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PM-led committee likely to meet today to select new CIC

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9



A three-member committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and also including Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi is likely to meet on Wednesday to decide the next Chief Information Commissioner and information commissioners for eight vacant positions at the Central Information Commission (CIC).

The government had informed the Supreme Court on December 1 that the Prime Minister Modi-led panel is likely to meet on December 10 to select and recommend names for these posts.

Under Section 12 (3) of the Right to Information Act, the prime minister is the chairperson of the committee, which also comprises the leader of opposition and a Union minister nominated by the prime minister, that selects and recommends the names for appointment as Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners.

According to the RTI Act, the CIC has a Chief Information Commissioner and 10 Information Commissioners who adjudicate complaints and appeals filed by the RTI applicants against the unsatisfactory orders of government officials on their applications.

The CIC, which is staring at 30,838 pending cases, according to its website, is left with just two information commissioners -- Anandi Ramalingam and Vinod Kumar Tiwari -- with eight vacancies.

The highest appellate authority to adjudicate RTI-related complaints and appeals had gone headless for the seventh time since 2014 after incumbent Chief Information Commissioner Heeralal Samariya demitted office on September 13.

The Commission had become headless for the first time after then CIC Rajiv Mathur demitted office in August 2014.

Samariya, who had become the Chief Information Commissioner on November 6, 2023, demitted office on attaining the age of 65 years, according to an office order issued by the Commission.

In an RTI response to activist Commodore Lokesh Batra (retired), the Department of Personnel and Training had said that 83 applications were received for the post of Chief Information Commissioner in response to its advertisement issued on May 21.

It also said that 161 applications were received in response to an advertisement issued on August 14, 2024, for the vacancies against the post of Information Commissioners in the CIC.

According to the procedure for the appointment of the Chief Information Commissioner, particulars of interested persons are invited through advertisements in newspapers and through the DoPT website.

These details are tabulated by DoPT and sent to a Search Committee constituted by the Prime Minister and chaired by the Cabinet Secretary.

The names as well as the shortlisted ones along with their applications are sent to the committee headed by the Prime Minister and also comprising the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and a Cabinet minister.

Persons recommended by the prime minister-led committee are appointed by the President. **PTI**

High impact investment road show by CM gets massive response in South Korea during concluding day of his visit



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9

High-Impact Investment Road show by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, on concluding day of his South Korea visit saw massive participation by leading industrial giants, who evinced their keen interest in investing in the state.

Addressing the galaxy of business leaders, the Chief Minister highlighted Punjab's transformation into a stable, transparent, and future-ready investment destination. He said that Punjab's robust industrial ecosystem, reliable and cost-competitive power, peaceful labour relations, a talented, resilient and hardworking workforce, coupled with seamless connectivity to major markets makes it a most preferable investment destination. Bhagwant Singh Mann reiterated that Punjab's governance model places the investor at the centre, ensuring predictability, efficiency, and full support throughout the business lifecycle.

The Chief Minister emphasized Punjab's vision to build technology-driven, innovation-led, and mutually beneficial partnerships with South Korea across priority sectors. He reinforced the commitment of the Punjab government to welcome South Korean companies, promoting innovation-led industrial development, and building long-term, mutually beneficial partnerships. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that there is a huge scope for collaboration in varied sectors like manufacturing, technology, food processing, and research.

Sharing his vision, the Chief Minister said that the state government is committed to build a future of shared prosperity through strong economic and cultural ties.

He said that Punjab is a land known for courage, resilience, hard work, entrepreneurship, creativity, and a strong sense of community adding that the state has always played a major role in India's development especially in making the country self-reliant in food production.

IndiGo back on its feet; operations stable: CEO

MUMBAI, DECEMBER 9



Crisis-ridden IndiGo on Tuesday claimed that the airline is back on its feet and operations are stable, even as it keeps addressing all customer needs.

In the latest video message, IndiGo CEO Peter Elbers also said that lakhs of customers, whose flights were cancelled or delayed, have already received their full refunds, and the process is ongoing on a daily basis.

Elbers, however, remained tight-lipped on the compensation to customers, whose flights were cancelled at the last minute or were hugely delayed.

As per the Civil Aviation Ministry's passenger charter, if an airline fails to inform a passenger of his/her flight cancellation at least two weeks before departure, compensation is legally mandatory, and its amount depends on the flight duration.

Also, the airline has to provide compensation automatically, without passengers asking for it.

"IndiGo is back on its feet, and our operations are stable. We've let you down when a major operational disruption happened, and we're sorry for that," Elbers said in a video message on Tuesday.

"Earlier, we had indicated to normalise between December 10-15. I can confirm now that today, as of December 9, our operations are fully stabilised, which means flights reflecting on our website are scheduled to operate with an adjusted network," he added.

Acknowledging that the people, whose flights were abruptly cancelled or delayed, were travelling for various reasons, he said, "Thousands of you could not travel, and we are profusely apologetic about that". **PTI**

Amit Shah blasts Congress over 'Vande Mataram' debate, links it to Partition

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9



The division of 'Vande Mataram' song for "politics of appeasement" led to partition of India, Home Minister Amit Shah said in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, as he slammed Opposition for linking the debate on 150 years of the national song with the upcoming West Bengal elections.

Initiating the debate in the House, Shah said Vande Mataram was the "mantra" that awakened India's cultural nationalism, and remains as relevant today as it was during the freedom struggle.

He stressed that the song will remain relevant in the days to come as well, in taking the country towards Viksit Bharat.

Shah also attacked Congress for questioning the need for a debate on Vande Mataram, and accused first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru of "dividing" the poem and limiting it to two stanzas. "Yesterday some MPs in the Lok Sabha questioned what is the need to discuss Vande Mataram. The need for discussion...was as relevant when the song was written, during the freedom movement, today, and will be as relevant in 2047 when the Viksit Bharat would be achieved," Shah said. **PTI**

Our nation is fabric of 1.5 billion people and is woven together by vote: Rahul Gandhi

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9

"Our nation is a fabric of 1.5 billion people and is woven together by vote," said Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. He made the statement during a discussion on election reforms in the House in the Winter session of Parliament on Tuesday.

"Idea that every person in India is equal disturbs my friends in RSS. RSS fundamentally does not believe in equality, they believe in a hierarchy. RSS' project after Mahatma Gandhi's assassination was wholesale capture of India's institutional framework," Gandhi said.

There is institutional capture of EC that directly controls election system of our country, Rahul Gandhi said.

"I have given proof how EC is colluding with those in power to shape elections. Want to ask three questions which will make it clear that BJP is directing, using EC to damage India's democracy. **PTI**

LOC issued against two more owners of Goa nightclub: Police

PANAJI, DECEMBER 9



Goa Police issued a Look Out Circular (LOC) against another set of owners of the fire-ravaged nightclub, Ajay Gupta and Surinder Kumar Khosla, a senior officer said on Tuesday.

The LOC was issued against Gupta and Khosla, who is a British citizen, hours after 'Birch by Romeo Lane' nightclub owners Saurabh and Gaurav Luthra fled to Thailand following the fire tragedy, which claimed 25 lives on Saturday.

Addressing a press conference at Anjuna police station in North Goa, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police Varsha Sharma said the LOC has been issued against Gupta and Khosla, both the owners of the nightclub.

"Khosla is a British citizen", Sharma said.

Sharma said the Goa Police is seeking the help of Interpol to bring back Saurabh and Gaurav Luthra, who fled to Phuket. "All attempts are being made to get them back to India".

"Attempts to trace Saurabh and Gaurav began soon after the fire incident. They were not in Goa at that time", she added. **PTI**

Italian Deputy PM Tajani to visit India, hold talks with Jaishankar

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9



Italian Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani will arrive here on Wednesday for a three-day official visit to India.

During his visit, Tajani will hold talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in New Delhi on Wednesday. He will travel to Mumbai and attend official engagements on Thursday, according to a media advisory issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Tajani is scheduled to depart from Mumbai on Friday after concluding his engagements in India.

On November 23, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni held talks on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in South Africa's Johannesburg and discussed deepening bilateral ties across various sectors, including trade, investment, defence, innovation, AI, space and education.

Following the meeting, PM Modi in a post on X wrote, "Had a very good meeting with Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. The India-Italy Strategic Partnership is growing from strength to strength, greatly benefitting the people of our nations."

In another post on X, PM Modi said: "We discussed further advancing our cooperation in sectors such as trade, investment, defence, innovation, AI, space and education."

"India and Italy are announcing a Joint Initiative for cooperation in combating financing of terrorism. This is a necessary and timely effort, which will strengthen humanity's fight against terrorism and its support networks," he added. **PTI**

No conclusive data to show direct link of death exclusively with air pollution: MoS Health

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9



There is no conclusive data available in the country to establish a direct correlation of death/disease exclusively due to air pollution, Minister of State for Health, Prataprao Jadhav, told the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Air pollution is one of the triggering factors for respiratory ailments and associated diseases, Jadhav said in a written reply.

The health effects of air pollution are a synergistic manifestation of factors, which include food habits, occupational habits, socio-economic status, medical history, immunity, heredity, etc., of the individuals.

The government of India has taken several steps to address air pollution issues, he said.

The National Programme for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH) has been implemented with an objective to create awareness, capacity building, health sector preparedness and response and partnerships related activities on climate sensitive health issues since 2019, according to the reply.

Under NPCCHH, the government of India has developed a "Health Adaptation Plan" on issues related to air pollution, Jadhav said. **PTI**

CBI books Reliance Commercial Finance, its promoters in ₹57.47 crore bank fraud case

MUMBAI, DECEMBER 9



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday said it has filed a criminal case against Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd (RCFL) and its promoters and directors over allegedly causing wrongful loss of Rs 57.47 crore to Bank of Maharashtra.

The case has been registered against RCFL -- a company of Reliance ADA Group, its promoters/directors and unknown bank officials, on the allegations of criminal conspiracy, cheating and criminal misconduct and thereby, the CBI said in a statement.

According to the statement, the loan account of Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd was declared an NPA by the bank on March 25, 2020 and also as fraud on October 4, 2025, for causing wrongful loss of Rs 57.47 crore to Bank of Maharashtra.

"RCFL was availing loans to the tune of Rs 9,280 crore from 31 banks/ FIs/NBFCs/ Corporate Bodies, etc., including Bank of Maharashtra. A thorough investigation will be conducted into the allegations of defrauding all the banks/FIs, etc. by the accused company," said the CBI.

The probe agency obtained search warrants from the court of a Special CBI judge, Mumbai and commenced searches at the official premises of RCFL at Mumbai and the residential premises of Devang Pravin Mody, Director of the company, at Pune, on December 9. **PTI**

Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections: AAP strengthens grassroots outreach

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Dhuri/Sangrur, December 9



In the run-up to the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections, Chairman of Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation Dalvir Singh Dhillon and Chairman of Dhuri Market Committee Rajwant Singh Ghulli have taken full charge of the campaign in Dhuri.

Both leaders are extensively touring the constituency, visiting village after village from early morning until late evening to mobilize strong support for Aam Aadmi Party candidates.

Addressing gatherings across several villages, Chairman Dalvir Singh Dhillon said that people have closely observed the Aam Aadmi Party's work over the past four years. The visible development carried out during this period forms the firm foundation on which AAP is contesting the current Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections.

Campaigning in favour of Zila Parishad candidate Harjinder Singh Kanjla, and Block Samiti candidates Joginder Singh, Kulwinder Singh, Jagseer Singh, and Ranjodh Singh, Dhillon shared that AAP volunteers are conducting an intensive door-to-door campaign to build direct communication with the public and make them aware of the party's progressive reforms.

He highlighted that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the AAP government has delivered unprecedented relief and transformative governance.

Key initiatives include 600 units of free electricity, Aam Aadmi Clinics to provide doorstep healthcare, Schools of Eminence to raise the standard of education, and nearly 58,000 government jobs provided to the youth.

Since its first day, the Mann Government has pursued reform-oriented policies across every sector.

Deputy Medical Commissioner inspects De-Addiction Rehabilitation Centre in Hoshiarpur





DALJEET AJNOHA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, December 9

The De-Addiction Rehabilitation Centre located in Fatehgarh, Hoshiarpur has emerged as a remarkable model in combating substance abuse. Rehabilitation at this centre goes beyond mere detoxification; it aims to reintegrate individuals into mainstream society by equipping them with sustainable livelihood skills. On Tuesday, Deputy Medical Commissioner Dr Swati Seemar conducted an inspection of the facility, engaging with patients to understand their concerns and holding discussions with their family members, who expressed satisfaction with the quality of care provided.

Dr Swati highlighted that under the Punjab government's robust anti-drug campaign, the centre imparts specialized training to foster self-reliance among patients. Training modules include salon services, cooking, gardening, alongside new skill sets like mobile repair and fabric dyeing. Patients receive certificates upon completion, enabling them to regain independence and rebuild their lives with dignity. The center is well-equipped with amenities such as a gymnasium, playground, library, prayer hall, music room, and comprehensive dining facilities. Recently, the state government sanctioned Rs 27 lakh for the establishment of a computer lab at Balival Ground, further enhancing the facility's capabilities.

National Lok Adalat to be held on Dec 13

RAMAN CHAMAK
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, December 9

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Amritsar, will be organizing the National Lok Adalat on 13th December 2025 across the district. In this regard, a preparatory meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Amardeep Singh Bains, Secretary, DLSA Amritsar, with officers from the Police Commissionerate Amritsar and SSP Rural Amritsar. During the meeting, specific directions were issued to ensure timely submission of final reports such as Cancellation Reports and Untraced Reports related to compoundable criminal cases for their effective placement before the Lok Adalat.

Legal aid awareness camp to mark 'Nasha Mukti Abhiyan' and Human Rights Day held

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Mandi Gobindgarh, December 9

A Legal Aid Awareness Camp on "Nasha Mukti Abhiyan & Celebration of Human Rights Day" was organised by the ADR Centre, Legal Aid Cell and Pro Bono Legal Service Club of the University School of Law, in collaboration with the Women Grievance Redressal Cell and NSS Unit of Desh Bhagat University at Village Sohag Heri, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from 70 law students across various programmes including LLB (1st, 3rd, 5th Semesters) and BALLB (Hons.) (1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th Semesters).

The camp aimed to spread awareness on the dangers of drug addiction and educate the rural community on fundamental human rights, legal remedies, and access to justice.

An awareness lecture on drug de-addiction informed villagers about the physical, psychological, and social impacts of substance abuse.

The programme began with a welcome address by Dr Anu Mutneja, followed by inputs from faculty members Dr Arti, Dr Prabhjot Kaur Ghuman, Manpreet Kaur and Sushan Bali, who highlighted the importance of Human Rights Day. An awareness lecture on drug de-addiction informed villagers about the physical, psychological, and social impacts of substance abuse.

A detailed legal literacy session was conducted, covering constitutional rights, Article 39A, the functioning of Legal Services Authorities, and protections for women, children, and senior citizens. An interactive segment allowed villagers to seek guidance on issues such as land disputes, domestic violence, and access to government welfare schemes.

Health Dept holds felicitation ceremony for sterilisation fortnight

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, December 9

A felicitation ceremony was organised on Tuesday at the Civil Surgeon's office in Hoshiarpur to mark the conclusion of the Sterilization Fortnight. The event was chaired by Dr Balbir Kumar, Civil Surgeon of Hoshiarpur, and conducted under the leadership of Dr Ranjit Singh, District Family Welfare Officer. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Medical Commissioner Dr Swati Shimar, District Vaccination Officer Dr Seema Garg, Assistant Civil Surgeon Dr Ajay Basra, District Dental Health Officer Dr Kapil Dogra, senior medical officers from various health institutions, and Deputy Mass Media Officers Ramandeep Kaur and Ravinder Jassal.

During the programme, surgeons who made exemplary contributions to the sterilisation fortnight, male health workers who motivated community members for sterilization, and senior medical officers from the respective blocks were honored for their outstanding service. Dr Balbir Kumar highlighted that the Sterilization Fortnight aims primarily to increase public awareness about family planning services and to enhance maternal and child health in the district.

Lodhi Club announces Sports Carnival Season 9; IPL-style auction introduced for Cricket League

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, December 9



Lodhi Club (Regd.), Ludhiana, has announced the commencement of its prestigious Sports Carnival – Till December 21, 2025. It has been started from November 30. Building on the overwhelming success of previous editions, this year's major highlight is the Lodhi Club League Season-9 Cricket Tournament, to be held from December 10 to 14. For the first time, the Club has introduced an IPL-style auction-based team selection, with nine teams and 109 players selected through a transparent auction process managed by CYBERXEL, a leading professional digital solutions company. The new model has been widely appreciated for ensuring fair distribution of players across teams.

The tournament will be inaugurated on Wednesday, December 10, at 4:00 pm, with Deputy Commissioner-cum-Lodhi Club President Himanshu Jain, IAS, as the chief guest.

As per the schedule, three matches each will be held on December 10, 11, and 12. On Saturday, December 13, two semifinals will take place, followed on Sunday, December 14, by a Master Cricket Match (Age 45–55) at 1:00 pm, Executive Committee members Dr Sarju Ralhan (General Secretary), Ram Sharma (Sports Secretary), Harinder Singh (Mess Secretary), and CA Nitin Mahajan (Coordinator) — welcomed the media and engaged in an interactive Q&A session.

Passengers safe after bus faces steering failure near Phillaur

WANT IT SHORTER OR MORE DRAMATIC?

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phillaur, December 9



A major tragedy was averted when a private passenger bus travelling from Hoshiarpur to Ludhiana suffered a sudden technical malfunction near Phillaur on national highways. The incident triggered panic among passengers, but timely action ensured that everyone on board was safely evacuated without any injuries.

According to information received, the bus belonging to Libra Transport Company was carrying commuters towards Ludhiana when the vehicle developed a technical fault near the bypass. Driver Kuldeep Singh stated that he attempted to maintain control of the bus, but a suspected steering-lock malfunction caused the vehicle to veer off course.

Losing balance, the speeding bus broke through iron barricades installed at the centre of the road and entered the lane leading towards Jalandhar. The uncontrolled vehicle eventually came to a halt after getting stuck on the central road divider a stroke of luck that prevented what could have been a catastrophic crash.

The sudden jolt and the sound of the barricades being crushed created chaos inside the bus. Passengers panicked, and for a few moments, the situation resembled a stampede-like atmosphere. Local residents rushed to the spot and assisted in helping all passengers safely exit the vehicle. Fortunately, none of the occupants sustained injuries.Soon after the incident, Sarabjit Singh, incharge of the Road Safety Force, reached the scene. He immediately arranged for a crane to remove the stranded bus, ensuring that traffic on the busy highway was restored within a short span of time. Expressing concern over the increasing frequency of road mishaps involving buses, he noted that many vehicles plying on Punjab's roads are outdated and have surpassed their operational life. He urged the Transport Department to conduct strict and regular inspections and to impound buses whose fitness approvals have expired.

