's name, or any other land-related issues, such as electricity, water the application is submitted to the concerned officer present on the spot, so that immediate action can be taken to resolve the issue. Apart from this, any pension related case, such as old age pension, widow pension, disability pension is also processed with immediate effect.

KK Blossoms, Solan awarded 'Best School Delegation' in two-day MUM-2026



ARVIND KUMAR
SAMALKHA: Delhi Public School (DPS) Panipat City hosted a two-day "Iranian Model United Nations (MUN) 2026" conference. Students, teachers, and coordinators from schools across various states participated in the conference. Distinguished educationist Jyoti Dagar served as the chief guest. The ceremony began with School Head Sonia Tomar and Vice Principal Abha Vishad welcoming the Chief Guest, Principal Advisor Rahul Menon, EB Panel members (Garima Rajpal, Ishmeet, Aditya Das), and teachers. This was followed by the lighting of lamps and captivating cultural performances by the students. MUN Coordinator Hrithik Jindal explained that "Iraini" means peace, symbolizing harmony and dialogue. A "Bhakti Raag Radha Ke Sang" bhajan evening and a "Garba Gala" were also organized to entertain the delegates. During the two-day conference, young people showcased their outstanding insights on global challenges, international diplomacy, leadership skills and debate. At the closing ceremony K.K. Blossoms Solan, Himachal Pradesh, was awarded the "Best School Delegation Award" for its outstanding performance. School Head Sonia Tomar, Vice Principal Abha Vishad, and Headmistress Sarita Vij presented the awards to the winners.

District-level Youth Parliament competition held at Govt Sr Sec School, Bodhni



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: District-level Youth Parliament Competition was successfully held at Government Senior Secondary School, Bodhni. Students participated enthusiastically in competition, understanding workings of parliamentary system and effectively presented various public interest issues. Under leadership of program in-charge Anil Kumar, Political Science Professor Atul Sharma prepared students for dialogue writing for Youth Parliament. Through Youth Parliament, students played roles of ruling party and opposition, expressing their views on parliamentary functioning, democratic values, and issues of public interest. This activity provided students with an opportunity to gain a practical understanding of parliamentary traditions, rational dialogue and democratic system. The jury of the competition included Political Science Professors Vijay Kumar and Sukhwinder Singh. Sunil Shastri moderated the event. Computer teacher Arvind Kumar provided special support in the organization. Professors Ramniwas, Seema Rani, Sonia Rani, Menaka Devi, and science teacher Pushpa Verma were also present on this occasion. The main objective of the program was to increase students' awareness of the democratic system, develop their understanding of the parliamentary system, and encourage their leadership skills, communication skills, and the ability to present logical arguments.

MLA Jagmohan Anand hears complaints in public hearing programme



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: MLA Jagmohan Anand met with city residents during a public hearing at his camp office in Sector-13 on Monday morning and listened carefully to their problems and suggestions. During this time, he spoke with the concerned officials regarding the resolution of various public issues and issued the necessary directions, while emphasizing that the problems should be resolved on a priority basis. On this occasion, MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the responsibility of a public representative was not only to listen to the problems of the people, but also to take effective steps toward resolving them. He said that staying among the people, becoming their voice, and living up to their expectations was his top priority. He said that the affection and trust of the people of Karnal continuously inspire him to serve the public. The problem of every citizen is important to him and his effort is to ensure that people do not have to face unnecessary hardship in getting their problems resolved. The MLA said that inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of service and good governance, and by the guidance of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal, he is continuously working for the overall development of Karnal and the welfare of every family.

Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights organised at Guru Nanak Girls College

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The Department of Computer Science of Guru Nanak Girls College, Santpura, Yamunanagar, in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized an online webinar on 'Intellectual Property Rights'. The main objective of the programme was to create awareness among students about intellectual property rights, their significance and protection of creative and intellectual work. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. Deepa Nehra, Associate Professor, MM University. She shared valuable insights into the concept of intellectual property rights, its various types and its importance in academic, research and professional fields. She also made the students aware about the importance of protecting their original ideas, creative works and innovations. The conveners of the programme were Dr. Vandana Singh and Dr. Aarti Singh. Approximately 209 students and faculty members participated in the webinar and gained important information related to the subject. College Director Dr. Varinder Gandhi and Principal Dr. Sukhwinder Kaur appreciated this academic initiative. They said that such programmes not only enhance the knowledge of students but also make them aware about intellectual property rights and play an important role in their academic and professional development.

Millennium School, Panipat celebrates Dandiya Night with great enthusiasm

ARVIND KUMAR
SAMALKHA, OCT 12

The Millennium School, Panipat, hosted a grand Dandiya Night on Sunday with great enthusiasm and joy. Students, parents, and teachers participated enthusiastically in the celebration. Colorful traditional costumes, captivating dance performances and DJ beats filled the atmosphere with festive spirit. The event began with the welcome and felicitation of the chief guests. From industrialists to Bollywood stars, everyone made their presence felt. To make the event memorable, many prominent figures from



the city and the country attended. Among them were renowned businessman Ramesh Rewari, chartered accountant and entrepreneur Jagdish Arora, and Suman Kundu. From the worlds of sports and cinema, IPL player and ONGC executive Sumit Narwal, actress Anjali Singh Hooda, young Bollywood star Sartaj Kakkar, and the "Golden

Boy's" uncle, Bhim Chopra, made special appearances. Apart from these, Hasla's District Council President Ajendra, newly elected Rotary Governor Dheeraj Miglani, Life Empowerment Coach Garima Sachdeva, Principal of Kinder Bells Play School Ritika Garg and President of Inner Wheel Club Jyotsna Garg were also present.

Taraori Basmati Rice earns global recognition for aroma, quality

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, OCT 12

Ravindra Singla, CMD of Shriram Rice Unit, stated that Taraori is known for its Basmati rice both domestically and internationally. The aroma, excellent quality, and unique taste of the Basmati rice produced here have earned it a special place in the international market. This is why even foreign guests are impressed by the aroma and taste of Taraori's Basmati rice. This recognition is a matter of pride for the entire region. Industrialist Ravindra Singla stated that whenever the quality and



aroma of Basmati rice is discussed, Taraori's name comes to the fore. The rice produced here is not only popular in various parts of the country but also holds a special place abroad. Taraori's Basmati rice has earned its place in the international market due to its quality. This achievement

is the result of the hard work of the local farmers, the experience of the rice traders, and the modern technology adopted by the rice mills. He said that Taraori was known as the city of rice. The Basmati trade here is a major pillar of the city's economic activity. Every year, during the rice season, large quantities of rice arrive in the markets, and its procurement, milling, processing, and trade provide employment to thousands of people. This trade benefits everyone from farmers to traders, laborers, transporters, and others associated with the rice industry.

Maharana Pratap Public School students shine in National Taekwondo and Shooting championships



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Students of Maharana Pratap Public School, Kurukshetra, have brought laurels to their school, district and state by delivering outstanding performances in the National Open Taekwondo Championship and the National Open Shooting Championship. The medal-winning students were felicitated by the school management in recognition of their remarkable achievements. At the National Open Taekwondo Championship held in Samalkha, Panipat, school students Oshin and Poorvi won gold medals in the Under-14 girls' category, while Uttara secured a silver medal through her impressive performance. Adding another feather to the school's cap, Manvi won a gold medal at the National Open Shooting Championship held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

Fit India Sports Session organised as part of Seva Sankalp Abhiyan



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: A Fit India Sports Session was organized at DAV College under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan. It aimed to increase awareness among students about health, fitness and sports. College Principal Dr Suman Lata said that physical and mental health is essential for overall development of students. She encouraged students to engage in regular exercise, yoga and sports. Chief Guest Prof Anuj Kumar, in his address, said that sports develop discipline, self-confidence, leadership skills and team spirit. Prof Ankit Kumar of Physical Education Department highlighted importance of regular sports activities. Prof Sukhbir encouraged students to adopt a healthy lifestyle, avoid excessive mobile phone use and actively participate in physical activities. Through program, students were made aware of healthy living, positive thinking and social responsibility.

Police initiate big action to curb growing drug menace



KARAMBIR
LADWA: The police administration has initiated major action to curb the growing drug menace. Not only in Ladwa city police teams have also begun conducting raids in villages to curb the growing drug menace. Late this evening, under the direction of District Superintendent of Police Chandra Mohan, teams from the Anti-Narcotic Cell, Dog Squad, and Ladwa Police conducted a special search operation in the villages of Ban and Khedi Dabdal in the Ladwa division, effectively curbing the drug trade and drug trafficking in the district. Police teams visited various locations and conducted intensive searches of suspicious individuals, houses, and potential drug dens. During the operation, police teams informed the public about the ill effects of drug abuse and encouraged youth to stay away from drugs. Police teams interrogated suspects and also conducted searches. Police are continuously monitoring the activities of those involved in the drug trade and taking immediate action upon receiving information about suspicious activities.

Govt should accept demands, not suppress protesters: Manoj Rathi

MAHENDER GOYAL

HISAR: Senior Congress leader Manoj Rathi has strongly condemned alleged attempts to suppress ongoing movement in Delhi demanding removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. He said that in a democracy, it is every citizen's right to raise their voices, but instead of listening to protesters and considering their demands, government is trying to suppress movement. Government should seriously consider demands of protesters and respect democratic values. He also expressed strong displeasure over alleged misbehavior with women, especially girls, during protest. He said that if women and girls are mistreated by police or anyone under protection of government, it is a very serious matter. Strict action should be taken against such people through an impartial investigation. Dignity and safety of women cannot be compromised under any circumstances. He alleged that government should answer questions raised regarding role of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. He said that if government does not take a timely and appropriate decision on this issue and address public's concerns, it could face serious political consequences. Rathi said that BJP government talks about women's safety by using slogan "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao", but alleged treatment of women during protests has raised questions about government's claims.



