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## Those with slave mentality mock India's religious beliefs with foreign backing: Modi

AGENCY CHATTARPUR (MP), FEB 23

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday slammed a section of leaders over their critical remarks on Maha Kumbh, saying those with "slave mentality" keep attacking the country's religious and cultural traditions with the backing of foreign powers.

Modi termed the ongoing Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj as the "Maha Kumbh of Unity" after laying the foundation stone for Shree Bageshwar Medical Sciences And Research Institute, which will include a cancer hospital, at Chhatarpur in Madhya Pradesh.

Bageshwar Dham is a prominent religious site associated with Lord Hanuman, frequented by thousands of people. "These days we see that there is a group of leaders who mock and ridicule our religion. They are bent upon breaking the unit and are engaged in dividing people."

"Many times, foreign powers too are seen trying to weaken the country and religion by supporting these people," Modi said.

Modi's remarks come amid a row over West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee dubbing Maha Kumbh as Mrityu Kumbh citing mismanagement and incidents of stampede. She had also accused the authorities of suppressing the death toll.

Modi said the haters of the Hindu faith have been living in different disguises for centuries.

"These people with slave mentality attack our beliefs, temples, saints, culture and traditions. These people abuse our festivals, traditions, and beliefs," he said.

Modi further said the agenda of this



section was to break the society and unity of the country.

"They have the audacity of throwing slush at our religion and culture which is intrinsically progressive," he added.

Modi underlined the religious significance of Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj which is taking place after 144 years.

He praised 'safai karmis' (sanitation

workers) and police personnel for doing a great job in making the Maha Kumbh a successful event.

"This is the great Kumbh of unity where thousands of doctors and volunteers work with dedication and the spirit of service. People visiting the great Kumbh of unity appreciate these efforts," he said.

Modi also hailed services rendered by ophthalmologists to the needy people at the mega religious congregation attended by crores.

He said for ages, Hindu mutts, dhams and temples have been serving as the centres of worship and belief and also for science and research.

"Hindu seers imparted the knowledge of yoga and science. The world is following Yoga. Yoga has made the country proud and making our flag fly high," he said.

### Be happy, stress-free, PM's advice for students

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday extended his wishes to students appearing for their board exams, urging them to approach with a positive spirit and without any stress.

Addressing the 119th episode of his 'Mann ki Baat' programme, PM Modi said, "These are the times of board exams. I extend my best wishes to my young friends and the exam warriors for upcoming exams. Approach your papers with a positive spirit, without any stress."

"Every year, during 'Pariksha pe Charcha', we discuss various aspects of exams with our exam warriors. I am glad that this initiative is becoming more institutionalized with new experts joining in. This year, we introduced a new format for 'Pariksha pe Charcha'. We include eight different episodes featuring experts. We covered a wide range of topics, from overall exam preparation to health care, mental well-being and nutrition. Additionally, previous toppers also shared insights and experiences with everyone," PM Modi highlighted.

## "Tweet-master are zero on ground": Haryana CM on Cong ahead of municipal elections

BUREAU FARIDABAD, FEB 23

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday said that Congress party will get clean bowled on a duck in the State just as it did in the Delhi assembly elections. Further, he said that the opposition party was merely a "tweet master" and was "zero on the ground".

Assuring to fulfil the promise to provide Rs 2,100 to women in Haryana, the Chief Minister said that a budget will be allocated to initiate this scheme in the assembly budget session, scheduled to commence on March 7.

"Our manifesto will be for Haryana in general as well as for local issues... We promised in assembly elections (to give Rs 2100 to women). In the budget session, a budget will be allocated to this scheme, and after that, we will implement it. Congress is a tweet-master and zero on the ground and just sits in an AC room and tweets. Just like Delhi, Congress will (get) zero out here as well," Saini told reporters.

Saini, who is on a tour to campaign for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidates ahead of the municipal elections in the State, declared that BJP will win with a huge margin in the elections to municipal bodies.

"The entire atmosphere in Haryana is in favour of BJP. BJP is going to win by a big margin in the Municipal bodies elections. This is my second day of campaigning and I have come here in Ballabhgarh. I heartily thank the people of Faridabad who have made up their minds to give a big mandate for the lotus flower to bloom in Haryana," the CM said.

Earlier today, Saini expressed confidence that the BJP will win the upcoming Yamuna Nagar Municipal Council election and form a "triple engine government" in the city. Yester-

day, the CM said that excitement among people was indicative of the fact that the BJP would have a one-sided victory in the upcoming municipal elections.

"The enthusiasm and excitement among the people will ensure the BJP's one-sided victory (in local elections). People will form the triple-engine government under the leadership of PM Modi," Saini told reporters.

Taking a jibe at Congress, the Haryana Chief Minister had said that the opposition party runs merely on Twitter and has no ground left



in the state. "Congress tweet ke upar apni party ko chalane ka kaam kar rahi hai (Congress is running the party on Twitter). Congress has no ground left here," Saini said. Meanwhile, the Haryana Congress expelled seven party leaders for indulging in "anti-party activities" ahead of the 2025 municipal elections. The seven leaders have been suspended for six years in consultation with the state in-charge BK Hariprasad. Before this, Haryana Congress president Uday Bhan had raised concerns about the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), questioned the delay in result declaration, and demanded proper representation for the SC community.

### NEWS BRIEFS

**India, UK to resume talks on proposed trade agreement from today**

**NEW DELHI:** After a gap of over eight months, India and the UK will resume negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) here from February 24, an official said. UK's Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Reynolds will be here for resumption of the talks. He will hold a bilateral meeting with Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the official said.

**Four killed in accident in Panchkula**

**CHANDIGARH:** Four youths were killed when their car rammied into a stationary truck in Haryana's Panchkula district on Sunday, police said. The youths were returning from Himachal Pradesh, when they met with the accident on the highway near Pinjore in Panchkula. "Four youths have died in the accident, which occurred on the Panchkula-Shimla National Highway," a police official said. "The bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination," he added.

**Guru Randhawa gets injured at 'Shaunki Sardar' set**

**NEW DELHI:** Punjabi singer-actor Guru Randhawa has been admitted to a hospital after he was injured while filming an action sequence for the upcoming film "Shaunki Sardar". Randhawa on Sunday shared the news by posting a photo from the hospital on Instagram. In the photo, the singer is seen lying on a bed with the cervical collar and bandage around his head. "My first stunt, my first injury, but my spirit remains unbroken. A memory from the sets of 'Shaunki Sardar' movie. Bahut mushkil kamm aa action waala but will work hard for my audience," he wrote.

## Virat Kohli hits his 51st ODI hundred, helps India crush Pakistan by 6 wickets



Batting superstar Virat Kohli hit his 51st ODI hundred. Kohli achieved the feat during India's Champions Trophy 2025 fixture against rivals Pakistan in Dubai on Sunday. The century helped India win the clash by 6 wickets.

## 'New Education Policy' preparing people for challenges of 'new world': EAM Jaishankar

AGENCY VARANASI, FEB 23

Highlighting India's role as a source of technology throughout history, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that India is now trying to reclaim that position, and a step in that direction is the New Education Policy, which aims to prepare people for the challenges of the 'new world'.

Speaking at the Kashi-Tamil Sangamam 3.0 in Varanasi, Jaishankar also highlighted the importance of yoga and traditional medicine.

"I think the relationship between India and the world...we have historically been a source of technology for



the world in the earlier times. I think today we are trying to recover that again, and part of what we are trying to do through NEP (New Education

Policy) is to prepare people for the challenges of the new world. One area where we can show that already is space, a lot of our space industry is driven by very young people. When we look at AI, the Prime Minister just came from the AI Summit in Paris."

Jaishankar emphasised India's progress in the fields of modern technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence and drones. He also highlighted the role tradition can play in assisting technology by citing examples of Yoga and traditional medicine.

"We concentrate on developing the talent of our people. that our people with the history and tradition that they have will be able to... In many

technology industries, India is working to make the world a better place. Through the NEP program, we have brought in new industries. For example, the AI Summit has just been held in the drone programs. So, we have brought in new technologies through the NEP," Jaishankar said.

He added, "Even Prime Minister says technology and tradition. So tradition can also help technology and that is where the knowledge, Indian knowledge system can make a difference. Now, already, people are discovering...that they took yoga as a physical exercise...Same thing with traditional medicine. People were very, skeptical outside India..."

## Atishi chosen as Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly

**NEW DELHI:** Former Delhi Chief Minister Atishi was chosen as the Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly at a meeting of AAP MLAs here on Sunday, party leaders said.

AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal and the party's 22 MLAs - that includes Kalkaji legislator Atishi - attended the meeting.

The first session of the Delhi Assembly will begin on February 24. In the three-day

session, the ruling BJP government has said that pending CAG reports against the performance of the previous AAP government will be tabled in the House.

The BJP ousted AAP from power in Delhi, winning 48 of the 70 seats in the assembly polls held on February 5.

AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal and several top leaders of the party, including Manish Sisodia, also lost the elections.



## Renowned Punjabi Artist Sonia Mann Joins 'AAP'

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 23

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) gained significant strength in Punjab, on Sunday. Renowned Punjabi artist Sonia Mann joined the Aam Aadmi Party in the presence of the party's National Convener Arvind Kejriwal.

In a formal ceremony, Kejriwal, along with other AAP leaders, welcomed Sonia Mann into the party.

Sonia Mann is the daughter of Kirti Kisan Union leader Sardar Baldev Singh. She also played a significant role in the Delhi farmers' movement. Sonia has been actively involved in social service for a long time and often raises important social and political issues through social media.

Addressing the media after joining the party, Sonia Mann thanked AAP Supremo Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. She expressed her admiration for the leadership and work of both leaders.

She said, "Impressed by the work of the Aam Aadmi

Party government in Punjab, I decided to join 'AAP'. I felt that only this party could provide me with an opportunity to work for the people. Whenever I approached any AAP MLA or minister with any work, they prioritised it."

She specifically men-



tioned Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian and Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh, highlighting how the Health Minister acted upon her request to establish anti-drug committees in villages and restore the Vivekananda Health Centre located within Amritsar Medical College.

## UP govt gears up for Maha Shivratri, final holy Snan at Maha Kumbh

AGENCY PRAYAGRAJ, FEB 23

The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government has intensified preparations for the last major bath of Maha Shivratri, scheduled for February 26, at the ongoing Maha Kumbh.

In line with the Chief Minister's directives, Uttar Pradesh Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh and Director General of Police (DGP) Prashant Kumar visited Maha Kumbh Nagar to assess the arrangements and issued necessary instructions to officials, according to a statement from the Chief Minister's



Office (CMO).

Speaking to the media, DGP Prashant Kumar stated, "We are making comprehensive arrangements for traffic control, crowd management, and ensuring a smooth experience for devotees, especially during the last bath and the upcoming weekend. Our constant endeavour is to ensure that devotees do not face any kind of inconvenience."

The state government is also closely monitoring social media to prevent any attempts to disrupt the atmosphere of Maha Kumbh. DGP Prashant Kumar revealed that authorities have been actively moni-

toring such activities and have registered over fifty FIRs against those attempting to spread misinformation. He assured strict action against any such elements.

Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh and DGP Prashant Kumar also conducted an inspection of Sangam Ghats by boat, reviewing cleanliness arrangements and providing further directives to officials. Manoj Kumar Singh highlighted that approximately 59 crore devotees have participated in the Maha Kumbh, the world's largest religious and cultural congregation held at the confluence of the holy Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati.

4th Annual CME on Recent Developments in Pulmonary Medicine Successfully Concludes

RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA: The department of Pulmonary Medicine, TB Hospital, Government Medical College, Patiala concluded its one and a half day CME on Sunday 23rd February with an attendance of around 150 delegates.

Bhai Sukhjot Singh Minhas made a special visit to Cabinet Minister Dhariwal

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Under the able leadership of President of NRI Sabha Punjab, Mrs. Parminder Kaur Banga and her entire team, a high level two-day meeting was organized to unite the NRI's towards Punjab and to solve

the problems of NRI's, in which specially Cabinet Minister of Punjab Government Kuldeep Singh ji Dhaliwal and former DIG of Punjab Police Gurpreet Singh Toor attended as Chief Guests. After listening to their views, on behalf of Bhai Sukhjot Singh Minhas,

information was given about the services being run by them in the true service of humanity under the able leadership of President Manohar Singh of Gurdwara Shaheed Baba Matti Sahib Ji Daroli Kalan. In which, organizing blood donation camps, organizing

beautiful turban training camps and turban competitions to connect small children with Sikhism from childhood, arranging marriages for needy daughters, and many other ongoing services were made known.

Six-day workshop organized at Miri Piri Khalsa College, Bhadaur



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI: Under the guidance and directions of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Secretary Education S. Sukhraminder Singh, Miri Piri Khalsa College, Bhadaur, a renowned institution of the area, under the able leadership of College Principal Prof. Malvinder Singh, organized a six-day personality development workshop for girls of final classes by the college's placement cell from February 17 to February 22, 2025.

# 53rd Rose Festival wind up with Sham-e-Ghazal & Hasya Kavi Samalen

RNKHERA CHANDIGARH: Cultural function, performances and competitions marked the conclusion of the 53rd edition of three-day Chandigarh Rose Festival at Rose Garden, sector 16, Chandigarh with the Chief Secretary, UT, Chandigarh Sh. Rajeev Verma, IAS distributing prizes to the winners of different competitions held during three day mega event organized by the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh.



City Mayor Smt. Harpreet Kaur Babla, MC Commissioner Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS, Area Councillor Sh. Saurabh Joshi, Chief Engineer Sh. Sanjay Arora and other senior officers and

officers under the able guidance of M C Commissioner Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS to make the Rose festival success without incurring any expenditure from the Corporation coffers. He appreciated the efforts to make this event 'Zero Budget and Zero Waste' by way of getting sponsorship for each and every event organized during the three day festival.

On the third day a Musical Evening namely "Sham-e-Ghazal" has been organized by the Municipal Corporation in Rose Garden in association with Chandigarh Sangeet Natak Akademy during which

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I Hitherto Known As PHOOLA DEVI W/o JAGDISH LAL R/o H.NO. 197, SECTOR-18, HUDA, DISTT PANIPAT, HARYANA-132103, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As PHOOLADEVINARANG. 72737

I Hitherto Known As HARSH KAPOOR ALIAS HARSH RANI ALIAS DAYA W/o JUGAL KISHORE R/o #288, WARD No. 27/18, CAMP YAMUNA NAGAR, TEHSIL JAGADHRI, DISTT. YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As HARSH KAPOOR. 72737

I, No.2493296N Ex Nk Harjinder Singh S/o Swinder Pal Singh resident of Dial Bhati, PO- Gaggio Mahal, Tehsil-Ajnala, Dist- Amritsar, Punjab, Pin Code 143102, declares that in my services record my father Swinder Pal Singh and mother Balwinder Kaur DOB is wrongly written as 01 July 1960' and 01 July 1962 but there correct DOB is 31 Dec 1960 and 01 Jan 1956

I, Sharda Rani wife of Krishan Kashyap r/o Street No. 3 Prithu Colony, Ward No, 11 Pehowa, District Kurukshetra (Haryana) have changed my name from Sharda Rani to Sharda Kashyap. Concerned please note. 84451

I Kamalpreet Kaur D/o Palwinder Singh W/o Gurpreet Singh R/o Vpo Ramewal, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar 144039 Have Changed My Name From Kamalpreet Kaur To Kamalpreet Is My Given Name And Kaur Is My Surname. 989753

I, Manira W/O Sikander Ali R/O King Colony, Near Masjid Ibrahim, Nabha Road, Malerkotla, Tehsil & Distt. Malerkotla have Changed my name from Manira to Maneera. 63372

I Harvinder kaur W/o Harjinder Singh Vpo.Lilan Tehsil. Jagraon, District. Ludhiana have Changed my name to Harwinder Kaur. 63372

I, Satyadeep Sharma S/O Ashwani Sharma, R/o House Number 32, Satnam Nagar, Jalandhar-I, Basti, Jalandhar, Punjab-144002, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Syamantaki Sharma aged about 6 years and She shall hereafter be known as Harsyamantaki Sharma. 63372

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I am Parma Rani wife of Baru Singh of village Phulwala Dogra, post office Budhlada, pin cod 151502, Tehsil Budhlada, District Mansa. My name is Parma Rani on my Aadhaar card and PAN card and my name is Suman Kaur on the educational certificates of my children. I am the only woman in my village with these two names. Today I have changed my name from Parma Rani to Suman Kaur. to take note of the related. 63372

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ, ਮੁਹਾਲੀ। ਪੁੱਤਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ। ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

I, Balbir Singh Ghera, Son Of Gurnam Singh, R/O VPO. Moranwali, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur, Hereby Declare That I Have Legally Adopted Simran Kaur. Therefore, Simran Kaur Is Legally Entitled To Equal Share In My Property. Please Note The Following. 63372

I, Khushpreet Singh son of Lakhbir Singh, r/o Vill. Kotli Dhola Shah, Tehsil and Distt. Amritsar, Punjab, declare that Singh is my surname and Khushpreet is my given name. 72737

I, Arvinder Kaur W/o Balbir Singh R/o Mohalla Dhobian ,Bassi Pathana, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name To Arvinder (Kaur) As A Surname. 666554

I, Varun Kumar S/O Ram Murti R/o H.No-118,kaki Pind,po.dakoha, Rama Mandi, Dist Jalandhar 144023 Have Changed My First Name To Varun And Kumar As A Surname. 900026

I, Shingara Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/O VPO Kokri Heran (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Shingara Singh Hayer. 63372

I, Simranjit Kaur W/o Malk Singh R/o Village Bakraha Post Office Sadharanpur District Patiala Have Changed My Name To Simranjit (Surname) Kaur. 63372

I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Jagtar Singh R/o Vill: Behlan Khanpur Teh-Bassi Pathana (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name from Kuldeep Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur. 63372

I, Balappa is Father of Army No.16111900F Rank - Hav. Name - Shivappa Balappa Javejar Resident of (Address) H.No.1876, Kochari Road, VTC - Hebbal, Po. Hebbal, Distt. Belagavi, State - Karnataka, PIN - 591221, Hereby declare that I have Changed My Name From Balappa to Balappa Beerappa Javejar and Also Changed My Dob From 01-07-1949 to 01-01-1944 due to Wrongly entered in the Service Record of My Son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly correct it. 63372

ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ, ਮੁਹਾਲੀ। ਪੁੱਤਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ। ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

I, Nidhi W/o Amit Sehgal, R/O Dalip Avenue, Loharka Road, Gumtala Sub Urban, Amritsar, Punjab I Have Changed My Name Nidhi Sehgal. 72737

I, Gaurav Son Of Rakesh Kumar R/o House No. 2512 Mohalla Dhiran Nakodar, Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Gaurav To Gaurav Guri Please Note. 777886

I, Punam W/o Baldev Raj R/O Village Bhandal Tehsil Patti District Tam Taran have changed my name from Punam to Poonam. 63372

I, Shingara Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/O VPO Kokri Heran (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Shingara Singh Hayer. 63372

I, Charanjit Kaur spouse of No. 13920579H Hav Kulbir Singh Bhatti R/o Vill: Rampur Po. Jhika Ladhana Teh-Nawanshahr (SBS Nagar) Pb-144510 changed her name to Charanjeet Kaur. 63372

I, Amritpal Kaur alias Amritpal Kaur Jandu W/O Dalvinder Singh Jandu R/O Village Ratolan, Tehsil & Distt. Malerkotla declared that both names are one and the same Person. 63372

