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CM's Housing Scheme for widows and single women brings hope and dignity to needy in Bilaspur

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BILASPUR: Chief Minister's Widow and Single Women Housing Scheme is bringing a wave of dignity and empowerment to the lives of underprivileged women in Bilaspur. Implemented with commitment by the district administration, the scheme aims to provide safe, well-equipped, and permanent housing to widowed, divorced, and single women belonging

to economically weaker sections. Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar informed that under the scheme, financial aid of up to Rs. 3 lakh is being provided in two installments to eligible women to help them construct pucca houses. Special emphasis is being laid on ensuring that the houses come with essential facilities like electricity and water. The eligibility criteria are designed to include the most vulnerable.

NEWS BRIEF

Amb Bazaar shopkeepers set up refreshment stall



AMB: On Monday, presenting an example of human service in front distance from Amb Bazaar, the local shopkeepers of the market set up a stall of Hawa Halwa Chana and cold water for the passersby. The shopkeepers say that providing cold water to thirsty passersby in this scorching heat is the biggest charitable act. Himachal Pradesh Youth Congress General Secretary Raghay Thakur has praised this initiative of the shopkeepers and has appealed to other shopkeepers to participate in similar social works. Himachal Pradesh Youth Congress General Secretary Raghay Thakur said that this noble work of shopkeepers is not only providing relief to the people but is also strengthening the spirit of service and cooperation in the society Shopkeepers Sanjay Sharma. Krishna Kumar, Kunal Sharma,

Shri Krishna Katha concludes with call for inner revolution: Sadhvi Rupeshwari Bharti

Akshat, Rahul Mehta, Alib, Dhruv



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: A grand seven-day Shri Krishna Katha organized by Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan at Shri Ram Mandir in Shimla culminated with an enlightening discourse by Sadhvi Rupeshwari Bharti, disciple of Shri Ashutosh Maharaj Ji. Through the divine episodes of Lord Krishna's life, she revealed profound spiritual truths and emphasized that the Lord's katha is not just a story-but a transformative revolution. Sadhvi Ji highlighted that Lord Krishna's life is an eternal source of inspiration. "True transformation begins when the divine awakens within us. Only then does a human truly begin to understand the divine," she said. Referring to scriptures, she reminded the audience that the ultimate goal of

Una gets major development boost with projects worth 25.79 cr dedicated by CM

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, JUNE 16

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, during his visit to the Una Assembly constituency on Monday, dedicated and laid the foundation stones of multiple development projects amounting to Rs. 25.79 crore, with a focus on strengthening education and infrastructure in the region.

The Chief Minister inaugurated the newly constructed building of Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Una, built at a cost of 8.79 crore. The new facility will provide students with improved educational amenities and significantly enhance the academic environment.

He also inaugurated a State-ofthe-Art academic block at the Government degree college Una, equipped with smart classrooms, modern laboratories, and administrative units constructed at a cost of Rs. 12 crore. The Chief



Minister also laid the foundation stone for a 'New Girls Hostel' to be constructed within the same campus at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crore. The hostel will offer safe convenient residential facilities for girl students, especially those coming from rural and remote areas, thereby making higher education more accessible to them. In his address, the Chief Minister said that from the next academic session, the Government Senior Secondary (Boys) School, Una, would be converted into a coeducational institution on CBSE pattern. The Government schools have to come upto the present standards of other English medium convent schools and to realize this english medium teaching has been started from first class and 500 expert teachers in the subject were being recruited. Apart from this, 661 recruitments were being made for TGT Arts, Medical and Non-Medical posts, and 600 JBT recruitments would also be started soon. The Chief Minister said that the state government was

Government Model Day Boarding constituency, with a budget provision of Rs. 200 crore this year. The schools would offer education from pre-primary to class 12 as per CBSE curriculum and would be equipped with highsmart playgrounds, indoor stadiums, swimming pools and music rooms. He urged the youth to creatively use new technology and appealed to teachers to continually guide students so that the younger generation becomes capable, aware, and responsible.

In health sector Rs. 1350 crore was being spent on strengthening medical technology across the state with world-class treatment facilities. All medical colleges, including IGMC Shimla, Tanda and Nerchowk were being equipped with advanced technology. He said that machines older than 20 years were being replaced in phases.

Negi Case: HC extends interim protection to IAS Officer Harikesh Meena till July 14

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The Himachal Pradesh High Court on Monday extended interim protection from arrest to IAS officer Harikesh Meena till July 14 in connection with the abetment to suicide case of HPPCL Chief Engineer Vimal Negi. The decision came after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) orally requested more time to complete its review of the case and submit a detailed response to Meena's bail plea. The matter was heard in Court No. 8, where the counsel appearing for the CBI stated that the agency is currently in the process of collecting case records from various state agencies.

