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11-day Jhiri Mela to begin in Jammu on Nov 23

JAMMU: The annual Jhiri Mela, one of the region's major religious and cultural gatherings, will commence on November 23 at the shrine of Baba Jittoo in Jhiri village, around 20 km from Jammu city along the Jammu–Akhnoor Highway, and continue for 11 days, officials said on Sunday.
The fair, held every year on the occasion of Kartik Purnima, is expected to draw lakhs of devotees from Jammu and Kashmir and neighbouring states including Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, who gather to pay obeisance to Baba Jittoo and his daughter Bua Kouri.
The mela commemorates the supreme sacrifice of Baba Jittoo, a farmer who, according to local folklore, laid down his life nearly 500 years ago in protest against the oppressive demands of a landlord (zamindar). His daughter, Bua Kouri, is also revered for having sacrificed her life by jumping onto her father's funeral pyre.

Bibi Jagir Kaur rejoins SAD, second time in 2 years

CHANDIGARH: Former SGPC president and three-time ex-MLA Bibi Jagir Kaur rejoined the Shiromani Akali Dal on Sunday, marking her second return to the party in over two years.
SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal inducted the former Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) chief and ex-Punjab minister into the party at Begowal, Kaur's hometown in Kapurthala district.
Kaur (72) quit the SAD (Punar Surjit) and returned to the Badal-led Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), days after former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra rejoined the party.

Police warn pensioners against cyber fraud during Life Certificate Verification

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HISAR: Hisar Police has warned pensioners against cyber fraud during the annual life certificate submission window ending November 30, cautioning that fraudsters may impersonate bank and government officials to steal banking credentials and siphon off money from their accounts.

Issuing an advisory, Superintendent of Police Siddhant Jain said cybercriminals could make fraudulent calls threatening pension suspension, send fake links or induce pensioners to download malicious APK files on the pretext of updating life certificates or verifying pension records.

Fraudsters may also use video calls, screen-sharing and remote-access applications to gain control of mobile phones and access financial information, he said.

IPL founder Lalit Modi acquires Britain citizenship

LONDON: Indian Premier League (IPL) founder Lalit Modi, who has been based in London for several years now, took to social media to announce that he acquired British citizenship recently after "many years" of calling the UK his home.
In his post accompanied by images from the citizenship ceremony at a Town Hall in London back in September, Modi on Saturday said he had chosen to publicly share the "very special and personal milestone" at his address at Oxford Union.
Modi, who left India in May 2010 after being suspended by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) amid allegations of financial irregularities in the IPL, had a non-bailable warrant issued against him by a special court in 2015 .

Guwahati bound flight returns to Pune after landing gear malfunction

All 192 on board safe

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An IndiGo flight operating from Pune to Guwahati returned to Pune Airport and landed safely on Sunday after its landing gear failed to retract shortly after take-off. All 192 people on board, including passengers and crew members, were safe, and no injuries were reported, the Airport Director said.According to the statement issued by the Pune Airport Director, flight 6E 0623 (VT-IZE) reported a technical issue shortly after take-off. The pilot informed Air Traffic Control (ATC) that the aircraft's landing gear had failed to retract and remained in the extended position.

Following the information, Pune Airport authorities coordinated with ATC, IndiGo and other concerned agencies. The Indian Air Force (IAF) declared a Full Emergency, following which emergency response procedures were activated. Fire services, ambulances and other emergency teams were placed on high alert.To facilitate a visual assessment of the landing gear, the aircraft conducted a low pass over the runway before returning for landing. It subsequently landed safely at Pune Airport at 9:04 AM.After landing, the aircraft was escorted to Bay No. 7 by three fire-fighting vehicles and two ambulances. ATC withdrew the Full Emergency at 9:10 AM after confirming the aircraft's safe and normal status. The aerobridge was then connected, and all passengers were safely deboarded.The Airport Director said all 192 persons on board were safe and no injuries had been reported. IndiGo was arranging an alternate aircraft from Bengaluru to Pune to facilitate the passengers' onward journey to Guwahati.In a statement, an IndiGo spokesperson said the flight returned to its origin following a technical snag detected shortly after take-off."IndiGo flight 6E 623, operating from Pune to Guwahati on 15 November 2026, returned to origin and landed safely at the Pune International Airport after a technical snag was detected shortly after take-off.

Air India resumes non-stop New York flights

NEW DELHI: Air India on Sunday announced that it has resumed non-stop operations on all its flights connecting Delhi and Mumbai with New York, following the reopening of airspace that had previously forced the airline to introduce technical halts on some services due to operational constraints. "Air India has restored non-stop operations on all its flights connecting Delhi and Mumbai with New York, following the reopening of previously restricted airspace that had necessitated technical stops on select services," the airline stated. The restoration of direct services is expected to reduce travel time by up to five hours on affected routes. Flights that had been taking nearly 22 hours because of enroute refuelling stops will now complete the journey in around 17 hours, offering faster and more convenient travel for passengers flying between India and the United States.

CM Saini gifts 6 projects worth Rs. 44.83 crore to Pipli, Ladwa and Thanesar

HANS RAJ/ KARAMBIR/ DALBIR MALIK
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Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the state government is working with firm determination to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat-2047. The government's objective is to make Haryana the first fully developed state in the country in line with this vision. The government is not only making promises but also delivering on them. Out of the 217 commitments made in the Assembly election manifesto, 76 have already been fulfilled within just two years, while work on the remaining 141 commitments is progressing rapidly.

He said that the development of any state or region is measured by the improvements and conveniences brought into the everyday lives of ordinary people. Development promises translate into reality only when change becomes visible from homes and neighbourhoods to village community centres. For the government, public service is not merely an administrative formality but a duty towards the people.

The Chief Minister was addressing a programme organised at the premises of Neeldhari Gurdwara Pipli Sahib in Kurukshetra district on Sunday. Earlier, he presented 6 development projects worth Rs. 44.83 crore to the Pipli, Ladwa and Thanesar areas. He inaugurated 4 projects worth Rs. 13.36 crore and laid the foundation stone of 2 projects worth Rs. 31.47 crore. The Chief Minister also extended greetings on the occasion of Chhath Puja. MP, Sh. Naveen Jindal, and former Minister of State, Sh. Subhash Sudha, were also present.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that Dharmakshetra-Kurukshetra is the centre of our civilisation, faith and philosophy of life. It was from this sacred land that Bhagwan Shri Krishna gave the message of karma, duty and public welfare to the entire world. The projects being undertaken today are an effort to translate that very spirit of commitment into reality.

The Chief Minister said that the foundation stone has been laid for a sewerage system costing Rs. 22.47 crore and a 6.50 MLD pumping station for the colonies in Pipli, Bir Pipli and along the Pipli-Ladwa Road in the Ladwa Assembly constituency. This will provide a permanent solution to the long-standing problem of waterlogging and drainage.

He said that two 33 KV substations, constructed at a cost of Rs. 12.25 crore in Sector-28 and Jogna Khera, have become operational. These will further strengthen the power supply system.

Rs 594-crore 1857 Martyrs' Memorial opens to public in Ambala



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AMBALA, NOV 15

The Rs 594-crore Martyrs' Memorial dedicated to the heroes of the 1857 uprising opened to the public in Ambala Cantonment on Sunday, with free entry for 500 visitors daily during the first month and booking mandatory.

Spread over 22 acres along the Ambala-Delhi National Highway, the memorial, officially named Azadi Ki Pehli Ladai Ka Shaheed Smarak, was inaugurated by union Home Minister Amit Shah on November 5 in the presence of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and other dignitaries.

Haryana Energy, Transport and Labour Minister Anil Vij had announced that the memorial would be opened for public visits from November 15, with the initial free-entry arrangement introduced on the directions of the Chief Minister. The complex houses 22 main exhibition galleries, a 63-metre-high lotus-shaped memorial tower, an open-air theatre with a seating capacity of 2,500 and multimedia installations depicting the events of the 1857 uprising. The galleries combine historical documents, archival records, traditional craftsmanship, virtual reality, holography and interactive projections to recreate major events of the struggle against British rule. A significant feature of the memorial is its focus on historical evidence suggesting that Indian soldiers stationed at Ambala Cantonment rose against British authorities hours before the uprising at Meerut on May 10, 1857.

Temperatures plummet in Badrinath as fresh snowfall precedes winter portal closure

YUGMARG BUREAU
CHAMOLI, NOV 15

Nature staged a breathtaking, wintry spectacle at the world-famous Badrinath Dham on Sunday, blanketing the sacred Himalayan shrine in fresh snowfall just 24 hours before its doors close for the harsh winter months.The snowfall 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.

A sudden shift in weather sent temperatures plummeting and wrapped the valley in a biting chill. Despite the severe cold and snowfall, devotees continued to arrive at the shrine to seek the blessings of Lord Badri Vishal.The portals of Badrinath Dham will be closed for the winter season on November 16 at 9:37 PM. Preparations for the religious rituals associated with the closure are in their final stages at the shrine.The snowfall ahead of the annual closure has brought a sharp chill to the region.The



sacred Himalayan shrine, dedicated to Lord Badri Vishal, draws lakhs of pilgrims annually during the Char Dham Yatra. With the onset of harsh winter weather in higher altitudes of Uttarakhand, the closing ceremony marks the culmination of the annual pilgrimage season.Badrinath is one of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites among the 108 divya desams, incarnations of Lord Vishnu. Badrinath town is also part of the Panch Badri temples, including Yog Dhyan Badri, Bhavishya Badri, Adi Badri and Vriddha Badri, along with the Badrinath temple.The Badrinath temple is divided into three parts, which are the Garbha Griha or the sanctum sanctorum, the Darshan Mandap.

CBSE sets 15-day deadline to clear examiners' payment records

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NEW DELHI, NOV 15

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has given examination centre supervisors 15 days to finalise payment records for teachers and other staff engaged in the 2026 Class 10 and 12 board examination evaluation, while allowing allowances to teachers whose attendance was not captured by its digital marking system.

In a circular, CBSE Controller of Examinations Dr Sanyam Bhardwaj directed Chief Nodal Supervisors (CNS) to verify, certify, and freeze payment details on the IPS Spot Evaluation Portal within the stipulated period to prevent delays in the release of dues. The board has deleted previously finalised Class 12 records on the portal and replaced them with actual attendance and evaluation data captured through the On-Screen Marking (OSM) system. The move requires supervisors to recheck records and provide accurate bank account numbers, IFSC codes, and other details before payments can be processed. In a significant relief to teachers, the CBSE has clarified that those who reported to evaluation centres and remained present for the full day but whose login details were not captured by the OSM system will be eligible for conveyance and food allowances.

CM Mann attends Chhath celebrations in Dhuri

SUMER GARG
DHURI, NOV 15



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday joined devotees in celebrating Chhath Puja, extending warm greetings and praying for happiness, prosperity, good health and well-being for all. Emphasising the festival's message of faith, gratitude and togetherness, the Chief Minister said that Punjab's rich heritage of communal harmony and mutual respect is strengthened when people celebrate each other's festivals with collective enthusiasm.

Sharing a few snippets from the Chhath Puja, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "Today, I took part in the Chhath festival in Dhuri and received the blessings of Chhathi Maiya."

Addressing the gathering, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that thousands of people across the state are celebrating Chhath Puja with immense devotion, enthusiasm and religious fervour. "I pray to Chhathi Maiya and Surya Dev for peace, good health, happiness and prosperity for everyone, and hope that the bonds of love, mutual respect and brotherhood would continue to grow stronger."

Describing the significance of the festival, the Chief Minister said, "Chhath Puja is not merely a religious festival but a sacred occasion that symbolises faith, penance, discipline, family devotion and gratitude towards nature. The Sun is worshipped as the source of life, energy, light and good health, reminding us of the invaluable contribution of nature to our existence." He further said, "The tradition of offering Arghya to both the setting and the rising Sun is one of the most distinctive aspects of Chhath Puja. It teaches us to respect every phase of life and every individual. The festival also inspires us to embrace cleanliness, restraint, discipline and a deeper connection with nature." Highlighting the contribution of people who have migrated to Punjab from Bihar and Purvanchal, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Our migrant brothers and sisters are making an invaluable contribution to the progress and prosperity of Punjab.

Indian pacers shine as Men in Blue seal series against New Zealand

AGENCY
MOUNT MAUNGANUI, NOV 15



A sensational performance by Indian pacers helped India clinch their third ODI series win in New Zealand, beating the Blackcaps by 22 runs in a low-scoring thriller at Bay Oval on Sunday. Fine bowling spells from skipper Mitchell Santner (3/34), Jacob Duffy (3/60) and Matthew Fisher (2/28) never really let the Indian batters settle despite some starts, with the visitors skittled out for 209 runs in 42.1 overs in the final ODI against New Zealand at Bay Oval on Sunday. Ishan Kishan (46 in 58 balls, with three fours and two sixes), Axar Patel (46 in 55 balls, with five fours and a six) and skipper Shreyas Iyer (22 in 26 balls, with three fours) did get some fine starts and put up promising partnerships after Rohit Sharma (7) and Virat (5) were back in the hut early. The same story was repeated in the run chase, with Arshdeep Singh (3/30), Mohammed Siraj (2/50), Auqib Nabi (1/37) and Yash Thakur (1/38) putting the squeeze. Dean Foxcroft (31) was the top-scorer for NZ as India secured their third ODI series win in NZ after 2009 and the 2018-19 season. During the chase of 210 runs, openers Tim Seifert and Will Young started carefully for the first two overs before collecting some boundaries against the pace duo of Mohammed Siraj and Arshdeep Singh in the next two overs. Siraj drew first blood, getting Seifert caught for 14 in 21 balls, with two fours at mid-on. NZ was 26/1 in 5.3 overs. At the end of 10 overs, NZ was 41/1, with Will, the fourth ODI centurion and Nick Kelly unbeaten.

Tributes to the Great Revolutionary of India's Freedom Struggle and Immortal Martyr



Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha

and his six brave revolutionary companions on their

Martyrdom Day



Shaheed Vishnu Ganesh Pingle



Shaheed Jagat Singh



Shaheed Harnam Singh Sialkoti



Shaheed Bakhshish Singh



Shaheed Surain Singh (Senior)



Shaheed Surain Singh (Junior)

"Sewa desh di jindariye badi aukhi,
Gallan karniyan dher sukhalliyan ne.
Jinhan desh sewa vich pair paya,
Unhan lakh museebatan jhalliyan ne."



S. Bhagwant Singh Mann
Chief Minister, Punjab

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Vedanta power advances education and youth development through community initiatives



TALWANDI SABO (ISHWER GARG): Vedanta Power is advancing educational opportunities for children and young people in communities surrounding its operational sites, reaching over 3,000 students annually across villages through its community development initiatives. With a focus on strengthening access to learning, building essential skills and broadening opportunities for young people, the company is working to make education a meaningful driver of individual and community progress.At the centre of these efforts is Project Vidya, Vedanta Power's education and youth development initiative. Going beyond conventional classroom support, the programme adopts a holistic approach to learning by combining academic assistance with experiential learning, career guidance, digital literacy, sports and environmental awareness.

NEWS BRIEF

Channi welcomed by Congress workers led by Kaka Lohgarh on his arrival in Dharamkot

JAGEAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA : The 'Punjab Di Jawani Bachao Cycle Yatra' being taken out by Punjab Congress Election Campaign Committee Chairman and former Punjab Chief Minister S. Charanjit Singh Channi with the aim of saving the youth of Punjab from drugs reached Dharamkot today. On this occasion, S. Channi was warmly welcomed by Congress leaders and thousands of workers under the leadership of former MLA S. Sukhjit Singh Kaka Lohgarh.

On this occasion, the workers expressed their enthusiasm by raising slogans of 'S. Charanjit Singh Channi Zindabad' and 'Congress Party Zindabad'. Among those who welcomed him were Youth Leader S. Sohan Singh Khela, President of Congress Kisan Cell Gurbir Singh Goga, Former President Inderpreet Singh Bunty Singh Bunty, Former Chairman Zila Parishad Moga Inderjit Singh Talwandi Bhangeria Pritpal Singh Cheema and Former Sarpanch Rupinder Singh Dhaliwal Talwandi Bhangeria Gurcharan Singh Thoothgarh along with a large number of Congress leaders and workers.

Punjab govt must fix accountability for Tarn Taran bus accident: Advocate Arshdeep Singh Kler

TAPINDER SINGH

PATIALA : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) chief spokesperson Advocate Arshdeep Singh Kler has demanded that the Punjab Government fix responsibility for the tragic bus accident in Tarn Taran, questioning how a bus allegedly operating without valid statutory documents was allowed to ply on public roads.



Raising serious concerns over the functioning of the state's transport and enforcement machinery, Kler alleged that the registration, insurance, fitness certificate and pollution certificate of the ill-fated bus bearing registration number PB-01-A-9912 had expired. He questioned how the vehicle continued to operate despite the alleged expiry of these essential documents and who should be held accountable for the lapse.

DAV Kotkapura celebrates children's Day with grand sports meet



SURINDER DAMDAMI

KOTKAPURA: DAV Public School, Kotkapura, celebrated Children's Day on November 14 with great enthusiasm by organising a grand sports meet and a variety of fun-filled activities for students from Nursery to Class XII. The school campus resonated with excitement, joy and the spirit of sportsmanship.

A special highlight of the Annual Sports Meet 2026–27 was the dedication of three major competitions to the cherished memories of distinguished former members of the School Management Committee. Kabaddi was dedicated to Late Sh. Bhim Sain Bansal, Founder Member; Tug of War to Late Sh. Surinder Sachdeva, former President; and Basketball to Late Sh. B.D. Jain, Senior Member of the Committee. Through these competitions, the school paid a heartfelt tribute to their invaluable contributions and services.

The occasion was graced by Chief Guest Navpreet Singh (ADO, Faridkot), Er. Raj Kumar Aggarwal (Vice-Chairman, School Management Committee), Ms. Sachdeva (Social Worker) and Ashish Jindal (Manager, HDFC Bank). The dignitaries were warmly welcomed with bouquets, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The celebrations commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and the chanting of the Gayatri Mantra.

Waheguru academy to hold visa mega seminar on 19th Nov in Sultanpur Lodhi



ARVIND PATHAK

SULTANPUR LODHI: Waheguru Academy Sultanpur Lodhi a renowned Punjab company that has gained fame in study and tourist visas is organizing a mega seminar on UK, NZ, Schengen, USA, Australia, cyprus and Canada study and Tourist and Spouse visa on 19th Nov in which renowned visa experts will be present and will answer all visa questions. Giving information in this regard MD of Waheguru Academy Sultanpur Lodhi Navpreet Singh said that now is a golden opportunity to go to UK and Canada, USA, Aus, cyprus and other countries on study and tourist, spouse visa. A special opportunity is being given to those who wish to spouse and Tourist in Canada ,USA, cyprus, Australia, UK and others. The visa success rate of his company is 100 percent. Manager Mehak Chopra said that those who apply for cases on the occasion of the mega seminar to be held on 19th Nov will be given a bigger discount on the visa fee.

CM Mann announces Rs 5 lakh ex-gratia for families of Amritsar accident victims





CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, NOV 15

Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday met the victims of the tragic Amritsar road accident involving buses carrying pilgrims under the Mukh Mantri Tirath Yatra Yojna and expressed profound grief over the loss of precious lives. Announcing financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of the deceased and Rs 1 lakh each to the injured, the Chief Minister said that the Punjab Government would also provide best possible medical treatment to all those injured in the accident. Taking to X, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated: "Today, I visited a hospital in Amritsar to enquire about the well-being of pilgrims injured in the bus accident near Naushehra Pannuan. By God's grace, most of the injured are out of danger and are expected to recover soon and return home. I extend my deepest sympathies to the families of the five people who lost their lives in this tragic accident. The government is providing financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh to each bereaved family and Rs 1 lakh to each injured person, along with completely free medical treatment. The government stands shoulder to shoulder with its people in every difficult hour."

During a media interaction, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that 11 people sustained injuries in the accident, while four pilgrims and one motorcyclist tragically lost their lives.

Expressing deep shock and anguish, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "This is an extremely painful incident. I share the grief of the bereaved families and stand firmly with them in this difficult hour. The Punjab Government will provide Rs 5 lakh financial assistance to the family of each person who lost their life and Rs 1 lakh to every injured person. The entire medical treatment of the injured will be provided free of cost."

He added that the Civil and Police administrations had already been directed to extend all possible assistance to the affected families and ensure the best possible medical treatment for the injured.