Awareness programme on World AIDS Day organised



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, December 9

Rayat Bahra College of Nursing organized an awareness programme on the occasion of World AIDS Day, led by students of BSc Nursing first, second, and fourth semesters.

Sharing details of the event, College Principal Dr Meenakshi Chand said that the main objective was to increase awareness about HIV/AIDS among students and the community, dispel misconceptions, and emphasize the importance of safe practices and regular testing. As part of the programme, a poster-making competition was conducted in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club. Students displayed attractive and informative posters on themes such as HIV prevention, myths vs facts, youth participation, and the social significance of the Red Ribbon. In the competition, Japneet secured first position, Renu second and Bhoomi third. Following this, students conducted an awareness rally on the campus, raising slogans such as "Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise," "No AIDS – Know AIDS," and "Awareness is the First Step to Prevention."

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD | 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before secretary, CHB Exercising the powers of the Estate officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No. 3014 (Ground Floor)** of Category-HIG(L) in Sector 44-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **(i) SH. ASHISH JAISWAL S/o SH. SHRI RAM JAISWAL & (ii) SMT. SEEMA JAISWAL W/o SH, ASHISH JAISWAL** from the name of allottee/transferees **SH, VIKRAM JIT PURI S/O SH. O.P. PURI**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU **No. 3014 (Ground Floor)** of Category-HIG(L) in Sector 44-D, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SH, VIKRAM JIT PURI S/o SH. O.P. PURI**. Now, **SH. VIKRAM JIT PURI S/o SH. O.P. PURI** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **(i) SH. ASHISH JAISWAL S/o SH. SHRIRAM JAISWAL & (ii) SMT. SEEMA JAISWAL W/o SH. ASHISH JAISWAL** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh **05.12.2025. (i) SH. ASHISH JAISWAL S/o SH. SHRIRAM JAISWAL & (ii) SMT. SEEMA JAISWAL W/o SH. ASHISH JAISWAL** have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD | 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before secretary, CHB Exercising the powers of the Estate officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No.648-2** of Category-HIG-II in Sector 38-A, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SMT. SWETA W/o SH. RAHUL SAHU** from the name of allottee/transferees **SH. DALMEET SAINI S/o SH. MOHAN SINGH SAINI.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU **No.648-2** of Category-HIG-II in Sector 38-A, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee S**H. DALMEET SAINI S/o SH. MOHAN SINGH SAINI.** Now, **SH. DALMEET SAINI S/o SH. MOHAN SINGH SAINI** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SMT. SWETA W/o SH. RAHUL SAHU** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh **03.12.2025. SMT. SWETA W/o SH. RAHUL SAHU** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD | 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE



Subject:- Transfer/Mutation of allotment/ Registration of DU **No, 248-1** of Category-LIG in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh in the name of **(i) SH. BIKRAM SINGH S/o LATE SH. JAGTAR SINGH & (ii) SH. GURPREET SINGH DHILLON S/o LATE SH. JAGTAR SINGH DHILLON** on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **SH. JAGTAR SINGH (JAGTAR SINGH DHILLON) S/o SH. HARCHAND SINGH.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **SH. JAGTAR SINGH (JAGTAR SINGH DHILLON) S/O SH. HARCHAND SINGH** owner of Dwelling Unit **No.248-1** of Category-LIG in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh expired on **16.08.2025** at **CHANDIGARH** as informed by his legal heirs. **(i) SH. BIKRAM SINGH S/O LATE SH. JAGTAR SINGH & (ii) SH. GURPREET SINGH DHILLON S/o LATE SH. JAGTAR SINGH DHILLON** have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit **No.248-1** of Category-LIG in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh in their name on the basis of intestate demise of **SH. JAGTAR SINGH (JAGTAR SINGH DHILLON) S/o SH. HARCHAND SINGH**. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of **(i) SH. BIKRAM SINGH (SON) & (ii) SH. GURPREET SINGH DHILLON (SON)** he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandrgarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD | 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject: - Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No.3237-2** of Category-LIG(F) in Sector 41-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **(i) SH. PREM CHAND S/o SH. SAKHEER CHAND & (ii) SMT. NAVITA KUMARI W/o SH. SHIV KARAN SINGH** from the name of allottee/transferees **SMT. BINU GUPTA W/o SH. NARESH KUMAR BANSAL.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU **No.3237-2** of Category-LIG(F) in Sector 41-D, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. BINU GUPTA W/o SH. NARESH KUMAR BANSAL.** Now, S**MT. BINU GUPTA W/o SH. NARESH KUMAR BANSAL** has sold the above said dwelling unit to i) **SH. PREM CHAND S/o SH. SAKHEER CHAND & (ii) SMT. NAVITA KUMARI W/o SH. SHIV KARAN SINGH** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh **12.11.2024. i) SH. PREM CHAND S/o SH. SAKHEER CHAND & (ii) SMT. NAVITA KUMARI W/o SH. SHIV KARAN SINGH** have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD | 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before secretary, CHB Exercising the powers of the Estate officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No.2771-C** of Category-Two Bedroom in Sector-49, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **(i) SH. VINAY KUMAR SHARMA S/o SH. PREM NATH SHARMA & (ii) SMT. USHA SHARMA W/o SH. VINAY KUMAR SHARMA** from the name of allottee/transferees **SMT. SHILPI SANGHI W/o SH. LOKESH SANGHI.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU **No,2771-C** of Category-Two Bedroom in Sector-49, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee S**MT. SHILPI SANGHI W/o SH. LOKESH SANGHI.** Now, **SMT. SHILPI SANGHI W/o SH. LOKESH SANGHI** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **(i) SH. VINAY KUMAR SHARMA S/o SH. PREM NATH SHARMA & (ii) SMT. USHA SHARMA W/O SH. VINAY KUMAR SHARMA** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh **03.02.2025. (i) SH. VINAY KUMAR SHARMA S/o SH. PREM NATH SHARMA & (ii) SMT. USHA SHARMA W/o SH. VINAY KUMAR SHARMA** have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said propertyin favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
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Kataria inaugurates North Zone VC Meet on Traditional Wisdom in Education

PUNJABE XPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, December 9



The North Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet 2025–26 of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) convened more than 100 Vice Chancellors and senior academic leaders from across North India for a two-day deliberation on the theme "Integrating Traditional Wisdom in Curriculum and Research." The conference inaugurated by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, placed a strong emphasis on embedding India's ancient knowledge systems into contemporary higher education through curriculum innovation, interdisciplinary research, and technology-enabled capacity building. Detailed discussions across technical sessions, business meetings, and interactions with apex bodies are set to culminate in a comprehensive Commitment Statement and the formation of collaborative groups to drive future initiatives.

During the inaugural session, Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria highlighted India's historic role as a global hub of knowledge, noting that traditional systems such as Ayurveda and early scientific thought continue to hold solutions for modern challenges. He emphasized that education must foster character, values, and inclusivity so that financial constraints do not hinder deserving students. He also acknowledged the rapid rise of the host institution, noting that LPU's growth reflects strong leadership and a consistent pursuit of excellence.

LPU Founder Chancellor MP Ashok Kumar Mittal described the conclave as a convergence of collective academic wisdom that will guide the evolution of an education system that is globally competitive yet distinctly Indian.

Punjab scripts history with first successful liver transplant at govt run institute in Mohali

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9



Marking a transformative leap in tertiary healthcare, the Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government has scripted history with the successful conduct of the first liver transplant surgery at a state-run institute Punjab Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (PILBS) in Mohali.

Presenting the successfully operated patient to the media on Tuesday, Punjab Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education and Research Minister Dr Balbir Singh, stated that this is the first time in Punjab's medical history that such a delicate and complex surgery has been accomplished successfully in a government institute. The Minister was accompanied by Principal Secretary Health Kumar Rahul.

He highlighted that this lifesaving intervention was provided to the patient at approximately Rs 12 lakhs, which costs around Rs 45-50 lakhs at the private hospitals. The transplant was performed on November 27, 2025, and the recipient is recovering well, expected to be discharged in a day or two, he added.

Congratulating the medical team led by Director of PILBS and Professor & Head of Hepatology Dr Virendra Singh and Professor & Head of Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery Dr K Rajasekhar, the Health Minister termed this a major milestone for the institute.

Dr Balbir Singh also expressed profound gratitude to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, for providing the organ from a brain-dead person from Haryana.

He also extended heartfelt thanks to the donor's family for their exemplary act of organ donation, which has given a new lease of life to multiple individuals.

OPS SEAL-XXIII

65 entry, exit points sealed to keep vigil around drug smugglers and bootleggers in Punjab; 3 held

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9

Amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police on Tuesday carried out a special operation 'OPS Seal-XXIII' aimed at checking all the vehicles entering or exiting the border state of Punjab to keep vigil around anti-social elements, drug traffickers and bootleggers.

During the operation, conducted simultaneously in all the districts on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav, all the SSPs of border districts were directed to organise joint Naka operations at strategic places in their respective districts and mobilise a maximum number of manpower to lay strong 'nakas' at sealing points under the supervision of Gazetted officers/SHOs.

Sharing details, Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla said that well-coordinated strong nakas involving over 600 Police Personnel were set up under the supervision of Inspectors/DSPs at least 65 entry/exit points of 10 districts, which share boundaries with four border states and UT Chandigarh. The 10 inter-state border districts include Pathankot, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Fazilka, Rupanagar, SAS Nagar, Patiala, Sangrur, Mansa, Hoshiarpur and Bathinda.

He said that as many as 1182 vehicles entering/exiting the state were checked, of which 234 were challaned and two were impounded during the operation. Police teams have also registered five FIRs and arrested three persons during the operation.

Apart from this, Police teams have continued its cordon and search operation (CASO) against drugs on Day 283, and conducted raids at 346 locations on Tuesday leading to the arrest of 95 drug smugglers after registration of 68 first information reports (FIRs) across the state. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 39,864 within 283 days.

The Special DGP said that the raids have resulted in recovery of 1.5 kg heroin, 429 grams opium, 6 kg ganja, 21 kg poppy husk and Rs 2.95 lakhs drug money from the possession of arrested drug smugglers.

He informed that over 120 Police teams, comprising over 1000 police personnel, under the supervision of 70 gazetted officers have conducted raids across the state and checked as many as 340 suspicious persons during the day long operation.

The Special DGP said that with the state government has enforced a three-pronged strategy— Enforcement, Deaddiction and Prevention (EDP)— to eradicate drugs from the state, the Punjab Police as part of 'De-addiction' has convinced 40 persons to undergo de-addiction and rehabilitation treatment today.

Kang advocates immediate renaming of 'Veer Bal Diwas' to 'Sahibzade Shaheedi Diwas' according to Sikh maryada

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
New Delhi/Chandigarh, December 9



Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Sri Anandpur Sahib, Malvinder Singh Kang, has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling for the prompt renaming of 'Veer Bal Diwas' to 'Sahibzade Shaheedi Diwas'. This directive aligns with the recent pronouncement by Acting Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj Ji, issued on December 4, 2025, from the sacred precincts of Amritsar.

Drawing profound inspiration from Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji's timeless verses in Sukhmani Sahib, Kang emphasizes the unyielding faith exemplified by the martyrdom of the Chhote Sahibzadas, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji. At tender ages, young sahibzadas faced unimaginable tyranny in Sirhind, their sacrifice etching an indelible legacy of resilience and devotion in Sikh history. "This renaming is not merely a linguistic shift but a vital step to commemorate the shaheedi of the Sahibzadas with the reverence it commands, untainted by secular interpretations that dilute its profound religious significance," stated Kang.

"Observed as 'Veer Bal Diwas' since 2022, this observance has, despite good intentions, overlooked December's historic Sikh spiritual depth. Sikh institutions, including Akal Takht and the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), have consistently advocated for this change through formal communications to the Prime Minister in 2023 and longstanding resolutions dating back to 1934." Kang, a devoted Sikh and vocal representative of the Panth, vows to raise this issue resolutely during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament.

PAU's NIDHI-TBI team participates in IISF 2025 to strengthen innovation linkages and deep-tech entrepreneurship

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, December 9



The NIDHI-Technology Business Incubator (TBI) team from Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) participated in the inaugural day of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2025, held at Panchkula. The team attended an interaction session at the Golden Jubilee Hall, where policymakers, innovation leaders, scientists, and startup founders deliberated on building a self-reliant, innovation-driven economy.

At the session, Gurinder Singh, CEO of NIDHI-TBI, shared his perspective on enhancing public–private partnerships, fostering science-led entrepreneurship, and strengthening the pipeline for technology transfer from laboratories to industry. He highlighted the significance of nurturing deep-tech and biotech startups aligned with national priorities of sustainability, self-reliance, and societal advancement. This agenda closely reflected IISF's mission to position science as a catalyst for transformative growth.

IISF 2025, organised from December 6 to 9 in Panchkula, is one of India's landmark science outreach events. It is coordinated by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) in association with agencies such as the Department of Science & Technology (DST), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), with outreach support from Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA).



Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, along with State Information Commissioner Punjab Harpreet Sandhu, visited Gurdwara Bulandpuri Sahib. During the visit, Sandhu highlighted the world's tallest Nishan Sahib and the upcoming University on religious heritage under the patronage of Baba Baldev Singh Ji. BPE

Flag march to ensure peace ahead of polls in Nakodar

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Nakodar, December 9



With the zila parishad and block samiti elections approaching, the Nakodar police have stepped up efforts to maintain law and order and ensure a peaceful voting process.

A flag march was conducted in the city by DSP Omkar Singh Brar, aimed at strengthening public confidence and reinforcing security measures ahead of the elections.

The march saw the participation of senior police officers, including SHO Inspector Palwinder Singh of Nurmahal Police Station, Sub-Inspector Harminder Singh Sandhu of City Police Station, and Sub-Inspector Dilbag Singh of Sadar Police Station. Moving through key areas of the city, the officers interacted with residents, advising them to exercise their right to vote fearlessly while cooperating with the police in maintaining peace and order.

The initiative is part of a broader strategy by the Jalandhar Rural Police to prevent any untoward incidents during the election and ensure that citizens feel safe while casting their votes. The authorities emphasized that the public support is crucial for a smooth and transparent electoral process, urging everyone to report any suspicious activities and follow Covid-19 guidelines where applicable.

By proactively engaging with the community through such measures, the police aim to create a secure environment, fostering trust between the administration and residents ahead of the local body elections.

Punjab Congress MP Randhawa serves notice to suspended leader Navjot for defamatory remarks

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 9

Congress Member of Parliament Sukhjinder Randhawa on Tuesday served a legal notice on suspended party leader Navjot Kaur Sidhu, asking her to apologise for making defamatory remarks against him or face legal action. Former legislator Navjot Kaur is the wife of former Punjab Congress president and ex-Team India cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu.

She was recently suspended from the primary membership of the party for her "Rs 500 crore CM" remark. "We do not have Rs 500 crore to give to sit in the Chief Minister's chair," she told reporters, adding no one had demanded money from them, but "the one who gives a suitcase of Rs 500 crore becomes the CM".

In the legal notice to her, Randhawa's counsel said, "On December 7 and 8, you made false, baseless and defamatory statements against my client during your media interactions, which were widely broadcast and reported across electronic media, print media, and social platforms.

"Specifically, you alleged that my client indulged in corruption while serving as the incharge of Rajasthan for the Indian National Congress, including in the distribution of party tickets in exchange for monetary gratification.

"These statements were made without any evidence or basis and were intended to malign my client's character and reputation."

Calling her statements "completely false, fabricated and motivated by malice, political rivalry, or personal vendetta", the counsel said his client did not engage in any corrupt practices, including in the allocation of party tickets or acceptance of bribes.

Last week Navjot Kaur triggered a political storm by claiming that "one who gives a suitcase filled with Rs 500 crore becomes the Chief Minister". After facing suspension, Kaur termed Punjab state Congress President Amarinder Singh Raja Warring as "insensitive, irresponsible, morally dishonest and corrupt".

Kaur wrote on X, "I refuse to stand with an insensitive and irresponsible, morally dishonest and corrupt president. I stand up for all my brothers and sisters who have been hurt by his incompetence and irresponsible behaviour. I refuse to accept him as President. I wonder why the Chief Minister is shielding him."

Intense cold in Punjab; Rupnagar coldest at 3.6 deg Celsius

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 9

Punjab and Haryana are reeling under intense cold as Rupnagar was the coldest place among the two neighbouring states on Tuesday with a minimum temperature of 3.6 degrees Celsius.

Among other places in Punjab, Amritsar's low was 6.1 degrees Celsius, while Ludhiana and Patiala registered their respective minimums at 9.2 and 10.1 degrees Celsius, according to a report of the MeT department here. Pathankot, Bathinda, Faridkot and Gurdaspur recorded their respective minimums at 5.6, 5.8, 3.8 and 5 degrees Celsius. PTI

Cong trying to divert public attention by sending legal notice to Navjot Kaur Sidhu: Baltej Pannu

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab General Secretary Baltej Pannu launched a sharp attack on the Congress party for not answering questions related to the alleged "sale" of the Chief Minister's chair for Rs 500 crore and Rs 350 crore in Congress.

Addressing a press conference, Pannu asked why Congress is refusing to answer what this game of Rs 500 crore and Rs 350 crore really is. He said that to divert the attention of the people, Congress first suspended Navjot Kaur Sidhu from the party overnight. Then, Congress leader Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa served a legal notice to Navjot Kaur Sidhu. Will this notice-drama give Punjabis an answer to the question of whether the CM's chair was up for sale?

Pannu also asked the Congress what the real story behind this money is. From where was this money collected? Was it extorted from industries, private schools, hospitals, or was this collection done by creating "files" the way Captain Amarinder Singh often talks about? Pannu also demanded clarification from Punjab BJP President Sunil Jakhar on this matter.

Businessman gets ₹50 lakh extortion calls

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Tarn Taran, December 9

Birinderpal Singh, a resident of Fatehbad village here, has received extortion calls from a gangster, Updesh Jamarai. The gangster is demanding an extortion of Rs 50 lakh from Birinderpal Singh.

In his complaint to the Goindwal Sahib police, the businessman stated that the gangster repeatedly called him on December 2 seeking an extortion of Rs 50 lakh and warned him of dire consequences in case he failed to give him the amount soon. Assitant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Jagjit Singh, posted at the Goindwal Sahib police station, said a case under Section 308 (4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita BNS has been registered and further investigation is underway.

Mayor, Commissioner visit ward 10; conduct comprehensive review of civic works across Sectors 27, 28 & 29

A.S. PRASHAR
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Chandigarh, December 9



City Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla and Municipal Corporation Commissioner Amit Kumar conducted an extensive visit to Ward No. 10, covering Sectors 27, 28 and 29, to review the progress of ongoing development works and address issues related to essential public services. Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers and other concerned officers were also present during the inspection.

During the visit, they also took swachhata pledges and created awareness among masses regarding segregation of waste at source level.

In Sector 28, the team assessed several key matters, including the removal of encroachments by car repair shops in the market area, proper upkeep and maintenance of the Jasmine Garden, mechanized pruning of trees, regular removal of construction material from different locations, and operationalization of public toilets within the market.