I, Balappa is Father of Army No.16111900F Rank - Hav. Name - Shivappa Balappa Javejar Resident of (Address) H.No.1876, Kochari Road, VTC - Hebbal, Po. Hebbal, Distt. Belagavi, State - Karnataka, PIN - 591221, Hereby declare that I have Changed My Name From Balappa to Balappa Beerappa Javejar and Also Changed My Dob From 01-07-1949 to 01-01-1944 due to Wrongly entered in the Service Record of My Son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India) Kindly correct it. 63372

LOST & FOUND ਸੱ, ਹਾਹਲੂ ਕਾਮਬੋਜ ਪੁਰ ਜ਼ੀ ਬਿਲੇ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸਿਲੀ ਕਾਨਾਂ, ਰਾਮਪੁਰ, ਜਿਲਾ ਯੁਨੀਅਨਪਾਰ (ਹਰਿਆਣਾ) ਕੀ ਫੋ ਸੇਲ ਡੀਡ ਜਿਸਕਾ ਰਜਿਸਟ੍ਰੀ ਨੰ. 5138 ਦਿਨਾਂਕ 13.01.2012 ਈ 2334 ਦਿਨਾਂਕ 21.12.2012 ਦਿਨਾਂਕ 08.02.25 ਕੋ ਚਮਰੀਭੀ ਵ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਕੇ ਕੀ ਕਾਰ ਪਰ ਗੁਜ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਹੈ। ਅਗਰ ਕਿਸੀ ਕੋ ਸਿਲੇ ਕੋ ਤਾਰੋਕ ਪਠੇ ਪਰ ਲੀਠਾ ਹੈ। ਫ਼ਕਕਾ ਡੀਡੀਆਰਨੰ. 132400412500213 100046

I, Baljeet Ravish S/O Dharam Singh R/o Village Neemwala Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Baljeet Ravish To Baljit Singh. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I, Sohan Lal S/o Nand Kishore R/o Hno. 2661, Rajound Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sohan Lal To Sohan Lal Mittal. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I, Manjinder W/O Tejinder Kumar R/o V.P.O Khurla Kingra, Jalandhar, 144003, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Manjinder to Manjinder Kaur. Please Note. 461257

I, Sandeep Singh Deosi S/o Kulwant Singh R/o Sunam (Sangru) have changed my name to Sandeep Singh. 63372

I, Asim Hassan S/o Ali Hassan R/o W.No. 03, H.No. 321, Shahida Road Mahilpur, Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, declare that my given name is Asim and in which Hassan is my surname. 63372

I, Binay Kumar S/o Krishnachandra Singh Father Of 22001505K Rank Sep Sourabh Kumar Residing Of Sheotar, Bhatu Bigha, Sheotar, Saunrar, Po: Seotar, Dist: Gaya, Bihar-805109. Have changed my date of birth 01-01-1978 to 04-06-1975 As per Aadhar card/ Pan Card. 900028

I Kulsum Bee is Mother of ARMY NO.- 16114420H, Rank Hav. Name - Mohammad Ameer Basha and Resident of (Address) - 18-35, Bavajipalem, Nizampatnam, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522314. Hereby Declare That I have Changed My Name From Kulsum Bee to Kulsumbi and Also Changed My DOB From 01-07-1963 to 05-06-1958 due to Wrongly entered in the Service Record of My Son. vide Affidavit Attested by Notary (Govt. of India). Kindly correct it. 63372

ਮੈਂ ਹਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਲੇਟ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ 314, ਗਲੀ ਨੰ: 1-2 ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਨਗਰ ਨਵਾਇਦਗੜ, ਡੇਰਹਟਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੁੱਖਿਤਮ ਸ਼ਿਮਲਾ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲਵਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੋ ਕਿ ਕੁਆਰਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੀ ਕੋਈ ਗੱਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੰਨਦਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਨ ਮਰਜ਼ੀ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਇਹ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲਵਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਅਤੇ ਇਸਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਤਲਕਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। 72737

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I Prabhjot Singh Randhawa S/O Malkit Singh Village Amargarh Tehsil Malerkotla Have Changed My Name Prabhjot Singh. 63372

I, Manpreet Kaur D/o Gurdawar Singh R/o H.No. 63, Ranjit Nagar, Near Wadala Chowk, Khurla, District Jalandhar, Punjab declare that I have changed my name Pinky to Manpreet Kaur. 63372

I, Army no 6495558W RANK Hav. Name KAMLESHWAR KUMAR DIWEDI Unit 507 ASC BN C/o 56 APO Ferozepur presently residing at Village-Samal Gaurup, Post-Peoli, Distt.-Gopalganj, (Bihar), 841436 have change name of my son from ADARSH KUMAR DWIVEDI to ADARSH KUMAR DIWEDI vide affidavit dated 22-02-2025 before Notary Public at Ferozepur. 900023

I, Raj Kumar S/O Ashraf, R/o Chhangla and Teh-Dasuya, Chhangla, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144205, I have changed the name of my minor Son Abhishek aged about 16 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Abhishek Mattu. 63372

I, Yogesh Kumar Singh S/O Phool Singh, R/o House No. 2071, Sector-8, Faridabad, Haryana- 121006, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Arshia aged about 14 years and She shall hereafter be known as Arshia Phogat. 63372

I, Aditya Kumar S/O Rakesh Kumar Mohalla Prem Nagar Qadian, Tehsil Batala, Dist. Gurdaspur, Pin- 143516 Have Changed My Name To Aditya. 63372

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## PSPCL Kharar Division issues nodal complaint cell numbers for its consumers

**SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR:** These Numbers to work in addition to Centralised Helpline 1912 Kharar/SAS Nagar, February 23: To help its Consumers in redressing power supply related complaints Senior Executive Engineer, Operation Division, PSPCL Kharar Er. Inder Preet Singh has issued the Nodal Complaint Centres Number working in the Kharar Division. He informed that various ways of registration of complaints have been provided by the PSPCL to its Consumers. In addition to these, Consumers can register the complaints by contacting the two Nodal Complaint Centres set up under Operation Division Kharar. Divulging the Area wise details, he said that Nodal Complaint Center-1 having contact number 96461-19169 caters to the Shivalki City, Chandigarh Road, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125/124, GTB Nagar, Shivjot etc.

## SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 23

The Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana, in its ruling regarding CWP-PIL-9-2023 (O&M) and related cases, has mandated that the Chandigarh Administration address the traffic bottleneck caused by the jutting out corner of the Rock Garden near the Multi-Level Parking. This is impacting the traffic flow in the area, especially near the High Court.

In response, the Chandigarh Administration is working on a road widening project aimed at decongesting the parking areas around the High Court. This involves shifting a compound wall near the Rock Garden in Phase 3, which, while part of the surrounding area, is not integral to the Rock Garden itself. The wall was originally built to enclose the adjacent



forested land, not part of the Garden designed by Nek Chand.

The plan for road widening has been approved, with the necessary conversion of forest land to non-forest land authorized by the Government of India. The Rock gar-

den and its outside area is not a part of the Capitol complex, which is an inscribed World Heritage site by UNESCO. Moreover, the proposal required shifting of the wall has been shared with relevant stakeholders, including the Chandigarh Heritage

Conservation Committee (CHCC) Sub committee, ensuring that the project aligns with conservation efforts.

Importantly, the wall will not be demolished but rather shifted to accommodate the road widening. A new wall will be constructed that will replicate the original design, preserving the Rock Garden's legacy and aesthetic integrity. This approach strikes a balance between improving traffic flow and protecting the cultural and historical value of the Rock Garden created by Nek Chand.

The Chandigarh Administration is focused on both maintaining the Rock Garden's legacy and enhancing traffic management in the area.

## PGIMER organises 'Race for 7' awareness walk to promote rare disease awareness



## RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 23

February is Rare Disease Month, and efforts are being made to mobilize people and raise awareness about rare diseases. Most of these diseases are genetic disorders, and some run in families. Patients often visit multiple doctors, and diagnosis is frequently delayed.

The Genetic Metabolic Unit of the Department of Pediatrics at PGIMER organized a walk in association with the Organization for Rare Diseases India (ORDI) on Sunday morning. The walk took place from Bhargava Auditorium to Sukhna Lake, with participants including students from Panjab University, NINE, and DAV College, as well as doctors and caretakers of rare disease patients.

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Prof. Ratho from PGIMER flagged off the walk from the auditorium, and Prof. Bhavneet Bharti gave a short speech at Sukhna Lake before distributing medals to some participants. Caretakers of two patients also shared their experiences and the challenges they face while caring for a child with a rare disease.

Raising awareness can lead to a higher index of suspicion, early referrals, and better diagnoses for disorders such as lysosomal storage diseases like Gaucher disease, cystic fibrosis, certain inherited immune disorders, and syndromes affecting multiple organs like the heart, skin, and kidneys. The program concluded with refreshments for the attendees.

## Health camp organised

**CHANDIGARH:** Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society organized a health camp in collaboration with Rose Festival. Dr. Sushil Mahi Project Director, Dr. Jitender Dahiya Assistant Director, Alok Nath Counselor, Irshad Malik Outreach Worker, Rishi Sharma Project Manager, Neelam Devi Counselor made the general public aware about HIV testing and Abha Card in this health camp session. During this camp, HIV testing was done, awareness was created about sexually transmitted infections. People were made aware about the benefits of Abha Card.



## The Middle of everything by Vivek Atray released



## GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, FEB 23

Vivek Atray, Author, Motivational Speaker and ex-IAS officer today launched his 5th book, 'The Middle of Everything'. The book was released by Gaurav Yadav, IPS, DGP Punjab at CII Northern Region Headquarters in Sector 31 here today.

Other speakers on the occasion included Maj. Gen. Neeraj Bali and Dr. Balram Gupta. Among those present were Lt. Gen. Depinder Singh, Former Army Commander and Hardeep Singh Chandpuri, of Fern Tree, the publisher of the book. 'The Middle of Everything' by Vivek

Atray is a book that exemplifies all that is cheerful and peppy in life. The pages of this book will calm your mind and warm your heart. 'The Middle of Everything' is a motley mélange of middles (short humorous or inspirational pieces) published on the editorial pages of leading newspapers. Mr. Atray while speaking about the book said, "The Middle of Everything is a motley mélange of my middles (short humorous or inspirational pieces), most of which have been published on the editorial pages of the Times of India, the Hindustan Times and the Tribune, over the years. This collection is a happy ensemble of some of my earliest, some of my latest.

## 'Miss & Mrs. Valentine Chandigarh' beauty contest held for women

## VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR, FEB 16

Mubarka Events organized a special talent hunt exclusively for women, titled 'Miss & Mrs. Valentine Chandigarh', at the Mini Auditorium of Tagore Theatre in Chandigarh. The event attracted participants from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, as well as cities like Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali, Kharar, Zirakpur, and Dera Bassi.

The competition featured two categories:

- Miss Category: 35 unmarried women participated.
- Mrs. Category: 25 married and divorced women took part.

All participants were honored with crowns, trophies, and certificates, along with a complimentary

lunch.

The event was judged by Disha Luthra, Harman Tank, Jasjot Gill, Mufid Khan, Sohan Malik, and makeup artist Saroj. The show-stoppers for the evening were Varsha, Archana, Pihu, Sonia, and Chandni.



The event was organized by Mubarka Events & Entertainment, with Amar Verma as the co-host.

Miss Valentine Chandigarh 2025 Winner was Ishika Rayat. Taruna Sharma was 1 runner up. Shreya Pathania, 2nd runner up. Vaishvi Singh Pathania, 3rd Runner up.

## Lions club host donate swing machines



**CHANDIGARH:** Lions Club (Host) Chandigarh today donated swing machines to 3 needy ladies under their service project. Lunch was also served to the students of School for Deaf & Dumb School run by the club. The project was sponsored by Lion Mrs. Veena Kumar. M.J.F Lion Anand Sawhney, Lion Jagdish Wallia, President and Lion Jagdish Kumar, Secretary beside other members of club were present.

## Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Pharmacy, celebrates its Annual Sports Day



**VICKY BHABAT:** Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Pharmacy, Sector 26, Chandigarh celebrated its Annual Sports Day on 21 February, 2025. The Principal, Raveen Kaur welcomed the Chief Guest, Gurdev Singh, IAS (Retd.), President, Sikh Educational Society and the Guest of Honour Col. (Retd.) Jasmer Singh Bala, Secretary, Sikh Educational Society. The Chief Guest declared the sports meet open and gave the prizes away to the winners of the various events. A yoga drill by the College students showcasing their excellent flexibility, coordination and control was a rare treat to watch. More than 150 students of Diploma in Pharmacy and Diploma in Medical Lab Technology took part in various events like races, throws, slow cycling, sack race, spoon & marble race, chatty race etc. with great zeal and enthusiasm. Running interclass trophies and prizes for Cricket and Volleyball were also given to the winning teams. In the boys' category, Sunny from D. Pharmacy, 2nd year was selected as the best athlete, while Minni from D. Pharmacy, 1st year emerged as the best athlete in the girls' category.

## Felicitation ceremony and poetry conference by Aadharshila Sahityik Sanstha

**CHANDIGARH:** Aadharshila Sahityik Sanstha organized felicitation ceremony and poetry conference in Punjab Kaia Bhawan Sector-16 Chandigarh. In which the book 'Pad, Paduka aur Aap' written by Dr. Ashu Rastogi of Endocrinology Department of PGI Chandigarh was released.

This book has been written by Dr. Rastogi on diabetic foot. In this book, Dr. Rastogi has told the patients about the causes, diagnosis and care of diabetic foot in very simple language. The biggest thing is that this book is being given to the patients for free. Dr. Ashu Rastogi also told all the people present there about diabetes and diabetic foot from the stage. The chief guest of this program was former secretary of Chandigarh Sahitya Academy Subhash Bhasakar while the special guest was Dr. Vinod Sharma, media advisor of Arya Samaj & Kendriya Sabha. In the second session, a poetry conference was organized. In which 92 year old Gurdeep Kaur recited Surjit Patra's poem. Apart from this Pawan Muntazir, Vijay Kapoor, Shamsheer Sahil, Ashok Agarwal, Anita Surabhi, Manjri Meera, Charanjit Chandwal, Harsh Chopra, Tilak Sethi, Surendra Paul and Veena Dhingra, Rajendra Sondh recited their compositions. Anita Surabhi presented her composition.



## Morinda's Loveneet Vashisht tops in journalism, awarded Gold Medal



## RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA:

Loveneet Vashisht, daughter of senior journalist Radhe Shyam Sharma, has secured the top position in the Journalism and Mass Communication examination at Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib. She was honored with a gold medal by the college management committee and principal during the convocation ceremony. College Secretary Jagdeep Singh Cheema praised her outstanding achievement, stating that topping the merit list has brought pride to her family and the institution. Several dignitaries, including Halqa MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh, former Mohali District Planning Board Chairman Vijay Sharma Tinku, Shri Brahminder Sabha Punjab President Advocate Shekhar Shukla, Morinda Press Club President Kamal Jeet Singh, BJP Ropar District President Ajay Veer Singh Lalpura, Morinda Municipal Council President Jagdev Singh Bittu, DSP Vijay Sharma, Dr. Nirmal Kumar Dhiman, SHO Rohit Sharma, BJP Punjab Legal Cell Secretary Sanjeev Sood, and BJP District Secretary & Social Worker Jitinder Gumber, congratulated Loveneet on her success.

## HIIMS Hawks clinch Chandrashekhar Azad T20 trophy with dramatic comeback

**CHANDIGARH:** The finals of the 17 days long Chandrashekhar Azad T20 Tournament witnessed an electrifying contest as HIIMS Hawks pulled off a stunning comeback to defeat Wild Woods Warriors by 17 runs in the grand finale played at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula on Sunday. The champion team defended their modest target of 184 while Warriors were comfortably placed at 131/1 in 13th over. An exceptional bowling from Hawks wrapped up last eights wickets in just 29 runs to seal the win in their favour.

Earlier, Wild Woods Warriors opted to field first, looking to capitalize on early breakthroughs. However, HIIMS Hawks set a challenging total of 183/8 in their 20 overs, powered by a solid 58 off 52 balls from Shivam Bhambrani and an explosive 42 off 22 deliveries by Nehal Pajni. Contributions from Nikhil Sharma (27 off 16 balls) and a late blitz by Jashanjot (20 off 7 balls) ensured a competitive target. Sahil Kumar (2/29) and Raman Bishnoi (2/45) shared two wickets each. Chasing 184 for victory, Wild Woods Warriors looked on course for a comfortable win with maintaining a healthy run rate of over 10. Tushar Joshi hammering 64 off 36 and Aarush Bhandari contributing 37 off 26. However, the game took a dramatic turn as HIIMS Hawks bowlers turned the tide. Rahul Singh (3/25) led the charge with a match-winning spell, while Ritik Sandhu (2/18) and Gaurav Gambhir (1/27).



## SADG and SKP sound the alarm: Call for citizen movement to combat religious conversions and protect Punjab's future

## BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 23

Shiromani Akali Dal Global (SADG) and Sarda Khirda Punjab (SKP) have issued an urgent and hard-hitting call to action, declaring a mass citizen movement to address the twin crises of religious conversions and land exploitation that are threatening to erode Punjab's cultural and social fabric. While the organizations have placed primary emphasis on the alarming rise in religious conversions, they have also highlighted the need for a robust legislative framework, akin to the Uttarakhanda Bhoo Kanoon (Land Law Amendment Bill), to protect Punjab's land from systematic exploitation by outsiders and migrants.

The organizations have squarely blamed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) for their failure to provide sustainable livelihoods, good governance, and ba-



sic amenities. This failure has left Punjab's most vulnerable populations—particularly women and children—susceptible to the predatory tactics of Christian missionaries. These missionaries, operating covertly at the village level, have exploited the desperation of the needy, leading to a disturbing trend of religious conversions that threaten Punjab's identity. SADG and SKP have described

this as a "cultural emergency" that demands immediate action.

At the same time, the organizations have raised concerns about the systematic acquisition of Punjab's land by outsiders, which is leading to demographic changes and cultural shifts. While the issue of land exploitation is critical, SADG and SKP have stressed that the immediate priority must be to combat religious conversions, which are undermining the very essence of Punjab's heritage. Sardar Inder Preet Singh, President of SADG, launched a scathing attack on the AAP government, stating, "The AAP government has turned a blind eye to the crisis of religious conversions for its own political gain. Instead of addressing the root causes of poverty and disenchantment, they have allowed missionaries to prey on our women and children.

## Saras Mela concludes at Sheesh Mahal, leaving everlasting memories

## RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, FEB 23

The Saras Mela, held at Sheesh Mahal, Patiala, from February 14, concluded today, leaving behind unforgettable memories. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav and Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Anupriya Johal presided over the closing ceremony, honoring those who contributed to the success of the event.

Dr. Preeti Yadav stated that the district administration, in collaboration with the Rural Development and Panchayat Department, the Union Ministry of Culture, the Punjab Tourism and Cultural Department, and the North Zone Cultural Centre, organized this mela to provide a significant platform for artisans, craftsmen, and self-help groups. The mela featured



a diverse range of handmade items, including phulkari embroidery, chikankari suits, wooden and iron furniture, pottery, pickles, and traditional food, which attracted a large number of visitors.