Expressing his heartfelt condolences, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "I pray to the Almighty to grant strength to the bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss and eternal peace to the departed souls."

Army recruitment rally commences at Jalandhar



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, NOV 15

An Army Recruitment Rally for the selection of Male Agniveer candidates is being conducted at Government Arts and Sports College, Jalandhar, from 15 November to 22 November 2026. The rally is expected to witness participation of over 6,500 aspirants from various districts of Punjab, reflecting the enthusiasm and patriotic fervour among the youth to join the Indian Army. The first day of rally witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 700 young men of Punjab.

The rally provides an excellent opportunity to aspiring young men to realise their dream of serving the nation in uniform. The selection process will comprise physical fitness tests, physical measurements and medical examinations, followed by further selection formalities as applicable. The Indian Army remains committed to ensuring a transparent, fair and impartial selection process, providing equal opportunity to all eligible candidates based on merit and prescribed standards. The rally aims to identify motivated, disciplined and physically fit youth who possess the potential to uphold the glorious traditions and values of the Indian Army.

Three-day sports meet at St. Xavier's School concludes

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, NOV 15

A three-day sports meet (sports event) was organized with great pomp and show at the famous school St. Xavier's in Rampura Phul. The event was led by Principal Father Jerry Paul Lobo, Manager Father Andre Fernandez, Coordinator Madam Prem Lata and Madam Anju Bala.

The sports event was inaugurated by the chief guest Advocate Pawan Kumar Garg by releasing colorful balloons in the sky. The event began with a magnificent march past performed by the students of all the four houses of the school. The salute was taken by the chief guest Pawan Kumar Advocate. On the first day of this sports meet, students from class 6 to 12 participated. In which interesting competitions of 100 meters, 200 meters, relay race, spoon race, matka race and tug of war were organized.



The students participated in these games with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. On the first day, Sapphire House won the overall trophy.

The chief guest, Advocate Pawan Kumar Garg, honored the winning students by giving medals and certificates. On the second day of the sports meet, students from class 1 to 5 participated. In which various sports competitions were organized for junior students. Dr. Sushat Garg and Dr. Bhanu Priya were present as the chief guests. The junior students welcomed the chief guests by presenting small green plants. Along with the welcome song, the students performed a cultural dance.

Dr. Sushat Garg and Dr. Bhanu Priya honored the junior players with certificates and medals. On the third day of the sports event, students from Jamat Nursery to U.K.G. participated. Davinder Kumar, President Fool Town Club was present as the chief guest. Competitions like Candy Race, Scooby-Dooby Race, Wooble and Balance Race, Group Race etc. were organized for the young children.

Shiromani Committee, established through numerous sacrifices glorious heritage of Sikh community: Advocate Dhami



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
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Today is a day of immense pride and historical significance for the Sikh community, as it was through the struggles, dedication and countless sacrifices of our ancestors that the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) came into existence. This premier Sikh institution has completed 106 years of its journey and entered its 107th year, which is a matter of great pride. These views were expressed by SGPC President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami while addressing a function organised to mark the Foundation Day of the SGPC at Gurdwara Sri Manji Sahib Diwan Hall today. Extending his greetings on the occasion, Advocate Dhami said that while establishing the SGPC, the vision of the Sikh elders was not limited merely to ensuring the proper management of Gurdwaras. They had also envisioned promoting Sikhism, spreading the teachings of Gurmat to every household and preserving the religious, social and historical heritage of the Sikh community.

MRSPTU main campus clinches overall trophy at youth festival



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, NOV 15

Adding another major achievement to its cultural accomplishments, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU), Bathinda, has clinched the Overall Trophy at the 11th Inter-Zonal Youth Festival–2026, held from November 11 to 13 at the University Main Campus. The Main Campus also dominated the competition by winning three of the five category trophies in Dance, Theatre and Fine Arts, emerging as the festival's overall champion. The three-day cultural extravaganza was organised under the theme 'Jug Jug Jive Punjab'.

Around 120 students from the Main Campus participated in various Music, Dance, Theatre, Fine Arts and Literary competitions, showcasing their artistic abilities and cultural talent.

The University's individual honours included Mr. Harinder Singh winning the Best Actor award in Theatre, Mr. Raminder Singh being adjudged Best Bhangra Performer and Ms. Shristi securing the Best Performer award in Luddi.

First invitation for 261-hour Akhand Mahayagna Presented at Maa Chintpurni shrine



SARBJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA, NOV 15

Under the guidance of Mahant Praveen Chaudhary Ji, members of the Maa Baglamukhi family visited the Siddh Shaktipeeth Maa Chintpurni Shrine in Himachal Pradesh and presented the first invitation for the 261-hour Akhand Mahayagna. The devotees performed special prayers and rituals and sought the blessings of the Goddess for the successful and uninterrupted completion of the religious event. On the occasion, the learned priests of Maa Chintpurni Shrine honoured Mahant Praveen Chaudhary Ji and other devotees by presenting them with the sacred chunni of the Goddess.

Sharing details, Mahant Praveen Chaudhary Ji said that the 261-hour Akhand Mahayagna will be organised at Maa Baglamukhi Dham on Pakhowal Road from February 9 to 20, 2027. After presenting the first invitation at the feet of Maa Chintpurni, invitations will now be extended to devotees of Maa Baglamukhi across the country.

Chhath Puja celebrations in Bassi Pathana ; 36-hour waterless fast observed with prayers to Sun god for family's well-being

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 15

The sacred festival of Chhath Puja is being celebrated with immense devotion, religious fervour and enthusiasm by migrant families residing in Bassi Pathana. Reflecting the rich cultural and religious traditions of Bihar, Jharkhand and eastern Uttar Pradesh, the festival brings together faith, discipline and deep reverence for nature.

In Bassi Pathana, a woman belonging to a migrant family has made special arrangements for Chhath Puja on the rooftop of her house. The family has been preparing for the occasion with great devotion and traditional rituals.

According to her husband, his wife has been observing a rigorous Nirjala Vrat (fast without consuming food or water) for the past 36 hours. He said that she would stand in water from 4 a.m. the following morning and continue her prayers and worship until sunrise. She would offer Arghya (a ritual offering of water) to the rising Sun God and bow in prayer before breaking her fast. Chhath Puja is one of the most significant traditional festivals dedicated to Surya Dev (the Sun God) and Chhathi Maiya. It is observed with the belief that sincere prayers and offerings bring happiness, prosperity, good health and long life to family members, particularly children. The festival is predominantly celebrated in Bihar, Jharkhand, eastern Uttar Pradesh and parts of Nepal. One of its most distinctive features is the worship of both the setting and the rising sun. Devotees offer Arghya while standing in water, expressing gratitude to the Sun God for sustaining life and seeking blessings for their families.



Punjab Athletes shine at North Zone Muay Thai Championship



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, NOV 15

Punjab's Muay Thai contingent delivered an impressive performance at the North Zone Muay Thai Championship, held at the University of Jammu, winning medals across multiple age and weight categories. The championship featured participation from athletes representing eight states.

The Punjab team, comprising both boys and girls, competed under the guidance of coaches Neelam, Prince Kol and Inderjit Singh. The state's medal winners brought laurels to Punjab through strong performances in the regional tournament.

Medal winners

First position: Neelam, Gaurav Kumar and Arshjit Kaur

Second position: Muskan, Harpreet Kaur, Anshika Jaswal, Jaskar Patel and Bhavik Chadda.

IVF to honour DCs from Agarwal community appointed in various Punjab districts

SUMER GARG
DABWALI, NOV 15

The International Vaish Federation (IVF), Punjab Pradesh, will honour Deputy Commissioners (DCs) belonging to the Agarwal/Vaish community, who have been appointed by the Punjab Government in various districts of the state.

Dr. Sanjeev Goyal, Chairman of the organisation, and Surinder Singla, State President, said that the Punjab Government has appointed Himanshu Aggarwal, IAS, as Deputy Commissioner of Ludhiana; Komal Mittal, IAS, as Deputy Commissioner of Nawanshahr; and Himanshu Jain, IAS, as Deputy Commissioner of Patiala. Singla said that all these officers had earlier rendered highly commendable services in their respective districts. He added that they are not only approachable, soft-spoken and honest but also discharge their administrative responsibilities with dedication and sincerity. They also played a significant role in providing all possible assistance to flood-affected families in their respective districts during the floods in Punjab. Singla further said that IAS officer Ayush Goyal would also be honoured on his appointment as Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) of Mansa. It is noteworthy that his wife, Kritika Goyal, IAS, is serving as Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) in Mansa. The organisation's General Secretary, Harkesh Mittal, said that Surinder Singla, who is also in charge of Chandigarh Pradesh, has appointed renowned poet and social worker Rajiv Gupta, a resident of Mohali, as Co-Incharge of Chandigarh Pradesh.



Sports meet organised at Punjab Public School on Children's Day



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, NOV 15

Punjab Public School (Senior Secondary) organised a special sports meet on the occasion of Children's Day for students from Nursery to UKG. Various fun-filled and engaging sports activities were organised for the little ones, who participated with great enthusiasm and excitement.

The main objective of the event was to promote physical fitness, self-confidence, discipline and team spirit among children. The presence of teachers and staff members added to the enthusiasm of the occasion. The staff encouraged the young participants and contributed to the successful conduct of the event. On this occasion, School Principal Madam Simran appreciated the children and highlighted the importance of sports in the overall development of young learners. She said that along with academics, sports also play a vital role in shaping children's personalities and building confidence. School Chairman Sardar Amarjit Singh Cheema also congratulated the children and the entire staff for organising the wonderful event. He encouraged students to actively participate in such activities, emphasising their importance in physical and mental development.

Two youths arrested for pickpocketing during AAP candidate's roadshow

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, NOV 15

The Shahpurkandi police arrested two youths from Amritsar on charges of picking pockets and stealing mobile phones by taking advantage of the crowd during a roadshow held by Aam Aadmi Party candidate Swarn Salaria. The police have recovered two mobile phones from the accused and have also seized the car used in the commission of the crime. According to the police, the gang consisted of three members, and a search is underway for the third suspect. According to reports, during the roadshow, some youths in a car traveled alongside the procession. Taking advantage of the crowd, they were stealing cash and mobile phones from people's pockets. So far, four complaints regarding this have been filed at the Shahpurkandi police station, reporting the theft of thousands of rupees in cash and two mobile phones from the pockets of two individuals. ASI Manwinder Singh, posted at the Shahpurkandi police station, stated that a police team was present at the T-point near Kahanpur Mor for patrolling duties. During this time, the police received information that two youths had stolen mobile phones from people during a roadshow organized by Swarn Salaria.



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Narrow escape for 51 school children as bus crashes into highway divider

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SOLAN: Fifty-one schoolchildren had a narrow escape after their bus rammed into a road divider on the Pinjore-Shimla National Highway near Tambu Morh, close to Chakkimod in Parwanoo area of Himachal Pradesh's Solan district, late Saturday night. Three senior school officials sustained injuries in the accident, while the children escaped with minor bruises and scratches, police said. The bus, belonging to Literra Heritage School in Kot, Panchkula, was returning from an educational excursion to Rajgarh in Sirmaur district when the accident occurred at around 11.10 pm. According to preliminary reports, the driver allegedly lost control of the vehicle due to overspeeding, causing it to crash into the median of National Highway 5.

HP Pavilion inaugurated at India International Trade Fair 2026

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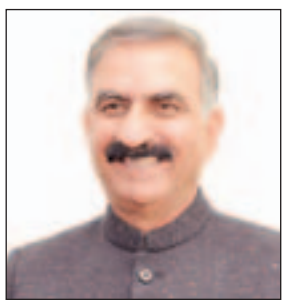


Principal Resident Commissioner, Himachal Pradesh Ajay Yadav today inaugurated the Himachal Pradesh Pavilion at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. He said that the pavilion, featured 15 stalls, showcases the rich cultural heritage, traditional craftsmanship and diverse range of natural and indigenous products of Himachal Pradesh. Special emphasis has been laid on promoting the state's handloom and handicrafts, products manufactured by Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and locally produced traditional and natural goods.

He said that several renowned organizations and enterprises, including Bhuttico Kullu, HIM IRA, HP Handloom and Handicrafts, and Nurpur Silk Mills, are participating in the pavilion. While Bhuttico Kullu and HP Handloom and Handicrafts are showcasing the traditional art and craftsmanship of local artisans, Nurpur Silk Mills is displaying its exquisite range of silk products. HIM IRA, meanwhile, is providing a valuable platform to Self-Help Groups to exhibit and market their locally manufactured products. Ajay Yadav said that artisans and entrepreneurs from almost all districts of Himachal Pradesh have come together to participate in the fair, presenting an impressive collection of indigenous products that reflect the state's rich traditions, artistic skills and entrepreneurial spirit. The pavilion has received an encouraging response from visitors, with particular interest in natural, eco-friendly and locally manufactured products. Hilly Basket and Gulab Shawls Industry have also put their products on display, highlighting the growing significance of innovative, sustainable and utility-based products that cater to the needs of present and future generations. Principal Resident Commissioner said that the participation of artisans, Self-Help Groups and local enterprises provides an important opportunity to connect traditional producers from Himachal Pradesh with wider markets. It also aims to promote rural entrepreneurship, create sustainable livelihood opportunities, encourage local enterprise and preserve the state's distinctive cultural identity. He said that he Himachal Pradesh Pavilion at IITF 2026 serves as a vibrant platform for showcasing the state's rich heritage, indigenous talent, traditional skills and immense potential for sustainable economic growth.

State govt's Anti-Chitta Jan Andolan emerges as statewide people's movement, strengthens fight against Drug Menace

DINESH AGARWAL
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One year after launching the Anti-Chitta Jan Andolan under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has intensified its multi-pronged campaign against drug abuse, combining stringent action against traffickers with unprecedented public mobilization, financial investigations and grassroots participation. What began as a clarion call from the historic Ridge in Shimla on November 15, 2025, has evolved into a statewide movement, reflecting the government's determination to protect the younger generation and eliminate the menace of chitta from the state. The initiative represents a significant shift in the state's approach towards tackling drug abuse, with the Chief Minister placing equal emphasis on enforcement, prevention and social responsibility. Recognizing that the challenge cannot be overcome through police action alone, the government has sought to bring together communities, educational institutions, panchayati raj institutions, youth organizations and civil society in a collective fight against drugs. The campaign has also underscored the government's resolve that the fight against drug trafficking must extend beyond the arrest of individual offenders to dismantling the organized networks and financial structures sustaining this illegal trade.

A defining feature of the movement has been the extensive public participation generated through awareness programmes and walkathons. Six major walkathons have been organized across Shimla, Dharamshala, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Una and Mandi during the past year, drawing thousands of people, particularly young participants. More than 15,000 people joined the walkathon in Hamirpur, over 16,000 in Bilaspur and more than 30,000 in Una.

Himachal's first organised Donkey Farm opens in Bilaspur, pioneering new opportunities in rural entrepreneurship

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, NOV 15



In a pioneering initiative aimed at exploring new avenues of rural entrepreneurship, Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani on Saturday inaugurated Himachal Pradesh's first organised donkey farm at Kandror in Bilaspur district. Established by Dairika Farms Private Limited, the innovative venture was launched during Dairy Conclave-2026, marking a new chapter in the state's emerging livestock-based enterprises. Describing donkey rearing and milk production as a promising business opportunity, Dharmani said the sector could generate self-employment and open new commercial avenues, particularly for rural youth. He highlighted the international demand for donkey milk in the cosmetics, skincare and pharmaceutical industries, noting that its distinctive composition, including whey proteins and bioactive compounds, has attracted commercial interest. However, he emphasised that scientific research, quality testing, processing facilities and market assessment would be essential before expanding the venture commercially. Highlighting the state government's initiatives to strengthen the rural economy, Dharmani said procurement prices for cow's milk had been increased from Rs 51 to Rs 61 per litre, while buffalo milk prices had risen from Rs 61 to Rs 71. Certified A2 milk would fetch Rs 100 per litre. He added that minimum support prices for naturally grown wheat, maize, barley and turmeric had also been enhanced, while ginger had been brought under the MSP framework for the first time at Rs 30 per kilogram.

Govt approves establishment of Department of Geriatric Medicine at IGMC Shimla

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Keeping in view the increasing elderly population and their specialised healthcare requirements, the state government has approved establishment of dedicated Department of Geriatric Medicine at Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC), Shimla, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College (Dr. RPGMC), Tanda, District Kangra and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Government Medical College (SLBSGMC), Nerchowk, Mandi along-with creation and filling up of requisite posts of Assistant Professors and Senior Residents. The initiative aims to strengthen specialised healthcare facilities for senior citizens and ensure comprehensive medical care for age-related diseases and health complications.

Geriatric medicine is a specialised branch of medical science concerned with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diseases among elderly people, besides addressing health problems associated with the ageing process. This department will focus on maintaining the physical and mental well-being of senior citizens through specialised medical services, early diagnosis, appropriate treatment and prevention of age-related disabilities and diseases. Unlike conventional medical specialities that primarily focus on individual organs or organ systems, geriatric medicine adopts a comprehensive and holistic approach towards patient care. It takes into consideration the overall health, functional abilities, psychological well-being and social needs of elderly patients. The speciality also distinguishes between diseases and the normal effects of ageing, with the objective of improving the quality of life and promoting healthy ageing. The department at IGMC Shimla and Dr. RPGMC Tanda will facilitate specialised diagnosis and treatment for older adults suffering from multiple and age-related health conditions.

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the state government was committed to strengthening the healthcare infrastructure and ensuring accessible, quality and specialised medical services for every section of society, particularly senior citizens. He said that the elderly population deserved special attention and comprehensive healthcare facilities to address the medical and psychological challenges associated with ageing. The Chief Minister said that establishing dedicated Department of Geriatric Medicine in these medical colleges would provide specialised treatment to elderly patients and enable them to lead healthier and more dignified lives.

800 students showcase talent at 'Innovista 2026' at SSRVM; 350 innovative models on display



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: SSRVM celebrated Children's Day with 'Innovista 2026', an interdisciplinary exhibition showcasing the creativity, scientific temperament, innovation and talent of students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, with nearly 800 students presenting around 350 models across various disciplines. Executive Engineer Abhishek Sharma attended the exhibition as the chief guest. A team of professors from Indus International University, Bathu, comprising Prof. Vaishali, Prof. Amita, Prof. Shweta Sharma and Prof. Pooja Thakur, served as the jury members and evaluated the exhibits. The models were categorised into eight major themes, including Language and Literature; Sustainable Development and Green Innovation; Technology and Artificial Intelligence; Science and Health; Mathematics and Applied Learning; Art and Culture; Social Science and Heritage; and Life Skills and Entrepreneurship.

Birsa Munda's life symbolises patriotism, courage and tribal Pride: Sanjeev Katwal

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 15



The BJP Tribal Morcha, Shimla district, organised a Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas and floral tribute programme at the party's state headquarters, Deepkamal, Chakkar, on Sunday to mark the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The programme was presided over by State Vice-President of the BJP Tribal Morcha, Shanta Negi. BJP State Organisation General Secretary Siddharthan, State General Secretary Sanjeev Katwal, State Media Coordinator Karn Nanda, District President Keshav Chauhan, former Shimla Assembly candidate Sanjay Sood, Kiran Baba and Pramod Thakur were among those present. Party leaders and workers paid floral tributes to Birsa Munda and remembered his contribution to the country. Addressing the gathering, BJP State General Secretary Sanjeev Katwal said Bhagwan Birsa Munda was not only a revered leader of the tribal community but also an immortal freedom fighter who challenged the unjust policies of British rule at a young age. He said Birsa Munda mobilised tribal communities to safeguard their rights over 'Jal, Jangal and Zameen' (water, forests and land) and led the historic Ulgulan movement against British oppression. His life, Katwal said, symbolised patriotism, courage and the determination to protect national interests, cultural heritage and social dignity. Katwal further said that the decision of the Narendra Modi-led Central Government to observe Birsa Munda's birth anniversary as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas had given national recognition to his invaluable contribution and legacy.

