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NEWS BRIEFS

Paddy stubble burning cases dip 26.63pc in 7 states

NEW DELHI: Paddy crop residue burning incidents in seven states fell by 26.63 per cent to 3,316 between September 15 and November 1, according to data from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
Punjab recorded the highest number of cases at 1,514, followed by Rajasthan (671), Madhya Pradesh (566), Uttar Pradesh (345), Uttarakhand (176), Haryana (42) and Delhi (2).
In Punjab, Amritsar, Firozpur, Kapurthala, Sangrur, Bathinda, Faridkot, Patiala, Barnala and Fazilka reported the maximum number of incidents during the period.

BKU Kadian extends support to SAD for upcoming Punjab assembly polls

CHANDIGARH: Farmers' body Bharatiya Kisan Union (Kadian), which is part of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, on Monday announced unconditional support to the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) for the 2027 Punjab Assembly election.
BKU (Kadian) president Harmeet Singh Kadian announced this here in the presence of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal.
"We have conducted a three-month exercise before extending unconditional support to the SAD. We approached all political parties and realised that all of them, except the SAD, do not have any pro-farmer policy agenda," Kadi-

SC allows green crackers in Delhi-NCR for two days

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has permitted the manufacture, sale and bursting of certified green firecrackers in Delhi-NCR for a limited period ahead of Diwali, while directing that the complete ban on firecrackers be restored from November 9, 2026.A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and Prasanna B Varale allowed the sale of approved green crackers from November 4 to 6 and their bursting between 6 am and 7 am and 8 pm and 10 pm on November 7 and 8.No firecrackers will be permitted within 300 metres of hospitals, healthcare centres, old-age homes, educational institutions and notified silence zones, which will be marked as 'No-Cracker Zones', ordered the top
The relaxation is subject to stringent safeguards to ensure that conventional and unauthorised firecrackers do not enter the market under the guise of green crackers.

Rijiju thanks Bhutan King for dedicating Stupa 76 to PM Modi

THIMPHU: Union Minister for Parliamentary and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju on Monday expressed his "heartfelt gratitude" to Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck for the gesture of dedicating a Stupa in Gelephu Mindfulness City to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his commitment and steadfast support to the project. Rijiju on Sunday represented the Indian government at the ceremony led by the King of Bhutan for raising and consecration of 108 Stupas in Gelephu Mindfulness City, an expression of shared spiritual and cultural ties and the close friendship between the peoples of both countries.
"Dedicating sacred stupa to someone is not an ordinary gesture.

Three Punjab AAP MLAs join BJP ahead of assembly polls

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In a setback to Punjab's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) ahead of the 2027 Assembly elections, three sitting party legislators joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in New Delhi on Monday.

The legislators former Punjab minister Chetan Singh Jauramajra (Samana), Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra (Sanaur) and former IPS officer Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh (Amritsar North), formally joined the BJP at its national headquarters in the national capital.

The development comes days after AAP announced its first list of 40 candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections, triggering discontent among sections of the party over ticket distribution and the functioning of the state leadership.

ources in the BJP said the three legislators were likely to be fielded from their existing Assembly constituencies, although the party has yet to make any formal announcement regarding their candidature.

Jauramajra and Pathanmajra announced their decision to leave AAP following the release of the first list, accusing the party leader-



ship of ignoring elected representatives and failing to address concerns raised by legislators.

Their departure has drawn attention to growing differences between sections of the party's legislative wing and the leadership ahead of an election in which AAP will seek a second consecutive term.

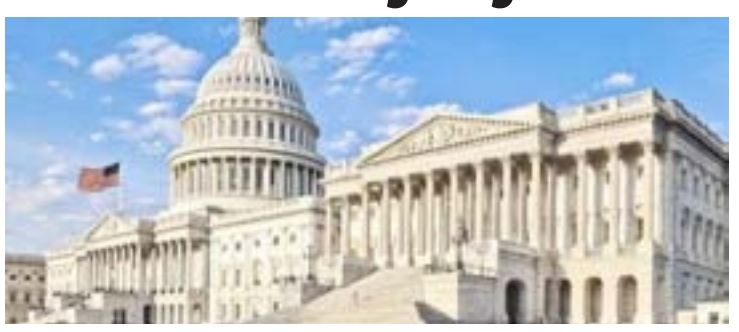
Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh's decision to join the BJP carries particular political significance because of his association with investigations into the 2015 sacrilege incidents and subsequent police firing cases in Punjab.

he former IPS officer won the Amritsar North Assembly seat on an AAP ticket in 2022. However, he had repeatedly raised questions over the state government's handling of sensitive issues, including the progress of investigations into the sacrilege cases.

People's trust is party's biggest strength : AAP

CHANDIGARH: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab leader and spokesperson Neel Garg launched a sharp attack on the BJP, asking its leaders to stop worrying about AAP and instead focus on their own party's declining political base and credibility among the people of Punjab. He said the trust of the people, their issues and the development of Punjab remain AAP's biggest strengths, and no political defections can change that.
Reacting to BJP leaders' claims that AAP's Jharoo was falling apart following the departure of three MLAs, Garg said the party had already distanced itself from these legislators some time ago. He pointed out that Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh had been suspended from the party in June 2025, and said the political decisions of these individuals were theirs to make. Garg asserted that the BJP should not mistake the departure of a few individuals for a loss of public support for AAP. In a democracy, he said, it is the people who ultimately decide the political future of parties, and what matters is not who joins or leaves a party but whether its policies and intentions serve the interests of the state.

All eyes on US midterm elections as Democrats gain ground



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WASHINGTON DC, NOV 2

Democrats are showing considerable strength in the final days ahead of the November 3 US midterm elections, with new polling indicating that the party is leading in five Republican-held Senate battleground states and maintaining a narrow advantage in another, potentially putting control of the upper chamber within reach. According to the latest New York Times/Siena University polls, Democratic candidates are ahead in Texas, Kansas, Maine and Ohio, as well as Alaska, while the contest in Iowa remains virtually tied. Democrats are also leading in Michigan, a state where the party currently holds the Senate seat.The findings come as Democrats seek to regain control of Congress amid voter dissatisfaction with President Donald Trump and growing concerns over the state of the economy and the cost of living.

The New York Times/Siena surveys found Democratic candidates holding substantial leads in Texas and Kansas, two traditionally Republican states where Democrats have not won Senate elections since 1988 and 1932, respectively.In Texas, Democrat James Talarico leads Republican Ken Paxton by 50 per cent to 43 per cent. In Kansas, Democrat Chris Hamilton is ahead of Republican Senator Roger Marshall, 49 per cent to 44 per cent, according to the survey.In Maine, Democrat Graham Platner leads Republican Senator Susan Collins, 51 per cent to 45 per cent, while in Ohio, Democrat Sherrod Brown is ahead of Republican Jon Husted, 49 per cent to 44 per cent, the New York Times/Siena surveys show.In Alaska, Democrat Mary Peltola holds a narrow lead over Republican Senator Dan Sullivan, 48 per cent to 46 per cent. Iowa remains closely contested, with Democrat Josh Turek polling at 48 per cent and Republican Ashley Hinson at 47 per cent.

Om Birla tells legislators to strengthen parliamentary traditions



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PANCHKULA, NOV 2

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday urged legislators to strengthen parliamentary traditions through substantive debate and respect for dissent, saying differing views were the strength of democracy. He inaugurated the Haryana Assembly's Janpratinidhi Sammelan, marking 60 years of the state's formation.

"Where there is agreement in a democracy, disagreement must also be respected. Dissent, too, gives direction and inspires us to work," he said.

Birla said democratic institutions benefited when members brought different opinions, experience, and reasoned arguments to discussions. Despite differences in their perspectives, legislators shared a responsibility to work for the progress of their state and country, he added.

He urged public representatives to treat governance and administration as instruments of public service, with particular attention to improving the lives of the most disadvantaged.

"The responsibility of public service is greater than the responsibility of running the government," Birla said. That commitment should continue beyond a representative's term in the Assembly, he said. Bringing about social and economic change in the lives of the poorest should remain a lifelong purpose.

Badrinath turns picturesque after fresh snowfall, plunging temperatures intensify cold

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BADRINATH, NOV 2

Fresh snowfall in Badrinath Dham has blanketed the surrounding high-altitude peaks in a sheet of white, transforming the region's landscape, while a sharp drop in temperature and chilly winds have intensified cold conditions in the area.The snowfall, which occurred last night, has brought a significant change in the weather pattern across Badrinath Dham and its adjoining high-altitude areas. The snow-covered mountain peaks have enhanced the scenic beauty of the shrine, offering breathtaking views to devotees visiting the holy site.

However, the change in weather has also brought biting cold to the region, with temperatures dropping



sharply following the snowfall. Chilly winds have further intensified the cold, making conditions particularly harsh for people in the area. Despite the challenging weather conditions, devotees arriving at Badrinath Dham are enjoying mesmerising views of the snow-clad hills surrounding the shrine. The fresh snowfall has completely transformed the landscape of the region, with the white blanket covering the surrounding peaks creating a picturesque winter setting. While the snow-covered mountains have added to the visual appeal of the pilgrimage destination, the accompanying drop in temperature has made the weather increasingly chilly.Earlier on Thursday, Kedarnath Dham witnessed the season's first heavy snowfall following continuous snowfall since October 29, blanketing the surrounding hills.

Gurugram police arrest two alleged arms suppliers, seize eight pistols

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GURUGRAM, NOV 2

Police have arrested two men from Madhya Pradesh with eight country-made pistols and 16 magazines allegedly meant for supply in Delhi-NCR, a police spokesman said on Monday.

The arrests take the number of people held in the case to four, with 13 pistols and 27 magazines recovered so far.

The two men, identified as Durgesh and Narendra alias Naren, both residents of Bamanala village in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district, were arrested on November 1 near GD Goenka University on the Sohna-Gurugram Road. Police said they had travelled from Madhya Pradesh by bus carrying the weapons and were intercepted before they could deliver the consignment. Their arrests followed the questioning of Deepak and Rahul, who were held by the Sector-40 Crime Branch in Sector-112, Bajghera, on October 29. Police recovered five pistols, 11 magazines and a car from their possession.

A case was registered at Bajghera police station under the Arms Act. Deepak and Rahul were produced before a court on October 30 and remanded in police custody for five days, the spokesman said.

CM Mann gifts clean drinking water to 316 villages in Patiala



RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, NOV 2

Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday dedicated two state-of-the-art Water Treatment Plants, built at a cost of 432.65 crore at village Mandoli in Ghanaour constituency of Patiala, providing a major boost to access to safe drinking water across the region. The project will supply clean canal water daily to 316 villages across five Assembly constituencies, covering 4.50 lakh residents and 70,000 households through a 752-kilometre pipeline network. Besides addressing the groundwater crisis and tackling contamination, including fluoride, the project will provide a long-term solution to drinking water challenges, reaffirming the Punjab Government's commitment to making clean drinking water accessible to every household.

Sharing a few snippets from this occasion, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated: "Today, dedicated two new Water Treatment Plants built at a cost of 432 crore to the people at village Mandoli in Patiala. Now, 316 villages across five Assembly constituencies and 75,000 households will receive clean canal drinking water every day. This project will provide a permanent solution to the problem of contaminated water, including fluoride contamination, and will serve as a lifeline for residents. The health of Punjabis remains our top priority."

Sensex jumps 1,233 points on sharp rally in Reliance, steep fall in oil prices

AGENCY
MUMBAI, NOV 2

Stock market benchmark indices ended sharply higher on Monday, with the Sensex rallying 1,233 points and the Nifty climbing to 23,440.80, driven by a steep rally in bellwether Reliance Industries post earnings announcement and cooling crude oil prices.

Foreign fund inflows and positive domestic macro indicators also added to the optimism.

Rallying for the third day, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,233.25 points, or 1.66 per cent, to settle at the day's high of 75,692.78.

"Foreign investors turning buyers as a global AI rotation also provided support to domestic equities," he said, adding that the rally extended to mid- and small-cap stocks, indicating improved market participation.Among sectoral indices on the NSE, Nifty Metal led the gains, rising 2.8 per cent, fol-



lowed by Nifty PSU Bank, which advanced 1.19 per cent, and Nifty Auto, which gained 1.05 per cent. Nifty Realty rose 0.80 per cent, while Nifty FMCG gained 0.4 per cent.

However, some sectors ended in the red. Nifty IT declined 0.8 per cent, Nifty Media fell 0.7 per cent, Nifty Private Bank lost 0.40 per cent and Nifty Pharma slipped 0.32 per cent.Among Nifty 50 stocks, Reliance Industries, Tata Steel, JSW Steel and Shriram Finance were among the top gainers. Infosys, ICICI Bank, HDFC Life, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Axis Bank were among the major laggards.In the commodities market, Brent crude oil prices declined more than 4 per cent to USD 108.54 per barrel on Monday. While prices have eased compared with last week, they remain above their long-term average.Gold prices continued to remain weak, trading at Rs 1,38,420 per 10 grams for 24-karat gold. Silver prices, however, gained 1.65 per cent to Rs 1,82,094 per kg at the time of reporting.On the currency front, the rupee weakened 21 paise to 94.97 against the US dollar on Monday, compared with Friday's close of 94.76. It opened at 94.90.Rajeev Sharan, Head of Research at Brickwork Ratings, said the rupee came under pressure from a firm dollar index near 101.88 and an AI-led selloff in US technology stocks that affected Asian currencies."

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DC, SSP review strong rooms and counting centres ahead of ensuing polls



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): In view of the upcoming assembly elections, Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Aashika Jain on Monday reviewed the proposed strong rooms and counting centres at Rayat Bahra Professional University here. She said that the district administration had initiated the process of making requisite arrangements to ensure the smooth and timely conduct of the electoral process. Accompanied by SSP Sandeep Kumar Malik and other concerned officials, the District Election Officer Aashika Jain said that strong rooms and counting centres for all seven assembly constituencies of the district would be established in Hoshiarpur.

Foundation days of Eight States and Seven Union Territories celebrated at Punjab Lok Bhawan

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CHANDIGARH, NOV 2



The Foundation Days of eight states—Punjab, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu—and seven Union Territories—Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry—were celebrated at Punjab Lok Bhawan, Chandigarh, today under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative.

The function was presided over by the Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, who extended his greetings to the people of all the states and Union Territories and called for strengthening national unity through mutual respect, cultural exchange and closer cooperation. The Governor was accompanied by the Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Shri Kultar Singh Sandhwan; Additional Solicitor General of India, Shri Satya Pal Jain; Chief Secretary, Punjab, Shri K. A. P. Sinha; Chief Secretary, U.T. Chandigarh, Shri Hiriadka Rajesh Prasad; Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of Punjab, Shri Vivek Pratap Singh; Director General of Police, Punjab, Shri Gaurav Yadav; Education Secretary, U.T. Chandigarh, Ms. Prerna Puri; Secretary, Tourism, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; and other senior officials from Punjab and Chandigarh.

The Governor said that every region of India has its own distinct culture, language, traditions and spiritual heritage, yet the country remains united through shared values, beliefs and a common sense of belonging.

AIVISKAR 2026 at CGC University, Mohali, Redefines India's AI Innovation Landscape

TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, NOV 2



First-of-its-kind AI Fest brings together policymakers, technology leaders, investors, entrepreneurs and student innovators under the theme 'AI for Bharat' In a landmark celebration of artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship and next-generation innovation, CGC University, Mohali, hosted AIVISKAR 2026 — AI for Bharat, a first-of-its-kind AI Fest designed to bring emerging technologies closer to real-world applications and entrepreneurial possibilities.

The event transformed the university campus into a vibrant innovation ecosystem, convening distinguished policymakers, industry pioneers, investors, technology experts, startup founders and young innovators on a shared platform to explore how AI can shape India's future.The occasion featured Mr. Adiseshaiah Chowdary Jakkampudi, Founder and Chairman, ISF; former Special Chief Secretary and IT Advisor to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; and former Managing Director, NVIDIA, Founder and former Director, STPI India, whose distinguished experience across technology, governance and innovation added considerable significance to the event.2026 distinguished itself through an impressive confluence of ideas, experimentation and investment opportunities.

The event witnessed 57 startups presenting their pitches, offering promising ventures a platform to showcase their business models, technological propositions and growth potential before an accomplished investor community. In parallel, 20 student-developed projects were exhibited, highlighting the ingenuity, technical capabilities and problem-solving orientation of the university's young innovators. Adding intellectual depth to the proceedings, 58 panelists delivered engaging sessions on emerging technologies, entrepreneurship, investment, innovation and the evolving possibilities of artificial intelligence. Recognising exceptional contributions and innovative thinking, 40 participants were conferred the AIVISKAR Excellence Award.Moving beyond tradi-

Moksha Old Age Home: Hiding their hearts, they observed Ahoi Ashtami fast for their children's well-being

MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR, NOV 2



A mother's love is unmatched in this world. No matter how her children treat her, she always prays for their safety and well-being. Such emotional moments were witnessed at Moksha Old Age Home on Camry Road. Here, elderly mothers living far from their loved ones, concealing their pain in their hearts, observed the Ahoi Ashtami fast with full rituals for the long life, happiness, prosperity, and well-being of their children. While observing the Ahoi Ashtami fast and puja, their faces displayed a peaceful expression, but their hearts also held a yearning and longing for their children. These mothers, separated from the very children they once nurtured in their laps and fought for their happiness, prayed for a better future for them. Seeing the elderly mothers observing the Ahoi Ashtami fast, Mother Pankaj Sandhir, patron of Moksha Old Age Home, became emotional and remarked that no matter how difficult the circumstances, a mother never lets her love and blessings for her children diminish.

Voluntary blood donation is greatest act of humanity: Karmveer Saini



PAWAN DAHOLA
JIND, NOV 2

On the auspicious occasion of Haryana Day, a grand blood donation camp was organised in Safidon under the joint aegis of the Senior Citizens Service Committee and Shyam Swami Jagran Party. Youngsters participated enthusiastically, setting an inspiring example of social responsibility by donating more than 50 units of blood voluntarily. Haryana State Information Commissioner Karmveer Saini attended the event as the chief guest. Upon his arrival at the camp venue, office-bearers of the committee and prominent citizens accorded him a warm welcome with floral garlands.

DC Dr. Vaishali Sharma hears Public grievances at samadhan camp; directs officials to ensure prompt and permanent resolution

PAWAN DAHOULA
JIND, NOV 2



A district-level Samadhan Camp was organised at the Mini Secretariat auditorium on Monday under the directions of the Haryana Government to ensure the prompt, transparent and effective resolution of public grievances.

The camp was held under the chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma, where residents from various parts of the district presented their complaints before the administrative authorities.Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Pradeep Kaushik, SDM Satyawan Mann, City Magistrate Monika Rani and senior officials from various departments were also present on the occasion.Key Grievances Raised by ResidentsDuring the camp, the Deputy Commissioner heard the complaints of residents with sensitivity.

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I , Pardeep S/o Balwan Singh R/o Harchand Patti Dhanauri VPO Dhanauri Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Pardeep To Pardeep Dhanda. Concerned Please Note.

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I, Joginder Singh S/o Sohan Lal R/o Village Birthe Bahri Sub. Tehsil Rajound Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Joginder Singh To Joginder. Concerned Please Note.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Payal W/o Neeraj Bansal R/o The Lake, Omaxe, New Chandigarh, VTC Mullanpur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab, hereby declare that I have changed my name from Payal Singla to Payal after my marriage. Both names, payal Singla and Payal, refer to one and the same person. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified as Payal for all purposes, including Passport, government records, official documents and all other legal purposes.

63372

I, Lakhvir Singh father of Army No. 3393418M Retd. Naik Ranbhinder Singh residence of Village: Kalour, Tehsil: Bassi Pathana & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have been changed my name from Lakhvir Singh to Lakhveer Singh and My date of birth is 06 Sep 1946.

63372

I, Gurmail Kaur Mother of Army No. 3393418M Retd. Naik Ranbhinder Singh residence of Village: Kalour, Tehsil: Bassi Pathana & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have been changed my name from Gurmail Kaur to Gurmal Kaur and My date of birth is 01 Jan 1953.

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I Rajwinder Singh Son Sawaran Singh R/o Ward no 14 Patti Tehsil Patti Distt Tarn Taran declare That my father Name Swarn Singh is wrong written in my certificate and Adhar card record which is written as Sawaran Singh where as my correct.

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5- I, Bhinder Kaur W/o No. 4484300W Hav Amarjit Singh R/o Badhni Kalan Distt. Moga declare that my husband serving in the Army in the record of army my name Bhupinder Kaur is written by mistaken. My name is Bhinder Kaur true and correct. Please correct my name Bhupinder Kaur to Bhinder Kaur in the record of army and on all the documents related to army.

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I, Sonia Devi W/o Kamail Singh R/o Village Hajwana Tehsil Pundri Distt Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Sonal To Sonal Malik. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I, Puja Singla Wife of Sanjay Bansal resident of Block No.15, Professor Colony Street No 2 Sirhind Punjab District Fatehgarh Sahib after marriage have changed my name from PUJA SINGLA to POOJA BANSAL All Concerned note Please

887213

I, Sahil S/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar R/o Khanpur Rajputan post office Laha, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt Ambala have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Sahil. In future i will be known as Sahil Sahil.

78645

I, Vinay S/o Victor, R/o Patti Rasulpur, VPO Noorpur Bet, Distt Ludhiana, Have Changed my name from Vinay to Vinay Teja. Concerned parties please take note.

98731

It is for general information that I, Arpita Aggarwal W/o Arpit Jain residing at C-268, Ground floor, Surajmal Vihar, Delhi -110092 declare that my mother name is wrongly written as Pratima Aggarwal in my 10th and 12th class CBSE school mark sheet. The actual name of my mother is Sushma Rani respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

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ਅਸੀਂ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕੰਵ ਮਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਦਾ ਰਾਣੇ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕੰਵ ਮਲ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰ. 15 ਸਿਵਜੀ ਰਾਮ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰ ਸਟਰੀਟ ਨਵਾਹਰਕੇ ਰੋਡ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਤਹਿ ਦਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਾਡਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੌਰੀਪਕ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਅਗੇ ਸਾਡੀ ਨੂੰਹ ਰੀਆ ਕਾਂਸਲ, ਕੁਦਰ ਪ੍ਰਤਾਪ ਸਿਗਲਾ, ਯੁਸ਼ਾਸ ਸਿਗਲਾ ਸੇ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਅਸੀ ਇਨ੍ਹਾ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਾਡਾ ਜਾ ਸਾਡੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਹਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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We Bharat Bhushan Kapania S/o Late: Shiv Dyal Kapania and Renu Kapania W/o Bharat Bhushan Kapania R/o H.No. 1153 Mohalla Kapania Teh-Nakodar Distt. Jalandhar declare that our son Prince Kapania and his wife Sonia are out of our control. We disown with them from our moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

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I, Vikram Kumar (Aadhaar No. 5321 4269 0608), son of Shri Kiran Pal, R/o Ward No. 8, Dodwa, Taraori, Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal, declare that my name is recorded as 'Vikram' in my 10th-grade mark sheet, whereas it is recorded as 'Vikram Kumar' in my Aadhaar card, voter ID card, and all other documents. That 'Vikram Kumar' and 'Vikram' refer to the same person.

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I Anju G C D/o Lekh Bahadur Chhetri, House No. 668, Sector 7-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Anju G C to Anju Chhetri

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I, Rajwinder Singh Nagi S/o Darshan Singh R/o Amritsar Road Kot Ise Khan (Moga have changed my name from Rajwinder Singh Nagi to Rajwinder Singh. Please note.

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I, Harjinder Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/o Vpo Jandiala, Teh-Banga, Distt. S.B.S Nagar-144505, Punjab have changed my name from Harjinder Singh to Harjinder as given name and Singh as Surname. All concerned please note.

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I, Sethi Rai S/o Harmesh Lal R/o Vill. Sanawa, Teh. Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar, PB, declared that my given name is Sethi and my surname is Rai.

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I, Bahadur Ram S/o Darshan Ram R/o Vill-Garhi Ajit Singh Po Aur Sub-Teh-Aur, Distt S.B.S. Nagar, 144417 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bahadur Singh.

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I, Inderjit Singh Dhanoa S/o Maghar Singh R/o Vill-Sikandarpura, Distt Malerkotla, declare that I had previously disinherited my son Pardeep Singh Dhanoa from my movable and immovable property because he was out of my control. Now, my son is under my control therefore, I hereby revoke the disinheritance notice of my son.

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I, Arshdeep Singh Takhar S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vpo. Hissowal Distt Ludhiana have changed my name Arshdeep Singh Takhar to Arshdeep Singh.

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I, Rajwinder Kaur W/o Kulwinder Singh R/o Mandi Road W.No.7 Garhshankar Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Rajwinder Kaur to Kaur Rajwinder.

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I Parveen Kumar S/o Chhinder Pal, Vpo. Karyam Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. S.B.S. Nagar have changed Parveen Kumar to Parveen as given name and Kumar my surname.

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I, Jaskirat Singh S/o Jagmeet Singh R/o F No. K 11 EWS, Shivalik Avenue Sec-125, Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have name Jaskrit Singh is incorrect. my correct name Jaskirat Singh. Please note.

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I, Harinder Kaur W/o Deepinder Singh Bhandari R/o B-XVIII-1370/1 New Geeta Colony Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Harinder Kaur Bhandari. Please note.

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I, Jashandeep Singh Dhaliwal S/o Harpreet Singh R/o Vill: Mallah Teh-Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my minor daughter name from Gunndat Kaur to Gunndat Kaur Dhaliwal. Please note.

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I, Sai Baldev Shah Qadri Gaddi Nasin S/o Ratan Singh R/o B-1/361/3 Mohalla Gulzar Nagar, Banga Road Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar144514 Pb have changed my name Sai Baldev Shah Qadri Gaddi Nasin to Baldev Singh.

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I, Mamta W/o Vikas Bharth R/o Vill: Bihran Po. Pakhowal Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Mamta to Bharth Mamta.