Over the course of ten days, the mela witnessed a footfall of approximately four lakh visitors, both from within the coun-

try and abroad, resulting in sales amounting to nearly 3 crore. Stalls from Turkey, Thailand, Egypt, and Afghanistan drew significant attention, adding an international touch to the event. At the closing ceremony, self-help groups with the highest sales were recognized and awarded. Among them, Anita Devi from Bihar recorded

the highest sales, amounting to 4,79,500, followed by Harpreet Kaur of the Patiala King Ajeevika Group, who made sales worth 1,24,500. Delhi-based artisan Afzal Ahmed was also honored for his sales of 4.57 lakh. The mela was not just a marketplace but also a cultural hub, featuring over 200 stalls from 20 states and 4 countries that showcased a variety of handicrafts and traditional products. The North Zone Cultural Centre organized vibrant performances with the participation of 80 artists, who entertained the audience with folk dances, music, and traditional arts. Spectacular performances of Bhangra, Giddha, acrobatics, and Rajasthani folk arts mesmerized the visitors, enhancing the festive atmosphere of the mela.

NEWS BRIEF

**Shah family struggles with unpaved road for four years**



**JAGRAJ SANGHA MOGA:** Inderjit Singh Shah, son of former Sarpanch Bibi Balwinder Kaur Shah, has expressed frustration over the lack of a paved road leading to their house, which has remained incomplete for the past four years due to alleged political reasons. Speaking to reporters, Jasvir Singh Shah, former Block Samiti member and elder brother of Inderjit Singh Shah, stated that their family has been loyal supporters of the Shiromani Akali Dal. He alleged that the road has been neglected since the change in government four years ago, despite their efforts to develop the village without political bias during the Akali Dal's tenure. He further highlighted that the road becomes impassable during rains, causing significant inconvenience to the residents. The family has urged authorities to address the issue and ensure fair development without political discrimination.

**Puneet Sagar and Arpit release Bhajan "Aaja Shankara Aakhayan Udikdiyan" on Maha Shivratri**

**VERMA GURDASPUR:** On the occasion of Maha Shivratri, renowned devotional singer Puneet Sagar and Arpit have released a new bhajan titled "Aaja Shankara Aakhayan Udikdiyan." The bhajan was released by the music company "A Devotional Waves." Puneet Sagar shared that this bhajan beautifully depicts the glory of Lord Shiva and calls upon the devotees to seek His divine vision. The lyrics of the bhajan express deep devotion and reverence for Lord Shiva, encouraging the devotees to surrender and experience His presence. Puneet Sagar explained that the bhajan conveys his heartfelt faith in Lord Shiva, which he believes will strengthen the faith of listeners. Written by Puneet Sagar himself, the music for this bhajan has been composed by G-ARP.

## 278 flying squads to curb cheating in Punjab school board exams

**SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, FEB 23**

With an aim to curb cheating in the board examinations for classes 8th, 10th and 12th in the state, Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) has set up 278 flying squads comprising three members each, revealed S. Harjot Singh Bains, Minister of School Education Minister, Punjab. Reaffirming the commitment of the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, to ensure fair conduct of the board examinations, the School Education Minister said that the flying squads will be led by District

Education Officers (DEOs), Principals, members of the Board's Academic Councils. These teams will carry out surprise inspections at examination centres to prevent cheating. He also directed the senior officials of the department to conduct surprise inspections, with a special focus on border area schools, to prevent any form of cheating or irregularities during the Board examinations, while asking them to ensure that all students adhere to the rules for creating a fair and just environment for them. Over 8.82 lakh students will appear for the Class 8,



10, and 12 board exams in the state, S. Harjot Singh Bains stated, adding that this significant number reflects the importance of these examinations in shaping the

educational futures of the students. He emphasised that the government is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of the examinations process and ensuring that every student has a fair chance to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. The implementation of flying squads and surprise inspections is a crucial step in this direction, aiming to create an environment where academic honesty is upheld and valued. He encouraged the students to choose hard-work over shortcuts in life, emphasising that true success comes from dedication and consistent efforts rather than deceitful

methods. By committing themselves to their studies and embracing challenges, students can develop valuable skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the long run. Moreover, the journey of education is not just about passing exams but also about personal growth and character development. By choosing to work hard, students not only enhance their academic abilities but also cultivate traits like resilience, discipline and integrity. These qualities are essential not just in academics but in all aspects of life. He also extended best wishes to the students for a brighter and fulfilling future.

## NRI Punjabis express their gratitude to the Punjab Govt for holding NRI Milnees

**GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, FEB 23**

The state government has started online NRIs Milnee programmes to address the grievances of NRI Punjabis so that their problems can be resolved immediately. These NRI Milnees are being held on monthly basis. The NRI Affairs Minister personally heard the problems and complaints of NRI Punjabis through online video conferencing. Then their grievances were forwarded to the concerned departments and ADGP of NRI wing of Punjab Police for forthwith redressal. NRI Affairs Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal said that 100 complaints were received in 1st online NRI Milnee and 103 complaints were received in 2nd online NRI Milnee. In this connection, he added that 109 complaints were received



out of which 56 complaints received through email and 53 complaints on whatsapp number in 3rd online NRI Milnee. The Government of Punjab will leave no stone unturned to resolve their grievances at the earliest. He appealed to the NRIs to participate in online NRI Milnees so that their concerns can be sort out immediately. It is pertinent to mention here that we have already held 9 NRI Milnees through offline mode. As per NRI Milnees - 2024 report, 309 complaints were registered and out of these 256 have been disposed of.

## Vigilance Bureau nabs clerk red handed accepting Rs 20000 bribe from widow

**SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, FEB 22**

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, on Sunday, has arrested Suresh Kumar, a clerk posted at the Nagar Council, Malout, in Sri Muktsar Sahib district, for accepting a bribe of Rs 20000 from a underprivileged widow. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said that the aforementioned accused has been arrested based on a complaint lodged by a resident of Malout. He further added that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged that the accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 50,000 for releasing money under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission to construct dwelling house but the deal has been struck to pay the bribe in instalments.



The spokesperson added that after preliminary verification of this complaint, the VB officials laid a trap and apprehended Suresh Kumar red-handed while he was accepting Rs 20,000 as a first instalment of bribe at the house of complainant. The tainted money was recovered on the spot from the accused in the presence of two official witnesses. In this regard a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered against the said accused at the VB police station, Bathinda range and further investigation was

## Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond inaugurates restoration work of historic Jahaz Haveli

**VIKRAM SAHOTA FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEB 23**

The restoration work of the historical Jahaz Haveli of Diwan Todar Mall, who bought the land for the cremation of younger sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Baba Zorawar Singh, Baba Fateh Singh, and Mata Gujri Ji after their martyrdom, in its original form will be carried out by the Diwan Todar Mall Virasti Foundation, Punjab. The Cabinet Minister, Punjab, S. Tarunpreet Singh Sond, inaugurated the restoration work here today. On this occasion, Cabinet Minister Mr. Sond said that the Chief Minister, Punjab, S. Bhagwant Singh Mann had directed that whatever work is to be done by the Punjab Government for this noble cause, should be done on priority basis and the Foundation which is going to serve this historical building should not face any kind of



problem. Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan himself took the lead and held meetings of the Foundation with various departments and representatives of the government, and the Punjab Government worked day and night to give all the approvals to the Foundation. The Cabinet Minister said that until the completion of this work, whenever the Foundation needs anything, the Punjab Government is always ready to help. After the completion of this work, this foundation will also be contacted for the work

appreciated the efforts being made by the foundation. While the foundation honored the cabinet minister, it also thanked Malwinder Singh Jaggi, Secretary, Mrs. Amrita Singh, Director and Mrs. Harjot Kaur, Deputy Director, Department of Archaeology, Punjab, for their cooperation in this work. On this occasion, members of the Foundation, including Satnam Singh Sandhu, America Patron; Gian Singh Sandhu, Founder and Patron; Rani Preeti Singh Nabha, Chief Leader; and Kamal Singh Mike Sandhu, America Patron and Chief Leader; Bahadur Singh, America Patron; Ajaypal Singh Bath, America Patron; Harmesh Singh, Senior Leader; Lakhwinder Singh Kahnke, President; Harbans Singh Taggar; Bahadur Singh, America; and various members of the Foundation marked their presence.

## AAP family joins Congress under Rahul Sidhu's leadership



**GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA:** Taksali AAP family in Khanauri left Aam Aadmi Party and joined Congress party. At this time, under the leadership of Rahulinder Singh Sidhu, son of former Punjab Chief Minister Bibi Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, senior AAP worker Sunil Kumar Vicky Ward No. 4 joined hands with Congress along with his family. At this time, Rahul Sidhu said that AAP is a party of tricks. Aap government has not done anything in Punjab so far and neither has this party taken any step towards the facilities of the people in Delhi nor has it fulfilled any promise made to the voters during the last elections. That is why the voters of Delhi defeated the AAP government. even the people of Punjab Will turn their backs on the Aam Aadmi Party in 20 27. Where Rahulinder Singh Sidhu welcomed the families who joined the Congress party. These people joinin there have faith in Congress in the upcoming elections. He said that from now on we will work hard in the interest of forming the government of the Congress party and will contact everyone in favor of the Congress party.

## District Administration, Rupnagar organises first mini marathon

**SHASHI PAL JAIN RUPNAGAR, FEB 23**

With the aim of motivating the youth of the district to adopt a healthy lifestyle, District Administration Sunday organized the first mini marathon which was flagged off by MLA Rupnagar, Advocate Dinesh Chadha at the Nehru Stadium. While addressing the participants on this occasion, Mr. Chadha said that this is a commendable effort of the district administration to motivate the youth towards sports. Sports play an important role in living a healthy and disease less life he said adding that it also inculcate virtues such as discipline, morality, and patience etc. Speaking on this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Himanshu



Jain said that the first mini marathon witnessed overwhelming response from the residents. About 1200 young boys, girls, children and senior citizens participated in it with great enthusiasm. He said that the success of this mini marathon, Distt administration will definitely organize it every year as marathon will not only encourage the youth towards sports, but also inspire them to work hard and succeed in their lives. Meanwhile, he

## SLIET Longowal successfully concludes ATAL FDP on AI in 6G Communications

**RAVI GARG LONGOWAL, FEB 23**

Under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Prof. Manikant Paswan, Director, SLIET, the institute has successfully conducted the two-weeks ATAL sponsored Faculty Development Programme on Artificial Intelligence in 6G Communications. The valedictory function was held on 22-02-2025 and Prof. J S Dhillon was the Chief Guest of the function. Prof. Ajaypal Singh welcomed dignitaries and participants, highlighting how such programs bridge the academia-industry gap. Prof. Birmohan Singh shared insights into AI's role in wireless communication, network optimization, and machine learning integration in next-generation networks. The Chief Guest of the valedictory function, Prof. J. S.



Dhillon mentioned that 6G is anticipated to revolutionize the industry by incorporating AI at its core. 6G will use AI to automate, forecast, and dynamically improve communication systems, in contrast to earlier generations where networks were planned and optimized by human. He stressed that deploying AI-driven networks requires a deep understanding of analytical models. Prof. JS Ubhi, coordinator of this FDP highlighted that SLIET was among 50 institutes nationwide to get grant from AICTE, New Delhi to organize this advance FDP and 38 participants have attended this program from different institutes of Punjab state. Total 16 sessions were conducted by 6 industry experts and 10 experts from academia, in physical mode spreading over two weeks. These participants have also visited CSIO, Chandigarh and CDAC, Mohali for hands on practice and practical exposure to real-world applications in the related field.

## Eat Right India Cyclethon organized

**SURINDER DAMDAMI FARIDKOT, FEB 23**

The Eat Right India Cyclethon was organized by the Health Department and Faridkot Cycling Group under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann, was flagged off by MLA Gurdit Singh Sekhon and he himself participated in this cyclethon. He said that if our body is not healthy then we cannot enjoy life, the main purpose of this program is to give information to people about proper eating and how to eat so that the body can be kept healthy. He said that exercise is very important to keep the body disease-free and healthy. He said that the candidates participating in this cyclethon have also been given T-shirts and refreshments. Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar said that when we eat good food and exercise, we can stay away from all diseases. He said that to keep the body healthy, we should do cycling, walking, etc. He said that we should connect with our ancient civilization yoga. Due to the efforts of the Punjab Government, yoga classes are also being organized under



the CM's Yogashala. The Deputy Commissioner said that Eat Right Mela will be organized on February 28 at Baba Farid Cultural Center, which is being celebrated to promote good food among the people. He said that street plays, cultural programs, food stalls of nutritious food, food safety on wheels exhibition, and poster making competition for school children will be the attractions of the fair. He appealed to all the district residents to be a part of this fair and enjoy the fair, and get information about health care.

## DBU organises Legal Aid Awareness Camp on Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens

**AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEB 23**

Desh Bhagat University, Mandi Gobindgarh, organized a successful "Legal Aid Awareness Camp on Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens under the Constitution of India" at Rajgarh village, District Ludhiana. The event was a collaborative effort between the ADR Centre, Legal Aid Cell, Pro Bono Legal Service Club, University School of Law, and the Women Grievance Redressal Cell. The camp aimed to educate participants about their fundamental rights and duties as citizens of India, emphasizing the importance of responsible citizenship.



Law students from various semesters explained the 11 fundamental duties mentioned in Article 51A of the Constitution of India. Pamphlets, booklets, and legal aid helpline details were distributed among attendees. Dr. Arti, Ms. Manpreet Kaur, and Ms. Swati Sharma, faculty members of the Legal Studies department highlighted the significance

## Village boy accused of kidnapping minor; police launch search operation

**GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA:**

A woman from Gaga village near here has registered a case at Lehragaga Police Station against a youth from her own village Gaga, who has accused her of taking her minor granddaughter with him on the pretext of marriage. According to Inspector Ranveer Singh, SHO of Lehragaga Police Station, the grandmother of the minor girl has registered a statement with the police that her minor granddaughter had passed class 10 in the year 2024 and was now living at home. She had left home on January 25, 2020 without informing any of the family members and has not returned home till date. We searched for her among all our relatives but we could not find her anywhere. He said that we have now come to know that Amrik Singh's son Sandeep Singh has lured my granddaughter with the pretext of marriage. The girl's grandmother has demanded that the police bring her granddaughter back and take strict action against Sandeep Singh who abducted her. Regarding this matter, the police station chief has said that on the basis of the statement of the girl's grandmother, a case has been registered under sections 137 (2), 87 BNS and sections 363, 366-A of the Indian Penal Code and a search has been started for the boy and the girl, who will be found soon.



## Earthquake of magnitude 3.7 hits Mandi

**AGENCY SHIMLA:** An earthquake of magnitude 3.7 struck Himachal Pradesh's Mandi here on Sunday morning, an official said. The seismic event occurred at 08:42 hours, according to the Meteorological Department. The epicenter was pinpointed

at a latitude of 31.48 and a longitude of 76.95, with a depth of 7 kilometers. Fortunately, no loss of life or property has been reported following the tremors. The affected area, particularly Sundernagar, is recognized as a high seismic-prone zone and falls under Schedule 4 for

earthquake risk. The region is approximately 150 kilometers from the state capital. The Mandi district, known for its susceptibility to seismic activity, has experienced similar tremors in the past, prompting ongoing efforts to enhance disaster preparedness in the region.

### NEWS BRIEF

**Volunteers of Nirankari Mission Foundation launch cleanliness drive in historical pond and temples in Dangoh village**



**AVINASH CHAUHAN**  
**AMB:** In ward number 6 of village Dangoh Khas under Gagret sub division, Daulatpur Chowk unit of Sant Nirankari Mission Foundation organized a cleanliness drive with its approximately 200 volunteers on the occasion of birthday of their Sadguru Baba Hardev Ji. Women, children and elders also participated in this drive.

Volunteers of Nirankari Mission Daulatpur Chowk unit, Bas Dev and Satish Sandal said that this cleanliness drive is being run by all units of the mission in the whole of India. They said that water is life, that is, if water is clean, then the mind of man will also remain clean. Volunteers picked up bushes and plastic waste around the historic Duran da pond, Shiv temple and Sai temple and disposed it off in tractor trolleys. And spread the message of cleanliness to the people. On this occasion, village head Anita Jaswal, Deputy Head Manu Thakur, Ward Member Sangeeta Devi, Praveen Kumar, Manoj Thakur and other villagers were present.

**Accused arrested in Nalagarh rape case, police remain tight-lipped**

**ANWAR HUSSAIN**  
**NALAGARH:** The Baddi police have arrested a man accused of raping a woman in Nalagarh under the pretense of marriage. However, the police's refusal to comment on the case has raised questions. On February 15, 2025, a woman filed a complaint at Women's Police Station, Baddi, alleging that Ishaq Ali alias Ishu, a resident of Ward No. 6, near Sheela Mata Temple, Nalagarh, had established a false relationship with her under false promises of marriage and later absconded. Following the complaint, an FIR was registered immediately. Baddi Superintendent of Police, Vinod Dhiman, formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT), including members of the Cyber Cell and CCTV Unit, to track down the accused.

## Himachal Pradesh Local Fund Accounts Committee visits Bihar Vidhan Sabha

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, FEB 23**

The Local Fund Accounts Committee of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha is currently on a study tour across seven states—Bihar, West Bengal, Meghalaya, Assam, Odisha, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh. Led by Chairman Sanjay Ratna, the committee embarked on its journey from Shimla on February 20 and will continue its tour until March 1, visiting various administrative and scenic locations.

The committee, which includes MLAs Kuldeep Singh Rathore, Prakash Rana, Vivek Sharma, Lokendra Kumar, and Sudarshan Singh, along with Vidhan Sabha Deputy Secretary Rakesh Thakur,



reached Bihar Vidhan Sabha yesterday. They met with Bihar Vidhan Sabha Speaker Nand Kishore Yadav, who welcomed them with a bouquet and a shawl as a gesture of hospitality.

During their meeting, Speaker Nand Kishore Yadav discussed the successful hosting of the Presiding Officers' Conference held in Bihar last month, which was

attended by Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania. He appreciated Pathania's contributions and speech at the event. The Bihar Speaker also briefed the visiting delegation on the functioning of Bihar Vidhan Sabha, its session calendar, and the traditional protocols observed in the House.

In response, Committee

Chairman Sanjay Ratna and other members shared insights into the working of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, highlighting its transition from Himachal's e-Vidhan system to the National e-Vidhan system. He also mentioned the introduction of Zero Hour in Himachal's assembly sessions, allowing MLAs to raise urgent public interest issues.

Ratna further explained that Himachal Pradesh operates two assembly buildings—one in Shimla and the other in Tapovan, Dharamshala. The Budget and Monsoon sessions are held in Shimla, while the Winter Session takes place in Tapovan.

The committee has now proceeded to West Bengal as part of its ongoing study tour.

## FASTag facility to be introduced at six entry tax barriers in first phase

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, FEB 23**

The government is introducing FASTag-based entry tax collection at all 55 toll barriers in a phased manner to streamline entry tax payments and reduce waiting time for commuters entering the state. In the first phase, the FASTag-based entry tax facility will be implemented at six places, including Garamaura in Bilaspur district, Parwanoo (Main), Tipra Bypass (Parwanoo) in Solan district, Govindghat in Sirmour district, Kandwal in Kangra district, Mehatpur in Una district and Baddi in Solan district.

A state government spokesperson said that the Government has decided to auction-cum-tender all entry tax barriers for the financial year 2025-26, expecting a 7.5 percent increase in entry tax revenue compared to the financial year 2024-25. The successful toll lessees for the selected toll units must complete all formalities related to FASTag-based entry tax system implementation within 45 days, failing which their lease will be cancelled. They will bear the entire cost of installation and operation, including charges of the Issuer Bank, NPCI, IHMCL and the acquiring bank.