HDFC Bank Launches Festive Treats 2026 – with over 10,000 Exciting Offers
CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, today announced the launch of its annual Festive Treats 2026 campaign, marking the start of the festive season across the country. The pan-India annual carnival brings more than 10,00 0 offers across loans, cards, savings and current accounts, and EASYEMI on cards, making festive purchases more affordable and rewarding for customers. Mr. Ravi Santhanam, Chief Marketing Officer & Group Head (Brand, Retail Marketing & Customer Analytics), HDFC Bank said, "The festive season is a time of joy, togetherness, and new beginnings for millions of families across India. By combining lucrative discounts from key brands with accessible credit solutions like EASYEMI and Xpress loans, we are enhancing credit facilities to all our eligible customers. Our phased, pan-India rollout ensures that every region across the nation gets customised offers that lets them spend smart and celebrate big.

Beyond the Famous: Thums Up's Toofani Biryani Hunt Season 3 Chases India's Hidden Biryani Gems
CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: For a true biryani lover, finding a great plate is worth going the extra mile. The best biryanis may not always be the ones dominating social feeds or drawing the biggest crowds, but the ones people will cross neighbourhoods, follow word of mouth and return to again and again. Building on this passion for discovering the next unforgettable biryani, Thums Up is back with the third season of its Toofani Biryani Hunt, continuing its journey of celebrating India's deep-rooted love for biryani and the unmistakable pairing of Thums Up with the dish.

LG Electronics India Announces 'Celebration of Trust' Diwali Offers
CHANDIGARH : LG Electronics India has announced its special Diwali campaign, "Celebration of Trust", offering a range of festive benefits on select home appliances and consumer electronics. The campaign is aimed at making home upgrades more affordable and rewarding for consumers during the festive season. Under the offer, customers can avail up to 26% cashback, capped at ₹30,000, on select models using eligible debit and credit cards. Select products will also be available with fixed EMIs starting from ₹888 and zero down payment, with the balance payable through EMIs. The promotion will remain valid until November 15, 2026.Speaking on the launch, Sanjay Chikara, Co-Chief Sales & Marketing Officer (CSMO), LG Electronics India, said, "We are humbled by the trust Indian households have placed in us for years. With our 'Celebration of Trust' campaign, we aim to make this festive season even more rewarding by offering attractive cashback, easy EMI options, zero down payment and extended warranties, helping more families bring home the latest upgrades with ease.

Corteva's #2MillionWomen Initiative Marks Two Years of Empowering Women in Indian Agriculture
CHANDIGARH : Two years ago, Corteva Agriscience launched #2MillionWomen initiative with a simple belief: when women thrive, agriculture thrives. Today, that belief is becoming reality.Across rural India, women are building stronger livelihoods. They are adopting better farming practices. They are starting new enterprises. They are stepping into leadership roles and driving change in their communities. What began as a commitment to empower women has grown into a movement that is creating lasting impact across India's agricultural value chain.Launched in September 2024, #2MillionWomen, an initiative by Corteva to empower women across India's agricultural value chain by 2030.

Samsung Announces 'Samsung Week' 2026: The Ultimate AI-Powered Shopping Extravaganza

CHANDIGARH : Samsung India today announced the launch of 'Samsung Week' 2026, a festival bringing together its connected AI ecosystem across Galaxy AI, Bespoke AI and Vision AI through SmartThings, with exclusive offers and benefits across its portfolio. Going live today on Samsung.com, the Samsung Shop App and at Samsung Exclusive Stores, Samsung Week offers discounts ranging from 31% to 60%, along with cashback of up to INR 25,000, across smartphones, tablets, laptops, wearables, accessories, TVs, monitors and digital appliances.As part of 'Samsung Week' 2026, consumers can also access enhanced warranty benefits, including a one-year extended warranty with an additional two years at no additional cost on eligible products.Built around the theme of 'Your Companion to AI Living', 'Samsung Week' 2026 brings together Samsung's AI experiences across the devices and products.

Nuvoco celebrates 'Dus Saal Bemisal' as it marks a decade of purposeful growth

PANIPAT: Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd. is commemorating a remarkable decade of transformation, growth and institution-building, a journey defined by bold choices, enduring conviction and above all its people. Marking a decade of growth, Nuvoco is celebrating under the theme 'Dus Saal Bemisal', a tribute to the milestones that shaped its mission of becoming a trusted building materials company creating value for its stakeholders. Each step of this journey has brought Nuvoco closer to its vision of Building a Safer, Smarter, and Sustainable world. A defining inflection point came in October 2016, with the completion of the acquisition of Lafarge India. The milestone significantly expanded the Organisation's scale and laid the foundation for the Nuvoco to today. More importantly, it marked the beginning of a larger ambition to build an institution for the long term, guided by purpose, performance and the confidence to continually move forward.

Jalandhar Comic Con Rescheduled to February 27–28, 2027
JALANDHAR: Comic Con India, a subsidiary of Nodwin Gaming, has announced that the inaugural edition of Jalandhar Comic Con, presented by Maruti Suzuki and powered by Crunchyroll, has been rescheduled. Originally planned for November 21–22, 2026, the event will now take place on February 27–28, 2027, at Lovely Professional University (LPU), Jalandhar. The decision has been taken to ensure a better experience for fans attending the city's first-ever Comic Con. The additional preparation time will help the team create a more exciting celebration of comics, anime, gaming, cosplay and pop culture. Shefal Johnson, CEO of Comic Con India, said the organisation aims to deliver an experience that reflects the quality, energy and spirit of Comic Con. She thanked fans and partners for their patience and support and expressed excitement about welcoming everyone to Jalandhar in February.

Bhagwant Mann Govt will leave no stone unturned to secure release of Bandi Singhs



CHANDIGARH: Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has reiterated that his government will pursue every legal and constitutional avenue to secure the release of Bandi Singhs, asserting that the long-pending issue must not remain unresolved indefinitely. He stated that the government had assured the Centre and the Governor that law and order would be maintained if Jagtar Singh Hawara was granted parole to meet his ailing mother, but the Centre had still not approved it.

The Chief Minister also shared that he would take up the parole cases of Paramjit Singh Bheora and Jagtar Singh Tara with the Governor of Punjab, who is

also the Administrator of Chandigarh, while urging Sikh organisations to keep their struggle peaceful and within the bounds of the law.

Taking to X, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "Today, an important meeting was held with representatives of the Qaumi Insaaf Morcha. During the meeting, we held detailed discussions on their demands and assured them that our government is making continuous and sincere efforts to secure the early release of the Bandi Singhs. We are working with full urgency towards a meaningful resolution of this issue, and we hope that positive results will emerge soon."

During a meeting with representatives of Sikh organisations, farmers' unions and other groups, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "The government is ready to extend all possible assistance in this matter within the framework of the law. The long-pending matter concerning Bandi Singhs must not be allowed to remain unresolved indefinitely. The AAP Government's intentions and commitment are absolutely clear, and we stand firmly in support of justice." The Chief Minister further stated, "I am ready to extend every possible assistance within my powers, and the state government will never become an obstacle in this matter." He assured the delegation,

comprising Sant Sewa Singh of Rampur Khera, Gurdeep Singh from Bathinda, Bhai Mohkam Singh, Gursewak Singh Kahaneke, Baba Bhupinder Singh, farmer leaders Boota Singh Burjil among others, "The state government is committed to ensuring law and order during Jagtar Singh Hawara's parole."

Speaking on the issue, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann added, "The Punjab Government has already assured the Central Government and the Governor of Punjab that law and order will be maintained in the state if Hawara is granted parole to meet his ailing mother."

Silent 6.5-cm Brain Tumour Behind Woman's Personality and Vision Changes Successfully Removed at Paras Health Panchkula

PANCHKULA: A 54-year-old woman from Marimajra, Chandigarh, who experienced gradual changes in behaviour, memory and vision, was found to have a large 6.5-cm brain tumour. She underwent successful surgery at Paras Health Panchkula, following which her neurological symptoms showed significant improvement.

The woman's family had noticed changes in her personality, forgetfulness, memory impairment and irrelevant speech over eight to nine months. Her vision in the left eye had also deteriorated over six to seven months. Although she underwent cataract surgery, her eyesight did not improve. The underlying cause remained undetected until she was admitted to the hospital following a sudden loss of consciousness.

A contrast-enhanced MRI scan revealed a large meningioma in the frontal region of the brain. The tumour was pressing against critical surrounding structures, including the optic nerves responsible for vision and nearby blood vessels. Considering its size and location, the neurosurgical team carefully planned the procedure to remove the tumour while protecting these vital structures.

During surgery, the team successfully separated and removed the tumour, relieving pressure on the surrounding areas and safeguarding the optic nerves. The patient regained consciousness two days after surgery and showed considerable improvement in her behaviour, memory and overall neurological condition during follow-up. Dr. Rajeev Goel, Director, Neurosurgery, Paras Health Panchkula, said, "Brain tumours do not always present with typical symptoms such as severe headaches, seizures or weakness. Gradual changes in behaviour, personality, memory or vision can also be early warning signs and may be mistaken for stress, ageing or psychiatric problems. Any persistent or progressively worsening change should be medically evaluated. Early recognition of these symptoms can help facilitate timely diagnosis and treatment."