The CBI is analysing the material on a daily basis and, at this stage, is not in a position to provide a comprehensive reply. Without opposing the extension of interim relief, the CBI sought additional time to prepare its stand in the matter. Accepting the oral request, the Court extended Meena's protection from coercive action until the next date of hearing, which has now been



seeking cancellation of interim bail granted to either Harikesh Meena or HPPCL Director (Electrical) Desh Raj. Vimal Negi, who was working as Chief Engineer with the Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL), went missing from the corporation's headquarters in New Shimla on March 10. His body was later recovered from the Bhakra Dam on March 18.

Governor visits Devta Maheshwar Temple at Pujarli

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JUNE 16

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla today visited the revered temple of Devta Maheshwar at Pujarli in Rohru Sub-Division as part of his threeday official tour. Lady Governor, Janaki Shukla accompanied him during the visit. The Governor was warmly welcomed by a large number of local residents who gathered in traditional attire to greet him. Education Minister Rohit Thakur and local MLA Mohan Lal Brakta were also present on the occasion. The dignitaries joined the Governor in paying obeisance at the ancient temple, which holds immense religious



cultural significance for the local population. The Governor appreciated the devotion and hospitality of the people and expressed his deep reverence for the local dev parampara . "This visit has offered me a rare opportunity to witness the sacred Dev culture of Himachal Pradesh up close,"

said the Governor. He prayed for the continued blessings of Devta Maheshwar for welfare and prosperity of the people of the region. Secretary to the Governor C.P. Verma, Additional Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Verma and other dignitaries and officials were also present during the visit.

SFURTI workshop empowers traditional artisans in Bilaspur with modern tools and market access



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BILASPUR: In a significant initiative to uplift and empower traditional artisans, a one-day awareness workshop under the SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries) was organized at Hotel Prem Sagar, Bilaspur. Sponsored by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, the program attracted 40 participants including selfhelp group members, NGO representatives, and local entrepreneurs engaged in traditional handicrafts and small-scale industries. The workshop aimed to provide artisans with sustainable employment, access to modern equipment, training opportunities, and exposure to broader markets. Speaking on the occasion, General Manager of Industries Department Jiya Ram Abhilashi emphasized the importance of preserving and modernizing traditional skills to ensure livelihood resilience. Senior Manager Asma Rizvi delivered an insightful presentation detailing the SFURTI scheme's objectives—cluster formation, design innovation, packaging upgrades, e-commerce integration, and creation of common facility centers.

Grand Bhandara and Jagran to be held at Nagni Mata Temple in Pakka Tiala on June 19



SANJEEV MAHAJAN

NURPUR: The New Chinmaya Subhash Chandra Bose Memorial Yuvak Mandal of Pakka Tiala (Kandwal) is set to organize the 23rd annual grand bhandara and jagran at the ancient and revered Nagni Mata Temple in Pakka Tiala on June 19. Preparations for the event have already begun, with an organizing meeting held by the mandal members. This year's event will feature devotional performances by 14-year-old Harsh Sikander, winner of Zee TV's Little Champs, and popular Pahari folk singer Ishant Bhardwaj, who will sing praises of Mata Nagni during the night-long jagran. Yuvak Mandal member Romi, alias Mukesh, shared that the bhandara will begin at 1 PM and the jagran will start at 9 PM on June 19. He appealed to residents of the village and surrounding areas to participate in large numbers and seek blessings from Mata Nagni. Among those present at the preparatory meeting were Sunil Kumar Sanju, Mohan, Romi, Sunil, Rashpal, Lucky, Sanju, Kaka, Mitthu, Vansh, Ansh, Raj, Shabhi, Bholu, Ankush, Ishu, Jolly alias Rishu, Manish, and Manmohan.

HPSLA delegation meets CM, secures assurance on promotions, DA, and transfer policy review

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, JUNE 16

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A delegation of Himachal Pradesh School Lecturers Association's Una unit met Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu in Una on Monday. During this, the association raised various burning issues related to the lecturer class before the Chief Minister, which included topics like promotions, DA notification and transfer policy. The delegation was led by HPSLA Una District President Shashi Saini, who personally discussed in detail with the Chief Minister and apprised him of the hopes and expectations of the teacher community. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu listened to all the demands seriously and gave a clear assurance to release the promotion list for the post of



Principal soon. He said that the promotion process is in the final stage and the government is completely serious about the future and morale of the teachers. Regarding the pending Dearness Allowance (DA) notification, the Chief Minister clarified that it may take some time, but the government is also fully sensitive towards it and action will be taken as soon as possible. Shashi Saini said that the most important discussion was regarding the 30 km

restriction imposed in the transfer policy, on which the Chief Minister gave clear that indications government will re-examine the practicality of this policy and necessary amendments will be considered keeping in mind the problems of teachers. Speaking to the media after meeting the CM, Shashi Saini said that this was not just a list of demands, but a dialogue related to the honor, future and service of teachers. The Chief Minister listened to the matter very attentively and deeply. He hopes that in the coming days, big decisions will be seen in the interest of teachers. Thanking the Chief Minister on behalf of the union, he said that the teachers of the state always stand with the government with positive cooperation, but at the same time are united for their rights

INTUC General Secretary assures action on Midas Care worker union's burning issues

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, JUNE 16

A delegation from the Midas Care Worker Union, Bathu, met Comrade Jagtaram Sharma, National INTUC Organizing Secretary and State General Secretary, at Dehla village to highlight the ongoing injustices faced by workers in the industry.