The officers were directed to ensure timely and effective action to enhance the sector's civic environment.

In Sector 27, special focus was placed on the preservation and specialized maintenance of trees aged between 50 to 100 years, systematic pruning, and the development and optimal utilization of the space at the old Sehaj Safai Kendra.

Discussion also covered mitigation of monkey menace in residential pockets, implementation of rodent control measures, improvement of irregular tertiary treated water supply, repair and maintenance of open-air gym equipment in parks, provision of essential cleaning tools for sanitation workers in park toilets, repair of tile work in the market area, addressing irregular attendance of door-to-door waste collectors, and rectification of the improper slope on the V-6 road in Sector 27-D.

During the visit to Sector 29, the officials reviewed the renovation of the community centre, comprehensive maintenance of green belts, and pruning across the sector.

UIDAI RO Chandigarh opertaionalises new Aadhaar Seva Kendra in Chandigarh



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Regional Office, Chandigarh, with continuous support and guidance from the E&U Division, has operationalized a new Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) in Chandigarh. Notably, the Centre has become fully functional from December 5, which is 10 days ahead of the committed timeline—marking a significant achievement in service delivery readiness.

The new Aadhaar Seva Kendra was inaugurated by Jagdish Kumar, Director, UIDAI, in the presence of Tejinder Pal Singh, Deputy Director, UIDAI. Their leadership and commitment continue to strengthen efficient and citizen-friendly Aadhaar services across the region.

Equipped with modern facilities and enhanced operational capacity, the new ASK will offer seamless Aadhaar enrolment and update services for residents of Chandigarh and neighbouring areas. The centre is expected to improve accessibility, reduce waiting time, and provide a smoother service experience to citizens.

UIDAI RO Chandigarh extends heartfelt appreciation to service provider BLS International for their outstanding efforts, timely coordination, and dedication in executing the project ahead of schedule. Their proactive approach has been instrumental in achieving this milestone.

This expansion reaffirms UIDAI's mission to deliver reliable, accessible, and people-centric Aadhaar services across the country.

Youth power for life: ROTTO–PGIMER champions organ donation at Haryana Youth Festival 2025



MINISTERS LAUD INITIATIVE; 234 YOUNG VISITORS PLEDGE AND ENGAGE WITH THE CAUSE

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9

Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (ROTTO), PGIMER, Chandigarh, spearheaded a dynamic and high-impact Organ Donation Awareness Drive at the State-Level Haryana Youth Festival 2025, being held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula. The three-day festival, organised by the Department of Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, witnessed an exceptional turnout, allowing ROTTO–PGIMER to connect with hundreds of young attendees and convey the life-saving importance of organ donation.

Haryana's Development & Panchayat Minister Shri Krishan Lal Panwar inaugurated the festival and visited the ROTTO–PGIMER awareness stall. Shri.Gaurav Gautam, Minister for Sports, Youth Empowerment & Entrepreneurship, along with senior departmental officials, also interacted with the team. The dignitaries appreciated the initiative and encouraged youth to embrace organ donation as a noble responsibility.

Throughout the festival, the ROTTO stall remained a key attraction, engaging continuous streams of students, youth groups, and young professionals.

The team conducted interactive sessions, clarified misconceptions, explained the concept of brain death, and highlighted how one donor can offer a second chance at life to multiple individuals. A total of 234 young visitors pledged to support organ donation, reflecting the growing acceptance and compassion among Haryana's youth.

Emphasising the transformative role of young people, **Shri Sanjeev Sharma, Additional Director, Skill Development , **said:"Youth are the most powerful ambassadors of organ donation. When they step forward with clarity and conviction, conversations shift, misconceptions dissolve, and a culture of giving begins to flourish.

MC Chandigarh challans Admn tippers, caught dumping C&D waste illegally at Dadumajra

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9



In a firm enforcement action, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has issued two challans of ₹13,401 each after two tippers of administration were caught red-handed dumping construction and demolition (C&D) waste mixed with litter on the Dadumajra administration land. The malba had reportedly been transported from Sector 25. The concerned team immediately alerted the police, and strict action has been initiated against the violators.

MC Commissioner Amit Kumar has taken serious note of the incident and issued a stern warning to all contractors, drivers, helpers, and field staff involved in waste transportation. The Commissioner stated that under no circumstances will illegal dumping, mixing of waste streams, or misuse of municipal vehicles be tolerated. He directed that all C&D waste must be transported only to designated recycling and processing facilities, and any deviation will attract heavy challans, suspension, and possible legal action.

He further emphasized that municipal employees and outsourced workers must uphold the highest standards of discipline and accountability, and any lapse directly undermines the city's cleanliness efforts. The Commissioner has instructed supervisory officers to strengthen monitoring, install GPS-based surveillance on vehicles, and ensure strict compliance with waste management protocols.

4th Annual International Conference on Women in Optics and Photonics in India concludes at PEC

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9

Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Chandigarh concluded the 3-day 4th Annual International Conference on Women in Optics and Photonics in India (WOPI 2025), held from 05 to 07 December 2025, organised by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) in association with SPIE. The conference celebrated and advanced the role of women in optics, photonics, and allied technologies, bringing together a vibrant community of women scientists, engineers, educators, leaders, and students from across India and abroad. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Dr. Ranjana Nallamalli, Director, Futuristic Technology & Management, DRDO, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Deepa Bajpayee, General Manager, BEL Panchkula, as the Guest of Honour.

The event was held under the patronage of Prof. Rajesh Kumar Bhatia, Director, PEC, and supported by the Core Committee comprising Prof. Neena Gupta, Prof. Jyoti Kedia, and Prof. Divya Dhawan, whose vision and leadership shaped the intellectual depth and organisational excellence of the event.

Panjab University alumnus creates ₹3 crore endowment to support law education and annual academic programmes

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9



Panjab University (PU) alumnus and former faculty member Prof D N Jauhar has donated a plot worth Rs 3 crore to create an endowment for the Department of Laws, making it one of the most significant individual contributions to the university in recent years. The initiative, created through a one-kanal property contribution in Sector 123, Mohali, aims to support long-term academic activities and strengthen the department's academic profile.

The endowment agreement was signed by PU Registrar Prof Y P Verma, PU Finance and Development Officer CA Dr Vikram Nayyar, and Dr Jauhar, in the presence of PU Vice Chancellor Prof Renu Vig, Dean, Faculty of Law Prof Rajinder Kaur, Chairperson Prof Vandana Arora, and members of Dr Jauhar's family- Mrs Adarsh Jauhar; Wife of Prof Jauhar; Ms Naseem Jauhar daughter; Mr Ameen Jauhar Son; Ms Pamela Daughter in law.

The plot will be managed by the university, and the proceeds from its sale will form the corpus of the Prof D N Jauhar Endowment. As per the approved structure, 60 per cent of the annual income generated from the corpus will be used for academic activities, while 40 per cent will be reinvested to ensure sustainability. The endowment will support three annual programmes: an International Law Moot Court Competition, an Annual Lecture, and an Award for Achievement.

PU Vice Chancellor Prof Renu Vig lauded Prof Jauhar for setting an important benchmark for the university's alumni. "We thank him for this valuable endowment, which will strengthen academic work in the Department of Laws.

Classifieds

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I, Amrit Lal S/o. Kartar Chand R/O H. No. B 13, Karim Pura Bazar, Field Ganj, Ludhiana -141008 have changed my name to Amrit Lal Dhal .

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I, Deepika Bhalla W/o Sumit Dhall R/O B-13-1612, Karimpura Bazar, Field Ganj, Ludhiana -141008 have changed my name to Deepika Dhall .

I, Sanjeev Kumar Bansal S/o Brij Lal Bansal R/o H.no.454-B, B.R.S. Nagar Near DAV School Ludhiana 141001 have changed my name to Sanjeev Bansal.

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I, Palak Pahwa W/o Gupesh Bathla R/o H.no.1288/A Near Dhuri Line Azad Nagar, Miller Ganj (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Palak Bathla.

I, Kiran Bala Sahni W/o Ravi Kumar R /o H.no. 119/5, Dayal Nagar P. O. Basti Guzan Jalandhar have changed my name to Kiran Arora.

I, Anjana W/o Varinder Kumar R/o H.no:-342,Maskeen Nagar, Bhoura (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Anjana Kumari

I Himanshu S/o Nand Kishore R/o #5277/1, Arorian street, Patiala distt Patiala have changed my Son name from Ryaansh to Ryaansh ahuja

I, Dharminder Singh Sidhu son of Gurcharn Singh r/o Chak Jawahar Singh Wala District Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Dharminder Singh.

I,Jaideep S/o Kewal Krishan R/o H No. 56-B,Ansal Bachittar Enclave,Focal Point,Ludhiana Have Changed My Name from Jaideep to Jaideep Chopra.

I Ayushi Singla W/o Rohit Todi R/o G-31, Janapath Estates, Sidhwan Canal Road, South City, Ayali Kalan, Ludhiana have changed my name to Ayushi Todi

I Sunil Kumar and Norang Kumar S/o Chhagan Lal R/o 987, St. No.12, Field Ganj, Clock Tower, Ludhiana is one and the same person.

I Balbir Kaur Cheema Alias Balbir Kaur W/o Avtar Singh Cheema R/o Village Uppli Distt Sangrur I have known as both names

I, Sanjay Garg S/O Som Nath R/O H.no 53 Govind Vihar Sangrur Road Longowal Distt Sangrur Have Changed My Name To Sanjay Kumar

I, Sareen W/o Ankush Kumar R/o 1625/1, Street No. 3, Chimni Road, New Shimlapuri, Ludhiana have changed my name from Sareen to Sareen Saini. All concerned please note.

I hitherto known as KARAMJIT KAUR W/o MANDEEP SINGH Residing at Saheedan Wala Gurdwara, Patti Road, Barnala, District Barnala, Punjab-148101, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as INDERJIT KAUR

I hitherto known as TINKU RAM S/o JAGNA RAM Residing at H.NO.157/46, St.No.1, Guru Amar Dass Colony, Giaspura, Focal point, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, Punjab-141010, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MANDEEP KUMAR

I, Praneet Kaur D/o Phool Chand R/o Village Ajjowal, PO. Hoshiarpur, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Radha to Praneet Kaur. Concerned Note.

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I, Saurav Dutta S/O Inder Pal Dutta R/O H.No.New 1003/1002, Old 937, Katra Baghian, Gali Ranjodh Singh, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Saurav Dutta to Sourav Dutta.Concerned note.

I Malkit Singh S/O Lal Chand R/O Village Tahli tehsil Dasuha district Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that have changed my minor son name wrongly mentioned in birth certificate as David gill. His correct name is Sandeep Singh. Please note.

I, Ashwani Kumar S/o Chaudhary Ram R/o House No. 8131, Street No. 8, Near Mata Gujri Gurudwara Sahib, Preet Nagar, New Shimlapuri, Ludhiana declare that in my passport no. L6864809 by mistake my father's name mentioned as Chaudhari Ram, but his actual name is Chaudhary Ram. All concerned please note.

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DC orders weekly review meetings to strengthen basic infrastructure in Hoshiarpur

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Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain stated that the district administration is fully active in ensuring smooth functioning and substantial improvement of Hoshiarpur's basic infrastructure, including roads, traffic lights, and other essential public amenities. She said the administration is treating the resolution of citizens' inconveniences with top priority.

The Deputy Commissioner announced that the performance of all concerned departments will now be monitored through weekly review meetings to identify issues, find solutions, and ensure timely progress.

Ashika Jain emphasized that the administration's foremost objective is to prevent any fundamental deficiency whether in urban or rural areas from causing inconvenience to residents. She added that necessary instructions have already been issued to all departments and that any complaint received from the public will be addressed promptly by directing it to the concerned authority.

To streamline this initiative and ensure accountability, Additional Commissioner (General) Parampreet Singh has been appointed as the nodal officer. He will coordinate with all departments regarding deficiencies in roads, traffic lights, and other basic infrastructure. A dedicated Google Sheet–based portal is also being developed to allow departments to upload progress reports regularly, enabling greater transparency and speedy redressal of issues.

During the review meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Hoshiarpur Municipal Corporation to urgently repair the non-functional traffic lights at Naloiyan Chowk and Salwara Chowk. She stressed that under no circumstances should citizens face inconvenience and that all basic facilities must remain uninterrupted and fully functional.

Reaffirming her commitment, Ashika Jain said that citizen convenience is paramount and all departments must work responsibly to maintain high standards of basic infrastructure across the district.

School buses checked under Safe School Vehicle Policy



YOGESH KAPOOR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, December 9

Acting on the directions of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the guidelines issued by the Punjab State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) Ludhiana, Rashmi, conducted inspections of various school buses under the Safe School Vehicle Policy.

DCPO Rashmi informed that during the checking, several school vehicles found violating the norms of the Safe School Vehicle Policy were issued necessary instructions and notices. In addition to this, buses from multiple schools plying on the roads were also inspected.

The police team accompanying the inspection clarified to the school bus drivers that strict action would be taken against those violating the policy. They were warned that challans would be issued to vehicles not adhering to the prescribed safety standards.

Rashmi added that surprise checks of school vehicles will continue in the coming days to ensure the safety and security of schoolchildren. Deepak Kumar, Manjot Singh, Harminder Singh Romi, along with members of the police department, were present during the checking.

Sant Seechewal appeals to PM to rename 'Veer Bal Diwas' in honour of Sikh sentiments

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, December 9



Rajya Sabha MP Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging the Central government to rename "Veer Bal Diwas" as "Sahibzade Shahadat Diwas" in alignment with the sentiments of the Sikh community. The day, instituted in 2022 by the Government of India, commemorates the martyrdom of the four Sahibzade, the sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, whose unparalleled sacrifice is revered across the Sikh faith.

In his communication to the Prime Minister, Seechewal expressed gratitude for the government's national-level recognition of the Sahibzades' martyrdom, describing the step as a significant gesture of respect toward Sikh history. He noted that several Sikh organisations had approached Sri Akal Takht Sahib with appeals to revisit the nomenclature of the observance, following which the highest Sikh temporal authority advised Members of Parliament from Punjab to take up the concern with the Union Government.

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Citing the need to reflect the community's spiritual and emotional attachment to the legacy of the Sahibzade, Seechewal requested that the government correct the name to "Sahibzade Shahadat Diwas." He stressed that the proposed title more accurately represents the solemnity and sacredness associated with the martyrdom, and urged that the change be implemented before the upcoming anniversary.

Expressing confidence in the Prime Minister's understanding of the matter's sensitivity, the MP appealed for timely action to uphold the religious sentiments of the Sikh community while honouring the historic sacrifice of the Sahibzade.

Women's Commission member hears grievances at public camp



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Ludhiana, December 9

Punjab State Women's Commission member Ajinder Pal Kaur on Tuesday interacted with women and addressed their grievances at an open camp organised by the Ek Jot Youth Welfare Society at its office in Ward No. 36. The programme was held under the leadership of Society President Anil Kumar.

Gauri Rani, President of the Society's women's wing, along with her team, welcomed Ajinder Pal Kaur and lauded her efforts toward women's welfare.

Addressing the gathering, Ajinder Pal Kaur urged women to stay informed about their legal rights. She said that although the nation has progressed into the 21st century with major constitutional reforms and several laws implemented to protect women from harassment, it remains essential for women to actively make use of these safeguards.

She encouraged women to speak up boldly against domestic violence and any form of physical or mental harassment at private or government workplaces. She added that if women do not receive justice through the regular administrative process, they can approach the Women's Commission. The Commission, she assured, will coordinate with the police and concerned departments to ensure justice for the victims. Senior Chairman Pavitra Sidhu, Chairman Bhupinder Singh, Vice President Gurpreet Singh, Tarsem Singh Lohara, Manveer Kaur, Jasbir Kaur, Mamta Sharma, Rajinder Sharma, Sudarshan Singh, Taj Pal Singh and several others were present during the event.

Railway sets up help desk at Amritsar Airport for stranded passengers amid flight cancellations

HARISH MONGA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, December 9

In a passenger-friendly initiative, the Ferozepur Division of Northern Railway has established a dedicated Help Desk at Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport, Amritsar, to assist travellersl affected by widespread flight cancellations.

The help desk, staffed by railway officials, is providing real-time guidance on alternative travel options, including train availability, schedules, ticket booking, attachment of extra coaches, and other rail services to ensure passengers reach their destinations safely and conveniently.



Premium trains (Amritsar Shatabdi 12014, Swarn Shatabdi 12030 and Vande Bharat Express 22488) from Amritsar Railway Station to Delhi have seats available for the next four days, which passengers can avail. For the convenience of passengers, eight additional coaches have also been added to the Amritsar-New Delhi Shatabdi Express. Two additional coaches were added to train number 12030 on 06.12.25, two additional coaches on 07.12.25 and two additional coaches on 08.12.25. Similarly, one additional coach was added to train number 12014 on 07.12.25 and one additional coach on 08.12.25.

Speaking on the initiative, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Parmdeep Singh Saini stated, "Ferozepur Division remains fully committed to passenger convenience. We are working round the clock to extend all possible support and assistance during any emergency situation."

The railway help desk at Amritsar Airport continues to operate, offering seamless coordination between air and rail travel for affected passengers.

District-level science exhibition inspires students to innovate

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A district-level science exhibition was successfully held at Government High School Sattewala under the leadership of District Education Officer (Secondary Education) Munila Arora and Deputy District Education Officer, National Awardee Dr Satinder Singh. The event showcased creative scientific projects by students from grades 6 to 8.

Addressing the exhibition, DEO Munila Arora praised the diverse scientific displays and emphasised that such events motivate students to innovate and think critically. Block Education Officer Rupinder Kaur highlighted how these competitions connect students with scientific perspectives and encourage curiosity.

DRC Dinesh Chauhan explained that the exhibition was organised under the National Innovation Campaign and featured projects based on seven important themes: Sustainable Agriculture, Waste Management, Green Energy, Emerging Technology, Recreational Mathematics, Health and Hygiene, and Water Conservation and Management. Esteemed judges, including Jasveer Singh, Arshdeep Singh Josan, Sanjeev Varmani, Davinder Nath, Yogesh Talwar, Physics Lecturer Arshdeep Kaur, and Piara Singh actively participated in evaluating the entries.

Entrepreneur seeks expert guidance at PAU for new Makhana-based product development

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Ludhiana, December 9



Kamaljeet Singh from Ludhiana visited the NIDHI-TBI (DST, GoI) team and the School of Business Studies, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, seeking guidance and support for new product development in his fox-nut (makhana) business.

Dr Ramandeep Singh, PI, NIDHI-TBI and Director, SBS–PAU, welcomed the visitor, addressed his queries, and showcased his products to the worthy Vice-Chancellor, PAU Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, in the presence of the NIDHI-TBI team and Dr Amarjeet Kaur, Scientist, Department of Food & Nutrition, PAU.

Dr S. S Gosal, Honourable Vice-Chancellor, PAU, appreciated the entrepreneurial initiative and encouraged Kamaljeet Singh to diversify his product range. He advised exploring the development of makhana powder and other value-added products with the support of university experts.