W.i.S.H. Explores Love and Heartbreak in New Tracks ‘Kasoor’ and ‘Doori’

CHANDIGARH : Indian girl group W.i.S.H. has returned with two new tracks, 'Kasoor' and 'Doori', exploring contrasting emotions of love, from the



thrill of attraction to the pain of separation. The four-member group, comprising Ri, Zo, Sim and Suchi, presents the songs as two parts of a shared emotional narrative. Produced by Mikey McCleary, 'Kasoor' captures the playful confidence of knowing someone

is captivated by you. Its music video, filmed in a grand Rajasthan palace, follows the members as they participate in a mysterious Ouija ritual, with each placing an object representing a personal wish. As their desires begin to take shape, the palace transforms into a world of love, fame and luxury, before unsettling elements reveal the darker consequences of their fantasies. 'Doori' adds a more introspective dimension to the story, exploring emotional distance, loss and the other side of getting what one wishes for. Together, the tracks create a cinematic portrayal of desire and its consequences.Speaking about the releases, W.i.S.H. said, "This comeback feels very special because it allowed us to experiment with everything—the music, choreography and the visual world. We didn't want 'Kasoor' and 'Doori' to feel like two separate releases. We wanted you to experience them as two sides of the same story and hopefully find a little bit of yourself in both."

Amazon to set up 50 new Ashray rest centres across India; rolls out Mobile Ashray vans in Bengaluru ahead of festive season

SHIMLA: Ahead of the festive season, Amazon India today announced plans to set up 50 new Ashray centres across the country. The expansion will take the total number of Ashray centres to 200, with Amazon on track to reach 250 centres by the end of 2026. The company also announced the expansion of its mobile



Ashray vans to Bengaluru — the fourth city after Delhi NCR, Mumbai and Hyderabad. Two mobile Ashray vans were flagged off in Bengaluru in the presence of Sandy Gordon, Vice President, Employee Experience & Relations, Amazon, and Brendan Branon, Vice President of North America (NA) Employee Relations (ER). Salim R. Memon, Director Operations, Amazon

India said With the festive season driving a sharp increase in deliveries, it's more important than ever that drivers across the industry have access to rest on their routes. Ashray was built on a simple idea — that every delivery driver, whether they deliver for Amazon or not, deserves a clean, cool place to rest during their workday. Expanding to 200 centres and bringing mobile vans to more cities means we can reach more drivers in more cities, right when they need it most. This expansion is part of Amazon India's broader investment of over INR 2,800 crore (–USD 300 million) in 2026 to strengthen associate safety, health, and financial well-being across its operations network.

Launched in 2024 in Delhi NCR, Ashray centres have since scaled rapidly to become one of the largest delivery driver welfare initiatives of its kind in India. The Ashray centres are open to all delivery drivers including those who do not deliver for Amazon, and are equipped with air-conditioned seating, drinking water, charging points for mobile phones, clean washrooms, first-aid kits, and comfortable resting space.

CenturyPly Inaugurates ₹215 -Crore Greenfield Plywood Manufacturing Facility in Hoshiarpur



HOSHIARPUR: Century Plyboards (India) Ltd. today inaugurated its new plywood manufacturing facility in Hoshiarpur, Punjab, marking a significant step in the company's expansion strategy and strengthening its manufacturing presence in North India. Developed with a planned investment of approximately ₹215 crore across two phases, 180 crores phase one and balance in phase two. The greenfield facility is spread over 27 acres and has been designed to cater to the growing demand for plywood across northern and north-western markets. The plant which will make uncompromising plywood was inaugurated by Sajjan Bhajanka, Chairman; Sanjay Agarwal, Managing Director; Keshav Bhajanka, Executive Director; and Nikita Bansal, Executive Director, CenturyPly. The Hoshiarpur facility is CenturyPly's seventh plywood manufacturing plant in India, adding to its existing manufacturing network across West Bengal, Guwahati, Chennai, Gujarat, Haryana and Uttarakhand. The new facility will further strengthen the company's ability to serve key markets including Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi-NCR, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Its location in Hoshiarpur offers proximity to a well-established timber and plywood ecosystem, skilled manpower and efficient connectivity to major consumption centres. The facility is expected to improve product availability, supply-chain responsiveness and delivery timelines across the region.

INALSA Launches Complete Sliding Care, India's First 2-in-1 Standing Garment Steamer and Iron

CHANDIGARH INALSA, one of India's leading small appliance brands and part of Spain's Taurus Group, today announced the launch of Complete Sliding Care, India's first 2-in-1 standing garment steamer and iron. Built for homes that want a professional finish without switching between appliances, it pairs a dedicated steam pump with a digital display on the handle, making it the only standing garment steamer in India to offer 7 heating levels and 3 steam levels at the touch of a button.



Finished in Matte Black, the INALSA Complete Sliding Care carries an MRP of ₹21,999 and is available at an introductory offer price of ₹11,999, backed by a 2-Year Complete Product Warranty. The box includes the main unit with a detachable water tank and height adjustable double poles, the base, an ironing board with protective cover, an iron holding bracket and an iron protective cover. It is available on Amazon and Flipkart and at leading retail stores across India. Most

standing steamers rely on gravity to feed water from the tank to the boiler, which leads to weak bursts, spitting and pauses in the middle of a garment. Complete Sliding Care uses a dedicated pump that actively pushes water to its 2500W boiler, delivering steady steam for as long as the session needs. It is ready to use in 40 seconds, and the 1.2 litre translucent, detachable water tank makes refilling and cleaning easy. Anti-drip protection, a pressure release safety valve and automatic shut-off keep everyday use safe. The real difference shows in the finish. A regular steamer releases wrinkles but cannot give a shirt collar or a trouser crease a sharp edge, while a dry iron struggles with delicate and embellished fabrics.

Needy patients to regain eyesight through MP Naveen Jindal's initiative

AVNI SHARMA GUHLA/CHEEKA: The Naveen Jindal Foundation, spearheaded by MP Naveen Jindal, is undertaking initiatives to provide better healthcare facilities to the economically disadvantaged. As part of this effort, needy patients suffering from cataracts in the Guhla assembly constituency were sent to Maharaja Agrasen Medical College and Hospital, Agroha (Hisar), for free surgeries. MP Naveen Jindal has arranged for the patients' treatment and surgeries at no cost. Ravindra Dhiman, in-charge of the MP's Kaithal office, and constituency in-charge Karmveer Sisodia stated that the Foundation is identifying needy patients and providing them with superior medical care under the Kurukshetra Parliamentary Constituency Empowerment Campaign. Priority is being given to individuals suffering from cataracts who are unable to afford treatment due to financial constraints. To date, more than 100 patients have successfully undergone free cataract surgery under this campaign.They noted that cataracts hinder a person's daily activities, and a lack of timely treatment can exacerbate the problems. Consequently, the provision of free surgery has brought relief to needy patients.

Skyscanner Unveils Travel Trends 2027: Travel, Better Spent
CHANDIGARH: Leading global travel app Skyscanner has officially launched its Travel Trends 2027 report, revealing next year's top trendi travel industry in the coming year. In a fragmented and often overstimulating world, Indian travellers are increasingly seeking value not just in what they spend but what they gain. Whether that means unplugging completely, travelling for an exclusive purchase, maintaining a wellness routine on the road, celebrating together, following music and culture, or tracing history and mythology - getaways are increasingly reflecting how Indians choose to live. And despite broader consumer spending slowing and global economic tides shifting, travel appetite remains strong - with 58% of Indians planning to travel abroad more in 2027. Instead of giving up on travel, Indians are adapting how they spend, with 56% planning to spend more on flights and 44% on accommodation. At the same time, value remains central, with 67% having changed a holiday destination or considered doing so because an alternative offered better value. Neel Ghose, Travel Trends and Destinations Expert, Skyscanner India, said: "Indian travellers are entering 2027 with a stronger appetite to explore, but they are also becoming more considered about how they spend their time and money. We're seeing a shift from simply choosing where to go towards thinking more carefully about the experience they want from a trip, whether that is switching off, discovering something new, becoming an important part of this decision-making journey. Tools such as Skyscanner's Explore with AI can help travellers turn an idea into a tri opportunity matter most."

Volvo Car India launches its first software defined vehicle

CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA: Volvo Car India has officially launched its new all-electric luxury flagship SUV, the EX90, priced at Rs. 1.26 Cr. (ex-showroom). Designed as a spacious 6-seater luxurious family SUV, the EX90 marks Volvo's first-ever software-defined vehicle offering in the Indian market, blending Scandinavian minimalist design, legendary safety standards,

phenomenal range and state-of-the-art technology (developed on Volvo's new SPA2 platform). Bookings are open now, with customer experience and drives beginning in November 2026, and deliveries slated to start



from January 2027. Additionally, an introductory offer is valid on all bookings made before December 31, 2026, which includes an 11kW wall box charger and a 3-year service package,

with Volvo Cars dealerships offering a 65% buyback offer after 3 years. Speaking at the 90-90 show in Delhi, Mr. Jyoti Malhotra, Managing Director, Volvo Car India, said, "The launch of the EX90 is a major milestone in Volvo Car India's commitment towards a more electric, software-defined future. This flagship SUV also brings a new era of mobility with its unparalleled comfort, technology and superb range. We feel that it is the perfect luxurious family SUV that brings you peace of mind, keeps safety at the forefront and gives you the best experience of Swedish luxury."