Senior departmental officers have been directed to ensure timely implementation in their respective jurisdictions.

The spokesperson said that the toll lessees must submit an undertaking confirming FASTag-based entry tax system implementation at their own expense. Additionally, they must issue receipts to commuters making to-and-fro trips within 24 hours and they would be strictly prohibited from charging any amount beyond the approved toll rates, the spokesman added.

Currently, all Himachal Pradesh-registered vehicles, excluding heavy commercial vehicles, are exempted from entry tax and the FASTag software will have a provision to ensure that no deductions are made for exempted vehicles.

## State demand for special relief from Centre to allocate land to Bhakra displaced and landless

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**  
**BILASPUR, FEB 23**

Bhakra Dam oustees those have sacrificed for the cause of nation the left out displaced should be accommodated on priority bases. The issue was brought to notice in the District Planning, Development, and 20-Point Program Review Committee meeting held at Bachat Bhawan under the chairmanship of Minister Rajesh Dharamani. The meeting was focused on key development projects and pressing issues affecting the district, particularly long-pending demand for land allocation to Bhakra displaced and landless families. Dharamani told that "With no government land available in Bilaspur and most areas falling under forest zones, as per the forest department notification



of 1952, so it was unanimously decided to seek special relief from the Central Government to ensure land allocation". The issue was fully backed by the opposition BJP MLAs Randhir Sharma, Jeet Ram Katwal, and Trilok Jamwal, and supporting the proposal, they emphasise the urgent need for rehabilitation. In the meeting, assembly also took notice of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, with directives issued for fast-tracking housing allotment to eligible beneficiaries. Officials were instructed to convene a special session to finalize the list of recipients. The frequent unannounced power cuts in

rural areas were also raised, with MLAs directing immediate action from the electricity board. Discussions also covered pending Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) payments, with strict instructions issued to accelerate the resolution and ensure workers receive their dues without delay. The meeting stressed the expansion of self-help groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission, ensuring transparent assistance distribution and launching an awareness drive to form new groups.

## Printing & Stationery department to be equipped with new technology: Education Minister

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, FEB 23**

Education and Printing & Stationery Minister Rohit Thakur visited the Printing & Stationery department here today to review the functioning of the department. This department was playing a vital role in meeting the printing and stationery needs of all state government departments.

He said the state government was making every possible effort to strengthen the department. To address the staff shortage in the department, the government has approved 33 new posts of various categories and the recruitment process has already begun. He said that printing work depends on advanced machines, which



require skilled personnel. He assured that more skilled staff would be recruited soon and he will strongly advocate for hiring more staff in the upcoming Cabinet meeting.

He said that there was a need to adopt new technology in printing and he would submit a proposal to the Chief Minister for procuring modern machinery to improve work efficiency

and reduce printing time. He said that the employees would be provided specialized training to operate advanced machines. The Minister said the previous government neglected the department and took no steps for technological advancements. No recruitment was done by the previous governments which has affected the

working of the department. The printing press originally had 365 employees, but presently this number has been reduced to 128. Whereas the present government was committed to bringing it back on track and ensuring the smooth execution of printing work.

Rohit Thakur also inspected various sections of the department, interacted with employees and listened to their concerns. He appreciated their dedication and assured them that their grievances would be addressed sympathetically.

Controller of Printing & Stationery Prabha Rajeev briefed the Minister about the operations of the department. She also presented the key demands and requirements of the department.

## JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal receives 'Business leader of the decade' award



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA:** JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal has been conferred with the coveted Business Leader of the Decade' honour at the 15th AIMA Managing India Awards, in recognition of his transformative leadership in expanding JSW Group into a global conglomerate. Under Mr Jindal's stewardship, JSW Group has achieved remarkable growth, more than doubling its revenues to US\$24 billion. His strategic vision has led to JSW nearly tripling its annual steel production capacity to 39 million tonnes, whilst establishing the group as a major force in renewable energy and cement manufacturing. The award recognises Mr Jindal's pivotal role in aligning JSW Group with India's infrastructure modernisation initiatives. Under his leadership, JSW has emerged as the second-largest private player in India's ports sector, whilst also venturing into future-focused sectors including electric vehicles and military drones through international partnerships.

## Daughters are priceless heritage of civilization and society: Captain Ranjit Singh Rana

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR, FEB 23**

Daughters are the priceless heritage of our civilization and culture. They are the strongest pillar of society and the most precious gift from God to humanity. Their dignity and honor bind human communities with the sacred thread of peace and harmony. As a civilized society, it is our responsibility to cherish and protect this shared legacy.

These thoughts were expressed by Captain Ranjit Singh Rana, MLA from Sujampur, during an inspirational dialogue and felicitation ceremony held at Mata Tauni Devi Temple. The event was organized under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative by the DPO Hamirpur and CDPO Tauni Devi for 103 champion



daughters from 33 panchayats of Bamsan Block, who have achieved remarkable success in various fields. Speaking to the daughters and their parents, Captain Ranjit Singh Rana described them as symbols of hope and prosperity, akin to a cool breeze in the scorching summer, infusing optimism into despair. He emphasized that daughters are not just carriers of civilization but also of positivity, enriching the environment with their

presence. However, he lamented that society's competitive and commercial mindset has led to human relationships being measured in terms of profit and loss, often prioritizing men over women in social and economic terms. This flawed perception has pushed women and daughters backward, making society regressive and orthodox. True progress and competition can only be achieved through equality and respect.

## In Sukhu gov't's rule, young generation is sinking into quagmire of drugs: Vishav Chakshu

**SANAJY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, FEB 23**

State BJP media co-in-charge Vishav Chakshu has said in a statement issued to the press that the Sukhu government of the state has completely failed to crack down on the drug mafia. He said that it has become a matter of concern for the state that the young generation is getting caught in the chains of chitta drug addiction. What is even more surprising is that doctors, government officials, police personnel and Congress leaders are being caught for chitta drug addiction. He alleged that it seems that the drug mafia is getting the protection of the government itself, due to which the roots of the drug business in the state have become so strong that they cannot be cut. He said that



Himachal Pradesh has reached the second position in the case of drug addiction. It is surprising that girls are also taking chemical drugs. In the last few years, the trend of synthetic drugs has increased among the youth. Youths are getting caught in the grip of heroin and chitta. According to Himachal Police, 0.24% of the total population of the state is under the influence of drugs. According to the survey, about two lakh youths in the state are drug addicts. Surprisingly, girls are also

fond of chemical drugs. A worrying situation is constantly arising in the state regarding drugs. He said that the web of drugs like smack, heroin and chitta is increasing in the state. Due to this, the youth of the state are falling prey to drugs. But the Sukhu government of the state has been completely unsuccessful in curbing drugs. He said that while the incidents of robbery are increasing in the state due to drugs, the mutual brotherhood is ending in the state and an atmosphere of anarchy has been created. He said that the mafia smuggling drugs from neighboring states to far-flung areas is earning a lot of money in this business. In such a situation, the youth are using the drugs being sold in the state in large numbers.

## Sant Nirankari Mission conducts cleanliness drive at Govind Sagar Lake



**JOGINDER DEV ARYA**  
**BANGANA, FEB 23**

A special cleanliness drive was conducted at the Govind Sagar Lake under the initiative of Sant Nirankari Mission, with volunteers from Thana Kalan, Bangana, and Lathiyani participating. The drive focused on removing plastic waste, garbage, and other pollutants from the lake's shore. The campaign was inaugurated by the local head of Sant Nirankari Mandali, who emphasized the importance of cleanliness and environmental conservation. The event also saw the presence of local administrative officials and residents.

Mission volunteers systematically collected and disposed of the accumulated waste while also raising awareness about preserving water bodies. Local residents appreciated the initiative, stating that such efforts not only promote environmental protection but also boost tourism. The Nirankari Mission members pledged to continue such initiatives in the future. Among those present were District Council Member Satya Devi, Panchayat Committee Member Joginder Dev Arya, Ward Panch Rakesh Kumar, and Nirankari Mission representatives Kuber Singh, Joginder Singh, Satpal Dhiman, and Amritlal, along with hundreds of other volunteers.

## DC conducts surprise inspection at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Pekhubela

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA, FEB 23**

Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal conducted a surprise inspection at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Pekhubela on Saturday, reviewing the CBSE examination center set up at the school. He interacted with students in classrooms, discussing their studies, exam preparations, and available facilities, while also offering guidance. JNV Principal Raj Singh and school staff were present during the visit. The DC also inspected ongoing repair works and the sewage treatment plant, directing the junior engineer of the construction agency to complete all tasks on time



and with quality assurance to ensure students benefit from improved facilities as soon as possible. Later, he visited the Panchvati Park in Katohar Kalan under the Amb sub-division. He instructed officials to expedite beautification work under the MNREGA convergence scheme, including the

installation of lights, benches, and other amenities, to provide a comfortable space for residents to relax and exercise. Responding to local demands, the DC directed the panchayat to prepare a detailed proposal for constructing a community hall and submit it to his office for further consideration.

## Pallavi selected as Miss Farewell and Akshay as Mr. Farewell



**AVINASH CHAUHAN**

**AMB:** Farewell ceremony for class XII was organized in Shivalik Hill Public School Amb. School Principal Sushma Dadwal wished the 12th class children a bright future in the ceremony. Class XI students also gave a warm welcome to their seniors and entertained them with a number of games like chair game, paper folding game, etc. On the basis of the games, Mr. Farewell Akshay, Miss Farewell Pallavi and Miss Personality Ishita and Miss Inspiration Srishri were selected. On this occasion, manager Anil Parmar and teachers Ajay, Savin and Mamta were also present.

NEWS BRIEF

**Shock to Punjabi novelist Pargat Singh Sidhu; wife passes away**

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** Punjabi Shiromani Sahitya Award winner and renowned novelist Pargat Singh Sidhu is shocked by the demise of his wife Baljit Kaur (88). The Bhog and tribute ceremony in her name will be held at Gurdwara Patshahi Nauvi in writer Sidhu's native village Sekha (Barnala district) on February 25 (Tuesday) at 12:30 pm. All literary, political and social personalities of the area expressed their condolences to the Sidhu family.

**Cooperation of common people is necessary to prevent crimes: DSP**



**SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL:** Kaithal Police is continuously conducting public relations campaign by visiting from village to village under the leadership of SP Rajesh Kalia. On Sunday, a team of Guhla DSP Kuldeep Beniwal, SHO Guhla SI Rampal and outpost Mehmoodpur in-charge ASI Rajesh visited villages Dera Chanchak, Dabankhedi, Mehmoodpur, Chaba, Daba of Guhla subdivision and organized meetings with villagers and prominent people. During this, DSP Kuldeep Beniwal said that cooperation of the general public was very important to prevent crimes, without which this work was impossible. It was said that drug addiction was the root of all crimes, so eliminating drug addiction was the first duty of the police and the public. In the present era, drug addiction was hollowing out the society and the country and the future youth of the country was going towards the abyss. If we control drug addiction, then other crimes will also reduce to a great extent. Deputy Superintendent of Police Guhla heard the problems of the people present during this time and assured to solve them and appealed to the general public to cooperate with the police administration to prevent crimes. The DSP said that drug addiction was a social evil. We all have to uproot it together.

## MeT predicts 4-day wet weather with rain, snow over J&K from Feb 25

AGENCY SRINAGAR, FEB 23

The Meteorological Department Srinagar has predicted four-day wet weather with light to moderate rain and snow at most places from February 25 over Jammu and Kashmir.

The weather will generally remain dry till February 24, the MeT office said. It said the weather will remain generally cloudy with light to moderate rain and snow at most places with isolated heavy rain and snow over both Kashmir and Jammu divisions from February 25 till end of the month.

The weather office has also issued an advisory



stating that there is possibility of temporary disruption of Surface transportation mainly over Sadhna pass, Razdan Pass, Sonamarg-Zojila-Gumri axis, Mughal Road, Sinthan pass & other major roads of hilly districts.

"Tourists/travellers/Transporters are advised to plan their trips accordingly and follow Admin/Traffic advisory", the advisory said. It has also advised Farmers to suspend irrigation and other farm operations during the period.T

The night temperature slightly improved but stayed below freezing point at most weather stations of the Kashmir valley . The minimum temperature recorded during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday was

recorded at Srinagar 0.0°C, ski resort of Gulmarg -5.6°C, tourist resort of Pahalgam -4.3°C and Qazigund -0.6°C.

In Kashmir Division, the maximum temperature also witnessed an increase by 2 to 4°C on Saturday with highest recorded at Srinagar 15.2°C, Pahalgam 11.0°C and Kupwara 15.2°C.

In Jammu division the night temperature also witnessed a slight drop with Bhabderwah at 1.2°C, Banihal 3.2°C, Jammu 9.2°C and Batote 5.1°C overnight.

Similarly the day temperature recorded the previous day in Jammu 23.5°C, Kathua 22.8°C, Batote 15.4°C and Katra 21.6°C respectively, the MeT office said.

## 2 independent candidates extend support to BJP in Karnal civic polls



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 23

In a significant political development, two independent candidates from Ward No. 5 have pledged their support to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the Karnal Municipal Elections. The announcement was made under the leadership of MLA Jagmohan Anand at the BJP office, 'Karn Kamal', in Sector-9.

Independent candidate Sachin Panchal, who contested with the 'Jeep' symbol, and Ashwini Kumar,

whose symbol was 'Rising Sun', have now backed BJP's mayoral candidate Renu Bala Gupta and councillor candidate Subhash Chandra Kamboj. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Jagmohan Anand expressed confidence in the BJP's victory, emphasizing that continuous endorsements from independent candidates reflect strong public support. He credited the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal for the rapid development in Karnal, which has bolstered BJP's position.

## Crucial Role of the Tarksheel Society in creating scientific awareness movement: Amolak Singh

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, FEB 23

The Tarksheel Society Punjab organized a seminar and felicitation ceremony at Tarkashil Bhawan, Barnala, marking the 23rd death anniversary of the late rationalist leader Krishan Bargadi. The seminar focused on the topic "Challenges in the Present Fascist Era and Our Actions." The event was presided over by PALS Manch President Amolak Singh, state-level organizational leader Master Rajinder Bhadaur, Hem Raj Stenon, Krishan Bargadi's life partner Madam Rajinder Kaur Bargadi, and Rajpal Bathinda. On this occasion, Amolak Singh, President of Punjab Lok Sabha Charak Manch and the event's keynote speaker, stated that the current sectarian ruling classes are misleading the country and the



world by turning myths into history. He highlighted concerns over the saffronisation and commercialization of education, which is undermining the constitutional right to scientific awareness and eroding educational institutions. He accused imperialist-leaning governments of displacing poor tribal communities to facilitate the corporate exploitation of natural resources like water, forests, land, and minerals. He further alleged that those resisting this

exploitation are being systematically eliminated in staged police encounters. Amolak Singh emphasized the need for the Tarksheel Society and other pro-people, public, and democratic organizations to work collectively at a grassroots level to foster critical thinking and awareness. He called for an organized and decisive struggle against the corrupt imperialist regime, acknowledging the vital role of the Tarksheel Society in promoting scientific awareness in Punjab.

## Immigrant Ghazalgo Kesar Karamjit's second Ghazal collection 'Nadiye Tera Ki Sirnawan' launched and honored



KULDEEP SOOD

**BARNALA:** Punjabi Sahit Sabha (Regd.) Barnala organized a literary event at the local Government Senior Secondary School (Boys). Jassi Bhullar from Canada was a special guest. Giving information in this regard, the Press Secretary of the Sabha, Dr. Rampal Singh Shahpuri, said that during this event, the second Ghazal collection 'Nadiye Tera Ki Sirnawan' of immigrant Ghazalgo Kesar Karamjit (Australia) was launched by the versatile writer and Ghazalgo Buta Singh Chauhan. About this book, Dr. Rampal Singh Shahpuri, Dr. Haribhwan, Bhola Singh Sanghera, Jagjit Gurm, poet Tarsem, Vinod Aniket, Malvinder Shayar, Dr. Anil Shorey, Iqbal Kaur Udasi, Hardeep Kumar and school head Harish Karsanjit shared their views. The author told about the creation of his work. The author was also honored by the society. Rajinder Shunki, Ram Saroop Sharma, Jassi Bhullar, Akriti Sharma and Ragbir Singh Gill etc. participated in the poet court held later. The stage management of the event was done by the society's general secretary Pawan Parinda. Apart from others, Dr. Ujagar Singh Mann, Tejinder Chandihok, Dr. Balwinder Sharma, Major Singh Gill, Darshan Singh Guru, Charan Singh Bhola Jagal, Narinder Kaur, Parshotam Balli, Ashok Bharti and Baljit Singh Sidhu etc. were present in the event.

## Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony and Baby Show held at M.M. International



JAIBEER SINGH SINGH

**BARARA:** On Sunday, M.M. International School, Mullana, hosted a magnificent Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony in conjunction with a captivating Baby Show—'Blooming Buds.' The event extended a warm invitation to children beyond the school community, offering them a delightful platform to radiate their innocence, exuberance, and boundless enthusiasm. The Graduation Ceremony was a momentous occasion, where Kindergarten students were ceremoniously awarded certificates, commemorating a significant milestone in their early educational journey. The young learners mesmerized the audience with vibrant cultural performances, beautifully encapsulating the essence of their rich heritage and traditions.

The festivities were further enlivened by an array of exhilarating and immersive activities, including: Ramp Walk – A showcase of confidence and poise; Dance Performances – A symphony of rhythm and expression; Painting – A canvas of creativity and imagination; Recitation of Dohas and Poems – A lyrical celebration of linguistic flair.

## Assam Rifles and Daruwa shine at National Equestrian Championship Tent Pegging 2024-25



J S SODHI

**JALANDHAR:** The National Equestrian Championship Tent Pegging 2024-25 concluded at the PAP Complex, Jalandhar, after a thrilling competition held from February 15 to February 23, 2025. Organized under the patronage of Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav, IPS, the championship saw top equestrian teams from across the country compete for glory. In the team event, Daruwa secured the gold medal with 134.5 points, narrowly edging out 61 Cavalry (Army), who took the silver medal with 133.5 points. Assam Rifles claimed the bronze medal with 132 points. However, in the overall standings, Assam Rifles emerged as the best team, followed by Daruwa in second place and Indian Navy in third. The Best Rider Overall title was awarded to W.B. Lamate of Assam Rifles, riding his horse Manarco. During the closing ceremony, ADGP State Armed Police, Punjab, F.F. Farooqui, IPS, presided as the chief guest and took a salute from the equestrian march past.

## Universal Human Rights Front organizes event in memory of Nankana Sahib massacre

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA, FEB 23

Under the able leadership of the National Chairman of Universal Human Rights Front, Tejinderpal Singh Cheema, a grand function was organized today at Gurdwara Dukh Bhanjansar Khukhrana to remember and keep alive the memory of Saka Nankana Sahib. The function was attended by Shiromani Akali Dal Fateh President Jaskaran Singh Kahan Singh Wala, Baba Resham Singh Khukhrana, Baba Baldev Singh Jogewala, journalist Rajinder Singh Kotla and many other eminent personalities. Speaking on this occasion, S Jaskaran Singh Kahan Singh Wala shed light on Sikh history and said that from Guru Nanak Dev Ji to Guru Gobind Singh Ji, while protecting human rights, he



broke the arrogance of the cruel Mughal emperors. However, in recent times, human rights are being violated in India and Punjab, including the whole world, but most (not all) of our intellectuals are sitting in silence, which is a matter of great concern.