Dr Ramandeep Singh also shared key insights on marketing, networking, and product expansion strategies, urging the entrepreneur to introduce innovative variants to reach a wider consumer base.

Dr Amarjeet Kaur guided the entrepreneur on value-added fox-nut product possibilities and highlighted several formulations under development at the university such as fox- nut pasta and puffs. She further assured comprehensive technical support for future product development needs.

Gurinder Singh, CEO, NIDHI-TBI, suggested a practical waste-management solution by exploring the potential use of leftover cleaning material as pet animal food, subject to feasibility. He emphasized adopting sustainable, eco-friendly practices to strengthen long-term business growth.

Brigadier Yadav urges students to uphold Punjab's courage, culture and values

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A magnificent cultural evening titled "Main Hoon Punjab" to celebrate its glorious 10 years of excellence was held at Delhi Public School (DPS). The event stirred deep emotions of pride and connected the audience to the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of Punjab.

The program was graced by the presence of chief guest Brigadier Rahul Yadav (Commandant, 159 General Hospital) and School Director, Surinder Pal Sooch, along with Anu Ahuja, founder Principal Mrs Iqvinder Singh, Dr Rakesh Sachdeva, and the current Principal Dr Lata Tejpal. During the function, the school also unveiled a commemorative souvenir, "Dashak Diary," highlighting its decade-long achievements.

In his address, Brigadier Rahul Yadav inspired students to stay rooted in their land, traditions, and culture. He praised Punjab's soul as being defined by courage, sacrifice, and values—an inheritance that future generations must preserve.

The event was elegantly hosted by senior students from classes 11 and 12, with Chirish Dhingra, Japneet, and Japji presenting a detailed report on the school's accomplishments, and Rajnandini expressing gratitude to guests and the audience.

The theme "Main Hoon Punjab" brought to life Punjab's rich, millennia-old civilisation and proud history.

Surprise checks conducted to curb child labour in Ludhiana; three minors rescued



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Acting on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain, the District Task Force carried out surprise inspections at Kips Market, Sarabha Nagar and BRS Nagar to curb child labour in the city.

During the checking drive, the team rescued three child labourers all below 18 years of age found working in Sarabha Nagar. The rescued children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee, Ludhiana, following which they were shifted to a Children's Home for care and protection.

The operation was carried out by members of the District Task Force, including Varinder Singh, Manjot Singh, Sanjana, Harminder Singh Romi, along with officials from the Police Department.

MLA launch project to install 7hp tubewell on Benjamin road

GURKIRPAL SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
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Moving forward to streamline potable water supply, Ludhiana Central MLA Ashok Prashar Pappi inaugurated the project to a new tubewell on Benjamin road (ward number 77) near division number 3 police station on Tuesday.

A 7hp tubewell is being installed in the area at a cost of around Rs 5.38 lakh.

MLA Prashar stated that the project has been launched on the demand of the residents and this will streamline the potable water supply on Benjamin road and adjoining areas.

MLA Prashar further stated that Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Singh Mann led state government is committed to the overall development of the state.

MLA Prashar further stated that a large number of development projects are being taken up in Ludhiana Central constituency to develop quality infrastructure and ensure sustainable development.

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A uniting song

The debate on the national song Vande Matram in the Parliament the other day has served to highlight its chequered history besides clarifying several myths and wrong notions about the song which has inspired and continues to do so millions of Indians. Prime Minister Narendra Modi framed the issue in its proper perpective and underlined that Vande Matram was created by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay as a challenge to the British who insisted that their national anthem should go to Indian homes. PM Modi also targeted the Congress during a discussion on 150 years of the national song, accusing the grand old party of truncating it to appease the Muslim League and Mohammad Ali Jinnah. The PM said Jawaharlal Nehru agreed with Jinnah's concerns about the song and important stanzas were omitted from it, putting the country on the path of "appeasement politics" that ultimately led to the Partition.

Recalling that Mahatma Gandhi had considered Vande Mataram to be almost like India's national anthem, Modi said, "In the weekly journal, 'Indian Opinion' published from South Africa, Mahatma Gandhi had written on December 2, 1905, that Vande Mataram ... had become immensely popular across Bengal, and during the Swadeshi movement massive gatherings were held where lakhs of people sang Bankim's song." Mahatma Gandhi emphasised that "the song had become so popular that it was almost like the national anthem".

Claiming that Vande Mataram had suffered "grave injustice in the last century", Modi targeted the Congress. "The Muslim League's politics of opposition to Vande Mataram was intensifying, and Mohammed Ali Jinnah raised a slogan against Vande Mataram from Lucknow on October 15, 1937. Instead of firmly countering the baseless statements of the Muslim League and condemning them, Jawaharlal Nehru, then Congress president, did not reaffirm his and the Congress party's commitment to Vande Mataram and began questioning Vande Mataram itself".

The PM said when Vande Mataram turned 50, the country was still a "slave" to the British and the song's centenary coincided with the Emergency and the "stifling" of the Constitution. The spirit of Vande Mataram nurtured the dream of freedom, (and) it will also nurture the dream of prosperity. He called upon people to move forward with this sentiment "to build a self-reliant India and to achieve the vision of a developed India by 2047."

During the British era, Modi said, "a fashion had emerged to portray India as weak, incompetent, lazy, and idle, and even those educated under colonial influence echoed the same language". However, Chattopadhyay, "shook off this inferiority complex and revealed India's powerful form through Vande Mataram", he said.

Modi said there were instances of children being "attacked for saying Vande Mataram", which was banned by the British. "The British banned Vande Mataram. Singing or publishing, or even uttering the words Vande Mataram, could result in punishment." Mentioning V D Savarkar, Modi recalled how revolutionaries at the India House in London, which was the hub of their activities, sang the song. He said when the British committed the "sin of partitioning Bengal" in 1905, "Vande Mataram stood firm like a rock".

Emphasising the pan-India appeal of the song, Modi said poet Subramania Bharati translated the song into Tamil, while Bipin Chandra Pal and Aurobindo Ghosh published newspapers called Vande Mataram.

SPIRITUAL WORLD



₹4,322 cr disbursed to 1.35 cr TB patients since 2018 for nutritional support: Govt

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In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, the Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Anupriya Patel, shared the steps taken to strengthen the TB-Mukt Bharat Abhiyan programme (National TB Elimination Programme), implemented under the aegis of National Health Mission (NHM) across the country.

"Under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana, since April 2018, Rs 4,322 crores have been disbursed to 1.35 crores TB patients," Patel said.

Launched on April 1, 2018, Nikshay Poshan Yojana aims to provide nutritional support to TB patients during treatment, with financial assistance of Rs 1,000 per month, up from Rs 500 earlier, to improve their nutrition and treatment. The scheme is for all notified TB patients, with the money transferred directly to their bank accounts.

"In addition, under the Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative, since September 2022, a total of 45.66 lakh food baskets has been distributed to 20.3 lakh TB patients," Patel said.

The Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative, launched under India's Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, is a community-driven programme where individuals, NGOs, and organisations ("Ni-kshay Mitras") "adopt" TB patients to provide crucial extra support, including nutritional (like food/supplements), diagnostic, and vocational aid, supplementing the free treatment provided by the government to help patients complete their treatment, reduce out-of-pocket expenses, and ultimately end TB in India by 2025.

The Minister noted that a renewed approach is being implemented under TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan to identify undiagnosed TB cases, reduce TB-related deaths, and prevent new infections across the country.

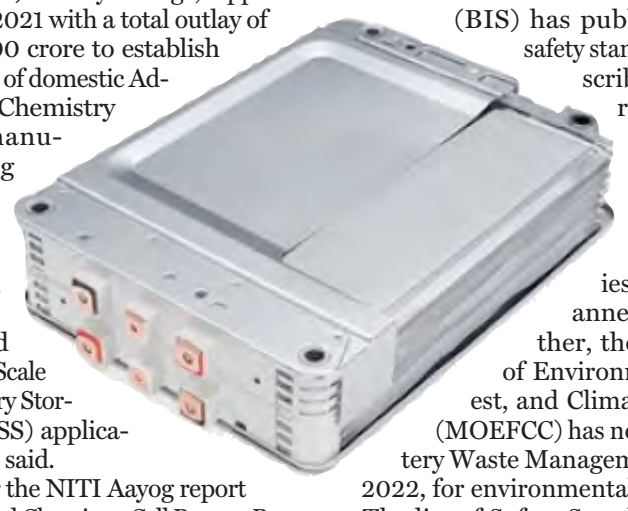
This includes identification of vulnerable population, screening with Chest X-ray, upfront Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) for all presumptive TB cases, prompt and appropriate treatment initiation, differentiated TB care for managing high-risk TB cases, nutrition support, and preventive treatment to household contacts and the eligible vulnerable population. **IANS**

Centre helping to set up 50 GWh Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage under PLI scheme

The government is supporting the establishment of 50 GWh capacity under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage scheme, and besides the PLI ACC scheme applicants, at least 10 manufacturers have announced a cumulative capacity of about 178 GWh in the country over the next five years, the Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that 40 GWh capacity has been awarded to four beneficiary firms under the PLI ACC Scheme, including ACC Energy Storage Pvt. Ltd, Ola Cell Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Reliance New Energy Battery Storage Ltd, and Reliance New Energy Battery Ltd.

The Ministry of Heavy Industries is administering the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme namely "National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage," approved in May 2021 with a total outlay of Rs 18,100 crore to establish 50 GWh of domestic Advanced Chemistry Cell manufacturing capacity, out of which 10 GWh is earmarked for Grid Scale Stationary Storage (GSSS) applications, he said.



As per the NITI Aayog report "Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling in India", published in May 2022, under the optimistic scenario, the projected annual demand for lithium-ion batteries is expected to reach about 210 GWh by 2030.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has published the safety standards, prescribing safety requirements and test protocols for lithium-ion batteries as per the annexure. Further, the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MOEFCC) has notified Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022, for environmental factors.

The list of Safety Standards published by BIS includes IS 18237: 2023: Safety of Primary and Secondary Lithium Cells and Batteries during Transport, IS 16893 (Part 2) :2018: Secondary lithium-ion cells for the propulsion of electric road vehicles: Part 2 reliability and abuse testing.

The other safety standards on the list are IS 16893 2018 (Part 3): Secondary Lithium-Ion Cells for the Propulsion of Electric Road Vehicles Part 3 Safety Requirements, IS 16805: 2018: Secondary Cells and Batteries Containing Alkaline or Other Non-Acid Electrolytes – Safety Requirements for Secondary Lithium Cells and Batteries, for use in Industrial Applications.

IS 16046 (Part 2) :2018: Secondary Cells and Batteries containing Alkaline or other NonAcid Electrolytes – Safety Requirements for portable sealed secondary cells and for batteries made from them for use in portable applications. Part 2 Lithium systems also figure on the list, the minister added. **IANS**

Unqualified practitioners and self-styled dietitians, worsening India's obesity crisis: Minister

Unqualified practitioners and self-styled dietitians are worsening India's obesity crisis with misinformation, said Union Minister of State for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh.



Speaking at a panel discussion during the ongoing India International Science Festival (IISF) in Panchkula, Haryana, Singh emphasises how societal behaviour, market forces, and misinformation have complicated India's obesity landscape.

"The challenge in India is not lack of awareness, but the explosive growth of disinformation. Every colony has a dietitian, but no system to verify their qualifications. Unchecked advice and untested formulas can do more harm than obesity itself," he said.

The Minister stressed the need to handle obesity issues with scientific precision as obesity is not merely a cosmetic problem, and urged policymakers to design mechanisms that safeguard patients from misleading interventions.

"Obesity has emerged as a public health challenge in India, and is not a mere cosmetic issue. The challenge needs to be addressed with scientific precision and policy discipline," said Singh.

The Minister noted that Indian society has historically viewed obesity as a cosmetic issue rather than a disease, which has delayed scientific conversations around it.

Singh highlighted India's unique phenotype, especially the higher prevalence of central or visceral obesity in Oriental populations.

"For Indians, the waistline tells a more important story than the weighing scale," he said, stressing that visceral fat is an independent risk factor even when overall body weight appears normal.

Addressing the widespread and fashionable adoption of GLP-based drugs, the Minister urged caution with judicious use and emphasised that sometimes long-term effects become evident several years later.

He recalled past public-health misjudgements, such as the unregulated shift to refined oils in the 1970s and 80s, which later revealed unfavourable consequences. True clinical inference may come from observing outcomes over decades," he pointed out.

The MoS also referred to emerging concerns such as sarcopenia and "Ozempic face" linked to rapid or drug-induced weight loss, stressing that the full spectrum of physiological impact is still not fully understood.

He also pointed to the expanding range of metabolic complications in India.

"Earlier, every third OPD patient had undiagnosed diabetes; today every third patient has fatty liver. The spectrum is widening, and we need a far more scientific and regulated ecosystem to handle it". **IANS**

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NEWSBRIEFS

Foreign cigarette racket busted in Cachar; 2 arrested in Assam

SILCHAR: Assam Rifles, in coordination with Assam Police, busted an illicit foreign cigarette racket in southern Assam's Cachar district and recovered a large consignment of cigarettes valued at Rs 1.83 crore, officials said on Tuesday. Two drug peddlers were also arrested in connection with the recovery of the cigarettes smuggled from Myanmar. A defence spokesman said that, acting on specific intelligence inputs, a team of Assam Rifles in coordination with Assam Police carried out an operation in the Tarapur areas of Silchar, recovering 3,060 packets of illegal Esse Lite cigarettes with an approximate market value of Rs 1.83 crore. **IANS**

NFR unveils plans to upgrade Darjeeling Himalayan Railway experience

GUWAHATI: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is planning measures to strengthen operational efficiency, enhance heritage conservation, and improve passenger experience on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR), a UNESCO World Heritage site, officials said on Tuesday. NFR's Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) Kapinjal Kishore Sharma said that NFR General Manager Chetan Kumar Shrivastava carried out a comprehensive review and inspection of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR). The GM's visit aimed at strengthening operational efficiency, heritage conservation and passenger experience across the UNESCO World Heritage Railway, the official said. **IANS**

HM Shah to visit Chhattisgarh next week, his first after Maoist Hidma's killing

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9



Union Home Minister Amit Shah will review anti-Maoist operations during a visit to Chhattisgarh next week, making it his first appearance in the Red Zone after the killing of top commander Madvi Hidma in a multi-state operation near the Andhra Pradesh-Odisha border last month, an official said on Tuesday. During the visit, HM Shah will attend the Bastar Olympics event on December 13 and on the sidelines of the event he will review the progress in the anti-Maoist operations by security officials, in light of the deadline to rid the country of rebels by March 31, 2026, an official said.

During the visit, the Home Minister is also expected to interact with the teams of the security forces involved in recent successful operations. In a huge blow to the Maoist movement in the country, top commander Madvi Hidma was killed in an exchange of fire with security forces in Andhra Pradesh's Alluri Sitharamaraju district in the Andhra-Odisha border area on November 18. Hidma's wife, Raje, and four other Maoists, who were his gunmen, were also killed in the encounter that took place in the Maredumilli forest area. Soon after Hidma's killing, the CRPF reiterated its commitment, aligned with HM Shah's directive, to completely free Chhattisgarh -- and India -- from the Maoist menace well before the March 31, 2026 deadline.

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director General (DG) Gyanendra Pratap Singh visited the newly-established Tadapala in the dense forests of Chhattisgarh's Bastar region on November 21, reaffirming the security force's determination to eradicate Maoist influence. The Tadapala Forward Operating Base, set up in the aftermath of the landmark 'Operation Black Forest' earlier this year, stands as a symbol of security forces' dominance in the once-impenetrable Karregutta hills along the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border.

The 21-day operation, conducted from April to May 2025, neutralised 31 Maoists, dismantled more than 200 hideouts and caves, and forced a mass exodus, surrenders, and eliminations from the core Maoist stronghold - marking a decisive blow to Left-Wing Extremism. During his visit, DG Singh held detailed strategic reviews with field commanders, praising the coordinated efforts of CRPF's elite 205 CoBRA commando unit and 196 Battalion that turned the tide in the Karregutta area. "The success of 'Operation Black Forest' has cleared the core zones. Now, with permanent Forward Operating Bases like Tadapala, we dominate the terrain year-round," sources quoted him as saying. **IANS**

Mamata asks PM Modi to 'apologise' over his 'Bankim-Da' comments

KOLKATA, DECEMBER 9



West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, on Tuesday launched a scathing attack against the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, over the latter's inadvertent reference to Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Vande Mataram's composer and legendary Bengali poet, as "Bankim Da" during his speech on the floor of the Parliament.

Although the Prime Minister immediately amended his words and said he would henceforth address Chattopadhyay as "Bankim Babu", the Chief Minister continued with her attack against the Prime Minister on this issue while addressing an anti-Special Intensive Revision (SIR) rally at Cooch Behar on Tuesday. "Referring to Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay as 'Bankim-Da' is never acceptable. It sounds like referring to any casual acquaintance like 'Shyam-Da' or 'Hari-da'. The countrymen will not tolerate such an insult to someone who penned the National Song of the country.

He should apologise. Even then, his error will be unpardonable. He has insulted the culture and history of the country," the Chief Minister said. She also accused the BJP of frequently insulting iconic Bengali personalities like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Khudiram Basu and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, among others. This is the second consecutive day that the Chief Minister attacked the Prime Minister on the "Bankim-Da" issue. **IANS**

Bihar Cabinet approves 19 proposals, raises DA by 5 pc

PATNA, DECEMBER 9

The second cabinet meeting of the newly formed Bihar government concluded on Tuesday, during which 19 key proposals were approved. Among the major decisions, the state government announced a 5 per cent hike in dearness allowance (DA) for government employees, pensioners, and family pensioners drawing salary or pension under the Sixth Central Pay Commission.

Effective from July 1, 2025, the DA will increase from 252 per cent to 257 per cent. The proposal was cleared with the concurrence of the Finance Department. The cabinet also approved a compassionate appointment for Mohammad Imdad Raza, son of late BSF Sub-Inspector Mohammad Imtiaz, who was martyred during Operation Sindoor. Further, the government approved the declaration of Gayaji and Munger as Civil Defence districts and sanctioned 14 new posts for their Civil Defence units. **PTI**

Electoral failure driving Opposition to blame ECI, doubt SIR: Meghwal

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9

Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal on Tuesday hit out at the Opposition for doubting the functioning of constitutional bodies like the Election Commission of India, the EVMs and the SIR of voters' list to escape the blame for their own failure in polls.

Speaking during a debate on electoral reforms in Lok Sabha, Meghwal, without naming Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, mocked the repeated electoral losses of the Congress and its allies for which they keep blaming the ECI. He also criticised the Opposition for targeting a constitutional body like the ECI and demanding a House discussion on Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. "The truth is that the voters have rejected them completely, and they are alleging faults in SIR and EVMs. But reality is that they cannot see the shortcomings in themselves," said Meghwal.