Guru Nanak Gitaa Kailash Memorial Foundation, Red Cross Society Kurali Organise Mega Medical Camp

Chandigarh: The Guru Nanak Gitaa Kailash Memorial Foundation, in collaboration with the Red Cross Society Kurali, organised a Mega Medical, Urology and Orthopedic Health Camp to provide accessible healthcare services to the local community. The one-day camp witnessed the participation of over 300 patients, who benefited from free medical consultations, diagnostic facilities and essential medicines. The initiative aimed to make quality healthcare accessible to all, particularly people from economically weaker sections of society. As part of the



urological evaluation and Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) tests for screening and early detection of prostate-related conditions. Patients were also provided free medicines as prescribed by the attending doctors. To ensure convenience for patients and their attendants, the organisers arranged refreshments, including tea and snacks, throughout the day. Representatives of both organisations appreciated the contribution of medical professionals, volunteers and community members who helped make the camp a success. They reiterated their commitment to organising similar healthcare initiatives in the future to support underprivileged and needy sections of society. The Guru Nanak Gitaa Kailash Memorial Foundation works towards social welfare through healthcare support, community service and assistance for people in need.

Vi Business, Hindalco Partner to Build Intelligent, Future-Ready Digital Mine

LUDHIANA/ CHANDIGARH:– Vi Business, the enterprise arm of leading telecom operator Vi, today announced a strategic partnership with Hindalco Industries Limited, a global leader in aluminium and copper, to deploy a dedicated Private network at Hindalco's Baphimali Bauxite Mine in Rayagada district, Odisha. Commenting on the announcement, M P Sunil Kumar, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, Vi Business, said, "We are delighted to partner with Hindalco on this landmark initiative. This deployment underscores our capability to engineer customized private networks for complex industrial environments. By combining secure, high-performance connectivity with a scalable architecture, we are enabling the next generation of intelligent mining and supporting Hindalco's long-term digital transformation vision."

Kailash Pandey, CEO, Aluminium Upstream, Hindalco Industries Limited, said, "At Hindalco, digitalization and Industry 4.0 technologies are central to our vision of building future-ready operations. Our first dedicated Private network at Baphimali will create a critical digital backbone for connected, automated, and data-driven mining operations. This initiative strengthens our journey towards safer, smarter, and more efficient mining, while reinforcing Hindalco's position as a technology-led metals company."

Tvs motor company takes its global motorcycle Journey to Europe with Tric debut at Misano

MANDI: TVS Motor Company (TVSM), the world's third-largest two-wheeler manufacturer and a global leader in three-wheeler manufacturing, strengthened its global motorcycle ambition with the European debut of 2026 TVS Racing International Championship (TRIC) at the iconic Misano World Circuit in Misano Adriatico, Italy. Held from October 2-4, 2026, the Italy round marked a significant new chapter in TVS Motor's International journey, bringing its racing heritage, engineering capabilities and performance-led philosophy to one of the world's established motorcycle ecosystems. The Italy round featured 14 fastest races representing 12 nationalities across 4 continents, compelling on the TRIC race-spec TVS Apache RR 310. The European debut of TRIC marks another significant step in this journey, reflecting the growing importance of Europe in TVS Motor's global expansion.

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)	
Regd. Office :- 15-A, Chhleswar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur-302001, CN IJ0811R/1199PLC311381	
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" and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated 21/07/2026 vide Ref. No.: CB/SAR/13-2/88/JUL-2026/12 Loan Account No. 2221210641112941 calling upon the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors LEGAL HEIR OF MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR M/S. SPICE COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR. MADHU SUDAN SATIJA (Borrower), MR. MADHU SUDAN SATIJA S/O MR. MADAN LAL SATIJA (ALSO, LEGAL HEIR OF MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR LATE MRS. SUDERSHAN KUMARI) (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MRS. RITU SATIJA W/O MR. MADHU SUDAN SATIJA (Guarantor), MR. DEEPAK SATIJA S/O MR. MADAN LAL SATIJA (ALSO, LEGAL HEIR OF MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR LATE MRS. SUDERSHAN KUMARI) (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MRS. MONIKA SATIJA W/O MR. DEEPAK SATIJA (Guarantor), MRS. SEEMA MAKKAR W/O MR. MAHENDER MAKKAR (LEGAL HEIR OF MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR LATE MRS. SUDERSHAN KUMARI), ALL THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN LEGAL HEIRS OF LATE MRS. SUDERSHAN KUMARI) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being is for loan Account No. 2221210641112941 Rs. 2,96,08,706/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Six Lakh Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Six Only) as on 20 July 2026 aggregating total due (which includes principal, interest, penalties and all other charges) with further interest and charges until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.	
The borrower/ guarantor/ mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 08th day of October of the year 2026.	
"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets"	
The borrower/Guarantor/ mortgagors 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 for an amount of for loan Account No. 2221210641112941 Rs. 3,06,11,239/- (Rupees Three Crore Six Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Only) as on 30 September 2026 and further interest & expenses thereon until full payment.	
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES	
1. All That Part and Parcel of Residential Property, Apartment No. 2, On Ground Floor, Block No. 5, Phase-1, Namely Heritage City and Having Super Area 1156 Sq. Ft. (107.43 Sq. Meters), In The Group Housing Complex, Heritage City, Situated at Village Sarhaal, Tehsil & District- Gurgaon, Haryana. Vide Sale Deed No. 21339, Dated 20-10-2011, Registered In The Office of S. R. Gurgaon. Owned By Mr. Madhu Sudan Satija.	
Bounded As Under:- East: Road North: Open	
West: Open South: Passage/Flat No. 01	
Date: 08th Oct. 2026 Place: Gurgaon, Haryana	Authorised Officer Au Small Finance Bank Limited

Example of humanity: Saini Seva Trust distributes spectacles, medicines, and assistive devices to the needy



ARVIND KUMAR
SAMALKHA: Upholding its tradition of social service, the Saini Seva Trust organised a special service event. During the programme, the Trust distributed free spectacles to 50 needy individuals and provided essential medicines to patients suffering from eye ailments. Keeping in mind the daily convenience of the elderly and the needy, three toilet seats and five hot gel pads (for the elderly) were also provided. Addressing the gathering, the Trust's Chairperson, Maya Devi, stated that there is no religion greater than serving humanity. She emphasised that bringing about positive change in the lives of the weaker sections of society is the Trust's primary objective and urged those with the means to come forward and help. Maya Devi added that the Trust would continue its efforts regarding health camps, blood donation drives, and assistance for persons with disabilities in the future.

Teachers Association of City Beautiful delegation meets Sanjay Tandon, thanks him for securing their arrears, revised salaries

CHANDIGARH: A delegation of the Central Executive Committee of the Teachers' Association of City Beautiful met senior BJP leader and member of the BJP National Executive Sanjay Tandon to apprise him of various demands and pending issues concerning teachers and employees of the Chandigarh Education Department. During the meeting, teachers of the 2015 batch also expressed their gratitude to Tandon for his support in securing their arrears and revised salaries. Appreciating the delegation for bringing these matters to his attention, Tandon said, "Teachers play a vital role in shaping the future of society and nation-building. Their legitimate concerns deserve timely consideration and resolution. I am pleased that the efforts made for the teachers of the 2015 batch have helped them secure their arrears and revised salaries." The delegation also submitted a memorandum seeking the restoration of salaries of employees working as Urban Resource Coordinators (URCs) and Cluster Resource Coordinators (CRCs), which, according to the association, had been withheld without any valid reason. Physical Education Teachers, also known as Deputy Physical Education Teachers (DPEs), submitted a separate memorandum highlighting their two key demands, including promotion-related issues. Tandon added, "The issues concerning URCs and CRCs, particularly the withholding of their salaries, need to be examined on priority. Similarly, the promotion-related concerns of Physical Education Teachers deserve due consideration. I will extend the necessary support to ensure that these issues are brought to the attention of the concerned.

COURT NOTICE
(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
IN THE COURT OF Sh. Gurdev Singh
Civil Judge (Junior Division),
Ludhiana
State Bank of India
Vs.
ASHISH
CNR No. PBLD02-004930-2025
Next Date:- 17-11-2026
PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:
ASHISH
Soni :- HARISH KUMAR
HNO-2260/A, STREET NO-6,
BASANT NAGAR, LDH-141008
In above titled case, the defendant(s) respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 17-11-2026 at 10.00 a.m.
For details login to
[https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?mode=district_notice&district=moga&court=Civil Judge \(Junior Division\) Ludhiana](https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?mode=district_notice&district=moga&court=Civil Judge (Junior Division) Ludhiana)
Dated, this day of 03-10-2026

The online bid having tender ID2026_HPIPH_145156_1 invited by vide this office NIT No.JSD-Pooh-Tender—2026-7427-7526 dated 07-10-2026, schedule to be opened on 16-10-2026 for the work," Providing Sewerage System to Ribba Village, in Tehsil Moorang Distt. Kinnaur Himachal Pradesh (SH:- (Laying jointing & testing of sewer network of DI pipe K-7(150mm)=4000Rmt & 200 mm dia=958.C/o Manhole 1.50 depth=158 nos.,2.50 mtr dept/Height=165 nos,3.50 mtrheight 90 nos., 4.50 mtrheight=12 nos., (425 nos), restoration of PWD Road=400 Rmt repair of Foot path=1400 Rmt. C/o inspection chamber =200,no C/o Flushing Tank =35 nos., L/J& testing of HDPE 160 mm pipe 1200 mm.) Job:-2. The eligible class of enflintment may be read as class A instead of Class B.