He further said that there is no need for a large crowd to raise the voice of human rights. We can stand alone against the people-killing policies of the governments of the time. There should be no difference in our

words and intentions, nor should there be any hypocrisy. He also told the congregation about the Nankana Sahib massacre in detail. S Tejinderpal Singh Cheema, the National Chairman of the Universal Human Rights Front, thanked all the congregations and personalities who had arrived and said that we will continue to follow the teachings of Guru Sahib Ji until our last breath. We will continue to fight for the protection of human rights while following the principles.

## We should follow path shown by Maharishi Swami Dayanand: Kukreja

CHAMANLAL KARNAL, FEB 23

Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati Janmotsav and Bodh Utsav being celebrated by Arya Central Sabha till 26th February was inaugurated by Sumitra Kukreja, Patron of Mahila Central Sabha, by hoisting the flag. She said that it is the need of the hour that we should follow the path shown by Maharishi Swami Dayanand and impart his teachings to children in schools. Maharishi Dayanand had a significant contribution in the upliftment of women power, in the field of education and in the eradication of evils and today a woman is hoisting the flag only because of him. On this occasion, the grand Shobha Yatra taken out was flagged off by MLA Jagmohan by



hoisting the Om flag and he walked in the Shobha Yatra carrying the Om flag at the front. In his speech, he said that Maharishi Dayanand was the pioneer of overall revolution, the imprint of his work is visible in every field. Swami ji changed the way people think and developed their reasoning power. He wished Arya Central Sabha for the successful organisation of this festival. The horse riders carrying the Om flag

looked very good in the procession. Under the guidance of the coordinator of the procession, Pradhan Anand Singh Arya, Vice Pradhan Vedmitra Arya, General Secretary Swatantra Kukreja, groups of school children came out singing the songs of Maharishi Dayanand and the women associated with Stree Arya Central Sabha expressed their gratitude by singing songs of their benefactor.

## Maple Immigration director Goldy Malhotra and Sardar Sukhjinder Singh Jalmana join BJP

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 23

A large number of people were joining BJP with the aim of ensuring their participation in national reconstruction.

With this objective in mind, believing in the public welfare policies of BJP, Maple Immigration Director Goldy Malhotra and Sardar Sukhjinder Singh Jalmana, along with their colleagues, announced their joining the BJP family.

On this occasion, Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana welcomed them into the BJP family by offering them sweets.

MLA Yogendra Rana while congratulating on joining BJP said that today



BJP has become the biggest party in the world due to the workers hard work. He said that it was the ideology of the party in which the person standing at the last end was taken care of. He said that on joining the BJP, they would be given due respect and he hoped that they would work to spread the public welfare

policies of the BJP to the people. He said that any worker in BJP can achieve the highest position due to his loyalty towards the party and his hard work and he hoped that they will soon understand the policies of BJP and achieve a high position in the party due to their hard work.

## Probe into Donald Trump's claim of U.S. funding in Indian polls essential: Paramjeet Gill

VERMA GURDASPUR, FEB 23

Senior leader of Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency and National Vice President of the Himalaya Family Organization, Paramjeet Singh Gill, stated that it is extremely important to conduct an impartial and high-level investigation into the claim made by U.S. President Donald Trump. Trump alleged that the previous U.S. government under President Joe Biden funded the Indian Lok Sabha elections.

Gill emphasized that such a claim must be investigated thoroughly to identify any anti-national forces. He pointed out that Trump had claimed that the



Biden administration spent 2.1 million dollars to influence the elections in India, and that this amount was spent on such a large scale to influence the outcome of the Indian Lok Sabha elections.

Gill said that if there is even an ounce of truth in Trump's statement, it is crucial to bring this to light.

He urged the Ministry of External Affairs to take this matter seriously and conduct a detailed investigation to expose any anti-national elements operating within the country.

He further mentioned that Prime Minister Modi is working to establish India as a strong nation on the global stage, and the country is emerging as a global superpower. Opposition leaders, he said, are unable to accept these developments and are trying to use foreign forces to seize power by any means possible. However, the public has shown unwavering trust in Prime Minister Modi, proving that the people will not become puppets of any opposing forces.

## Neelambari Jagdale takes charge as DIG in Ludhiana

DEEPAK KUMAR

**MACHHIWARA:** IPS officer Neelambari Jagdale, known as Lady Singham, has taken over the charge of Ludhiana Range as DIG. While talking to journalists, Madam Jagdale said that her first goal was to provide justice to the common people. Along with this, she has strictly reprimanded the mischievous people regarding the increasing crime and drug abuse in Ludhiana district and said that she would not spare the people involved in criminal activities at any cost. She warned those who worked illegally and were ruining the lives of the young generation by pushing them into the quagmire of drugs to stop this work from today itself or else the consequences will be very bad. She appealed to the people to cooperate with the police in every way to end crime so that law and order can be maintained in Ludhiana district. It is worth mentioning that Madam Neelambari Jagdale has been posted as ADCP and DCP twice in Ludhiana city. Apart from this, during her duty in Ropar and Chandigarh, she curbed many gangsters and played an important role in getting the accused in the gang rape case arrested. Due to which people of the criminal world get scared by her name and people of Chandigarh knew her as Lady Singham.



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**Cabinet Minister Krishna Kumar Bedi attends annual function of Modern Public School Dhakal as chief guest**

**CHANDIGARH:** Haryana Social Justice and Empowerment Minister, Sh. Krishna Kumar Bedi, said that the state government is consistently working to improve education and health services, making it one of its top priorities. He urged educational institutions to impart education that fosters patriotic values alongside intellectual development, ensuring that children grow up to become responsible citizens committed to the nation.

Sh Krishna Kumar Bedi was addressing the annual function of Modern Public School, Dhakal in Narwana today as the chief guest. He emphasized that the values children learn at an early age stay with them throughout their lives and urged teachers to instill moral values in their students.

## Proposal for Jungle Safari to promote eco-tourism nearly finalized: Rao Narbir Singh

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 23

Haryana Environment, Forest, and Wildlife Minister Rao Narbir Singh said that environmental conservation has become a global priority due to the growing concerns of climate change and increasing pollution. To restore environmental balance, it is crucial to adopt a more sensitive approach toward nature and wildlife conservation. He also highlighted the commendable involvement of new startups, alongside the private sector, in supporting conservation efforts, which complements the government's initiatives.

In a statement issued today, Environment, Forest, and Wildlife Minister Rao Narbir Singh called for a collective pledge to conserve endangered wildlife species on the upcoming World Wildlife Day, March 3, 2025. He also said that Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi addressed the importance of wildlife conservation in today's 19th epi-



sode of "Mann Ki Baat." The Haryana Forest Department is committed to enhancing and preserving the ecosystem of the Aravalli region. The plans for the Jungle Safari and Aravalli Green Wall Project have already been drafted. Recently, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Sh Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Aravalli Green Wall Project.

The proposal for the Jungle Safari is almost complete, with efforts underway to launch it on World Wildlife Day

Minister Rao Narbir

Singh stated that while the Jungle Safari project was initially assigned to the Tourism Department, Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini has now entrusted its execution to the Forest and Wildlife Department. The department is progressing at a rapid pace. He said that he personally visited the Gorewada Wildlife Safari in Nagpur (Maharashtra) and the Vantara Project in Jamnagar, Gujarat, along with departmental officials. The efforts are for the proposed Jungle Safari Project in the Aravalli region to be inaugu-

rated by Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi.

Rao Narbir Singh said that the Aravalli Green Wall Project aims to improve over 1.15 million hectares of land across four states—Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Delhi demonstrating an exemplary model of multi-state cooperation. The project focuses on afforestation with indigenous tree species, biodiversity conservation, soil health restoration, and enhancing groundwater recharge.

He said that these projects will not only create employment opportunities for people in the Aravalli region but will also foster biodiversity conservation and promote environmentally sustainable resource management. He added that in Haryana, to raise awareness among the younger generation about the importance of nature and enhance their livelihoods, Van Mitras have been appointed to connect local communities with the forests.

## Vote BJP for development of city- Renu Bala Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 23

Karnal Municipal Corporation BJP Mayor candidate Renu Bala Gupta participated in various programmes in Krishna Kripa Dham, Balmiki Basti, Bloody, Alpha City, Sector 4, during her election public relations campaign. Mayor candidate Renu Bala along with all her supporters bowed down to Lord Shri Krishna in Krishna Kripa Dham and got the blessings of victory from him. She assured the people present in the programme organised in Kailash village that the Ganga of development will flow in the city at a faster pace than the development work done by the corporation government in the last ten years. He said that former Chief Minister Manohar Lal increased the connectivity of roads during his tenure and by building four-lane roads, today Kailash village has become very close to the city. Similarly, the Chief Minister of the state Nayab Saini



has started a series of development works in the entire state.

She said that two lotuses have already bloomed in the city government and to make the remaining 19 lotuses bloom, you have to vote as much as possible on March 2 and make all the BJP candidates victorious with a huge number of votes and form the BJP's triple engine government in the city. On this occasion, a large number of workers and people were present.

## District level sports competition organised

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL:

Nehru Yuva Kendra Karnal organised a two-day district level sports competition at Karna Stadium on Sunday. District Youth Officer Renu Silg of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India said that on the first day of the competition, Kho-Kho, 400 meter race and long jump were organized in the women's category. 400 meter and long jump competitions were organized in the men's category. She said that a volleyball sports competition will be organized in the men's category on Monday. The District Youth Officer said that in the games organized on the first day, the team of Assandh got the first place in Kho-Kho and the team of Bastali got the second place. In the 400 meter and long jump organized in the women's category, Ritu Maan got first place and Ritika got the second place. In the 400 meter race organized in the men's category, Anuj Malik got the first place and Harman got the second place, Kaka got the first place in long jump and Rajan got the second place. He said that in the programme, all the winners of individual competitions were honoured with medals and T-shirts. The winners of the team competition were honoured with trophies and T-shirts. He told that the winning participants can also get a chance to represent Karnal district in the competition to be held at state level.



## SDM Jaspal Singh inspects check posts in Ranjitpur



PRITI SAINI BILASPUR, FEB 23

SDM Jaspal Singh inspected the check posts in Ranjitpur late on Friday night. Mining officer Vijay Sharma accompanied him during the inspection. The employees posted at Mughalwali check post were found to be on duty. During the inspection Check post in charge inspector Pawan Kumar, SPO Gurcharan and HGH Sharafat Ali were present. Three empty vehicles were

found without number plates at Mughalwali Naka. Chowki in charge Ranjitpur was called on the spot and RTO Vikas Yadav was called and challans were issued for all the three vehicles. After this, sub-divisional magistrate Bilaspur SDM Jaspal Singh Gill also inspected Sultanpur Naka. All the employees in charge inspector Ravindra Chopra, MG Madanlal, SPO Dharamveer, HGH Suraj Bhan were found present on the spot at Sultanpur Naka.

## National President of All India Agrawal Conference Gopal Sharan Garg arrives in Karnal to campaign for Renu Wala Gupta and Monik Garg

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 23

National President of All India Agrawal Sammelan Gopal Sharan Garg reached Karnal to campaign in support of BJP candidate for Mayor post Renu Wala

Gupta and son of former Senior Deputy Mayor Krishna Garg and BJP candidate for councillor post Monik Garg. On the initiative of senior official Vinod Goyal, he held meetings at various places and appealed to ensure both the candidates win. National President of All India Agrawal Sammelan Gopal Sharan Garg first reached the residence of Mayor candidate Renu Wala Gupta in Karnal. He was accompanied by Provincial Vice President of All India Agrawal Vaishya Sammelan Vinod Goyal and Organization Minister Lekhray Garg, National Vice President of Food Sector Naresh Bansal. They supported Renu Wala Gupta and welcomed her by presenting a flower bouquet.

National President of All India

Agrawal Sammelan Gopal Sharan Garg said in meetings and gatherings at various places that BJP has increased the respect of Agrawal and Vaishya community. He said that BJP has appointed Amit Shah of Vaishya community to the post of Home Minister of the



country. Rekha Gupta, a woman from the community, has been made the Chief Minister of Delhi. Vaishya community has also received full respect in Haryana. BJP has given two Mayor position to people from the Vaishya community. He called upon all the people of the community to motivate every-

one to make BJP win. He said that wherever he was going BJP candidates were in the state to make their win. He said that he would support the political party that will give respect to the Vaishya and Agrawal community. He appealed to make Renu Wala Gupta win for the post of Mayor and Monica Gupta, the candidate for the post of councillor.

On this occasion, provincial vice president of All India Agrawal Vaishya Conference Vinod Goyal and organization minister Lekhray Garg, national vice president of Anna Kshetra Naresh Bansal said that everyone should make efforts to make Renu Wala Gupta and Monica Garg win. He said that he was running a campaign for victory.

National President of All India Agrawal Sammelan Gopal Sharan Garg, Vinshed Goyal and Naresh Bansal reached the shop of Organization Minister Lekhray Garg in Anaj Mandi. After that they reached the inauguration of Monik Garg's office in Bank Colony. They reached Kalda Restaurant.

## Prabhatpheri reaches residence of Rotary President Naresh Garg

LADWA (VIJAY KAUSHIK): For the last one month, Shri Ram Hanuman Ramlika Committee has been organizing Prabhatpheri for the Mahashivratri festival on February 26. On Sunday, the Prabhatpheri organized by the committee reached the residence of Rotary Club President Naresh Garg.



Kirtan was performed by the committee members there. Committee head Rajesh Verma said that a huge procession of Lord Bholenath would be taken out on February 26, which will start from Nagar Kheda of the city and after visiting the whole city will reach Hindu High School where Shiva Vivah will be performed. He said that beautiful tableaux will be taken out in the procession. During the Prabhatpheri, beautiful bhajans of Lord Bholenath were sung by the musical director of the committee Anil Malik. Rotary head Naresh Garg and family were honored by giving mementoes on behalf of the committee. Gifts were distributed to all the devotees who came to the Prabhatpheri. Amit Singhal, Arun Karudwal, Rakesh Garg, Kamal Kishore, Ghanshyam Kamboj, Rakesh Kamboj, Vishal, Vipin Sharma, Sandeep Garg, Sandeep Goyal, Happy Jindal, Sanjay Garg, Untak Garg, Naveen Garg, Vishal Garg, Aman Garg, Somnath, Jeet Chauhan and many other devotees were present on the occasion.

## Ladwa police inspector Kuldeep Singh addresses youth again drug under awareness campaign

LADWA (VIJAY KAUSHIK): Ladwa Police Station in-charge Inspector Kuldeep Singh said that stopping drug trafficking and cyber crime was a very important task.

Police Inspector Kuldeep Singh was addressing the youth and sportspersons in village Dhyangla of Ladwa sub division as part of the awareness campaign against drugs and cyber crime. He said that nowadays many types of drugs were in vogue and today's youth were especially getting attracted towards drugs because those who were businessmen of the drug business were busy filling their pockets by misleading the youth. He said that if drugs were considered the mother of all crimes, then it will not be an exaggeration. At the same time, nowadays, seeing the rising unemployment and the dream of becoming rich overnight, most of the youth were moving towards cyber crimes and they were adopting many tricks to rob people. While making the youth of the village aware, he said that they should leave the path of drugs and cyber crimes and focus on sports. He said that the government was also giving many welfare schemes to the players. Due to which the youth were also becoming financially strong. While cautioning people, he said that they should not pick up calls coming from unknown numbers or open tempting links given on WhatsApp, otherwise their hard earned money of lakhs can be taken away in a minute. Many times such calls also come in which criminals want to scare you by posing as police officers or bank officers etc., then you should neither be afraid nor share any information related to your bank or OTP number etc. At the same time, information about drug abuse or its business should be given to the police. He said that the name of the person giving information will be kept secret. He said that the cooperation of the public also very necessary to curb crimes.

## Sanatan Dharma Sr Sec School organises havan yagna



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Sanatan Dharma Senior Secondary School, Jagadhri organised a Havan Yagna for the success of class 10th and 12th in the upcoming board exams. In which the children recited Gayatri Mantra Havan and Aarti. On this occasion, teachers and all the class teachers blessed the children by applying Tilak on their hands. The Principal of the school, Satish Kumar Garg wished the students success and motivated them for the exams with better preparation. In his message, he said that all the children should always be ready to bring glory to themselves, their parents and the school. He inspired the children to try to improve themselves by self-reflection. He wished all the students to become successful, good citizens and a bright future.

## Sahibzada Ajit Singh's Prakash Utsav celebrated

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 23

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Seva Dal celebrated Sahibzada Baba Ajit Singh's Prakash Utsav with reverence and enthusiasm at Gurdwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha Jagadhri Workshop. A beautiful pandal was decorated in the Kirtan Darbar in which famous Ragi Kirtani and story tellers participated. A free camp for eyes, teeth and heart diseases was organized by Sewak Dal in which all the children of Guru Nanak Khalsa Senior Secondary School and general public were examined. Baba Balwinder Singh, President of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Sewak Dal said that every year the Prakash Parv of Sahibzada Baba Ajit Singh is celebrated with enthusiasm in which Kirtan Darbar and Langar are also organized. In Kirtan Darbar,



the famous Ragi Kirtani and story teller Sangat of the sect were connected with Gurbani and history. Langar was also organized by Sewak Dal. Baba Balwinder Singh said that Sahibzada Ajit Singh is an inspiration for the youth. He did not even care about his life for the protection of religion. He considered his society as his family and adopted

the religion of humanity and sacrificed his life for its protection.

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Sewak Dal was started with the goal of social service and social harmony. Blood donation and health checkup camps are mainly organized. The goal of Sewak Dal is that people should be aware of social service and

help each other to create a civilized society. He thanked the Gurdwara Management Committee, Ward number 19 candidate Harjeet Anand started his campaign by taking a Shisha at the Gurudwara Sahib. He said that he has stood as a candidate not for politics but for social service and he hopes that the public is with him.

## Participation of women in local self-governance is necessary, Dr. Balram Sharma

CHAMANLAL KARNAL, FEB 23

Dr. Balram Sharma, Chairman, Department of Political Science, DAV College, Karnal, attended the closing ceremony of the seven-day camp organized by the National Service Scheme unit in village Gondar at Mata Sundari Khalsa Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nising, as the chief guest. On his arrival at the program, he was welcomed by Principal Dr. Satwant Kor Mann and Program Officer Dr. Mandeep Kaur and members of staff. Chief Guest Dr. Balram Sharma said that participation of women in local self-governance is very important. Haryana government has given 50% seats to women in local self-governance so that with time



women can also become politically empowered. He said that women should also take full advantage of this opportunity and women who have become Panch, Sarpanch, Block Committee President and District Council President, apart from this, the women who will be elected in upcoming Municipal Cor-

poration elections should themselves work as representatives of public. It is their responsibility to stay among the public and solve their problems. Work for upliftment of women. Ensure your participation in social work as well. Promote education and employment. Oppose widespread discrepan-

cies in society. He said that only if women ensure their participation as strong representatives, they can contribute to building of society and nation. Principal Dr. Satwant Kor Mann said that social, economic and political development of women is very important. Program Officer of National Service Scheme Unit Dr. Mandeep Kaur also spoke about the political upliftment of women and also presented the report of the seven-day camp and thanked the Principal at the end of the camp and expressed gratitude to chief guest Dr. Balram Sharma. At the end of the program, all volunteers were honored by giving certificates. Madam Shivani, Madam Gagan and Mehtab Singh were mainly present on this occasion.