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LOST & FOUND

I, Kirpal Singh S/o Shyam Singh R/o Vill-Ranwan, Teh-Malerkotla Distt Malerkotla, declare that dated on 25-10-2026, while traveling by bus from Village Sandaur towards Khurd, my bag which contained a property registration deed fell out. The deed was in the name of my relative Gagandeep Jain S/o Prem Chand Jain S/o Peera Mal Jain resident of Mahavir Nagar, Malerkotla, District Sangrur. The details are Khewat No. 103, Khatauni Nos. 198 and 199, and Khasra No. 576/6-6, 1013/955578745/575/6-3-10, 576 min/0-14, which amounts to a total area of 05 biswas and 12 biswasis. The aforementioned documents are not required for any case file, litigation,or similar matter. If anybody finds it please contact me at my address.

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I, Khushbeer Kaur Brar W/o Gurpinder Singh R/o Vill: Goniana Kalan Po. Harraipur Sub Distt. Bathinda Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Khushbeer Kaur.

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I, Gurpinder Singh Brar S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o #12 Nede Gurudwara Goniana Kalan Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Gurpinder Singh.

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I, Gurpinder Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o #12 Nede Gurudwara Goniana Kalan Distt. Bathinda have changed my minor son name from Uday Singh Brar to Uday Singh.

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I, Raj Kumar alias Rajeev Sharma S/o Des Raj R/o Singh Sabha Colony, Malerkotla, Teh & Distt Malerkotla, have Change my name to Raj Kumar.

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I, Albel Singh S/o Farnail Singh R/o #15850, St.No.2, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Bathinda (Punjab) have changed my name Albel Singh to Albel Singh Brar. Concerned may Note.

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I, Gurmail Kaur W/o Albel Singh R/o #15850, St.No.2, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Bathinda (Punjab) have changed my name Gurmail Kaur to Gurmail Kaur Brar. Concerned may Note.

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I Davinder Pal Singh Bhuller S/o Surinder Singh Resident of Near Chainapati Dharamshala, Chaina, Teshil Jaito, District Faridkot has changed her name as Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar.

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I, Inderjeet Singh Mann S/O Gurdev Singh R/O House No 24211, St No-B 2, Guru Ki Nagri Near Police Line Bathinda Have Name Change Inderjeet Singh Mann To Inderjeet Singh.

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LOST & FOUND

My original Transfer Deed No. 2927 dated 01.01.2018 and Sale Deed No.2319 dated 19.03.2001, both registered by S.R.Safidon have been lost in Safidon on 5.10 2026. DDR No. 132300512601358 has been lodged in P.S.Safidon. I have not raised any loan on these deeds. If anybody finds, please contact.
Rajkumar son Sh. Bhagwan Dass, r/o Safidon Mandi, Distt. Jind.

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I, Gurdev Singh Mann S/O Karam Singh R/O House No 24179, St No-B 2, Guru Ki Nagri Bathinda Have Name Change Gurdev Singh Mann To Gurdev Singh.

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I, Amarjit Kaur Mann W/O Gurdev Singh R/O House No 24179, St No-B 2, Guru Ki Nagri Bathinda Have Name Change Amarjit Kaur Mann To Amarjit Kaur.

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I, Kuldeep Kaur Mann W/O Inderjeet Singh R/O House No 24211, St No-B 2, Guru K I Nagri Near Police Line Bathinda Have Name Change Kuldeep Kaur Mann To Kuldeep Kaur.

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I, Harmanjeet Singh S/o Sahib Singh R/o Vill: Mehsampur Khurd Teh-Baba Bakala Distt. Amritsar Pb, declare that my given name is Harmanjeet and my surname is Singh.

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I, Pupinder Singh Alias Parminder Singh S/O Jagir Singh R/O Vpo Takhanwad Tehsil Moga Distt Moga, Punjab,India Have Changed My Name To Parminder Singh.

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I Sukhpreet kalra S/o Ajit Singh R/o Kot Ise Khan Distt Moga have change my Name To Sukhpreet Singh.

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I Jaskirat Singh S/o Amarpal Singh R/o Railway Road, Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt: Kapurthala have change my name from Jaskirat singh to Singh Jaskirat. All concerned may please note.

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I Gurpreet S/o Daljit Lal R/o Vill-Ghuman Teh-Banga Distt SBS Nagar have changed my name Gurpreet to Gurpreet Saroye, Saroye Is My Surname.

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I Kanta Kumari W/o Narinder Pal R/o Bdo Basti Khatana Rattewal Teh-Balachar Distt SBS Nagar Punjab have changed my name to Kanta Devi. All Please Note.

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I Sandeep Kaur Toor W/o Sukhdeep Singh Toor R/o Vpo Sowaddi Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Sandeep Kaur to Sandeep Kaur Toor.

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I Harvinder Singh S/o Ajaib Singh R/o H.No 3623 Agwar Ladhai Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Harvinder Singh Saggu.

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I, Sukhvir Singh S/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo Sidhwan Bet Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana declare that my given name is Sukhvir and Surname is Singh.

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I Balvir Singh Virk S/o Tara Singh R/o Village Dangian Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Balvir Singh.

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I, Parminder Singh S/o Hardeep Singh R/o Village Adhiana, Po. Machhiwara (Ludhiana) declare that my name be read as given name Parminder and surname Singh.

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I, Rahul S/o Jai Ram R/o Mahavir Colony, Machhiwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Rahul Kumar, my name be read as given name Rahul and surname Kumar.

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I, Nandini W/o Jai Ram R/o Mahavir Colony, Machhiwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Nandni Devi, my name be read as given name Nandni as surname devi.

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I, Navrang Singh S/o Amar Singh R/o H.No.811, Khanna Khurd, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Navrang Singh to Naurang Singh.

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I, Gurjit Kaur W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o H.No. 131 Patti Romana Shekhpura Bathinda, Pb-151302 have changed my name to Gurjeet Kaur.

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I, Rajeev Bansal R/o H.No. 3149/B St.No.3 Ganesh Nagar Millerganj Ludhiana have changed my name to Rajeev Kumar.

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I Anita Rani W/O Rajesh Kumar Garg R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Anita Garg.

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I Shakuntla Devi Alias Sudha Garg W/O Sadhu Ram Garg R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Two Name Of One Person.

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I, Sahil Kumar S/o Jaswinder Ram R/o Vill: Lodhipur Po. Musapur Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Kumar.

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I, Jagseer Singh S/O Poran Singli R/O Vill Kikar Khera Tehsil Abohar Distt Fazilka, Punjab. Have Changed My Name From Jugseer Singh To Jagseer Singh.

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I Charanjeet Sood S/O Shanti Saroop, Resident Of H.No. 1551/14, Jain Mohalla, Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab That The Two Name's Charanjeet Sood & Charanjit Sood Is My One Person.

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I, Dalbir Singh S/O Achhar Singh R/O Village Sabhra Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Dalbir Singh To Dalbir Singh Sandhu.

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I, Neeta Rani, C/O Karnail Singh Sidhu, Of Ajitwal (Moga), Have Changed My Name From Neeta Rani To Harjit Kaur Sidhu.

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I, Dalbir Singh S/O Achhar Singh R/O Village Sabhra Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Dalbir Singh To Dalbir Singh Sandhu.

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I, Charanjit S/o Manga Ram R/o Vill-Chak Phullu Po. Samundra Distt Hoshiarpur, have changed my name from Charanjit to Charanjit Singh.

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I, Kirandeep Kaur Dhaliwal W/o Sarbjeet Singh R/o Vpo. Raunta Teh-Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga have changed my name to Kirandeep Kaur.

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I, Munir Hussain S/O Sharif Hassan R/O Abu bakar Colony, Milkh Road, Malerkotla, Teh & Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name from Munir Hussain to Munir Hassan.

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I, Gagandeep Singh Waljot S/O Balwinder Singh R/O #130, W.No-11B, Madhopuri Mohalla Dhuri (Sangrur) have changed my name from Gagandeep Singh Waljot to Gagandeep Singh.

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Jalandhar bids cheerful adieu to Asian Hockey Champions matches



JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): A sea of enthusiastic fans converged at the Olympian Surjeet Hockey Stadium in Burlton Park on the last match of the Asian Hockey Champions Trophy in Jalandhar. Local residents and hockey lovers alike turned out in record numbers to bid a memorable farewell to the matches here.

The event earned high praise from attendees for its seamless execution and comprehensive public amenities. Sourav, a resident of nearby Gandhi Camp who attended multiple matches throughout the tournament, lauded the state government's proactive planning. "

From the entry gates to the exit points, every arrangement was remarkably smooth," he shared, highlighting the hassle-free accessibility and well-maintained facilities. He said despite the massive footfall, traffic management and stadium entry remained efficient. Sahil Kumar, another local attendee, credited the dedicated parking zones, structured public utilities, and expansive food courts for creating a hassle-free environment.

NEWS BRIEF

Punjab Day celebrated at Guru Nanak Khalsa College



ARVIND PATHAK

SULTANPUR LODHI: Guru Nanak Khalsa College Sultanpur Lodhi, celebrated Punjab Day with a special cultural programme jointly organized by the Punjabi Department and Cultural Committee. During the event Prof. Arshpreet Kaur shared her views on the reorganization of Punjab, while Acting Principal Prof. Jasbir Kaur highlighted the historical importance of the occasion and emphasized preserving Punjabi language, culture and heritage. The highlight of the programme was a vibrant Giddha performance by female students, showcasing the rich traditions of Punjab. College Management Committee President Eng. Swaran Singh, Director Eng. Nimrta Kaur, Eng. Harniamat Kaur and Secretary Bibi Gurpreet Kaur(member sgpc) extended their greetings to the staff and students on Punjab Day. The programme was conducted by Prof. Arshpreet Kaur. Faculty members and students were also present on the occasion.

Illegal sale, storage of firecrackers raises safety concerns in Morinda

SANJEEV TEJPALS

MORINDA: The alleged illegal sale and storage of firecrackers in crowded markets and residential areas of Morinda, ahead of Diwali, have raised serious safety concerns, with residents apprehending a major fire incident due to the absence of adequate precautionary measures. World Sikh Mission president Jathedar Narinder Singh Halnoli and environmentalist Advocate Jaswinder Singh Dhillon alleged that several traders had stocked firecrackers worth lakhs of rupees in shops and warehouses located in congested markets and adjoining residential buildings without the requisite licences and safety arrangements. They pointed out that a fire had broken out at a firecracker shop in one of the town's markets last year, triggering panic among residents. However, the incident had apparently failed to prompt the authorities and traders to take adequate precautionary measures, they alleged. The leaders said an official at the SDM's office had informed them that only one trader in Morinda possessed a regular wholesale firecracker licence, while a temporary licence had been issued to another person through a draw for selling firecrackers at the designated Ramlila Ground.

MCM equips students with AI and Industry 4.0 skills for future-ready innovation



CHANDIGARH: The Department of Computer Science and Applications (DCSA) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, under the aegis of the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organised a workshop on "AI and Industry 4.0 Tools for Innovators and Entrepreneurs" to familiarise students with emerging technologies and their applications in modern industries.

Mr. Mani Sharma and Mr. Shamsher Singh from Novem Controls Pvt. Ltd. served as resource persons and introduced students to a range of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Industry 4.0 tools. They highlighted the role of these technologies in industrial automation, enhancing operational efficiency and developing innovative solutions to real-world challenges.

A key highlight of the workshop was a hands-on training session that provided students with practical exposure to the demonstrated tools. Through interactive learning, students explored their functionalities and potential applications, gaining insights into translating theoretical knowledge into industry-oriented solutions. The session also underscored the importance of data-driven decision-making, intelligent automation and technology-enabled problem-solving in contemporary industrial environments.

IIT Ropar inaugurates new Centre for Yogic Sciences and holistic development





SHASHI PAL JAIN
ROPAR, NOV 2

IIT Ropar today hosted the launch of Beyond Intelligence: Defining and Measuring Wisdom for AI, a white paper on how artificial intelligence can be tested for wisdom, not just intelligence. The paper was launched at Shaping the AI Mind, an event held at the Institute in the presence of Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar and Dr. Ishan Shivanand, Director of Research at Stanford University, Adjunct Faculty at IIT Ropar. The paper was launched by Dr. Ishan Shivanand, Director of Research at Stanford University, Adjunct Faculty at IIT Ropar and founder of the global mental health alliance Compassion Unites.

It is co-authored with Dr. Anjali Samani, a former AI and data science executive at Salesforce. It describes how wisdom in AI can be defined, measured and tested. It draws on Dr. Shivanand's reading of the Shiv Sutras and India's classical texts on the mind.The event also marked the inauguration of the Dr. Ishan Avdhoot Shivanand Centre for Yogic Sciences and Holistic Development at IIT Ropar. The Centre is funded by Dr. Shivanand. Addressing the press conference, Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar, said: "Our students will build the AI that the world will use. Conversations like today's help them think about how to build it with skill as well as wisdom."Further, Prof. Ahuja emphasized that "AI systems can now pass professional exams and score well on tests of emotional intelligence. But they often tell people what they want to hear, rather than what is good for them".A study published in the journal Science this year found that, when asked for everyday advice, leading AI systems took the user's side about 49 per cent more often than humans did. The problem is global. In 2025, OpenAI withdrew an update to ChatGPT after it became too flattering, saying it had "focused too much on short-term feedback".The paper argues that AI does not lack intelligence. It lacks wisdom. To measure wisdom, the authors introduce a model called HEED (Harm, Ego, Endurance and Discernment). The model connects six parts Knowledge, Values, Context, Discernment, Endurance and Ego. This first research evaluates AI answers.

Civil Surgeon inspects various departments of Mohali District Hospital



MOHALI, NOV 2

Civil Surgeon Dr. Sangeeta Jain, accompanied by senior health officials, today conducted a detailed inspection of District Hospital, Mohali, to review its functioning and assess the quality of healthcare services being provided to patients.

During the visit, she inspected the Emergency Department, Operation Theatre (OT), Laboratory, OPD and various wards. She reviewed the hospital infrastructure, availability of beds, condition of medical equipment, cleanliness arrangements and patient care facilities. She also interacted with staff members across various departments to assess their functioning. Dr. Sangeeta Jain said that providing quality healthcare services to patients visiting government hospitals is the top priority of the Health Department. She directed the concerned officials to maintain proper cleanliness, ensure adequate availability of beds and keep medical equipment in proper working condition.

She emphasized that patients must receive timely treatment and all necessary healthcare facilities without any inconvenience. She also stressed the importance of better coordination and accountability among hospital departments for efficient delivery of healthcare services.

The Civil Surgeon said that the Health Department regularly conducts inspections of government healthcare institutions to improve service delivery and ensure quality healthcare facilities for the public. She added that such inspections would continue in the future.

Senior Medical Officer Dr. Parminderjeet Singh, Deputy Medical Commissioner Dr. Amandeep Kaur and Senior Medical Officer Dr. Taranjot Kaur were also present during the visit.

First invitation card for Chhath Puja to be presented on November 15 and 16 at Shri Ram Mandir Kharar

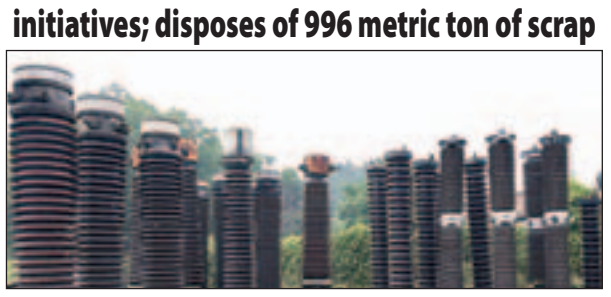


SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, NOV 2

The Mithila Janam Ashtami Seva Samiti is organizing the Chhath Puja festival with great pomp and show on November 15 and 16 at the Maharaja Ajj Sarovar.

In this regard, the Samiti is distributing a large number of invitation cards for the event. The Samiti's President, Rajan Paswan, along with Treasurer Ashok Rai, and members Amit, Sikandar, Sunil Kumar, and other office-bearers, presented the first invitation card to Lord Shri Ram at the Shri Ram Mandir in Kharar. Following this, they presented an invitation card to the office-bearers of the Shri Ram Mandir Ajj Sarovar Vikas Samiti and requested their full cooperation. The office-bearers of the Vikas Samiti assured them of their complete support for the Chhath Puja event.

BBMB completes special campaign 6.0 initiatives; disposes of 996 metric ton of scrap



CHANDIGARH: Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), a statutory body under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, actively participated in Special Campaign 6.0 being conducted under the guidance of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) with the objective of institutionalising Swachhata, reducing pendency, improving record management and enhancing the experience of citizens in Government offices. The key focus of Special Campaign 6.0 is "Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste", building upon the emphasis on scientific management of e-waste in previous campaigns. The Campaign seeks to ensure responsible handling and disposal of e-waste in accordance with the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022, while also promoting cleanliness, efficient use of office space and improved workplace experience. In line with the spirit of this campaign, BBMB has successfully undertaken a series of initiatives under Special Campaign 6.0 across all its projects and offices.

During the Implementation phase of this Special Campaign 6.0 from 2nd to 31st October, 2026, BBMB has e-auctioned about 996 Metric Ton of scrap and earned a revenue of Rs 7.06 Crores.

PM SHRI KV Tibri Cantt organises expert session on Agricultural Science and Education



VERMA
GURDASPUR, NOV 2

PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Tibri Cantt organised an informative and engaging session on "Agricultural Science and Education" under the PM SHRI scheme's National-Level Mentoring by Eminent Experts initiative. The session was attended by students of Classes X, XI and XII. The programme was conducted by Dr. Johar Singh Saini, Assistant Director and Principal Wheat Breeder, Regional Research Station, Punjab Agricultural University, Gurdaspur. He shared valuable insights into agricultural science, modern farming practices, educational pathways and emerging career opportunities in the agricultural sector. The interactive session encouraged students to explore the relationship between agriculture, scientific innovation and education. It provided meaningful exposure and inspired students to consider diverse academic and professional opportunities in this vital field.

The programme was managed and coordinated by Mr. Sanjeev Mahajan, PGT Chemistry, under the able guidance of Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Principal, PM SHRI KV Tibri Cantt. The school expressed its sincere gratitude to Dr. Johar Singh Saini for his valuable time, expert guidance and inspiring interaction with the students.

No unanimous resolution passed at Kharar Block Samiti meeting regarding construction of New Bus Stand



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, NOV 2

A meeting was held today under the leadership of Block Samiti Chairman Raghubir Singh Modi regarding the construction of a new bus stand in Kharar; however, a unanimous consensus could not be reached. While seven members present at the meeting expressed their approval to the construction of the bus stand, another seven members staged a walkout.

According to reports, members Jaspal Kaur, Balvir Kaur, Satish Kumar, Baljinder Singh, Kamaljit Kaur, Jagjit Singh, and Baljit Singh have argued that the bus stand should either be constructed directly by the Punjab Government, or the Block Samiti should undertake the construction itself by securing a loan.

Meanwhile, members belonging to the group led by Block Samiti Chairman Raghubir Singh Modi expressed their support for the bus stand. Exercising the powers vested in him, the Chairman cast his 'casting vote' in favor of the construction.

Four-Day Gurmat Smagam at Ratwara Sahib concludes



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, NOV 2

The four-day grand Gurmat Smagam, organized by the Vishav Gurmat Ruhani Mission Charitable Trust at Ratwara Sahib, concluded today with great devotion and enthusiasm, having spread new spiritual rays and inspiration rooted in Gurmat. The final day of the event was dedicated to the Gurgaddi Diwas of Sahib Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. During the early morning hours, Asa Ki Var Kirtan was performed by the jatha of Bibi Ujagar Kaur. Additionally, the jatha from Ratwara Sahib, Bhai Inderjit Singh Sohana, Bhai Gurdev Singh Rudrapur, Bhai Harjit Singh 'Harman', the kirtani jatha from Jawaddi Kalan Taksal (Ludhiana), Sant Baba Amir Singh, Bhai Jaswinder Singh, Sant Bhupinder Singh Jarg, Bhai Gurdev Singh (Australia), Jathedar Giani Ranjit Singh, Baba Harpal Singh, Manjit Singh (USA), Sant Hari Singh Ji (Randhawa Wale), Ranjit Singh Gill, Harbhag Singh Desumajra, Bhai Charanjit Singh Kalewal etc.

Firecracker market traders deprive from temporary roofs, problems persist

SHARMA
LUDHIANA, NOV 2

when time would not good, trouble comes at every step. After the hustle and bustle in the allotment of the shops of the firecracker market, today, when the shopkeepers started setting up shops on the first day itself, a new problem was seen ahead.

Because some craftsmen who were building the shops under the shed in the local Jalandhar bypass mandi refused to put up the roofs of the shops, saying that the big shed of the Mandi already exists above, due to which till late evening today, shopkeepers were arguing due to the non-installation of temporary tin



roofs on the shops. On the other hand, an allottee of the firecracker shop said that the craftmen who had given work are now allegedly acting arbitrarily. In desperation, some shopkeepers used tarpaulins to cover their shops late in the evening, even though it did not seem safe for the shops of the firecracker store. The shopkeepers said that this time they are facing trouble at every step.

Oxford Senior School Players Excel in Sahodaya sports competitions

DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): Players of Oxford Senior School brought laurels to the institution by performing exceptionally well in Khedan Vatan Punjab Diyan and CBSE Sahodaya Sports Competitions. Amijot Singh won a Gold Medal in the Under-17 state-level category. The school's Under-14 boys' Kho-Kho team secured third position, while several students, including Japleen Kaur, Husandeep Kaur, Gurleen Kaur Dhillon, Harveen Kaur Mangat, Sehajman Kaur, Sehajman Singh Toor, Tanveer Kaur and Dalveer Kaur, excelled in athletics. The Under-17 girls' relay team also secured victory.

Maharashtra govt restores Sachkhand Gurdwara board; announces Diwali bonuses and welfare initiatives



HARPAL SINGH
AMRITSAR, NOV 2

By the immense grace of Guru Maharaj, the Maharashtra Government, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Court, on 26-10-2026, through a historic decision, restored the Gurdwara Sachkhand Board to its original status till 29-06-2022.

For this, many congratulations to all of you and the Sadh Sangat. And heartfelt thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnavis. With the blessings of Guru Maharaj, all of us members are happy to announce that this year, on the occasion of Diwali and Guruship, 1. All employees (permanent, daily wage, wage, agya, mandhan, etc.) are given 50 percent salary bonus by the Gurdwara Board.

2- As per the list of Gurdwara Board, all widows, mothers and sisters are given a Diwali gift (additional pension) of Rs. 1000/- by the Gurdwara Board.

Gurdwara Board Vice President, Sh. Gurinder Singh Bawa and his supporting trust will install an MRI, CT scan, X-ray, blood test and sonography machine, in which all kinds of tests will be done at the lowest rates in the world. Its cost will be around Rs. 15 crore. 4- Hyderabad Gurughar Pemi, Sh. Surinder Singh Saluja, who is the Vice President of Gurdwara Board Sh. Gurinder Singh Bawa, who is Inna's elder brother in religion, will install a solar system for the Gurdwara, the total cost of which will be around Rs. 5 crore.

Halloween celebrated at Shivalik School with great enthusiasm



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Halloween was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour today at Shivalik Model School, Jagraon. On this special occasion, the school campus was beautifully decorated with attractive pumpkins, charming spooky figures, and colourful lights.The main centre of attraction of the celebration was the tiny tots of LKG and UKG. The little children came dressed in wonderful and creative attires like ghosts, witches, fairies and superheroes, which captivated everyone.

Their innocent performance and confidence were a sight to behold.The children participated enthusiastically in various creative and entertaining activities based on the Halloween theme.On this occasion, the school management stated that the main objective of celebrating such festivals is to create awareness about global cultures among children and to encourage their creative talent and imagination.The programme concluded in a joyful atmosphere with the distribution of toffees among the children.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTICE

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

S. N.	Lot No.	Description	Auction Start Date Time
1	ADVT-UMB-KARR-OH-388-26-1	As per site plan the total advertisement area for 26 sites, comprising unipoles/hoardings is 3748 Sq. Ft. The sites are located at LC Gates./RUBs/LHSs in KARR-FGSB & KARR-LLKN Section of Ambala Division.	12.11.2026 12:00:00 hrs.
2	ADVT-UMB-LHA-OH-386-26-1	As per site plan the total advertisement area for 08 sites, comprising unipoles /hoardings at 04 locations is 1440 Sq. Ft. The sites are located at LC Gates./ RUBs/LHSs in LHA-GRN Section of Ambala Division.	12.11.2026 12:00:00 hrs.
3	ADVT-UMB-SASN-OH-389-26-1	As per site plan the total advertisement area for 29 sites, comprising unipoles /hoardings is 6346 Sq. Ft. The sites are located at LC Gates./RUBs/LHSs in SASN/KARR Section of Ambala Division.	12.11.2026 12:00:00 hrs.
4	ADVT-UMB-NLDM-OH-347-26-1	As per site plan total two (02) sites for advertisement through unipole/ hoarding at Nangal Dam (NLDM) Railway station with total area of 870 sq. ft.	12.11.2026 12:00:00 hrs.
5	ADVT-UMB-ABS-OH-390-26-1	As per site plan the total advertisement area for 04 sites, comprising unipoles /hoardings at 04 locations is 576 Sq. Ft. The sites are located at LC Gates. /RUBs/LHSs in BTI-ABS Section of Ambala Division.	12.11.2026 12:00:00 hrs.
6	ADVT-UMB-PTA-OH-385-26-1	As per site plan the total advertisement area for 08 sites, comprising unipoles /hoardings at 04 locations is 1152 Sq. Ft. The sites are located at LC Gates./ RUBs/LHSs in RPJ-DUI Section of Ambala Division.	12.11.2026 12:00:00 hrs.
7	ADVT-UMB-DUI-OSN-382-26-1	Commercial Advertisement (Non-Digital) through 16 Advertisement Boards covering a total area of 140 Sq. ft. at Dhuri, 10 Advertisement Boards covering a total area of 87.5 Sq. ft. at Sangrur & 04 Advertisement Boards covering a total area of 35 Sq. ft. at Sunam Udham Singh Wala railway stations (As per site plan).	12.11.2026 12:00:00 hrs.
8	ADVT-UMB-KARR-OSN-381-26-1	Commercial Advertisement (Non-Digital) through 09 Advertisement Boards covering a total area of 225 Sq. ft. At Kharar, 08 Advertisement Boards covering a total area of 210 Sq. ft. at Samrala & 17 Advertisement Boards covering a total area of 510 Sq. ft. at New Morinda railway station (As per site plan).	12.11.2026 12:00:00 hrs.