In a poetic reference to Gandhi's poor track record in leading the Congress to electoral victories, the MoS shared a couplet of Urdu poet Ghalib: "Umar bhar Ghalib yahi bhool karta raha, Dhool chehre pe thi, aur aina saaf karta raha (All my life I kept making this mistake; the dust was on his face, but I kept cleaning the mirror)." **IANS**

Karnataka HC withdraws stay on Congress govt's menstrual leave order within hours

BENGALURU, DECEMBER 9

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday recalled its interim order staying the government notification that directed registered industrial establishments to provide one-day menstrual leave for working women. The matter will be heard on Wednesday.

A Bench headed by Justice M. Jyothi passed the order after Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty brought the issue to the court's attention just before the lunch break and requested the judge to review the earlier stay. The Advocate General urged the court to recall the order, and the court agreed to consider the plea and listed the matter for hearing tomorrow.

Earlier, the Karnataka High Court issued an interim order staying the government notification directing registered industrial establishments to provide one-day menstrual leave for working women and directed the government to file objections. The order was passed while looking into the petition questioning the government order by the Bangalore Hotels Association and Management of Avirata AFL Connectivity Systems Limited. The case will be relisted after the winter vacation. The Bench has also allowed petitioners to seek modification of the order later. The Bench asked whether the government had consulted or heard from the management before issuing the notification. The counsel said it had not. After that, the court issued the interim order.

The government notification, issued on November 20, mandated industrial establishments to provide paid menstrual leave to women employees. The petitioners' counsel argued that the government had issued an executive order directing establishments to grant menstrual leave. The counsel pointed out that the laws governing industries already provide a complete leave policy, and none of those laws contain any provision that requires employers to provide menstrual leave. **PTI**

DELHI/NCR

CM Rekha Gupta inspects Bhalaswa flats, promises homes for all slum dwellers



NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9

Promising rehabilitation of all slum dwellers, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday inspected flats built for distribution to people from the economically weaker sections (EWS) in the Bhalaswa area. These flats, constructed in 2016 but left unoccupied for years, drew strong criticism from the Chief Minister, who termed their prolonged abandonment a grave injustice to Delhi's poor families, an official said in a statement.

Expressing deep concern for the lakhs of jhuggi-dwelling families still awaiting permanent housing, the Chief Minister said her government is firmly committed to ensuring that every eligible family receives its rightful home along with all essential amenities. She emphasised that her visit was conducted to assess the current condition of the flats and to expedite their completion and allocation. The Chief Minister directed officials of the concerned departments to fast-track all pending work and ensure early readiness of the flats for allotment to jhuggi dwellers. She also instructed the development of a model residential complex at the site. Cabinet Minister Ashish Sood, MLA Deepak Chaudhary and senior officials accompanied the Chief Minister during the inspection. Highlighting the plight of the nearly 7,400 flats built in 2016, the Chief Minister said that the previous government failed to allot even a single unit to any poor family.

As a result, the structures remained vacant for nearly a decade and have severely deteriorated. She said this prolonged neglect represents a serious betrayal of the people of Delhi. "Had these flats been allotted on time, thousands of families would today be living with dignity and comfort in their own homes," she said. **PTI**

Delhi L-G inaugurates redeveloped Red Cross Hospital in East Delhi

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9

After steering a revival plan using CSR funding, Delhi Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena inaugurated the redeveloped Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Hospital in East Delhi's Dilshad Garden, an official said on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion of the inauguration of the redeveloped facility on Monday, Saxena said that strong resolve, determined efforts and supervision of the members of the new managing body and officials and committed CSR funding have led to a redevelopment that few would have imagined, even a year back.

He added that replete with a new modern building, waiting areas, OPD and IPD services, Laboratory, adequate toilets for staff, patients and attendants, physiotherapy facilities and a cafeteria for patients and attendants along with competent medical and para-medical staff, IRCS Hospital Dilshad Garden is set to become a quality centre for Maternity and Child Care. **PTI**

Denial of conjugal relations amounts to mental cruelty: Delhi HC

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9

The Delhi High Court has upheld a decree of divorce granted to a husband on the ground of mental cruelty, noting that the marriage had remained unconsummated from the very inception.

A Bench of Justices Anil Kshetrapal and Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar dismissed the appeal filed by the wife challenging the Family Court's December 15, 2023, judgment dissolving her marriage to her husband.

The Justice Kshetrapal-led Bench noted that the wife's conduct, including threats of false criminal cases, refusal to cohabit and abrupt abandonment of the matrimonial home, justified dissolution under Section 13(1)(ia) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. Noting that the couple had lived together barely 40 days after their May 6, 2017, wedding, the Delhi High Court recorded that they had been continuously separated since June 26, 2017.

The husband alleged that the wife repeatedly avoided physical intimacy, refused conjugal relations, citing illness or depression, and threatened to implicate him in rape or abetment to suicide if he insisted on cohabitation.

In its order, the Justice Kshetrapal-led Bench said these allegations were supported by WhatsApp and email exchanges from the initial days of the marriage. **IANS**

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ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।
(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)



ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 1085, ਸੈਕਟਰ-64, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ Sh. Surinder Singh s/o Pritam Singh ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 04-06-2025 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਉਕਤ ਪਲਾਟ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਲਾਟੀ Sh. Surinder Singh s/o Pritam Singh ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਮੌਤ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੋਤੇ Sh. Agamveer Singh ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੰਬਰ 94, ਬਹੀ ਨੰਬਰ 3, ਮਿਤੀ 07-06-2023 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਬ-ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਰੂਪਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੈ ਹੁਣ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਦੇ ਮਰਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਉਕਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ Agamveer Singh (Minor) Through Guadian Mother Gurjeet Kaur ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 1085, ਸੈਕਟਰ 64, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ, ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਭ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮ੍ਰਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਹ) ਗਮਾਡਾ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 1085, ਸੈਕਟਰ 64, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਹ)
ਗਮਾਡਾ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ

ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)

ਸਿੰਗਲ ਵਿੰਡੋ ਨੰ. 465617 ਰਾਹੀ **Booth ਨੰ. 115, Sector-5, Eco City-1,** ਸਾਈਜ 20.83 ਵ.ਗਜ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ **Sujit Chandra Batheja S/o Tikan Lal Batheja R/o Ward No.-21, Mulchand Road, Basant Market, Samastipur, Bihar-848101** ਨੇ **PARVINDER SINGH BAHRI S/o KIRPAL SINGH BAHRI, R/o HOUSE NO. 1306, SECTOR 15-B, CHANDIGARH** ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣਾ ਜੀਪੀਏ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੰ: 2024-25/16/4/844, ਮਿਤੀ: 22-11-2024 ਨੂੰ ਦਫਤਰ ਸਬ-ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਮਾਜਰੀ ਵਿਖੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ, ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ।

ਇਸ ਜੀਪੀਏ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ **PARVINDER SINGH BAHRI S/o KIRPAL SINGH BAHRI,** ਵੱਲੋ ਉਕਤ ਪਲਾਟ **JASPREET KAUR BAHRI W/o PARVINDER SINGH BAHRI R/o HOUSE NO. 1306, SECTOR 15-B, CHANDIGARH** ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਵੇਚਣ/ ਟਰਾਸਫਰ ਦੀ ਅਗਿਆ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ ਪੁਰੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਸਿੰਗਲੇ ਵਿੰਡੋ ਨੰ. 465617 ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ, ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ **Booth ਨੰ. 115, Sector-5, Eco City-1,** ਸਾਈਜ 20.83 ਵ.ਗਜ., ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ/ ਟਰਾਸਫਰ ਦੀ ਅਗਿਆ ਦੇਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ, ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜਾਂ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਉਕਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੋਈ ਜੀ.ਪੀ.ਏ. ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ **Booth ਨੰ. 115, Sector-5, Eco City-1,** ਸਾਈਜ 20.83 ਵ.ਗਜ., ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ/ ਟਰਾਸਫਰ ਦੀ ਅਗਿਆ ਉਕਤ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ , ਮਿਲਖ ਦਫਤਰ
ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

INC-26
[Pursuant to rule 30 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
Before the Office of Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Northern Region, Delhi. In the Matter of the Companies Act, 2013 – Section 13(4) of the Companies Act, 2013.
-AND-
In The Matter of M/S. Surkanda Devi Real Estate Private Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 And Having Its Registered Office atPlot No. 78, Industrial Area Phase-1, Chandigarh – 160002.
.....Petitioner
Notice
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government (Regional Director, Northern Region) under section 13 of the Companies Act 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed in the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Monday, 3rd Day of November, 2025 to enable the company to shift its Registered office from the "Union Territory of Chandigarh" to the "State of Himachal Pradesh".
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region, Delhi, at B-2 Wing, 2nd floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, 2nd floor, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003 within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at is registered office at Plot No. 78, Industrial Area Phase-1, Chandigarh – 160002.
For and on Behalf of
Surkanda Devi Real Estate Private Limited
Sd/-
Sandeeep Kumar
(Director)
DIN 10109823
Date: -10/12/2025

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Sandeeep Kumar
(Director)
DIN 10109823
Date: -10/12/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Destruction of Record of Deepak Hospital (An institution of Deepak Memorial Charitable Trust) Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana

For the YEAR January 2020 to December 2020

It is notify to all that we are going to discard/destroy patient medical record department (MRD) files or patient's records of Deepak Hospital (An institution of Deepak Memorial Charitable Trust) Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana up to December, 2020. If any person requires any information regarding these record can apply or contact with hospital medical record department within 30 days of this publication after that hospital has right to destroy the record.

Dr. Paramjeet Singh
(Medical Superintendent)

Mr. Ashish Sahni
(Operation Head)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Shri Ranjit S/O Shri Dayanand H.no. 307/69 Kartar Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001

Sub: Domestic Enquiry

I have been appointed as Enquiry Officer by the management of R.S. Model Senior Secondary School, Shastri Nagar, Ludhiana - 141002 vide their letter dated 20.10.2025 for probing into the charges levelled against you vide charge sheet dated 09.07.2025.

You are, thus, advised to appear before me on 16.12.2025 at 9:00 A.M. at my office 55-B, Shastri Nagar, near Guru Teg Bahadur Charitable Hospital, Model Town, Ludhiana 141002 along with all the documents on which you want to rely for defending the charges. You can take the assistance of co employee during the enquiry proceedings. You can name the co-employee and his assistance would be allowed.

You can also inspect the documents in the matter of charge sheet which are in the custody of the management. In case you do not appear before me on the date, time and venue as fixed, then, I shall be holding enquiry proceedings ex-parte against you and you will be responsible for the consequences thereof.

RACHIT SHARMA (ADVOCATE)
ENQUIRY OFFICER

Haryana Cabinet approves new Municipal Bill

RAJENDRA KHATRY
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9



The Haryana Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of CM Nayab Singh Saini here today, initiated a major reform in urban governance by approving the Haryana Municipal Bill, 2025, aimed at replacing the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973, and Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994. The unified Act has been drafted to bring all categories of municipalities—corporations, councils and committees—under a single legal framework. At present, 87 municipalities in the state function under two Acts, causing administrative complexities, inconsistent service delivery and challenges in interpretation of rules.

It aims to streamline governance, remove ambiguities, modernise municipal administration and strengthen financial autonomy of urban local bodies. The Act also introduces provisions for urban transport planning, urban forestry, and the prohibition of illegal colonies similar to the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975.

For municipal staff, the Act proposes common service rules to reduce litigation arising from transfers and promotions under separate legal frameworks. The Cabinet approved a modernised cadre change policy for district cadre teachers, ensuring transparent inter-district movement and strengthening academic stability in schools. The policy shall replace the 2018 framework and introduce an objective, merit-based and technology-enabled system for voluntary cadre change for primary teachers (PRT/JBT), head teachers (HT), and classical & vernacular (C&V) teachers working on a regular basis. The teachers, who will adopt this policy, will be given new station before April 1, 2026. The Cabinet framed the new Haryana Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2025. Vehicles operating with all India tourist permits in the NCR will be allowed to operate for 12 years if they run on petrol or CNG, whereas diesel vehicles will be permitted for a maximum of 10 years. For non-NCR areas, vehicles running on petrol, CNG and diesel will also have a maximum operational age of 12 years. For all other permits, including stage carriage, contract carriage, goods carriage and school buses in the NCR, maximum permissible operational age has been fixed at 15 years for vehicles operating on petrol, CNG, electric or other clean fuels. However, for diesel vehicles operating under these permit types, it has been fixed at 10 years in the NCR. For non-NCR areas, the maximum operational age will be 15 years.

The Cabinet approved the aggregator policy amending the rules framed in 2016 for granting licences to operators or IT-based passenger aggregators acting as agents or promoters to attract customers for travel through public service vehicles. Under the new rules, motor vehicle aggregators will not be permitted to include any vehicle running solely on diesel or petrol in their fleet, with effect from January 1. Approval was accorded to amend the Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) Rules, 2008, replacing them with the Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) Amendment Rules, 2025. Now, the number of papers in the HCS main examination has been increased from four to six, carrying a total of 600 marks. The Cabinet has approved the draft Service Rules for Group A, B, and C posts for the newly created Directorate of State Audit Haryana.

The Cabinet accorded approval to a proposal regarding appeal for relief to the allottees of Agro Mall, Rohtak. The allottees, who do not want to retain the allotted site, will be offered refund of the deposited amount along with an interest @7 per cent per annum from the date of deposit till the payment. Those who wish to retain the shops will be allowed to deposit the outstanding amount as per the earlier scheme of the board.

Jealous aunty killed 3 kids on 'Ekadashi' suggesting 'occult link'

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9

A series of child killings in Haryana has taken a disturbing turn as police arrested a 32-year-old woman, Poonam, on Wednesday for allegedly murdering four children including her own three-year-old son over the past two years. Investigators say she confessed to drowning the children, motivated by what they describe as obsessive jealousy and a deep-seated hatred toward "beautiful girls."

Families of the victims have now alleged that the murders may have been carried out on Ekadashi, suggesting an occult link. Surendra, whose six-year-old niece Jia was allegedly drowned by Poonam in Sewah village in August, claimed that three killings in his family occurred on Ekadashi and followed the same pattern. Police said they are examining these claims, though the primary motive established so far remains psychological, reports India Today. Surendra said he had suspected Poonam earlier but did not approach police due to social pressure, adding that she reacted dramatically when confronted and even threatened suicide. He has now demanded the death penalty, expressing fear she could "kill again" if released on parole.

Villagers in Naultha, where the latest killing occurred, described Poonam as educated, quiet and largely withdrawn. She holds MA and BEd degrees. Many expressed shock that she could be involved in such crimes. Her husband, Naveen, said she appeared intelligent and never showed signs of mental illness. Married since 2019, he said the family was devastated and called for "exemplary punishment."

The case broke open after the death of six-year-old Vidhi on December 1. According to police, Poonam lured the child to a room on the first floor of a house in Naultha, drowned her in a small tub, then locked the door from outside before rejoining a family wedding downstairs. Some women reportedly questioned her about her wet clothes before she changed them. Vidhi's grandfather, Pal Singh, said Poonam had earlier attempted to spill hot tea on the child, which the family now believes was an attempt to disfigure her.



People wait in a queue at Civil Hospital on the second day of a strike by Haryana government hospitals' doctors, in Gurugram on Tuesday. PTI

Panipat school night camp turns ugly; students thrashed, parents booked too

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, December 9



The Panipat police have registered two separate cases after a group of Class VII students were allegedly beaten by two PTI teachers during a night camp organised by a private school in Samalkha. The counter-case was filed against several parents who allegedly assaulted a teacher following the incident. A team from the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), led by chairperson Kedar Dutt, along with the police, visited the college on Monday and examined CCTV footage related to the matter. According to information, PIET School in Sector-25, HUDA, had organised a 24-hour night camp for around 250 students at PIET College, Samalkha, starting at 8.30 am on December 6 and concluding at 8.30 am the next day. In their complaint to the Samalkha police, parents Sanjay Goyal, Mahir Chandna and Gaurav Arora alleged that during the camp, teachers Krishan Gulia and Aman "beat their wards in the wee hours on Sunday." They further alleged that "the teachers have beaten several other children, too." SI Deepak, SHO Samalkha, said a case has been registered against Rakesh Tayal, Suresh Tayal, Krishan Gulia, Babita Singh and teacher Aman under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Juvenile Justice Act.

"No accused has been arrested and a probe is underway into the matter," he added. Meanwhile, teacher Krishan Gulia filed a counter-complaint with the Chandnibagh police, alleging that a group of parents attacked him. He stated that some parents were accusing the school management and teachers of beating their children. "They tried to pacify them, but some parents – Sanjay Goyal, Paras Chandna, Gaurav Chandna, Sandeep, and 2-3 other parents – attacked him," the complaint says.

Acting on his complaint, the Chandnibagh police registered a case against the parents under various sections of the BNS. Inspector Mahipal, SHO Chandnibagh, confirmed that a case has been filed against the parents. "No accused has been arrested in the matter and a probe into the matter is underway," he said.

HIMACHAL/J&K

Himachal Agriculture Dept fixes rates for sowing, harvesting, threshing of crops in Hamirpur

HAMIRPUR, DECEMBER 9

The Himachal Pradesh agriculture department has fixed rates for sowing, harvesting and threshing of crops in Hamirpur district, to prevent arbitrary charging of small farmers. Deputy Director of the Agriculture Department, Hamirpur, Shashipal Atri, said that following persistent complaints from small farmers, the district administration was compelled to fix the sowing rates through tractors.

He said that in many areas of the district, there were complaints of charging arbitrary prices for sowing, threshing, and cutting by tractors and other equipment, and in view of this, the rates for these works have been determined and approved by the Deputy Commissioner, Hamirpur The rate of tractor ploughing and sowing has been fixed at Rs 1,200 per hour. The rate for ploughing with a rotavator is Rs 1,320 per hour, while the rate for harvesting and threshing was fixed at Rs 1,320 per hour, Atri said on Tuesday.

Besides, sowing with a power tiller would cost Rs 500 per hour, harvesting with a reaper would be Rs 1,300 per hour, and harvesting with a brush cutter would cost Rs 400 per hour, he added. Notably, the tractor owners were charging around Rs 2,000 per hour for tractor ploughing and sowing and similarly for sowing with power tillers, Rs 1,500 per hour and harvesting with brush cutters, Rs 600 per hour. PTI

Red Fort blast: NIA conducts searches in forest area in Anantnag



SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 9

A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday carried out searches in the forest area in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir as part of its probe into the November 10 blast near the Red Fort in Delhi, officials said. They said the NIA sleuths, assisted by police and CRPF, brought along two of the accused, Dr Adeel Rather and Jasir Bilal Wani, arrested in connection with the "white collar" terror module. The two accused had told the investigators about some hideouts in the Mattan forest area of the south Kashmir district, according to the officials. Further details are awaited. PTI

Himachal Police bar personnel from posting non-official content on social media in uniform

SHIMLA, DECEMBER 9

The Himachal Pradesh Police has barred its personnel from posting non-official content like reels and videos and photos on social media platforms while in their uniform, according to new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the force.