HIMACHA PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
CORRIGENDUM
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division Pooh
Distt. Kinnaur (HP)
DPR-HP-4036/2026-2027

Atmosphere filled with devotion at Divya Gita Satsang in presence of Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj



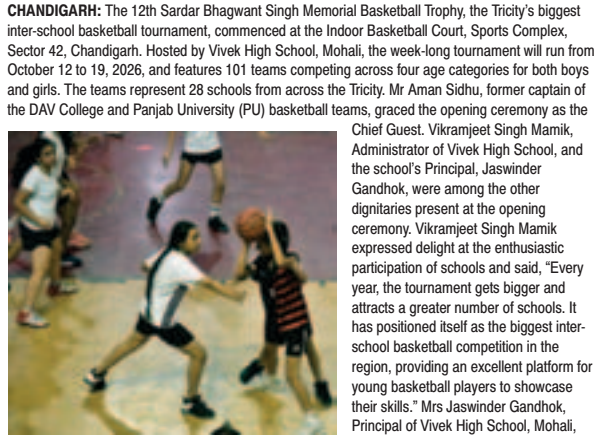
KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan and MLAs Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi and Satpal Jamba sought the blessings of Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj at the Divya Gita Satsang. A confluence of reverence, devotion, and spirituality was witnessed at the Divya Gita Satsang held in the Hospital Area of Niokehri. A large number of devotees and dignitaries attended the Satsang—organized in the holy presence of the revered Gita Manishi Swami Shri Gyananand Ji Maharaj—to gain spiritual merit. The event was organized by BJP leader and social activist Sumit Aibla. Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj received a grand welcome, and the public representatives and dignitaries present sought his blessings. The event was attended by several prominent figures, including Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan, Niokehri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, and Pundri MLA Satpal Jamba. The venue was filled with a devotional atmosphere, and devotees absorbed the teachings of the Gita under the spiritual guidance of Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj. A grand Bhandara was also organised at 8 PM during the event. Praising the Divya Gita Satsang held in the holy presence of Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj, Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan remarked that the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita is an invaluable scripture of Indian culture and spiritual tradition.

Sunil Bharti Mittal named Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour by the French Republic

CHANDIGARH: Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, has been named a Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour) by the President of the French Republic, H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron. Established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, the Légion d'Honneur is the highest civilian award bestowed by the French Republic. Mr. Mittal has been conferred the distinction in recognition of his longstanding commitment to deepening economic ties between India and France, and his outstanding achievements in telecommunications and digital infrastructure. Speaking on the announcement, Ambassador Thierry Mathou said, "Sunil Bharti Mittal has been a friend of France for more than thirty years, since the early days of Airtel in 1992. He has unforgoingly nurtured these ties over the decades, and shown what French and Indian business endeavours can achieve together. Today he advances these relations as Vice-Chairman of Eutelsat, at a time when our two countries are moving forward jointly in space and digital technology. In awarding him the Légion d'honneur, the President of the Republic recognises an outstanding business leader who has contributed to making France a lasting partner in India." On the recognition, Mr. Mittal said, "I am moved and humbled by this gracious award from the Republic of France. My association with France began at Airtel's inception in 1992, when Compagnie Générale des Eaux joined hands with Bharti to introduce mobile telephony in India. It continues today through my role as Co-Chairman of Eutelsat, the European satellite champion. I accept this honour with gratitude to the President of the French Republic, H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron and with a renewed commitment to further deepen the economic ties between India and France."



12th Sardar Bhagwant Singh Memorial Basketball Trophy kicks off



CHANDIGARH: The 12th Sardar Bhagwant Singh Memorial Basketball Trophy, the Tricity's biggest inter-school basketball tournament, commenced at the Indoor Basketball Court, Sports Complex, Sector 42, Chandigarh. Hosted by Vivek High School, Mohali, the week-long tournament will run from October 12 to 19, 2026, and features 101 teams competing across four age categories for both boys and girls. The teams represent 28 schools from across the Tricity. Mr Aman Sidhu, former captain of the DAV College and Panjab University (PU) basketball teams, graced the opening ceremony as the Chief Guest. Vikramjeet Singh Manik, Administrator of Vivek High School, and the school's Principal, Jaswinder Gandhok, were among the dignitaries present at the opening ceremony. Vikramjeet Singh Manik expressed delight at the enthusiastic participation of schools and said, "Every year, the tournament gets bigger and attracts a greater number of schools. It has positioned itself as the biggest inter-school basketball competition in the region, providing an excellent platform for young basketball players to showcase their skills." Mrs Jaswinder Gandhok, Principal of Vivek High School, Mohali, said, "We look forward to welcoming the teams and continuing this cherished sporting tradition that celebrates talent, determination, sportsmanship and camaraderie." Vishal Sharma, HOD sports, Vivek High School, Mohali, said, "The tournament features Under-10, Under-12, Under-14 and Under-17 categories for both boys and girls. The matches are being played on a knockout basis." Meanwhile, the opening day's fixtures began with Guru Nanak Public School (GNPS), Chandigarh, facing Shemrock School, Mohali, in the Under-17 boys' category. Shemrock School won the match 52-21, with Navshan scoring 22 points. Jasman was the top scorer for the losing GNPS team, also scoring 22 points.

'Narad Moh Leela' conveys message of renouncing ego and embracing humility: Darshan Singh Seeda



AVNI SHARMA
GHUANAICHEEKA: The Ramila organised by the Aadarsh Natak Club at the ancient Shri Maa Bhuvan Temple commenced with the enactment of the 'Narad Moh Leela' (The episode of sage Narada's delusion). Devotees and spectators participated enthusiastically in the inaugural day's programme, which is part of a Ramila tradition spanning 7 years. The event began with Ganesh Vandana and the recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa. Prominent social worker Darshan Singh Seeda, accompanied by his family and associates, inaugurated the performance by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Artists from Ayodhya and Vrindavan Dham captivated the audience with their impressive acting, keeping them deeply engaged with the religious narrative. The 'Narad Moh Leela' depicts Sage Narada performing severe penance in the Himalayas. Kamdev (the God of Love) attempts to disrupt his penance but fails. Subsequently, Narada becomes proud of his ascetic achievement and begins to boast about it before Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva. To dispel this ego, Lord Vishnu weaves a web of divine illusion (Maya). In the next sequence of the play, Narada becomes captivated by the beauty of Princess Vishwamohini, the daughter of King Sheelndhi. Desiring to marry her, he prays to Lord Vishnu to grant him a handsome appearance resembling the Lord's own; however, Lord Vishnu instead grants him the face of a monkey. At the Swayamvar ceremony, Princess Vishwamohini places the wedding garland around Lord Vishnu. Enraged by this turn of events, Narada curses Lord Vishnu, prophesying that He will suffer the agony of separation from His wife. Later, when the spell of illusion lifts, Narada realises his mistake and feels deep remorse. Through their performance, the artists conveyed the message that arrogance can lead to a person's downfall, whereas humility inspires one to follow the right path. Instead of being boastful about their power, knowledge, or success, individuals should always remain humble. Prominent social worker Darshan Singh Seeda remarked that religious events foster good values, moral principles, and spiritual consciousness within society. The episodes from the Ramila teach people to embrace dignity, virtuous conduct, and humility in their lives. Dignitaries present on the occasion included Club President Balbir Saini, Rajiv Sharma, Kuldeep Majra, Motiram Garg, Krishna Dhimani, Harpal Sharma, Harbans Seeda, Gurdeep Dhandu, Shashibhushan Sharma, Pradeep Seeda, Gurneel Singh, Sukhaday Singh, representatives of the Naina Devi Trust, Jai Bhagwan Sharma, Harchet Bopar, Krishna Nambardar Peddal, Praveen Garg, Gurneet Seeda, Raja Mohan Rai, and Raju Bawa, among others.

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences
Sadig Road, Faridkot-151203 Ph: 01639-256232, 256236
ADMISSION NOTICE
Admission to MD/MS/PG Diploma/Six months training in Ultrasonography/DNB and Post MBBS Diploma courses, under NEET PG-2026.
In consonance to Notification No. 5/26/2016-SHBH-III/423 dated 06.03.2023, corrigendum No. MER-HTH05C/W/2024-SHBH/31/1125469/2025 dated 13-06-2025 and no. 5/8/2021-SHBH/1323 dated 07.06.2023 issued by Govt. of Punjab, Department of Medical Education & Research, online Registration/applications are invited through University website from eligible candidates on the basis of NEET PG-2026 for admission to MD/MS/PG Diploma/Six months training in Ultrasonography/DNB and Post MBBS Diploma courses in Govt./Private Colleges, Private Universities and Minority Institutes in the State of Punjab w.e.f. 14.10.26 to 18.10.2026 Counseling will be conducted as per schedule published in prospectus/University website.
For Prospectus/Schedule/Fee/details & updates visit us at www.bfuhsc.ac.in.
Note:- Any notice/amendment by Govt. of Punjab/ Govt. of India/MCC regarding PG admissions, Session 2026, shall be applicable.
Sd/-
DPR-PB-PR-Advt. No :- 3108/12/2026-27/16680 REGISTRAR