414 Notices received for winter session: Kuldeep Pathania

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, NOV 15



Addressing a press conference at the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania announced that the thirteenth session—the Winter Session—of the 14th Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly will commence on November 16, 2026, at 2:00 PM and continue until November 21, 2026. The session will comprise a total of 6 sittings, including a sitting on Saturday, November 21. November 19, 2026, has been designated for 'Private Members' Business.' Pathania stated that the first day of the session will be dedicated to obituaries; since the conclusion of the previous session, former Minister Major Vijay Singh Mankotia and Nand Lal, a member of the 14th Legislative Assembly, have passed away. Members will pay their tributes to them within the House. He further noted that a total of 414 notices—comprising 219 starred and 123 unstarred questions—have been received from the members; these have been forwarded to the government for further action in accordance with the rules. Additionally, Pathania mentioned that 13 notices under Rule 62, 3 under Rule 101, and 9 under Rule 130 have been received and likewise forwarded to the government for necessary follow-up. The issues raised by the members primarily concern the construction of roads and bridges, the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for approved road projects, the upgradation of colleges, schools, and healthcare institutions across the state, the filling of vacant posts in various government departments, horticulture, tourism,

Jairam Thakur Seeks Answers from Sukhu govt over alleged irregularities in HRTC E-Bus purchase, 'Himachal on Sale' campaign

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 15



Leader of Opposition and former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jairam Thakur on Sunday accused the Congress government of irregularities in the procurement of electric buses for the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) and demanded an explanation from Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu during the upcoming Winter Session of the state Assembly.In a statement issued here, Thakur questioned how the manufacturing and supply of buses proceeded without fulfilling the mandatory trial conditions specified in the tender. He also sought to know why buses were procured despite unsuccessful trials on designated routes and who was responsible for removing the trial routes from the tender conditions.

The BJP leader also demanded a clear response from the Chief Minister over what he termed the 'Himachal on Sale' campaign, asserting that his party would not allow the state's assets and heritage to be sold.Thakur alleged that the state government had procured 297 new electric buses after making questionable changes to the prescribed procurement conditions. He asked who had authorised the changes and whose interests they were intended to serve.

He said that soon after the buses arrived, political leaders competed to flag off the fleet at different locations, with multiple leaders claiming credit for the same vehicles. Subsequently, videos showing buses struggling on different routes and passengers pushing them surfaced on social media, raising questions about their performance.Instead of addressing the concerns, the government allegedly warned that FIRs would be registered against those circulating videos of buses breaking down.

Maharana Pratap's Valour, Sacrifice and Patriotism an Eternal Inspiration for Generations: Anurag Singh Thakur

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, NOV 15



Former Union Cabinet Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Singh Thakur today unveiled a bronze statue of the legendary warrior Maharana Pratap at a grand function organized by the Rajput Samaj and local residents in Talikoti, Vijayapura district, Karnataka.

Addressing the gathering, Anurag Thakur said Maharana Pratap's life represents an extraordinary saga of courage, sacrifice and unwavering commitment to the protection of Dharma, the motherland and self-respect. Despite abandoning royal comforts and enduring immense hardships, Maharana Pratap never compromised on his principles. His legacy will continue to inspire generations with the values of patriotism and determination.

He said that great personalities such as Maharana Pratap, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Rani Chennamma and Raja Krishnadevaraya dedicated their lives to safeguarding Sanatan culture, national pride and the honour of the motherland. Their courage and leadership united society against foreign aggression.

Expressing concern over the distortion of Indian history, Anurag Thakur said that glorifying foreign invaders while overlooking the valour and contributions of India's great rulers was unfortunate. He emphasized that being a Rajput is not merely a social identity but also a responsibility towards public service, national security and the preservation of Sanatan Dharma.

Rs. 12.50 crore sanctioned for construction of Haroli CBSE School Building: Mukesh Agnihotri

KISHORI LAL BAINS



UNA: Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri on Sunday announced that Rs. 12.50 crore had been sanctioned for the construction of a new building for the CBSE school in Haroli. He said the design and drawings of the proposed building had been prepared and the institution would be developed with modern facilities. The school's playground had already been completed, he added.Agnihotri was speaking at Haroli after handing over e-rickshaws to 14 gram panchayats of the development block under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin). He flagged off the vehicles for door-to-door waste collection in the villages. The Deputy Chief Minister said 14 panchayats had been provided with e-rickshaws in the first phase and more vehicles would be added in the coming days to strengthen the waste management system. He said the initiative would improve sanitation in rural areas and accelerate efforts to make Haroli a clean and green constituency. Agnihotri said Haroli had established its identity in various sectors of development in recent years, with the active cooperation of local residents playing an important role. Continuous efforts were being made to transform the area into a clean, green and plastic-free constituency, he added. On the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister also inaugurated the Haroli-Delhi Volvo bus service, saying it would provide improved transport facilities to residents and make travel more convenient. He said that following the establishment of an electric bus depot in Haroli, most buses operating in the area had been converted to electric vehicles and were functioning successfully.

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Brahmin gathering program organised to strengthen unity and expansion of organization

KARAMBIR

LADWA: Brahmin gathering was organized on Sunday at a private school on Pipli Road to strengthen the unity and organization of the Brahmin community. The program was presided over by RohitGautam, State President of the Brahmin Mahasangh, Haryana. State President Rohit Gautam said that he had been working for the past 25



years to awaken and organize the community. He will continue to fight against the social evils and for the rights of the youth. He said that the real unity of the community wascoming on one platform. He said that in the coming times, the entire Brahmin community would be gathered at the state level to raise the voice of the community. Regarding the UGC, he said that the UGC had divided the community.

Yogi Adityanath distributes 50,000 tablets to students under Swami Vivekananda Yuva Yojana

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday distributed 50,000 tablets to students under the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana, aimed at digitally empowering young people and providing them access to educational resources and skill development opportunities. Addressing a gathering of students in Lucknow, the Chief Minister expressed happiness over launching the second phase of the programme in the state capital and highlighted the role of technology in empowering the youth. "Today, we have gathered here as part of the 'Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sashaktikaran Yojana', an initiative aimed at digitally empowering our youth. Swami Vivekananda is a name that serves as a spiritual icon for every young person in India; he elevated India's ancient, eternal traditions to new heights on the global stage... I am delighted to have the opportunity to launch the second phase of this program here in Lucknow, in the midst of all the youth... We will explain the features of the tablets being distributed today, and we will also inform you about various central and state government schemes designed specifically for the youth," said CM Yogi.

Describing the tablets as an important resource for students, Adityanath said the devices would support their academic learning, skill development and access to employment-related opportunities. During the programme, he announced a partnership with Infosys to provide students with free learning content comprising more than 18,000 courses through the tablets.He said the learning platform covers a wide range of subjects, from Yoga to emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Deep Tech. Students can also use the digital resources to seek academic assistance in subjects such as mathematics, including calculus and integration." This tablet is a tool for skill development and empowerment... It is a significant asset for you. We have partnered with Infosys to provide free learning content, featuring over 18,000 courses, directly on your tablets. It is now available for you.

Gandhi House wins overall trophy at two-day annual sports meet of SD Public School, Jagadhri

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 15



S.D. Public School, Jagadhri, organised its two-day Annual Sports Meet on November 13 and 14, 2026, with great enthusiasm and sporting spirit. Students participated enthusiastically in various sporting events, showcasing their athletic abilities, discipline, confidence and team spirit. The competitions included different races, kabaddi, football and several other sports activities. Colourful cultural performances added charm to the celebrations. The event was graced by SDM Yamunanagar, Vishwanath, as the Chief Guest. The school management and staff accorded him a warm welcome. Welcoming the Chief Guest, Abhishek Mittal said that his presence was a matter of pride for the school. He emphasised that sports play a vital role in the overall development of students by instilling discipline, confidence, leadership qualities and a spirit of cooperation. The Chief Guest formally inaugurated the sports meet by releasing colourful balloons into the sky. Addressing the students, he said that sports are an integral part of education and contribute to both physical and mental development. He encouraged students to participate actively in sports alongside academics and develop the courage to face life's challenges. Principal Usha Sharma said that sports teach students important life values, including perseverance, teamwork and accepting victory and defeat with equal grace. She reiterated the school's commitment to providing students with ample opportunities to excel in academics, sports and cultural activities. She also appreciated the participants and wished them success in their future endeavours. At the conclusion of the competition, Gandhi House emerged as the overall champion, securing 268 points.

District Governor Rita Kalra reviews Rotary Club Barara's activities during official visit



JAIBEER RANA

BARARA: As part of the District Governor's Official Visit, Rotary Club Barara organised a special review meeting in which District Governor Rtn. Rita Kalra interacted with club members and reviewed the social service activities undertaken by the club during the past four months. During the meeting, Club President Rtn. Balkar Singh Kamboj and Secretary Sahil Verma briefed the District Governor about various community service initiatives carried out in the region, including projects related to education, healthcare, blood donation, eye check-up camps, assistance to underprivileged sections and other welfare activities. Rtn. Rita Kalra appreciated the efforts of Rotary Club Barara and acknowledged the members' contribution towards community welfare. She encouraged the club to continue its efforts to reach needy and underprivileged people through meaningful service projects. She also discussed the club's upcoming social service initiatives and sought details of its future plans.

Congress rules out alliance with AAP; Party confident of forming govt in Punjab in 2027: Bikram Lohia

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 15



Congress will never enter into an alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab, as its leadership has betrayed the people through false promises and failed to fulfil its commitments, said Bikram Lohia, National Spokesperson of the Congress party, while addressing the media at the Old Grain Market in Bassi Pathana on Saturday.

Lohia alleged that AAP leaders, including Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, had misled the people of Punjab. He claimed that leaders who had suffered electoral setbacks in Delhi were now using Punjab as a means of political and financial gain. He further alleged that corruption, deteriorating law and order and the growing drug menace had exposed the failures of the Bhagwant Mann-led government.

He said the Congress would launch a door-to-door public awareness campaign to expose the government's failures and reconnect with the people of Punjab.

Raising concerns over the state's security situation, Sneha Singh, spokesperson of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, alleged that the AAP government had failed to effectively address the issue of migrant labourers and claimed that the increasing influx of migrant workers had contributed to rising crime in the state. Congress District President Surinder Singh Ramgarh expressed confidence that the party would form the next government in Punjab in 2027.

Under MP Sports festival Pundri assembly-level sports competitions inaugurated

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, NOV 15



In order to provide a proper platform and encouragement to sports talents from rural areas, a grand inauguration of assembly-level sports competitions organizedat the indoor-outdoor stadium in Pundri under the MP Sports Festival. Pundri MLA Satpal Jamba attended the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest and introduced himself to the players, boosting their morale.

MLA Satpal Jamba, while formally inaugurating the competitions, said that sports should be an integral part of children's and youth's lives, along with studies. Sports not only maintain physical and mental health, but also develop qualities like discipline, self-confidence and team spirit. He said that by participating in sports, youth can stay away from social evils like drug addiction.

He stated that there is no shortage of talent in rural areas. They simply need the right platform, guidance, and encouragement. The Sansad Khel Mahotsav is a commendable effort to realize this vision. Through their hard work and dedication, athletes from rural sports fields can establish themselves at the national and international level, and bring glory to the country and state by winning medals. He urged athletes to participate in competitions with sportsmanship, discipline and complete dedication. The first day of the festival saw significant enthusiasm among the athletes. Players from various villages and educational institutions in the Pundri constituency displayed their athletic talents with great enthusiasm and zeal in various competitions.

RCS Beas celebrates Children's Day with annual function 'Nanhe Pankh, Unchi Udaan'

GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE
BEAS, NOV 15



RCS Beas celebrated its Annual Function, "Nanhe Pankh, Unchi Udaan – Wings of Dreams," with great enthusiasm on the occasion of Children's Day. The distinguished event was graced by a stellar lineup of guests, adding to the occasion's prestige. The celebration was marked by the dignified presence of Chairperson Mrs. Veena Anand, Chairman Mr. Gaurav Anand, President Mr. Param Vir Anand, and Principal Mrs. Dharwinder Kaur. Several prominent principals from reputed schools, along with distinguished dignitaries from various departments, also attended the event, applauding the talent of the students and wishing them a bright future. Following the traditional Lamp Lighting and welcome address, Principal Mrs. Dharwinder Kaur presented the Annual School Report and felicitated the Guests of Honour alongside meritorious achievers in academics, writing, and national sports. The cultural extravaganza opened with a soulful Ganesh Vandana, followed by a melodious Instrumental Performance and an energetic Karate demonstration. Students delivered captivating performances spanning Body Hygiene, Healthy vs. Junk Food, Environmental Cleanliness, Save Water, Taali Yoga, Zumba, Mobile Addiction, Cyber Crime, Punjabi Varnmala, Nukkad Natak, Humanity, Animal Love, heartfelt tributes to Farmers and the Indian Army, and a futuristic presentation on AI and Robotics symbolizing "Unchi Udaan." Delivering the Vote of Thanks, President Mr. Param Vir Anand congratulated the students, teachers, and parents for their dedicated efforts, noting that such platforms nurture confidence, creativity, and strong values alongside academics.

Dark clouds of crisis loomover the existence of an educated society: Rajkumar Sharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 15



If educated youth continue to lose faith in sacred institutions like marriage and if the fertility rate in the upper-caste society continues to decline in the same way, if the age of marriage and the age of becoming a mother continue to rise in society and if the tradition of living in live-in relationships continues to increase, then shocking consequences will soon emerge. In the coming times, words like chacha, chachi, mausi, bua, and tau will no longer be heard after brother and sister. An existential threat has begun to loom large over the educated section of the upper-caste class. If attention is not paid to this in time, then no one will be able to save the existence of this society in the coming times. This was said by well-known advocate and social worker Rajkumar Sharma. He was speaking in a special conversation.

He said that along with the government, the leading people of society are responsible for this. He said that in the coming times, only a country of elderly educated people will remain. India will no longer be a country of youth. He said that delayed justice, a decline in employment resources, the growing tendency among youth not to marry, the increasing interest among young women in education and careers, the declining trust of youth in sacred institutions like marriage, the weakening foundation of society, fragmented families, a shrinking society and the solitary thinking of youth are responsible for this.

He said that governments should also increase resources like employment. The government should bring a property act on the lines of America, and fast courts should be set up for resolving matrimonial disputes. Today, no political party wants to speak about social and economic problems.

Chaupal programme in Nivarasi on November 18: Meva Singh



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LADWA: As part of the Congress Party's "Save Vote, Save Country" campaign, a Chaupal program will be held on November 18 in Nivarsi village of the Ladwa block. The program will take place at 3 p.m., with Rohtak MP Deepender Singh Hooda as the chief guest. District Congress President Meva Singh stated that the Chaupal program will reach out to villagers and discuss issues related to democracy, the voting process, and the right to vote. He stated that villagers are being invited to come in large number in the program. Meva Singh urged the villagers of Nivarsi village to attend the program, stating that this Chaupal will facilitate direct communication with the people. He also noted that the Congress Party is organizing Chaupal programs in various villages as part of the "Save Vote, Save Country" campaign. He said that the BJP government stole votes to seize power, and now the public was aware of this, the public was disillusioned with the BJP government and the BJP's return to power was not certain. Meva Singh said that Congress was raising the issue of vote theft from cities to villages and would continue to do so.

Haryana constitutes boards of visitors for 20 jails to check discrimination, protect prisoners' rights

RAHUL KOHLI



YAMUNANAGAR: In a significant move to safeguard prisoners' human rights and eliminate caste-based discrimination in prisons, the Haryana Government has constituted district-level Boards of Visitors for all 20 jails in the state in compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court. Dr Puneet Arora, Assistant Registrar of the Haryana Human Rights Commission (HHRC), has been nominated as an Official Member of the Boards as the Commission's representative designated by its Chairperson. The nomination was formally communicated to the Jails Department on November 5, 2026. As per the notification issued on October 30, each Board will be headed by the Principal District Judge concerned and will include senior district officials, including the District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police, Chief Medical Officer and officers from various government departments. Three MLAs, including one woman, nominated by the Speaker of the Haryana Legislative Assembly, and a representative of the HHRC will also be Official Members. Two social workers, including one woman, will be included as Non-Official Members. The move follows the Supreme Court's landmark judgment of October 3, 2024, in Sukanya Shantha vs Union of India, which declared caste-based discrimination and segregation in prisons unconstitutional.

Himachal names 27-Member squad for International Mahanadi Boat Race and National Dragon Boat championship

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, NOV 15



Himachal Pradesh has announced a 27-member squad, comprising 17 men and 10 women, for the second International Mahanadi Boat Race-2026 and National Dragon Boat Championship, scheduled to begin on November 28 in Cuttack, Odisha.

The team was selected following trials conducted in the waters of Gobind Sagar Lake near the Luhnu Water Sports Complex in Bilaspur under the aegis of the Himachal Pradesh Kayaking and Canoeing Association.

Association Senior Vice-President Kamal Gautam said a specialised training camp for the selected athletes would commence at Luhnu on November 20 to prepare them for the prestigious competition. The team will depart for Cuttack on November 25, with Rahul appointed as team leader.

The men's squad comprises Aryan Samyal, Ritesh Kumar, Rahul, Abhishek Thakur, Hariom, Praveen Sahni, Rajat Kumar, Sharif Mohammad, Sulaksh Thakur, Vishal, Om Jasvi Thakur, Shashank Mehta, Aman Kumar, Vikas Kumar, Nikhil Chauhan, Sushant and Sunil Kumar.

The women's squad includes Babli, Aarti Thakur, Anjali Sharma, Akshita Devi, Mansi Rana, Nitika, Neelam Kumari, Ruma Devi, Ankita and Chandrika.

Athletes from various states will compete in the championship, providing Himachal's emerging water sports talent an opportunity to demonstrate their skills at a competitive level.

Ved Prakash Garg appointed state vice president of Agarwal Vaishya Vikas Sangathan Haryana

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, NOV 15



The Agrawal Vaishya Vikas Sangathan, Haryana, has expanded its organization by appointing Kaithal resident Ved Prakash Garg as State Vice President. Upon the recommendation of the organization's State President, Rampratap Gupta, State Office Secretary Mohanlal Gupta issued the official letter of appointment. The appointment letter noted Mr Garg's social activism, organizational capabilities, and dedication to society, recognizing his significant role in entrusting him with this important responsibility. The organization expressed confidence that Garg will strengthen the organization with his experience, dedication and active contribution and play a key role in advancing its objectives. It should be noted that Garg has been a volunteer since childhood, serving as the BJP Yuva Morcha Mandal President, District IT Cell Co-Chief, BJP-supported candidate from Ward No. 28, currently a District Executive Member and has served as Vice President of the city's largest organization, the Agrawal Yuva Sabha, for four consecutive terms. Along with this, he has also discharged important responsibilities like State President of Student Wing of Aggarwal Vaishya Samaj, Youth State General Secretary, State Secretary and State Spokesperson. He has always strongly raised the voice of the youth in the state. Ved Garg's image in the state is that of a fighting leader. There is an atmosphere of happiness among the people of the society, well-wishers and acquaintances on Ved Prakash Garg being made the State Vice President. Various social and organizational officials extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to him on getting the new responsibility.

Bhagavad Gita's teachings can guide youth through challenges: CM

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PANCHKULA, NOV 15



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini stated that the Bhagavad Gita's teachings can help youth overcome uncertainty, make informed decisions, and fulfil their responsibilities. He emphasised that its message of duty and selfless action remains relevant in modern society.

After laying the foundation stone of Shri Krishna Kripa Dham in Sector 27, Panchkula, Saini said the centre would promote the teachings of the Gita and instil values of service, discipline, and dedication in future generations.

"When young people are worried about their future, the Gita gives them patience, wisdom, and inspiration to perform their duties," he said. The Chief Minister added that Lord Krishna's message to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra continues to guide people in difficult circumstances.

He praised spiritual leader Swami Gyananand for spreading the Gita's teachings and said the centre would help carry its message from Panchkula to Haryana and beyond. "Buildings are made of bricks and stones, but faith and values transform them into places of spiritual significance," Saini said.

He said the centre would serve not only as a religious structure but also as an institution for promoting spiritual learning, cultural values, and social service. The ceremony coincided with Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, marking the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.

Paying tribute to Munda, the Chief Minister said his struggle against British rule and efforts to protect tribal communities' rights over land, forests, and natural resources remain an inspiration. "History gave Birsa Munda only 25 years, but he gave history centuries of inspiration," Saini said.

He recalled Munda's Ulgulan movement against colonial exploitation and his campaign against substance abuse, superstition, and social discrimination. Drawing a parallel between the Gita's message of Karma Yoga and Munda's struggle, Saini said the tribal leader demonstrated the importance of standing against injustice and fulfilling one's duty to society.