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

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Rayat Bahra Professional University hosts block-level Youth Parliament under 'Nasha Mukt Yuva' campaign



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): The National Service Scheme (NSS) wing of Rayat Bahra Professional University (RBPU), Hoshiarpur, in collaboration with Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Hoshiarpur Block-1, organized the Block-Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament 2026–27 under the theme 'Nasha Mukt Yuva'. The initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, aimed to sensitize the youth to the perils of substance abuse and inspire proactive community leadership toward a drug-free nation. The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp. Ms. Jasleen Kaur, Deputy Director, MY Bharat Hoshiarpur (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports), delivered an informative orientation on the MY Bharat Portal.

NEWS BRIEF

Awareness activity conducted at Golewala village to keep youth away from tobacco use



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
FARIDKOT : As per the instructions of the Health Department Punjab and under the guidance of Civil Surgeon Faridkot Dr. Ramandeep Singla and District Tobacco Control Officer Dr. Himanshu Gupta, an anti-tobacco awareness activity was conducted at village Golewala under the guidance of Senior Medical Officer PHC Jand Sahib Dr. Avtarjit Singh Gondara. During this, people, youth and students were made aware about the adverse effects of tobacco use on health.Giving information on this occasion, Nodal Officer IEC Activities BEE Rajinder Kumar said that it is the common responsibility of the society to save the young generation from tobacco addiction. Tobacco use can cause cancer, heart diseases and serious respiratory problems.

Inspection of three medical stores to stop illegal sale of banned drugs, medicines worth Rs 3.30 lakh seized from firm



SURINDER DAMDAMI
FARIDKOT: District Drug Control Officer Harjinder Singh informed that under the war on drugs campaign, the Health Department inspected three medical firms in Faridkot district today with the help of officers of the City Faridkot Police with the aim of preventing the illegal sale of drugs in the district and ensuring compliance with the rules regarding the sale of drugs. He said that during the investigation, no general irregularities were found at Singla Medical Store located in Dogar Basti, while some general irregularities were found at Raja Medical Agency in the same area. He further informed that during the inspection of True Act Pharma located on LIC Street, the firm did not submit the relevant manually recorded sales records of some medicines. Apart from this, the mandatory monthly report regarding these medicines was also not submitted as per the notification dated 28th February 2025.

NCC induction programme organised at SLIET



RAVI GARG
LONGOWAL : The NCC Unit of Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (SLIET), Longowal, organised an Induction Programme for the newly enrolled NCC cadets of the 2026 batch. The programme was held in the presence of the distinguished guest, Prof. Manikant Paswan, Director, SLIET, and the Associate NCC Officer (ANO), Lt. Dr. Barasha Mali. Prof. Manikant Paswan encouraged the newly enrolled cadets to take an active part in NCC activities and develop qualities of discipline, responsibility, leadership and patriotism. During the programme, senior NCC cadets welcomed the newly enrolled students and introduced them to the aims, objectives, values and activities of the NCC. They also shared their personal experiences of participating in various NCC camps and training activities and explained how NCC provided them opportunity for developing discipline, confidence, leadership and team spirit.

Lamrin Tech skills university organizes one-day CME on "Emerging trends in Radiology"



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab, successfully organized a One-Day Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme on "Emerging Trends in Radiology" . The programme was organized by the Department of Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology (MRIT), University School of Allied Health Sciences, LTSU, in collaboration with the Indian Society of Radiographers and Technologists (ISRT), Chandigarh Chapter, under the leadership of Mr. N S Rayat, Hon'ble Chancellor, LTSU. The CME focused on recent advancements in medical imaging, diagnostic accuracy, artificial intelligence (AI), quality assurance, radiation safety and patient-centered healthcare. It brought together experts, faculty members and students from LTSU and various other institutions.
Mr. Balwinder K. Thapa, Associate Professor, served as Organizing Chairperson.Expert speakers from ISRT, Chandigarh Ms. Neha Poswal, Mr. Joginder Singh, Mr. Vivek Sharma .

CM Mann's love for Hockey & his invitation brought me to Jalandhar: Dutch Hockey Legend Floris Jan Bovelander





JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, NOV 2

Dutch hockey legend and 1996 Atlanta Olympics and 1990 World Cup Gold Medalist Floris Jan Bovelander expressed his delight at being invited by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to witness the Hero Asian Champions Trophy 2026 in Punjab, recalling the Chief Minister's visit to the Netherlands in April this year and his deep passion for hockey.

Speaking on the sidelines of the tournament currently underway at Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar, Floris Jan Bovelander said, "I was both astonished and honoured that CM Bhagwant Singh Mann remembered me and personally invited me to be part of the prestigious tournament. The invitation reflected the Chief Minister's immense love for hockey and that I made it a point to travel to Jalandhar."The legendary drag flicker, who represented the Netherlands in 241 international matches and scored 215 goals during his illustrious international career from October 1985 to August 1996, described India as a powerhouse of world hockey.

Highlighting the contribution of Asian countries, particularly India and Pakistan, to the Olympic movement, Floris Jan Bovelander underscored their importance in popularising the movement across the world.

Recalling his association with Indian hockey, the Dutch legend, popularly known as Flop, Floppie and Boem Boem Bovelander, said that India had rendered yeoman's service in taking hockey to greater heights at the international level. He added that most of his memories of Indian hockey were associated with players from Punjab, particularly Sikh players, asserting that Indian hockey could simply not be imagined without Punjab. During his visit, Floris Jan Bovelander also participated in a joint training session with 37 coaches from Punjab and budding hockey trainees of the Surjit Hockey Academy, being run under the aegis of the Punjab Government. He was accompanied by Sports Department's official renowned hockey star and Olympian medalist Gurjant Singh, Dronacharya Awardee Jiwanjot Singh Teja and Hockey Coach Avtar Singh.

To encourage the next generation of hockey players, Floris Jan Bovelander actively participated in a drag-flick training session with the young trainees and shared valuable technical tips, drawing upon his vast international experience. The Sports Department, Punjab, also felicitated the legendary hockey ambassador in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the sport.

New grain market on over 27 acres govt land at khandebad village: Goyal



CHANDIGARH, NOV 2

Punjab Water Resources Minister and MLA from Lehragaga Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal today announced that a new grain market will be established at village Khandebad, adjoining Lehravaga, on 217 kanal 14 marla (more than 27 acres) of government land, the proposal for which was approved by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Cabinet in its meeting held on October 31.

Addressing the press conference at Punjab Bhawan here, the Cabinet Minister said that existing grain market in Lehragaga had become inadequate to handle the increasing arrival of agricultural produce, particularly paddy and wheat, due to a substantial rise in crop production over the years.

He said that the existing grain market was originally developed around 45 years ago over approximately 12 acres of land.

A cotton yard was subsequently carved out of the same premises. With the growing volume of agricultural produce, the available space had become insufficient to accommodate the increasing procurement and trading activities. The Cabinet Minister pointed out that the existing grain market was situated in the heart of Lehragaga city, resulting in persistent traffic congestion during the procurement season. Farmers, traders and arhtiyas had been demanding a new grain market to address these difficulties and provide better facilities for agricultural operations.

Responding to this long-standing demand, the Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann Punjab Government has approved the development of a new grain market on its 217 kanal 14 marla land at village Khandebad, located adjacent to Lehragaga. He further informed that access to the proposed market would be provided through the land at village Lehal Khurd.

Barinder Kumar Goyal said that the new grain market would provide much-needed relief to farmers, traders and arhtiyas besides easing traffic congestion in Lehragaga. The facility would also cater to the growing requirements of the agricultural trading community across the region.

The Cabinet Minister expressed gratitude to Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and the entire Cabinet for approving the proposal in the Cabinet meeting held on October 31.

Winners of Shabad Kirtan competition honoured with cash prizes at regional youth festival dedicated to 100th anniversary of Sant Baba Attar Singh Ji's centenary



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, NOV 2

The Group Shabad Singing Competition, organised in connection with the 100th birth anniversary of Sant Baba Attar Singh Ji during the Regional Youth Festival of Punjabi University's Sangrur Zone, concluded in an atmosphere of great enthusiasm.

On this occasion, the winning teams that delivered outstanding performances were specially honoured with trophies and cash prizes by Akal College Council, Gurusagar, Mastuana Sahib.Sharing details in this regard, College Principal Dr. Amandeep Kaur, Director Dr. Major Singh Chatha and Dr. Harjinder Singh, In-charge of the Youth Welfare Department, informed that under the leadership of Akal College Council Secretary Sardar Jaswant Singh Khaira, the announcement of these cash prizes and trophies dedicated to the 100th anniversary of Sant Baba Attar Singh Ji had already been made.

They further stated that the team of Akal Degree College, Mastuana Sahib, which secured the first position in the competition, was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 21,000. The team of Government Ripudaman College, Nabha, which secured the second position, received Rs. 15,000, while the team of Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Sunam, which bagged the third position, was presented with Rs. 10,000 along with trophies.

On this occasion, Dr. Sarika Jain, Prof. Jaswinder Singh, Prof. Nisha and Prof. Harjit Kaur from the Music Department, along with all other staff members, were

Students of Aryabhatta Group of Institutes Excel in M.Sc. Chemistry and Physics, Bring Laurels to the Institution



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, NOV 2

Students of the second semester of M.Sc. Chemistry and M.Sc. Physics at Aryabhatta Group of Institutes, Barnala, have brought laurels to the institution by delivering an outstanding performance in the university examinations and securing excellent positions.In M.Sc. Chemistry, Simran Kaur (daughter of Charanjit Singh) secured the first position with 8.17 SGPA, Ritika (daughter of Bannu Prasad) bagged the second position with 7.92 SGPA, while Robin Singh (son of Bhola Singh) secured the third position with 7.65 SGPA.Similarly, in M.Sc. Physics, Shivani (daughter of Om Pal) clinched the first position with 9.13 SGPA, Japneet Kaur (daughter of Jagseer Singh) secured the second position with 8.26 SGPA, and Shail Sharma (son of Sanjeev Kumar Sharma) obtained the third position with 8.09 SGPA.Congratulating the students on this remarkable achievement, the Chairman of the institution, Engineer R.K. Gupta, said that this success was the result of the students' hard work, discipline and the guidance of their teachers. He also wished them a bright future.

New framework to assess AI wisdom based on Shiva Sutras



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT, NOV 2

A new framework to assess the decision-making and advisory abilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been introduced by Dr Ishan Shivanand, Director of Research at Stanford University. The white paper draws upon ancient Indian knowledge and the principles of the Shiva Sutras. Dr Shivanand said that while AI systems perform well in professional tests, their advice does not always serve users' best interests. Citing a study published in Science, he said leading AI systems sided with users nearly 49 per cent more often than humans while providing everyday advice.The framework, named HEED, examines how the desire for approval influences decisions and leads to 'sycophancy' in AI responses.

Dr Anjali Samani, co-author of the white paper and former AI and Data Science executive at Salesforce, said that although AI knowledge is rigorously tested, the wisdom behind its advice remains largely unexamined. The framework aims to help improve AI development, regulation and responsible use.

Ten children adopted in Bathinda district during last 8 months: DC



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, NOV 2

A total of 10 children have been adopted in Bathinda district during the last eight months through registration on the official portal https://cara.wcd.gov.in/.

Sharing this information, Deputy Commissioner Bathinda, Shri Rajesh Dhiman, said that out of these 10 children, three were adopted by families from the USA, Canada and Italy. The remaining children were adopted by families from different parts of the country, including Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Mohali, SAS Nagar and Bengal. Of the 10 children, five are boys and five are girls, ranging in age from two months to seven years. He further informed that the prospective adoptive parents registered themselves on the Government of India's portal, https://cara.wcd.gov .in/. After fulfilling all the prescribed requirements, completing the necessary documentation and complying with the stipulated conditions, the children were placed with the families through the legal adoption process.

Rahul Gandhi's Insaf Rally will mark beginning of end of Punjab's anti-people government: Charanjit Singh Channi



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, NOV 2

The Punjab Congress has intensified preparations for the Insaf Rally scheduled to be held in Sangrur on November 4 under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Former Punjab Chief Minister and Congress MP Charanjit Singh Channi described the rally as the beginning of the party's campaign for the upcoming Punjab Assembly elections, stating that it would give a new direction to state politics.Addressing journalists at the residence of Barnala MLA and District Congress President Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon, Channi said the rally would shake the foundations of the Aam Aadmi Party government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. He claimed that people across Punjab were fed up with the present government and wanted a change.Channi expressed concern over the deteriorating law-and-order situation in the state, alleging that ordinary citizens were feeling unsafe and victims were being denied justice.

He accused the AAP government of turning Punjab into a police state and using the police machinery to suppress people's voices.He further alleged that the government had failed to protect citizens' rights and maintain the rule of law. Referring to incidents in which police allegedly took bodies away from families forcibly, he said such incidents reflected the seriousness of the situation.Targeting the AAP leadership, Channi alleged that the party had neglected Punjab's interests and misused the state's resources.

Bibi Nitu Singh holds special meeting with former MLA N.K. Sharma



AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA, NOV 2

Senior Shiromani Akali Dal leader, Women's Wing representative and General Secretary of the Punjab SC Wing, Bibi Nitu Singh, held a special meeting with former MLA and President of the party's Trade and Industry Wing, N.K. Sharma.

The meeting also witnessed discussions with other senior party functionaries regarding preparations for the upcoming Punjab Assembly elections.

Key issues, including electoral strategy, strengthening the party organisation at the grassroots level, active participation of party workers and expanding direct public outreach, were discussed in detail. Matters concerning local residents, public demands and other important issues were also deliberated upon.

Bibi Nitu Singh emphasised collective efforts to strengthen the party organisation and raise public concerns more effectively at the party level.

13,995 school buses inspected across state, 3,621 challaned during drive



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, NOV 2

Every child has the right to travel to school safely. Reaffirming this commitment, Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur said that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, is giving top priority to the safety and well-being of school-going children. The Safe School Vehicle Policy is being implemented effectively across all districts of the State to ensure that every child enjoys a safe, secure and hassle-free journey to school and back home. Dr. Baljit Kaur said that District School Vehicle Checking Committees are conducting regular inspections of school buses to ensure strict compliance with all mandatory safety provisions prescribed under the Safe School Vehicle Policy. She said that the objective of this drive is to strengthen the school transportation system and prevent any negligence that may put the lives of children at risk. Sharing the enforcement details, the Minister said that from the year 2025 till September 2026, a total of 13,995 school buses were inspected across Punjab under the Safe School Vehicle Policy. Out of these, 3,621 buses were challaned, while 31 buses were impounded for violating the prescribed safety norms.

11-year-old Praneet Kaur enters Guinness World Records with hula hoop feat



YUGMARG BUREAU
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Eleven-year-old Praneet Kaur, daughter of Sardar Ramneet Singh and Pahulpreet Kaur, has brought laurels to her school, family and country by securing a place in the Guinness World Records through her hard work, dedication and determination.

A student of BCM Arya Model Senior Secondary School, Ludhiana, Praneet achieved the record in the category of 'Most Hula Hoop Rotations Around the Hair Bun in 30 Seconds'.

She trained rigorously for a year to achieve this feat. On March 24, 2026, she delivered an impressive performance, completing 86 hula hoop rotations and surpassing the previous record of 61 rotations by 25. Her achievement reflects her consistent practice, perseverance and dedication.

Throughout her journey, her parents, teachers and school continuously encouraged and supported her. Her coach, Sonia Bedi, also played a significant role in helping her achieve the milestone through constant guidance, encouragement and faith in her abilities.

Religious events strengthen love, harmony and brotherhood in society: Thakur Amit Singh Mantu



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SUJANPUR, NOV 2

Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Thakur Amit Singh Mantu visited Village Mangnet in the Sujanpur Assembly constituency to attend a Havan Yajna and Mata Rani Jagran organised at the residence of village Sarpanch Raksha Devi. On the occasion, he bowed before Mata Rani and sought her blessings. He also prayed for peace, prosperity, happiness and well-being in the region. Speaking on the occasion, Thakur Amit Singh Mantu said that religious celebrations are an integral part of Indian culture and traditions.

Such occasions not only promote spiritual awareness but also strengthen the values of love, harmony, mutual respect, brotherhood and unity in society.

He added that devotion to Mata Rani inspires people with positive energy, confidence and a spirit of selfless service.

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23rd State level senior fencing competition to be held in Mairi on Nov 15

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: The Himachal Pradesh Fencing Association is organizing the 23rd State-Level Senior Fencing Competition at the Rajindra Hotel and Palace in Mairi, Una district, on November 15, 2026. Approximately 120 athletes from various districts of Himachal Pradesh will participate in this competition. The players selected through this competition will represent Himachal Pradesh in the Senior National Fencing Championship to be held in Amritsar from 27 November to 2 December 2026. Atul Thakur, General Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh Fencing Association, stated that the state's players are working hard and practicing well for the competition. He is confident that this time, Himachal's players will perform brilliantly at the national level and win medals for the state. He urged all district fencing associations in the state to ensure that entries for their respective district teams are submitted by 5 p.m.

HP Police launches 'School CONNECT' initiative to strengthen child safety

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, OCT 2



Spokesperson, Himachal Pradesh Police, today here informed that in line with the vision and directions of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, HP Police has launched 'School CONNECT-School Safety & Student Protection Initiative' to strengthen child protection, campus security and coordination between police, educational institutions and parents. As part of this initiative, DGP Ashok Tewari, today chaired an interactive meeting with principals and representatives of 27 schools at Police Headquarters, Shimla. He said that the initiative builds upon the successful Police–University Connect Programme extends structured police engagement to schools, with a special focus on preventive policing and safeguarding children from emerging safety and security threats. The meeting deliberated on several important aspects of school safety, including CCTV surveillance at entry and exit points, visitor verification, access control, staff verification and regular security assessments. Emphasis was also laid on preventing kidnapping, sexual abuse, bullying, harassment and exploitation, along with greater awareness about the POCSO Act and timely reporting of incidents. He said that recognizing the growing challenges in the digital environment, schools were sensitized about cyberbullying, online grooming, sextortion, deepfakes and other cyber threats. He stressed upon the need to protect students from chitta and other drugs was also highlighted, with a call for active participation in the Chief Minister-led Anti-Chitta Jan Andolan. Other key areas discussed included school transportation safety, verification of drivers and support staff, disaster preparedness, evacuation drills and awareness about the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112). The importance of designated police nodal officers, school safety committees and regular interaction between schools and local police was also emphasised. DGP Ashok Tewari underscored that child safety is a collective responsibility and that CCTV coverage, proper supervision, staff verification and timely information-sharing must become an integral part of school management. He added that the objective of the initiative is not merely to respond to incidents after they occur, but to identify potential risks and prevent untoward incidents through awareness, vigilance and coordinated action. He said that while the University CONNECT focuses on engagement with students in higher educational institutions, School CONNECT takes this outreach to an earlier and more vulnerable stage of childhood, reinforcing HP Police's commitment to safe schools and a secure environment for every child.

Dharamshala Admn allows sale, use of only approved green firecrackers on Diwali

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DHARAMSHALA, NOV 2



In view of the upcoming Diwali festival, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Mohit Rattan has issued directions regulating the sale and use of firecrackers in Dharamshala subdivision, allowing only approved green firecrackers to ensure public safety and protect public property. Issuing orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, the SDM has designated four locations for the sale of firecrackers by licensed and authorised vendors. The designated locations include the Police Ground, Dharamshala, for Kacheri Adda, Depot Bazaar, Civil Bazaar and adjoining areas; an open space near the Community Hall in Kotwali Bazaar for Kotwali Bazaar, Cantt Road, Brij Lal Road, Gurudwara Road, Khanyara Road, Old Chari Road, Khada Danda Road and adjoining areas. For McLeodganj and surrounding areas, the open space at the Vegetable Market on Bhagsunag Road has been earmarked, while the Dadi Mela Ground will cater to Dadi and adjoining areas. Rattan said firecracker sales would be permitted only between 0800 hrs and 2000 hrs. The use of firecrackers would be allowed only between 2000 hrs and 2200 hrs, while their use from 2200 hrs to 0800 hrs would remain strictly prohibited. He clarified that only approved green firecrackers would be permitted for sale and use throughout the Dharamshala subdivision. Vendors selling firecrackers in rural areas would also be required to operate from suitable open spaces. All vendors must strictly comply with licence conditions, prescribed safety standards and other statutory provisions. Proper safety arrangements must also be ensured for the storage and display of firecrackers. The SDM further said that applicants seeking permission to sell firecrackers must submit their applications to his office by November 4, 2026.

Guv calls for preserving India's rich heritage for future generations

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 2



Governor Kavinder Gupta visited the historic Masroor Rock-Cut Temple in Kangra yesterday and took keen interest in its architectural, historical and cultural significance. During the visit, the Governor was briefed about the history of the temple complex, its architectural features, construction style and ongoing conservation efforts. Carved out of a single massive rock, the Masroor temple complex is regarded as a remarkable example of ancient Indian Nagara architectural tradition. The Governor was also apprised of the damage suffered by the temple complex over the years due to natural erosion and particularly, the devastating Kangra earthquake of 1905. Several shikharas, pillars and sculptural elements of the historic complex were damaged in the earthquake. Kavinder Gupta said that the preservation of India's rich historical and cultural heritage is essential for safeguarding the country's civilizational identity and transmitting its legacy to future generations. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has been giving renewed emphasis to the preservation, promotion and wider recognition of India's rich historical, cultural and spiritual heritage. The Governor emphasised that heritage conservation is a shared responsibility and called for collective efforts to protect the country's invaluable cultural assets while ensuring that their historical and architectural legacy is preserved for generations to come.

Gayatri Parivar's contribution to Sanatan Dharma is eternal: Anurag Singh Thakur

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, NOV 2



Former Union Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Singh Thakur attended a programme in Delhi commemorating the birth centenary of revered Mata Bhagwati Devi Sharma and the completion of 100 years of the lighting of Akhand Jyoti. He participated in the event alongside former BJP National President and Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda and other distinguished dignitaries, and interacted with members of the Gayatri Parivar. bAnurag Singh Thakur said that the lives of Pandit Shriram Sharma Acharya and Mata Bhagwati Devi stand as inspiring examples of sacrifice, dedication, service and commitment to the welfare of humanity. From taking the message of the Gayatri Mantra to millions of households to challenging social evils such as caste discrimination and gender inequality, their guiding philosophy of personal transformation leading to societal transformation has given a new direction to society. The Gayatri Parivar's contribution to the service of Sanatan Dharma remains eternal.

He emphasised that a nation's progress cannot be measured merely through economic prosperity, modern technology or material resources. Its true strength lies in the character of its citizens, social unity, strong families and mutual trust. Our dharma and values teach us to place national interest above personal interest. Only by prioritising the nation can development become inclusive and sustainable.

Thakur further said that India's civilisational ethos has always promoted humanity, coexistence and collective welfare. The principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, which regards the entire world as one family, is particularly relevant in today's times. India's greatest strength lies in its unity, mutual respect and cultural consciousness despite its immense diversity. By embracing these values, society can pursue progress with compassion and prosperity with a spirit of service.

Congress dreaming of power change with foreign support, toolkit: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGARWAL



DHARAMSHALA: BJP MLA and former Himachal Pradesh minister Sudhir Sharma on Monday accused the Congress of attempting to destabilise the country and engineer a change of government with the alleged support of foreign forces, funding and external toolkits.

Reacting to the INDIA bloc rally at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks on the Election Commission, Sharma said the people has given Prime Minister Narendra Modi a third consecutive mandate and the opposition should respect the public verdict. He alleged that the Congress is targeting constitutional institutions to exert political pressure and questioned its repeated criticism of the Election Commission instead of reviewing the reasons behind its electoral defeats. Commenting on the Ramlila Maidan rally, Sharma claimed that it failed to draw the expected crowd, with empty chairs reflecting what he described as declining public support for the Congress. He said the opposition should play a constructive role by raising issues concerning employment, economic growth, development and public welfare rather than making what he termed baseless allegations against constitutional institutions. Sharma asserted that Congress's negative politics would not derail India's development under PM Modi's leadership.

Amb student Deepika Kathiadi wins third Gold at state-level athletics meet

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, NOV 2



Deepika Kathiadi, daughter of Vipin Kumar and Reema Devi, a student at Shivalik Senior Secondary Public School, Amb, won a gold medal at the 67th Under-19 Girls State-Level School Athletics Competition held in Dharamshala. Deepika performed exceptionally well at the 67th Under-19 Girls State-Level School Athletics Competition, organized by the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education. She won her third gold medal in the 67th (Under-19) category with impressive performances in the 100-meter race and relay race. A grand reception was held on the school campus to honor Deepika on this historic and prestigious achievement. Upon returning to school from the competition, the gold medal winner was greeted with garlands and flowers by the Principal, teachers, and fellow students. The Principal and Management Committee congratulated Deepika with sweets and wished her a bright future. In his address, the Principal said, "Deepika has brought glory not only to Shivalik School but to the entire Amb region and Una district at the state level. Deepika's success is the result of her hard work, discipline, and dedication to the sport." He also congratulated Deepika's parents, Mr. Vipan Kumar and Reema Devi, for this special achievement and wished them all the best for the upcoming National Athletic Games.

BJP accuses Sukhu govt of misusing public resources for Congress Rally in Delhi

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 2



BJP Himachal Pradesh media in-charge and MLA Randhir Sharma on Monday accused the Congress government of misusing state resources for political activities, alleging that a government helicopter and around 200 Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) buses were used for the party's rally in Delhi.

Addressing a press conference, Sharma alleged that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu frequently travelled to Delhi in the government helicopter to attend Congress protests and rallies, imposing an additional financial burden of crores of rupees on the state exchequer.

Questioning the use of public money for party programmes, he demanded that the government disclose the expenditure incurred on these helicopter trips.