## Aim of NSS is to create awareness for social service: Dr. Monika Jakhar

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, FEB 23

A seven-day camp for volunteers under National Service Scheme was started today at Government College Kaithal. Camp was inaugurated by college's vice-principal Dr. Rosie Gupta and National Service Scheme's program officer Dr. Monika Jakhar by lighting a lamp in front of statue of Goddess Saraswati. Addressing the volunteers as chief guest in today's inaugural ceremony, Dr. Rosie Gupta said that National Service Scheme is a powerful medium for all-round development of students, through which volunteers can make their valuable contribution not only for themselves but also in development of society. Volunteers of the National Service



Scheme can bring a positive change by their active participation in the development of nation. Program officer Dr. Monika Jakhar told the volunteers on this occasion that in this seven-day special camp, they will get many opportunities to develop their personality. He said that in this special camp running from 23 February to 1 March, volunteers can

develop their personality through intellectual and cultural programs. He also appealed to volunteers that whatever work is given to them in this camp, they should do it with full responsibility so that they can contribute to development of the society as a good social worker. On first day of seven-day camp, PSI Ramlal of Haryana Police gave a special

lecture on de-addiction to volunteers. He appealed to volunteers to make themselves, their families and their neighbourhood aware about the ill-effects of drug abuse. He also informed that if anyone sees a drug user or a person selling drugs around them, they can immediately inform Haryana Police and name and identity of informer will be kept secret. Speaking about ill-effects of drug abuse, he said that drug abuse not only pollutes our body and mind but is also harmful for entire society. In today's camp, volunteers cleaned college campus and made it polythene and garbage free. In camp, students Simran, Niharika and Maafi presented Lakshya geet of Rashtriya Seva Yojana. Sheetal did the work of writing program report.

## EDITORIAL

## Errors of Comedy

Like all other professions, India's comedy scene too has its share of flaws. Quite often, body-shaming, cherry-picking certain demographics for mocking and putting up an air of condescending and self-righteousness are passed off as comedy. Compared to its Western counterparts, Indian stand-up comedy is still in its infancy in terms of the range of subjects and the depth of content. It's a profession that is struggling to shake up a rather rigid and patriarchal value system with strict moral guardrails. No wonder that a popular podcaster and entrepreneur Ranveer Allahbadia's impulsive and crass comment on a YouTube show, 'India's Got Latent', triggered nationwide outrage, prompting multiple FIRs being registered across a few States and the matter reaching the Supreme Court. There should be no two opinions about the fact that Allahbadia's comment on parental sex was cheap, vulgar and represented gutter-level humour. However, criminalising offensive jokes, and filing FIRs for unleashing the full police force on the accused are not the solution. Allahbadia, better known as 'BeerBiceps', has tendered unconditional public apology while the show's host, Samay Raina, a popular comedian, has deleted all the videos of the show. The matter should rest here. It is a matter of individual conscience, not state enforcement. Faced with a dilemma between moral indignation and constitutional propriety, the apex court did some tightrope walking. While granting the podcaster interim protection from arrest over his outrageous comments, the court did not hold back on its criticism, asking, "If this is not obscenity, what is?" Justice Surya Kant minced no words, calling Allahbadia's comments "shameful" and reflective of a "perverted mind". At the same time, the highest court of the land offered protection to Allahbadia's personal liberty, though the hearing in the case was dominated by moral outrage. When the clip of the show's teaser went viral, the police and the National Women's Commission (NWC) summoned the podcaster and the show's creator. It also triggered a massive backlash on social media with many angry users attacking the creators of the show for demeaning Indian values. An outcry from media houses and politicians has only added fuel to the fire. The podcaster also received death threats from enraged followers. However, the legal question is not whether Allahbadia's language was distasteful — everyone, including his own lawyer, admitted that it was vulgar — but whether it amounted to a criminal offence under Indian law.

## 25-member American team in Ayodhya



A 25-member team from America arrived on Saturday at Maharishi Valmiki Airport in Ayodhya. Upon their arrival, the group expressed their excitement to visit the Ram Lala idol and participate in the Saryu Aarti. The team made their way to Ayodhya city by bus, chanting "Jai Shri Ram" along the way, as they eagerly anticipated their spiritual journey.

After their visit to Ayodhya, the group will continue their pilgrimage by traveling to

Prayagraj, where they will take a holy dip at the Mahakumbh and offer prayers at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple.

One of the team members shared their joy, and stated, "I worship Lord Ram every day and enjoy chanting mantras. I am very excited to go and visit the Ram temple. I feel very good after coming here and it is a very pleasant feeling. We are very grateful to be here."

Notably, devotees in large numbers continued to arrive at Ayodhya's Shri Ram

Janmabhoomi Temple to offer prayers after visiting the Maha Kumbh Mela on Saturday.

Devotees arrived at Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj and Mahakumbh teerth kshetra in large numbers to take a holy dip and then visited Ayodhya.

The Mahakumbh Mela will go on till February 26.

After bathing at the Triveni Sangam during the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, many devotees proceed to seek the darshan of Ram Lalla, resulting in a gathering of lakhs of devotees

within the temple premises.

Amid the increasing influx of worshippers, local authorities have implemented extensive crowd control measures to maintain order and ensure safety.

Earlier in the week, Ayodhya SSP Rajkaran Nayyar told, "... A large number of devotees are continuously coming to Ayodhya... 24-hour duty has been imposed for crowd control, security and traffic management. Everyone has the same objective, which is for all the

devotees to come back with a smooth experience..."

"Parking has been arranged according to the routes... Police have been deployed for traffic... Our lost and found centres are also present at six places in the entire fair area ...," the officer said.

With the surge in worshippers seeking the darshan of Ram Lalla, the police have divided the city into six zones and 11 sectors to ensure safety during the ongoing Maha Kumbh, authorities said.

## Nepal students burn 'substandard' cycles given by China



to the students of Shri Narsingh Secondary School in Pipara, Birgunj Metropolitan City. The China Foundation distributed the bicycles in the first week of the Nepali month of Magh during the program organized by the International Love Cycle Nepal Campaign.

Notably, Nepal and China are quite at a crossroads with regard to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Nepal's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Arzu Rana Deuba, has reaffirmed that the recent agreement under China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) does not involve any loan-related provisions. Answering lawmakers' queries at a meeting of the parliamentary International Relations and Tourism Committee on Monday, she clarified that the term 'aid' in the agreement does not equate to loans, as per the Kathmandu Post.

"There is no mention of loans in the BRI agreement.

## Honorary Knighthood medal presented to Sunil Bharti Mittal

Sunil Bharti Mittal, the Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, was awarded the insignia of the Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) on Saturday (local time), according to a statement from the British High Commission in Delhi.

The medal was presented to Mittal during a special investiture ceremony in the presence of friends and



family at the British High Commissioner's residence, as per the statement.

"The ceremony follows the announcement in 2024 that His Majesty The King has been graciously pleased to confer Mr Mittal the Honorary Knighthood for services to UK-India business relations," the statement read.

Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to

India, said, "I was delighted to present Sunil Bharti Mittal the KBE medal on behalf of His Majesty the King. Mr Mittal is a great friend of the UK - with significant investments, including BT, Gleneagles, Norfolk Hospitality, and OneWeb."

"Mr. Mittal's leadership has made a lasting impact on the UK-India partnership, including through his work on the India-UK CEO Forum. Most recently, he led a senior Indian business delegation to the UK to meet with Prime Minister Starmer, the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor, and other Cabinet Ministers to identify opportunities for accelerating economic growth across both nations. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Mr Mittal and congratulate him once again," Cameron added.

Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman and Founder of Bharti Enterprises, expressed his gratitude, stating, "It is an honour to have received the KBE from His Majesty, King Charles III."

"As India and the United Kingdom continue to chart remarkable scale in our bilateral relations, I acknowledge this recognition both as a privilege and a responsibility. I remain committed to working with stakeholders in our nations towards advancing India - UK business relations," he added.

"On the occasion of this very special milestone, I extend my gratitude to all for their support through this journey," the statement quoted Mittal as saying.

## POEMS

## Take the I Out

But I love the I, steel I-beam that my father sold. They poured the pig iron into the mold, and it fed out slowly, a bending jelly in the bath, and it hardened, Bessemer, blister, crucible, alloy, and he marketed it, and bought bourbon, and Cream of Wheat, its curl of butter right in the middle of its forehead, he paid for our dresses with his metal sweat, sweet in the morning and sour in the evening. I love the I, frail between its flitches, its hard ground and hard sky, it soars between them like the soul that rushes, back and forth, between the mother and father. What if they had loved each other, how would it have felt to be the strut joining the floor and roof of the truss? I have seen, on his shirt-cardboard, years in her desk, the night they made me, the penciled slope of her temperature rising, and on the peak of the hill, first soldier to reach the crest, the Roman numeral I— I, I, I, girders of identity, head on, embedded in the poem. I love the I for its premise of existence—our I—when I was born, part gelid, I lay with you on the cooling table, we were all there, a forest of felled iron. The I is a pine, resinous, flammable root to crown, which throws its cones as far as it can in a fire.

-BY SHARON OLDS

## "When Trump, Meloni, Melel or Modi talk...": Italy PM on global Left's "double standard"

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has called out the "double standards" of the global political left wing while highlighting how world leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump and Argentinian President Javier Milei are among those who are now shaping a new global conservative movement. "With Trump's victory, their irritation has turned into hysteria. Not only because conservatives are winning, but because conservatives are now collaborating globally, Meloni said while addressing a Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington DC via video link on Saturday. Lending her support to

Donald Trump's leadership prowess, the Italian PM said that Left Wing is nervous with leaders from conservative parties winning and collaborating globally.

"When Bill Clinton and Tony Blair created the global leftist liberal network in the 90s, they were called statesmen. Today, when Trump, Maloni, Millay or maybe Modi talk, they are called a threat to democracy," she said.

"This is the left's double standard, but we are used to it. And the good news is, people no longer believe in their lies", Meloni said.

The Italian PM noted that despite all the mud they throw at them, citizens continue to keep voting for them because, "We defend



freedom. We love our nations. We want secure borders. We preserve businesses and citizens... We defend family and life. We fight against wokeism. We protect our sacred right to our faith and our free speech. And we stand for common sense. So ultimately, our struggle is hard, but the choice is simple."

Meloni also gave a call to bring lasting peace in Europe through strengthening security measures.

She said that there is a growing awareness in Europe that security is now the top priority and freedom cannot be defended if one lacks the means or the courage to do so.

"Happiness depends on

freedom and freedom depends on courage. We proved this when we stopped invasions, won our independencies and overthrew dictators. And we have done it together the last three years in Ukraine, where a proud people fight for their freedom against the brutal aggression. And we must continue today, working together for a just and lasting peace, a peace that can only be built with the contribution of all, but above all, with strong leaderships", the Italian PM said.

Praising US President Donald Trump's leadership qualities, Meloni said, "I know that with Donald Trump leading the United States, we will never again see the disaster we saw in

Afghanistan four years ago. So, border security, border security, energy security, economic security, food security, defence and national security, for a simple reason. If you are not secure, you are not free. And when freedom is at risk, the only thing that you can do is to put it in the wiser hands."

In her speech Meloni also called for standing up to prevent the decline of civilisations, leaving the world stronger for the future generations. Meloni said, "I made my choice long ago, and I fight every day to honour it. And I know that I'm not alone in this battle, that you are all standing with me, that we are all standing together. And believe me, this makes all the difference."



**SANJAY SHARMA**  
**KAITHAL:** Kaithal Police has been running a campaign against drug abuse for a long time. Under this, as per the orders of SP Rajesh Kalia, Maha Kumbh against drug abuse would be organized at Police Line Kaithal on February

25 at 10 am. In which officers and employees of health, education, sports, panchayat, women and child development and other departments and Panch and Sarpanch of all the villages of Kaithal will participate. Police spokesperson said that Kaithal Police has

taken an initiative in the whole of India in this Maha Kumbh against drug abuse. Employees of all departments, Panch Sarpanch and other persons will also be trained as master trainers. All these will further make the common people and youth

aware about not taking drugs by telling them the ill effects of drug abuse. Kaithal Police has been trying to make the district drug free and the objective was to mentally strengthen all the youth, women and common people against drug abuse.

**NEWS BRIEF**

**Farmer leader Rajendra Arya Dadupur released on bail**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** The court accepted the bail petition filed by farmer leader Rajendra Arya Dadupur in the court of Judicial Magistrate Vineet Sokhi and directed the



police not to arrest Rajendra Arya Dadupur till further orders. On the complaint of Bharatiya Kisan Union state president Ratan Man, the police had registered a case in Butana police station against Gurnam Singh Chaduni and Bharatiya Kisan Mazdoor Naujawan Union national president Rajendra Arya Dadupur and others under various sections. Rajendra Arya Dadupur filed his bail petition in the court. On which the court heard and granted him bail. Earlier in the same case, Additional Sessions Judge Anil Kumar had rejected the anticipatory bail petition of farmer leader Rajendra Arya Dadupur. The court of Judicial Magistrate Vineet Sokhi had issued a non-bailable warrant against farmer leader Rajendra Arya Dadupur two years ago.

## Pb police busts extortion racket backed by gangster Gurdev Jassal; ASI among two held

**VERMA BATALA, FEB 23**

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Batala Police has busted a major extortion racket being operated by USA-based Gangster Gurdev Jassal with the arrest of its two operatives including an Assistant Sub-inspector (ASI) Surjit Singh posted in Batala and recovered ₹83 lakh extortion money, illegal firearms, and luxury vehicles from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday. The other arrested operative has been identified as Ankus Maini, a resident of Kalanaur in Gurdaspur. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation



has revealed, on February 4, associates of Jassal opened fire at a petrol pump of a Kalanaur-based businessman with an intention to intimidate him and extort money from him. After continuous threat calls and demand of Rs 1 crore as extortion money, the businessman eventually paid Rs. 50 lakhs on February 11, he said. He said that Jassal's gang used foreign numbers for threats and coordinated

forward linkages in this case, he added. Sharing operation details, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Batala Suhail Qasim Mir said that some days back, Station House Officer (SHO) of Police Station Sadar Batala received an intelligence input regarding a local police officer's involvement in handling extortion money. Following inputs, an operation was launched leading to the arrest of the ASI and upon his confession regarding concealing a large cache of money at his house, a team reached his residence at Harnam Nagar, Batala, where a staggering Rs 76.32 lakh in cash was recovered from a concealed compartment, he said, while adding that following his arrest, ASI Surjit Singh claimed that the money was sent by his son, who is settled in USA.

## Glimpse of art and culture in Vasantotsav

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 23**



Haryana Urban Development Authority organised the 21st Vasantotsav in the local Atal Park today. It was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner Yash Jaluka by cutting the ribbon and releasing balloons in the air. On this occasion, the Additional Deputy Commissioner said that vasantotsav is a festival of colours. It is celebrated on the arrival of spring season. The names of this festival are also different in different parts of the country. This festival attracts nature lovers. Its colors make the whole earth colorful. Not only humans but birds also enjoy this beauty of the earth. The festival also has religious aspects, according to which this festival has also been linked to knowledge and learning by worshipping Mother

Saraswati in different states of the country. He appealed to the people to love nature and maintain the beauty of the earth by planting more and more trees. On this occasion, everyone was attracted to see Atal Park decorated with flowers. There was fragrance of flowers all around, colourful flowers were enhancing the beauty of the park. This festival was filled with colours of art and culture along with the colours of flowers. Children participated in painting, rangoli and mehndi competitions. The winners of the competition were felicitated. Nagada and Bean Party, Kaachi Ghoori, Rajasthani dance and Gatka also gave the message of connecting with culture. Langur monkey, Motu-Patlu, Jinn and Ravan who participated in the festival as impersonators were the centre of attraction for the children. Children were eager to take selfies with them. Baazigar Party of Bathinda showed amazing tricks.

## National committee to be formed for expansion of natural farming: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA, FEB 23**



Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that a national committee will be established to expand and monitor natural farming across India. Speaking to journalists at the natural farming farm of Gurukul Kurukshetra, he emphasized that Governor Acharya Devvrat's mission of natural farming is now evolving into a national movement, promising economic prosperity for farmers, improved soil fertility, biodiversity conservation, and up to 50% water savings. During his visit, Chouhan closely inspected mixed crops of wheat, chickpea, mustard,

and sugarcane, discussing their potential. He was deeply impressed by the looseness of the soil and the high quality of the crops. In recognition of Acharya Devvrat's efforts in promoting natural farming globally, he conferred upon him the 'Krishi Rishi' (Agriculture Sage) title. The event was attended by Haryana Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana, Additional

## HRTC drivers and conductors unite in protest, warn of tough decisions if demands remain unmet

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, FEB 23**



The anger of HRTC drivers and conductors reached a boiling point as they held a joint gate meeting on Sunday, voicing their discontent against the state government and HRTC management. Under the banner of the HRTC Drivers and Conductors Union, employees raised slogans, demanding immediate action on their long-pending demands. HRTC Conductors Union chief Preet Mahendra Singh expressed deep resentment, stating that the state government was given an ultimatum until February 20, but no action has been taken. Employees, who have dedicated 27 years of service

without promotion, are now retiring in the same post, causing severe frustration. Moreover, the payment of overnight allowances worth crores has been pending for years, forcing employees to spend from their own pockets while on duty. HRTC Drivers Union State President Man Singh emphasized that 60 months' worth of overnight wages remain unpaid, amounting to

## Fraud case filed against two agents for deporting youth from US

**SHALU PARMAR KALAYAT, FEB 23**

A youth from Kurad village has filed a fraud case against two travel agents after being deported from the United States. The victim alleged that the agents took ₹37.39 lakh from him and attempted to send him to the US through illegal means. However, he was deported and subjected to torture and extortion during the journey, often being deprived of food and water. According to the complaint filed at Kalayat police station, Rakesh from Kurad village met Harsh Pratap alias Sonu from Assandh at a wedding a year ago.

Harsh claimed to facilitate legal travel to the US and offered to arrange visas for Guyana and Mexico, promising entry into America. On September 10, Rakesh was sent to Delhi and then Mumbai, after which his family paid ₹3.5 lakh, and he was sent to Guyana. Upon arrival, his passport and money were seized, and he was left stranded without food on several occasions. The accused continued demanding money from his family under false pretenses. Eventually, he was supposed to be sent from Guyana to Mexico, but the plan turned out to be a fraud. Kalayat Station House Officer (SHO) Jai Bhagwan confirmed that a case has been registered, and further action will be taken based on the investigation.

## Sandhwan felicitates Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada's State President Mukesh Verma, VP Parminder Saini



**VERMA QADIAN:** Punjab, Assembly Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhwan and Rajya Sabha Member Sant Balbir Singh Seehewal honored State president Jagat Punjabi Sabha Mukesh Verma and vice president Parminder Singh Saini of Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada's Punjab unit. They were presented certificates and shawls in recognition of Verma and Saini's work promoting the Punjabi language, including published articles and efforts to green the "Mother Tongue Punjabi Chowk." Speaker Sandhwan commended Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada's leadership of ajaib Singh chhattha and sardul Singh Thiara for their dedication to Punjabi's promotion both abroad and in Punjab. Several prominent individuals, including push up man of Punjab Kunwar Amritbir Singh and Satinder Kaur Kahlon, were also honoured in this event.