Referring to Munda's slogan, "Abua Dishum, Abua Raj", meaning "Our land, our rule", he said it symbolised the determination of tribal communities to protect their identity and traditional rights. Saini also recalled the British crackdown on tribal protesters at Dombari Buru in January 1900 and Munda's death in Ranchi jail on June 9 that year.

He cited the Chotanagpur Tenancy Act of 1908 as an important development in protecting tribal land rights and noted that November 15 also marked the formation of Jharkhand in 2000.

The Chief Minister said that the observance of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought wider recognition to tribal freedom fighters.

Uttarakhand state foundation day celebration held



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 15

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan stated that the culture, civilisation, and cuisine of Uttarakhand are unique. The joy and tranquility experienced during a visit to the region are beyond imagination. Speaking as the chief guest at the Uttarakhand State Foundation Day celebration—organized by the local 'Uttarakhand Sabha' at the Kalidas Rangshala here Kalyan extended his greetings and congratulations to the people of Uttarakhand on the occasion of their State Foundation Day. He remarked that the people of Uttarakhand have earned respect through their hard work and vision, carving a distinct place for themselves in society. He also wished them a bright future.The Assembly Speaker shared that some of his most cherished childhood memories are rooted in Uttarakhand. Whether it is Dehradun, Haridwar, Rishikesh, Mussoorie, Baba Kedar (Kedarnath), Badrinath, or the region's breathtaking valleys—visiting these places in his youth felt like being in heaven. Even today, the joy and peace one finds upon visiting Uttarakhand are truly beyond description.

He noted that the character required of citizens to help transform India into a developed nation by 2047 is clearly evident among the people of Uttarakhand. He praised the community for their significant contribution—through hard work—to fostering a positive environment in Haryana. Kalyan emphasized that such events serve as a reminder of the importance of staying connected to one's culture and following the path laid down by ancestors; he urged the community to instill strong values in the younger generation to keep these traditions alive. The Assembly Speaker further observed that while the nation is progressing, it also faces various challenges. In this era of technology and Artificial Intelligence, information spreads rapidly. Often, young people form narratives without verifying the underlying facts. He stressed the importance of understanding the authenticity of information, as well as its potential benefits and drawbacks. It is not advisable to accept any information as true without verification. Establishing a false narrative is akin to losing one's way in life. The environment also presents a major challenge; tampering with the environment has led to an increase in natural disasters such as landslides and flash floods.

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta noted that people from Uttarakhand have contributed significantly to enhancing the pride of Haryana. Wishing the people of Uttarakhand a bright future, she assured them of all possible support moving forward. The Chairman of Harco Bank urged the people of Uttarakhand to actively participate in the census—scheduled to take place between December 1st and January 4th—and to contribute toward fulfilling the Prime Minister's vision of transforming India into a developed nation by 2047.Gupta and Harco Bank Chairman Bharat Bhushan Juyal shared their thoughts during the event.

Baba Mastnath University organises free physiotherapy and health check-up camp in Kiloi village

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK, NOV 15



Baba Mastnath University, Rohtak, organised a free physiotherapy and health check-up camp in Kiloi village to promote health awareness and community welfare in rural areas. A large number of villagers participated in the camp and availed themselves of the services provided by the university's specialist team.

The camp was organised under the guidance of Dr Charu Sharma, Head of the Department of Physiotherapy, whose support and contribution played an important role in its successful execution. The department's team conducted health assessments and provided physiotherapy treatment and advice according to the patients' needs. Village sarpanch Naresh also extended support in organising the camp.

During the camp, villagers underwent blood pressure, weight and physiotherapy assessments. Special attention was given to patients suffering from back pain, neck pain, joint pain, muscle strains and other musculoskeletal problems. They were provided appropriate treatment and health advice.

Treatment methods included manual therapy, electrotherapy and therapeutic exercises. Essential medicines were also provided free of cost to patients who required them.

The university's physiotherapy team comprised Dr Jyoti, Dr Janvi, Rakshant, Somya, Milli, Vinu, Parul, Sneha, Gaurav, Simran and Anushka. The team members assisted patients with examinations and treatment and demonstrated exercises suited to their conditions.

Villagers were also made aware of the importance of regular exercise, correct posture and a balanced daily routine in preventing several physical ailments.

The main objective of the camp was to make accessible, quality and free healthcare and physiotherapy services available to rural residents within their village.

Education minister calls upon youth to preserve Haryana's folk culture and traditional heritage

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
JIND, NOV 15



Haryana Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda has called upon the youth to actively preserve and promote the state's folk culture, language, music, dance and traditional heritage. Addressing the concluding ceremony of the three-day Haryana Utsav-2026 at Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University (CRSU), Jind, he said young people must make cultural traditions a part of their everyday lives rather than limiting them to festivals and special occasions.

The final day of the festival featured a series of cultural activities, including Haryanvi orchestra performances, group dances, a fashion show and traditional Haryanvi attire competitions for men and women. Participants showcased the state's rich folk traditions and cultural heritage through their performances. Winners of various competitions were also felicitated.

Addressing the gathering, CRSU Vice-Chancellor Prof Ram Pal Saini said Haryana Utsav was not merely a cultural event but an important initiative to pass on the state's rich folk heritage, traditions and cultural pride to the younger generation. He congratulated the winners and encouraged all participants, saying that participation itself was an achievement. He also appreciated the efforts of university departments, officials, employees, students and other contributors who helped organise the festival. During the morning session, Karamvir Saini, Raj Saini and Captain Yogesh Bairagi attended as special guests, while Uchana Sub-Divisional Magistrate Suman Yadav was also present.

Karamvir Saini said Haryana's identity was rooted in its rich culture, folk traditions, valour and brotherhood.

Sensitivity essential for social service: Dr. Krishan Middha

CHAMAN LAL

KARNAL: Deputy Speaker of the Haryana Legislative Assembly, Dr. Krishan Middha, stated that only those who possess sensitivity can work for the welfare of society; in other words, being sensitive is a prerequisite for social service. He remarked that donating blood is not something everyone can do—blood is not manufactured in an institution, but rather flows through our own veins. He emphasized that the country currently has a great need for blood donors, as it is thanks to them that the lives of those affected by accidents are being saved. Dr. Middha was speaking while honouring the participating organisations during 'Samvedna-2' (Sensitivity-2), held on the second day of the 'Karn Mahotsav' organised by NIFAA. On this occasion, over 200 organisations from across Haryana, along with various district-level units of NIFA, were recognised for their contributions to blood donation. The event featured a Kuchipudi dance performance by artists from Andhra Pradesh, and throughout the festival, performers from various states showcased their talents.



Notable attendees included Advocate Kavindra Rana (representing Union Minister Manohar Lal), Red Cross Secretary Kulbir Malik, senior journalist Aakarshan Uppal, NIFA President Pritpal Singh Pannu, NIFAA National Convener Advocate Naresh Barana, and State President Shravan Sharma. Deputy Speaker Dr. Krishan Middha commended the efforts of NIFAA. Providing background on the organisation, NIFAA's founding president, Pritpal Singh Pannu, shared that NIFAA was established in Karnal in the year 2000. Over the past 26 years, it has expanded to include units in 30 states, organized 6,000 blood donation camps, and set six world records. He further noted that NIFA is the first organization in North India to have received the National Youth Award. He mentioned that during the COVID-19 pandemic, NIFAA organised 1,700 camps in a single day under the 'Samvedna Van' initiative. On this occasion, Kulveer Malik, Secretary of the Red Cross in Karnal, stated that the Haryana Red Cross has consistently ranked number one in the field of blood donation. He added that those in need can easily obtain blood at the Civil Hospital and Kalpana Chawla Medical College in Karnal. An exhibition has been set up at the Mangal Sen Auditorium complex to showcase Karnal's glorious history; through 56 images, it offers a glimpse into the city's past. The exhibition covers various historical milestones—from the birth of Maharaja Karna and the destruction during the Mughal era to the Battle of Tarain, the arrival of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the introduction of the Indian Railways, the history of the DC Residence and Karnal Club, the significance of the forty tirthas in the vicinity of Karnal, and the story of the birthplace of Liaquat Ali Khan, the first Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Residents launch cleanliness drive in Karnal's Urban Estate Sector 4 over neglected green belt

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL : Frustrated by the garbage, overgrown bushes and poor maintenance of the green belt in Urban Estate Sector 4, residents and the Residents' Welfare Association (RWA) launched a voluntary cleanliness drive. A large number of residents, including women, participated in the campaign and contributed through shramdaan.



RWA president J.K. Sharma said several written complaints had been submitted between May and October 2026 to the Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), Municipal Corporation, Irrigation Department, Superintendent of Police and Deputy Commissioner, among other authorities, highlighting the problems faced by the sector.

The major concerns include damaged boundary walls and fencing around the green belt, accumulation of garbage, open drains, foul smell emanating from the old Mughal Canal, mosquito infestation, security concerns and uncontrolled movement of heavy vehicles. The RWA has demanded that the open drain be covered with concrete slabs after a technical assessment, and that the green belt be repaired and cleaned. It has also sought regular police patrolling and restrictions on the movement of heavy vehicles in the area. Sharma appealed to Municipal Corporation Commissioner Saloni Sharma, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta and HSVP officials to coordinate with one another and find a permanent solution to the problems.

Vaneet Bhatia receives 'Gems of Karnal' honour at Karna Utsav 2026

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 15



Vaneet Bhatia, senior social worker and patron of Sanskritigram, was honoured with the 'Gems of Karnal' award at Karna Utsav 2026 in recognition of his contribution to art, culture and social service.

The award was presented during a event organised by the National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFAA) at Dr Mangal Sen Auditorium in the presence of distinguished guests. Artists, theatre practitioners and representatives of various social organisations congratulated Bhatia on the recognition.

Dedicated to the legacy of Daanveer Karna and Karnal's rich historical, cultural and artistic heritage, Karna Utsav 2026 showcased diverse aspects of Indian culture. Cultural performances by various artists enthralled the audience, while the festival highlighted the city's historical identity, traditions and artistic legacy.

Those present described Bhatia's recognition as an achievement for Karnal's social and cultural fraternity. They said such festivals play an important role not only in preserving historical heritage but also in connecting younger generations with their roots, traditions and cultural values.

Pawan Sharma, national patron of Sanskritigram and senior theatre practitioner, along with the organisation's director Abhi Dhiman, Himanshu Dhiman, Pramod Sisodia, Surender Sharma and Aman Bhardwaj, congratulated Bhatia and wished him success. They said recognising individuals committed to social service and cultural activities inspires others to contribute to society.

Among those present

BJP district president Praveen Lather, Deputy Commissioner Dr Anand Sharma, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, former chairperson Megha Bhandari and Genesis director Jitender Ahlawat were among the dignitaries present at the event.

Gopashtami celebrations and grand Maa Bhagwati Chowki at Vrindavan Dham Gaushala on November 17

KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI : The Manokamna Siddh Shri Vrindavan Dham Gaushala in Sambhli village will organise a Gopashtami Mahotsav and a grand Maa Bhagwati Chowki on November 17. A meeting was held in the village to discuss preparations for the event. It was chaired by gaushala president Gaurav Garg and vice-president Rajat Garg. Gaurav Garg said the celebrations would include a havan and yajna accompanied by Vedic chants, followed by the ceremonial worship of Gau Mata. The Maa Bhagwati Chowki will feature performances by renowned devotional singers, who will present bhajans in praise of the goddess. According to the programme, the havan and yajna will begin at around 10 am, followed by cow worship at 11 am. An uninterrupted community feast will also be organised for devotees. The lighting of the ceremonial flame for the Maa Bhagwati Chowki is scheduled for around 3.30 pm, after which bhajans and kirtan will begin.



Singers Hemant Lalit and Binny Bhaiya, Sheetal Sharma, and Ishani Hinge from Mumbai will perform during the religious programme. Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, OSD to MP Manohar Lal Khattar Kavindra Rana, BJP leader Brij Bhushan Gupta and Golden Hut Group chairman Ram Singh Rana will attend as chief guests.

Congress vows to champion workers' rights from streets to legislature, promises priority to INTUC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
JIND, NOV 15



The Congress has pledged to intensify its campaign for the rights of workers and employees in coordination with the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), promising to raise their demands, including job security, dignified wages and social security, at every level. Party leaders also assured that workers associated with INTUC would be given priority within the party and its organisational structure.

The assurance was given at the INTUC Haryana representatives' conference held at Jat Bhawan in Jind. Labour representatives and Congress workers from across Haryana participated in the conference to discuss issues concerning employees. The event was held under the guidance of Haryana Congress in-charge Sanjay Dutt and chaired by state Congress president Rao Narender Singh. MP Deepender Hooda attended as a special guest.

Sanjay Dutt said the Congress was firmly committed to protecting the rights of workers and employees. He assured INTUC members of due recognition and priority within the organisation, adding that issues such as employees' future security, dignity at the workplace and justice would be strongly raised by the party. Better coordination between INTUC and the Congress would help provide a wider platform to workers' concerns, he said. Rao Narender Singh described workers and employees as the backbone of the country's economy, saying development was not possible without their contribution. He said the Congress had consistently supported the rights of the working class and would give priority to demands related to job security, social security and fair wages. Deepender Hooda said the concerns and demands of workers could not be ignored. Employees should not have to struggle to secure their basic rights, and their grievances must be addressed on priority, he said.

Congress launches Chaupal campaign from Fazilpur, targets government over SIR and alleged vote theft

PREETI SAINI

SADHAURA : The Congress launched its Chaupal campaign from Fazilpur village in the Sadhaura Assembly constituency, focusing on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and allegations of vote theft. The programme, organised under the leadership of Block Congress president Akhtar Ali, was attended by All India Congress Committee in-charge Ravi Joshi and Sirsa MLA Gokul Setia, who is also the in-charge of the Chaupal campaign.

Addressing the gathering, Gokul Setia said the Congress was running the 'Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao' campaign and the Chaupal initiative across the country to examine the names allegedly deleted from electoral rolls during the SIR process and ensure that no eligible voter was excluded.

He said the campaign would be taken to every state, district and block, with party workers being mobilised to strengthen it at the booth level. Setia alleged that attempts were being made to manipulate the electoral process and influence the public mandate. He said the Congress would take these issues directly to the people and continue its struggle to protect democracy and voting rights. Ravi Joshi also criticised the Centre and the state government, raising questions over the SIR exercise and allegations of vote theft. Referring to a recent report by The Reporter, he alleged that the government had come to power through irregularities in 51 seats. He said the Congress would take the matter to the public and inform people about the alleged discrepancies. Several party leaders and workers attended the programme, including urban and rural district presidents Davinder Singh and Narpal Gurjar, Panchayati Raj Cell district president Anil Sandhu Monty, Praveen Rana, Bilaspur block president, Sunita Rana, Parminder Kaur, Rekha Kashyap, Subhash Sharma, advocate Balkar Singh, Safideen, Data Ram, Baljit Singh, Mohd Isam Singh, Jai Prakash, Akbar Ali, Hanif Mohammad, Dev Singh, Balbir Singh etc.

Late Chaudhary Maniram Keharwala's legacy of public service receives national recognition

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 15



The Chaudhary Maniram Keharwala Foundation has received national-level recognition for its contribution to social service and public welfare. The honour was conferred by the UK-based World Record of Excellence and social organisation NIFA at a ceremony held in Karnal.

The award was presented during Samvedna-2, organised on the second day of the Karn Mahotsav, where several social organisations were recognised for their contributions. Haryana Assembly Deputy Speaker Krishan Middha attended the ceremony as the chief guest. The award was received on behalf of the foundation by its member Yash Keharwala and district president Jaikaran Kataria.

The foundation was established after the death of former Ellenabad MLA Chaudhary Maniram Keharwala on September 23, 2018, with the aim of carrying forward his commitment to social service and public welfare.

Since its inception, the foundation has remained active in various social initiatives. It regularly organises blood donation camps on the birth and death anniversaries of Chaudhary Maniram Keharwala and undertakes other welfare activities to support people in need.

Yash Keharwala said the recognition from NIFA and World Record of Excellence, organisations with international standing, was a matter of pride and encouragement for all members of the foundation. He said the honour would inspire them to continue advancing the values of service and dedication upheld by the late Chaudhary Maniram Keharwala.

He thanked the organisers for the recognition and said the foundation would continue its social service and public welfare initiatives with commitment.

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Opinion

Life is a difficult game. You can win it only by retaining your birthright to be a person.

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

EDITORIAL

Voyager 1 to make distance history

Nearly five decades after embarking on its historic journey, NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft is poised to achieve an unprecedented distance milestone, becoming the first human-made object to travel one light-day away from Earth--a distance that light itself takes 24 hours to cover.The robotic spacecraft, which has travelled farther from Earth than any other human-made object since its launch in 1977, is expected to cross the landmark on Wednesday, November 18, at 5:16:07 am EST (3:46:07 pm IST), according to NASA.A light-day represents approximately 16 billion miles (26 billion kilometres), marking another remarkable achievement for the spacecraft that left the solar system years ago and is now travelling through interstellar space.According to NASA, Voyager 1 will have taken 49 years, two months and 11 days to travel this distance from Earth, making it the first spacecraft to reach the milestone.The achievement is particularly significant given the enormous distances involved in space exploration. A light-day measures the distance that light, travelling at approximately 186,000 miles per second, covers in 24 hours.NASA explained that the milestone is about distance rather than time, with the spacecraft continuing its journey through interstellar space at nearly 38,000 miles per hour (61,000 kilometres per hour). To put the distance into perspective, sunlight takes approximately eight minutes and 20 seconds to travel the 93 million miles (150 million kilometres) between the Sun and Earth. Similarly, light takes around four hours and 10 minutes to travel between Earth and Neptune, the most distant planet in the solar system.

Voyager 1's twin spacecraft, Voyager 2, also launched in 1977 but followed a different trajectory through the solar system, visiting Uranus and Neptune. According to NASA, Voyager 2 is expected to reach the one-light-day distance from Earth in November 2035.The two spacecraft were launched to explore the outer planets, with Voyager 1 taking a trajectory that eventually carried it towards interstellar space. It entered interstellar space in 2012 and has continued transmitting information from beyond the solar system.Despite travelling at nearly 38,000 miles per hour, Voyager 1's speed remains relatively slow compared with the speed of light, highlighting the vast distances separating celestial objects.NASA said Voyager 1 is currently travelling in the direction of a star known as AC +79 3888, or Gliese 445, located more than 17 light-years from Earth in the constellation Ursa Minor.The spacecraft is expected to pass within approximately 1.7 light-years of the star in around 40,000 years.The upcoming milestone underscores the extraordinary longevity and reach of the Voyager mission, which has continued its journey through space for nearly 50 years, carrying humanity's exploration efforts farther than any other human-made object.

Nvidia likely to retain dominant position in global AI industry



Nvidia is likely to retain its dominant position in the global artificial intelligence (AI) industry despite CEO Jensen Huang's resignation, while his departure is expected to have little impact on Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) and other suppliers, Focus Taiwan reported, citing a US AI policy expert.According to Ryan Fedasiuk, an AI policy expert and senior fellow at the Foundation for American Innovation, a US-based technology think tank, Huang's resignation is unlikely to disrupt business operations at TSMC or other suppliers.

Fedasiuk described Huang's departure as "a sad day" for both Nvidia and the US technology industry, Focus Taiwan reported, citing CNA.Ultimately, however, Nvidia and the US technology industry are too important "to depend on the shoulders of just one man," he said.Huang, who founded AI chip giant Nvidia, stepped down as president and CEO and resigned from the company's board on Thursday following reports of alleged extramarital affairs.His departure has raised concerns over its potential implications for the global AI industry, given his significant role in driving the company's growth.However, Fedasiuk said Nvidia and the US semiconductor industry would continue to benefit from the foundation laid by Huang, describing his resignation as a dignified and appropriate step towards safeguarding the company's legacy.

"I don't believe this personal affair will remain an isolated event. I also don't believe it can be separated from the company's broader PR crisis in DC: selling advanced chips to China, including through unscrupulous measures," Fedasiuk said in a post on X.Fedasiuk also expressed confidence in Nvidia's future, citing its strong product portfolio and extensive business operations.While acknowledging potential market concerns over Huang's departure, he said the multitrillion-dollar company, supported by tens of thousands of skilled engineers, would remain central to the global AI industry, the report noted.Following Huang's resignation, Nvidia appointed Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Colette Kress as interim CEO and initiated a search for a permanent successor.Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump suggested in a social media post that Apple's Tim Cook was the only suitable replacement for Huang.Fedasiuk described Kress as a natural choice for the interim role, adding that selecting a permanent CEO could take several weeks or months."The board is in a strong position with the company's CFO at the helm, and I believe that Nvidia will remain a stable backbone of the global AI industry," he said.