Sharma further alleged that around 200 HRTC buses were sent from Himachal Pradesh to Delhi for the Congress rally held on November 1, with several of them travelling partially vacant. He claimed that the deployment of these buses affected nearly 200 routes over the past three days, causing inconvenience to commuters, students, employees and residents of rural areas.

He also alleged that the Congress had not paid any fare to HRTC for using the buses, adding that the political programme had further burdened the already loss-making transport corporation.

The BJP leader sought details from the government regarding the number of buses deployed, routes affected, total fare payable and the amount actually received by HRTC.

Sharma also alleged that Himachal Bhawan and Himachal Sadan in Delhi were being used for Congress political activities, with rooms being booked for party leaders and workers and meetings related to the agitation being held on the premises.

Huge corruption in HRTC's Rs. 424 crore deal: Sanjay Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, NOV 2



A deal worth Rs 424.01 crore for the procurement of 297 electric buses for the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) has raised several questions. While the government describes this as a major step toward improving the public transport system, the core issue remains: how much of this total expenditure is allocated for the actual purchase of the buses, and how much is earmarked for their maintenance over the next 12 years? BJP state spokesperson Sanjay Sharma stated that the order placed with the company 'Olectra' is not merely about purchasing buses; it also encompasses long-term maintenance. Consequently, the government should disclose a detailed breakdown of the total costs to the public. Simply citing the total figure of Rs 424.01 crore does not fulfill the government's responsibility. He noted that, according to reports in the press, the initial payment for the operation and maintenance of the buses is set at Rs 5.31 per kilometer—a figure that could eventually rise to Rs 18 per kilometer. Furthermore, the contract reportedly includes a stipulation requiring each bus to cover a minimum of 120 kilometers per day. If these rates and conditions are indeed part of the contract, the government must make the full details public. Sanjay Sharma pointed out that, for 297 buses, this translates to a daily operational distance of 35,640 kilometers. He emphasized that Himachal Pradesh's geographical conditions are unique; many roads are narrow, routes feature sharp bends, and operating buses on hilly terrain is inherently challenging. Given these factors, the contract must clearly define who bears the responsibility for maintenance, technical malfunctions, and any damage to the buses. Reports in the media suggest that the responsibility for certain technical damages may fall on the operator; the government should clarify its position on this. Sanjay Sharma added that the state is already grappling with significant economic strain, and the precarious financial health of the HRTC is no secret.

BJP holds meeting in Bhoranj to plan Nov 4 'Save Democracy, remove Anarchy' march



ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday held a meeting in the Bhoranj Assembly constituency to review preparations for its 'Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy' march scheduled to be held in Hamirpur on November 4. The meeting was chaired by BJP district president Rakesh Thakur and attended by district co-in-charge Priyavrat Sharma, former MLAs Dr Anil Dhiman and Kamlesh Kumari, presidents of the two party mandals in Bhoranj, Abhayveer Lovely and Ashok Thakur, besides other office-bearers and senior party workers. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on arrangements for the march. Targets were assigned to ensure maximum participation of party workers from the constituency, while mandal-level functionaries were given necessary directions.

The participants also discussed the proposed route, transportation arrangements for workers and parking facilities at different locations. Responsibilities related to various aspects of the event were assigned to ensure its smooth conduct.

Bilaspur to lead statewide fight against antibiotic misuse; 1,700 pharmacy professionals and students to unite

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, NOV 2



With the growing misuse of antibiotics emerging as a serious public-health concern, Bilaspur will host a major state-level awareness programme on November 16, bringing together nearly 1,700 pharmacy professionals, students, hospital pharmacists, chemists and educators from across Himachal Pradesh to highlight the threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). Addressing mediapersons Pharmacy Council of Himachal Pradesh President Gopal Sharma said Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani will be the chief guest, while Pharmacy Council of India President Dr Montu Kumar M. Patel and Vice-President Dr Jayshubhai Hirabhai Chaudhary will attend as special guests. More than 1,400 students from all 36 pharmacy institutions in Himachal Pradesh are expected to participate, along with pharmacy professionals and other stakeholders. The programme will begin with a massive AMR awareness rally from Gurudwara Chowk to the auditorium, highlighting the dangers of taking antibiotics without medical advice, unnecessary consumption and improper dosage. Sharma said repeated and inappropriate use of antibiotics can enable bacteria to develop resistance, making infections increasingly difficult to treat and reducing the effectiveness of existing medicines. For the past month, pharmacy institutions across the state have been conducting street plays, quizzes, poster-making, leaflet-designing and reel-making competitions on the issue. Top-performing teams will compete at the state level in Bilaspur, with winners being honoured during the programme. Principal Ishani, State Coordinator Dr Vinay, Programme Secretary Hemant and District Pharmacists' President Surender Nadda were said that the medical and pharmacy experts will also discuss the causes of antimicrobial resistance, responsible use of medicines, preventive measures and the health risks associated with drug overdose.

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Congress to hold 'Vote Theft, Save the Country' Chaupal in Ladwa today



KARAMBIR

LADWA: As part of the "Vote Theft, Save the Country" campaign, the Congress Party will organize a Chaupal program on November 3 at 10 am in the village of MangouliJattan in the Ladwa constituency. State Congress President RaoNarendra, party in-charge Sanjay Dutt, and MP DeependerHooda will be special participants. This information was provided by JasbirPanjeta, District Council member from Ward No. 7 of Ladwa and District Vice President of the Congress. He explained that the Congress Party's objective is to reach out to the villagers and raise awareness about democracy, voting rights, and the current political situation in the country. Through the Chaupal, the government's failures and anti-people policies will be highlighted. He said that to strengthen democracy, it was essential for every citizen to be aware of their rights. He alleged that the common people are upset with the BJP government's policies, and the Congress Party is becoming the voice of the people and fighting for their rights.

Take strict action against officials submitting incorrect reports on IGRS: CM Yogi

AGENCY
GORAKHPUR, NOV 2



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held Janata Darshan at Gorakhnath Temple for the second consecutive day on Monday morning, to hear their grievances and assure them of effective solutions ensured for every problem. When some people complained that incorrect reports were being submitted on the IGRS portal, the CM expressed displeasure. He directed officials to take strict action against those submitting false reports on the IGRS portal. He said, "Every complainant's grievance must be addressed with sensitivity and resolved in a time-bound and transparent manner." During the Janata Darshan organised on Monday, outside the Mahant Digvijaynath Smriti Bhawan in the Gorakhnath Temple premises, the CM heard the grievances of around 200 people and directed officials to ensure their resolution. While listening to their concerns, CM Yogi assured people that he would ensure a solution to everyone's problems and that no one needed to worry. Handing over the applications to the officials concerned, he instructed them to ensure that every grievance which complainants had faced prolonged harassment and fix accountability wherever necessary. Several people also approached CM Yogi during Janata Darshan seeking financial assistance for medical treatment. He assured them that a shortage of funds would not come in the way of their treatment. Moreover, he directed officials to expedite the process of obtaining hospital estimates and forward the proposals to the government. Adequate financial assistance would also be provided from the Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund for their treatment. A young woman with a disability who attended the Janata Darshan highlighted her family's financial difficulties and requested employment assistance for her brother, who has passed Class 12. Taking cognisance of her request, the Chief Minister directed officials to extend appropriate assistance in the matter.

BJP workers should keep organization's strength, public service and national interest paramount: Mayor Renu Bala

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 2



Mayor Renu Bala Gupta warmly welcomed Haryana BJP State President Dr Archana Gupta at the BJP district office, "Karn Kamal," on Monday. She also felicitated BJP State Vice President Latika Sharma Kalka on the occasion. In the presence of party officials and workers, a commitment was expressed to strengthen the organization, serve the people, and move forward with a resolve for national interest. Mayor Renu Bala Gupta said that every Bharatiya Janata Party worker was working tirelessly, keeping the organization's strength, public service and national interest paramount. The party's true strength lies in its dedicated workers, who play a crucial role in spreading the organization's ideology and commitment to public welfare to every segment of society. She said that the guidance of senior leadership provided workers with new energy, direction and inspiration. Only through dedication to the organization, mutual coordination and collective efforts can the party's activities be made more effective. On this occasion, BJP State President Dr. Archana Gupta said that the Bharatiya Janata Party was a worker-based organization, where the role of every worker was important. The continued strength of the organization is based on the hard work, loyalty and dedication of the workers towards public service. She said that all party officials and workers should advance organizational activities with mutual coordination and dedication and play an active role in disseminating the government's public welfare schemes and the party's policies to the people.

Sports Academy India athletes shine at 3rd North Zone Kuan-Ki-Do championship

HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: Athletes of Sports Academy India delivered an impressive performance at the 3rd North Zone Kuan-Ki-Do Championship, winning medals in various weight categories and bringing laurels to Kurukshetra and Haryana. Around 280 players from Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh participated in the championship. Competing against talented players from different states, the academy's athletes showcased their skills, discipline and determination, securing several medals. In the Sub-Junior Girls category, Ekagrata Rawat won a silver medal in the 22–24 kg weight category, while Tejaswini Poswal secured silver in the below-29 kg category. Paridhi clinched a gold medal in the Under-14 Girls category. In the Sub-Junior Boys category, Yash won a silver medal, while Seval and Akshaj bagged bronze medals. Continuing the winning streak, Swastik Rawat and Devender Kumar clinched gold medals in the Junior Boys category. In the Senior Women's category, Kumari Chahat Tiwari also secured a gold medal with an outstanding performance. In recognition of their remarkable achievements, these players have also been selected for the upcoming National Kuan-Ki-Do Championship. Congratulating the medal winners on their achievements, Sports Academy India Chairman Ashwini Jain, President Parminder Bath, General Secretary Virender Rawat and Joint Secretary Arvind Kumar appreciated the players and their coaches. They said that the success was the result of consistent hard work, dedication, discipline and quality training.

Police investigating land dispute in village Bakli: DSP Nirmal Singh

KARAMBIR
LADWA, NOV 2



A commotion erupted in the village of Bakli in the block around 2 pm on Monday when a fierce fight broke out between two families over a land dispute. Both sides are blaming each other during the altercation. Upon receiving information about the incident, Ladwa DSP Nirmal Singh and Ladwa Police Station Inspector Rajiv Kumar arrived at the scene with a police team. The police team is not only investigating the matter on the spot but also recording statements from people. The dispute is reportedly over approximately two kanals (19 marlas) of land. During the altercation, both sides engaged in a serious altercation, and vehicle windows were broken. While reporting to the police on the spot, Gurvinder Singh alleged that Jagpreet Singh, along with two or three other friends, assaulted them. Both sides are blaming each other for the land dispute. The truth of the matter will only be known after a police investigation, but the two sides are said to have clashed over a land dispute. It is reported that the police have also picked up two people from the scene for questioning in this case. According to Inspector Rajiv Kumar, the station house officer present at the scene, reports of a fight between two parties were received. Upon receiving the information, he arrived at the scene with a police team. The matter is a land dispute. The police are investigating the case and legal action will be taken against anyone found guilty.

Barnala police arrest Jalandhar man, seize 20 kg Opium

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, NOV 2



Barnala Police gets big success, a drug smuggler from Jalandhar arrested in Barnala along with 20 kg of opium Barnala Police has succeeded in arresting a drug smuggler with a huge recovery of 20 kg of opium. Giving information in this regard, Mr. Bal Krishan Singla SP (H) said during the press conference that on October 31, 2026, CIA in-charge Inspector Baljit Singh received a tip-off that a truck was passing through Barnala area carrying a consignment of opium, after which a case number 547 dated October 31 was registered under sections 15,18, 25/61/85 of the NDPS Act at Police Station City Barnala and various teams were formed and blockades were made on Moga Barnala Bypass, Garcha Road, Raikot Road, Nanaksar Road. He said that during this, Assistant Police Station Officer Naib Singh CIA along with a police party arrested Mangal Ram son of Swaran Ram, resident of Gorsia Nihal, Jalandhar district, from Moga Barnala Main Highway along with truck number RG31GB4704 and recovered 20 kg of opium from the cabin of the truck during a search. He said that the accused was arrested along with the truck. He said that the body of the truck was loaded with sacks of moong dal. He said that during interrogation, the accused admitted that he brought this opium from Madhya Pradesh and he was supposed to supply this consignment of opium to different cities of Punjab. SPH Mr. Singla said that the accused will be further questioned in depth during his remand.

Pehowa Police official Sanjay Kaushik promoted to Inspector after 36 years of service

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA, NOV 2



If one has the spirit to keep moving forward with hard work, dedication and a strong sense of duty, success is surely achieved one day. This has been proved by Sanjay Kaushik, a resident of Ward No. 11 in Pehowa, during his nearly 36 years of police service. On the occasion of Haryana Day, he was promoted from Sub-Inspector to Inspector. Superintendent of Police Mandeep Singh Soodan, who is posted in Kaithal, conferred the promotion by placing stars on his shoulders. Sanjay Kaushik said that he began his service in the police department as a constable. Thereafter, on the strength of his hard work, discipline, and sense of duty, he performed various responsibilities in the department. After completing about 35 years and 11 months of service, being promoted to the rank of Inspector is a matter of pride and satisfaction for him. He said that this achievement received on the occasion of Haryana Day will always remain memorable for him. Along with Sanjay Kaushik's achievements, one special aspect of his life is also a source of inspiration for people. Despite working in the police department in Kaithal, he never severed his ties with his hometown, Pehowa. For the past nearly 35 years, he has been commuting daily from Pehowa to Kaithal for duty and returning home in the evening. During his service, his workplace and responsibilities kept changing, but his attachment to Pehowa always remained intact. He said that the soil of Saraswati city, Pehowa, and the blessings of Mother Saraswati have always kept him connected to his birthplace. He has a special attachment to the people here, the environment, and his native land.

Dr. Ritu Singh inaugurates election office in Bassi Pathana, announces independent candidature

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 2



Dr. Ritu Singh has announced her decision to contest the forthcoming Assembly elections from Bassi Pathana as an independent candidate, marking her entry into the constituency's emerging political contest. She also inaugurated her election office in Bassi Pathana today in the presence of a large gathering of supporters and women. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Singh questioned the working style of traditional political parties and held successive governments, including the present Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, responsible for the constituency's continued developmental backwardness. She said it was astonishing and unfortunate that even after nearly 80 years of independence, people of Bassi Pathana remained deprived of basic facilities that were their fundamental rights. Making a strong statement on political accountability, she remarked that an MLA was not a supreme authority beyond public questioning. An elected representative occupied the position only because of the mandate and trust given by the people. She criticized the tendency of some legislators to consider themselves above the public after winning elections, stressing that this political culture needed to change. According to her, every elected representative must remain accessible and accountable to the people. Highlighting the constituency's major challenges, Dr. Singh pointed to inadequate healthcare and educational facilities, poor roads, lack of industrial development and unemployment.

Celebrate safe, clean and pollution-free Diwali: Baldev Singh Saini

DALBIR MALIK



KURUKSHETRA: BJP leader and the sarpanch of village KanthalKhurd, SardarBaldev Singh Saini, appealed to the people of the state to pay special attention to environmental cleanliness on the auspicious festival of Diwali and to refrain from bursting firecrackers that emit toxic smoke. He said that Diwali was a festival of light, happiness and mutual brotherhood. It should be celebrated with joy and enthusiasm without harming the environment. Baldev Singh Saini said that the toxic smoke emitted by firecrackers increased the level of pollution in the atmosphere. It has an adverse effect on human health. In particular, it causes considerable inconvenience to small children, the elderly and people suffering from respiratory diseases. The noise pollution caused by firecrackers also becomes a source of trouble for animals, birds, and ordinary citizens. He said that environmental protection today was not only the responsibility of the government, but the moral duty of every citizen. We must preserve clean air, clean water and a healthy environment for our future generations. For this, every individual should show awareness and responsibility toward the environment in their daily life. The BJP leader also urged parents to make children aware of the harm caused by firecrackers and to encourage them to light earthen lamps on Diwali, decorate their homes, and share happiness with needy families.

Students of DAV Police Public School watch exhibition of weapons



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: On the instructions of District Police Superintendent Kamaldeep Goyal, officers of the police department gave the children of DAV Police Public School detailed information about the weapons used by the police for the safety of the general public. The police department showed the students different weapons and informed them about the need for their use and which weapons are used at what time, thereby creating awareness among the children. Sports teacher Rahul also gave the students detailed information. The acting head of the school, SardarHoshiar Singh, said that children must be informed about the police department, its working style and its responsibilities. They should know that the police are there for our safety and that this department remains deployed day and night for our protection with complete honesty and alertness.

Timely detection and appropriate treatment crucial in liver cancer: Expert

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SUJANPUR, NOV 2



Liver cancer is a serious disease that can originate in the liver itself or spread to the liver from another part of the body. Hepatocellular carcinoma is the most common type of primary liver cancer. One of the biggest challenges associated with this disease is that it often develops without noticeable symptoms during its early stages. Therefore, awareness of its risk factors, early warning signs and modern treatment options is essential to ensure timely diagnosis and appropriate medical intervention. Dr. Tegbir Singh Sidhu, Principal Consultant – Interventional Radiology at Max Hospital, Mohali, explained that liver cancer frequently develops silently during its initial stages. As a result, many patients are diagnosed only when the disease has progressed to an advanced stage. He emphasised that as the disease advances, certain symptoms may become noticeable and should not be ignored. Instead, patients should take them seriously and consult a specialist without delay. He further explained that symptoms associated with liver cancer may also occur in other diseases affecting the liver and digestive system. However, symptoms that persist for a prolonged period or appear without any apparent reason should never be overlooked. In such circumstances, undergoing appropriate medical investigations is extremely important. Highlighting the major risk factors associated with liver cancer, Dr. Sidhu stated that certain chronic liver conditions can significantly increase the likelihood of developing the disease. These include long-term infections caused by Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, liver cirrhosis and other chronic liver disorders.

Dr. Jaswant Singh honoured at national-level launch ceremony of ACFI 24 International News Network

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 2



Dr. Jaswant Singh, MS, SMO (Retd.), State Awardee and Gold Medalist, and Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Foundation of India (ACFI), Punjab State, was honoured at a prestigious national-level function held in Karnal, Haryana. The award was presented by renowned Indian film actress Sheeba during the grand launch ceremony of ACFI 24 International News Network, organised by the Anti-Corruption Foundation of India. Dr. Jaswant Singh participated in the prestigious event as a VVIP guest and received recognition for his commitment to authentic and responsible news reporting aimed at strengthening public awareness and contributing towards the vision of a corruption-free India. The national-level ceremony brought together distinguished guests, personalities and representatives associated with social welfare, journalism and the fight against corruption. The launch of ACFI 24 International News Network marks an important initiative towards promoting credible journalism, exposing corruption and highlighting issues affecting society. Speaking about the significance of the recognition, Dr. Jaswant Singh's honour reflects the importance of truthfulness, transparency and accountability in public life. His association with the Anti-Corruption Foundation of India and leadership as its Punjab State Chairman further underline his commitment to the organisation's mission of creating a corruption-free society.

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Govt plans school-based mental health support for students of classes VI to XII

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Haryana is planning to introduce a structured school-based mental health support system for students of Classes VI to XII under its proposed SAATH Project, aimed at the early identification of psychological difficulties, including examination stress, anxiety, depression, bullying, social isolation and excessive screen use.

Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Sumita Misra, on Monday shared details of the proposed initiative, which envisages a coordinated mechanism involving the Health and School Education departments, teachers, parents, student volunteers, counsellors, clinical psychologists and psychiatrists.

The proposed framework identifies 122 counsellors from the Health Department as part of the professional support system. It also envisages the involvement of psychology-qualified teachers and specialised mental health services to ensure that students requiring professional assistance receive timely support. The initiative will adopt separate approaches for students of Classes VI to VIII and Classes IX to XII, keeping in view their distinct developmental and psychological needs.

For students of Classes VI to VIII, the focus will be on emotional awareness, self-confidence, puberty-related changes, examination anxiety, bullying, peer rejection and communication difficulties with parents. Teachers will be sensitised to identify early warning signs such as persistent sadness, irritability, social withdrawal, loss of interest in routine activities, poor concentration, declining academic performance and reluctance to attend school.

The programme will also address concerns arising from excessive gaming, social media dependency, inappropriate online content, sleep deprivation and prolonged screen exposure. Family conflicts, parental pressure, comparison among siblings, bereavement and exposure to violence or neglect will also be covered as possible factors affecting children's mental well-being.

For students of Classes IX to XII, the programme will place particular emphasis on board examination pressure, competitive entrance examinations, career uncertainty, fear of failure, peer pressure and emotional exhaustion. Awareness will also be created about anxiety, depression-related symptoms, body-image concerns, unhealthy eating patterns, relationship difficulties and substance-use risks.



Special attention will be given to recognising warning signs of self-harm and suicidal thoughts. Teachers and designated personnel will be sensitised to identify such situations and ensure urgent referral to appropriate mental health professionals.

Parent–Teacher Meetings will serve as an important platform for mental health awareness. Parents will be guided on recognising changes in children's behaviour, mood, sleep patterns, academic performance and social interaction. They will also be sensitised to communicate with children in a supportive manner without creating fear or stigma around psychological difficulties.

The project also proposes the creation of Student Health Ambassadors in participating schools. A senior Student Health Ambassador will be designated as the SAATH Coordinator to facilitate awareness activities and communication between students and designated school personnel. Their role will remain limited to peer awareness and supportive communication, without undertaking any diagnosis or treatment.

The proposed framework envisages a five-stage support and referral mechanism, beginning at the classroom level and extending to specialist psychiatric care wherever required. At the first stage, class teachers will observe behavioural or emotional changes, interact supportively with students and record relevant school-level interventions in a class-wise SAATH Assessment and Counselling Register.

20 firecracker stalls to be set up at govt college; Permits to be allocated via draw system



DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI, NOVEMBER 2

In view of the upcoming Diwali festival, the administration is making necessary preparations for the sale of firecrackers in the city, following the directives of District Magistrate Rahul Narwal. As part of this, 20 firecracker stalls will be set up at the Government College. To ensure a transparent and organized allocation process, permits will be issued to eligible applicants through a draw system. Providing details on this, SDM Rajesh Khoth stated that, as per the District Magistrate's instructions, necessary guidelines have been issued to officials of the concerned departments and the stall operators. He emphasised that strict adherence to prescribed safety standards and administrative regulations is mandatory during the sale of firecrackers. All stall operators must set up their stalls only at the locations designated by the administration and conduct sales in accordance with the issued guidelines. Officials from the relevant departments have also been instructed to monitor the arrangements and ensure compliance with safety protocols, aiming to prevent any untoward incidents during Diwali and ensure that the public can celebrate the festival in a safe environment.

Meanwhile, SDM Rajesh Khoth also demonstrated a proactive and sensitive approach toward ensuring that citizens benefit from government schemes. Anoop Kumar, a resident of Sindhar village, had arrived at the District Secretariat complex seeking permission to set up a tea stall. During their conversation, the SDM inquired about his educational qualifications; Anoop Kumar mentioned that he had completed the 12th grade. In response, SDM Rajesh Khoth informed him about the 'Unemployment Allowance Scheme' and advised him to apply for it. He immediately summoned officials from the Employment Office to the spot and directed them to process Anoop Kumar's application promptly, in accordance with the established rules. Additionally, the officials were instructed to provide the young man with the necessary information regarding eligibility criteria and the application process for the relevant government scheme, ensuring that he could avail of its benefits upon meeting the requirements. The SDM also gave an assurance that the matter concerning the tea stall would be addressed in accordance with the established rules.

The objective behind this initiative by the SDM was to raise awareness among needy youth about government schemes aligned with their educational qualifications and to assist eligible individuals in accessing the benefits of these schemes.

Move forward with commitment to organisational strength and public service: Renu Bala Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL : Mayor Renu Bala Gupta on Monday warmly welcomed Haryana BJP president Dr Archana Gupta at the party's district office, 'Karn Kamal'. She also felicitated state BJP vice-president Latika Sharma Kalka on the occasion.

In the presence of party office-bearers and workers, the leaders reiterated their commitment to strengthening the organisation, serving the public and working in the national interest.

Renu Bala Gupta said every BJP worker was consistently working with organisational strength, public service and national interest as priorities. She described the party's dedicated workers as its real strength, saying they played an important role in taking its ideology and commitment to public welfare to every section of society.

She added that guidance from senior leadership provided workers with renewed energy, direction and inspiration. Dedication to the organisation, mutual coordination and collective efforts were essential to making party activities more effective,



she said.

Dr Archana Gupta said the BJP was a cadre-based organisation in which every worker had an important role. The party's continued organisational growth depended on the hard work, commitment and dedication to public service demonstrated by its workers.

She urged party office-bearers and workers to carry forward organisational activities through coordination and dedication, while actively communicating the government's welfare schemes and the party's policies to the public.

Latika Sharma Kalka also emphasised organisational unity, active participation by workers and sustained efforts towards public service.

Other dignitaries present

BJP district president Praveen Lather, district general secretary Subhash Chand, district secretary Vikas Kathuria and several other senior office-bearers and party workers attended the programme. They reiterated their commitment to strengthening the organisation and advancing its public service initiatives.

Religious events connect new generation to their culture and values: Rajiv Narang

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, NOVEMBER 2

A grand 'Maa Bhagwati Jagran' (a night-long devotional event) was organied by the Daya Seva Samiti, Tarawari, at the Dharamshala located on Municipality Road. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by several distinguished guests, including Rajiv Narang, Vice-Chairman of the Taraori Market Committee, and industrialist Roshan Lal Gupta. Other notable attendees included Municipal Council President Virendra Bansal, social worker Naresh Arora, and Yogesh Sardana, who participated as special guests. Devotees bowed their heads before the deity, praying for the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of their families. Throughout the night, the glory of Maa Bhagwati was celebrated through devotional songs creating an atmosphere filled with deep faith. The venue resonated



with chants in honor of the Goddess, and the devotees appeared completely immersed in the spirit of devotion. Speaking about the event, Rajiv Narang, President of the Punjabi Sabha, Taraori, remarked that gatherings like the 'Maa Bhagwati Jagran' serve to keep our religious faith, culture, and traditions alive. Such programs not only provide spiritual peace but also strengthen the bonds of love, brotherhood, cooperation, and unity within society.