Police personnel have also been prohibited from making any comments on government policies, decisions as well as directions from the Police Headquarters. They will also not be allowed to share information related to policing, investigation status, crime-related content, identity of accused or victims and videos of duty locations on their social media handles, it said. The SOP stated that only authorised officers and employees will be allowed to post on social media that too on departmental social media handles. These official posts will include press notes, public awareness campaigns and official information regarding law and order. According to the SOPs, no police personnel will be allowed to upload reels, videos, photos, stories, or posts for entertainment, self promotion, or sharing any religious, social, political or personal views.

The SOP further stated that violation of these orders will lead to a departmental inquiry, suspension, withholding of increments, demotion and even dismissal from service. Beside this, criminal proceedings could also be initiated against the violator if any criminal elements in their posts are found, it added. PTI

Case registered against stone crusher unit owned by Hamirpur MLA

HAMIRPUR, DECEMBER 9

A case has been registered against a stone crusher unit owned by BJP MLA from Hamirpur Ashish Sharma for alleged cheating and forgery, police said on Tuesday. It is alleged that the unit had done illegal mining and siphoned royalty worth over Rs 36.60 lakh which led to loss of Rs 36.60 lakh to the state exchequer. The allegations also involved misuse of 'X' and 'W' forms to sell the mined material, they said.

There are two kinds of mining permissions in Himachal Pradesh. In the first case, the mined material is extracted and sold directly to the consumer without crushing, in the other the material is extracted, taken to the crusher, crushed and sold. It was alleged that in two years -- 2022-2023 and 2023 -2024 -- as much as 28,180 metric ton mining material was mined and transported in violation of norms. The police also alleged that in 2022, over 17,572 metric ton was produced and transported as per the form 'G' but royalty was not submitted.

The Sujanpurtira police on December 4 registered a case under the Indian Penal Code sections 420 (Cheating, dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 468 (Forgery for purpose of cheating), 379 (Punishment for theft), and 120 (Concealing design to commit offence punishable with imprisonment), they said. PTI

Welfare of J&K residents our priority, says L-G; launches construction of 344 houses in Kathua

JAMMU, DECEMBER 9

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday launched the construction of 344 new houses in Kathua district for families affected by the recent spate of natural calamities in the region, also reiterating that people's welfare remains the priority of the Union Territory administration. Recalling the hardships faced by residents during Operation Sindoor and the devastating floods in August and September this year, the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) said collective action can conquer every adversity.

Addressing a gathering during the foundation stone laying ceremony for the new houses, Sinha said, "Unity is strength. Collective action can surmount challenges which appear unconquerable, and we witnessed this spirit during the crisis in August." He further said, "The welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir is our top priority. We are committed to serving them and fulfilling their aspirations."

The L-G laid the foundation stone for construction of 344 houses to rehabilitate families who were rendered homeless in the recent calamity. The three-bedroom smart houses are modern, resilient and technologically-advanced, an official statement said. PTI

Joint search operations conducted along Indo-Pak border in Jammu region

JAMMU, DECEMBER 9

Accompanied by sniffer dog units, teams of Jammu and Kashmir Police, Army and the BSF has conducted joint search operations in forward areas along the International Border (IB) in Kathua,

Samba and Jammu districts as part of enhanced vigilance and security measures, an official said on Tuesday. Border Security Force (BSF) troops, along with sniffer dogs and the police Special Operations Group (SOG), have undertaken search operations in areas close to the IB, including Ganjansoo, Marh and Domana in Jammu; Nadala, Regal, Pangdour and Galar in Samba; and Khanpur and Pansar in Kathua district, officials said. The forces conducted searches at various migratory settlements along the border. In some areas, bomb disposal squads were also part of the joint teams, they added.

Additionally, top officials, including Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat and senior officers of the police, Army and BSF, have visited forward areas along the Indo-Pak border to review the security setup and operational preparedness.

The forces have put in place a winter strategy for the entire IB sector to counter infiltration attempts by Pakistan-based terrorists trying to take advantage of the foggy conditions in the coming months. PTI

NEWSBRIEFS

Over 1500 Afghan refugees forcibly deported from Pakistan, Iran in single day

KABUL: Over 1,500 Afghan refugees were forcibly repatriated from Iran and Pakistan in a single day, according to Taliban official statement on Tuesday, local media reported. Taliban deputy spokesman Hamdullah Fitrat shared a report from the High Commission for Addressing Migrants' Issues on X, which revealed that 320 families, comprising 1,579 people, returned to Afghanistan on Monday, Pajhwok Afghan News reported. According to the report, Afghan refugees returned to Afghanistan through the Bahramcha in Helmand, Pul-i-Abresham in Nimroz, Spin Boldak in Kandahar, Torkham crossing in Nangarhar and Islam Qala crossing in Herat. He further stated that 521 refugee families comprising 2,610 people were taken to their respective home areas while 306 families were provided humanitarian assistance. Telecommunication firms provided 397 SIM cards to Afghan refugees. **IANS**

Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarthak arrives at Kuwait's Shuwaikh Port for five-day visit

KUWAIT CITY: Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sarthak arrived at Kuwait's Shuwaikh Port on Tuesday to a rousing welcome by the cheerful school children carrying the Indian tricolour. Indian Embassy in Kuwait stated that ICGS Sarthak's five-day goodwill visit to Kuwait marks another milestone in defence and security ties and maritime cooperation between the two nations. In a statement on X, the Indian Embassy in Kuwait stated, "Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Sarthak arrives in Kuwait. The ICGS Sarthak sailed into Shuwaikh Port in Kuwait today on a 5-day Goodwill Visit." "The arrival of ICGS SARTHAK in Kuwait was warmly welcomed as school children waved the Indian tricolour and greeted the crew with enthusiasm and cheer. The Visit by ICGS Sarthak marks another milestone in India-Kuwait defence and security relations and maritime cooperation under our growing Strategic Partnership, reflecting our shared commitment to regional security and enduring friendship," it added. **IANS**

India should not be dumping rice into US market; will take care of it: President Trump

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 9



US President Donald Trump has said that India should not be "dumping" rice into the United States market and he will "take care" of it, while stressing that tariffs will solve the "problem" easily.

Trump held a roundtable in the White House on Monday with representatives of the farming and agriculture sector as well as key members of his cabinet, including Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins. He announced USD 12 billion in federal aid for farmers. Meryl Kennedy, who runs her family's agribusiness Kennedy Rice Mill in Louisiana, told Trump that rice producers in the southern part of the country are "really struggling' and that other nations are "dumping" rice into the US. When asked by Trump which countries are dumping rice into America, Kennedy, sitting next to the President, replied, "India, and Thailand; even China into Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico used to be one of the largest markets for US rice. We haven't shipped rice into Puerto Rico in years."

Kennedy said that this has been happening for years and did not start during the Trump administration. "But unfortunately, we're seeing it in a much bigger way now," she said. She said that tariffs imposed by the Trump administration are working, "but we need to double down", to which Trump said, "You want more, I understand". Trump then turned to Bessent and said, "India, tell me about India. Why is India allowed to do that? They have to pay tariffs. Do they have an exemption on rice?" "No sir, we're still working on their trade deal," Bessent replied.

Trump then said, "But they shouldn't be dumping. I mean, I heard that. I heard that from others. They can't do that."Kennedy then told Trump there's a World Trade Organisation case against India.Trump asked Kennedy to give him the names of the countries dumping rice into the US and instructed Bessent to note down the names. "India. Who else?" Trump said.

"India, Thailand, China into Puerto Rico, not into the continental US, but into Puerto Rico. Those are the main culprits," Kennedy said, adding that American farmers can feed the US as well as nations around the world, but "we need fair trade, not free trade".Trump said this will be "so easy to settle".

"It's solved so quickly with tariffs to these countries that are illegally shipping. It's solved. Your problem is solved in one day. That's why we have to win the Supreme Court case," he said, adding that this problem will be solved in "one day".

Lower courts in the US have ruled that Trump's use of emergency powers to impose tariffs on nations around the world is illegal, and the case will now be decided by the Supreme Court.

"It's so unfair. They go out of business. They put everyone out of business," Trump said. **IANS**

Hamas says next phase of Gaza ceasefire will be impossible without more pressure on Israel

JERUSALEM, DECEMBER 9



A Hamas leader on Tuesday threatened to not move forward into the next phase of the Gaza ceasefire agreement until more pressure is placed on Israel to open up a key border crossing, cease deadly strikes and allow more aid into the Palestinian territory.

The accusation came as Israel's government says it's ready to move into the next, more complicated phase of the ceasefire deal – even as it has called on the militant group to return the remains of the last Israeli hostage held in Gaza. Husam Badran, a member of Hamas' political wing, called for the "full implementation of all the terms of the first phase" before moving forward, including an end to what he called the continuing demolition of Palestinian homes in the part of the territory still controlled by Israel.

Israel's military operations in Gaza have resulted in the deaths of at least 376 Palestinians since the ceasefire took hold on Oct 10, according to Palestinian health officials.

Hamas has very little leverage in negotiations and could come under heavy pressure from other regional leaders like Qatar and Turkey to not pump the brakes on the fragile truce.

Israel has also accused Hamas of violating the ceasefire. It has defended its strikes as a response to attacks against its soldiers or people getting too close to a line established in the ceasefire, though a number of the people killed have been women and children and some strikes have occurred in the "safe zone", according to Palestinian health officials.As a humanitarian crisis continues in Gaza, the United Nations and other aid organisations said that not nearly enough aid is entering the territory.

Hamas' comments come as the US-led plan outlining the future for the devastated territory has gained momentum in recent weeks.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that Israel and Hamas are "very shortly expected to move into the second phase of the ceasefire," after Hamas returns the remains of the last hostage held in Gaza. Though it appears that militants have struggled to find the remains, and Hamas has said the destruction by Israeli strikes in Gaza have been an obstacle in their search. **PTI**

South Korea, US in talks for regular meeting on coordinating North Korea policy

SEOUL, DECEMBER 9

South Korea and the United States are in discussions to hold a regular meeting on coordinating the allies' policy on North Korea, Seoul's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Park Il made the announcement in a regular press briefing, saying working-level talks have been underway for months to hash out the details of the proposed meeting.

"Through the meeting, we plan to discuss overall policy toward North Korea, including ways to bring the North back to the dialogue table," Park said, Yonhap News Agency reported. Seoul and Washington have reportedly reached a consensus on the need to have such a regular channel to enable timely consultations on North Korea-related issues. However, the two sides are not considering setting up a permanent consultative body, according to officials.

The move comes as the Lee Jae Myung administration seeks to mend frayed ties with North Korea and resume dialogue despite Pyongyang's silence toward Seoul's peace overtures. US President Donald Trump has expressed his intent to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong-un to resume stalled diplomacy.

Acting US Ambassador to South Korea Kevin Kim reaffirmed Monday that the "complete denuclearisation" of North Korea remains the policy shared with South Korea, after the phrase was absent from a new U.S. security strategy document.

On December 3, South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun reiterated the need to pursue diplomacy with North Korea in tandem with joint efforts by Seoul and Washington to bolster deterrence against growing threats from the recalcitrant regime.

Cho delivered video remarks to a Washington-based forum, as he commented on a recently released joint fact sheet on security and trade agreements between South Korea and the United States, which he described as having charted a path toward a "future-oriented, comprehensive strategic" alliance between the two countries.

Released on November 13, the fact sheet contains a series of the allies' deterrence efforts, including President Trump's support for Seoul's push to secure nuclear-powered, conventionally-armed submarines and Seoul's commitment to increasing defence spending to 3.5 per cent of its gross domestic product.

"Yet, deterrence must be paired with diplomacy," Cho said during the forum jointly hosted by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies and the Korea Foundation. "We need to prevent inadvertent conflict, de-escalate tensions and restore dialogue with North Korea."

Both Seoul and Washington have expressed their willingness to resume dialogue with Pyongyang, but it remains uncertain whether the regime would accede to repeated dialogue overtures at a time when its reliance on Russia for food, fuel and other necessities has increased in recent years.

The minister said that the fact sheet reaffirmed the "ironclad" nature of the bilateral alliance and aimed to strengthen peace while preparing for challenges ahead.

"At the heart of this partnership lies our shared commitment to peace and stability," he said. "Securing peace on the Korean Peninsula, therefore, remains the foundation of our joint endeavour." **IANS**

Social media ban to ensure Australian children have a childhood: PM Albanese

CANBERRA, DECEMBER 9



Australia's world-first social media ban for under-16s will ensure that children have a childhood, according to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Albanese on Tuesday wrote to the leaders of Australia's states and territories to thank them for their support on the social media ban, which comes into effect on Wednesday, acknowledging that the reform will require some adjustment in the short term. "This is the cultural change Australia needs to deliver greater peace of mind for parents and ensure Australian children have a childhood," he wrote. Under laws that passed the federal parliament in November 2024, certain social media platforms must take "reasonable steps" to prevent children under 16 from having accounts. The government says it will reduce the negative impact of social media's "design features that encourage young people to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing". A study it commissioned earlier in 2025 found that 96 per cent of children aged 10-15 used social media, and that seven out of 10 of them had been exposed to harmful content. This included misogynistic and violent material as well as content promoting eating disorders and suicide.

So far 10 social media platforms have been instructed to enforce the ban -- Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X, YouTube, Kick and Reddit. Authorities may update the list as needed. In a video message that will be played to students in schools around Australia, Albanese said that the government has made the change to support children who have grown up with algorithms, endless social media feeds and the pressure they bring, Xinhua news agency reported. **IANS**

Japan assesses damage from 7.5 magnitude quake that injured 34

TOKYO, DECEMBER 9

Japan was assessing damage on Tuesday and cautioning people of potential aftershocks after a late-night 7.5 magnitude earthquake caused injuries, light damage and a tsunami in Pacific coastal communities.

At least 34 people were injured, one seriously, the Fire and Disaster Management Agency said. Most of them were hit by falling objects, public broadcaster NHK reported. Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi told reporters an emergency task force was formed to urgently assess damage. "We are putting people's lives first and doing everything we can," she said. At a parliamentary session on Tuesday, Takaichi pledged the government would continue its utmost effort and reminded people they have to protect their own lives.

The 7.5 magnitude quake struck around 11:15 pm in the Pacific Ocean, around 80 kilometres (50 miles) off the coast of Aomori, the northernmost prefecture of Japan's main Honshu island. The US Geological Survey measured the quake at 7.6 magnitude and said it occurred 44 kilometres (27 miles) below the surface. A tsunami of up to 70 centimetres (2 feet, 4 inches) was measured in Kuji port in Iwate prefecture, just south of Aomori, and waves up to 50 centimetres struck other communities in the region, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. NHK reported that the waves damaged some oyster rafts.

The agency lifted all tsunami advisories by 6:30 am Tuesday.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Minoru Kihara said about 800 homes were without electricity, and Shinkansen bullet trains and some local lines were suspended in parts of the region in the early hours of Tuesday. **PTI**

Two IAF choppers conclude relief, rescue mission in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, DECEMBER 9

Two IAF helicopters involved in relief and rescue operations in cyclone-hit Sri Lanka concluded mission in the island nation even as INS Gharial reached Trincomalee with 700 tonnes of essential relief material from Tamil Nadu. The Indian Air Force (IAF) choppers, which departed on Monday, were involved in airlifting immediate relief supplies to distressed communities, evacuating those affected and providing air cover for those involved in rescue missions in the aftermath of havoc caused by Cyclone Ditwah and adverse weather conditions.

"Their contribution significantly enhanced Sri Lanka's national disaster response during a period of urgent need," the Sri Lankan Air Force (SLAF) said in a statement issued on their official website on Monday. "With deep gratitude, SLAF salutes the IAF Mi-17 V5 crews whose unwavering support brought hope and relief to Sri Lankans affected by Cyclone Ditwa," it posted on social media. **IANS**

Lithuania declares national emergency over security risks posed by balloons from Belarus

VILNIUS, DECEMBER 9



Lithuania's government on Tuesday declared a national emergency over security risks posed by meteorological balloons from Russia-allied Belarus that have violated its airspace in recent weeks. Tensions between Lithuania and Belarus have escalated after the balloons forced Lithuania to repeatedly shut down its main airport, leaving thousands of people stranded.

"In combating the Belarusian hybrid attack, we must take the strictest measures and defend the areas most affected by this attack," Prime Minister Inga Ruginiene said. The announcement followed a Cabinet meeting of the Baltic state, which is a NATO member and strong backer of Ukraine in its fight against the Russian forces who launched a full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Interior Minister Vladislav Kondratovic said that the state of emergency means the army would be given the possibility to patrol in the border area, together with police and other uniformed services or alone, in order to detect the balloons. He promised the impact on civilians would be limited.

While the balloons are used to smuggle cigarettes into Lithuania, officials in Vilnius see their numbers and trajectories as deliberate acts of disruption orchestrated by Belarus.

Kondratovic said Lithuanian prosecutors launched an investigation into the balloons and that the secret services would provide information about the connection with the Minsk regime. "I have no information that the Belarusian side is trying to curb the senders of the balloons," the minister said. "And this is one of the proofs that this is a hybrid attack." In October, Lithuanian authorities closed two border crossings in response to the airspace violations by the balloons. **IANS**

Fire in office building in Indonesia's capital kills at least 22 people

JAKARTA, DECEMBER 9

A fire ripped through an office building in Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, on Tuesday, killing at least 22 people, including a pregnant woman, police said.

Flames engulfed the seven-story building, sending thick black smoke billowing into the sky and causing panic among nearby residents and workers in a neighbourhood in Central Jakarta.

The fire, which broke out around midday, is believed to have started on the first floor of the building in the Kemayoran neighbourhood before spreading to other floors, Central Jakarta police chief Susatyo Purnomo Condro said.Hundreds of personnel and 29 fire trucks were deployed to try to contain the blaze. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.Many workers in the building, which was used as a sales and storage office for a drone company, were out for lunch when a battery started sparking in a storage and testing area, said Condro, citing several witnesses.

The fire was extinguished after three hours of intense effort.

At least 22 bodies — seven men and 15 women, including a pregnant woman — were recovered from the building and taken to the police hospital in East Jakarta for identification. **PTI**

UN humanitarian coordinator calls for protection of civilians in Congo

KINSHASA, DECEMBER 9

All parties to the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) must respect international humanitarian law and protect civilians, including distinguishing between civilians and combatants during military operations, urged Bruno Lemarquis, the UN humanitarian coordinator in the country.

"The use of explosive weapons in populated areas and attacks on civilian infrastructure, such as schools, are causing unacceptable loss of life and must stop immediately. Civilians and civilian infrastructure are not targets," Lemarquis said on Monday.



In a national address delivered Monday in Kinshasa, DRC President Felix Tshisekedi said that rebels of the March 23 Movement (M23) had launched an offensive against the Armed Forces of the DRC in the country's South Kivu Province.

According to a statement issued on Monday, several territories across South Kivu, including Uvira, Walungu, Mwenga, Shabunda, Kabare, Fizi and Kalehe, have witnessed clashes involving heavy weaponry and shelling in densely populated areas in recent days.