## Strict monitoring to ensure free and fair municipal elections: DC Neha Singh

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, FEB 23**



Deputy Commissioner Neha Singh has assured that the urban local body elections will be conducted fairly and transparently, with officials closely monitoring the entire electoral process. She emphasized strict adherence to the Model Code of Conduct and directed officers to coordinate with police officials to ensure free, fair, and peaceful elections. Neha Singh urged officials to conduct regular inspections of polling stations and keep a close watch on any attempts to influence voters through cash, liquor, clothing, or other means. She instructed that daily reports of seizures be submitted to the State Election Commission. The movement of anti-social elements, history-sheets, fugitives, and parole violators will also be strictly monitored to

maintain law and order. The Deputy Commissioner stressed that all complaints related to security and electoral malpractices should be addressed promptly. She also highlighted the importance of ensuring proper distribution of EVMS and conducting mock polls in the presence of candidates or their agents before actual voting on March 2. Additionally, officials have been directed to submit all reports on polling and counting day to the Election Commission in a timely manner.

## Family blames friends for youth's murder in Kalayat

**SHALU PARMAR KALAYAT:**

The family of Sunny, who was found murdered on Friday, has accused his friends Suraj, Deepak, and others of being responsible for his death. A case has been registered under Sections 103(1) and 3(5) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). According to the complaint filed by Sunny's father, Nathi Ram, the deceased worked as a driver. On Thursday night, he went out with Suraj, Deepak, and some other friends but did not return home. At around 4:30 AM, a woman informed the family that Sunny was lying in a pool of blood on the roof of Valmiki Chaupal. The family rushed to the spot and found him severely injured, with deep wounds on his head and bricks lying nearby. Though he was still breathing, they immediately called emergency services (112) and took him to Kalayat Civil Hospital, from where he was referred to Kaithal. Despite receiving treatment, Sunny succumbed to his injuries. Based on Nathi Ram's statement, a case has been registered against Suraj, Deepak, and others. Kalayat SHO Jai Bhagwan stated that no arrests have been made yet, but police are conducting raids to apprehend the suspects.

## Education's importance highlighted through dance and drama at Pratap Public School



**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI:** Students of Pratap Public School, Tarawadi, from Classes 1 and 2, showcased an engaging dance and drama performance emphasizing the importance of education. The event was conducted under the guidance of their class teacher. Through their performances, the young students conveyed that education is the key to progress and success in life. Their act highlighted how knowledge empowers individuals, fosters self-reliance, and strengthens society. They also emphasized that without education, one may lag behind and struggle to achieve their dreams. The school director, Hani Chaudhary, and principal, Pithi Chaudhary, appreciated the students' efforts, stating that education is the foundation of success. They encouraged students to prioritize learning and work hard to achieve their goals.

## Medical Education Minister Dr. Balbir Singh inaugurates State-of-the-Art Sports Complex at Govt Medical College, Patiala



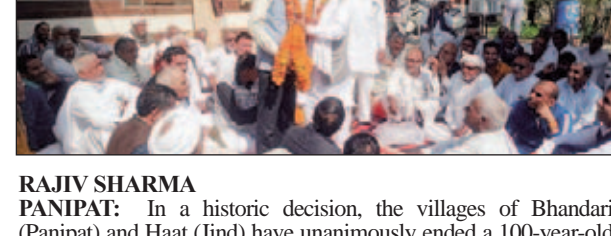
**RAWAL BHINDER/ RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA:** Punjab's Medical Education and Research Minister, Dr. Balbir Singh, today inaugurated a modern, hi-tech sports complex at Government Medical College, Patiala. The fully air-conditioned facility features two state-of-the-art badminton courts, table tennis facilities, and an ultra-modern gym, catering to the students and faculty of the medical college. Dedicating the new sports complex to the students, Dr. Balbir Singh reminisced about his own college days, noting that such facilities were not available at the time. He emphasized the importance of sports in the life of medical professionals, stating that while studies are crucial, doctors often neglect their own health. Engaging in sports, he said, helps bridge this gap by promoting teamwork, leadership, and stress management. Dr. Balbir Singh further highlighted that sports serve as a great equalizer, treating everyone alike, and reaffirmed the Punjab government's commitment under Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to improving healthcare and overall well-being.

## Children taught to make pickles and kites in Navodaya Vidyalaya Gulabgarh



**RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI:** In Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Gulabgarh Yamunanagar, under the vocational curriculum and under the 'bagless day', children are being taught the method of making different types of pickles by experts. The school's principal Surendra Singh Shekhawat said that in the new education policy 2020, importance has been given to the fact that along with studies, children should also be enhanced their vocational knowledge, under which children were being taught the method of making pickles. For this, Gurmeet Kaur of Himachal Pradesh has been appointed for this work. Gurmeet Kaur has acquired expertise in various types of non-educational activities. Earlier also, she has given training in making soft toys in this school and this time she was telling the girls the method of making pickles. Principal Surendra Singh Shekhawat said that four types of pickles will be prepared in the school so that children can learn and can also do their business by using it in the future.

## Centuries-old marriage ban between two villages ends with consensus



**RAJIV SHARMA PANIPAT:** In a historic decision, the villages of Bhandari (Panipat) and Haat (Jind) have unanimously ended a 100-year-old ban on inter-village marriages. Former Bhandari village Sarpanch Prem Bhandari explained that nearly a century ago, a barber from Bhandari village had gone to Haat village to arrange a marriage. However, a local from Haat allegedly suggested that he should seek alliances within his own caste first. Feeling insulted, the barber reported the incident to the village panchayat, which led to a mutual decision to halt all marriage ties between the two villages. After years of separation, separate meetings were held in both villages by former Sarpanch Prem Bhandari and current Sarpanch Surender. Finally, on Sunday, a joint panchayat was convened in Bhandari village, where representatives from both villages exchanged garlands as a symbolic gesture to mark the end of the long-standing marriage restriction. With this decision, families from both villages can now form matrimonial alliances freely. Several key figures from both villages attended the meeting, including Sugan Chand Sharma, former Sarpanch Devi Singh, Jeet Singh Numberdar, Ranbir Numberdar, former Sarpanch Roshan Saini, Sultan Bhola, Block Committee member Dharam Singh.

## Vivekanand School celebrates annual function



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan said that it is important for children to be cultured to become good citizens. They should know the difference between good and bad. Children should also set goals and work hard to achieve them. He appealed to parents to provide resources to children but motivate them to use them correctly. Kalyan was speaking as the chief guest at the annual function of Vivekanand Senior Secondary School here today. On this occasion, he praised the cultural programs and martial arts presentation by the children wholeheartedly. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is moving ahead with the resolve to make the country a developed nation by 2047. To achieve this goal, the cooperation of responsible citizens of the country is necessary. It is a matter of happiness that the teachers of Vivekanand School are developing the mental, intellectual and spiritual development of children along with their studies.

Rising Incidence of Aortic Aneurysms in India

F aridabad : The incidence of aortic diseases is on the rise in India, primarily driven by an aging population. Aortic aneurysms, responsible for an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 deaths globally each year, underscore the urgent need for heightened awareness, timely diagnosis, and access to specialized care to mitigate these life-threatening conditions.

Healthy Oil Consortium launched at national stakeholders engagement meeting at PGI

A "National Stakeholder Engagement Meeting on Roadmap for Replacing Trans Fats with Healthy Oils in India" was held in PGI Chandigarh to deliberate on strategies for replacing trans fats with healthier oils in India.



Prof. Thakur invited Sh. Ajay Chagti, Health Secretary cum Commissioner Food Safety, Chandigarh Administration, to perform the ceremonial lighting of the lamp.

Healthy Oils, Trans-Fats, and Their Health Effects, featured three expert lectures. Dr. Ronika Paika, Technical Coordinator, PGIMER, Chandigarh, delivered a lecture on 'Healthy Oils: Composition and Importance in Diet.'

NPS by Protean App gets upgraded: Makes Retirement Planning easier for young investors

Chandigarh: Protean eGov Technologies (formerly NSDL e-Gov), a technology pioneer in Digital Public Infrastructure, and India's largest Central Recordkeeping Agency (CRA) for the National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has scaled up their pension management app, 'NPS by Protean' with a host of new features designed specifically for today's digital savvy generation.

Enhanced Security: MPIN and Biometric based login ensures secure access. Seamless Tier II Account Activation: Activating your Tier II account is now simpler than ever with our built-in step-by-step guide.

Greater Flexibility with Fund Transfers: The newly added 'One-Way Switch' feature allows users to easily transfer funds from their Tier II account to Tier I account.

Blockbuster Alert: Powerhouse Ranveer Singh the first-ever 'Brand Superstar' for Skoda Auto India

JALANDHAR: Soon after introducing its first-ever sub-4-metre SUV, the Kylaq, Skoda Auto India has achieved another milestone - announcing Powerhouse Ranveer Singh as its first-ever 'Brand Superstar'.

Jawa Launches the Iconic Jawa 350 Legacy Edition to Celebrate One Year on Indian Roads



GURUGRAM : A year ago, the Jawa 350 rekindled the spark of classic motorcycling in India, blending timeless elegance with modern engineering. As it completes a year on Indian roads, Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles commemorates this milestone with the Jawa 350 Legacy Edition.

Ghadi Detergent Launches "Desh Ki Neev" Campaign: A Tribute to Everyday Heroes

Chandigarh: Ghadi Detergent is excited to unveil its latest campaign, 'Desh Ki Neev', a heartfelt and inspiring film that honors the everyday heroes who form the backbone of our nation.



unity of individuals contribute to the broader momentum of the country. The campaign aims to inspire viewers by reflecting on the value of hard work, determination, and the transformative impact of each person's contribution to society.

Honda Partners with United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) to Work Toward Reduction of Fatalities from Traffic Collisions

KARNAL - Honda Motor Co., Ltd. became the first automobile manufacturer to partner with the United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF) to contribute to global initiatives to reduce fatalities from traffic collisions, including a previously announced commitment of US\$3 million over 5 years.



Voice care tips from renowned ENT Specialist

KURUKSHETRA (HANSRAJ): Dr. Rishi Pal Gupta, a distinguished ENT Specialist from Agarwal Nursing Home, shares valuable tips on maintaining a healthy and pleasant voice.



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SMFG India Credit Sets Guinness World Record for Largest Cattle Welfare Lesson Across Multiple Venues during Pashu Vikas Day

Ludhiana/Jalandhar/Amritsar: SMFG India Credit has made history by achieving a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Cattle Welfare Lesson (Multiple Venues)' with 517 participants across 6 venues in India.

realme unveils the much-awaited realme P3 Pro 5G and realme P3x 5G

LUDHIANA: realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, proudly introduces the realme P3 Series 5G—designed exclusively for India. Led by the realme P3 Pro 5G and realme P3x 5G, the series embodies the brand's philosophy of delivering cutting-edge innovation tailored for the Indian consumers.



Chandigarh's Wheelchair Cricket Team wins National Wheelchair Cricket Championship in Gwalior

Chandigarh: In a remarkable display of resilience, Chandigarh's Wheelchair Cricket Team has etched its name in history by winning the 4th National Wheelchair Cricket Championship, held recently in Gwalior Madhya Pradesh.



the Chandigarh team secured a triumph over Karnataka defeating them by 7 wickets. Opening the batting first, Karnataka's team posted a score of 201 runs by losing 6 wickets but Chandigarh chased the total down with 20/43 with a brilliant knock by Sandeep Kundu who scored 116 runs in just 53 balls.

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A Rainbow of Talent: Bachpan Play School, Zirakpur Celebrates Grand Annual Day

Chandigarh: Bachpan Play School, VIP Road, Zirakpur hosted its grand Annual Day and Prize Distribution Ceremony at the Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium, Sector 26, Chandigarh. With the theme of the 'Rainbow', the event was a spectacular showcase of imagination, learning, and cultural heritage that united students and parents in an unforgettable experience.



Chitkara University successfully organised the 3rd edition of Chitkara Lit Fest

Chandigarh: Chitkara University proudly hosted the third edition of the Chitkara Lit Fest from February 20th to 22nd, 2025, bringing together an extraordinary confluence of literary minds, storytellers, and thought leaders.



JSW group chairman Sajjan Jindal receives 'Business leader of the decade' award

HARYANA : JSW Group Chairman Sajjan Jindal has been conferred with the coveted 'Business Leader of the Decade' honour at the 15th AIMA Managing India Awards, in recognition of his transformative leadership in expanding JSW Group into a global conglomerate.



## NEWS BRIEF

### FIH Pro League: India men's team aims to extend winning streak ahead of English challenge

**B**hubaneswar : The Indian men's hockey team will look to maintain its winning streak when it takes on England in its next set of matches in the FIH Pro League 2024-25. Craig Fulton's men have been in stirring form and are currently on a three-match winning run. India got their campaign off to a topsy-turvy start, winning and losing a game each against Spain and Germany in their initial round of matches, but then regrouped well to put it past Ireland. The first match against the Irish saw Mandeep Singh, Jarnmanpreet Singh, and Sukhjjeet Singh find the back of the net as the Indians cruised to a 3-1 victory. A day later, Fulton's side were unstoppable with yet another commanding win. Niamh Kess, Mandeep Singh, Abhishek, and Shamsher Singh scored as Team India kept a clean sheet and cruised to an impressive 4-0 triumph. That result will serve as a massive morale booster, as it took them to fourth place in the FIH Pro League 2024-25 standings, a release said. Having successfully turned around their campaign, Hamanpreet Singh and Co. will face a stiff challenge over the next couple of days against Team England, who are placed third in the standings. England, though, has not had the best results and comes into the contest on a losing note. They edged Spain to a shootout win in their first clash and then lost 1-4 in the reverse fixture. Those two losses would have stung the team as it saw them rooted to the third spot with three wins in six matches. In search of a much-needed win, England will bank on their ace goal-scorer Sam Ward, who has nine goals to his name and is ranked second among the highest goal-scorers in the League. It's no surprise that Ward's heroics have seen England score the second-most goals in the competition so far (20). However, their attack won't have it easy against a resolute Indian defence.

### ISL: Chennaiyin FC travel to Bengaluru for final away game, chase third consecutive win

**C**hennai : Chennaiyin FC will be on the road for the final time this regular season when they take on Bengaluru FC at Sree Kanteerava Stadium on Tuesday. The Marina Machans will also be aiming for their third win in a row before the schedule sees them back at the Marina Arena to conclude the league stage with successive home games. Speaking to the media in Chennai on Sunday, head coach Owen Coyle addressed the reverse fixture and laid out what the team needs to do to finish the season strongly. "What happened has no reflection on what's to come. The game is on its own. We have to go and win the game, it's as simple as that. We have to defend very well against a good Bengaluru side. We know the quality they have. But, we have been playing well lately and we want to make sure we win again. If we do, it opens up possibilities," Coyle said. "We know when we are at our best we can win games. We have already shown away from home. We went to Odisha, NorthEast, Jamshepur, East Bengal and won. We're capable of winning at big venues, and that's what we need to do again," he said, according to Chennaiyin FC release. Chennaiyin are fifth in the away table this season, having won four and drawn two games on the road. As the Marina Machans travel to Bengaluru, coach Coyle touched on the team's road form and thanked the fans for their constant support.

### Champions Trophy: Santner assures New Zealand won't take Bangladesh lightly

**R**awalpindi : New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner assured that they won't take Bangladesh "lightly" in their upcoming Champions Trophy fixture. Santner acknowledged Bangladesh's adeptness in orchestrating a victory against top sides and remained hopeful "it's not us." New Zealand has been in high spirits since landing in Pakistan to bolster its preparations for the ongoing marquee event. After securing the ODI tri-nation title, the Kiwis maintained their impeccable performance in the subcontinent. They forced the defending champions, Pakistan, to surrender a 60-run defeat. If the Blackcaps continue to maintain their hot streak of form, they will march into the final four stages of the Champions Trophy. Ahead of facing a depleted Bangladesh side, Santner believes the Tigers maintain balance in their squad despite their dwindling form in the format. Bangladesh have lost their last five ODIs on the trot. Even though Bangladesh is lining up without its most experienced all-rounder, Shakib Al Hasan, Santner feels they have enough quality players who can attack with the bat and cause trouble with the ball.



## Kohli hits his 51st ODI hundred, helps India crush Pakistan by 6 wickets

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**DUBAI:** Batting superstar Virat Kohli hit his 51st ODI hundred. Kohli achieved the feat during India's Champions Trophy 2025 fixture against rivals Pakistan in Dubai on Sunday. The century helped India win the clash by 6 wickets. Kohli walked out to bat when India were 31/1 in 5

overs in the run-chase of 242. The 36-year-old took 111 deliveries to reach to three-figure mark. His innings comprised of seven boundaries. The seventh boundary helped India finish off the chase. During the knock Kohli created history as he became the quickest ever to the milestone, having completed his 14,000 ODI runs in 287

innings. Before him, Tendulkar had taken 350 innings to reach the feat while Sangakkara took 378 outings. Coincidentally, both Kohli and Tendulkar scored their 14,000th ODI run against Pakistan. The India No. 3 needed only 15 runs on Sunday to reach the milestone, which he did with a four through covers off

Haris Rauf in the 13th over of the run chase. Earlier in the day, Pakistan were bowled out on 241 after Mohammed Rizwan won the toss and opted to bat first. Pakistan's innings was powered by Rizwan's innings of 46 off 77 balls and a half-century (62 off 76 balls) by Saud Shakeel.

## Kuldeep Yadav crosses 300 international wickets in Pakistan clash, fifth Indian spinner to reach milestone

AGENCY

**DUBAI:** 'Chinaman' spinner Kuldeep Yadav joined an exclusive club after becoming just the fifth spinner for India to take 300-plus international wickets.

On Sunday, Kuldeep rewrote the history books during his exploits in the Champions Trophy blockbuster clash between India and Pakistan in Dubai. Kuldeep spun Pakistan batters inside out to turn the tides in favour of India. He returned with splendid figures of 3/40 in his nine-over spell.

After enjoying a fruitful spell, he joined India's decorated ball tweakers - Anil Kumble (953), Ravichandran Ashwin (765), Harbhajan Singh (707) and Ravindra Jadeja (604), who boast 300-plus international wickets. Overall, he is the 13th Indian player to go past the 300-wicket mark in the international circuit.



Kuldeep laid his spin traps to leave Pakistan's batters bamboozled. He flexed his mastery in spin by removing Pakistan's vice-captain, Salman Agha (19). He lured out a thick outside edge from Agha, which Ravindra Jadeja comfortably took.

On the next delivery, he left Shaheen Afridi to bite the dust with a googly. Shaheen failed to pick up Kuldeep's variation and got pinned in front of the stumps for a

golden duck.

Kuldeep invited Naseem Shah to open his arms and target the boundary rope for his final wicket of the day. Naseem chipped the delivery towards long-on and Virat Kohli charged down to take a low catch.

With another productive haul against the Men in Green, Kuldeep now boasts 15 wickets against Pakistan in the ODIs, averaging 14.00 at a strike rate of 21.6.

## Mithali Raj lauds Chinelle Henry's power-packed knock after UP Warriorz's victory

AGENCY

**BENGALURU:** Former Indian women's cricket captain Mithali Raj showered praise on Chinelle Henry for her fearless batting approach in the Women's Premier League (WPL).

"She backed herself to play those aggressive shots. At that stage, with six or seven wickets already down, she knew there was nothing to lose. She decided to go big and play her natural game, showcasing that signature West Indian flair for hitting big sixes," Mithali told JioHotstar.

Henry played a pivotal role in UP Warriorz's commanding 33-run victory over Delhi Capitals (DC) on Saturday. The West Indian all-rounder produced a stunning performance, smashing 62 runs off just 23 balls, including two boundaries and eight massive sixes. Her blitzkrieg helped UP Warriorz set a formidable



target of 177/9 for the Delhi Capitals.