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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" and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (CB/SAR/13-2/88)/JUL-2022, issued demand notice dated 21/07/2026 vide Ref. No.: (CB/SAR/13-2/88)/JUL-2022 Loan Account No. 2221210641112941 calling upon the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors LEGAL HEIR OF MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR M/S. SPICE COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR. MADHU SUDAN SATIJA (Borrower), MR. MADHU SUDAN SATIJA S/O MR. MADAN LAL SATIJA (ALSO, LEGAL HEIR OF MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR. LATE MRS. SUDERSHAN KUMARI) (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MRS. RITU SATIJA W/O MR. MADHU SUDAN SATIJA (Guarantor), MR. DEEPAK SATIJA S/O MR. MADAN LAL SATIJA (ALSO, LEGAL HEIR OF MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR. LATE MRS. SUDERSHAN KUMARI) (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MRS. MONIKA SATIJA W/O MR. DEEPAK SATIJA (Guarantor), MRS. SEEMA MAKKAR W/O MR. MAHENDER MAKKAR (LEGAL HEIR OF MORTGAGOR/GUARANTOR LATE MRS. SUDERSHAN KUMARI), ALL THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN LEGAL HEIRS OF LATE MRS. SUDERSHAN KUMARI) all the known and unknown legal heirs of the late Mrs. SUDERSHAN KUMARI) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being is for loan Account No. 2221210641112941 Rs. 2,96,08,706/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Six Lakh Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Only) as on 20 July 2026 aggregating total due (which includes principal, interest, penalties and all other charges) with further interest and charges until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower/ guarantor/ mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules as of the said 07th day of October of the year 2026.
"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets"
The borrower/Guarantor/ mortgagors 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 for an amount of for loan Account No. 2221210641112941 Rs. 3,06,11,239/- (Rupees Three Crore Six Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Only) as on 30 September 2026 and further interest & expenses thereon until full payment.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
1. All That Part and Parcel Along with Present and Future Structure of Shop cum Residential House No. 2, Having Measuring 79 Sq. Yards, Situated at New Colony Market, New Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana. Owned By Late Mrs. Sudershan Kumar. Bounded As Under:-
East: Road
North: Plot No. 3
West: Other Property
South: Plot No. 1
2. All That Part and Parcel of Commercial Property, Shop/Commercial Space Bearing No. UG-0108, at Upper Ground Floor, Having Super Area Measuring Approximately 54.733 Sq. Meters. (589.141 Sq. Ft.), Built Up Area Measuring Approximately 31.334 Sq. Meters (337.283 Sq. Ft.), in The Multi-Storeyed Building/Commercial Complex Known as "Rakeja Mall", Situated at Village Tatti, Sohna Road, Sector 47, Gurgaon, Haryana. Vide Conveyance Deed Dated 16-05-2013, Deed No. 4218, Registered In The Office of S. R. Gurgaon. Owned By Mr. Deepak Satija. Bounded As Under:-
East: Shop/Commercial Space Bearing No. UG-010C
West: Shop/Commercial Space Bearing No. UG-010A
North: Corridor
South: Shop/Commercial Space Bearing No. UG-011
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Au Small Finance Bank Limited
Date: 07th Oct. 2026
Place: Gurgaon, Haryana

CU Punjab Students Win State-Level Street Play Competition



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: Students of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Natural Products, Central University of Punjab (CU Punjab), Bathinda, secured first position in the state-level Nukkad Natak (Street Play) competition organised at Punjab University, Patiala, on Saturday as part of the National Pharmacy Week 2026 celebrations. The event was organised in connection with World Pharmacists Day and National Pharmacy Week 2026. The winning team received certificates and a cash prize of Rs. 5,100 from Dr. Montu M. Patel, Hon'ble Member, Pharmacy Council of India and Sh. Sushil Kumar Bansal, Executive Committee President, Pharmacy Council of India, and Chairman, Punjab State Pharmacy Council. Prof. R. K. Vusiriksa, Acting Vice-Chancellor of CU Punjab, congratulated the students on their achievement and appreciated their efforts in bringing laurels to the University. Prof. Rahul Deshmukh, Dean, School of Health Sciences, and Prof. Pradeep Kumar, Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Natural Products, also congratulated the participants for their outstanding performance.

Geeta Modern School secures first place in state-level child scientist exhibition

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Demonstrating exceptional talent in the field of science, students from Geeta Modern Senior Secondary School, Tarawari, brought glory to their institution by securing the first position in the state-level child scientist exhibition. Held at PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary School, Niokehri, under the directives of the District Education Officer, the competition saw the students impress the panel of judges with models focused on environmental conservation and green energy. Tisha (Class 10, daughter of Ravi Kumar) and Manik (Class 7, son of Rajendra Kumar) from Geeta Modern School created an engaging and practical model centered on green energy, environmental management, and conservation. They showcased an integrated model featuring biogas production from waste materials, a home electricity system powered by solar panels, and rainwater harvesting. Through this model, they demonstrated how the use of green energy and the conservation of natural resources can contribute to safeguarding the environment. Based on this outstanding presentation, the judges awarded the first position to Geeta Modern School. The achievement created a celebratory atmosphere at the school, and the winning students were honored before the entire school during the morning assembly. Principal Rajni Rai praised the students, stating that if the environment is not saved today, securing the future will be difficult. She remarked that the green energy model created by the children is not merely a project but a practical solution for environmental conservation; the students have gone beyond textbook knowledge to understand their responsibility toward the Earth and nature. Expressing pride in the students, she extended her best wishes for the upcoming state-level competition. School Manager Balkrishna Tripathi stated that science becomes truly meaningful only when it is utilized for the benefit of society and nature. The students demonstrated their scientific mindset and creative talent by securing the first position in the category of green energy and environmental conservation. Attributing this achievement to the success of the entire school community, hopes were expressed for the students' bright future and for an outstanding performance.

PUBLIC NOTICE
An appeal is made to the esteemed members of Jat Mahasabha Karnal: members who have obtained membership of Jat Mahasabha Karnal between January 2021 and the present (up to 2026) are requested to submit their verified bank documents—confirming their membership—at either Jat Bhawan (Sector 12) or the office of the Registrar of Firms and Societies, District Karnal, within seven days (by 18-10-2026). This call has been issued by the General Secretary of Jat Mahasabha, Shri Charan Singh Malik. He stated that this request is being made to ensure transparency in accordance with legal procedures. He urged all members to cooperate in this process by submitting their documents at the designated locations, thereby enabling the membership records to be maintained in an organized and transparent manner. He appealed to all esteemed members to treat this essential procedure seriously and submit their verified documents on time.
Requester: General Secretary Charan Singh Malik, Jat Mahasabha Karnal.
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AXIS BANK LTD.
Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006
Public Notice pursuant to Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
This notice serves to inform the public that the following Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor(s) have defaulted in the repayment of both principal and interest on the loan facility obtained from the Bank. Consequently, such loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). Notices were duly issued to the Borrower(s) at their last known addresses under Section 13(2) of the aforementioned Act; however, these notices have been returned unreturned.

Sr. No	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantor	(1) Date of notice (2) NPA Date (3) Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)
1.	(1) MIS KHALSA BRICK KILN (Borrower) 1 THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR. DAVINDER SINGH (2) MR. DAVINDER SINGH S/O SHIV SINGH (Guarantor & Mortgagor)	(1) 05-Sep-28 (2) 23-Aug-26 (3) Rs. 38,96,196/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Ninety-Six Thousand one hundred Ninety-Six Only)

Details of Properties:-Property No. 1 Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of Residential Property i.e. House, measuring 8 Marla 2 Sarsal comprised out of rect 20 kila 15(2/3-18), as entered in the jamabandi for the year 2013-14 situated in Vil-Gurdaspur, Distt. Gurdaspur, HB No. 337. In the name of Mr. Davinder Singh S/o Shiv Singh vide Transfer deed no. 3785 Dated 18.01.2018. Boundaries (As per Transfer deed) North: Ownership of Ragbir Singh West: Ownership of Jaspreet Singh South: Gail 18' East: Plot of Sunderpal Singh
Property No. 2 Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of Residential Property i.e. House, measuring 8 Marla 2 Sarsal comprised out of rect 20 kila 15(2/3-18), as entered in the jamabandi for the year 2013-14 situated in Vil-Gurdaspur, Distt. Gurdaspur, HB No. 337. In the name of Mr. Davinder Singh S/o Shiv Singh vide Transfer deed no. 3786 Dated 18.01.2018. Boundaries (As per Sale deed) North: Ownership of Ragbir Singh West: Ownership of Jaspreet Singh South: Gail 18' East: Plot of Sunderpal Singh

2.	(1) MR. GURBHEJ SINGH S/O SUKHWINDER SINGH (Borrower & Mortgagor) (2) MRS. SUKHWINDER KAUR W/O SUKHWINDER SINGH (Co-Borrower) (3) MR. LAKHINDER SINGH S/O BHAN SINGH (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor)	(1) 07-Sep-28 (2) 04-Aug-26 (3) Rs. 12,69,984/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Sixty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Only)
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Details of Properties:-Property No. 1 Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of Commercial Property, measuring 3 Marla, i.e. 0 Kanal 3 Marla, being 3/78 share bearing Kharsa No. 41/116 (1-0M), 25 (2-18M) out of total land measuring 3 Kanals 18 Marla out of Khata/Khatani No. 47/141 as per Jamabandi for the year 2006-07, situated at Village Kairon, Tehsil Patli, District Tam Taran, measuring 30 feet x 30 feet. The property was executed in favour of Gian Singh S/o Dalip Singh S/o Mota Singh - 1/3 share, Gurbhej Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh S/o Bhan Singh - 1/3 share, Lakhwinder Singh S/o Bhan Singh S/o Teja Singh - 1/3 share. **Property No. 2** Further, land measuring 1 Marla 28 Sq. Feet, i.e. 0 Kanal 1 Marla 28 Sq. Feet, being 1/78 share bearing Kharsa No. 41/116 (1k-0M), 41/25 (2k-18M) out of land 3 Kanals 18 Marla, out of Khata/Khatani No. 60/148 as per Jamabandi for the year 2016-17, situated at Kairon-1, Tehsil Patli, District Tam Taran, measuring 10 feet x 30 feet, was sold by Gian Singh S/o Dalip Singh S/o Mota Singh to Gurbhej Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh and Lakhwinder Singh S/o Bhan Singh. Accordingly, Gurbhej Singh and Lakhwinder Singh became owners of 3 Marla property