China and US discuss USD 30 bn reciprocal tariff cuts ahead of Trump-Xi meeting



China and the United States discussed tariffs and agricultural trade during the inaugural meeting of their bilateral trade council on Friday, laying the groundwork ahead of next week's anticipated meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump.Highlighting the Chinese Ministry of Commerce's statement, China Daily described the virtual talks as "candid, in-depth and constructive."Held via video link under the China-US economic and trade consultation mechanism, the session focused on implementing outcomes from prior negotiations in line with the consensus previously reached by both heads of state.

The discussions centred on a reciprocal tariff reduction arrangement covering USD 30 billion worth of goods from each side, alongside farm trade and other economic issues of mutual concern, China Daily reported.The talks come just days before Trump and Xi are scheduled to meet on Thursday on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Shenzhen. Beijing and Washington will continue strengthening communication through the council to resolve ongoing trade friction, aiming to broaden areas of cooperation while narrowing points of contention, the ministry said, according to China Daily. The ministry added that these efforts are intended to help build a constructive China-US relationship of strategic stability grounded in respect, fairness, and reciprocity.US President Donald Trump is set to participate in a first-ever trilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the APEC Summit in China next week.The discussions between the leaders are expected to focus on nuclear disarmament and Iran, senior US officials said, as reported by ABC News.The meeting will mark an unprecedented.

Life insurance sector outlook remains positive



India's life insurance sector is expected to sustain healthy growth over the next three years, supported by rising demand for protection products, increasing traction in annuity and non-participating savings policies, and improving profitability, according to a research report by Centrum Broking.

The brokerage expects private life insurers to deliver an annualised premium equivalent (APE) compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13-18 per cent during FY26-29, reflecting continued demand for life insurance products and a gradual improvement in business mix."We continue to remain optimistic on life insurance industry with a healthy Q2," the report said, highlighting improving product composition and expanding value of new business (VNB) margins as key factors supporting the sector's growth outlook.During the second quarter of FY27, APE growth across insurers ranged between 7 per cent and 16 per cent, while gross premium growth among private insurers remained healthy at 8-16 per cent year-on-year. New business premium growth also remained encouraging, with insurers reporting increased traction in both individual and group insurance segments.A significant trend emerging across the industry is the shift towards protection, non-participating savings and annuity products. Insurers are increasingly reducing their dependence on unit-linked insurance plans (ULIPs), amid market volatility, and focusing on products that offer more stable margins and profitability.

"Overall, annuity is emerging as a key growth driver, supported by demand for guaranteed returns and retirement solutions, while insurers increasingly shift towards protection and higher-margin products," the report said.

The changing product mix also supported an improvement in VNB margins, a key measure of profitability from new insurance business. During H1FY27, VNB margins expanded by 10-170 basis points year-on-year across private insurers, driven by stronger protection business, favourable product mix and operating leverage. LIC also reported a 470-basis-point expansion in its VNB margin to 22.3 per cent.However, the sector continues to face certain operational challenges. Expense ratios increased across several private insurers during Q2FY27, primarily due to higher operating costs.

This surprising brain difference may explain why some kids struggle with math: Study



Stanford researchers have found that children who consistently struggle with mathematics may have underlying differences in the way their brains manage problem-solving strategies. Children with developmental dyscalculia took longer to switch between strategies, were less responsive to changes in difficulty and found it harder to improve their approaches over time, as per the ScienceDaily website.

Researchers also identified distinct patterns of brain activity associated with these challenges, which could predict certain math-related abilities.For some children, learning math is much more difficult than it is for their classmates. Even when they practice and receive instruction, they may continue to struggle with problems that other children their age can solve more easily. Researchers are now uncovering clues about why these difficulties persist, and the answers may involve more than an understanding of numbers.One possible explanation lies in differences in how the brain selects and manages strategies for solving problems. A new study from Stanford University suggests that children with persistent math difficulties may have trouble adjusting their approach when faced with different mathematical challenges. The researchers also identified distinctive patterns of brain activity associated with these struggles, as per ScienceDaily website.

The findings, published in JNeurosci, come from research led by Oliver Lasnick and colleagues at Stanford University. Their work focused on children with a condition that causes ongoing difficulty with mathematical problem solving (developmental dyscalculia). Although the condition has been recognized for years, scientists are still working to understand the specific thinking processes and brain mechanisms that contribute to it.Why Some Children Struggle With Math StrategiesTo investigate these challenges, the Stanford team studied 68 children between the ages of 8 and 10. They examined how the children approached math problems, how effectively they used different strategies, and how their brain activity related to their performance.Solving a math problem often requires more than knowing numbers or remembering arithmetic facts. Children must also decide which approach will work best. For example, a child might count individual numbers to find an answer or use a more efficient method based on a familiar mathematical relationship. As problems become more difficult, the ability to recognize when a different strategy is needed can become increasingly important.The researchers found that children with developmental dyscalculia were generally less effective at using different mathematical strategies than children without the condition. They took longer to shift from one method to another and were less responsive when the difficulty of a problem changed.According to ScienceDaily website, another important difference involved learning to choose better strategies over time. While other children became more effective at selecting appropriate approaches, those with developmental dyscalculia did not show the same improvement. This suggests that their difficulties may involve not only performing calculations but also deciding how to approach a problem in the first place.Brain Activity Reveals New Clues to Math Difficulties

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Strengthening spirit of brotherhood and unity in society: Vikas Bansal



CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL: Young social worker Vikas Bansal has been appointed as the State Organisational Secretary of the 'Agrawal Vaishya Vikas Sangathan'. In entrusting him with this significant responsibility, the organization has expressed its confidence that, through his competence, experience, organizational skills, and dedication to social service, he will play a pivotal role in taking the organisation to new heights. Following his appointment, Vikas Bansal expressed his gratitude to State President Ram Pratap Gupta and State General Secretary Vikas Garg. It is noteworthy that Vikas Bansal has long been actively involved in social activities and initiatives for the public good. His priorities have consistently included inspiring the youth to engage in social work, stepping forward to assist those in need, and fostering a spirit of brotherhood and unity within society.

"Not even 4 annas of corruption allegations against Modi ji in 12 years": Amit Shah

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Launching a fierce attack on the Congress party, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday contrasted the Congress' record of alleged scams worth Rs 12 lakh crore with the blemish-free track record of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, asserting that "not even a single allegation of corruption worth four annas" has been levelled against PM Modi in 12 years.

Addressing a public gathering in Pune, Shah stated that the Congress has been venting its frustration through various means after facing defeat in three consecutive Lok Sabha elections.

"Fighting elections, losing, and winning depend on the performance of a party's leaders. You were given a chance for 10 years, and you committed scams and corruption worth Rs 12 lakh crore. The people of the country held you by the hand and threw you out of the government in Delhi, making Narendra Modi ji the Prime Minister. In 12 years, not even a single allegation of corruption worth even four annas has been levelled against Narendra Modi ji," Shah said. Offering a piece of advice to the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, Shah asserted that power cannot be gained through international rhetoric and that Congress leaders need to connect with grassroots India.

"I want to give a piece of advice to Rahul Gandhi ji: you will not get power by defaming India on international platforms like this. If you want power, stop your foreign trips and start visiting the villages of India; then perhaps your turn might come someday," Shah remarked, adding, "Right now, what you are doing is trying to defame Narendra Modi ji, whose leadership the entire world is praising, and India's development journey before the world. You certainly won't listen, so I want to tell the Congress workers that if you keep following him in this direction, your turn will not come for 30 years."

Taking sharp aim at Gandhi over the recently held 'Bharat Summit 2026' in Hyderabad, the Union Home Minister accused the opposition party of collaborating with leftist ideologues to tarnish the nation's reputation on global platforms. "The Congress party organised the 'Bharat Summit 2026' in Hyderabad. They invited propagators of leftist ideology from across the country and abroad, and the prince of the Congress also went there. They named it 'Bharat Summit', yet Rahul Gandhi ji worked to defame India across the entire world by expressing anti-India views at an international conference," Shah said.

The remarks come amid political exchanges over the Bharat Summit 2026 in Hyderabad on Saturday. Rahul Gandhi had alleged that democracy in India was "destroyed" in 2014 and questioned the electoral process. Addressing the summit, Rahul Gandhi alleged that large amounts of money entering the political system had transformed the electoral landscape in 2014. He claimed that the Opposition initially struggled to understand the developments but later identified what he described as the destruction of democracy.

"In 2014, we witnessed a completely new election, something we've never seen before.

Chhath festival celebrations at Uttam Nagar Park and Gharaunda

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, NOV 15



Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan extended his best wishes and congratulations to the people on the occasion of the great festival of Chhath, during events held at Uttam Nagar Park (Karnal) and Gharaunda today. He remarked that the Purvanchal community has earned a reputation through their hard work, and others should draw inspiration from them.Speaking as the chief guest at the Chhath festival celebrations in Uttam Nagar and Gharaunda, Mr. Kalyan conveyed his greetings to the public. He noted that today is a day filled with joy, highlighting the beauty of our society, where every festival is celebrated with love, harmony, and togetherness. Commending the Purvanchal community, he stated that they have proven how much one can achieve through diligence. He urged everyone to approach every task in life with full dedication, emphasizing that success is unattainable without hard work. He noted that during this festival, women worship the Sun God with deep faith, praying for the well-being of both their families and the entire region—a sentiment that should always be cherished. He appealed to society to remain united. He added that the government has made arrangements, such as providing 'ghats' (riverfront steps/platforms), as it is the government's responsibility to cater to the needs of the people. The Assembly Speaker stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini are working with great commitment toward the progress of the nation and the state. He also mentioned that former Chief Minister Manohar Lal, who served for nine and a half years, brought about systemic changes and took numerous steps in the public interest. Today, youth in the state are securing jobs based on merit. Any demand raised in the public interest before the former Chief Minister was fulfilled. Progress is truly meaningful only when the social environment is positive; everyone should respect one another.

BJP leader Amanpreet Kaur Rai inaugurates public relations office in Morinda



RADHESHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA: BJP Punjab SC Wing coordinator and senior leader from the Sri Chamkaur Sahib Assembly constituency, Amanpreet Kaur Rai, inaugurated her public relations office in Morinda. A large number of BJP leaders and local residents attended the occasion. Addressing a press conference, Rai said local development and employment remained the biggest concerns in the constituency. Residents of Morinda, Chamkaur Sahib and surrounding villages continued to demand better roads, drainage systems, streetlights, sanitation and basic infrastructure, she said. She also stressed the need to clean the Sirhind Canal, which passes alongside Sri Chamkaur Sahib. Alleging that inadequate cleaning in recent years had contributed to breaches along the canal banks, she called for proper maintenance. Rai said effective measures were needed to prevent pollution, protect water and air quality and safeguard public health. Referring to the Ruchika Paper Mill being set up at Jand Sahib near Chamkaur Sahib, she said residents and various organisations had been protesting against the project since 2018 over concerns about air and water pollution.

Demands of traders to be raised before concerned depts and addressed on priority basis: Rajesh Thakral



DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI: A grand felicitation ceremony was organised on Sunday at MS Industry in honor of Rajesh Thakral, Chairman of the Haryana Traders' Welfare Board. On this occasion, local traders, entrepreneurs, and representatives from the industrial sector extended a warm welcome, honoring him with garlands and mementos. During the event, representatives from various trade organizations highlighted issues concerning local industries, business expansion, essential infrastructure, and other matters relevant to the interests of the trading community. During the programme, Board Chairman Rajesh Thakral listened attentively to the concerns of the traders and entrepreneurs and provided a positive assurance that their demands would be addressed. He stated that the legitimate issues and requirements of the traders would be effectively raised before the relevant government departments to ensure they are resolved on a priority basis. He assured those present that continuous efforts are being made—through improved coordination and dialogue—to ensure that the trading community does not face any difficulties.

Geeta Parivar holds meeting to plan January 30 event in Delhi



ARVIND KUMAR
SAMALKHA: Geeta Parivar organised a meeting to discuss preparations for a major programme scheduled to be held in Delhi on January 30. The meeting was chaired by Meenakshi Gupta, Geeta Parivar's Uttaranchal in-charge and chairperson of LNT College of Education. The Uttaranchal region of Geeta Parivar comprises seven states, including Delhi, which is an important part of the region. During the meeting, members discussed the programme's outline, organisational arrangements, logistics and the responsibilities of various teams. Around 10,000 students from Delhi are expected to participate in the event. The programme aims to connect students with Indian culture, the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita and the values it promotes. Addressing the meeting, Meenakshi Gupta said that spreading the Gita's timeless message, cultural values and ethical teachings among students was the need of the hour. She urged all members and volunteers to work with coordination, dedication and a sense of responsibility to ensure the event's success. Participants also shared suggestions and discussed various arrangements to make the programme well-organised and successful. The initiative is expected to serve as an important step towards taking the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita to the younger generation.

Agrawal community proud at Ashok Buwaniwala getting 'Maharaja Agrasen Global Award-2026'



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Rajesh Singla, State General Secretary of the 'Agrawal Vaishya Samaj' in Haryana, stated that the organisation is receiving heartfelt congratulations and best wishes from across the state following the conferment of the prestigious 'Maharaja Agrasen Global Award-2026' upon its State President, Ashok Buwaniwala, at the 'Agra Alankaran Samaroh-2026' held in New Delhi. He remarked that Ashok Buwaniwala's endeavors to organise, politically sensitise, and empower the community serve as an inspiration to all. Buwaniwala has been recognized with this award for his dedicated mission to unite the Vaishya community—which had been losing its political standing in Haryana—and bring it back to the forefront of the political landscape. He further mentioned that the honour was presented to Buwaniwala during a grand ceremony, the 'Agra Alankaran Samaroh-2026', organised by the 'Akhil Bharatiya Agrawal Sangathan' (All India Agrawal Organisation) on Saturday at the Ambedkar International Center, Janpath, New Delhi.

CM Saini welcomed at the Gurdwara Sahib by management committee

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Upon his arrival at the Gurdwara Sahib, the Chief Minister was warmly welcomed by the Gurdwara Management Committee and members of the congregation (Sangat). On this occasion, the Chief Minister participated in the religious programmes held at the Gurdwara Sahib and sought the blessings of the saints and religious leaders. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini stated that Gurdwara Pipli Sahib holds immense historical and religious significance. Visiting this sacred site brings profound peace and solace to the mind. The Sikh Gurus have shown all of humanity the path of service, brotherhood, and compassion. Following this very path, the state government is working for the welfare of every section of society, guided by the core principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. Present on this occasion were Member of Parliament Shri Naveen Jindal, former Minister of State Shri Subhash Sudha, Chairman Ravindra Sangwan, Gurnam Singh Saini, and Subhash Kalsana, Chairpersons Kanwaljit Kaur and Maafi Dhanda, along with senior office-bearers of the Gurdwara Management Committee and a large number of members of the congregation.

Preservation and promotion of 48-Kos Kurukshetra pilgrimage sites collective responsibility: Ravinder Sangwan

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, NOV 15



On Sunday, the second day of a five-day pilgrimage study and excursion tour organized by the Kurukshetra Development Board—aimed at familiarising future tourist guides with the historical, religious, and cultural significance of the 48-kos Kurukshetra region—trainee tourist guides visited various ancient pilgrimage sites located within the Kaithal district. During the visit, the trainees explored the mythological beliefs, religious traditions, and historical heritage associated with these sites. On Sunday, the group of trainee tourist guides departed from the Shri Krishna Museum to visit the pilgrimage sites in Kaithal district. Under the guidance of archaeologist Dr. Manoj Kumar, the trainees first visited the Chyavan Rishi Tirth in the village of Salimpur Madood, the Bateshwar Tirth in the village of Barot, and the Kotikut Tirth in the village of Kyodak. Subsequently, they visited the Gyarah Rudri Tirth, Vriddhkedar Tirth, Shukra Kund, and Surya Kund, all located in the city of Kaithal. In the next phase of the tour, the trainees visited the Arantuk Yaksha Tirth in the village of Beharjakh, the Shringi Rishi Tirth in the village of Sanghan, and the Yagsang Tirth in the village of Gyong.

Students celebrate Children's Day with games, cultural performances at SMS Memorial Public School

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, NOV 15



A celebration was held at S.M.S. Memorial Public School, Taraor to mark Children's Day. Throughout the event, students showcased their talents through a variety of engaging games, creative activities, and cultural performances. The school campus remained vibrant all day, filled with the laughter, joy, and enthusiasm of the children. The programme began by commemorating the birth anniversary of the nation's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and reflecting on his deep affection for children. On this occasion, a range of fun games, intriguing competitions, and entertaining activities were organized. Students were divided into groups and assigned to various activity stations, where they participated with great zeal. Creative pursuits—such as drawing, arts and crafts, puzzles, riddle challenges, and quizzes—helped foster the students' imagination and intellectual capabilities. Meanwhile, through cultural performances like dance, music, and acting, the students demonstrated their artistic flair and self-confidence. Activities were tailored to suit the age groups and interests of all students, from the youngest children to those in the senior classes.

Sacrifice of soldier Akshay Kumar will always be remembered: Suresh Kumar



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: Bhoranj MLA Suresh Kumar has expressed deep grief over the death of soldier Akshay Kumar, a resident of Rathwani village in the Bhoranj Assembly constituency, who was serving in the Indian Army's 6 Dogra Regiment. The MLA attended the soldier's last rites, laid flowers on his mortal remains and paid his tributes. Suresh Kumar said the supreme sacrifice of a soldier dedicated to protecting the country would always be remembered. Akshay Kumar's patriotism, commitment to duty and dedication would continue to inspire future generations, he added. He prayed for peace for the departed soul and strength for the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss. He also expressed his solidarity with the family, assuring them that he would stand by them at all times and extend every possible support.

'Amar Shaheed Lala Jagat Narayan Charitable Hospital renamed 'Kesari Nandan Charitable Hospital'

AVNI SHARMA
GUHLA/CHEEKA, NOV 15



The 'Amar Shaheed Lala Jagat Narayan Charitable Hospital' in Cheeka has been renamed 'Kesari Nandan Charitable Hospital.' Along with this change in name, preparations are underway to expand the healthcare services offered at the facility. The institution aims to provide superior medical facilities to the local population, while also ensuring that healthcare services reach those in need and families from economically weaker sections. The hospital will introduce a range of services, including ophthalmology, dental care, physiotherapy, neurotherapy, naturopathy, as well as yoga and meditation. Through these offerings, the hospital intends not only to provide diverse medical care but also to raise awareness about health and wellness.

This will enable residents of Cheeka and the surrounding rural areas to access essential healthcare services locally. Kapil Sharma, President of the Press Welfare Trust of India, stated that the renaming of the hospital is a step toward giving the institution a new identity and broadening the scope of its public service initiatives. The objective is to ensure that the hospital provides quality healthcare to the needy, ensuring that financial constraints never become a barrier to receiving medical treatment.

Young generation should embrace ideals of Lord Shiva: Ishwar Tyagi

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, NOV 15



Social worker Ishwar Tyagi, associated with various religious and social organisations, remarked that the glory of Lord Shiva is boundless. Mahadev—the 'God of Gods'—graciously accepts the worship offered by His devotees when it stems from sincere devotion and a pure heart. Lord Shiva stands as an extraordinary embodiment of compassion, renunciation, penance, and altruism; His life serves as an inspiration for everyone to walk the path of righteousness (Dharma), truth, and humanity. Ishwar Tyagi noted that Lord Shiva is known as 'Bholenath' (the innocent/simple-hearted Lord) because He values genuine faith and a pure spirit far more than outward displays or pretension. Bholenath bestows His grace upon any devotee who worships Him with complete faith and conviction. In the court of Shiva, there is no distinction based on social status, wealth, or any other form of discrimination. He is a deity who seeks the well-being of the entire world, showering His grace equally upon all. Tyagi added that the very form and life of Lord Shiva encompass profound messages. His spirit of renunciation teaches us to work selflessly for the benefit of others, while His penance inspires us to maintain patience and self-restraint, even in the most challenging circumstances. Lord Shiva has always championed the cause of public welfare. By adopting His ideals, an individual can not only improve their own life but also bring about positive change in society. He emphasised that true devotion to Shiva is only meaningful when one integrates His ideals into their own conduct.