Apart from her explosive batting, Henry also contributed with the ball, taking a crucial wicket of Marizanne Kapp. Her all-round brilliance ensured UP Warriorz secured their first victory of the WPL season in style.

Coming to the match, Delhi Capitals won the toss

and opted to field first, a decision that initially worked in their favour as UP Warriorz struggled to build momentum. They lost their first wicket at 17, and Kiran Navgire (17) fell soon after, leaving the score at 38/2. Captain Deepti Sharma (13) and Shweta Sehrawat (11) also failed to make a big impact, and with Grace Harris (2) and Uma

Chetry (3) departing cheaply, Warriorz were reeling at 89/6. Tahlia McGrath contributed a valuable 24 before falling to Jess Jonassen.

Just when it seemed Delhi Capitals had the upper hand, Chinelle Henry produced a game-changing knock. She smashed 62 off just 23 balls, lifting Warriorz to a competitive total of 177/9. Sophie Ecclestone (12) and Saima Thakor (4) also chipped in towards the end.

Jess Jonassen was the standout bowler for the Capitals, claiming 4/31, while Marizanne Kapp and Arundhati Reddy picked up two wickets each. Shikha Pandey also contributed with one wicket.

Delhi Capitals' run chase got off to a rocky start as captain Meg Lanning fell early for just 5. Shafali Verma followed soon after, scoring 24 before being dismissed by Kranti Goud.

## Bumrah in Dubai for IND-PAK clash, receives all ICC Awards

AGENCY

**DUBAI:** Star India batter Jasprit Bumrah reached Dubai ahead of the high-octane India versus Pakistan clash and collected his prestigious International Cricket Council (ICC) awards at Dubai International Stadium on Sunday.

The official handle of ICC posted a picture of Bumrah posing with all his awards and caps won at the ICC Awards 2024. These are: ICC Men's Cricketer Of The Year, ICC Men's Test Cricketer Of The Year, ICC Men's Test Team Of The Year, ICC Men's T20I Team Of The Year.

Meanwhile, Bumrah is missing the ongoing Champions Trophy due to a back injury sustained during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test at Sydney earlier in January. Harshit Rana is his replacement in the tournament.

Bumrah had a memorable 2024, one of the greatest years for a bowler.

Mohammed Siraj's post-match interview after T20 WC



final saying 'I only believe on Jassi bhai, game changer

player he is' in his broken English summarises the coun-

try's love affair with the pace spearhead and how important

he was to their fortunes.

Be it his 19 wickets during

England's home series on largely unhelpful surfaces at

an average of 16.89 in four matches, his 'Player of the Tournament' winning T20 WC title-capturing performance with 15 crucial scalps at an average of 8.26 or his workhorse, once-in-a-generation run in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, Bumrah emerged as country's newest and rightfully deserving cricketing darling, having captured the minds and hearts of a batting-obsessed nation and making fast bowling, yorkers and swing, cool among masses.

Bumrah was the leading-wicket-taker in international cricket last year, with 86 wickets in 21 matches at an average of 13.76, with four four-wicket hauls and five five-wicket hauls and best figures of 6/45. Particularly in Tests, the Indian pace spearhead enjoyed one of the greatest calendar years by a bowler, with 71 scalps in 13 matches at an average of 14.92, with five five-wicket hauls and best figures of 6/45, delivering fantastic spells home and away alike.

Also in a disappointing

IPL 2024 for five-time champions Mumbai Indians (MI), he topped the charts with 20 scalps in 13 matches at an average of 16.80 and one fiver.

The star Indian pace spearhead was a nightmare for Aussies to face during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy concluded recently. The 3-1 scoreline in favour of Australia, who won the trophy for the first time since 2014 and avoided a hat-trick of series losses to India at home, does not truly show how much fight Bumrah single-handedly put for India.

He got 32 wickets in five matches at a stunning average of 13.06, with three five-wicket hauls and best figures of 6/76. He was the highest wicket-taker in the series and broke record after record in the five-match affair, becoming the Indian with the most Test fivers in SENA (South Africa, England, New Zealand and South Africa) and outdoing spin legend Bishan Singh Bedi to have most wickets by an Indian in an away series.

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## Rajkummar Rao will play the role: Sourav Ganguly opens up on his biopic

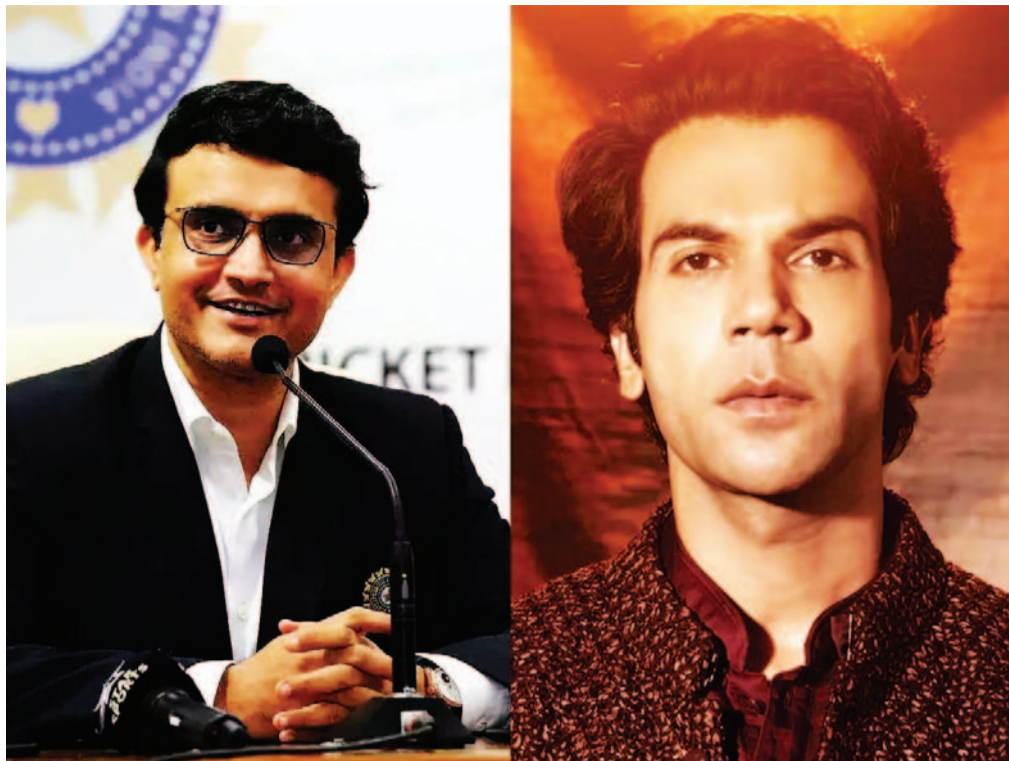
Former Indian cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly opened up about his biopic and shared that Bollywood actor Rajkummar Rao will portray him in the film.

While speaking to the media, he said, "From what I've heard, Rajkummar Rao will play the role (the titular role)... but there are issues of dates... so it will take more than a year to hit the screens."

The former skipper played 113 Tests and 311 ODIs for India. The left-handed batsman scored 18,575 runs across all formats in his international career. The Prince of Kolkata later went on to become the president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) and later was appointed as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in October last year.

He had led India to 21 Test wins and the final of the 2003 World Cup. The southpaw also served in BCCI's technical committee and was also a member of the Cricket Advisory Committee along with Indian greats Sachin Tendulkar and VVS Laxman. Ganguly called time on his international career in 2008 and he ended up with more than 18,000 international runs.

Talking about Rajkummar Rao's work front, he will be seen in 'Bhool Chuk Maaf', also starring Wamiqa Gabbi. The makers recently unveiled the teaser of the film.



The teaser begins with Rajkummar and Wamiqa's families fixing their wedding dates. Everything seems normal until the Haldi ceremony, where Rajkummar's character gets smeared with turmeric. But the next day, he realizes it's still the 29th, and the Haldi preparations are happening again. The day keeps repeating in a myste-

rious time loop, leading to confusion and laughter.

However, the highlight of the teaser was the use of the song 'Chor Bazaar' from Deepika Padukone and Saif Ali Khan starrer 'Love Aaj Kal' (2009) in the background. Interestingly, Wamiqa Gabbi had a minor role in that film.

Directed by Karan Sharma, Bhool Chuk Maaf is presented

by Dinesh Vijan under Maddock Films in association with Amazon MGM Studios.

Apart from 'Bhool Chuk Maaf' Rajkummar Rao also has 'Maalik' in his kitty. The film is produced by Kumar Taurani under the Tips Films banner and Jay Shewakramani's Northern Lights Films. It will be released theatrically on June 20, 2025.

## Juss and Mix Singh's "Main Aa Reha" Celebrated Love That Conquers

The unstoppable duo of Juss and Mix Singh once again captivated audiences with Main Aa Reha, a heart-stirring ballad that showcased the invincible power of love. Released last month, the song resonated deeply with listeners, further cementing their place in Punjabi music. Known for delivering chartbusters like Suniyan Suniyan, Juss and Mix Singh continued to redefine the genre with their unmatched synergy.



Main Aa Reha combined Juss's soulful voice with Mix Singh's signature composition, narrating a tale of love, resilience, and commitment. Written from a male perspective, the song beautifully conveyed the triumph of finding true love and the promise to overcome any challenge together.

Its deeply emotive lyrics made it a favorite for those who believe in love's transformative power. The music video shot against the breathtaking backdrop of the Himalayas, added a cinematic touch that enhanced the song's emotional depth.

Reflecting on the release, Juss shared, "This song was very personal because it captured the raw emotions of finding love and holding onto it. I'm grateful it connected with so many listeners."

## Dev Kharoud Shines in This Week's Spotlight With Mandy' - Tune in at 7 PM!



This week's episode of Spotlight With Mandy brings an exclusive conversation with the powerhouse of Punjabi cinema, Dev Kharoud. The episode airs at 7 PM, promising an insightful and engaging discussion with the acclaimed actor known for his impactful performances.

Hosted by the renowned Mandy Takhar, Spotlight With Mandy takes viewers on an intimate journey into the lives of the Punjabi entertainment industry's biggest stars. The show delves deep into their struggles, triumphs, and personal experiences, offering fans a closer look at their favourite celebrities beyond the screen.

Dev Kharoud, celebrated for his roles in action-packed dramas and socially relevant films, will open up about his career milestones, challenges, and upcoming projects. Known for his dedication and versatility, his journey from theater to the silver screen has been truly inspiring.

With Mandy Takhar's charismatic hosting and Dev Kharoud's candid revelations, this episode promises to be a must-watch for Punjabi cinema lovers. Don't miss out on this exclusive chat—tune in at 7 PM to catch all the action on Spotlight With Mandy!

Zee Punjabi is available on all MSOs and DTH platforms like Fastway, Airtel DTH, Tata Play DTH, Dish TV, d2H, and others.

## Salim Zaidi, 'Tillu has been a turning point in my career'

CHANDIGARH: Actor Salim Zaidi, known for his impeccable comic timing and hilarious portrayal of Tillu in &TV's popular sitcom Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, continues entertaining audiences with his witty one-liners and flawless dialogue. In this exclusive interview, he reflects on his journey in the entertainment industry, his challenges, the inspiration behind Tillu's unique voice, and his passion for comedy.



**How has your journey as an actor been?**

My journey as an actor has been a mix of challenges, learning experiences, and rewarding moments. I always had a passion for acting, but making a mark in the industry was not easy, especially without connections. I started with small roles, did theatre, and slowly built my way up.

**What made you choose comedy over other genres?**

Comedy comes naturally to me, and I realized that making people laugh is one of the most difficult yet fulfilling things. When I got the opportunity to play Tillu in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, it became a turning point in my career. This character has not only brought me recognition but also immense love and respect, both from the industry and the audience.

**Tillu's dialogues and unique voice have become iconic. How much do you enjoy playing the character?**

Tillu's voice and catchphrases, like "Kasam khaa ke keh riya hoon Seth ji, meri 6 mahine ki tankha de diyo, warna gurde chin lunga," have struck a chord with viewers. I feel fortunate to have created something so memorable. Initially, I experimented with different tones and styles because I wanted Tillu to stand out from the usual sidekick characters. I added a nasal twang and a certain rhythm to his dialogues, and the audience loved it!

## Sriti Jha and Rajashree Thakur Team Up for an Exciting Shoot!

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye and Bas Itna Sa Khwaab have captivated audiences with their compelling storytelling and dramatic appeal. The excitement continues with a special Mahasangam episode, bringing the casts of both shows together for an unforgettable entertainment extravaganza. In the upcoming episodes, Amruta (Sriti Jha) and Abir's (Pulkit Bangia) engagement sets the drama for heightened emotions, as Ranveer (Ajit Taneja a.k.a Virat) struggles with jealousy. Ranveer is unaware that Amruta's decision to get engaged to Abir is intended to help him regain his lost memories.



Supporting Amruta during the festivities is her best friend Avani (Rajashree Thakur), who helps her get ready and do her makeup. Adding to the drama, Amruta's father-in-law invites Shikhar (Yogendra Vikram Singh) and Tamanna (Chhavi Pandey) to the celebration. However, Tamanna arrives with her agenda determined to win Shikhar's heart and secure their future together at any cost. Meanwhile, Manvi (Akanksha Chamola) plots evil plans to keep Ranveer and Amruta apart. Sriti Jha said, "I am excited about the Mahasangam sequence. With the show building towards some major reveals, having the Bas Itna Sa Khwaab team join us makes it even more special."

## Kartik Aaryan plays with his pet Katori, shares video



Kartik Aaryan shared an adorable video of his pet Katori on social media. On Thursday, the 'Chandu Champion' posted a playful clip on Instagram showing him playing with his fur baby.

Dressed in casual wear and sporting a heavy beard, Kartik can be seen playing and giving a hug to Katori.

He wrote, "Love is all about you, @katoriaryan." As soon as Kartik shared the post on Instagram, netizens dropped sweet comments in the comment section.

A user wrote, "Loveeee." Another fan commented, "Pawfecttt Postttt for this Pet Day."

Kartik often shares pictures and videos with his pet on social media.

Recently, the makers of 'Aashiqui 3' re-

leased the first look of Kartik, who is joined by South actress Sreeleela.

The romantic drama is set to hit the theatres in Diwali, 2025.

In the recent first look of the film, Kartik sported a huge beard and was seen playing guitar in a huge concert, similar to the opening scene of its predecessor, 'Aashiqui 2'.

Sreeleela is the new leading lady silencing the rumours of Tripti Dimri in the film.

In the video, the couple is seen romancing in the mountains and riding bikes.

A slowed version of Vishal Mishra's song "Tu hi zindagi hai, tu hi Aashiqui hai" was also played in the background of the video. Music label T-Series released the video through its YouTube handle. The original film, which was helmed by Mahesh Bhatt, was released in 1990 by T-Series and Vishesh

Films. Rahul Roy and Anu Aggarwal became overnight sensations with their roles in the film.

The franchise was revived in 2013 with 'Aashiqui 2', directed by Mohit Suri and starring Shradha Kapoor and Aditya Roy Kapur, which was also a box-office success.

The third instalment of the film is directed by the 'Ludo', 'Barfi', and 'Jagga Jasoos' is Anurag Basu. 'Aashiqui 3' marks the first-ever on-screen collaboration of Anurag and Kartik.

The second part of the musical love story was a spiritual successor rather than a direct sequel, and the third part will continue in that vein. Pritam, who has a long and successful working relationship with Basu and has composed the hit scores of several of his films, will provide the songs.

## Not All Saas-Bahu Bonds Are Full of Drama: Soma Rathod on Amma Ji's Refreshing Equation with Angoori

CHANDIGARH: Actress Soma Rathod, known for her impeccable comic timing and powerhouse performances, continues to entertain audiences as the feisty and endearing Amma Ji in &TV's popular sitcom Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai. In this exclusive interview, she reflects on her journey in the entertainment industry, overcoming personal struggles, embracing motherhood in a unique way, and finding joy in comedy.

**You have been in the industry for quite some time. How would you describe your journey?**

My journey has been a roller-coaster ride, filled with struggles, perseverance, and rewarding moments. Coming from a non-film background, I had no godfather to guide me, but I always believed in my talent. Early on, I faced several rejections, primarily because of my weight. The industry has its set norms for how an actress should look, and breaking through those barriers was tough. However, I embraced my body and my talent, and eventually, opportunities started coming my way. Today, playing Amma Ji has given me immense recognition and love from the audience, and that makes every struggle worth it.

**You play the role of an elderly woman on screen, but in reality, you are much younger. Was it a difficult choice to make?**

Initially, I was hesitant because I was only in my mid-30s when I took up this role. But I saw it as a challenge and an opportunity. Playing Amma Ji has been

one of the best decisions of my career. The character has so many layers—she is strict, loving, humorous, and emotional all at once. It has allowed me to explore my comic side, and the audience's overwhelming response made me forget all the age-gap concerns.

**You went through a tough phase after your divorce at 32. How did you overcome that period?**

Divorce was a turning point in my life. At 32, I suddenly found myself alone, rebuilding my life from scratch. It was an emotionally draining time, but it also made me stronger. Financial struggles, emotional turmoil, and societal judgments were all part of the journey. But instead of breaking down, I chose to focus on my career and passion. Work became my escape and my therapy. I learned to stand on my own feet, and that resilience is what defines me today.

**Unlike typical saas-bahu relationships seen on television, Amma Ji shares a warm and supportive bond with Angoori. How do you feel about portraying such a rare equation on screen?**

Absolutely! When I first took on the role of Amma Ji, I wanted to bring something fresh to the typical saas-bahu dynamic. Instead of the usual conflicts, Amma Ji genuinely loves and supports Angoori. She may be strict with her son Manmohan, but with Angoori, she is more of a guide and protector. This bond feels natural because, in real life too, not all saas-bahu relationships are filled with drama. Many are built on love and mutual respect. I enjoy portraying this equation, and I think that's one of the reasons why audiences connect with it so much.



## Vicky Kaushal's 'Chhaava' enters Rs 200 crore club

Actor Vicky Kaushal's latest historical drama, 'Chhaava', surpassed the Rs 200 crore mark at the domestic box office as per trade analyst estimates.

The film, which was released on February 14, continues its phenomenal run, captivating audiences across the country.

According to trade analyst Taran Adarsh, 'Chhaava' crossed the Rs 200 crore milestone on Thursday.

He highlighted the film's impressive trajectory, noting that the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti holiday a day ago had provided a significant boost to collections.

Taking to Instagram, Adarsh shared, "200 NOT OUT: 'CHHAAVA' IS SENSATIONAL... RECORD HOLD IN MAHARASHTRA... Chhaava makes a grand entry into the Rs200 cr Club, aided by the #ChhatrapatiShivajiMaharajJayanti holiday boost on Wednesday [Day 6]." The film collected over Rs 30 crore on Wednesday alone, nearly matching its Valentine's Day opening numbers.



Maharashtra has emerged as the strongest market for Chhaava, with Rajasthan and West Bengal also recording increased footfalls mid-week.

On Wednesday, the occasion of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's birth anniversary, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced that 'Chhaava' is tax-free in the state.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde also attended the special screening of 'Chhaava' on Wednesday, marking the 395th birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Speaking to the media at the event, the Deputy CM praised the film and its team for bringing the story of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to the audience. "Today is the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj... I want to thank the film's team and Vicky Kaushal for bringing the story of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to everyone," Shinde said. When asked about the demand to make Chhaava tax-free, Shinde responded, "The government will take the necessary steps."

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