3.	(1) Mr. Shamsher Singh S/o Dharan Singh (Borrower & Mortgagor) (2) Mrs. Kuldeep Kaur W/o Shamsher Singh (Co-Borrower)	(1) 25-Sep-26 (2) 07-Sep-26 (3) Rs. 59,69,157/- (Rupees Fifty-nine Lakh Sixty-nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven Only)
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**Details of Properties:-Equitable mortgaged of all that piece and parcel of Commercial Property measuring 10 Marlas 1/2 share of 1 Kanals comprised of Rect. 240 kila 10(7/10-10) situated at Gunahsanjhi Dammari, Tehsil Gunahsanjhi, Distt. Ferozepur. Registered in the name of Anokh Singh S/o Surend Singh vide Sale deed no. 177 Dated 01.05.2005. Boundaries (As per Deed) North: House of Surjit Singh West: House of nanda South: House of Uska Chand East: Muktar Road
Therefore, this public notice is hereby issued in lieu of direct communication. The Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s), where applicable, are hereby called upon to remit the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failure to do so will result in the initiation of further actions, as permitted under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, after the lapse of the 60-day period. The Borrowers are specifically referred to Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act regarding their rights to redeem the secured assets. Dated: 13.10.2026, Place: Patiala Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.**

Asian Games experience to boost Indian challenge at DP World India Championship

CHANDIGARH: For India's leading trio - Saptak Talwar, Veer Ahlawat and Yuvraj Sandhu, wearing India colours was a big thrill and a great achievement at the recent Asian Games at Aichi-Nagoya. The Asian Games may have ended without a medal for India's men's golf team, but they returned with something which they appreciate a lot – the experience of competing under pressure in Japan against some of Asia's best players, which also included the eventual winner Tom Kim, who has also been a PGA Tour winner and former Indian Open winner Keita Nakajima, who is soon bound for the PGA Tour.

The Asian Games opportunity came at an important stage of their careers. All three now head into the DP World India Championship at Delhi Golf Club from October 15 to 18, with different stories. Yet they have something very valuable in common — recent exposure to high-level international golf. At the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Talwar and Ahlawat finished tied sixth individually, and the Indian team was placed sixth. Sandhu was tied 24th. That experience could prove particularly useful when they step into the much bigger arena of the DP World India Championship, tickets for which are on sale now, here at District.

The tournament is co-sanctioned by the DP World Tour and DP World PGTI and carries a US\$ 4 million prize fund, the biggest for a DP World Tour event in India. More importantly for the three Indians, it puts them in the same field as players such as Rory McIlroy, defending champion Tommy Fleetwood, Open champion Ryan Fox, Justin Rose, Shane Lowry, Patrick Reed, Luke Donald and PGA Championship winner Aaron Rai.

For Talwar, the progression has been particularly striking. The 27-year-old has been the most consistent Indian player on the DP World PGTI this season and leads the Order of Merit. He won the Indorama Ventures Open and has added a string of strong finishes, including second at DP World – PGTI Open, which was co-sanctioned with HotelPlanner Tour, and a third place at the Andhra Open. He also had Top-10 finishes in J&K Open, Kolar and Chennai and a series of Top-15 finishes. Just before the Asian Games, he and Ahlawat shared third at the Bengaluru Open. He leads the DP World PGTI Order of Merit race by a big margin.

Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026 records historic opening with over 440 million visits

CHANDIGARH : Amazon today announced that the Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026 has had a historic opening, the biggest ever for the shopping event. India is shopping on Amazon.in, with customers ordering over 100% more products YoY. The event has already recorded over 440 million visits in its early phase, the highest ever in the history of Amazon.in as customers across India shop for festive favourites, everyday essentials and aspirational upgrades across smartphones, consumer electronics, fashion, beauty, home, kitchen and more.The strong opening reflects growing engagement across the country, with customers from every pin code in India placing orders. Over 72% of visits came from beyond the top nine metros, highlighting the growing reach of online shopping across Bharat. First-time shoppers on Amazon.in increased by close to 100%, while the Amazon shopping app recorded its highest-ever single-day downloads, at five times the volume of a regular business day."Pre-weekend response to the Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026 has beaten our most optimistic expectations. We are already seeing new benchmarks across customer engagement, digital payments uptake, order volumes and delivery speed. We've seen a record 100% increase in products ordered and are humbled to see aspirations becoming affordable with extra savings for Prime members, instant bank discounts, exchange, no-cost EMI, Amazon Pay Later and a host of value-driving programs. In sync with India's beyond-the-metros growth story, Bharat is choosing to shop on Amazon.in accounting for 72% of traffic. The response over the initial couple of days points towards a healthy festive season for the industry and we are committed to making each customer's festive season great," said Saurabh Srivastava, Vice President – Amazon India.

Sentient investigations highlight importance of everyday hygiene and biosecurity in animal production

LUDHIANA :Everyday management practices, from waste disposal to protective equipment and facility hygiene, play an important role in maintaining appropriate conditions in animal-rearing environments. Investigations by Sentient into dairy and poultry facilities across multiple states have documented shortcomings in several of these areas, highlighting the importance of consistent monitoring and implementation of basic safeguards.The poultry investigation covered 21 layer-hen facilities in Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Investigators observed manure accumulating beneath cages, sometimes remaining in place throughout a production batch. Other observations included foul odours resembling ammonia, stagnant water, rodents, cockroaches and mosquito larvae. Feed in some units showed visible signs consistent with fungal growth or possible contamination.Biosecurity measures were another concern. Apparent employee and visitor biosecurity protocols were observed at only one facility, while masks and other personal protective equipment were generally not provided or used at the remaining facilities.The dairy investigation, which covered more than 100 units across six states, documented milking near open drains, sewage and accumulated waste. Milk was frequently stored in open containers, while manure and slurry were discharged into open drains. Investigators also recorded improper carcass disposal in some locations.These observations do not establish that disease outbreaks or food contamination occurred at the facilities investigated. They do, however, highlight the importance of routine hygiene, responsible waste management and appropriate biosecurity measures.Sentient has called for stronger monitoring, improved biosecurity and veterinary support in poultry facilities, as well as regular inspections and better waste management across dairy operations. The findings point to the need for consistent implementation of safeguards that address the everyday conditions within animal-rearing facilities, rather than relying solely on standards and protocols on paper.

45 Cadets from Sainik School Kunjpura Clear NDA written exam

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, OCTOBER 12

Cadets from Sainik School Kunjpura have brought glory to the institution by delivering an outstanding performance in the National Defence Academy (NDA) written examination. Forty-five cadets have succeeded in the exam, demonstrating their hard work, dedication, discipline, and determination. This achievement has created an atmosphere of joy within the school community. Of these, 32 cadets are currently studying in Class 12, while 13 are former students. This success reflects the school's continuous efforts to prepare young people aspiring to build careers in the armed forces. Congratulating the successful cadets, the school Principal, Captain (Indian Navy) Gurbir Singh, stated that this achievement is the result of the cadets' hard work, the dedicated guidance of teachers, and the excellent academic environment provided by the school. Wishing the successful cadets a bright future, he expressed confidence that they would excel in the upcoming selection process as well.Captain Gur-



bir Singh noted that the objective of Sainik Schools is not only to provide quality education but also to foster leadership qualities, self-confidence, decision-making abilities, discipline, and a spirit of service to the nation among students. Clearing the NDA written exam is a significant step towards the cadets' dream of becoming military officers.The school provides cadets with regular guidance, support from subject experts, and a disciplined study environment to prepare for the NDA exam. This achievement has been realised through the teachers' persistent efforts and the cadets' hard work. Alongside academic excellence, the school places special emphasis on honing the cadets' personalities, self-confidence, and leadership capabilities. The school administra-

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Student interaction programme held at Garhi Khajur

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCTOBER 12

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvindra Kalyan urged students to limit their mobile phone usage and to realize not only their own dreams but also those of their parents. He advised them to become exemplary citizens and to understand the distinction between right and wrong, as well as virtue and vice. Kalyan was speaking as the chief guest at a student interaction program organized at the Government Senior Secondary School in Garhi Khajur village, in collaboration with the Rajdhani Change Makers Foundation. On this occasion, students Suman, Akshara, Gurpreet, and Jyoti performed dances, while Anjali and her group presented a captivating group dance, which Shri Kalyan praised wholeheartedly. He also commended the students' discipline and self-confidence. The Assembly Speaker encouraged students to participate in co-curricular activities and sports for personal growth and to further strengthen their self-confi-



dence. He stated that students must work tirelessly to achieve their goals, noting that daughters are excelling in every field today. He asked the students about the meaning of happiness, curiosity, and inspiration. Kalyan remarked that becoming a good human being brings inner happiness. He noted that challenges are an inherent part of life, one should maintain a positive attitude towards others, and one should never hesitate to help the needy.

He explained that curiosity is an intense desire or eagerness to know, learn, or understand. Quoting Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, he said, "Knowledge is power."

He emphasised that those who possess knowledge are truly powerful and that the more knowledge one acquires, the greater one's value becomes. Inspiration, he added, is the force that drives us to take action; we first draw inspiration from our parents and grandparents, and subsequently from our teachers at school. He encouraged the students to stay away from substance abuse, work hard, and not take offense at their teachers' reprimands. Citing the examples of former President and eminent scientist Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President Droupadi Murmu, the architect of the Constitution Babasaheb Bhimrao

Ambedkar, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Assembly Speaker noted that all these personalities hailed from humble backgrounds yet scaled new heights in life through immense dedication and hard work. The Prime Minister has taken numerous steps to improve the living standards of the poor and foster national progress, and eligible beneficiaries are now reaping the benefits of these schemes. To realise the resolve of transforming India into a developed nation by 2047, every individual must discharge their duties with honesty.