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Beneath the Banyan Tree: When a Long Life Becomes a Quiet Exile

CHANDIGARH—On my departure all may pray to God that He will not send me again in this insensitive and cruel world. Beneath the sprawling, ancient canopy of a Banyan tree, an old man sits as the sun rises and sets, blurring the days into nights. His weathered hands rest on a worn a bag of waste plastic bottles which he collected all the day and his eyes—clouded by cataracts and years of unshed tears—stare blankly at the passing world. To those who stop to listen, he often whispers a heavy, heart breaking truth: "Those are fortunate who died at a young age." To the young and hurried, his words sound grim, almost unnatural. Youth clings to life, seeing death as the ultimate thief of dreams and joy. Yet, for this old man, life has stretched past its warmth into a cold, hollow endurance. He has outlived the people who once gave his days meaning. His friends have long since turned to ash, his life partner is only a fading memory and his children have drifted away into the busyness of their own lives, leaving him behind like a forgotten relic. Under the Banyan tree—a symbol of eternal life and shelter—he finds his only constant companion. Its rustling leaves murmur the only conversation he hears all day. His body, once strong and capable, has become a cage of aches, stiffness and frailty.

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Globe Toyota Unveils the New Toyota Glanza in Punjab and Haryana

MOHALI: Globe Toyota, one of the leading Toyota dealership groups in Punjab and Haryana, today unveiled the much-awaited New Toyota Glanza, bringing Toyota's latest hatchback offering closer to customers across the region. The vehicle was officially unveiled by Mr. Prakhar Saxena, CEO, Globe Toyota, and Mr. Ashu Misser, Group Head – Marketing, Globe Toyota, marking an exciting milestone for the brand and its customers in Punjab and Haryana.

MakeMyTrip announced the second edition of 'Travel Ka Muhurat Sale'

SHIMLA; , MakeMyTrip today announced that the second edition of 'Travel Ka Muhurat Sale' goes live from November 14, 2026 for travellers planning their year-end holidays. Participating partners comprise 30,000+ domestic and 3500+ international accommodation properties, including hotel chains, resorts, independent hotels, homestays and villas, 35 domestic and international airlines and 8 banks (as on November 11, 2026). Year-end travel often comes with price anxiety, as travellers worry about rising prices and limited availability in December. 'Travel Ka Muhurat Sale' gives them a dedicated booking window to plan ahead and book with confidence, with deals across flights, hotels, homestays, holiday packages, buses, cabs, trains, tours and attractions, forex and visa services.
Raj Rishi Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Corporate, Flights, GCC and Marketing, MakeMyTrip, said, "Shoppers in India look forward to festive sales, and we believe that travel deserves a planning season of its own.

AGI Infra to celebrate Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Parkash Gurpurab on November 21

BUNNY SODHI
JALANDHAR: AGI Infra Limited will celebrate the Parkash Gurpurab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji on November 21 with religious devotion and traditional ceremonies at the Glass House, AGI Urbana, Jalandhar Heights-2, 66 Foot Road, Jalandhar. The management has invited residents of its residential projects, including Jalandhar Heights-1, 2 and 3, AGI Maxima, Smart Homes and Sky Garden, along with devotees from nearby areas, to participate in the celebrations and seek the blessings of Guru Sahib. Sukhdev Singh, Managing Director, AGI Infra Limited, said the Parkash Gurpurab was not merely a religious occasion but also an opportunity to remember Guru Nanak Dev Ji's timeless teachings of love, humanity, equality, compassion and selfless service. He highlighted the universal message of 'Naam Japo, Kirat Karo and Vand Chhako', saying that Guru Sahib's teachings encouraged people to rise above discrimination and serve humanity with love and respect. Mrs Salwinderjit Kaur, Chairperson, AGI Educational Society, also extended her greetings to devotees and said that Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings of humility, kindness, equality and respect for every human being remained equally relevant in contemporary times.

Sandhu's boundary seals thrilling win as Chandigarh beat Baroda by three wickets

CHANDIGARH: Tailender Jagjit Singh Sandhu struck a crucial boundary off the second-last ball to seal a thrilling three-wicket victory for Chandigarh over Baroda in the first encounter of Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy Elite group at Mumbai on Saturday.
Chasing 149, Chandigarh appeared to be heading for a tense finish after losing wickets at regular intervals but held their nerve to reach 149 for seven in 19.5 overs. Sandhu remained unbeaten on 10 off just four balls including two boundaries to provide the decisive finish. Earlier, the foundation for the chase was laid by skipper Shivam Bhambri who played a crucial innings of 45 studded with four boundaries and kept Chandigarh in the hunt through the middle overs. Bhambri's partnership with Aarush Bhandari (26) helped Chandigarh to recover from a tricky position.

Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Road to Be Reconstructed After 15 Years in Doraha

AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA: In a major step towards strengthening civic infrastructure, the Municipal Council Doraha has initiated the reconstruction of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Road, which had remained in a dilapidated condition for nearly 15 years. The project is expected to bring much-needed relief to residents of three municipal wards.The commencement ceremony was held in the presence of Municipal Council President Anmol Sharma, Senior Vice-President S. Kanwaljit Singh Bittu, MC members Ricky Bector and Inderjit Singh Shalu, former councillor Harinder Hinda and Pankaj Gautam. The work formally commenced with prayers and the presentation of Siropas.Former Aam Aadmi Party president Sudarshan Kumar Sharma said several development projects were being undertaken across the city under the guidance of Payal MLA Engineer Manwinder Singh Giaspura.He said the road connecting Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Road towards GTB and the Furniture Market had been in a poor condition for almost 15 years, causing considerable.

Bike Rally pays glowing tribute to Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji's supreme martyrdom

NEW DELHI (MANMOHAN SINGH): Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee President Sardar Harmeet Singh Kalka and general secretary Sardar Jagdeep Singh Kahlon stated that team Kalka organised a special bike rally to mark the culmination of the 350th martyrdom anniversary commemorations of the Ninth Sikh Master, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, along with Bhai Mati Das Ji, Bhai Sati Das Ji and Bhai Dayala Ji, who laid down their lives in an unparalleled act of sacrifice for the protection of religious freedom and human rights.
Both dsgmc leaders informed that the rally commenced with profound devotion and enthusiasm from Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, L Block, Kalkaji, and culminated at the historic Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Sahib. A large number of enthusiastic bike riders participated in this religious and historic initiative, paying heartfelt homage to Guru Sahib and the great martyrs while offering their tributes to their extraordinary sacrifices.

Bankers Club Chandigarh Successfully Organizes 3rd Inter-Bank Quiz; RBI Team Emerges as Winner

CHANDIGARH: Bankers Club Chandigarh (BCC) successfully organized the third edition of its Inter-Bank Quiz on November 14, 2026. The quiz witnessed enthusiastic participation from various banks and financial institutions across the region. Shri Vivek Srivastava, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and President, Bankers Club Chandigarh, appreciated the growing spirit of knowledge sharing and teamwork among banks and financial institutions fostered through this initiative. On this occasion, Shri Swarup Kumar Saha, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Punjab & Sind Bank, and Shri Sarvjit Singh Samra, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Capital Small Finance Bank, graced the occasion as Guests of Eminence.

Kataria calls for humility, compassion and universal brotherhood

J S SODHI



JALANDHAR: Punjab Governor Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria emphasized the need to adopt high virtues such as humility, compassion, and mutual love for harmony, tolerance, and brotherhood in society.

Participating in the 8th International Conference of Humility, Kindness, and Love organized by the H.K.L. Global Movement under the leadership of Baba Baldev Singh Ji at Gurdwara Darbar Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, Bulandpuri Sahib, near Nakodar sub-division in Jalandhar district today, Punjab Governor Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria said that humility is the very first and most important virtue for achieving progress and success in life. He said that arrogance distances a person from others, whereas humility connects human to human while strengthening mutual relationships. He stated that compassion is the greatest asset of human life, and understanding the pain and suffering of others is the true identity of humanity.

Speaking about the importance of love, Mr. Kataria said that love is a power that can string people of different ideologies, religions, and cultures together into one thread. He said that today, when the world is facing serious challenges related to war and the environment, eliminating mutual differences and distances to promote unity, harmony, and brotherhood is the main need of the hour.

On this occasion, personalities belonging to various fields and religions, State Information Commissioner Harpreet Sandhu, S.S.P. Harvinder Singh Virk, and other dignitaries were also present.

to the teachings of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the Governor said that the principle of Kirat Karo, Naam Japo, and Vand Chhako (work honestly, meditate on God's name, and share with others) given by Guru Sahib is still a beacon of light for humanity today, by following which an ideal society can be created. Citing Guru Sahib's message regarding nature, he also appealed to the people to love and respect nature.

He highly appreciated the efforts being made by the H.K.L. Global Movement under the leadership of Baba Baldev Singh Ji to spread the message of humility, compassion, and mutual love in different countries of the world. He said that participating in this important conference is a matter of great pride and fortune for him.

On this occasion, Baba Baldev Singh Ji specially honored Punjab Governor Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria and said that his participation in this conference will give further strength to the message of humanity, mutual love, and universal brotherhood.

Indian School of Business Celebrates Graduation of Advanced Management Programmes - Class of 2026



MOHALI : The Indian School of Business (ISB) today celebrated the graduation of 186 students from the Class of 2026 across its Advanced Management Programmes (AMPs). Of these, 58 students graduated from the Advanced Management Programme for Healthcare (AMPH), 50 from the Advanced Management Programme in Operations and Supply Chain (AMPOS), 50 from the Advanced Management Programme in Public Policy (AMPPP), and 28 from the Advanced Management Programme for Infrastructure (AMPI). The graduating cohort received their certificates from Sri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology (EFS&T) Department, Government of Telangana, and Professor Madan Pillutla, Dean, ISB, at a graduation ceremony held today. Designed for professionals already leading in their fields, ISB's Advanced Management Programmes combine rigorous, industry-focused learning with real-world application — sharpening strategic thinking, deepening domain expertise, and preparing students to drive meaningful change within their organisations and sectors. Addressing the graduating students, Sri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology (EFS&T) Department, Government of Telangana, congratulated the students on completing their programmes and acknowledged ISB's 25-year contribution to management education in India. He urged the graduates to embrace and master emerging technologies, nurture talent and empower teams through strategic leadership, bring innovative approaches to organisational challenges, and forge meaningful partnerships to drive better outcomes and enhance productivity.

Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana, Organises Vintage Car Rally to Raise Awareness About Substance Abuse and Cancer

SARBJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA: Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana, in association with Punjab Police and Virsa Drive, organised a Vintage Car Rally to raise awareness about substance abuse, cancer risk factors and the importance of timely medical assessment.
The rally began at 11:00 AM from Fortis Hospital, Mall Road, Ludhiana, after flag-off by Sh. Swapan Sharma IPS, Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, and featured a procession of vintage cars escorted by Punjab Police through the city. The initiative brought together healthcare providers, law enforcement, and community representatives to encourage conversations about prevention, treatment, and support. The occasion was graced by Fortis



Hospital's cancer care specialists, including Dr Davinder Paul, Additional Director, Medical Oncology; Dr Anish Bhatia, Consultant, Surgical Oncology; and Dr Parveen Kaur, Additional Director, Radiation Oncologist, Fortis Hospital Ludhiana along with Sh. Rupinder Singh IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police; Sh. Alam Vijay Singh PPS, DCP-City; Sh. Harpal Singh PPS, DCP-Investigation; S Paramjit Singh PPS, DCP Special Branch; and Smt. Rupinder Kaur Bhatti PPS, ADCP-Investigation.
Substance abuse affects individuals, families, and communities. Addressing it requires sustained efforts involving public education, access to treatment and rehabilitation, and support for people seeking recovery.

Cloudnine Hospital in Mohali Celebrates Children's Day with a Day of Fun, Laughter and Learning



MOHALI: Celebrating the spirit of childhood, Cloudnine Hospital in Mohali, marked Children's Day with a vibrant celebration filled with fun, laughter and memorable experiences for children and their families.Under the theme 'Little Moments. Endless Joy.', the celebration brought together over 100 children across different schools in Mohali and their parents for a series of engaging, interactive and creative activities designed to make the day special for every little one."
The celebrations featured a range of attractions, including puppet shows, magic performances, a dedicated game zone, cartoon characters and dance activities. Children also participated in drawing competitions and enjoyed creative experiences such as pottery, tattoo and face painting. The festivities culminated in a special cake-cutting ceremony, adding to the celebratory spirit.
Through this initiative, Cloudnine aimed to create joyful experiences for children while reinforcing the importance of childhood, creativity, play and family bonding. The celebration also provided parents with an opportunity to interact with paediatric experts and seek guidance on their children's health, growth and overall well-being.

If BJP Forms Government in Punjab, a Permanent Chhath Puja Ghat Will Be Built First in Dera Bassi Constituency: Sanjeev Khanna



ZIRAKPUR
MUKESH CHAUHAN : BJP leader Sanjeev Khanna said that if the BJP forms the government in Punjab, the first priority in the Dera Bassi Assembly constituency will be the construction of a permanent, concrete ghat for Chhath Puja. He said that a large number of people belonging to the Purvanchal community reside in the region, but devotees still lack adequate permanent facilities for performing rituals during the grand Chhath festival. Therefore, constructing a dedicated Chhath ghat will remain among his top priorities. Sanjeev Khanna was addressing devotees at various Chhath Puja celebrations organised in Zirakpur and the Dera Bassi region. On the occasion, he attended the eighth Chhath Puja celebration organised by the Maa Chhath Puja Sewa Samiti at the Ghaggar River ghat in Mubarikpur. Office-bearers of the committee welcomed and felicitated him. Khanna said that Chhath Mahaparv symbolises faith, devotion and worship of nature. Every year, thousands of devotees gather at riverbanks and ghats to offer prayers to the Sun God. Keeping their convenience and safety in mind, permanent ghats, proper cleanliness, lighting, drinking water and other essential facilities should be ensured. He said, "May the blessings of Chhath Maiya continue to remain upon me and all of you. May our mutual love and brotherhood always remain strong. If the BJP forms the government in Punjab, efforts will be made to ensure that the first major priority in the constituency is the construction of a permanent ghat for Chhath Puja."

Sanjay Tandon inaugurates free health check-up camp



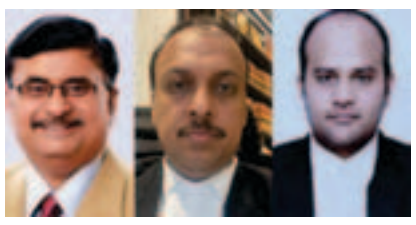
CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader & Member of the Party's National Council - Sanjay Tandon inaugurated a free health check-up camp organised by Chaudhary Jaspal Singh (Pali Pradhan) in association with the BJP Medical Cell, Chandigarh, in Manimajra.
Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Tandon said, "Access to quality healthcare is a fundamental necessity, and every effort to make medical services accessible to people at their doorstep is commendable. Free health check-up camps play an important role in spreading health awareness, encouraging timely medical consultations and ensuring that people receive the care and guidance they need."
During the visit, Tandon interacted with people attending the camp and took stock of the healthcare services being provided to them. He appreciated the initiative, describing such community oriented programmes as an important step towards ensuring that essential healthcare facilities reach people, particularly those from underprivileged sections of society.
He further said that community participation and collective efforts were essential to building a healthier society. Such initiatives not only provide immediate medical assistance but also strengthen the spirit of social responsibility and public service.
Tandon congratulated Chaudhary Jaspal Singh (Pali Pradhan), the BJP Medical Cell, Chandigarh, and all the doctors, medical professionals and volunteers associated with the camp for their dedicated efforts.

Shubham Garg Subhi Meets Barnala DC, Discusses Property Sector Issues

BARNALA (KARANPREET KARAN): Shubham Garg Subhi, MD of Green Avenue, welcomed newly appointed Barnala Deputy Commissioner Abhijit Kaplish by presenting him with a bouquet of flowers during a courtesy meeting.During the interaction, Garg discussed various issues concerning Barnala's property sector, along with the district's social development, religious heritage and overall progress. He also highlighted the challenges faced by the real estate industry and the need for cooperation between property developers and the district administration.Garg assured the Deputy Commissioner that he would work in close coordination with the administration to promote better security arrangements for residents, cleanliness and green surroundings in residential colonies across the district.He also discussed the importance of developing quality residential projects, particularly PUDA-approved colonies, and addressing the concerns of property buyers and investors.Deputy Commissioner Abhijit Kaplish listened to the issues raised during the meeting and assured that the district administration would give due consideration to genuine concerns and extend necessary cooperation for the social and commercial development of Barnala.

GST Practitioners from Punjab and Chandigarh formed GST Appellate Tribunal Bar

CHANDIGARH: Advocates and Chartered Accountants practising in the field of Goods and Services Tax (GST) from Punjab and Chandigarh have come together to form the GST Appellate



Tribunal Bar (GSTATB). The newly constituted body aims to represent the common interests of professionals practising before the GST Appellate Tribunal in Punjab and Chandigarh. The Bar aims to serve as a common platform for addressing issues concerning GST practitioners and litigants while also promoting better coordination and cooperation among professionals appearing before the Tribunal.

As part of the office-bearer appointments, CA Alok Krishan was unanimously nominated as President of the Bar. Advocate Chetan Jain will serve as Secretary for the GSTAT Chandigarh region while Advocate Amit Bajaj will take charge as Secretary for the GSTAT Jalandhar region.

The members also discussed issues relating to virtual hearings and other procedural matters affecting litigants and practising professionals. It was decided that suitable representations would be submitted to the concerned authorities from time to time to highlight these concerns and seek necessary interventions to ensure fair, transparent and speedy justice in GST-related matters.

Cycling Competition witnessed 50 kids showcasing their sporting talent

CHANDIGARH: Around 50 kids enthusiastically participated in the annual Carrera de Ciclista (CDC) cycling competition held at Medicity, New Chandigarh which was organised by Cycligarh, a group working to promote cycling culture in the Tricity. The event aimed to encourage children to take up cycling and provide them with an early platform to develop their talent. Competitions were held in the Under-15, Under-12, Under-10, Under-8 and Under-6 age categories.



In the Under-15 girls category, Harsimrat Randhawa secured the first position, followed by Preeti in second and Sumeet Daksh in third. In the boys category, Bhanu Sharma emerged winner, while Madhav and Jayant Banka finished second and third respectively.
In the Under-12 girls category, Sanaya and Aarti secured the first and second positions respectively. In the boys category, Shaurya Veer Bhardwaj emerged winner, while Akash and Arjun Kalher finished second and third.
In the Under-10 boys category, Aviraj Singh, Samarpratap Singh and Abeer Singh secured the top three positions. In the girls category, Avneet Kaur finished first, Evelyn Jaiswal second and Parisha Meena third.
In the Under-8 girls category, Anika Soni and Ruhani Daksh finished first and second, while Saatvik Sahu won the boys category. In the Under-6 girls category, Vaidehi Nautiyal emerged winner, while Harnadar Singh topped the boys category. Organiser Misha Brar said the CDC aims to provide children with a safe and encouraging platform where they can develop their cycling skills while embracing the spirit of healthy competition.

St. Xavier's School, Pakka Kalan Celebrates Children's Day with Enthusiasm

TALWANDI SABO (PRINCE GARG): St. Xavier's School, Pakka Kalan, celebrated Children's Day with great enthusiasm and fervour, organising a series of cultural activities and competitions to mark the occasion.The day-long celebrations began with colourful performances and competitions, including Giddha, Bhangra, group dances and speech contests. Students participated enthusiastically and showcased their talent and creativity.A cake-cutting ceremony added to the festive spirit. School Director Saji Thomas paid floral tributes to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and addressed the students, highlighting the importance of Children's Day and the role of children in shaping the nation's future.Principal Tessy Mathew also delivered an inspiring address, encouraging students to pursue their dreams with confidence and dedication.The celebrations concluded with the distribution of chocolates among all students, making the occasion memorable and joyful for everyone.