Escalating fighting in South Kivu province has left at least 74 people dead and displaced more than 200,000 others since December 2, according to UN statistics. The crisis adds to an already dire situation, with South Kivu hosting 1.2 million internally displaced people before the latest escalation. **IANS**

lifestyle

Shruti

talks about her undying love for 'The Night of the Hunter'



Actor-singer Shruti Haasan revisited one of her long-time cinematic obsessions as she shared a moment from the 1955 horror thriller cult classic "The Night of the Hunter" directed by Charles Laughton. Shruti took to her Instagram stories and re-posted an eerie still from the film, calling it a timeless favourite.

"Forever obsessed with this film," she wrote, reaffirming her admiration for the Laughton-directed thriller, known for its haunting imagery and performances. "The Night of the Hunter" stars Robert Mitchum, Shelley Winters and Lillian Gish. The film was based on the 1953 novel of the same name by Davis Grubb.

The plot is about Preacher Harry Powell (Mitchum), a serial killer who poses as a preacher and pursues two children in an attempt to get his hands on $10,000 of stolen cash hidden by their late father. The novel and film draw on the true story of Harry Powers, who was hanged in 1932 for the murder of two widows and three children in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

The film's lyrical and expressionistic style, borrowing techniques from silent film, sets it apart from other Hollywood films of the 1940s and 1950s, and it has influenced such later directors as Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Robert Altman, Spike Lee, Martin Scorsese, the Coen brothers and Guillermo del Toro. **IANS**



Priyanka shares rare memory with Dia Mirza, sends her lots of goodness on her birthday

Priyanka Chopra took to social media to share a rare memory with actress Dia Mirza on her birthday. The desi girl sent Mirza heartfelt wishes on her special day. In her post, Priyanka expressed warmth and affection, wishing Dia "lots of goodness" and celebrating their cherished moments together. Taking to her Instagram stories, the 'Baywatch' actress posted her cherished memory with Dia and wrote, "Happy happy birthday Dia, Wish you an abundant year with lots of goodness." In the image, Priyanka and Dia can be seen posing together with Malti Marie sitting in a stroller. Both actresses are flaunting their radiant smiles while looking at the camera. Notably, the two share a longstanding friendship that dates back to their Miss India pageant days in 2000. Priyanka and Dia first crossed paths as young contestants in the Miss India competition. The 'Dostana' actress had once shared how Dia Mirza guided her with makeup in the bathroom, highlighting their early bond and friendship.

In September this year, both actresses stepped out together when they met in New York, USA. Dia took to her Instagram Stories to share a photo of the two, showing them holding water bottles while standing in a park. The 'Sanju' actress tagged Priyanka in the post and wrote, "Love your #travellingbottle. Love you more," adding the hashtag #UNGA. Re-sharing it on her Instagram, the 'Bajirao Mastani' actress wrote, "The loveliest day with the loveliest girl. See you soon." Priyanka and Dia have always showered each other with praise. A few months ago, following the release of Priyanka's film "Heads of State," Mirza had lauded her performance. The 'Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein' actress wrote, "Priiiiiiii! So damn proud of the strength you embody. A treat to watch you. 'She said she'll take care of it' and she does!!! What a woman @priyankachopra Go watch our desi girl pack a punch #HeadsOfState." **IANS**

Adah Sharma

opens up about her ideal partner and the traits she looks for

Actress Adah Sharma opened up about her preferences when it comes to matters of the heart. In her recent post on Instagram, she revealed the kind of man she is drawn to and the qualities she considers essential in a partner. Taking to her Instagram handle, Adah shared a new video in which she responded to a fan who asked her what kind of guy she likes. The clip also featured text that read, "Ask me anything: What kind of guy you like and what quality he should have?"

In response, 'The Kerala Story' actress said that the one quality she values most is a "very small, tiny ego," emphasising that humility is essential for her. Sharing her video, Sharma wrote, "Small and tiny hona bahut important hai." Adah, who is an avid social media user, had earlier, shared Adah Ka Adda – Episode 1, where she spoke about how "andhera bhi zaroori hota hai" in life, blending her trademark quirk and philosophy. The actress thanked her team for their creative "jugaad" of arranging bedsheets for the shoot, giving a behind-the-scenes peek into her fun, spontaneous process.

For the caption, she wrote, Adah Ka Adda -Episode 1 Life mein andhera bhi zaroori hota hai Thank you dop @snehha__555 and @jagats38 jugaad se bedsheets leke aane ke liye #AdahKaAdda #adahsharma." (sic) On the professional front, the 33-year-old actress is gearing up to play a Devi in an upcoming trilingual film directed by National Award-winner BM Giriraj. Sharing her excitement about the project, she said she feels grateful to be entrusted with such distinctive, powerful roles and to collaborate with accomplished filmmakers.

Speaking about the film, Adah shared, "I am very fortunate to be getting the opportunity to play such amazing roles and work with such talented filmmakers. Stories like 'The Kerala Story' or fictional ones like Reeta Sanyal, I will do my best to make it as realistic as possible. I'm very lucky that creative filmmakers are offering me such varied roles." **IANS**



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Kartik reveals he initially said no to the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' franchise

Did you know, Kartik Aaryan initially said no to the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' franchise? Addressing one of the sessions of the Red Sea International Film Festival in Saudi Arabia, Kartik shared that he had said no to the 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa' franchise. He revealed that when he was approached for the project, there was no particular story, just an idea for a sequel. Kartik added that after seeing all the love he has received for his portrayal of Roohi Baba, he feels glad he agreed to become a part of the project.

"When the film first came to me, there was no story — just a sequel idea. I wasn't keen. But Bhushan (Kumar) sir convinced me, we worked on it, and everything changed. Today, wherever I go, kids call me Rooh Baba. I'm glad I eventually did it," shared Kartik.

Both "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2" and "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, turned out to be milestone movies for Kartik.

Up next, Kartik has been roped in to lead the highly talked about romantic entertainer "Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri", where he has been paired opposite Ananya Panday. Made under the direction of Sameer Vidwans, the project also stars Neena Gupta, Jackie Shroff, and Tiku Talsania in significant roles, along with others.

Shot in some breathtaking locations in Croatia, Rajasthan, and Mumbai for 57 days. "Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri" is set to get a theatrical release on 25 December.

Over and above this, Kartik will also be a part of "Naagzilla". He will be seen in a fresh avatar as Preyamvadeshwar Pyare Chand, a shape-shifting naag on a fantastical adventure in his next. Helmed by Mrighdeep Singh Lamba and written by Gautam Mehra, "Naagzilla" is being jointly backed by Dharma Productions and Mahaveer Jain Films. **IANS**



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Surbhi

reflects on days of doubt and her journey of rising stronger



Television actress Surbhi Chandna has opened up about her personal journey of resilience and self-growth. In her recent post on Instagram, she reflected on moments of doubt, difficult phases, and quiet rebuilding. Surbhi spoke about how every setback shaped her path and how her unwavering determination kept her moving forward. On Tuesday, the 'Naagin' actress posted a series of her images and wrote, "Winning An Award At Womenpreneur India For Leadership In Celebrity Entrepreneurship, feels like a quiet moment of acknowledgement for a journey that has been anything but quiet. I've lived many lives on screen, but building my own music label, FEEL GOOD ORIGINALS and now stepping into long-format storytelling with The Same Brand has been a journey that shaped me in ways the world never sees."

"There were days of doubt, nights of rebuilding, and phases where nothing came easy... but I kept moving, kept creating, kept believing. Every challenge became a lesson, every setback a redirection, and every small win a reminder of why I started."

"I'm grateful for this honour, grounded by everything it took to reach here, and excited for the stories I'm yet to tell. Here's to dreaming fearlessly, working relentlessly, and growing into the WOMAN I always knew I could be," added Surbhi.

On the professional front, Surbhi Chandna is widely known for her stint in the shows like, "Ishqbaaaz," "Naagin," "Sherdil Shergill," and "Sanjivani." Most recently, she appeared in the web series "Rakshak – India's Braves: Chapter 2," which premiered in February 2024. Prior to that, she was seen on television in the show "Sherdil Shergill."

Last month, she made headlines after revealing that she stepped away from the small screen for all the right reasons. Surbhi shared that her long-standing fascination with theatre — and her desire to overcome her fear of the stage — inspired her to explore the medium more deeply. **IANS**

NEWSBRIEFS

Lords Mark Industries Ltd wins licence to manufacture Smart HemoDialysis Machines

AMBALA: Lords Mark Industries Ltd. (LMIL) has achieved a defining milestone in India's med-tech landscape by receiving the licence to manufacture Class C World's First AI-Based Smart Hemodialysis Machines from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), a critical step that significantly strengthens the country's self-reliance in life-saving healthcare technology. This achievement becomes even more historic as LMIL–Renalyx has now received the globally recognised CE marking, making it one of only sixth brand worldwide to earn this certification for dialysis systems. The CE marking validates that the product meets the European Union's highest health, safety, and environmental protection standards, enabling legal access to the entire European Economic Area (EEA). **BPE**

HRS Aluglaze Ltd plans to raise up to ₹50.92 crore from public offer

CHANDIGARH: HRS Aluglaze Ltd, engaged in the design, manufacturing, and installation of aluminium products is planning to raise up to Rs. 50.92 crore from its public offer. The public offer will open for subscription on 11 December 2025 and will close on December 15. Cumulative Capital Pvt Ltd is the lead manager of the offer. Shares will be listed on BSE SME platform. The initial public offering of Rs. 50.92 crore is a fresh issue of 53.04 lakh equity shares including market marker portion of 2.748 lakh shares. The total issue offered to public involves 50.29 lakh equity shares for a face value of Rs. 10 each at the price band of Rs. 94-96 per share. **BPE**

GLS University collaborates with SAE Institute

AMRITSAR: GLS University has launched its Global B Design (Hons) programme in collaboration with Australia's SAE Institute, marking a landmark moment for creative media education in India. This innovative four-year undergraduate programme is the first of its kind in the country, offering globally benchmarked specialisations in Animation & VFX and Game Development. GLS University, established in 1927 by the Gujarat Law Society (GLS), is one of Gujarat's most revered educational institutions. It is the only institution in India authorized to offer SAE Institute's internationally recognized curriculum and certification. **BPE**

HDFC Bank Group successfully concludes HDFC Tech Innovators 2025

LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank Group concluded the fourth edition of HDFC Tech Innovators – 2025, announcing 10 winners across six sectors and two special recognition awards for emerging women founders. HDFC Tech Innovators 2025 was jointly organised by HDFC Bank, HDFC Capital and HDFC AMC with support from the other Group companies — HDFC Life, HDFC Ergo, HDFC Securities, and HDB Financial Services, to support India's fast-growing startup ecosystem. This edition witnessed applications from 1,600+ startups from over 290 cities of the country. Ashish Parthasarathy, Group Head – Branch Banking, Payments, Treasury, Liability Products, Marketing, Virtual Channels and Infrastructure, HDFC Bank said, "It is a privilege for us to be here today to recognise startups and support them in their journey to become the next generation corporations of India. As a bank, we continuously endeavour to provide best-in-class product services to the ecosystem." **BPE**

Anant National University hosts 7th Convocation with Dr Sridhar Vembu as chief guest

CHANDIGARH: Anant National University recently hosted the 7th Convocation, conferring degrees on 299 students from the Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Design, Anant Fellowship in Sustainability and Built Environment, MSc in Sustainability and Built Environment and Anant Fellowship in Climate Action. Padma Shri awardee and Chief Scientist and Co-founder of Zoho Corporation, Dr Sridhar Vembu, was the Chief Guest. Ajay Piramal, President, Anant National University, Dr Sanjeev Vidyarthi, Provost, Anant National University, and the members of the board were present during the convocation. **BPE**

Tata Motors leads way with innovative, sustainable and intelligent mobility solutions at EXCON 2025

LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, unveiled a diverse portfolio of advanced solutions at EXCON 2025, South Asia's premier construction equipment exhibition, to support the nation's rapidly expanding infrastructure and construction sector. Reflecting its theme, 'Productivity Unleashed', the company introduces heavy-duty, future-ready vehicles designed to enhance operational efficiency and fleet profitability. Launching the commercial vehicles at EXCON 2025, Rajesh Kaul, Vice President & Business Head – Trucks, Tata Motors Ltd, said, "EXCON remains a pivotal platform for Tata Motors to showcase the engineering advancements and customer-focused solutions we are bringing to support India's growing construction and mining landscape." **BPE**

Latest version of One UI brings enhanced productivity, privacy and performance across Galaxy ecosystem

CHANDIGARH: One UI 8.5 makes creating and sharing content more intuitive from start to finish. Users can keep generating new images without interruption with the updated Photo Assist. They can edit photos using Photo Assist features continuously, without needing to save each iteration. When finished, they can easily review all the creations in edit history and pick their favorites to keep. Sharing is smoother too, thanks to enhancements to Quick Share which now recognizes people in photos and proactively suggests sending them directly to those contacts. New cross-device features make managing devices easier, whether users need to manage files, share their network, or communicate with nearby devices. Audio Broadcast enables effortless communication with LE Audio-supported devices nearby using Auracast. **BPE**

Godrej Industries Group to invest over ₹ 10,000 crore in Telangana

CHANDIGARH: Creamline Dairy Products Limited, a subsidiary of one of India's largest and most diversified agribusinesses, Godrej Agrovet, selling products under the brand name Godrej Jersey, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana (GoT) on the sidelines of Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025. Pirojsha Godrej, Executive Vice Chairperson, Godrej Industries Group, said, "As a group with a strong presence in the state of Telangana, today's MoU reflects a shared commitment to accelerating industrial growth, creating employment, and developing high-impact infrastructure under a collaborative public-private approach. From advancing sustainable oil palm cultivation to growing our presence in urban housing to expanding our dairy footprint and enabling MSME growth via digital-first solutions, our partnership with the Government of Telangana is a step toward shaping an inclusive, innovative and resilient future." **BPE**

Tata Power commissions 400 kV Koteshwar–Rishikesh Transmission Line

CHANDIGARH: In a major enhancement to India's northern power corridor, Tata Power today announced the commissioning of the 400 kV Koteshwar–Rishikesh transmission line, a critical link that will enable the evacuation of 1,000 MW of hydropower from the Tehri–Koteshwar generation complex in Uttarakhand to multiple northern states and Union Territories. The project was executed under NRSS XXXVI Transmission Ltd., acquired by Resurgent Power Ventures Pvt. Ltd.- a joint venture promoted by Tata Power, ICICI Bank Limited and global investors. The new line will channel clean, renewable energy not only to Uttarakhand but also to Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, and Delhi significantly strengthening regional energy security and grid reliability. **BPE**

Mahindra unveils its new mini compactor, 'COMPAX' for road construction industry with cutting-edge technology

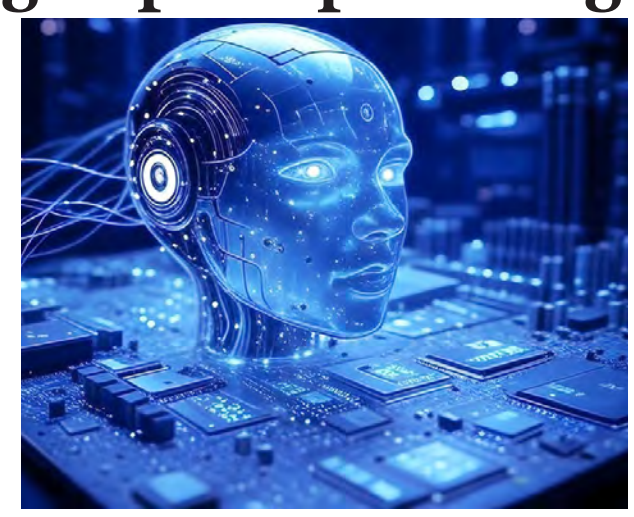
CHANDIGARH: Mahindra's Construction Equipment business (MCE) today at the CII-organized EXCON Exhibition, at BIEC, Bengaluru, unveiled its new Mahindra COMPAX, Mini Compactor for Road Construction Industry. MCE additionally showcased its advanced CEV-V Range of machines, that are set to redefine the standards in their respective categories, offering advanced features, more comfort, higher productivity and performance delivering higher earnings and prosperity to its customers. **BPE**

Tata Hitachi showcases power of 'Reliable Orange'

CHANDIGARH: Tata Hitachi, one of India's leading construction machinery manufacturers, officially opened its pavilion at EXCON 2025 — South Asia's largest construction equipment exhibition — under the theme 'Reliable Orange.' Masafumi Senzaki, the Representative Executive Officer, President and Executive Officer, and COO of Hitachi Construction Machinery, Japan, inaugurated the Tata Hitachi Pavilion at EXCON 2025. His attendance was a notable event, as it marks renewed commitment to India's infrastructure growth story and HCM's support to Tata Hitachi for more than 4 decades. It also highlighted India's pivotal role in Hitachi Construction Machinery Japan's global growth strategy. **BPE**

IIT Madras, MeitY join hands to focus on translating AI principles into governance

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9



The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and IIT Madras are set to host a pre-summit event on December 11 in Chennai to advance India's vision for safe, trusted and inclusive artificial intelligence (AI), the government said on Tuesday.

Anchored in India's commitment to ethical, safe, and inclusive AI, the conclave will focus on translating AI safety and governance principles into practice, an official statement said.

The Centre for Responsible AI (CeRAI) at IIT Madras, in collaboration with the IndiaAI Mission under MeitY, is conducting the event as a pre-summit ahead of the 'India–AI Impact Summit 2026' early next year.

The conclave will examine pathways to establish an "AI Safety Commons for the Global South creating shared datasets, benchmarks, and governance resources that enable safer and more reliable AI development."

The discussions will also focus on translating responsible AI principles into practical governance and regulatory models that can be implemented across diverse cultural, legal, and technological contexts.

"As AI systems become integral to public and private domains, concerns around fairness, accountability, and misuse have intensified, highlighting the need for frameworks that are scalable, enforceable, and suited to diverse global contexts," IT Ministry said in the statement.

The 'Safe and Trusted AI Working Group' at the event aims to bridge this gap by advancing an ecosystem grounded in transparency, reliability, and public trust where innovation progresses responsibly, and the benefits of AI are shared equitably.

The programme, opening with a formal inauguration on the evening of December 10 and followed by a hybrid, closed-door working group meeting on December 11, will focus on translating AI safety and governance principles into practice.

The event brings together senior MeitY officials, national and international experts from industry, academia, civil society and government.

Being hosted in the Global South for the first time, the 'India–AI Impact Summit 2026' is scheduled to take place from February 15–20, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The summit aims to showcase the transformative role of AI in enabling inclusive development, sustainability, and fostering equitable progress. **IANS**

India's IPO proceeds hit record ₹1.77 lakh crore in 2025

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9



India's initial public offerings (IPO) have raised a record Rs 1.77 lakh crore ($19.6 billion) in 2025 so far, marginally higher than the 2024 tally, as companies rush to capture increasing investor demand.