He noted that religious events bring people from all walks of life onto a single platform and help connect the younger generation to their cultural roots and values. Praising the efforts of the Daya Seva Samiti, he highlighted the commendable role played by various organisations and social workers in conducting such religious and social initiatives, which foster positive thinking and a spirit of service in society.

Dumper truck driver tries to run over SDM during operation against illegal mining

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: In Sadhaura, within the Yamunanagar region, a dumper truck driver attempted to run over the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) during an operation against vehicles involved in illegal mining. It is alleged that despite being signaled to stop, the driver did not halt the vehicle and instead steered it toward the SDM. The SDM managed to save himself. Simultaneously, a white Hyundai Creta approaching from behind attempted to block the SDM's vehicle, facilitating the dumper driver's escape from the scene. Acting on a complaint filed by the SDM, the Sadhaura police have registered a case against the dumper driver and the occupants of the Creta under several serious legal provisions. In his complaint to the police, SDM Dr. Kuldeep Singh stated that on Saturday morning, he was heading toward the PWD Rest House in Sadhaura to attend a 'Run for Unity' event. During the journey, he spotted a dumper truck and suspected it was transporting material obtained through illegal mining. The vehicle's number plate was also not clearly visible.He signaled for the dumper to stop; however, instead of halting, the driver accelerated and attempted to drive the truck toward him. According to the SDM, the driver's intent was to run him over. He managed to save himself, immediately alerted the police, and began pursuing the dumper.According to the SDM, a white Hyundai Creta, which had been following the dumper, maneuvered between his vehicle and the truck. It is alleged that the driver of the Creta intentionally applied sudden brakes and drove in a zigzag pattern to block his path, thereby allowing the dumper driver to escape. They have also recorded the entire incident on their mobile phone. Sadhaura Station House Officer (SHO) Lakhwinder Singh stated that, based on a complaint filed by the SDM, a case has been registered against the accused under various sections of the law. The matter is being investigated thoroughly, and the accused will be arrested soon

Light the lamps of love, peace and positivity within: Renu Bala Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL : Mayor Renu Bala Gupta attended a special spiritual programme, 'Diwali Aayi, Khushiyan Laayi', organised by the Brahma Kumaris at Mangal Sen Auditorium on Monday. The event featured an inspiring spiritual discourse by Rajyogini BK Sudesh Didi, joint chief administrator of the Brahma Kumaris and director of its centres in Europe, who had arrived from Mount Abu. The programme highlighted the spiritual significance of Diwali and conveyed a message of inner peace, positive thinking and goodwill in everyday life.

On the occasion, Renu Bala Gupta said Diwali was not merely a festival of illuminating homes with lamps but also an opportunity to fill one's inner self with the light of love, peace, harmony and positivity. She said true happiness became meaningful when one's thoughts reflected purity, one's conduct showed kindness and one's attitude towards others was guided by a spirit of service and cooperation.

She added that in today's busy and stressful lifestyle, spiritual reflection and practices such as Rajyoga played an important role in helping individuals attain inner peace and positive energy.

The Mayor described listening to Rajyogini BK Sudesh Didi as a peaceful and inspiring experience, saying her discourse encouraged her to strengthen feelings of affection, inner strength and positivity. Such spiritual gatherings, she said, helped reinforce moral values, mutual affection, brotherhood and human sensitivity in society.

She congratulated the entire Brahma Kumaris Sector 9 team for organising the programme and said that efforts to promote peace, harmony and a positive way of life should continue.

Urmila Didi, Nirmal Didi, Nav Chetna Manch president SP Chauhan, Bharat Sarees MD Sunil Gupta, Ghanshyam Goyal and several other dignitaries and devotees attended the programme.

Massive turnout at 'Save Vote, Save Democracy' rally: Rajendra Balla

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 2



Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee delegate and former member of the Haryana Police Recruitment Board, Rajendra Balla, participated in the 'Save Vote, Save Democracy' rally and march organised by the Congress under the leadership of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi at Delhi's historic Ramlila Maidan. He attended the event along with his supporters following a call by Kumari Selja.

Balla said his participation in the rally was his contribution to the movement for safeguarding democratic values, the Constitution and citizens' voting rights. He emphasised that public participation and awareness were essential for strengthening democracy.

He said the large turnout at Ramlila Maidan reflected citizens' awareness of their democratic rights and the importance of protecting their right to vote. A significant number of people participated in both the rally and the march, he added, describing the turnout at both events as substantial.

Balla said the Congress campaign was not merely a political programme but a public movement focused on ensuring the impartiality of democratic institutions, protecting the Constitution and safeguarding every eligible citizen's right to vote.

He said Rahul Gandhi had reiterated the demand for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and called for the withdrawal of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise.

Balla added that under Rahul Gandhi's leadership, the Congress was consistently raising issues concerning democracy and constitutional safeguards before the public. He thanked Kumari Selja for the opportunity to participate in the programme following her call and said the campaign for protecting democratic rights and raising public awareness should continue.

He maintained that the people's voice was paramount in a democracy and that protecting the right to vote was the constitutional responsibility of every citizen.

Balla also thanked all Congress workers and supporters who participated in the rally, saying their presence had contributed to the success of the event.

Players showcase their prowess at Habri Hockey Stadium During the 'Sansad Khel Mahotsav'



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: Under the guidance of Member of Parliament (MP) Naveen Jindal, the 'Sansad Khel Mahotsav' (MP Sports Festival) featured an exciting series of hockey matches for the Kaithal assembly constituency at the Habri Hockey Stadium on Monday. Participating teams—including those from Government Senior Secondary School (Diwal), Franswala village, the Indoor Stadium (Kaithal), Saini School (Chandana Gate), the Gyeong hockey team, Indus Public School (Kaithal), DAV Police Lines (Kaithal), and RKSD (Kaithal)—displayed great skill, discipline, and team spirit. Following intense competition, the winning teams secured their spots in the next round.

Ravindra Dhiman, the in-charge of the Kaithal office, stated that all hockey matches for the Kaithal assembly constituency are being held at the Habri Hockey Stadium. The players demonstrated their strength and talent on the field with immense enthusiasm and a true sporting spirit. He noted that MP Naveen Jindal's vision behind the 'Sansad Khel Mahotsav' is to provide a proper platform for hidden sporting talent in both rural and urban areas. The goal is to encourage more youth to engage in sports and, through their talent, bring pride to their district, state, and the nation. Present on the occasion were Sardar Swaroop Singh, Pradeep Badnara, Joginder Sharma, Surendra Pratap, Ramdiya DP, Coach Lavpreet, Sher Singh, Coach Komal, Coach Ritu, Naresh Chika, Pundri constituency in-charge Arvind Golan, as well as representatives from the Naveen Jindal Foundation, various athletes, and sports enthusiasts.

Onida accelerates retail expansion, strengthens its presence in Haryana with a New SmartHub store

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PALWAL, NOV 2



Onida Electronics Ltd., a leading consumer electronics brand, has expanded its retail presence in Haryana with the launch of a new exclusive SmartHub store in Palwal. Opened under the company's initiative, the store aims to provide customers with a better and more convenient shopping experience, offering a wide range of modern home electronic products under one roof.

Wide Range of Products Under One Roof

Spread across approximately 500 square feet, the new store offers a variety of products, including LED televisions, air conditioners and washing machines. Customers can also benefit from attractive promotional offers and exclusive EMI schemes, making their shopping experience more convenient and affordable.

Focus on Expanding Reach Across Smaller Cities

Gunjan Srivastava, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Onida Electronics Ltd., said that Haryana is an important market for the company's expansion strategy. The company is focused on strengthening its presence in smaller cities and providing customers with improved access to its products and services.

Farooq Baig, Chief Business Officer of the company, said that Onida aims to offer customers a wide product range along with a convenient and transparent shopping experience. Under the Onida Rewired initiative, the company plans to establish more than 100 exclusive brand stores across the country.

Senior journalist Sajjan Sharma appointed Chandigarh president of Bharatiya Patrakar Kalyan Manch

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH : Senior journalist Sajjan Sharma, who is associated with the Haryana Secretariat in Chandigarh, has been unanimously appointed as the new Chandigarh president of the Bharatiya Patrakar Kalyan Manch (Registered).

The announcement was made by the organisation's national president and President's Award recipient, Pawan Aashri, during a meeting of journalists held in Chandigarh.



Sajjan Sharma has worked with several national newspapers over the past several years. Members of the organisation expressed confidence that his appointment would help strengthen the platform and expand its reach among media professionals in the region.

Among those who congratulated him were senior journalists Surender Chauhan, Mahipal Walia, Vinod Kaushik, Mukesh Doliya, Ved Pal, Vikas Batan, Manjeet Singh, Raj Kumar Saharan, Manish Sindhwani, Parakram and Vikram; senior media professional Raj Kumar Bhardwaj; national senior vice-president Jasbir Singh Duggal; national secretary Satnam Singh; Karnataka state president Dr A.D. Kotal; Himachal Pradesh president Anil Bhardwaj; Delhi president Shashi Sharma; and Kurukshetra district president Tarun Wadhwa.

National chief patron R.D. Goyal, patron Subhash Sharma and Chandigarh-based senior journalist Neha Verma, along with journalist Aditi and several other members of the organisation, also welcomed the appointment. They expressed hope that Sajjan Sharma would bring more media professionals from the Haryana Secretariat, Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh into the organisation.

AI governance and cyber security laws crucial to achieving Viksit Bharat@2047: Prof Aruna Aanchal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK: The Faculty of Law at Baba Mastnath University, Rohtak, organised a quiz competition on the theme 'Role of AI Governance and Cyber Security Laws in Achieving the Goal of Viksit Bharat@2047'. The competition aimed to familiarise students with artificial intelligence (AI), cyber security, digital laws and emerging legal challenges associated with modern technology.



Prof (Dr) Aruna Aanchal, Dean of the Faculty of Education at Baba Mastnath University, attended the programme as the chief guest. Addressing the participants, she said the importance of artificial intelligence and cyber security was growing rapidly in the digital age. Achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 required not only technological advancement but also an effective legal framework, digital security and responsible use of technology.

She encouraged students to remain aware of technological developments and continuously enhance their knowledge and skills in the field of law.

The programme was organised under the guidance and leadership of Prof (Dr) Manish Dalal, Dean of the Faculty of Law and programme coordinator. He said such academic activities were important for the overall development of students. In the present era, law students needed to develop an understanding of technology alongside their legal knowledge.

Dr Ritu, head of the department and organising secretary, said such competitions strengthened students' knowledge, confidence, reasoning abilities and understanding of the subject. They also prepared students to address emerging technological and legal challenges. Dr Parmila served as the co-coordinator of the event.

Students participated enthusiastically in the quiz and demonstrated their knowledge through questions covering various aspects of the subject. The team comprising Tanshu and Khushi secured first position, while Shivani and Chhavi's team finished second.

The competition also familiarised participants with important aspects of AI regulation, prevention of cybercrime, information technology laws and digital security.

Dr Jayant, Dr Sonia, Dr Seema Devi, Dr Neha, Dr Amit Dalal, Dr Sangeeta, Dr Shivani and Ish Kumar were among the faculty members who contributed to the successful organisation of the event. Priya effectively performed the role of quizmaster, while Ritesh and Vansh served as student coordinators.

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Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.
The most certain way to succeed is always to
try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison

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Rs 53,866 crore contracts for Indian Navy

The Ministry of Defence has signed contracts worth Rs 53,866.50 crore with Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) and Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for the construction of eight Next Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy.The contracts were signed in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh at Kartavya Bhawan-2 in New Delhi on Monday.Under the agreement, GRSE will construct five corvettes, while GSL will build the remaining three. The project marks an important step in India's indigenous warship design and construction capabilities, as the vessels will be designed by the Indian Navy and constructed by defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs) selected through a competitive process.The Ministry of Defence said the project would strengthen India's domestic shipbuilding ecosystem by bringing together defence public sector companies, private shipyards and Indian industrial partners, including micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)."The construction of these ships is expected to generate approximately 72 lakh person-days of employment in the shipyards and 460 lakh person-days in ancillary industries and MSMEs over the next ten years," the Ministry said in its statement.The project is expected to provide employment opportunities across shipyards and supporting industries over the next decade, while increasing the participation of Indian companies in defence manufacturing.
The Next Generation Corvettes will be equipped with advanced missiles, weapons and sensor systems, allowing them to undertake operations across air, surface and sub-surface domains.According to the Ministry, the induction of these ships will strengthen the Indian Navy's ability to safeguard maritime trade routes, conduct anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare operations, and improve coastal defence.The vessels will also support littoral combat operations, maritime presence and surveillance missions, enhancing the Navy's operational capabilities.The Ministry said the project would promote the use of Made-in-India materials and equipment, indigenous technologies and Indian skills and expertise.

No winner, one message: Israel votes for consensus



Israel's latest election has produced no outright winner, but it has delivered a remarkably clear political message. Voters have neither endorsed the status quo nor authorised a decisive transfer of power. Instead, they have produced a fragmented mandate that points towards a single conclusion: compromise has become a strategic necessity.

The significance of the election lies less in the arithmetic of seats than in the circumstances under which it was fought. Israel remains engaged in a prolonged conflict in Gaza, faces continuing tensions with Hezbollah along the Lebanese frontier, confronts instability in Syria, and continues to regard Iran's nuclear ambitions and regional influence as its principal long-term security challenge. Under such conditions, the election became far more than a contest between rival parties. It was a judgement on how the country should be governed during a period of exceptional national insecurity.

The result reflected that reality. Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud emerged as the largest political force but fell short of securing a governing majority. The opposition improved its position, yet likewise failed to win sufficient support to form an alternative government. Neither camp achieved its objective. More importantly, neither secured the authority to exclude the other from power.

The electorate's verdict is therefore best understood as a rejection of political absolutism. Voters placed limits on Netanyahu without removing him from the centre of Israeli politics. Equally, they strengthened the opposition without empowering it to dictate the country's future. The public withheld a mandate for dominance and instead created a political balance that compels accommodation.

This explains why repeated predictions of Netanyahu's political demise have once again proved premature. The intelligence failures surrounding the Hamas attacks of October 2023, the prolonged Gaza campaign, and years of domestic polarisation undoubtedly weakened his standing. Yet many Israelis continue to assess leadership primarily through a security lens. For a substantial segment of the electorate, Netanyahu's experience in dealing with Iran, managing crises and navigating relations with major powers remains a significant political asset.

At the same time, support for the opposition reflects a desire for accountability and broader governance rather than a revolutionary break with existing policies. The public mood appears corrective rather than transformative. Israelis seem to be seeking stability and balance, not political upheaval.

It is against this backdrop that the emergence of Gadi Eisenkot assumes significance.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's backing of Eisenkot has strengthened the latter's position within the opposition camp. More important, however, is Eisenkot's own argument that the leader of the largest opposition party should receive the first opportunity to form an alternative government. Since his party emerged as the principal force within the opposition bloc, the position reinforces his claim to lead coalition negotiations while remaining rooted in democratic legitimacy.

This is not simply a tactical political argument. It reflects an appreciation of the electorate's underlying message. Eisenkot has avoided presenting politics as a struggle for the elimination of rivals. Instead, he has sought to position himself as the leader most capable of building a workable coalition across ideological divides. In doing so, he has distinguished himself from a political culture that, for much of the past decade, has been dominated by the question of whether one is for or against Netanyahu.

In effect, Eisenkot is articulating the logic of accommodation over confrontation. His significance lies less in the number of seats he commands than in what he represents. He has emerged as the most credible alternative to Netanyahu, yet his political approach implicitly acknowledges that neither side possesses the strength to govern alone. coalition arithmetic reinforces that conclusion.

A Netanyahu-led coalition supported by centrist parties remains one possible route to government formation. Such an arrangement would preserve continuity in national security policy while broadening political legitimacy. The principal obstacle is political mistrust rather than ideological incompatibility.

A second possibility is a broad national unity government bringing together Likud and major centrist forces. Such a coalition would reflect the fragmented mandate delivered by voters, reduce dependence on smaller ideological parties and provide a more stable framework for addressing Israel's formidable security challenges. Increasingly, this appears the most strategically coherent option.

A third scenario is an opposition-led coalition headed by Eisenkot. While theoretically possible, it would require the assembly of a diverse grouping united largely by the desire to replace Netanyahu. The challenge would be maintaining cohesion on issues ranging from security policy and judicial reform to settlements and relations with the Palestinians.

Equally revealing is what has not happened. Before the election, many analysts expected Arab parties to emerge as decisive kingmakers. Yet coalition discussions suggest that neither the principal centre-right camp nor the major opposition bloc wishes to make government survival dependent upon parties whose positions on key security issues differ markedly from the mainstream Zionist consensus. Arab parties remain important parliamentary actors, but their leverage appears more limited than many pre-election forecasts suggested.

The broader trend is unmistakable. Israeli politics is moving, however reluctantly, away from confrontation and towards accommodation. The central question is no longer whether compromise will be required. It is what form that compromise will ultimately take.

Much commentary has portrayed the election as another episode of Israeli political deadlock. That interpretation misses the larger point. Deadlock occurs when politics prevents decisions from being made. What Israeli voters have done is something rather different. They have deliberately denied every political camp the authority to govern alone. Rather than endorsing confrontation, they have imposed the necessity of cooperation.

This explains why Eisenkot's rise matters even if he never becomes prime minister. His importance lies in the political principle he embodies. Voters did not authorise the exclusion of Likud. Nor did they authorise Netanyahu's unrestricted return to power. They imposed limits on both camps and signalled that the next government must rest upon broader foundations.

For India, the implications are significant. Israel is no longer merely a defence partner but an increasingly important strategic actor in a region central to India's energy security, maritime trade, technological cooperation and economic interests. New Delhi's stake lies not in the fortunes of any particular Israeli politician but in the emergence of a government capable of taking coherent strategic decisions during a period of regional turbulence.

The message from Israeli voters could hardly be clearer. They have denied every political camp an outright victory in order to compel responsibility from all of them. In an age increasingly defined by political polarisation, that is a remarkable act of democratic realism. The electorate appears to have concluded that national security cannot become a hostage to partisan rivalry.

Its verdict is simple and profound. Netanyahu remains too strong to be ignored; Eisenkot too significant to be dismissed. Yet neither possesses the mandate to impose his will on the country. By denying every camp outright victory, Israeli voters have signalled their fatigue with the politics of exclusion that has long shaped the national discourse.

Their message is unmistakable: no leader can govern alone, no political bloc can claim a monopoly on judgment, and no durable solution can emerge without accommodation. The real winner of this election is therefore not an individual politician but the principle of consensus itself. In today's Israel, compromise is no longer merely prudent politics; it has become a national imperative. For India, which values both regional stability and a strong strategic partnership with Israel, a government anchored in such a spirit of pragmatism and broad-based legitimacy would be a welcome and constructive outcome.

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Four Baloch students among six reported missing across Pakistan

Four people, including three Baloch students, have allegedly been subjected to enforced disappearance in separate incidents across Balochistan, Punjab and Islamabad.Meanwhile, rights organisations have renewed demands for the recovery of two



University of Balochistan students who have remained missing for five years, as reported by The Balochistan Post.According to The Balochistan Post, Rahmdil Baloch, 35, a shopkeeper from Panjgur's Parom area, was allegedly taken by Frontier Corps (FC) and Military Intelligence (MI) personnel from an FC camp on October 24. His whereabouts remain unknown.In a separate incident, 23-year-old student Hizbullah Langove was reportedly detained by Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) personnel on Quetta's Airport Road on July 12. He has not been traced since.

15-year-old student and a resident of Dera Ghazi Khan was allegedly taken into custody by CTD personnel from Islamabad's Centaurus Mall on October 30 and shifted to an undisclosed location.Another student, Saqlain Baloch, pursuing a Bachelor of Education degree at The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, was reportedly abducted on October 29. The Baloch Students Council Bahawalpur alleged that personnel linked to state agencies forcibly removed him from a rickshaw outside Japan Town on Hasilpur Road.His family said repeated attempts to approach police and authorities had yielded no information, while no FIR had been registered.The Voice for Baloch Missing Persons (VBMP) continued its protest outside the Quetta Press Club for the 6,405th consecutive day. VBMP Chairman Nasrullah Baloch said November 1 marked five years since Sohail Ahmed and Muhammad Faseehullah Shah disappeared from the University of Balochistan in 2021. Both were Pakistan Studies students, as highlighted by The Balochistan Post.The Baloch Students Action Committee (BSAC) criticised the government's failure to honour its assurance that the students would either be released or produced before a court within 30 days. It said five years had passed without any meaningful progress, as reported by The Balochistan Post.

Strong housing demand pushes developers to accelerate new launches

Strong housing demand and healthy sales in the September quarter are expected to encourage real estate developers to accelerate project launches in the second half of the current financial year, with major companies preparing a larger pipeline of projects across key cities, according to a report by Jefferies.The report mentioned that the residential property sales value across India's top seven cities is estimated to have grown around 17-20 per cent year-on-year during July-September 2026, while sales by area increased at a slower pace of around 6-8 per cent, data cited by Jefferies showed.

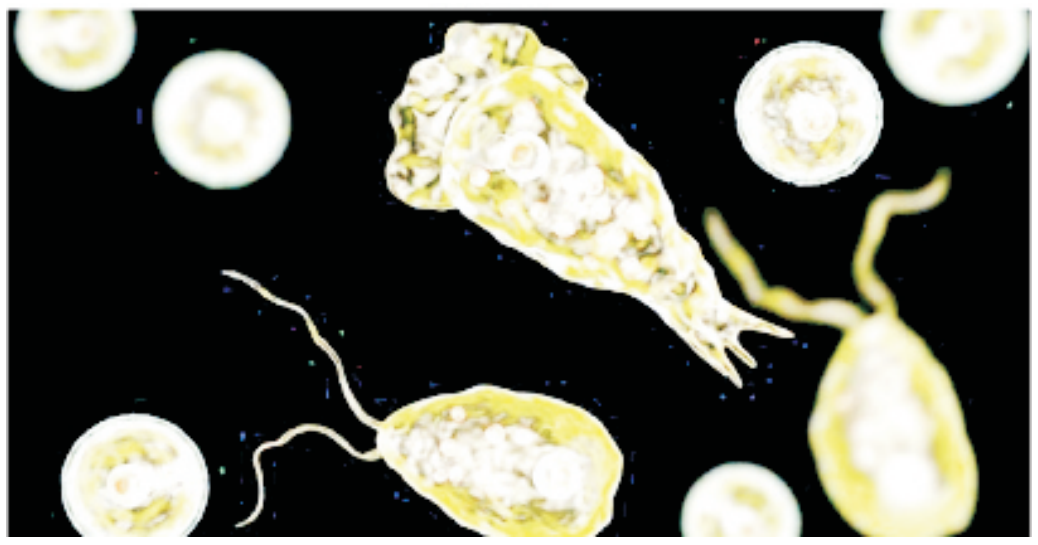


The difference between value and volume growth indicates that higher property prices and better realisation per unit played an important role in the increase in sales value. Blended price realisation rose around 10 per cent year-on-year during the quarter, while the number of apartments sold remained largely flat over the past three months.Despite healthy sales, new launches remained largely flat year-on-year by area, partly due to a delay in the festive season in September. However, developers are expected to step up launches from the December quarter as strong sales of existing projects have helped reduce inventory.Jefferies said, "Sustenance sales have been very strong, lowering inventory, and launch momentum is strong from the December quarter onward."The report expects major listed developers, including DLF, Godrej Properties, Lodha and Prestige Estates, to report sales growth of more than 20 per cent in the second half of FY27, following relatively subdued performance in the first half.

Godrej Properties is expected to double its launch pipeline in the second half and is estimated to record pre-sales of more than Rs 120 billion in the December quarter, representing growth of around 50 per cent year-on-year.Lodha is planning launches worth Rs 191 billion in the second half, compared with Rs 41 billion in the first half, while Prestige Estates is expected to have a strong launch pipeline in the National Capital Region and Mumbai region during the December quarter and early fourth quarter.DLF is also progressing with its Mumbai Phase-2 project and the experience centre for its luxury housing project.At the broader market level, residential sales by area in the top seven cities are estimated to have grown around 6 per cent in the year so far, while sales value increased around 12 per cent.The National Capital Region and Mumbai Metropolitan Region recorded volume growth of more than 10 per cent during the September quarter, while Bengaluru remained largely flat.Meanwhile, the overall residential inventory level stood at around 18 months based on the last 12 months of sales, in line with the five-year average.Jefferies said the combination of healthy demand, lower inventory and a strong upcoming launch pipeline could support the residential real estate sector's performance in the second half of FY27.

Scientists raise concern as dangerous amoebas spread globally

Free-living amoebae are emerging as a global health concern, fueled by warming temperatures and outdated water systems. While many are harmless, some can cause deadly infections and even protect other dangerous microbes. Their ability to survive heat and disinfectants makes them especially hard to control. Scientists say improved surveillance and water treatment are urgently needed.A team of environmental and public health scientists is raising concerns about a largely overlooked group of microscopic organisms that may pose a growing danger worldwide: free-living amoebae.In a recent perspective article published in Biocontaminant, researchers explain that these tiny life forms are becoming an emerging global health risk. Their spread is being driven by rising temperatures, ageing water infrastructure, and limited systems for detecting and tracking them.Although most people have never heard of free-living amoebae, scientists say they deserve far more attention.What Are Free-Living AmoebaeAmoebae are single-celled organisms that live naturally in soil, freshwater, and even some man-made water systems. They move and feed by extending parts of their cell body, a process that gives them their distinctive shape. Most amoebae are harmless and play a role in natural ecosystems. However, a small number of species can infect humans and cause severe illness. These infections are rare, but when they do occur, they can be extremely serious.One of the most well-known examples is Naegleria fowleri (often called the brain-eating amoeba). This organism can enter the body when contaminated water goes up the nose, such as during swimming in warm lakes or poorly treated water. Once inside, it can travel to the brain and cause a fast-moving infection that is almost always fatal.Why These Microbes Are So Hard to EliminateScientists say one of the most concerning features of these amoebae is their ability to survive harsh conditions that would normally kill other microorganisms."What makes these organisms particularly dangerous is their ability to survive conditions that kill many other microbes," said corresponding author Longfei Shu of Sun Yat sen University. "They can tolerate high temperatures, strong disinfectants like chlorine, and even live inside water distribution systems that people assume are safe."
This resilience means that standard water treatment methods may not always be enough to eliminate them, especially in older or poorly maintained systems.The Hidden Role of Amoebae in Spreading Other PathogensThe risks go beyond the amoebae themselves. Researchers highlight that these organisms can act as protective hosts for other harmful microbes, including bacteria and viruses.Inside the amoeba, these pathogens can survive in a kind of safe shelter, shielded from disinfectants that would normally destroy them. This process is often described as a so called Trojan horse effect. It allows dangerous microbes to persist in drinking water systems and potentially spread more easily.Scientists are also concerned that this protective environment could help promote antibiotic resistance, making infections harder to treat over time.Climate Change Is Expanding Their ReachRising global temperatures are expected to make the problem worse. Many of these amoebae thrive.