Harvinder Kalyan urged students to speak up without hesitation if they faced any obstacles in continuing their education that could not be resolved at the level of their parents or teachers; he assured them that every possible effort would be made to address such issues. He highlighted the availability of various career options and noted that the government also provides loans for self-employment, encouraging students to choose a vocation aligned with their interests.

Ramkumar Kashyap hears public grievances; Issues directives for prompt resolution



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, OCTOBER 12

MLA and Government Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap held a 'Janata Darbar' at the Irrigation Department's rest house on Monday to listen to the issues faced by the people of the constituency. Most of the grievances and complaints raised during the event were resolved on the spot, while officials were instructed to ensure the speedy resolution of issues requiring administrative action.Speaking on the occasion, MLA Ramkumar Kashyap stated that resolving public grievances is his top priority. As a public representative, he strives to ensure that the common people do not face

unnecessary hardship in getting their problems addressed. With this objective, the 'Janata Darbar' is organized to facilitate direct dialogue with the public, allowing their issues to be heard and resolved through the concerned departments. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap noted that a large number of constituents attend the weekly public hearing program held every Monday to present their problems and complaints. His constant endeavor is to ensure the quick resolution of these issues so that people can avail themselves of the benefits of government-run schemes. He appealed to the public to immediately bring any village-level issues to his notice so that

they could be resolved promptly.

During the programme, several individuals approached the MLA with requests for solutions to their problems. These included Neetu and other women from village Labkari requesting the construction of a 'Mahila Chaupal' Rakesh Kumar from Khanpur raising pension-related issues; Ashok Kumar from Gandhi Nagar seeking the correction of an error in his Family ID; and Jai Bhagwan from Khanpur requesting the construction of a street. The MLA listened attentively to all the grievances presented by the constituents and assured them that prompt action would be taken to resolve them.

United Shiv Colony Welfare Association formed in Pinjore

Surendra Kumar Bhatt Appointed President; Narendra Khanna, General Secretary



PINJORE: A general meeting of residents living in the lane near Sai Mandir was held in the city. During the meeting, the 'United Shiv Colony Welfare Association' (near Sai Mandir) was formed by mutual consensus to address colony development, basic amenities, and local issues. Office bearers were selected unanimously, and it was decided to raise the colony's key issues with the relevant departments and officials on a priority basis. Responsibilities were assigned as follows: Surendra Kumar Bhatt (President), Pawan Sharma (Vice President), Narendra Khanna (General Secretary), Suresh Kajal (Joint Secretary), Sarabjit Sodhi (Treasurer), and Mahesh Ramola (Press Secretary).

The newly appointed office bearers stated that the primary objective of the association is to work collectively for the area's proper development while fostering brotherhood, cooperation, and unity among residents. They affirmed that colony issues would not merely be raised but actively pursued through regular liaison and coordination with the concerned departments and officials. Members present at the general body meeting included Om Prakash, Kashi Ram, Sunil Kumar Mishra, Multan Singh, Satpal, Hari Singh, Ashwani Kumar, Puran Chand, Kuldeep Kumar Dhar, Balbir Sharma, Manish Kumar, Ajit Indaura, Mano Swami, Vivek Mishra, Sukhbir Singh, Rakesh Dhimani, Shiv Kumar, Nanu Ram Verma, Shiv Mangal Singh, and Sunil Patil, among others. In this regard, the association's newly appointed Press Secretary, Mahesh Ramola, stated that the association was formed with the consensus of all residents. He emphasized that the betterment of the colony and the resolution of residents' issues would remain the association's top priority.

Cleanliness is not just a campaign, it's every citizen's responsibility: Suman Bahmani



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 12

Under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan and Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan, Municipal Corporation launched a special cleanliness drive in areas of Bank Colony, Golden Puri and Neelkamal School in Ward Nos. 21 and 22. Mayor Suman Bahmani, BJP District General Secretary Narendra Singh, Ward Councillors Manjit Kaur and Ruchi Sharma, Chief Sanitation Inspector Amit Kamboj and Sanitation Inspector Pradeep Dahiya launched drive by sweeping. Mayor himself used a hoe to clear grass and dirt growing on roadside.During drive, public representatives and corporation employees encouraged people to be aware of cleanliness. During

72-foot high national flag will soon fly proudly on Shri Krishna Ayush University campus.

DALBIR SINGH MALIK/HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: At the initiative of Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal, a 72-foot-high national flag will soon fly proudly on the Shri Krishna Ayush University campus. The Flag Foundation of India has delivered the necessary materials for the flag pole to the university. Work on the flag pole's foundation, as per the technical drawings, will begin soon. Recently, University Vice Chancellor Prof. Vaidya Kartar Singh Dhimani and the Flag Foundation of India team inspected the flag site and reviewed the preparations.

During the inspection, the technical structure, safety standards and installation process of the flag pole were discussed. Soon, the flag pole will be installed and a large tricolor flag will be hoisted on the university campus.

On this occasion, Prof. Vaidya Kartar Singh Dhimani, Vice Chancellor of Shri Krishna Ayush University, said that this giant Tricolor will serve as a source of inspiration for students. It will further strengthen the sense of patriotism, national values, and respect for national symbols among the young people studying here, and inspire them to become responsible citizens.

Dharamveer Singh (former IAS), in-charge of MP Naveen Jindal's parliamentary office, said that Flag Foundation of India Chairman and MP Naveen Jindal believed that the national flag was a symbol of India's pride and constitutional values. A giant Tricolor strengthens the spirit of patriotism in every citizen. The Flag Foundation of India is running the "National Flag Awareness Campaign-2026" in the Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency. He said that the Flag Foundation of India had installed more than 230 giant national flags across the country which had strengthened the spirit of patriotism and national pride.

Four teams reach semifinals of all-open National Kabaddi Tournament

DALBIR SINGH KURUKSHETRA: Following thrilling matches in the men's category of the All-Open National Kabaddi tournament—organized to mark the foundation day of the International Jat Dharamshala, Kurukshetra—the teams from Lakhna Majra, Railways, Karsindhu Kheda, and the Navy have advanced to the semifinals.

Mohit Malik, President of the Boiler Breeders Association (North) and Managing Director of the Janata Group, attended the event as the chief guest and encouraged the players. Guests of honor Monu Punia (MD, Himalaya Building Form) and Ramesh Malik (Head, Panipat Vegetable Market) also praised the players' performances. The guests and players commended the arrangements regarding accommodation, meals, and other facilities at the Dharamshala, and lauded the organisation's efforts to promote sports. Expressing gratitude to the guests, Dr. Krishna Shyokand, President of the Dharamshala, stated that the organization's objective is to provide youth with opportunities for advancement through sports and education, and to strengthen the spirit of brotherhood among all communities.



drive, Municipal Corporation team and local residents cleaned various areas.Collectected waste was sent for proper disposal. Residents were also encouraged to maintain cleanliness around them and avoid littering in public places. She stated that maintaining clean and beautiful Yamunanagar-Jagadhri is collective responsibility of Municipal Corporation as well as every citizen. Cleanliness drive should not be limited to just one day, but should be made a part of every citizen's daily routine. She said that city cleanliness can only be ensured when people actively participate in keeping their homes, streets and public spaces clean. She appealed to citizens to refrain from throwing garbage in open and to hand over house-

hold waste to door-to-door collection vehicles. She said that public participation is key to making cleanliness drive a massive success. Citizen participation is essential to complement MC's efforts to make city clean and beautiful. If everyone takes responsibility for keeping their homes and surrounding areas clean, cleanliness drive can be made effective. She appealed to people to hand over household waste to door-to-door collection vehicles instead of throwing it around. Municipal Corporation team, including Swachh Bharat Mission expert Akash Kumar, Corporation supervisors Sandeep and Amit Kumar and door-to-door waste collection supervisors Amit Chaudhary and Deepak were present at campaign.

Girl students of Baba Siddhanath International Public School perform brilliantly in various competitions

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA- OCT 12

The students of Baba Siddhanath International Public School brought laurels to the school by performing brilliantly in various competitions organized by Shri Vaishya Agrawal Panchayat Kurukshetra as part of the Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti celebrations. On this occasion, students from 18 schools participated enthusiastically in various competitions. Nirvi Sharma, a Class 10 student, secured second place in the Rangoli competition, while Gunjan, a Class 9 student, secured third place in the On-the-Spot Painting competition. Both students made the school proud by showcasing their artistic talent and creative thinking. BJP State President Archana Gupta and Gyananand Maharaj honored the students for this achievement. There is an atmosphere of happiness among the parents and the school family due to the success of the students.

School Director Ishwar Singh expressed his delight at the students'



achievement, stating that students' success isn't solely the result of their individual efforts, but also the important role played by the guidance of teachers, the support of parents and the positive environment of the school. He added that Baba Siddhanath International Public School continually encourages students to pursue academic pursuits in addition to arts, culture and creative activities. Such competitions are a powerful means of uncovering children's hidden talents, developing self-confidence and inspiring them to excel in life. He congratulated both students, stating that their achievement will serve as an inspiration for other students. School Principal Geeta

Sharma, while congratulating Nirvi Sharma and Gunjan, said that the purpose of education was not limited to bookish knowledge, but also to developing students' thinking, imagination, self-confidence, and expressive abilities. Competitions like rangoli and painting provide children with an opportunity to creatively express their feelings and ideas. She said that such activities foster a spirit of healthy competition among students, and they are motivated to recognize their abilities and perform better. She expressed confidence that both students will continue to achieve success with similar hard work and dedication in the future, bringing glory to the school and their parents.

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