With five more offerings scheduled to close on or before December 16, including ICICI Prudential Asset Management Co.'s $1.2-billion deal, the total value of IPO proceeds is set to rise much higher than last year's proceeds.In 2024, Indian IPOs raised Rs 1.73 lakh crore, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The surge reflects a maturing capital market driven by a swelling base of retail investors and steady institutional appetite, even as demand for equities in the secondary market softened.

Analysts said that firms are using buoyant demand to lock in funding before global conditions tighten, and India has eased the process for companies to list and initiated a run of big-ticket deals.Foreign institutional investors remain active participants in IPOs despite selling a record number of Indian equities in the secondary market. FII enthusiasm in primary markets helped companies across sectors and market caps to raise capital at elevated valuations. Almost half of the more than 300 firms listed so far this year are trading below their offer price when the scrips debuted.

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on Thursday, proposed key reforms to address long-standing challenges around locking in pre-IPO pledged shares and simplifying public issue disclosures.

SEBI has suggested enabling depositories to designate pledged shares as "non-transferable" for the lock-in period in response to directives from the issuer.

India's financial markets are heading into 2026 with renewed confidence, with notable surges in recent months and a resilient macroeconomic environment. This sharp turnaround was fuelled by multiple domestic triggers, including the GST 2.0 rate rationalisation that accelerated consumption across discretionary categories, a surge in manufacturing activity reflected in a two-month high PMI of 58.4. **IANS**

S Korea's potential growth rate could fall to zero range by 2040s: BOK chief

SEOUL, DECEMBER 9



Bank of Korea (BOK) Governor Rhee Chang-yong warned on Tuesday that South Korea's potential growth rate could fall to the zero per cent range by the 2040s, stressing the need to efficiently allocate financial resources to boost the growth potential.

Rhee made the remarks in a speech at a BOK symposium co-hosted with the Korean Finance Association in Seoul, reports Yonhap news agency.

"The country's potential growth rate was around 5 percent in the early 2000s but has recently dropped to below 2 per cent. If the current trend continues, it could fall to the zero percent range by the 2040s," Rhee said.

"It has largely been driven by low birthrates and rapid population aging, which have reduced the working-age population, while corporate investment and innovation to enhance productivity have not been sufficient to offset these trends," he added.

Rhee also pointed to "inefficient" allocation of resources, which, he said, has prevented capital from flowing into high-productivity sectors. "The role of finance is more important than ever, as finance serves as essential infrastructure that reallocates limited resources to the most efficient sectors, which can drive innovation and productivity growth," the central bank chief said.

According to a BOK analysis, the country could raise its long-term economic growth rate by reducing the share of household credit relative to gross domestic product (GDP) and redirecting funds toward productive sectors, such as corporate lending. A simulation using data from 43 countries covering 1975 through 2024 showed that lowering the ratio of household credit to GDP by 10 percentage points from the current 90.1 percent could raise South Korea's long-term annual growth rate by 0.2 percentage point.

The impact would be particularly pronounced when credit is allocated to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and highly productive firms, while lending to the real estate sector contributes little to macro economic growth, the BOK said.

In its latest outlook released late last month, the BOK raised its growth projection for this year by 0.1 percentage point to 1 percent. For 2026, it forecast a 1.8 percent expansion.Despite the upward revision, the growth forecast for this year remains well below the country's estimated potential growth rate of around 1.8 percent, which refers to the maximum pace at which the economy can expand without fueling inflation. **IANS**

New labour codes give gig, platform workers portable social security benefits

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9



Gig and platform workers in India will receive formal legal recognition, portable social-security benefits and a national registration framework through e-Shram under provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020 of the new labour codes, the government said on Tuesday.

Under the Social Security code, aggregators are now required to contribute 1–2 per cent of annual turnover, capped at 5 per cent of payments made or payable to gig and platform workers to a Social Security Fund, an official statement said.

The fund finances a range of welfare schemes for these workers, who erstwhile bore all risks themselves, with no obligation on aggregators to contribute to their welfare.

The enhanced provisions equip gig and platform workers with essential safeguards, empower them with portable rights, and transform informal work into a secure, recognised, and sustainable livelihood, the statement said.Gig & Platform workers now become eligible for government-notified social security benefits such as accident insurance, health and maternity benefits, any other benefits. **IANS**

Private equity, venture capital deals count reach decade high of 1,761 in 2025: Report

MUMBAI, DECEMBER 9

Private equity and venture capital (PE/VC) investments in India have surged to their highest levels in a decade, with financial sponsors executing 1,761 deals between January and November this year, a report said on Tuesday.

The development signals renewed confidence in the country's long-term growth potential, which surpassed the previous record of 1,726 deals in 2021.

"India has consistently recorded over 1,000 PE/VC deals every year for the past 10 years, underlining the depth and maturity of its investment ecosystem," Equirus Capital said in its report.

Alongside the rise in deal count, investment value has also climbed significantly."Calendar year 2025 to date has recorded $34 billion in PE/VC investments—a 54 per cent increase over the $22 billion deployed in 2024," the report noted. This momentum is attributed not only to more deals but also to the rise in average deal size, which grew from $34.4 million in 2024 to $41.6 million in 2025.

According to the report, the number of PE/VC investments stood at 1,397, 1,364 in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

The numbers dropped sharply to 1,073 and 1,031 in 2017 and 2018, respectively. However, the investment picked up momentum in 2019 and 2020 with 1,157 and 1,130 deals, respectively. **IANS**

'RBI's guidelines for bank groups balance structural strengthening with business flexibility'

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 9

The Reserve Bank of India's guidelines on commercial banks' financial services businesses permitting overlapping lending activities within bank groups averted the need for major restructuring by 12 bank groups, a report said on Tuesday. The final guidelines aim to eliminate any regulatory arbitrage by aligning regulations across bank group entities, thus contributing to structural strengthening, while providing flexibility in business conduct, the report from Crisil Ratings said. **IANS**

SPORTS

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"I THANKED HIM PROFUSELY ON THE GROUND AND IN THE DRESSING ROOM BECAUSE IT WAS A BIG THING FOR HIM TO COME OUT WITH A BROKEN HAND."

Hardik blistering fifty lifts India to 175 for 6 after top-order wobble

CUTTACK, DECEMBER 9





Ace all-rounder Hardik Pandya marked his return to competitive cricket with a blistering half-century that helped India recover from some early blows to post a healthy 175/6 in the opening T20I against South Africa here on Tuesday.

Coming back after 74 days following a left quadricep injury that forced him out of the Asia Cup, Pandya walked in at No. 6 and immediately changed the tempo of the match.

India had slipped in both the power play and middle overs losing six wickets, but Pandya, who had proved his fitness at the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy for Baroda with a 42-ball 77 not out, counter-attacked with clean, fearless hitting to finish on 59 not out off 28 balls, laced with six fours and four sixes.

It was his sixth T20I fifty.

He began with two towering sixes against Keshav Maharaj just after Tilak Varma (26) fell, and then ripped into Anrich Nortje with a 17-run over, even stepping out to a 149kph thunderbolt to punch it for four, summing up the raw pace versus brute power duel that lifted the mood in the packed Barabati Stadium.

Marco Jansen tried to rush him with short balls, but Pandya pulled one with vengeance before racing towards fifty.

He struck a six and four off Lutho Sipamla (2/38) in the 19th over, and reached his half-century in 25 balls with a ramped six over third man off Nortje in the final over, celebrating it with a muted raise of the bat.

Pandya's late fireworks helped India add 53 runs in the last five overs, while Nortje, returning from injury, conceded 41 in four, including 12 in the final over.

On a fresh red-soil surface offering two-paced bounce, India struggled early after being sent in.

Abhishek Sharma (17), Shubman Gill (4) and Suryakumar Yadav (12) all fell inside seven overs as Lungi Ngidi (3/31) exploited the conditions superbly with clever variations.

He removed Gill early as the batter chipped to Jansen at mid-off, and later had skipper Suryakumar holding out to Aiden Markram.

Gill and Suryakumar took most of the strike in the powerplay, as Abhishek faced only nine balls in the first six overs.

The left-hander tried to force the pace immediately after the field restrictions lifted, but fell to Sipamla, thanks to a stunning sliding catch by the 2.06m Jansen sprinting across from long leg to fine leg. His brief stay of 17 off 12 ended just as he began to find rhythm with back-to-back boundaries.

India made notable selection calls, preferring Jitesh Sharma over Sanju Samson for wicketkeeper's slot, while Hardik returned to lead the all-round options.

The Gambhir-led setup also opted for another like-for-like all-rounder in Shivam Dube. **PTI**

RCB's Salt on his equation with Virat Kohli

LONDON, DECEMBER 9



Phil Salt has opened up about his initial reaction after being picked up by Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) at the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 Auction, saying he instantly felt he was a natural fit for the franchise.

The England right-hander, who was signed on by RCB for Rs 11.50 crore (Rs 115 million), justified his hefty price tag with a fearless approach in the Powerplay.

Speaking on the RCB Podcast, the English cricketer revealed that the team's style and clarity of communication made the transition seamless.

'My first thought was that this is a team I would really suit playing for. The way RCB have always carried themselves, the brand of cricket they play, it all appealed to me. From my very first conversation with Mo (Bobat) after the auction, I could clearly see why they wanted me and what role they had in mind for me. Everything felt very aligned with my game,' Salt said.

The England wicketkeeper-batter went on to score 403 runs in 13 matches for the franchise, including four half-centuries. His consistency at the top of the order played a key role in RCB's title-winning campaign.

Salt also spoke on his equation with the team's superstar Virat Kohli during the Indian Premier League (IPL) winning season.

'It is always important to have a strong relationship with whoever you're opening with. You need to understand how they play, and they need to understand your game too, so that you can bring the best out of each other. We started building that connection from the moment we both arrived here, and I am really pleased with how it is developing.'

Salt said that conversations around their respective roles as openers kept happening between them in the middle, and sometimes, it did not need them to speak a word.

'You can just sense how the other guy is playing. In Jaipur, for example, there was not much chat at all, it was just obvious that whenever Virat got on strike, he was happy to rotate it to me. On other days, like the game in Delhi, either of us could have gone on a run. Both of us were striking it well, and it just worked out that I took charge at the start of the third over. Sometimes you talk it through, and sometimes it happens completely organically. It is a moving picture,' he said.

Salt admitted that while cricket demands a far more attacking style of play, it could not lead to same consistency and chasing an Orange Cap in the IPL is not an option anymore. **AGENCIES**

Sachin reveals the broken-hand act that shaped his destiny

MUMBAI, DECEMBER 9



Sachin Tendulkar on Tuesday recalled former India player Gursharan Singh's gesture to walk out at No 10 with a broken hand only to help him score a valiant 103 for the Rest of India in their Irani Cup match against Delhi in 1989-90.

A rampant Delhi crushed the Rest of India by 309 runs in the contest played here at the Wankhede Stadium in which Tendulkar waged a lone battle scoring 103, with former India opener WV Raman's 41 being the other noticeable performance.

Struggling at 209 for nine in pursuit of a mammoth target of 554, the former India, Delhi and Punjab player Gursharan walked out at No 10 with a broken hand to support Tendulkar as the two put on another 36 runs for the final wicket. ROI were bowled out for 245

"As they say, promises are meant to be kept. I feel I'll go a step further and say that promises are meant to be kept, but also meant to be delivered... and that is what is our DNA," Tendulkar recalled at an Ageas Federal Life Insurance event in Mumbai.

"I can recall an incident... long way back in 1989 when I was playing Irani Trophy. This was a trial match before one got selected for India. I was batting in the 90s, and my partner, Gursharan Singh, had an injury a broken hand and he wasn't supposed to bat.

"But he was asked by the chairman of the selection committee, Raj Singh Dungarpur, to go out and bat and support his teammate. Gursharan came and helped me reach my hundred and I got selected to play for India after that. Afterward, Gursharan also became part of the Indian cricket team," he added.

Tendulkar said the gesture from Gursharan, who made a solitary appearance each in Tests and ODIs for India, was something that touched his heart.

"I thanked him profusely on the ground and in the dressing room because it was a big thing for him to come out with a broken hand," Tendulkar said.

"Just stepping out with a broken hand was significant. Whether I scored a hundred or not was secondary. His intent and attitude mattered most to me (and) that truly touched my heart," he added. **PTI**

Big blow for England as knee injury ends Wood's Ashes tour

BRISBANE, DECEMBER 9



England fast bowler Mark Wood has been ruled out of the remainder of the Ashes following a recurrence of a left knee injury sustained during the first Test in Perth.

Wood will return home later this week to work on his rehabilitation and recovery, the team said on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old's absence is a blow to an inexperienced England attack who were well handled by Australia's batters at the Gabba, where the hosts won by eight wickets. Perth was Wood's first Test in 15 months following a long period to rehabilitate the knee. He said he was "gutted" in a post on social media but would do all he could to return to the international arena.

"After extensive surgery and 7 long, hard months of work and rehab to get back into the test arena, my knee just hasn't held up," he wrote.

"None of us expected this. I came here with high expectations about making a big impact.

"I'm desperately disappointed that despite yet more injections and intensive medical treatment it has become clear that the flare up in my knee is worse than feared."

Wood was ruled out on the same day Australia confirmed stalwart quick Josh Hazlewood would play no part in the Ashes following Achilles and hamstring injuries. Surrey seamer Matthew Fisher has been added to the squad and will link up with the group this week, having been in Australia with the England Lions.

Fisher played his one Test during the 2022 tour of the West Indies.

England had Jofra Archer, Brydon Carse and Gus Atkinson in their pace attack at the Gabba, with all-rounder Ben Stokes offering a fourth seam option and Will Jacks providing part-time spin.

Australia posted 511 in their reply to England's first innings 334, with the tourists' bowlers frustrated for the better part of two sessions by the hosts' tail-enders. **AGENCIES**

Salah-less Liverpool plays Inter in Champions League; Barcelona, Bayern, Chelsea all in action

LONDON, DECEMBER 9



After leaving Mohamed Salah at home, Liverpool needs to show it can win without the Egyptian forward as Arne Slot's team takes on Inter Milan in the Champions League on Tuesday.

On a night when Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Chelsea and Tottenham are all in action, the focus is on Liverpool after Salah said Saturday it "seems like the club has thrown me under the bus." Liverpool's response was to leave him out of the squad for its trip to Italy.

Liverpool's poor recent form boosts Inter's chances of picking up a fifth win in six games. A win for 13th-place Liverpool would put Slot's team back into the hunt for the top eight seedings for the knockout stages.

After losing its last Champions League game 3-0 to Chelsea, Barcelona aims to recover at home to struggling Eintracht Frankfurt. It will have to do without defender Ronald Araujo, who is suspended after his red card against Chelsea and has also been unavailable for personal reasons.

Seventh-place Chelsea is unbeaten in four Champions League games and visits Atalanta aiming to strengthen its hold on a top-eight spot offering direct entry to the round of 16. Bayern can earn its fifth win of the league stage by beating Sporting Lisbon in an early kickoff.

Tottenham, which lost 5-3 to Paris Saint-Germain last time out, has an easier task against Czech team Slavia Prague. **AP**

Fernandes brace helps Man United thump Wolves

LONDON, DECEMBER 9





Manchester United climbed to sixth in the Premier League on Monday as captain Bruno Fernandes scored twice to help them claim a comfortable 4-1 victory at bottom club Wolverhampton Wanderers whose calamitous season gets bleaker by the week.

Dispirited Wolves fans spent most of the first half chanting in protest at the club's Chinese owners Fosun and their mood worsened when Fernandes gave United a 25th-minute lead.

To their credit Wolves showed some enterprise and they were cheered off at half-time after Haiti international Jean-Ricner Bellegarde fired home an equaliser in stoppage time.

Bryan Mbeumo restored United's lead with a tap-in after 52 minutes and Mason Mount's composed finish made it 3-1 just past the hour mark. Fernandes completed the job for United with a penalty after VAR spotted a handball.

When nine minutes of stoppage time were announced the Wolves fans still inside Molineux booed and sang 'blow the whistle'.

Ruben Amorim's United have 25 points from 15 games while Wolves's club-record eighth successive league defeat, and 13th of the season, left them marooned on two points and in danger of setting some unwanted Premier League history.

Their tally of points is the joint-lowest after 15 games in the history of England's top four tiers and they are without a league win since April, losing 16 and drawing three since. Wolves are now 13 points from the safety zone and the talk is not if they will be able to mount an escape bid but whether they can surpass the lowest-ever Premier League points haul of Derby County who managed only 11 in 2007-08.

While Wolves are looking down, United are beginning to look up and while there were times in the first half when they looked vulnerable, their second-half display was silky.

They ended up with 27 goals attempts, the most since Amorim took charge, and could have won by a larger margin.

"Attacking with freedom. I thought some of the combinations going forward were crisp, were sharp and that's what we can do," said Mount, who dispatched a sweet first-time volley from Fernandes's chipped ball into the area.

Fernandes had opened the scoring by scooping a shot past Sam Johnstone in the Wolves goal despite falling over.

United lost some control though and Wolves levelled just before the interval when Bellegarde fired home after David Moller Wolfe's shot had bounced into his path.

It was the first goal Wolves had scored for 540 minutes but after a brief burst of joy the gloom once again descended in the second half when Diogo Dalot squared for Mbeumo to score.

After Mount's goal, Fernandes bagged his second of the night with a typically confident penalty after Yerson Mosquera was adjudged by VAR to have handled a goal-bound shot.

Wolves were jeered off and manager Rob Edwards, who replaced Vítor Pereira last month, said he could not blame them. **AGENCIES**

Pulisic stars as Milan fightback and go top

TORINO, DECEMBER 9



AC Milan's Christian Pulisic came off the bench to score twice as they fought back from two goals down to claim a 3-2 victory at Torino on Monday that lifted them to the top of Serie A.

The win put Milan level on 31 points with Napoli after 14 games, with Inter Milan third on 30.

Milan manager Max Allegri watched from the stands as he served a touchline ban for protesting a refereeing decision during their 1-0 victory over Lazio last month.

Nikola Vlasic put Torino ahead after 10 minutes with a penalty after Fikayo Tomori handled. Although goalkeeper Mike Maignan got a hand to the spot kick he could not keep it out. Seven minutes later Duvan Zapata doubled the hosts' lead.

Adrien Rabiot pulled one back after 24 minutes with a strike into the top corner from nearly 30 metres. However, as Milan tried to build momentum, striker Rafael Leao pulled up injured and limped off just after the half-hour mark.

The visitors kept up the pressure in the second half and after a series of chances Pulisic equalised, turning home a low cross from close range in the 67th, seconds after coming on.

The American had been held in reserve due to flu symptoms, assistant coach Marco Landucci said before the match.

Pulisic completed the turnaround 10 minutes later, volleying in another cross inside the box to silence the home crowd.

Milan controlled the rest of the game and Pulisic almost claimed a hat-trick but there was an offside in the build-up. **AGENCIES**

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