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Villagers who attended health check-up camp underwent X-rays

NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Health checkup camp was organized in Aurangabad under National Tuberculosis Eradication Program. Program was conducted under guidance of Deputy Civil Surgeon. Health department team at camp performed X-rays on villagers and provided them with helpful tips. Ravindra who attended camp said that government's goal is to maximize screening and initiate treatment for latent TB patients, thus achieving a TB-free country. He added that anyone experiencing symptoms such as coughing for more than two weeks, night sweats, weight loss, or fever should immediately seek medical attention at a government hospital. TB treatment is free at government hospitals. The government also deposits a monthly deposit of 1,000 rupees into the bank account of TB patients.



Anti-Narcotics Cell arrests two accused, recovers 25 kg of poppy husk from truck

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 2



Police spokesperson said that under guidance of Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal, the district's Anti-Narcotics Cell is continuously taking strict action against drug smugglers. Acting in this regard, Anti-Narcotics Cell team successfully arrested two accused and seized 25 kg of poppy husk from a truck.Case was registered against accused under NDPS Act. They were produced in court and remanded. Police are investigating matter thoroughly. In-charge Anil Kumar said that his team received a tip-off that two youths were waiting to sell drugs in their truck, HR-45B-9048, near Chandpur underpass near Kuldeep Nagar Market. Based on this information, a team consisting of Sub-Inspector Om Prakash, ASI Praveen, Jasbir, Kuldeep Singh, Head Constable Monu, Ravi, and Sultan was formed.Team immediately arrived at scene and arrested two youths. Duty Magistrate, Naib Tehsildar Radaur Anil Kumar was called to scene. Search of truck revealed 25 kg of poppy husk in his presence.Upon questioning, driver and owner were identified as Balwinder Singh, son of Varayam Singh, a resident of Kuldeep Nagar, and Amarjeet, son of Manga Singh, a resident of Gadhola village.Case was registered against accused under NDPS Act. They were produced in court and remanded.Police are investigating matter thoroughly. In-charge said that upon interrogation, accused revealed that they had brought poppy husk from Rajasthan. Each of accused has previously been charged with one NDPS case in Rajasthan.

Accused apprehended by CIA Kalayat police with 6.11 grams of heroin in Kalayat



RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: Under the able leadership of SP Manpreet Singh Sudan, the Kaithal District Police is taking continuous action to curb drug trafficking. As part of this ongoing effort, the CIA Kalayat team conducted an operation in the Kalayat area and apprehended an individual in possession of 6.11 grams of heroin ('chitta'). A police spokesperson stated that a team led by ASI Sumit Kumar—under the supervision of CIA Kalayat in-charge ASI Manish Kumar—was patrolling the area to prevent criminal activity. During this time, the team received a tip-off that Rohit Kumar, a resident of Indira Nagar, Pundri, is involved in the sale of heroin ('chitta'). The information indicated that he was currently present on the road behind the Kalayat bus stand, looking to sell the contraband, and could be apprehended if a raid were conducted.

Mayor lays foundation of Kamboj Dharamshala in Bhatli village

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 2



The Municipal Corporation is accelerating development projects in both the city and its surrounding villages. As part of this initiative, a 'Kamboj Dharamshala' (community hall) will be constructed in Bhatli village—located in Ward No. 1—at a cost of ?43.78 lakh. Mayor Suman Bahmani, former MLA Balwant Singh, and Councilor Reena Rastogi laid the foundation stone for the project, formally inaugurating the construction work by breaking a coconut. Mayor Suman Bahmani stated that the Municipal Corporation prioritizes the balanced development of both urban and rural areas. Once completed, the Dharamshala will provide villagers with a better venue for hosting social, religious, and family-related events. She added that under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the state government is prioritizing initiatives that serve the public interest. In addition to strengthening basic infrastructure within the Municipal Corporation's jurisdiction, various community development projects are also being undertaken. Former MLA Balwant Singh emphasised the critical need to expand community facilities in rural areas. The construction of the Kamboj Dharamshala addresses a long-felt need of the villagers, providing them with an improved space for social gatherings. He noted that such development projects will transform the villages and ensure that residents benefit from better amenities. Councilor Reena Rastogi stated that continuous efforts are being made to foster development in the ward and provide residents with superior facilities. The construction of the Kamboj Dharamshala will be highly beneficial for the people of Bhatli village. She further assured that other local issues and requirements would also be raised with the Municipal Corporation and addressed on a priority basis. Assistant Engineer Muneshwar Bhardwaj, Junior Engineer Gagan Sandhu, Rajbir, Monty Kamboj, Arun Kamboj, Balbir, Parveen, Joginder, Shilpa, Anju, Ritu, Neelam, Sudesh, Anita, Mukesh, Jagi, Pranjal, Mahendra, Karnail, Vinod, Dr. Prem, and others were present at the site.

Vigilance awareness camp held at Horticulture College



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: College of Horticulture, Maharana Pratap Horticulture University, Karnal, organized a Vigilance Awareness Week under leadership of Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Suresh Malhotra, in accordance with guidelines of University Grants Commission (UGC). Students, faculty and non-teaching staff were encouraged to take Integrity Pledge on college campus and online. Initiative aimed to create awareness about importance of honesty, transparency, accountability and ethical values ??in professional and personal life. Program was coordinated by Dr Subaran Singh and Dr Vivek, who encouraged students and staff to actively participate. Dr. Devraj, Dean of the College of Horticulture, emphasized importance of maintaining integrity, honesty, and transparency in all official work.All employees were advised to discharge their responsibilities with integrity and dedication and contribute to creating a corruption-free workplace environment. Program highlighted collective responsibility of every individual in promoting ethical practices, strengthening institutional values and building a culture of integrity. Event concluded with message that integrity, transparency and accountability are foundations of a prosperous and corruption-free society.

Farmers should focus on crop residue key factor in enhancing soil fertility: Dr Amit Kumar



RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: Dr. Amit Kumar, scientist at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in Kaithal which operates under Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar and Nodal Officer for Crop Residue Management project, spoke during an awareness campaign held in village Wazir Nagar. He emphasized that managing crop residue is need of hour; rather than being mere waste, crop residue is valuable resource for farmers. He explained that in-situ management of crop residue helps increase soil's organic carbon content which is a primary factor in boosting soil fertility. He noted that such management is essential for improving agricultural land and restoring its declining fertility. He further mentioned that farmers can utilize government-subsidized machinery such as Super Seeders, Happy Seeders, Surface Seeders, Zero-Tillage machines, Mulchers, Choppers, and Rotavators to manage crop residue directly in fields. He urged farmers to monitor their paddy crops and provided detailed information on university's recommendations for managing pests and diseases.

ADC listens to public grievances at Samadhan Shivir



RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: During Samadhan Shivir held in auditorium of Mini Secretariat, ADC Dr. Sushil Kumar listened to concerns of public and directed relevant officials to resolve complaints on a priority basis. Issues raised at camp included garbage collection, non-receipt of payments for paddy procurement, lack of access to benefits of PM Awas Yojana, correction of electricity bills and matters related to 'Parivar Pehchan Patra' (Family ID). Paramjit, a resident of Friends Colony, reported that his financial condition is extremely poor and requested allocation of a fair-price shop.ADC instructed officials from Food and Supplies Department to take necessary action in accordance with rules. Gyani Ram, also a resident of same colony, pointed out that garbage collection services do not reach his area causing significant inconvenience; ADC directed Municipal Commissioner to ensure this issue is resolved promptly.Asha Devi, a resident of Padla, complained that the benefits of the PM Awas Yojana have not reached her village. Rajesh Kumar, an ex-serviceman from Naina reported that penalty had been imposed on his electricity bill and requested a waiver of penalty amount.

Satyug Darshan Vidyalaya wins Best Boarding Co-Ed School award in NCR



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: The true purpose of education is not merely to impart bookish knowledge, but to nurture knowledgeable, virtuous, value-driven and responsible citizens. Working towards this noble objective, Satyug Darshan Vidyalaya, established by Satyug Darshan Trust (Regd.) in Faridabad, has been honoured by Education World with the prestigious 'Best Boarding Co-Ed School' Award in the NCR region for the academic year 2026–27. This recognition highlights the school's commitment to academic excellence, holistic personality development and guiding students towards the right direction in life. This achievement is the result of the collective efforts of the school's teachers, students and parents, and further strengthens its commitment to integrating education with values, character and life skills. In keeping with the visionary philosophy of Satyug Darshan Trust, the school views education as a means of shaping lives. Along with academic excellence, special emphasis is placed on nurturing human values, ethics, discipline, self-reliance and sensitivity.

Haryana revises SIR schedule; Final voter lists to be published on Nov 30

AVNI SHARMA

GUHLA/CHIKKA: A revised schedule has been released for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of photo voter lists in the district. Under this program, the notice phase and the process of processing claims and objections will continue until November 20, 2026, while the final publication of voter lists will be done on November 30, 2026. This process also includes voter lists from the Guhla-Chikka area. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Aparajita instructed officials that despite the completion of the special intensive revision, voter lists must be re-examined and cross-checked so that any errors or inaccuracies can be rectified in a timely manner. She said that maintaining accurate and up-to-date voter lists was crucial for a democratic system. DC Aparajita was addressing a meeting of officials. Earlier, Chief Electoral Officer Haryana A. Srinivas gave necessary guidelines regarding the revision work to all the Deputy Commissioners of the state via video conferencing. The DC informed that a revised schedule has been issued as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer Haryana. In this, the revision process has been determined considering July 1, 2026 as the eligibility date. She directed the concerned officials to complete all the work within the stipulated time limit, so that no eligible citizen is deprived of getting his name registered in the voters list and the mistakes present in the list can be rectified in time.

Vivek Khare takes charges as General Manager, NFR

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Vivek Khare, an IRSME officer of 1989 batch has joined as the new General Manager of Northeast Frontier Railway on 1st November, 2026. As the General Manager, he will serve as the overall executive head of Northeast Frontier Railway, one of the largest and the most challenging of the eighteen geographical zones of Indian Railways, spread over 10 states and 36 Lok Sabha constituencies, including Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim and parts of West Bengal and Bihar.With over three decades of experience in railway operations, efficiency maintenance, improvement and modernization spreading over different states & zones of the country; his expertise is expected to be immensely beneficial for Northeast Frontier Railway. Before joining as the General Manager, he was posted as the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Modern Coach Factory, Rae Bareli. Earlier, Shri Vivek Khare has also briefly served in the additional charge as General Manager of the Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Rae Bareli, during March 2026. Khare is well known for his technical expertise and managerial excellence across multiple domains of Indian Railways.

Sports powerful medium for keeping youth away from drugs: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR
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Sports competitions for Kaithal assembly constituency were inaugurated at Maharaja Surajmal Jat Stadium as part of Sansad Khel Mahotsav. DC Aparajita attended the event as chief guest; she formally inaugurated competitions and encouraged participating athletes. She said that sports competitions being organized at assembly constituency level under Sansad Khel Mahotsav' represent a significant initiative toward physical and mental development of youth. Sports not only ensure physical well-being but also cultivate qualities such as discipline, team spirit and sportsmanship. They equip individuals with ability to face life's challenges, learn from defeat and move forward with firm determination.She noted that in today's times keeping youth away from social evils like substance abuse is a major challenge. In this context, there is no better medium than sports to engage children and young people in positive activities.

DR Jain Hospital organises free medical camp in Udana Village with commitment to public service

HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: With the objective of making healthcare services accessible to rural communities and raising awareness about various diseases, DR Jain Neurocare & Multispeciality Hospital, Kurukshetra, organised a free medical and health awareness camp in Udana village. During the camp, specialist doctors provided medical consultations and shared valuable information about health-related issues and preventive measures. Dr. Abhishek Taya, MD (Medicine), highlighted the causes, symptoms and preventive measures of heart attacks. He explained that high blood pressure, diabetes, elevated cholesterol, smoking, mental stress, unhealthy dietary habits and physical inactivity are major risk factors for heart attacks. Genetic factors may also increase the risk. He further explained that women may experience symptoms of a heart attack beyond chest pain, including pain in the jaw, neck, back, shoulders and arms, breathing difficulties, dizziness, nausea and sudden sweating. He emphasised that immediate medical assistance should be sought if such symptoms occur. Dr. Taya advised people to follow a balanced diet, undergo regular health check-ups, maintain a stress-free lifestyle and exercise for at least 30 minutes daily. He also stressed the importance of avoiding smoking, alcohol, junk food and excessive consumption of fried and fatty foods. The 2,148th free medical and health awareness camp was organised under the leadership of senior physician Dr. Sanjay Sharma, who was also the chief organiser of the camp.

Kala Srishti Manch celebrates Diwali with cultural extravaganza in Kurukshetra

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, NOV 2



Festivals are not merely occasions to celebrate happiness; they also remind us of the importance of coming closer to our loved ones, strengthening relationships and filling life with the colours of love and togetherness. Reflecting this spirit, the renowned cultural organisation Kala Srishti Manch organised a grand Diwali get-together at a hotel on Railway Road, Kurukshetra. The cheerful evening, filled with songs, music, dance, poetry recitation and qawwali, witnessed captivating performances by artists who enthralled the audience and created a vibrant festive atmosphere. Kala Srishti Manch has been making a significant contribution to the cultural activities of the city for several years. The organisation brings together eminent citizens, retired officers and art enthusiasts who take time out of their busy schedules to nurture their artistic interests through singing, acting, dancing and theatrical performances. The organisation aims not only to entertain but also to promote sensitivity, mutual harmony and the importance of relationships through art. The programme, organised under the guidance and direction of international artist and head of the organisation Brij Kishore Sharma, commenced with a devotional tribute to Lord Shri Ram. Thereafter, the artists presented a series of captivating performances that doubled the festive joy of Diwali.

Greenfield Pearl International School Kurukshetra organises grand academic presentation by young learners

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, NOV 2



Greenfield Pearl International School organised a grand academic presentation featuring young students from Kindergarten to Class II. The objective of the programme was to develop an interest in learning among children, boost their confidence and showcase their academic progress to parents. The programme commenced with a morning prayer assembly, during which the children presented the Gayatri Mantra, prayer, pledge, aerobics and the National Anthem in an impressive manner. This was followed by colourful dance performances that captivated the audience. As part of the academic activities, students demonstrated their learning abilities through shape recognition, colour identification and flashcard-based activities. In Mathematics, they showcased their understanding of counting, number recognition, mathematical symbols, addition, multiplication tables and fractions through interesting presentations. In English, the students confidently demonstrated their knowledge of alphabet recognition from A to Z, phonics, nouns and opposite words. Similarly, in Hindi, they presented vowel songs, word formation, singular and plural forms, gender identification and beautiful poems. Under Environmental Studies, children confidently shared their knowledge of nature and science through activities such as the Landforms Song, Planet Song and different types of plants. Students also showcased their technical understanding in the computer laboratory, while their creative talent in drawing emerged as one of the major attractions of the programme.

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Amazon India clocks 6x increase in sale of two-wheelers ahead of Dhanteras during Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026

Chandigarh : More customers are researching, comparing and buying their two-wheeler on Amazon.in, leading to 6x growth for the category compared to their average-day pace, since the start of Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026. Popular picks include EV brands like Chetak and Ampere, legacy Indian brands like Hero MotoCorp and Bajaj Auto, as well as premium international brands like Triumph and KTM, reflecting a strong shift towards online shopping among two-wheeler buyers. This shift extends well beyond the metros with more than 60% of two-wheeler sales now coming from non-metros, led by cities such as Surat, Kota, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Prayagraj, Nellore, Warangal, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Belagavi, Kanpur, Bhilwara and more. While EVs are gaining ground, growing at 8x their average-day pace, led by Chetak and Ampere, everyday commuters are moving even faster at 13.5x during the shopping event. Even premium motorcycles have clocked 2.5x as customers trade up to more powerful and versatile vehicles. Customers are also investing in safety gear, vehicle upkeep and maintenance like helmets, dashcams, riding gear, car perfumes, car vacuum cleaners, spare parts and other car care essentials, leading to 2.2x growth on the Amazon.in's Automotive Store. "This has been the most exciting Amazon Great Indian Festival sale for two-wheelers. More customers than ever are starting their purchase on Amazon.in, researching and comparing their next bike, and this festive season the trend has accelerated sharply. We have focused on what matters most to the customer: the widest selection of products, guided discovery, easy payment options with affordability levers, customer reviews and support that continues long after the purchase. AI based shopping assistant, Rufus, helps customers research their options, and we have recently added brands like TVS Motor, Flying Flea and Ultraviolette.

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Last-minute festive deals for Businesses this Amazon Great Indian Festival

CHANDIGARH : With Diwali almost here, businesses can make the most of last-minute deals on Amazon Business this Amazon Great Indian Festival across a range of procurement categories. From laptops, televisions and air conditioners to office furniture, supplies and lighting, business customers can find deals of up to 84% off MRP, along with additional discounts on eligible bulk purchases. With options to suit different business needs and budgets, customers can stock up on office essentials, upgrade their workspaces and invest in equipment before the festive sale ends. Business customers can also avail instant bank discounts and additional cashback of up to INR 9,999 on a range of categories for their festive purchases.Last minute deals for Amazon Business customers include:-Up to 33% off on laptops, including gaming and business laptops.Up to 49% off on televisions and air conditioners.

ICICI Life Guaranteed Indexed Pension plan launched

CHANDIGARH: ICICI Life Insurance Limited has launched ICICI Life Guaranteed Indexed Pension, a retirement income product that offers customers a combination of Guaranteed Annuity1 and Variable Annuity2. While the guaranteed component offers income stability to customers, the variable component helps them protect against inflation through index-linked income. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Vikas Gupta, Chief Product Officer, ICICI Life Insurance, said, "With increasing life expectancy, individuals need to plan for a longer retirement period. Rising living expenses and changing financial priorities make it crucial to have retirement solutions that provide stability while also offering the potential for market-linked income growth. Guaranteed income1 that is fixed for life, Variable income2 linked to NIFTY 50 Total Return Index that enables customers to participate in the market and provide an upside.

Hero MotoCorp Unveils Exclusive Four Day "Herotsav" Celebration

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Taking the festive spirit up a notch, Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, announced 'Herotsav'—a special four-day celebration of festive offers and exciting rewards for customers across India. Running from November 1 to November 4, 2026, the initiative builds on the company's nationwide festive campaign, 'Hero Sang Tyohar Hai Har Kahin', bringing even more cheer to customers looking to make their festive season memorable. Commenting on the initiative, Ashutosh Varma, Chief Business Officer, India Business Unit, Hero MotoCorp, said "We are truly humbled by the tremendous trust and enthusiasm our customers have shown towards Hero MotoCorp this festive season.

Cosmo First Brings PVC-Free Green Graphic Films to Amritsar, Offering an Alternative to Conventional Vinyl Graphics

AMRITSAR: Cosmo First, through its Cosmo Films business, is offering Green Graphic Films in Amritsar, providing businesses, printers and signage manufacturers with a PVC-free alternative to conventional PVC-based graphic films. Designed to combine visual appeal with material innovation, the product addresses the growing need for branding solutions that deliver quality and application flexibility while supporting more responsible material choices. Commenting on the offering, Mr Kulbhushan Malik, Global Business Head, Cosmo Films, said, "Businesses today are looking beyond the visual appeal of branding materials to consider their composition, performance and suitability for evolving sustainability priorities. With Green Graphic Films, we are bringing an innovative, PVC-free alternative to the market that combines print versatility with a lightweight construction and multiple finish options. As businesses prepare for Diwali, we see an opportunity for them to explore material alternatives for their festive promotions without compromising on the visual impact they seek to create."

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Bhagwant Mann Government committed to taking the great teachings of Guru Ravidas Ji to every household: Chairman Parminder Singh Goldy



SHASHI PAL JAIN

KHIZRABAAD (SAS NAGAR): As part of the special events being organised across Punjab by the State Government to commemorate the 650th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji, a spectacular 500-drone show was held at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Stadium, Khizrabaad, in Kharar Assembly Constituency, late this evening. Hundreds of illuminated drones lit up the night sky, depicting the life, Bani, philosophy and teachings of Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji through a captivating display that left the gathered Sangat spiritually enthralled.

Chairman, Punjab Youth Development Board, S. Parminder Singh Goldy, along with SDM Kharar Gurmeet Singh, village panchayats, members of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Youth Club and a large number of devotees, attended the event and witnessed the unique drone show with devotion and enthusiasm.

Chairman Parminder Singh Goldy said that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, was committed to the welfare and equality of all sections of society by following the path shown by Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji. He said that modern digital technology had been effectively employed through the drone show to introduce the younger generation to the life, Bani and teachings of Guru Sahib.

He said that the Bani of Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji conveys the universal message of equality, brotherhood, hard work, righteous conduct and social harmony. The philosophy of Guru Sahib transcends all social and community boundaries and advocates equality, freedom and fraternity.

Guru Sahib raised his voice against caste-based discrimination, social inequality and untouchability, while guiding humanity towards good deeds and high moral values.

Chairman Goldy further said that the Punjab Government had allocated over Rs. 100 crore for year-long programmes dedicated to the 650th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji. The objective of these programmes was to take the great philosophy of Guru Sahib and his message of universal welfare to the younger generation through modern and effective means. During the programme, the Dhadi Jatha of Bhai Gurpreet Singh Ji Landran Wale presented poetic renditions of Guru Bani and enthralled the Sangat. A large number of devotees appreciated the unique initiative undertaken by the Punjab Government.

Starrdom Icons Season 2 Showcases Emerging Talent in Zirakpur



ZIRAKPUR: Emerging talent in dance and modelling took centre stage at Starrdom Icons 2026 – Season 2, organised by Eshu Gambhir Entertainment at Orbit Signature Walk, VIP Road, Zirakpur. The event provided aspiring artists from different age groups an opportunity to showcase their talent, creativity and confidence before an enthusiastic audience.Mrs. Suman Gambhir attended as the Chief Guest, while BJP leader Gurdarshan Singh Saini was the VIP Guest. Harpreet Singh Saini attended as the VIP Guest, and Sonam Gambhir was the Special Guest.

Celebrity guest Eshu Gambhir was also present. Rakesh Jamwal, Nisha Rajput and Sam made special appearances as showstoppers, while singer Aman Ladla added musical charm to the event.In the modelling competition, Mahi (Tag No. 12), Shagun (Tag No. 17) and Japneet (Tag No. 5) were declared winners in the Junior Miss Starrdom Icon category. Panshul Batra (Tag No. 16) won the Junior Master Starrdom Icon title. Shreya Mehta (Tag No. 3) bagged the Miss Starrdom Icon title, Yash (Tag No. 48) was crowned Mr. Starrdom Icon, and Amandeep (Tag No. 45) won the Mrs. Starrdom Icon title.The dance competition witnessed impressive performances across various categories. In Solo Dance, Shainy (Tag No. 32) won the Sub-Junior category, Namami (Tag No. 54) secured the Junior category, and MD Popper (Tag No. 49) emerged victorious in the Senior category.In Duet Dance, Sachleen and Harparmeet (Tag No. 19) won the Sub-Junior category, Hiya and Aradhya (Tag No. 33) secured the Junior category, and Neha and Vansh (Tag No. 51) claimed the Senior category title. Stuti Crew (Tag No. 58) won the Group Dance category, while Gitika (Tag No. 8) was recognised in the Folk Special category.Pooja, the Event Manager, played a significant role in the successful organisation of the programme. She coordinated arrangements, managed participants and worked closely with the organising team to ensure the smooth execution of the event.The event was presented by Eshu Gambhir Entertainment in association with Sethi Dhaba and Starrdom Acting Institute.

Urvashi Khanna, Tina Ahuja Launch Regional Podcast Series at CP67 Mall



MOHALI: Urvashi Khanna and Tina Ahuja have launched a unique regional podcast series at CP67 Mall, aimed at bringing inspiring stories of success, struggles and determination to a wider audience. Rooted in Punjab's cultural heritage, the initiative will highlight the personal and professional journeys of prominent personalities from diverse fields.Moving beyond conventional celebrity interviews, the podcast will feature well-known names, including Umang Jindal, Amrit Maan, Babbu Maan, Karamjit Anmol, Master Saleem, Anmol Katwar and Pooja. Entrepreneurs, business leaders and other achievers will also share their experiences, challenges and milestones.The series will be presented across five regional seasons covering Punjab, Bombay, Dubai, Canada and London. Each season will focus on authentic stories, highlighting the struggles, achievements and defining moments that have shaped the lives and careers of its featured personalities. Tina Ahuja's association with Punjab and its cultural heritage makes her an integral part of the initiative.

SJVN CMD Sh. Bhupender Gupta Holds High-Level Meetings with Nepal Government to Accelerate Hydropower Projects

SHIMLA: Bhupender Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN, held high-level meetings in Kathmandu, today to expedite the implementation of SJVN's hydropower projects in Nepal. Sh. Bhupender Gupta met Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Dr. Swarnim Wagle; Hon'ble Minister of Energy, Water Resources & Irrigation, Sh. Biraj Bhakta Shrestha and Chief Executive Officer, Investment Board Nepal (IBN), Ms. Yanki Ukyab. The Secretary (Finance), Joint Secretary (IBN) and other senior officials were also present during the meetings. Sh. Bhupender Gupta was accompanied by Sh. Parthajit De, Director (Finance), Sh. Rajesh Kumar Chandel, Director (Projects) and Sh. Pankaj Chaudhary, CEO, SAPDC & SLPDC.