During the meeting, the representatives informed Sharma that seven workers had been suspended without valid reason and 18 others were served illegal notices by the management. They expressed deep concern over what they called arbitrary actions, sparking unrest among workers in the region. The delegation also criticized the inaction of district INTUC officials and the government in safeguarding workers' Comrade



listened attentively to the delegation's grievances and assured them of firm action. "I will stand shoulder to shoulder with the workers and escalate this issue to the Delhi office and concerned highlevel authorities," he stated. He promised to initiate talks with both the management and the administration to seek resolution. Sharma further added that the matter would be brought to the notice of INTUC National President Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, State President Rani Pratibha

Singh, Chief Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Chief Minister Deputy Mukesh Agnihotri, and State INTUC President Hardeep Singh Bawa. He made it clear that any action taken against the interests of the workers would not be tolerated. The General Secretary concluded with a commitment to develop a concrete plan to address the workers' concerns facilitate dialogue between workers management to reach a long-



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Curetech Group organises refreshing Chabeel and Langar on Gurpurab

ANWAR HUSSAIN BADDI, JUNE 16

On the auspicious occasion of Gurpurab, Curetech Group, one of India's leading pharmaceutical companies, organized a refreshing chabeel (sweetened water distribution) and halwa-chana langar at Curetech Chowk under the leadership of CEO Sumit Singla, who also heads the Amit Singla Social Welfare Society. With temperatures soaring above 40 degrees Celsius in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) region, this initiative came as a blessing for commuters and locals alike. Several members of the Curetech family, local industrialists, youth organizations, and social workers enthusiastically participated in the community service. Speaking on the occasion, Sumit Singla said, "This year, many parts of the country have seen extreme heat, with temperatures hitting 45-50 degrees. In BBN too, the weather has been punishing. This chabeel and langar was a small effort from the



Curetech family to provide some relief to people on the roads." He also noted signs of a welcome weather change and potential rainfall in the near future. Appreciating the active participation of youth groups and the industrial community, Singla said, "Be it tree plantation drives or organizing chabeels, all sections of society are contributing wholeheartedly. Curetech Group will continue to take part in such welfare activities." Curetech Plant Head J.P. Gupta added, "Whether it's tree plantations, environmental efforts, or food and water drives, the group has always led from the front.

Paonta Sahib police working at behest of Sukhu govt: BJP

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: Former Speaker of Himachal Pradesh

Speaker of Himachal Pradesh Assembly, Kangra-Chamba Lok Sabha constituency BJP in-charge and MLA Vipin Singh Parmar, BJP General Secretary Trilok Kapoor, former District Palampur BJP President Vinay Sharma have



expressed strong reaction on the FIR lodged against BJP State President Dr. Rajiv Bindal and MLA Sukhram Chaudhary in the recent case in Paonta Sahib. BJP leaders said that whatever is happening in Paonta Sahib is unfortunate and worrying. Accusing the police and administration of injustice and onesided action towards the victim's family, they said that law and order is becoming completely biased. He said that the said case has been registered against 50 people on the charge of violating section 163 of BNS. He said that the police is harassing the victim's family and their associates, while on the other hand is supporting the accused party and a particular community, which is absolutely wrong and condemnable. He said that such incidents will not be tolerated at all in Devbhoomi. He alleged that the police is not taking any action against the family and supporters of the accused, while the victim's family is being constantly harassed.

Field consultation held at Abhilashi University to assess climate challenges for SHDR

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JUNE 16

As part of field-level consultations for the State Human Development Report, teams from UNDP and the Department of Environment, Science, Technology & Climate Change (DEST&CC), Government of Himachal Pradesh, interacted with 112 people including women farmers and self-help groups at Abhilashi University, Mandi. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. H.K. Chaudhary, welcomed the team and emphasized the importance of climate resilience in this ecologically sensitive region, located at the edge of the Wet Temperate Zone, where climate change is significantly impacting cropping patterns and livelihoods. Ms. Monika Sharma, Coordinator UNDP introduced the teams and briefed the community on the State Human Development Report (SHDR) process, stating that the visit aimed to understand how climate change is affecting people's daily lives and livelihoods.

Dr. Suresh Attri, Chief Scientist at DEST&CC, also informed the team about the



research and development (R&D) collaboration between the state government and the institution with respect to conservation of millets grown in the region. He also appreciated the efforts of Dr.Ritika, a professor at Abhilashileading a DEST&CC-supported project to conserve germplasm of local crop varieties such as millets and pulses through ex-situ conservation. To date, she has conserved over 60 varieties, barcoded them, and encouraged women selfhelp groups (SHGs) to undertake value addition by producing millet-based products. Smt. Raksha and Sneha, members of alocal SHG, shared that they began processing millets in 2019. Today, around 230 women are engaged across five locations, producing biscuits significantly improving their livelihoods.