Free Medical Camp Held at Sector 15-C Gurudwara in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: A free orthopaedic and eye check-up camp was organised at Gurudwara Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib, Sector 15-C, Chandigarh, on Sunday by MBG Pain Free Clinic, with the support of MBG Healthcare Foundation.
The camp provided free orthopaedic and eye consultations, X-ray examinations, Bone Mineral Density (BMD) tests and blood tests for haemoglobin, uric acid and fasting glucose. Free spectacles were also made available to beneficiaries.
The medical initiative was led by Dr Gurwinder Singh Bal, an orthopaedic surgeon, who holds MBBS and MS (Orthopaedics) qualifications. He has previously served at GMSH-16 and PGIMER, Chandigarh, among other healthcare institutions, and specialises in joint replacement and sports injury management.
The camp aimed to encourage preventive healthcare and create awareness about the importance of timely diagnosis and treatment of bone, joint and eye-related conditions. Sukhmani Sahib Paath was also organised at the gurudwara, followed by Langar. The event brought together healthcare services and religious observance, reflecting the spirit of community welfare and selfless service.

Sanjay Tandon inaugurates Operation Sindoor Cricket Cup



CHANDIGARH: Paying tribute to the courage and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces, Sanjay Tandon inaugurated the Operation Sindoor Cricket Cup 2.0 at the Cricket Stadium, Sector 16, Chandigarh on Sunday. Organised by Sarv Sewa Sashktikaran Sangathan, the tournament honours the valour, dedication and service of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force through the spirit of cricket. The tournament provides a platform for cricket enthusiasts to celebrate the contribution of the armed forces and express their gratitude towards those who safeguard the nation.

Appreciating the initiative, the Tandon acknowledged the efforts of coordinators Vishal Kamboj and Karan Sama, along with the entire organising team, for putting together the tournament.
Three matches were played on the opening day. Beas Blasters defeated Satluj Soorme by eight wickets in a convincing performance. The second match saw Tapti Tigers register a closely fought eight-run victory over Krishna Kings. In the third encounter, Ghaggar Champions outplayed Jhelum Jaguars by 56 runs to complete the day's fixtures on a winning note.

Pulwama Student Ridhakshi Ganjoo Blends Science, Art and Social Impact



PULWAMA: Combining academic excellence with creativity and community service, Ridhakshi Ganjoo from Pulwama is carving a distinctive path through her interests in science, research and social engagement.One of her notable initiatives is Pragaash, which she founded to provide children affected by conflict with creative platforms to express themselves through poetry, painting, writing and theatre. Having experienced the impact of shutdowns and connectivity disruptions on education in Kashmir, Ridhakshi recognised the challenges faced by children in the region and sought to create opportunities for them to share their thoughts and experiences through art.Her commitment to working with children also led her to associate with Teach For India, through which she contributed to projects in Mumbai and Pune.Alongside her social initiatives, Ridhakshi has demonstrated exceptional academic abilities. She secured 99 per cent marks in her Class 10 examinations at Dolphin International School, Pulwama, received the Student of the Year award and was selected to represent Kashmir at the national-level INSPIRE MANAK Exhibition.In May 2024, she joined the Lodha Genius Programme (LGP), where she undertook a month-long Physics course at Ashoka University. The programme introduced her to practical experiments in mechanics, schlieren photography, coding, laboratory reporting and problem-solving, giving her an opportunity to explore physics beyond conventional classroom learning.Her interest in social change also took her to the Centre for Social Impact and Philanthropy, where she participated in a group of six students. The team subsequently got an opportunity to present its perspectives at the Be the Change Summit in Dubai in November 2024.Ridhakshi's journey reflects her belief in combining academic learning, creativity and community engagement. While she continues to develop Pragaash as a platform for children, her exposure to scientific research and experiential learning is also shaping her academic aspirations.She hopes to expand the initiative and create greater awareness about educational opportunities that can benefit students in her community.

Dada Kushal Singh Dahiya: Remembering Haryana's Brave Martyr on His 351st Martyrdom Anniversary



India's history is enriched by the sacrifices of countless brave men and women who laid down their lives to protect faith, freedom, justice and human dignity. Among these inspiring figures is Dada Kushal Singh Dahiya, the legendary martyr from Badkhalsa village in Sonipat district of Haryana, whose sacrifice remains deeply embedded in local historical traditions.The year 1675 marked a defining moment in India's history when the ninth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, attained martyrdom in Delhi while standing against religious persecution and defending the freedom of conscience. Following his martyrdom at Chandni Chowk, Bhai Jaita Ji undertook the courageous task of carrying Guru Sahib's sacred head to Anandpur Sahib.According to historical accounts and local traditions, Mughal soldiers pursued Bhai Jaita Ji during this journey. At Garhi Kushali near the Sonipat region, Dada Kushal Singh Dahiya reportedly made an extraordinary sacrifice to ensure the safe transportation of the sacred relic.As narrated in local traditions, he offered his own head as a substitute for that of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. He instructed his son to sever his head and hand it over to the pursuing Mughal soldiers, thereby misleading them and enabling Bhai Jaita Ji to continue his journey safely towards Anandpur Sahib.This extraordinary act of sacrifice reflects his unwavering courage, devotion and commitment to protecting the dignity of Guru Sahib. By placing the cause of faith and duty above his own life, Dada Kushal Singh Dahiya became an enduring symbol of selflessness and bravery.His sacrifice also represents a broader tradition in Indian history, where courage and faith have been expressed through the protection of truth, justice, religious freedom and human dignity. His story continues to inspire generations to uphold these values.Efforts to preserve his legacy are also significant. The memorial and museum established at Badkhalsa serve as important reminders of his contribution and provide younger generations with an opportunity to learn about this lesser-known chapter of history.As the 351st martyrdom anniversary of Dada Kushal Singh Dahiya is observed on November 15, 2026, the occasion offers an opportunity to remember his extraordinary sacrifice and recognise the historical contributions of Haryana's brave sons.

'CPEC turns out to be a fiasco for both Pakistan and China'

NEW DELHI: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which was once presented as a booster for economic growth and a geopolitical game-changer, appears to have become a bane for Pakistan and China, according to an article.
While Pakistan has come under a crushing financial burden, China is angry about security failures and the failing returns on the heavy investments. A decade later, the mega project is slowly turning into a giant white elephant, much like the other projects that have been taken under China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the article on Zimbabwe's NewsDay news portal read.
Voices against China for the deteriorating financial situation are growing in Pakistan as the CPEC caused the setting up the most expensive projects that were actually not needed.
The article cites Pakistan's Federal Board of Revenue's s former Chairman Shabar Zaidi as saying: "I was the first person in Pakistan to oppose CPEC. I said 25 years ago that it is a drama and nothing will come out of it. You fooled people. It led to disaster." Many people have supported and echoed Zaidi's views on social media platforms.

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150 students showcase sporting talent at Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University

FEROZEPUR (TAPINDER SINGH): More than 150 students showcased their sporting talent, competitive spirit and teamwork as Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University hosted its Annual Intra-University Sports Competitions-2026, culminating in an impressive prize distribution ceremony. The event, held under the guidance and patronage of Vice-Chancellor Dr Suresh Kumar Sharma, witnessed enthusiastic participation from boys and girls competing across 12 sporting disciplines. DSP (Sub-Division Ferozepur) Karan Sharma attended the ceremony as the chief guest. The competitions featured a diverse range of sporting events, including volleyball, football, yoga, chess, lawn tennis, hockey, kho-kho, basketball, cricket, table tennis and kabaddi.



Chhath Puja is festival of paying obeisance to, worshipping and expressing gratitude to nature: Anil Vij



CHANDIGARH: Haryana Energy, Transport and Labour Minister Sh. Anil Vij said that India is a land of festivals, where numerous festivals such as Diwali, Holi and others are celebrated in accordance with our rich cultural traditions. Similarly, Chhath Puja is celebrated to worship Chhathi Maiya and offer Arghya (prayers) to the Sun God. Chhath is a festival dedicated to paying obeisance to nature, worshipping it and expressing gratitude towards it. Vij was addressing devotees at a programme organised by the Mithilanchal Nav Yuvak Seva Samiti on the occasion of Chhath Puja at the permanent Chhath Ghat situated along the Tangri River in Chandpura, Ambala Cantonment, today.

During the programme, the Energy Minister also announced a grant of Rs 10 lakh from his discretionary fund for the construction of a room, toilets, a stage and other facilities at the Chhath Ghat. Addressing the large gathering of devotees, Energy Minister Anil Vij said that Chhath Puja holds immense significance and is a festival deeply connected with nature.

We all know that life on Earth is sustained by the Sun God. Offering Arghya to the setting Sun is an expression of gratitude for providing us with water, air, rivers and fertile fields. Through this ritual, we express our gratitude to the Sun God.

Rose Public School organises quiz competition on students' day; team 4 emerges victorious

VERMA
GURDASPUR, NOV 15



Rose Public School, Sulyali, celebrated Students' Day with great enthusiasm by organising an exciting and knowledge-enriching quiz competition for students of Classes III to V. The event was organised under the guidance of the school Principal, Sanjay Sharma Sauguni, with the objective of enhancing students' knowledge, confidence and intellectual abilities. To make the competition interesting and engaging, five teams were formed, and all participants took part with great enthusiasm. The teams delivered impressive performances, making the competition highly competitive. According to the final scoreboard, Team 1 secured 110 points and comprised Krisha Bhardwaj, Viraj, Aparita and Palak. Team 2 scored 90 points, with Yuvika, Abhay Pathania, Priddhi and Arnav Sharma as its members. Team 3 also secured 90 points and included Anayveer Sharma, Yati Sen Pathania, Harshit and Ridham Pathania. Team 4 emerged as the overall winner by securing an impressive 160 points. The winning team comprised Kavish Bhardwaj, Anaya, Akil Sharma and Naitik Kumar. Meanwhile, Team 5 secured 120 points, with Rishika, Lakshya Mankotia, Ankit Khan and Kiyan showcasing their knowledge and abilities. The competition was efficiently conducted by Class XII students Gunjan and Akshita, who confidently hosted the event.

One booked for firing on young man in Hargobind Nagar

SHARMA
LUDHIANA, NOV 15



Late night incident happens at Hargobind Nagar area at Police Station Division No. 3, when, around 12:30 a.m., a young man drinking alcohol in the area alledgly fired a shot from his friend's licensed revolver.

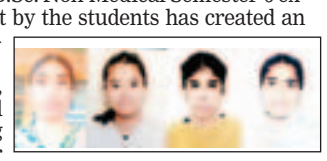
The bullet struck a young man sitting in the courtyard, seriously injuring him. He was admitted to the DMC for treatment.

The injured man is reported to be in stable condition. A case has been registered against the accused and an investigation has been initiated. Upon receiving information about the incident, the police of Police Station Division No. 3 registered a case against the accused, Vicky, based on the complaint of the injured Chetan and initiated an investigation.

SHO of Police Station Division No. 3, Gurjeet Singh, stated that at 12:30 a.m., the young men were sitting in a courtyard in Hargobind Nagar for drink. A young man named Vicky alledgly fired a shot from his friend's licensed revolver. The shot struck Chetan, who was sitting in the courtyard, in the back, seriously injuring him. Police have arrested the accused and seized the revolver.

Excellent results for B.Sc. Non-Medical Semester-6 at Fateh Group of Institutions

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): Students at Fateh Group of Institutions, Rampura Phul, have brought laurels to the institution by delivering an outstanding performance in the recently declared B.Sc. Non-Medical Semester-6 examinations. This achievement by the students has created an atmosphere of joy and celebration within the institution.



According to the results, Muskanpreet Kaur secured the first position by obtaining 91% marks. Manpreet Kaur secured the second position with 90.2% marks, while Manupriya Jaspreet Kaur attained the third position with 86% marks. Additionally, Jaspreet Kaur demonstrated her academic capability by securing 82.2% marks. On this occasion, the institution's Chairman, S.S. Chatha, congratulated the meritorious students and their parents, stating that this success is the result of the students' dedication and hard work, combined with the able guidance of their teachers.

He emphasized that hard work, discipline, and firm determination are of paramount importance for achieving success in the field of education.

Government Schools being equipped with modern facilities under education revolution: Amritpal Singh

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHA, NOV 15



Aam Aadmi Party District Jalandhar Urban President and Chairman of the District Planning Board, Jalandhar (Punjab Government), Amritpal Singh, today inaugurated a newly constructed classroom at Government High School, Village Bulandpur. The classroom has been built at a cost of Rs. 9.30 lakh to provide better facilities to students. On this occasion, Amritpal Singh said that strengthening basic infrastructure in the education sector and providing students with a better learning environment are among the top priorities of the Punjab Government. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is continuously working to transform government schools through the Education Revolution initiative. The objective is to equip government schools with modern facilities and provide educational infrastructure comparable to private schools so that the financial condition of any child does not become a barrier to education.

Sonalika Shokar Under-17 League kicks off at Mahilpur's Coach Ali Hassan Stadium

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): The Sonalika Shokar League for players under 17 was inaugurated at the late Coach Ali Hassan Football Stadium in Mahilpur, with teams from eight villages participating. The event was organised by the Sonalika Group under the patronage of Managing Director Deepak Mittal and overseen by J S Chauhan, Senior Vice-President, and Rajnish Kumar Sandal, Head of Legal and Public Relations. The league was jointly inaugurated by SDM Hoshiarpur Parampreet Singh, the chief guest, and Principal Dr Parvinder Singh. Vishal Gupta, Joint General Manager, presided over the function. Other dignitaries present included Principal Matthew Shiboo, social workers Vicky Agnihotri and Arvinder Singh Haveli, Commandant Suraj Bhan , Gagandeep Singh Sekhon, SHO Garhshankar, Harmandan Singh Khabra, and engineer Tarlochan Singh.

Mohinder Bhagat pays obeisance at Chhath Puja celebrations, prays for prosperity

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, NOV 15



Punjab Horticulture and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat today paid obeisance at the Chhath Puja celebrations organized at various ghats along the Bist Doab Canal. Extending warm greetings to the devotees on the auspicious occasion, the Minister prayed to the Almighty for enduring peace, prosperity, and harmony across society. Addressing the gathering, the Minister affirmed that the Punjab Government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, accords equal respect to all religions and remains steadfast in its commitment to preserving peace and brotherhood in the state. Highlighting the administrative preparedness for the mega festival, he noted that elaborate arrangements were executed well in advance to ensure a seamless experience for devotees. He pointed out that the district administration had convened prior coordination meetings with representatives of various religious organizations to address all logistical needs.

Kultar Singh Sandhwan participated in the 'Khedega Punjab, Jeetega Punjab' program at Village Hari Nau

KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kultar Singh Sandhwan attended the 'Khedega Punjab, Jeetega Punjab' program organized at village Hari Naun last evening. On this occasion, he introduced the players and encouraged them by honoring the winners of the competitions.

During his address on this occasion, Speaker S. Sandhwan said that Punjab is our colorful Punjab, which laughs, dances, sings, plays and scales new heights of progress. He said that under the leadership of the Punjab Government and Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, continuous efforts are being made to promote sports culture in the state and connect the youth with sports.

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I, Pardeep Kumar (Aadhaar no.3993 5589 5954), S/o. Bihari Lal R/o. House no. 7045, Second Floor, New Sunny Enclave, Near Amazon Towers, Sector 125, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140301 have Changed my name from Pardeep Kumar to Pradeep Kumar.
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I Simarjeet Singh S/o Ranjit Singh R/o Bhagta Bhai (BTI) Have Changed My Name As Simarjeet (Given Name) Singh (Surname).
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I Sandeep Singh Dhillon S/o Ranjit Singh R/o Maluka (BTI) Have Changed My Name As Sandeep Singh
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I Reetu Roy W/O Dalip Kumar Roy , R/O house no 416 , Manav colony , suketri (376) , panchkula Haryana 134109 . Have changed my name from reetu Roy to Ritu roy in the future I want to be known by this name ....
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I Nandini D/O Dalip Kumar Roy, house no 416 , Manav colony, suketri (376), panchkula Haryana 134109 . Have changed my name from Nandini to Nandini roy in the future I want to be known by this name ....
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I Munish Garg S/o Basheshar Lal R/o House No 1671,Phase 10 Mohali,SAS Nagar Have Changed My Name To Munish Kumar
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I hitherto known as DHARMINDER KUMAR S/o PREM SAGAR residing at House No. B-19-396, Street No. 4, Bindraban Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AJAY KUMAR. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection
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I hitherto known as SANT RAM S/o RAM DAS residing at Village Gopalpur, Post Office Gugauli, District Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh-271205, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NAND RAM. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection
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I hitherto known as SARBPREET KAUR D/o GURCHIRAN SINGH residing at Street No. 01, Star Road, Near Gurudwara Anandsar Sahib, Captain Nagar, P.O. Lohara, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, Punjab-141016, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SARABPREET KAUR. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection
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I, Sagar Chauhan S/o Amar Singh R/o village Pastana, Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal, declare that I have changed my name from Sagar to Sagar Chauhan. In the future, I should be known and recognized by the name Sagar Chauhan.
100070

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Kishori Lal Employed as Office Assistant, Postal Store Depot, Ambala Cantt (Department of Post) H. O. Ministry of Department of posts(Govt of India) have changed my name from Naresh Kumar to Naresh Gupta for all future purposes.
78645

I Man Singh S/o Sajjan Singh R/o Vpo Kokri Phula Singh, Distt. Moga have changed my name to Mann Singh.
63372

I Jaswinder Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/o Vill-Dhandowal, Teh-Shahkot, (Jalandhar) have changed name of Gurmej Kaur.
63372

I, Joga Ram S/O Ajit Ram R/O Plot No.13 Heon Road Banga, Tehsil Banga Distt Sbs Nagar Punjab, India, Pin 144505, Declare That My Given Name Is As Joga And My Surname Is As Ram.
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I, Parmjit Kaur W/O Joga Ram R/O Plot No.13 Heon Road Banga, Tehsil Banga Distt Sbs Nagar Punjab, India, Pin 144505, Declare That My Given Name Is As Parmjit And My Surname Is As Kaur.
63372

I, Sapna Dhawan W/o Varun Setia R/o H. No. 144, Amrik Singh Road, Veer Colony, Bathinda have changed my name to Sapna Setia.
63372

I Lovejit Singh S/O Rupinder Singh R/O Vpo Lehra District Ludhiana Have Changed My Number Lovejit (As A Name) Singh (As A Surname).
63372

I, Shiv Priya D/o Ratej Bharti, Vill-Bhai Ke Pishore, Distt Sangrur, have changed my name to Shivpriya Dutt. From today onwards, I shall be known only by the name Shivpriya Dutt. Please note the following.
63372

I, Manjot Singh S/O Kulvir Singh R/O H.No.219, W.No.2, Gumat Muhalla, Morinda, Teh-Morinda, Distt. Rupnagar, 140101, Punjab. I Have changed My Name Manjot Singh to Singh Manjot.
63372

I, Navisha D/o Ajay Goyal R/o H.No. 104 Bhucho Mandi Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Navisha Goyal.
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I hitherto known as Saraswati Devi W/o Muni Lal R/o House No. 212/26, Street No. 5, Gyan Chand Nagar, Vill. Lohara Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab - 141016 (India) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Savitra Devi.
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I hitherto known as Sonia D/o Sucha Singh R/o House No. 153, Street No. 5, Bhagatpura, Satnampura, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab - 144401 (India) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Paramjit Kaur.
63372

I, Swarn Kaur W/o Dalbir Singh R/o Village Leelan, Tehsil Jagraon, District Ludhiana, known by two names as Swarn Kaur and Charan Kaur, one and same name lady.
63372

I hitherto known as Diviya W/o Jaswinder Pal Singh Thind R/o Vpo Mohie Distt Ludhiana, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harleen Kaur Thind.
63372

I Satnam Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o H.No. 35, Near Railway Station, Deep Nagar, Mullanpur Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Singh Satnam.
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I, Dhiraj S/o Mohinder Pal R/o Swami Daya Nand Nagar O/S Bhandari Gate, Batala Dist Gurdaspur, have changed my name from Dhiraj to Dhiraj Kumar. All Please Note.
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I, Gourav S/o Dhiraj Kumar R/o Gali No.1, Luxmi Palace, Sawami Dayanand Nagar, Batala Dist Gurdaspur, have changed my name from Gourav to Gourav Kumar. All Please Note.
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I Gurmeet Chand S/o Puran Chand R/o Koopur Distt Jalandhar, Punjab-144106 have changed my name from Gurmeet Chand to Gurmit Chand. All Concerned Please Note.
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I Simran D/o Mohinder Singh R/o Village Kahma, Distt S.B.S.Nagar Punjab India-144512 want to change my name from Simran to Simran Simran.
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I, surjeet singh, father name Dara singh, resident of village kutba , Tehsil Mehal Kalan , District Barnala, have adopted the word Singh as my surname..
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I Parveen Kumar s/o Ramesh Chand r/o Ward No 11 Near Galla Mandi Ahmedgarh dist. Malerkotla (148021), have changed my name from Parveen Kumar to Parveen Kumar Goyal.
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I, Javed S/o Mohammad Ishaq R/o Mohalla Awian Wala Malerkotla Distt Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Mohd Javed. Please Concerned Note.
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I amrik singh khangura s/o bharpur singh R/o kakra, bhawanigarh distt sangrur have changed my name to amrik Singh.
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I parveen kumar mittal s/o Gopal chand r/o rampura road bhawanigarh sangrur have changed my name to parveen kumar.
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I, Kusum Mother Of Jadhav Atul Sudam R/o 116 Ravivar Peth Vimalshri Apartment, Vtc Satara, Maharashtra-415001 Have Changed Name From Kusum Exting In My Son Documents Service Record To Kusum Sudam Jadhav And Dob From 01/07/1951 To 15-03-1948 Vide Affidavit Dated 14-11-2026 Before Notary Bathinda
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We, Narinder Singh S/o Bhajan Singh & Parwinder Kaur W/o Narinder Singh R/o Vpo. Jabomajra Teh & Distt. Malerkotla declare that our son Satnam Singh and his wife Rajwinder Kaur 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, Mandeep W/o Salim Mohammad R/o Vill-Khanpur Barig hereby evict my husband Salim Mohammad from my movable and immovable land as he is not in my control. From today onwards, I have no dealings with my husband Salim Mohammad. Whoever deals with him will be responsible for this.
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I, Surinder Kumar S/o Late Sh. Sunder Dass R/o House No 2167/22-c Chandigarh Declare That My Son Manoj Kumar Sarine And His Wife Rashmi And Grand daughters Hazal & Rehmat are Out Of Our Control. We Disown With Them from all kinds including from Our Moveable / immoveable Property. If anybody Dealing With Them shall be at His/her Own Risk.
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I, Sukhwant Singh S/o Lachman Singh R/o Mahima Bhagwana, Tehsil and District Bathinda In my school records, my father's name is recorded as Lasman Singh, which is incorrect. I request that my father's name in my school records be corrected to Lachman Singh, in accordance with his Aadhaar card.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is general public notice that Anirudh s/o. Jai Narayan (owner of House No.13, Harmilap Nagar, Phase-1, Village Baltana, Sub-Tehsil Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi, District SAS Nagar, Mohali) has lost original sale deed No. 5434, dated 24.11.2016 (i.e. previous sale deed). To this effect, Anirudh has lodged Lost Information Report No. LAR-2026-SAS-823709, dated 05.11.2026. If any person has any objection for right or title of Anirudh over said property, he is requested to notify the same in writing within 15 days of date of this news publication to both undersigned persons with supporting documents or evidences, failing which it shall be presumed that no person has any claim in said property and Anirudh shall be free to deal with the said property in any manner.