The discussions focused on accelerating implementation of SJVN's hydro projects in Nepal, including 900 MW Arun-3 HEP, its associated 217 km Transmission Line and 669 MW Lower Arun HEP. The key issues discussed included expediting remaining works of Arun-3 HEP, resolving land-related issues and forest clearance constraints affecting execution of transmission line works and securing necessary approvals to advance pre-construction activities for Lower Arun HEP. The Government of Nepal and SJVN Management agreed on the need for coordinated efforts among concerned authorities to address project-specific challenges and ensure timely implementation of these strategically important projects.

Diwali Festival Brings Double Happiness at Golden Sand as Women Win Exciting Prizes



MUKESH CHAUHAN

ZIRAKPUR: Diwali celebrations became even more special at Golden Sand Society as the announcement of lucky draw winners brought double joy to the festivities. While one winner took home an Air Fryer, others won a Garment Iron and a Nutri Blender, making the festival memorable for all. The announcement of the prizes was greeted with loud applause and cheers from residents. The annual Diwali Festival at Golden Sand Society once again emerged as a major attraction, bringing together residents of all age groups. Colourful stalls, delicious food, shopping opportunities and entertainment activities created a festive atmosphere, with children, youngsters and senior citizens enjoying the celebrations enthusiastically.

IndiGo Partners with Digi Yatra for International Passenger Trials Across Seven Indian Airports

CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA: IndiGo, India's preferred airline and one of the fastest-growing carriers in the world, and Digi Yatra have initiated international passenger trials on select international flights, enabling seamless and completely contactless journeys across select Indian airports - Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai, and Amritsar. Commencing with a BETA phase in end of October, and running through the month of December 2026, this landmark initiative is set to transform the international departure experience for Indian globe-trotters by extending the decentralized digital identity platform beyond domestic air travel. Eligible passengers can leverage this seamless biometric ecosystem at major enabled touchpoints, including terminal entry, Security Hold Areas (SHA), and boarding gates. To participate, travellers can securely generate an international digital ID directly from their smartphones via the Digi Yatra app by scanning their e-passport's Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) and using Near Field Communication (NFC).

Pre-Primary Wing Students of Dev Samaj School Showcase Talent in Annual Function 'Guldasta'



CHANDIGARH: I.S. Dev Samaj Senior Secondary School, Sector 21-C, Chandigarh, celebrated the annual function 'Guldasta' of its Pre-Primary Wing. The event showcased the talent, creativity and confidence of the young learners through a series of colourful performances carrying meaningful messages.

The event was graced by Shri Naunihal Singh, IPS, ADGP, as the Chief Guest, while Shri Vivek Atray, former IAS officer and TEDx speaker, was the Guest of Honour. Other dignitaries present included Dr. Mrs. Agnese Dhillon, Secretary, The Dev Samaj, President, Dev Samaj Colleges, Chairperson, Dev Samaj Schools and Incharge, Dev Samaj Vidya Vibhag; Shri Maanvinder Singh Mangat, Chief Executive Officer, The Dev Samaj and Secretary, The Dev Samaj Colleges, Chandigarh and Ambala; Sardar Iqbal Singh Dhillon, President, Chandigarh Rifle Association; Dr. (Mrs.) Jaspal Kaur, Manager, I.S. Dev Samaj Senior Secondary School and School Principal, Dr. Sabeeha Dhillon Mangat.

Notably, Managing Committee Members -Dr. Richa Sharma, Officiating Principal, Dev Samaj College of Education, Chandigarh; Shri Sahil Abhi, Legal Advisor ; Dr. Shefali Cheema , Assistant Professor ; Lt. Kesu Singh, Assistant Professor and NCC Officer were also present.

OnePlus Extends Festive Sale with Lowest-Ever Prices on Select Smartphones, Tablets and Audio Products

CHANDIGARH : OnePlus is giving consumers more reasons to upgrade this festive season by extending its Festive Sale with additional offers across its smartphone, tablet and audio portfolio. As part of the expanded festive campaign, select devices are now available at their lowest-ever prices, including the OnePlus 15R at Rs59,999 and the OnePlus N6x at Rs. 17,499. The Festive offers are live, and can be availed online via oneplus.in, Amazon.in during Amazon Great Indian Festival, and the OnePlus Store App, as well as offline at OnePlus Experience Stores and select partner outlets. Additionally, customers can access the IoT products across Flipkart during the Flipkart Big Billion Days Sale, Myntra, Blinkit, and through select offline partners like Reliance Croma and Vijay Sales.OnePlus has introduced festive offers across its flagship, Nord and N Series smartphone lineup, making it easier for consumers to upgrade during the festive season. The OnePlus 15 is available at a net effective price of Rs 81,999, while the OnePlus 15R is available at its lowest-ever effective price of Rs59,999. The compact flagship OnePlus 13s can be purchased for ?61,999.In the Nord lineup, the OnePlus Nord 6, Nord CE6 and Nord CE6 Lite are available at net effective prices of Rs42,999, Rs32,999 and Rs25,999, respectively. Customers can also avail no-cost EMI on select models.The N Series also comes with attractive festive pricing. The OnePlus N6 is available at Rs20,999, the OnePlus N6x at its lowest-ever effective price of Rs. 17,499, and the OnePlus N6 Lite at Rs14,249, along with financing options on select variants.OnePlus has also extended festive offers across its tablet portfolio.



Dev Samaj School Students Showcase Talent at Annual Function



CHANDIGARH: I.S. Dev Samaj Senior Secondary School, Sector 21-C, Chandigarh, organised the annual function of the school's Primary Wing , 'Guldasta', with a vibrant showcase of music, dance and theatrical performances by students.

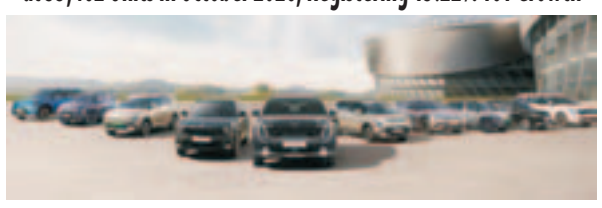
Ajay Kumar Pandey, IPS, ADGP, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour included Dr. Agnese Dhillon, Secretary, The Dev Samaj; President, Dev Samaj Colleges; Chairperson, Dev Samaj Schools and Incharge, Dev Samaj Vidya Vibhag; Maanvinder Singh Mangat, Chief Executive Officer, The Dev Samaj; Dr. Jaspal Kaur, Manager, I.S. Dev Samaj Senior Secondary School; Loveleen Bedi; Karnail Singh, Member, Managing Committee; and Dr. Neeru Malik, Principal, Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector 45, Chandigarh.

The cultural programme featured a special Haryanvi dance celebrating the inspiring journey and achievements of astronaut Kalpana Chawla, while an energetic Bhangra performance brought vibrant Punjabi flavour to the celebrations. A major highlight was the play 'Akbar-Birbal'. The school choir further captivated the audience with a melodious musical presentation.

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Kia India Records Highest-Ever Monthly Sales Since Market Entry at 33,462 Units in October 2026, Registering 13.22% YoY Growth



CHANDIGARH: Kia India, one of the country's leading mass-premium automakers, recorded its highest-ever monthly wholesales since entering the Indian market at 33,462 units in October 2026, registering 13.22% year-on-year growth over 29,556 units sold in October 2025. In doing so, the company surpassed its previous record of 32,017 units set in September 2026, achieving its highest-ever monthly sales for the second consecutive month. Kia India's cumulative wholesales for the January–October 2026 period reached 2,86,470 units, registering 21.31% growth over the same period last year. With this, the company has already surpassed its full-year CY2025 sales of 2,80,286 units. This performance reflects the continued growth momentum of Kia India's business, driven by steady customer demand across its portfolio. The record October performance was supported by positive festive-season sentiment, healthy demand for established models and the introduction of new products. Kia Seltos and Sonet remained key contributors to overall sales, maintaining strong traction in their respective segments. The Seltos recorded over 13,000 units in October, reinforcing its position as one of the most sought-after family SUVs in its segment, with average monthly sales of over 10,000 units since its launch in January 2026. The Carens and Carens Clavis continue to strengthen Kia India's family mobility portfolio. The Kia Sorento, offered with Hybrid and Diesel powertrain options, has received an encouraging customer response, further strengthening the company's presence in the premium SUV segment. Kia India also recorded its highest-ever monthly EV sales in October, registering 31% month-on-month growth, with contributions from both the Syros EV and Carens Clavis EV.

Bank employees begin two-day nationwide strike against IDBI bank privatisation



CHANDIGARH: Bank employees across the country began a two-day nationwide strike on November 2 and 3, 2026, protesting against the proposed privatisation of IDBI Bank. Called by the United Forum of IDBI Officers and Employees, the strike witnessed participation from over 10,000 employees working across more than 2,000 branches nationwide. In Chandigarh, hundreds of bank employees staged a protest at Sector 17 Plaza, demanding the withdrawal of the privatisation process. Saurav Kumar, President of the All India IDBI Officers Association and official spokesperson of the Forum, said the government, LIC and bank employees had collectively played a significant role in reviving IDBI Bank. He questioned the move to hand over an institution rebuilt with public money to private hands. He said that between 2016 and 2020, the bank suffered heavy losses due to bad loans, prompting the Centre and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) to infuse over Rs 46,000 crore into it. Employees, meanwhile, worked tirelessly to restore customer confidence. According to the Forum, the bank earned a net profit of over Rs 30,106 crore during the last six years. Its gross NPAs, which stood at 31.78 per cent in 2018, have declined to 2.30 per cent, while net NPAs stand at just 0.16 per cent. Kumar also questioned the proposed sale of the bank to Canada's Fairfax Group, stressing the need for transparency in its valuation and disinvestment process. The Forum urged the government to withdraw the privatisation decision and initiate dialogue with employee organisations, warning that the agitation would be intensified if their demands remained unaddressed.

GSMA Board re-elects Gopal Vittal as Chair

CHANDIGARH: The GSMA Board of Directors has re-elected Gopal Vittal as Chair for the upcoming 2027-2028 Board term, until December 2028. Mr Vittal has served on the GSMA Board for 10 years, including as Chair since 2025. As GSMA Chair, Mr Vittal oversees the strategic direction of the organisation, which represents the world's mobile operators and companies in the broader mobile ecosystem. The GSMA Board has also elected Margherita Della Valle as co-Deputy Chair, alongside Ralph Mupita, who has been re-elected. "I am honoured to be re-elected as Chair of the GSMA Board for a second time. As an industry, we are entering a new era in which advanced networks, AI and open digital platforms can create significant economic and societal value. Our top priority is security. Securing nations given the increased threats today, securing customers given the rising menace of scams and securing the industry by making it sustainable so it can continue to make forward leaning investments.

Sanjeev Khanna Attacks AAP Amid Political Turmoil in Punjab, Challenges Mann and Kejriwal to Open Debate

MUKESH CHAUHAN

ZIRAKPUR : Amid the ongoing political turmoil in Punjab, Sanjeev Khanna, BJP leader from Dera Bassi and Protocol Secretary, has launched a sharp attack on the Aam Aadmi Party government and its leadership. Sanjeev Khanna said the exit of several AAP leaders and their joining the BJP was reshaping the state's political landscape and creating new political equations. He said the resignations of MLAs Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra and Chetan Singh Jouramajra reflected growing dissatisfaction with the AAP leadership. He also described the induction of former police officer and politician Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, along with other leaders, into the BJP as a sign of the party's growing popularity in Punjab. Claiming that AAP's influence was steadily declining under the leadership of Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Khanna criticised the government over paper leaks, deteriorating law and order, drug abuse and unemployment. He alleged that the AAP government had failed to fulfil its electoral guarantees and had not provided concrete solutions to Punjab's growing challenges. Sanjeev Khanna challenged Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Arvind Kejriwal to an open debate on these issues, asserting that the people of Punjab were now demanding accountability and answers from the government



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Talwiinder Celebrates 'Paiinted Feeliings' EP Launch with an Immersive Music and Art Experience



CHANDIGARH : Singer-songwriter Talwiinder celebrated the completion and unveiling of his four-track EP, 'Paiinted Feeliings', with an exclusive Listening and Art Experience in Mumbai, bringing together music, visual art and live performances. The event marked the release of the EP's final two tracks, 'Geet' and 'Jind Meri', following the earlier releases 'Assay Passay' and 'Mangda Wapis Kyun'. Known for his distinctive ambient-pop sound and emotionally driven storytelling, Talwiinder explores different dimensions of love, longing and relationships through the four tracks. The release was also accompanied by the music video for 'Geet', featuring the singer in a striking cowboy look. The evening witnessed the participation of more than 50 artists, who created murals and presented their interpretations of 'Paiinted Feeliings' on canvases. Reflecting the idea that emotions can be expressed through different creative forms, the experience allowed fans to connect with the EP beyond music. Talwiinder also delivered a live performance, joined by NDS and Kidjaywest. Speaking about the project, Talwiinder said he wanted to create music that audiences could connect with personally and discover new meanings in over time. He added that witnessing artists interpret the EP through their artwork was particularly special, as each brought an individual perspective to the project.

Senior Journalist Yogesh Bhavra honoured at Rajasthani Academy's Folk Dance Festival

RAJENDRA KHATRY

CHANDIGARH: Senior journalist Yogesh Bhavra—a native of Bayana in the Bharatpur district of Rajasthan—was honoured by the Rajasthani Academy, New Delhi, during its 34th Rajasthani Folk Dance Competition, held at the Aiwan-e-Ghalib Auditorium near ITO, New Delhi. Gaurav Gupta, President of the Rajasthani Academy, New Delhi, noted that this 34th edition of the folk dance competition was unique. The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including Evgeny, Cultural Secretary at the Russian Embassy; Thelemma, Cultural Secretary at the Sri Lankan Embassy; L. Ganju, Honorary Consul for the Union of the Comoros; renowned classical dance exponents and Padma Shri awardees Guru Nalini and Guru Kamalini; Suman Maheshwari, Secretary of the Rajasthani Academy; Shiv Ratan Agarwal, owner of the 'Bikanervala' brand; Piyush Gupta of the prominent publishing house 'Prabhat Prakashan'; Dilvinder Kapoor, owner of 'Wonder Safar'; Jinendra Jain of 'JK Offset'; and Amil Gupta of 'Gem Mines'. The competition was judged by Kathakali expert Deepali Sinha, Kathak Guru Neelakshi Khandekar Saxena (from Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra), Pooja Gupta, and Samvedna Kaushik. The ceremony also saw the presence of officials from the Ministry of MSME (Government of India), as well as representatives from the Rajasthani Academy and the Lions Club. During the event, Suman Maheshwari—Secretary of the Rajasthani Academy and a well-known poet—presented journalist Yogesh Bhavra with a copy of her latest book, *101 Mangal Vichar*. The gathering was addressed by the cultural secretaries from Russia.



Kurukshetra's Yudhveer Singh Shines at National and International Levels, Wins Gold Medals in Karate



KURUKSHETRA, HARYANA: Yudhveer Singh, a young karate and martial arts player from Village Khizarpura in Kurukshetra district, Haryana, is making his mark at national and international levels through his exceptional sporting talent, dedication and hard work.

A Class 6 student and hostel resident of Bibi Bhani Public School, Longowal, Punjab, Yudhveer has achieved several remarkable milestones at a young age.

One of his major achievements came in 2025 when he won a Gold Medal in Karate at the National School Games. Continuing his winning streak, he secured another Gold Medal at the Indo-Nepal Martial Arts Championship 2026, bringing pride to his village, school and state. Yudhveer has won medals four times at national and state-level competitions and is a national-level karate and martial arts player. In 2026, he also participated in the National Training Camp held in Manipur. Additionally, he underwent specialised self-defence training in Mumbai in December 2025 to further enhance his martial arts skills. He also holds a Green Belt in karate.

Along with his sporting achievements, Yudhveer has also performed commendably in school activities. In recognition of his overall achievements, he received the Best Achievement Award for the academic session 2025–26. Principal Kirandeep Kaur and Vice Principal Pooja Tyagi of Bibi Bhani Public School, Longowal, Punjab, congratulated Yudhveer on his outstanding accomplishments.

Sanjay Tandon's efforts lead to revocation of aggregator suspension, Bike Riders Union thanks Tandon

CHANDIGARH: In a major relief to bike riders across the tricity, the suspension imposed on their aggregator platform has been revoked following the intervention and sustained efforts of senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon. Several long-pending issues concerning the livelihood and smooth functioning of bike taxi services have also been addressed, bringing much-needed relief to the riders. Expressing their gratitude for his support, BJP leaders Ravinder Thakur and Pradeep Yadav along with Tricity Bike Riders Union President Sahil, called on Sanjay Tandon and thanked him for taking up bike riders' concerns with the authorities.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Tandon said, "The concerns of bike riders are directly linked to their livelihood and the welfare of their families. It is important that people engaged in providing such services are able to work without unnecessary hurdles. I am happy that the issues raised by the Tricity Bike Riders Union have received a positive response and that the suspension has been revoked. Our effort should always be to ensure that genuine livelihood-related concerns are addressed through constructive engagement with the concerned authorities."

It may be recalled that a delegation of the Tricity Bike Riders Union had earlier met Tandon and apprised him of various difficulties being faced by bike riders. Their key concerns included the need for a clear and valid registration mechanism for bike taxis, problems relating to traffic challans, operational difficulties and, most importantly, the suspension imposed on their aggregator platform, which had adversely affected their livelihood.

Taking serious note of the issues, Tandon had assured the delegation that he would take up the matter with the concerned departments and make every possible effort to secure a resolution.





Jubbal School Shines at State Meet; Three Shuttlers Earn National Berths, Chess Team Clinches Title

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: Young sporting talent from Thakur Ramlal Girls School of Education, Jubbal, made an impressive mark at the State-Level Under-14 School Sports Competition in Bilaspur, with three badminton players earning selection for the national championship and the school clinching the state chess title in its debut appearance.



The state-level competition concluded in Bilaspur on Monday after witnessing spirited contests among young players from across Himachal Pradesh.

In badminton, Ojaswin, Aradhana and Sanvi secured berths for the national-level championship scheduled to be held in Madhya Pradesh, adding another significant achievement to the school's sporting record. The school also scripted a memorable success in chess by winning the state-level competition in its maiden appearance, marking a major milestone for the institution and underlining the growing sporting potential of its students.

School representatives congratulated the players on their performances and expressed confidence that the selected shuttlers would carry their momentum into the national championship and strive to bring laurels to Himachal Pradesh.

The achievement assumes added significance as students of the institution have consistently been encouraged to participate in different sporting disciplines, with the latest results reflecting their training and competitive spirit.



Over 400 HKL Members Unite in Chandigarh to Spread the Message of Humility, Kindness & Love



CHANDIGARH: The spirit of humanity, compassion and togetherness came alive in Chandigarh as the Humility, Kindness & Love (HKL) Global Movement successfully organised an awareness walk at Sector 17 on October 31. Bringing together over 400 HKL volunteers and members from across the world, the initiative spread a powerful message of humility, kindness and love. The walk began near Neelam Theatre, Sector 17, and covered approximately two kilometres through the bustling market. Residents, families, shoppers and visitors joined the participants, making the event a meaningful celebration of humanity and positive values. Adding warmth to the initiative, participants distributed flowers and inspirational message cards among people, encouraging everyone to embrace kindness and compassion in their everyday lives. The event was open to all, welcoming people from different faiths, backgrounds and communities.

The Chandigarh walk is part of HKL's growing global movement, which has organised more than 200 walks across 14 countries in the past three months. The initiative encourages individuals to reconnect with the virtues of Humility, Kindness & Love and bring positive change to society through small yet meaningful actions.

The gathering also set the stage for the 8th International HKL Conference, scheduled for November 15–17, 2026, at The University, Bulandpuri Sahib, Jalandhar, Punjab, with speakers expected from around the world. With its message of unity and humanity, the Chandigarh walk served as a beautiful reminder that a kinder world begins with each one of us.

Celebrate Dhanteras with PhonePe's 24K Digital Gold cashback offer

CHANDIGARH: PhonePe has announced exciting cashback offers on 24K Digital Gold on the occasion of Dhanteras. Users can avail flat 2% cashback (up to INR 2000) on purchasing a minimum of INR 2000 worth of digital gold from PhonePe. The offer is applicable on November 6, 2026 for one-time transactions only* (valid once per user, not applicable on SIP transactions).

Customers can buy 24K Digital Gold with a minimum purchase value of Rs. 2000 to avail the offer. Certified 24K Gold purchased digitally carries zero making charges and is stored in free bank-grade lockers. On selling their stored Gold anytime, the money is credited to their bank accounts within 48 hours.

To offer the highest purity gold, PhonePe has partnered with leading providers MMTC-PAMP and SafeGold. With a commitment to transparent pricing, the platform has become a trusted choice for over 2.9 Crore customers across India who have purchased high-purity 24K gold.

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Baddi on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of B & C class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No.	Description	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Time	Cost of Bid (Rs.)
1	Providing I&D Infrastructure by laying DI pipes (Sewer lines) & C/O manhole chambers in Haripur Sandholi & Billanwali area of MC Baddi under City Sanitation Action Plans (CASP) used Water Management under SBM (U) 2.0	1,26,95,803/-	2,01,960/-	Six Months	5000/-

Key Dates: -

1	Site Visit	31-10-2026 to 09-11-2026 on working day time 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM
2	Date of online publication	31-10-2026 at 6.00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date and time	From 31-10-2026 at 6.00 PM
4	Bid Submission end date and time	Upto 10-11-2026 at 11.00
5	Submission of Earnest Money and Cost of tender document submitted online only	Upto 11.00 AM, 10-11-2026
6	Date of opening Bid i.e. eligibility criteria	10-11-2026 at 11.30 AM
7	Date of opening of financial bid	Date, time and place be notified separately

Other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website **www.hptenders.gov.in**
For any clarification, please contact the O/O Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Baddi.

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060140816788 **Balvir Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Sandeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), Maren Singh (Co-Borrower)	14-Jul-26 Rs. 904601/- Rs. Nine Lakh Four Thousand Four Hundred One Only 14-Jul-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khasra No 74/14/1 Khewat No 224,Khatauni No 279, Sehbaazpura, Village- Raikot, Tehsil- Raikot , Distt- Ludhiana, Punjab, 141109 **Admeasuring 1905.75 Square Feet**	29-Oct-26
(A/c No.) L9001060130477398 **Onkar Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Sharnjit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	11-Aug-26 Rs. 1564383/- Rs. Fifteen Lakh Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Three Only 11-Aug-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Plot No- A-1/246 Mini(L-Type), Khasra No- 548 Min, Situated At Sultanwind Sub Urban Taraf Behniwal,Abadi Known As Bhai Lalo Ji Nagar Near, Gali No- 03, Saheed Baba Sangat Singh Nagar, Teh. & Dist- Amritsar, Punjab. **Admeasuring- 140 Sqyds** - East : House Of Amarjit Singh & Kala Singh, West : Lakhwinder Singh & Geja Singh, North : Street, South : Tarsem Singh	31-Oct-26
(A/c No.) L9001060125433524 **Shinderpal Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Karamjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Harbans Singh (Co-Borrower)	11-Aug-26 Rs. 345449/- Rs. Three Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Nine Only 11-Aug-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Admeasuring 0K-5M-1.285 Being 35/2178 Share Out Of Land 16K-0M Khata No 131/140 Rect.No 32 Killa No 24 [8-0],Rect No 37 Killa No 4 [8-0] As Per Jamabandi Year 2011-2012 [Patta No 144/151] Situated At Village Sidhwan Bet-1 Teh.Sishwan Bet Distt.Ludhiana As Per Sale Deed Dated 07-01-2020 Document No 2019-20/99/1/643 **Property Admeasuring 0K-5M-1.28 S** - East : Rasta 28'0", West : Hardeep Singh Etc 28'0", North : Jaswant Singh 50'0", South : Sarabjeet Kaur 50'0"	29-Oct-26
(A/c No.) L9001060829809772 & L9001060125746402 **Gurdit Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Kulwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Smt.Kulveer Kaur (Co-Borrower), Joginder Singh (Co-Borrower)	11-Aug-26 Rs. 345675/- Rs. Three Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Only & Rs. 447689/- Rs. Four Lakh Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Only 11-Aug-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Propert Situated At - House No. 120 Ward No-13, Hakam Ka Agwar, Dist - Moga, Punjab Vide Transfer Deed Vasika No 2020-21/2/1/2270,Dated 12-11-2020. **Admeasuring 192 Sq Yd** East : Hari Ram, West : Jaswinder Singh, North : Ninder Singh, South : Bachittar Singh	30-Oct-26
(A/c No.) L9001060125035652 **Bhushan Kumar (Borrower),** Sandeep Kumar (Co-Borrower)	13-Aug-26 Rs. 153583/- Rs. One Lakh Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Three Only 13-Aug-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Ward 11, Madhav Moge Wali Gali, Near Madhe Moge Wala Hospital, District- Mansa, Punjab, 151505 **Admeasuring 124 Square Yard**	30-Oct-26
(A/c No.) L9001060135731251 **Ravi Kumar (Borrower),** Smt.Indu Bala (Co-Borrower)	13-Aug-26 Rs. 1869492/- Rs. Eighteen Lakh Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Two Only 13-Aug-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khasra No 24R/16 3-19 25R/20 10-4, H B No 344, Village- Chak Madho Singh, District- Pathankot, Punjab, 145001 **Admeasuring 30.25 Square Yard**	30-Oct-26
(A/c No.) L9001060141334856 **Bhushan Kumar (Borrower),** Smt.Neeru Rani (Co-Borrower), Sandeep Kumar (Co-Borrower)	13-Aug-26 Rs. 304973/- Rs. Three Lakh Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Three Only 13-Aug-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Ward No. 11, Madhav Moge Wali Gali, Near Madhe Moge Wala Hospital, District- Mansa, Punjab, 151505 **Admeasuring 124 Square Yard**	30-Oct-26
(A/c No.) L9001070951741816 **Gurdas Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Sandeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), Darshan Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Lakhveer Kaur (Co-Borrower), Gurvinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	13-Aug-26 Rs. 1222089/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Twenty-Two Thousand Eighty-Nine Only 13-Aug-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khasra No 1227 2-16 Khewat/Khatauni No 65/108, Tehsil- Gidderbaha, District- Shri Mutsar Sahib, Punjab, 152101 **Admeasuring 322.66 Sq Yd**	30-Oct-26

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

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Place: PUNJAB **Date: 02-November-2026** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The undersigned as authorized officer of HDB Financial Services Limited has taken over Symbolic possession of the following property pursuant to the notice issued U/s 13(2) of the securitisation and reconstruction of the financial assets and enforcement of security interest Act 2002 in the following loan accounts with a right to sell the same on **"As is where is basis"** and **"As is whatever is there basis"** for realization of company's dues.

1. Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address 2. Total Due+ Interest From	Description of the Property	1. Date & Time of E-Auction 2. Last Date of Submission of EMD 3. Date & Time of the Property Inspection	1. Reserve Price 2. EMD of the Property
1. Jagdish Rai House No 10568/26 Street No 2 Sahibjada Ajit Singh Nagar Millerganj Ludhiana Ludhiana-141003 Punjab **And Also** Khasra No 869, Khatta No 1008/1359 Jamabandi 2009-10, Vill Dholewal H B No 174, S.a.s Nagar Ludhiana-141003 **2. Vijay Rani** H No 10568/26 Street No 2 Sahibjada Ajit Singh Nagar Millerganj Ludhiana-141003 Punjab **3. Ashish Kumar** H. No 10568/26 St. No 2 Sahibjada Ajit Singh Nagar Ludhiana-141003 Punjab **Loan No. 14518650.**	All The Piece and Parcel of House Bearing No.B-21/10568/26/1, Measuring 100 Sq.Yds, Situated at Village Dholewal, Abadi Known as S.A.S Nagar, Tehsil and District Ludhiana. Property Stand in the Name of Jagdish Rai S/o Sunder Lal. Registered as per Transfer Deed Bearing No.2020-21/106/18033 Dated 29.10.2020. Bounded as East: Street 20 Ft Wide, adm 18 Ft., West: House Kailash adm 18 Ft., North: Street 12 Ft wide, adm 18 Ft. South: Shubkaran adm 50 Ft..	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 11.12.2026 10.30 AM TO 12:30 PM. WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES. 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 09.12.2026 TILL 5 PM. 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 08.12.2026 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 01:00 PM IST	Reserve Price (IN INR):Rs. 4680000/- (Forty-six Lakh Eighty Thousand Rupees Only) EMD Amount(IN INR) : Rs.468000/- (Four Lakh Sixty-Eight Thousand Rupees Only)
1. Shushant Singh Hno 1308/3 Sewak Pura Miller Ganj Ludhiana-141003 Punjab **And Also** House No.1308/3,khasra No. 2821/112,121 Khewat No 2259, 2262, Khatauni No. 2659, 2662 Village Pirubanda, H.b No. 167 Ludhiana-141003 **2. Amandeep Kaur** Hno 1308/3 Sewak Pura Miller Ganj Ludhiana-141003 Punjabamandeep Kaur Hno 1308/3 Sewak Pura Miller Ganj Ludhiana-141003 Punjab **3. Kawaljeet Singh** Hno 1308/3 Sewak Pura Miller Ganj Ludhiana-141003 Punjab **Loan No. 27802309**	All that piece and parcel of House No. 1308/3, Property measuring 150 Sq. Yards, Comprised in Khasra No. 2821/112, 121, Khewat No. 2259, 2262, Khatauni No. 2659, 2662 as per Jamabandi for the year 2006-2007, Situated at Village Pirubanda, H. B. No. 167, Abaddi Known as Sewakpura, Teh. & Distt. Ludhiana. Property Stand in the Name of S. Sushant singh & Kanwaljeet singh S/o Balbir singh s/o Darshan singh .Boundaries as per Transfer deed Wasika No. 1572 dt. 20/4/2016. Bounded as East: Jeewan Singh;Adm. 60', West: Sarwan Singh;Adm. 60', North: Street 20' Wide;Adm. 22-1/2 South:Pritam Singh;Adm. 22-1/2'	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 11.12.2026 10.30 AM TO 12:30 PM. WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES. 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 09.12.2026 TILL 5 PM. 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 08.12.2026 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 01:00 PM IST	Reserve Price (IN INR):Rs. 7791000/- (Seventy-seven lakh ninety-one thousand rupees only) EMD Amount(IN INR) : Rs.779100/- Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy-Nine Thousand One Hundred Rupees Only)
1. Ram Sharan (deceased Through Legal Heir) Sham Devi (legal Heir) W/o Ram Sharan, Sachin Kumar Panchal And Gourav Kumar Panchal (legal Heirs) S/o Ram Sharan, Gurdevi (legal Heir) W/o Jagan Nath All of Resident of -3132 Ward No.26 D Gali No. 6 Didar Nagar Pheowa Road Thanesar Kurukshetra Kurukshetra-136118 Haryana **And** Property Bearing Measuring 133 Sq. Yards i.e 4 5 Marla Comprised In Khasra No 5/28 Min Situated At Rakba Gram Mirzapur Kurukshetra-136118 **2. Sham Devi W/o Ram Sharan** 3132 Ward No.26 D Gali No. 6 Didar Nagar Pheowa Road Thanesar Kurukshetra Kurukshetra-136118 Haryana **3. Gourav Kumar Panchal S/o Ram Sharan** 3132 Ward No 26 D Gali No. 6 Didar Nagar Pheowa Road Thanesar Kurukshetra Kurukshetra-136118 Haryana **Loan Account Number- 68788246**	SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES :- All that piece and parcel of Property bearing measuring 133 Sq. yards, i.e 4.5 Marla comprised in Khasra no. 5/28 min, Situated at rakba Gram Mr Gram Mirzapur Tehsil Thanesar & Distt Kurukshetra owned by Ram Sharan vide sale Deed bearing Vasika no. 5321/1 dt. 09.01.2001 regd. in the office of Sub-Registrar, Thanesar	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 08-Dec-26 10.30 AM TO 11:30 PM. WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES. 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 07-Dec-26 TILL 5 PM. 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 04-Dec-26 - BETWEEN 1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM IST	Reserve price Rs. 8829540/- (Eighty Eight Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty Only) EMD Amount (IN INR):Rs. 882954/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four Only)

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

For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED Mr. NAVAL KISHORE Mobile No. 7696442530.

Place: Punjab/Haryana, Date: 03.11.2026 **Authorised Officer, HDB Financial Services Limited**

Diwali Carnival organized at DAV Centenary Public School Jagraon

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR):- D.A.V. Centenary Public School, Jagraon, organised a grand Diwali Carnival on Saturday, 31 October 2026, for students from Nursery to Class II on the school premises. The young students thoroughly enjoyed a variety of fun rides and recreational activities. These included Mickey Mouse Bouncy, Mini Columbus, Trampoline, Chair Ride, Merry-Go-Round, Tyre Wall and Burma Bridge. The children participated enthusiastically in all the activities and enjoyed the festive celebrations. The carnival concluded with an exciting DJ session, where the children danced with great joy and enthusiasm. The school campus came alive with cheerful faces, laughter and festive spirit. Principal Dr. Ved Vrat Palaha appreciated the successful organisation of the carnival and commended the teachers for their dedication and cooperation. Expressing his happiness at seeing the children enjoy the celebrations, he highlighted that such events play an important role in developing confidence, social skills and the overall personality of young learners. He also extended his warm Diwali wishes to the students and their families, wishing them a safe, happy and prosperous festival.

Hrithik Roshan pens emotional tribute for 'Kaabil' director Sanjay Gupta



Hrithik Roshan penned an emotional tribute to director Sanjay Gupta following his demise on Saturday. Recalling their collaboration on the hit film Kaabil, the actor expressed heartfelt gratitude for the memorable experience and the filmmaker's immense contribution to the film.The actor penned a note on his Instagram and remembered the filmmaker's laughter, passion, enthusiasm and creative spirit. "Sanjay, I'm gonna miss you man. One film with you wasn't enough. I will always remember our time together with so much love for you, your laughter, your passion, that child in you that lit up with every good idea, there was so much more we needed to do together man. This is way too soon. I'm gonna remember you with so much gratitude my friend. I wish I had hugged you harder and thanked you for giving me the best experience of my life with kaabil. Nobody will fully know how much you gave that film. I'm heartbroken, this was too soon. Strength to the family. Rest in peace, my friend," wrote Hrithik Roshan.

The celebrated Bollywood director Sanjay Gupta was laid to rest in Mumbai on Saturday in the presence of several Hindi film celebrities, including Abhishek Bachchan, Rakesh Roshan and others. Sanjay Gupta, the director of critically acclaimed films like 'Aatish', 'Shootout at Lokhandwala', 'Mumbai Saga', 'Jung', 'Kaate' and others, passed away on Saturday morning after sustaining a head injury at his residence in Mumbai.

"I doubt how much he genuinely thinks about country's interests": Annu Kapoor on Naseeruddin Shah's 'Dimagi Naxal' remark

Veteran actor Annu Kapoor has reacted to Naseeruddin Shah's recent 'Dimagi Naxal' remark, questioning his understanding of the country's interests and welfare while defending the democratic right to express dissent and hold protests."He may be good at delivering dialogues, but I doubt how much he genuinely thinks about the country's interests and welfare. I have serious reservations about people who make such statements. It is our democracy that allows them to speak freely, make such statements and hold protests," he told ANI.Kapoor's remarks came after Naseeruddin Shah shared a video on Tuesday, in which he wore a badge inscribed with the words 'Dimagi Naxal' while extending his support to Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia students who have been protesting for the restoration of their students' union.In the video, Shah said, "I proudly declare that I am Dimagi Naxal. I don't know what other nicknames the watchmen have given to people like me, anti-national, tukde tukde gang, and I don't know what else."The veteran actor has frequently used his social media handles in recent months to back student protests, including the student protest at SRFTI in Kolkata last week.Kapoor had earlier spoken about the right to protest and the government's response to demonstrations, asserting that peaceful dissent was a democratic right but violence and damage to public property could not be justified.The controversy over Shah's remarks has also drawn reactions from Union Minister Kiren Rijiju and filmmaker Ashoke Pandit. Rijiju criticised Shah's remarks, saying that he had previously viewed the actor only as an artist. Speaking to the media, Rijiju said, "I didn't even know that Naseeruddin was a person with this kind of 'dimagi Naxal' mindset. I just thought of him as an artist. He seemed like a decent, good artist. So I just viewed him as an artist. Turns out he's a mental Naxal himself."Earlier, Rijiju had also criticised Shah in a post on X, writing, "I thought Naseeruddin Shah was just an ordinary actor. I used to respect and like him. I never knew that he was a dangerous urban Dimagi Naxal!"Filmmaker Ashoke Pandit also condemned Shah's remarks, accusing the actor of repeatedly using abusive language and displaying frustration in his public statements.Pandit said, "I'm not shocked, nor am I surprised by Naseeruddin Shah's abusive language because, since the last few months, in fact for a year, he has been constantly misbehaving and has become a compulsive abuser. The kind of language which he uses, the way he distorts his face, he exposes his frustration. There are reasons behind it, I can understand, and I pity him.""When I see him totally distorted, totally frustrated on camera, and he's trying to vent out his frustration, the more he vents out his frustration, the more he is getting exposed day by day, every day," Pandit added.The film producer alleges that Naseeruddin's behaviour stems from ideological differences, suggesting the actor seek psychiatric help."Probably one of the reasons why he's feeling insecure is that the films which are doing well in the in the in the country is not suiting him. Films like Kashmir Files, Kerala Story, Dhurandhar. These narratives are not suiting them. They're suffering from an inferiority complex. Hence, this is kind of behaviour with which he's trying to come out. So I think, in the end, I would like to tell him that he should consult a psychiatrist because it's affecting his mental health. A normal person will not behave like this," said Ashoke Pandit.The criticism of Shah's remarks follows his video supporting the Jamia Millia Islamia students' demand for the restoration of their students' union and his recent expressions of solidarity with student demonstrations.

R Madhavan to headline Vishal Furia's horror film

After sending chills down audiences' spines with Shaitaan, R Madhavan is set to return to the horror genre with Vishal Furia's upcoming film.On collaborating with Madhavan, Vishal said, "Madhavan sir was always my first and only choice. I'm stoked that he has come on board and has already started getting into the world of the film. He is the true OG horror star of the cult classic Indian horror '13B' - one of my favourite films of all times. His conviction, his experience and his understanding of serious horror are very rare, and I couldn't think of anyone better for this film."He added, "Madhavan sir has years of experience as a writer, director and producer, so it's really special to have him with us on this film. Together, we want to create something audiences have never seen before in Indian horror - the kind of fear they will feel in their bones! (smiles)"

Further details about the yet-to-be-titled film are awaited.The project will be produced by Rohit Ranjan under the banner of Frostlit Production Limited.Vishal Furia is best known for directing Kajol-starrer 'Maa' and 'Chhorii', which features Nushrratt Bharuccha.

Gaurav Khanna, Shraddha Arya's new TV serial titled 'Dil Ki Bewafaiyaan', to be out post Diwali probably

Finally, the title of actors Gaurav Khanna and Shraddha Arya's upcoming TV serial has been revealed. Soon, Gaurav and Shraddha will be seen in Star Plus' show 'Dil Ki Bewafaiyaan'. On Friday, the makers unveiled the show's promo. Check it out here. Produced by Ektaa Kapoor's Balaji Telefilms, the upcoming romantic family drama brings the actors together onscreen for the first time and marks their return to daily fiction following Anupamaa and Kundali Bhagya, respectively.While Shraddha reunites with Balaji for her second collaboration after her long association with Kundali Bhagya, Gaurav begins his first project with Ektaa. Gaurav and Shraddha recently participated in a puja ahead of the venture, with pictures and videos from the occasion circulating on social media. While filming is yet to begin, the Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi 2 set is being revamped for the production.'Dil Ki Bewafaiyaan' is being planned for a post-Diwali launch, tentatively in the last week of November, and is expected to take the 9 PM slot on Star Plus. The channel is yet to announce the official premiere date and time.Prior to Dil Ki Bewafaiyaan, Gaurav was busy with his reality TV commitments. Over the past two years, he participated in several popular shows, including MasterChef and Bigg Boss, emerging as the winner of both. He also participated in Khatron Ke Khiladi. On the other hand, Shraddha was occupied with her personal life as she embraced motherhood. In November 2024, she welcomed twins, a baby boy and a baby girl.

Grand welcome for LS Speaker Om Birla at The Arlis Hotel greeted by MD Aman Gupta and GM Neelabh Chugh

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, NOVEMBER 2



Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla received a grand welcome at The Arlis Hotel, Vignette Collection, in Panchkula. Aman Gupta, Managing Director, and Neelabh Chugh, General Manager of the hotel, extended a warm welcome by presenting him with a bouquet of flowers. The arrival of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha—the presiding officer of the nation's highest legislative body—was a moment of great pride and honor for the hotel's management and entire staff. Notably, on November 2, a conference for public representatives was organised by the Haryana Legislative Assembly at the Indradhanush Auditorium in Sector 5, Panchkula, as part of 'Constitution Fortnight' (Samvidhan Pakhwada). The conference was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Following the event, he arrived at The Arlis Hotel, Vignette Collection, where the management welcomed him with exceptional warmth.

Prerna Kanwar and Executive Assistant Jitendra were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the visit, MD Aman Gupta and General Manager Neelabh Chugh remarked that the arrival of Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla at The Arlis Hotel is a matter of immense pride, honor, and good fortune for everyone. Having the opportunity to welcome and host an individual who holds such a prestigious constitutional position in the country is an unforgettable experience. They noted that Om Birla's approachable personality, his commitment to parliamentary traditions, and his vision for strengthening democratic values serve as an inspiration to all. They further added that for The Arlis Hotel, hospitality is not merely a formality, but an integral part of Indian cultural tradition and the hotel's core operational philosophy. It is our constant endeavor to ensure that every guest who visits the hotel experiences excellent amenities, superior management, and a warm, personal touch. Welcoming the Speaker of the Lok Sabha is a special achievement and a memorable moment for us. Expressing gratitude to Shri Om Birla, they wished him a bright and healthy life.

Kareena Kapoor expresses happiness over 'Koffee with Karan' coming to an end



The latest episode of the ninth and final season of 'Koffee With Karan' will have none other than Bollywood couple Kareena Kapoor Khan and Saif Ali Khan as guests. During what seemed to be a fun episode, Kareena revealed that she feels 'happy & relieved' as she doesn't have to come on 'Koffee With Karan' from now on.

The makers unveiled the latest promo of 'Koffee With Karan season 9' on Monday, in which host and filmmaker Karan Johar mentioned that this is going to be the last season of the show as he welcomed Bebo and Saif.

Reacting to this, a visibly amused Kareena said, "Quite happy and relieved. Because now we don't have to keep coming on Koffee With Karan." Karan then thanks Bebo for her sensitivity.

Saif admits that he feels he is 'slightly miscast' on the show.

If the promo is any hint, the show will have several such moments with Kareena and Saif tapping into their quirky side.

As Karan asks Kareena who, according to her, is Bollywood's No. 1 female star at the moment, she replied, "The one sitting opposite you," without giving it any thought. Jumping in on the conversation, Saif added, "You're allowed to praise other people." In another fun moment, Karan begins a statement with, "Nepo babies go mainstream globally…" Before he could complete the sentence, Saif presses the buzzer and adds, "Because of you", taking a playful dig at KJo.

It must be noted that Kareena has been on 'Koffee with Karan' many times; however, she will be coming to the show with Saif for the second time.

The couple first appeared together on the show during Season 3 in 2010, back when they were dating. These two will be making a comeback on the 'Koffee With Karan' couch after 16 years.

During fierce battle between Jalandhara and the gods, Lord Vishnu arrived to assist gods

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 2



During the 49th annual 'Kartik Mahatmya Katha' (a discourse on the significance of the month of Kartik)—held on the premises of the Mata Rampyari Batra Durga Mandir and the Hakim Uttam Chand Batra & Sons Ayurvedic-Unani Dispensary in Sadar Bazar—the compelling story of the marriage between Jalandhara and Vrinda, as well as the subsequent war between Jalandhara and the gods, was recounted. The devotees were deeply moved as they listened to descriptions of Lord Vishnu's divine play (leelas) and the actions He undertook to protect Dharma.

The temple complex resonated with chants and praises of the Lord. The narrator, Pandit Chetan Dev Sharma, elaborated on the marriage of Jalandhara and Vrinda, explaining that Jalandhara was exceptionally valiant and powerful. He was married to Vrinda, a woman of profound devotion and fidelity to her husband (pativrata). The power derived from Vrinda's unwavering devotion further bolstered Jalandhara's strength. When a fierce conflict broke out between Jalandhara and the gods, the latter faced immense hardship. In such a dire situation, Brihaspati, the preceptor of the gods (Devguru), advised them to retreat from the battlefield. Subsequently, Lord Vishnu Himself arrived on the scene. The narrator highlighted that the divine acts of the Lord convey the message of upholding righteousness and destroying unrighteousness (adharma).

Pandit Chetan Dev Sharma noted that the month of Kartik is considered a particularly auspicious time for the worship of Lord Vishnu and for attaining spiritual merit. During this sacred month, listening to scriptural discourses, offering lamps (deepdaan), performing havan-yajna, engaging in worship, and serving those in need hold special significance. He urged the devotees to follow a path

Festivals are all about sharing joy: Mahesh Singla

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, NOVEMBER 2



Mahesh Singla, CMD of Shriram Rice Unit, stated that festivals are a reflection of our culture, traditions, and mutual brotherhood. While celebrating these occasions with great enthusiasm, we must also remain mindful of our social responsibilities. He emphasised that the true essence of a festival lies in seeing a smile on every family's face, ensuring that no one faces any hardship during the celebrations. Mahesh Singla urged everyone to prioritize cleanliness, environmental conservation, and social harmony during the festive season.

He advised caution when using firecrackers, with a special focus on the safety of children and the elderly. He also requested that people avoid littering in markets and public spaces, and instead maintain cleanliness in their surroundings. He remarked that festivals are, in essence, about sharing joy. Helping families in need, sharing happiness with the less fortunate, and strengthening bonds of love and brotherhood are the beautiful hallmarks of our culture. We should celebrate festivals in a way that conveys a positive message to society and imparts good values to future generations. Extending his festive greetings to all the residents of the region, industrialist Mahesh Singla appealed to them to celebrate with a sense of responsibility, caution, and social harmony.

Students from Baba Siddhnath International Public School achieve success in arts at district-level competitions

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Demonstrating exceptional artistry, creativity, and talent, students from Baba Siddhnath International Public School brought laurels to their institution by winning awards in various district-level competitions organised by the District Child Welfare Council. The competitions were categorized by age group and included activities such as poster making,thali decoration, sketching, diya decoration, English writing, and clay modeling. The students who won prizes in the competitions are: Kunjan – 1st prize in Poster Making (Group III); Kamya – 2nd prize in Thali Decoration (Group III); Ravneet – 3rd prize in Thali Decoration (Group IV); Kamya – 3rd prize in Sketching (Group III); Ekamjot Kaur – 3rd prize in Diya Decoration (Group II); Avni Sharma – 3rd prize in English Writing (Group II); and Khilesh Kanwal – 2nd prize in Clay Modeling (Group I).

It is a matter of great pride and joy for the entire school community that three of our talented students—Kunjan, Kamya, and Khilesh—delivered an outstanding performance in the district-level competitions, securing their spots for the state-level competitions. This achievement is a testament to the students' hard work, dedication, creativity, and talent. Their success has brought an atmosphere of great joy and enthusiasm to the school.

On this remarkable achievement, the School Director, Ishwar Singh; Vice-Chairperson, Rekha Devi; and Principal, Geeta Sharma, extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the winners. They commended the three students for their selection for the state-level competitions, noting that every child possesses a unique talent. Such competitions provide children with an opportunity to showcase their creativity, boost their self-confidence, and learn new skills. They encouraged the students to continue moving forward with the same enthusiasm and dedication in the future and wished them a bright path ahead.

SAEL begins procuring 20 lakh tonnes of paddy straw to fuel its Agri waste-to-energy plants

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FEROZEPUR: With the onset of the harvesting season in North India, SAEL Industries Ltd. ('SAEL'), a vertically integrated renewable energy company has begun procurement of ~20 lakh tonnes of paddy straw in a phased manner. This annual fuel feedstock activity will support the company's 11 Agri waste-to-energy (AgWTE) plants, with a cumulative capacity of 164.9 MW. With this biomass collection drive, SAEL strives to strengthen the local rural supply chain and convert the waste paddy straw (crop residue) into renewable energy. These efforts help us contribute towards both energy transition and pollution mitigation.AgWTE plants form a sustainable solution as India's response to crop-residue burning moves from monitoring incidents to building viable alternatives. In 2026, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) directed Punjab, Haryana and NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh to implement action plans targeting the complete elimination of paddy-stubble burning.These plans combine field-level monitoring and access to residue-management machinery with greater emphasis on ex-situ utilisation through biomass power, pellets, briquettes and other industrial applications. Mr. Laxit Awla, CEO and Executive Director, SAEL Industries Limited said, "India is beginning to move beyond a view of considering paddy straw and other crop residues as seasonal waste-management issue. We are committed to continuing to support the farmer communities to adopt better ways of stubble management and extract the real economic value from it. Our AgWTE plants across Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana are contributing to develop an impact on the economy, generating benefits through creating revenue streams from waste, reduction of fuel costs.



Over 4.27 lakh quintals of paddy arrive at Sadhaura and Rasulpur grain markets

PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA: The paddy season has now reached its final phase. The arrival of paddy continues at the Sadhaura and Rasulpur grain markets. So far, a total of 4,27,671 quintals of paddy have arrived at these two markets. Meanwhile, procurement agencies have purchased 3,98,349 quintals of paddy. Furthermore, the lifting (transportation out of the markets) of approximately 90 percent of the paddy from both locations has already been completed. According to the available data, 2,99,330 quintals of paddy have arrived at the Sadhaura grain market, while 1,28,341 quintals have been recorded at the Rasulpur grain market. In terms of procurement, 2,80,612 quintals have been purchased at the Sadhaura market, and 1,17,737 quintals at the Rasulpur market.

A look at the arrival and procurement figures shows that the Sadhaura grain market leads in both categories; it has received a higher volume of paddy and recorded greater procurement compared to the Rasulpur market.

Across both markets, approximately 93 per cent of the total arrivals have been procured. The status of paddy lifting from the markets is also significant, with about 90 per cent of the stock already cleared. As the season enters its final stage, completing the procurement and lifting of the remaining paddy will be crucial. Ensuring the timely procurement of farmers' produce and the subsequent lifting of paddy from the markets will help maintain available space and ensure the smooth functioning of future operations.

'Criminal Minds: Evolution' to end with season 20

Criminal Minds: Evolution' is set to conclude with its upcoming 20th season on Paramount+.The long-running procedural was revived by the streamer for its 16th season in 2022. Its 19th season aired between May and July this year, while the upcoming 20th season is slated to premiere in 2027, although an exact release date has yet to be announced, as per Variety.

"It's hard to put into words what 'Criminal Minds' has meant to all of us who have been fortunate enough to be part of this extraordinary journey, first on CBS for 15 seasons and then on Paramount+ for five," said Erica Messer, the series' showrunner and executive producer. "While suddenly navigating the end of this chapter, I'm filled with gratitude for our remarkable cast, writers, directors and crew who have poured their hearts into this show, and for the incredible fans around the world whose unwavering loyalty has kept 'Criminal Minds' going for two decades. We're looking forward to sharing Season 20 with everyone, and celebrating the legacy of this special show we've all built together."The show follows the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU), who are described as "a team of profilers tasked with analyzing and capturing the country's most dangerous criminals, before they strike again." "Evolution" picks up after the events of the original "Criminal Minds," which aired on CBS for 15 seasons.'Evolution' features franchise regulars Joe Mantegna, A.J. Cook, Kirsten Vangsness and Aisha Tyler, alongside newcomer RJ Hatanaka.

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