Sd/- Vishal Kathuria
Empanelled advocate of
Bank of Baroda, Sector-44, Chandigarh
Kothi No.358, Phase-1, Mohali, (M): 7814602058

Anirudh (Owner of property)
H. No.13, Harmilap Nagar, Phase 1, Village Baltana, Zirakpur. (M): 99911-77704
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Spirit of sportsmanship echoes in village Bharath on 246th birth anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh



SUJANPUR (VERMA): To commemorate the 246th birth anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the legendary ruler popularly known as Sher-e-Punjab, the Sports Youth Club of Village Bharath organised a grand volleyball tournament under the leadership of its President, Davinder Singh Dimple Fauji. Kunwar Ravinder Singh Vicky, General Secretary of the Shaheed Sainik Parivar Suraksha Parishad, attended the event as the Chief Guest, while Varinder Singh, a national-level volleyball coach and nephew of Shaheed Lance Naik Deputy Singh, Sena Medal, graced the occasion as the Special Guest. Various teams from the surrounding areas participated enthusiastically in the tournament and displayed remarkable sporting talent and competitive spirit.

NEWS BRIEF

Committee holds meeting in Balachaur for Guru Ravidas' 650th Parkash Utsav



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: A meeting to finalise arrangements for a religious procession marking the 650th Parkash Utsav of Satguru Ravidas Maharaj was held at the Baba Vishwakarma Temple in Balachaur on Sunday. The meeting, chaired by Surinder Panesar, constituted an organising committee for the Shobha Yatra. The yatra will begin on November 22 from Sri Khuralgarh Sahib, revered as the tapobhoomi of Guru Ravidas Maharaj. It will pass through Singhpur, Jhandupur, Malewal Kandhi, Mangupur, Bhaddi, Thopia, Udhanwal, Ratteval and Kathgarh before reaching Balachaur, where participants will halt for the night.
On November 23, the procession will travel through Mazari, Sahiba, Saroa and Samundara to Garhshankar and Mahilpur. It will reach Banga on November 24 via Panch Nangla, Mahil Gehila, Khamachon and Mukandpur, where it will again halt overnight. The final leg on November 25 will take the yatra through Mahindipur, Nawan Shahar, Lagdoa, Jadla Pallian Khurd and Rahon before it reaches Nawanshahr. Local arrangements finalised District yatra coordinator Parmjit Ruttevalia said the meeting was convened to plan the procession and assign responsibilities. He said the event was being organised to commemorate the 650th Parkash Utsav of Satguru Ravidas Maharaj.

Kaiisha Ssandhu to make bollywood debut, signs three-film deal with people media factory



SARBJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA: Punjabis have made a remarkable contribution to Indian cinema, and the latest emerging talent, Kaiisha Ssandhu, is all set to make her mark on the big screen. Impressed by her screen presence and performance in the song "Rab Ni Maaf Karega" alongside Prateek Sehajpal, Kaiisha has signed a three-film contract with renowned production house People Media Factory.
Kaiisha shares a special connection with Ludhiana, as her late grandfather, Paramjit Singh Sandhu, served as an IPS officer in Punjab and Chandigarh for several decades. She will soon portray an IPS officer as the protagonist in a web series, calling it a tribute to her grandfather.
Educated at an international school in Dubai and a college in New York, Kaiisha is also passionate about sports. She has represented the UAE in international cricket and is trained in archery and MMA. A fan of Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan, she believes that dedication and passion are the keys to achieving success.

Gulab Chand Kataria offers Arghya to Sun god at Chhath Puja celebrations organised by Bihar Foundation

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, NOV 15



Celebrating the spirit of faith, devotion and gratitude towards nature, Bihar Foundation, Punjab and Chandigarh Centre, organised a grand Chhath Puja celebration at Sector 52, Chandigarh. Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria attended the event as the Chief Guest and offered Arghya to the setting Sun along with devotees, praying for peace, prosperity and well-being of all.

Dr. Rupesh Singh, President of Bihar Foundation, led the celebrations and welcomed the devotees. He said the Foundation is committed to connecting the people from Bihar and Purvanchal living in Chandigarh and the Tricity with their cultural roots, traditions and religious heritage. He added that Chhath Puja is not merely a religious festival but also a symbol of cultural identity, collective faith and social harmony. Among the prominent guests present were DIG Chandigarh Police Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Special DGP Punjab Amit Prasad (IPS), Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi National University, Patiala, Jai Shankar Singh, and Acharya Manish. Foundation members Devender Singh Guddu, Neeraj Singh, Pallav Kumar and Subodh Kumar were also present. Addressing the gathering, Governor Gulab Chand Kataria said, "Chhath Puja is one of the most sacred festivals of Indian culture and folk faith. It inspires us to respect nature, the Sun and water, while embracing values of discipline, cleanliness, devotion and social unity." Chhath Puja is a four-day festival dedicated to the worship of the Sun God and Chhathi Maiya. Its rituals include Nahay Khay, Kharna, Sandhya Arghya and Usha Arghya. Offering prayers to both the setting and rising Sun symbolises gratitude, devotion and respect for nature.

Internationally acclaimed flautist Ustad Dr. Mujtaba Hussain added a musical touch to the celebrations with his soulful performance, enhancing the devotional atmosphere

Afridi deported from Ethopia: Five operatives linked to his organised criminal network held

TARN TARAN, NOV 15



In a major follow-up to the successful deportation of wanted gangster Gurwinder Singh alias Afridi from Ethiopia amidst the intensified drive against organized crime launched as per the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) Punjab, in a joint operation with Tarn Taran Police, has apprehended five key operatives of the organised criminal network and recovered 11 illegal pistols along with 191 live cartridges from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

Those arrested have been identified as Ajaypal Singh, a resident of Gandiwind, Tarn Taran; Jaswinder Singh alias Munsi, a resident of Talwandi Sobha Singh in Tarn Taran; Karanveer alias Karan, a resident of village Kale Ke in Tarn Taran; Ranjit Rana, a resident of village Bhojoke in Tarn Taran; and Ranjit Singh alias Rana, a resident of village Ruknewala in Ferozepur. The recovered cache comprises five 9MM pistols, five .30-bore pistols, and one .32-bore pistol.

The development came following the deportation of gangster Gurwinder Singh alias Afridi from Ethiopia on November 8, 2026, sustained custodial interrogation led to crucial disclosures regarding the identities and operational roles of several operatives actively running his syndicate in Punjab.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested accused were allegedly involved in more than 15 criminal cases, including firing incidents linked to extortion. They were also allegedly involved in cross-border arms smuggling at the behest of foreign-based handlers, who tasked them with carrying out serious criminal activities in Punjab, he said. The DGP said that further investigation is underway to establish complete backward and forward linkages in this case to identify other associates and dismantle the wider criminal network.

48th Sant Baba Hari Singh Ji memorial Football Tournament concludes; Paldi crowned champions



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, NOV 15

The Sant Baba Hari Singh Ji Football Club, Panjour, organised the 48th Annual Rural Football Tournament in memory of Sant Baba Hari Singh Ji Naikiwale at the Chaurand Wala Sports Stadium in Panjodh village. The tournament was held with the support of the village panchayat, residents and NRI brothers.

The event was dedicated to the memory of the late J.B. Singh Parmar, the late Jasvir Singh Jassi, Retired DSP, the late Gurmel Singh Patwari, the late Nirmal Singh Parmar and the late Preetam Singh Parmar. On the day of the finals, Dr. Ishank Kumar, MLA from Chabbewal, attended as the chief guest. He met the players and encouraged them to stay away from drugs and pursue sports.

Under-16 Category Results

In the Under-16 final, Panshta defeated Langeri 2–0. The winning team received a cash prize of Rs 25,000.

Open Category Final

In the Open category final, Paldi defeated Panjodh 1–0 to become champions. The Paldi team received a cash prize of Rs 55,000 along with an impressive trophy.

Prize Distribution

The chief guest, Dr. Ishank Kumar Chabbewal, distributed prizes to the winning players.

Akali Dal sounds trumpet for 2027 elections, starts campaign from village Kaul

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, NOV 15



Keeping the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections in mind, the Shiromani Akali Dal has intensified its political activities to form its government in the state. In this series, the party's campaign for the 2027 Assembly elections was launched from the house of Shiromani Akali Dal General Council Member Gurtej Singh Kaul in village Kaul of reserve constituency Nabha. On this occasion, Halka Incharge Makhan Singh Lalka attended as the chief guest and addressed the gathering, while Constituency Rural Incharge Jaspal Singh Bittu Chatha arrived as the special guest.

Makhan Singh Lalka made a sharp political attack on the AAP government and said that the current government has pushed the economy of Punjab into a deep crisis by taking loans.

He said that instead of spending money for the development of Punjab and the welfare of the people, crores of rupees are being wasted on advertising. He alleged that the leadership of Delhi has seized control of the power and administration of Punjab and Punjab's own decisions are not being taken according to the needs of Punjab.

On this occasion, Jaspal Singh Bittu Chatha said that the Aam Aadmi Party government has not spared any section of the society.

He alleged that laborers, traders, employees and other sections are facing difficulties due to the government's policies. Bittu Chatha, while mentioning the Shambhu Morcha, claimed that incidents of farmers' trolleys being stolen from there have come to light, which raises questions on the government's arrangements.

On this occasion, Gurtej Kaul, Jogi Nanoki and other leaders expressed serious concern over the increasing issue of white and synthetic drugs in Punjab and said that drugs have badly affected the youth of Punjab. General Council Member Gurtej Kaul demanded from the governments to reconsider the drug policy to get the young generation out of the deadly trap of drugs.

He raised the demand for allowing the cultivation of traditional poppy in a regulated manner or making opium cards like before.

Shri Ram Prakash foundation launches free mobile healthcare unit



R N KHERA
CHANDIGARH, NOV 15

Shri Ram Prakash Vigro Foundation, supported by Virgo Group inaugurated and flagged off its Mobile Medical Unit at Chandigarh Press Club here today. The Mobile MedicalUnit is equipped with an X-ray machine, ECG machine and multiparameter patient monitor, along with other medical equipment. These facilities will support medical assessment and investigations based on medical officer advice. The initiative will focus on villages around Virgo Group's factories. Interacting with the media, Surinder Pal Arora of Vigro Foundation said, "The purpose of the Mobile Medical Unit is to ensure free medical facilities to the families with limited financial resources. The initiative reflects the Group's commitment to contribute to the well-being of the communities by providing medical emergency aid at their door steps.' The Staffing arrangement in the Mobile Unit includes an MBBS doctor, a lady doctor,a technician and a driver. All healthcare services provided under the MMU will be free of charges. The programme was attended by members of Virgo Management including Dr Dharminder Singh, SMO, Dera Bassi, Bhupinder Singh Saini and Mr Amit Bindal.

MCM promotes holistic wellness through yoga, ayurveda and anti-drug awareness



CHANDIGARH: The NSS Units and Department of Physical Education at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in collaboration with Jeena Sikho Lifecare Limited, organised a holistic wellness programme.

The initiative aimed to promote healthy living through yoga and meditation, encourage preventive healthcare through Ayurveda and health screening, and sensitise students towards an addiction-free society and an eco-friendly festive season. The programme featured Mrs. Amit Om Chahal, Secretary, Chandigarh Yoga Federation, who conducted an engaging hands-on workshop on yoga and meditation.

While Mrs. Chahal explained the significance of yoga and its role in holistic well-being, Ms. Trisha Ajay Singh demonstrated various asanas and pranayama techniques for the participants to practise. The resource person highlighted how regular yoga practice can enhance concentration, alleviate stress, boost immunity and promote physical and emotional balance.

Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur excels at University-Level Sports competitions

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, NOV 15



Miri-Piri Khalsa College, Bhadaur, functioning under the management of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Sri Amritsar Sahib, has been achieving remarkable success not only in academics but also in the field of sports. Along with imparting religious, cultural, linguistic and literary knowledge, the college also encourages students to actively participate in sports activities.

Recently, students of the college delivered an outstanding performance in the Inter-College Athletics Competitions organised by Punjabi University, Patiala. Sharing this information, Head of the Sports Department, Prof. Kiranjit Kaur, stated that under the able guidance of Principal Malwinder Singh, students Arshdeep Kaur, Akashdeep Singh and Vijay Kaur participated in these competitions.

During the three-day competitions, Arshdeep Kaur secured second position in both the 100-metre race and the 100-metre hurdles event. Similarly, Akashdeep Singh secured third position in the 5,000-metre race, while Vijay Kaur bagged third position in the 3,000-metre steeplechase event, bringing laurels to the college. Congratulating the students on their remarkable achievements, Principal Malwinder Singh appreciated the efforts of Prof. Kiranjit Kaur, Head of the Sports Department. He also extended his congratulations to the parents of the successful students. The entire college staff and students were present on the occasion.

Youngsters welfare society to celebrate Silver Jubilee with 25th grand Shri Sunderkand Path on January 3

TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, NOV 15



A special meeting of Youngsters Welfare Society was held to discuss preparations for the upcoming 25th Grand Shri Sunderkand Path and Silver Jubilee celebrations. Around 100–125 members attended the meeting and shared their valuable suggestions.It was unanimously decided that the 25th Grand Shri Sunderkand Path will be organised on January 3, 2027, continuing the society's annual New Year tradition.The Sunderkand Path will be performed by Ashok Ji along with his fellow members. Internationally renowned singers Roshan Prince Ji and Mukesh Vinayak Ji will enthral devotees with their musical performances.

The major highlights of this year's Silver Jubilee celebration will include a 151-kg Laddoo offering to Lord Hanuman Ji, a special offering of 156 varieties of food, and a colourful Phoolon Ki Holi with Hanuman Ji. Great saints and spiritual personalities will also be invited to grace the occasion with their presence. As in previous years, an uninterrupted Langar (community meal) will be served to all devotees.The meeting was chaired by Dr. Bhupinder Singh Ji, who briefed the members about the programme, its arrangements and preparations.Society President Nitesh Vij thanked all members for their participation and valuable suggestions. He stated that Youngsters Welfare Society has been actively engaged in religious and social service activities for the past 25 years. The Silver Jubilee celebration represents the society's faith, unity and spirit of service.He further expressed confidence that with the collective support and cooperation of all members, this 25th celebration will be historic and memorable. Youngsters Welfare Society warmly invites all devotees and residents to join this auspicious celebration with their families.

Air Force School Pathankot celebrates children's day with great enthusiasm and joy

VERMA
SUJANPUR, NOV 15



Air Force School, Pathankot, celebrated Children's Day with great enthusiasm, excitement and joy. A series of special activities was organised to make the occasion memorable and enjoyable for the students.The programme commenced with a special morning assembly conducted by the teachers.

Through their creativity and dedicated efforts, the teachers made the assembly lively, engaging and entertaining. This was followed by the screening of an inspirational movie for the students at the Jagdish Chander (JC) Auditorium.

The movie offered a meaningful combination of entertainment and learning, inspiring children to develop a positive attitude towards life and move forward with confidence.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the special arrangements made by the school and spent the day in an atmosphere filled with happiness, laughter and excitement. Principal Mrs Aarti Bali appreciated the sincere efforts of the teachers in organising the celebration. She emphasised that nurturing children's creativity, building their self-confidence and ensuring their happiness are essential for their overall development.

The celebration concluded on a joyful note, conveying the message that children are the true strength, happiness and future of the nation.

St. Xavier's E-school makes mark at 70th Punjab school games

TALWANDI SABO (ISHWAR GARG): Adding another glorious chapter to its sporting achievements, St. Xavier's E-School, Sangat, has brought pride to the region at the 70th Punjab School Games (U-14 category). The school's remarkable performance has been highlighted by the outstanding achievement of Parvinder Kaur, who has secured selection for the National-Level Football Championship after finishing fourth in the state-level competition held at Ludhiana. This prestigious selection is a testament to her dedication, perseverance and sporting excellence.



Armanpreet Kaur also represented the school in the state-level U-14 Kho-Kho competition held at Patiala, showcasing commendable talent, determination and sportsmanship.The school's Honourable Chairman, Mr. Amit Gupta, and Administrative Advisor, Mr. Lavish Gupta, principal Prachi Sharma congratulated the students and appreciated their achievements. They also acknowledged the dedicated efforts of Coach Ms. Rajji and Mr. Tarsem Singh, whose tireless hard work, commitment and expert guidance played a significant role in this success.

28th annual Gopashtami Mahotsav to be celebrated at Gopal Gaushala on Nov 17

DEVENDRA SHARMA
RUPNAGAR , NOV 15



The Gau Seva Samiti, Ropar, will organise the 28th annual Gopashtami Mahotsav at Gopal Gaushala on Tuesday, November 17, 2026. The celebrations will be held with traditional fervour, and residents and devotees have been invited to attend with their families.

Dr Harjinder Singh Cheema, chairman of Cheema Boilers Limited, will be the chief guest, while Dr R.S. Parmar, patron of Gopal Gaushala, will attend as the special guest.

The programme will also include the inauguration of buildings constructed through contributions from donor families. Er. Kulwant Rai Singla has sponsored accommodation for the gaushala's caretakers in memory of his ancestors. The Saini family (Niranjan Di Hatti) has contributed a building in memory of late Surinder Saini, a founding member of the gaushala. Another building, constructed by the family of Kuldeep Garg in memory of his late son Deepak Garg, will also be inaugurated by the respective families. The religious programme will begin at 9.30 am and continue until 1 pm, featuring Sunderkand recitation, sermons and kirtan by the Hare Krishna Sankirtan Mandal and Er. Raj Kumar Sharma. A community feast will be organised for devotees and residents after 1 pm.

According to religious beliefs, Gopashtami commemorates the day when Lord Krishna, at the age of seven, first went to the forest to graze cows.

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