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Tried to take advantage of schemes in wrong way

DHARAMSHALA: District Labor Welfare Officer, Dharamshala, Kangra, Lokesh Kumar, while giving information here today, said that this year a verification and investigation campaign was conducted by the District Welfare Office Kangra. In this campaign, it was found

registration of 135 laborers, which included double registration and wrong documents. All these cases have been canceled with immediate effect and action is also being taken against those who have done wrong registration. He said that the main objective of Himachal Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board is to provide the benefits of education, health and welfare schemes to registered laborers and their families.

parking crisis in Shimla

that some persons have tried to take advantage of the schemes in a wrong way. During the investigation, irregularities were found in the Bilaspur DDMA revokes toll suspension, allows TCP department issues notification to address

AGENCY SHIMLA, AUG 23

In a move aimed at resolving Shimla's long-pending parking woes, the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department has issued a notification proposing to allow the use of building basements for parking facilities beyond the permissible Floor Area Ratio (FAR). The decision is expected to benefit thousands of residents across the city who have long struggled with the lack of adequate parking. The government plans to grant approvals for construction in heritage and green areas of the capital, subject to strict conditions. According to the notification, plots measuring 0.25 to 0.50 bigha will be allowed to construct parking spaces for two vehicles, while those ranging from 0.50 to 1 bigha may provide up to four. Similarly, bigger plots up to 1.5

can accommodate six

vehicles, while owners of even larger plots will be required to create parking for more vehicles proportionately. TCP officials said that permissions would be granted only after payment of a fixed fee, ranging from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 7,500 per vehicle space. This fee structure has been finalised to discourage haphazard parking and ensure that proper facilities are created within residential and commercial establishments. The department also clarified that violations of these provisions, particularly unauthorised basement construction, could invite penalties of up to Rs. 1 lakh. In addition. occupancy certificates would not be issued unless parking norms were strictly complied with. The new rules are being viewed as a significant step to reduce roadside parking in Shimla's congested areas,

where traffic chaos has worsened in

NEWS BRIEF

Nagar Panchayat Amb aids cancer patient **Harman with** compassionate support



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: All the councillors and officers of Nagar Panchayat Amb have united and set an example of humanity. They have fulfilled their responsibility towards the society by providing financial help for the treatment of Harman who is battling cancer. Nagar Panchayat Chairperson Indu Dhiman said that Harman is suffering from a serious illness and his treatment is costing a lot. In this difficult time, all the councillors and officers of Nagar Panchayat voluntarily collected money and gave it to Harman's family, so that there is no hindrance in his treatment Harman's father also got emotional and thanked the Nagar Panchayat for this support and appealed for further support from the society. He said that this help for his son's treatment is a ray of

SDLSA organises legal awareness camp for transgender



ANIL KUMAR **HAMIRPUR:** The Sub-Divisional Legal Services Authority (SDLSA) organised a one-day legal awareness camp for the transgender community at Hotel Sun Sky, Baelag, under the chairmanship of Suriit Thakur. district vice president of Vishwa Hindu Parishad. Advocate Sanjeev Thakur informed the participants that several government schemes and facilities are available for the transgender community, which they are entitled to avail. He added that if members of the community require assistance anywhere, they can approach the Legal Services Authority free of cost to resolve

toll collection on reduced highway length

BILASPUR, AUG 23

The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Bilaspur, has revoked its previous order dated August 20, 2025, which had temporarily suspended operations at the Baloh and Maura Toll Plazas on the four-lane National Highway-21 due to adverse road conditions including landslides and falling boulders.

According to the revised order issued from the DDMA Bilaspur, toll collection will resume effective August 23, 2025, but only on the reduced road length of 48.935 kilometers. This reduction comes after inspection by multiple Sub-Divisional Magistrates and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials determined that certain sections of the highway, approximately 0.83



kilometers, remain under repair and only two lanes are currently

functional instead of four.

The order read, "Whereas, during the inspection it has been noted that certain sections of the National Highway are still under repair, and only two lanes are

functional instead of four lanes. It has also been mentioned in letter no. NHAI/PD/PIU-Mandi/Toll Plaza/31/1552 at Para No. 5 received from Project Director, NHAI, PIU-Mandi. As per the current situation, the toll fee shall not be collected for these damaged sections (which is said National Highway) until they are repaired completely. The total road length eligible for toll collection is now reduced to 48.935 Kms for Maura Toll Plaza, excluding the aforesaid stretches undergoing repair work." The order directs the NHAL Maura Toll Plaza management, and other concerned authorities to ensure toll charges are levied solely on the operable, safe sections of the highway pending full repair. "This order will come into effect with the condition that NHAI and the concerned authorities, including the Maura Toll Plaza management are directed to ensure that toll collection is initiated on the reduced tollable length only. In addition, adequate signage display helpline numbers along with traffic management measures are to be put in place for the safety and convenience of the

Brahmakumari Ashram, Amb organises blood donation camp on World Brotherhood Day

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, AUG 23

On the occasion of World Brotherhood Day, a special blood donation camp was organized by Brahmakumari Ashram, Amb. This camp was inaugurated by SDM Amb Sachin Sharma by lighting a lamp.

Dr. Kiran, the keynote speaker at the event, highlighted the importance of blood donation and said, "Blood donation is a true service to humanity and it not only saves the lives of the needy but also strengthens the spirit of unity and brotherhood in the society."

Many social workers and youth of the area participated enthusiastically in the camp. Members of Brahmakumari



organization important role in making the camp successful. Suresh Bhardwaj, founder of Tidy Sober Tomorrow Foundation, said that 20 blood donors from our organization participated in this blood donation camp -Dhiman, Vijay Seema Kumar. Ravi Dutt, Anil, Pankaj, etc. SDM Sachin Sharma in his address lauded

the efforts of the organisation and said, "Such events play an important role connecting the society and encouraging the spirit of service." 30 blood donors donated blood. At the end of the camp, certificates and thank you letters were also given to the blood donors. Brahmakumari Asha, Rita and Harjeet were specially present on this occasion.

IRG holds special awareness camp in Baddi schools

public," read the order.



SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: The Institute for Research and Growth (IRG), in collaboration with Glenmark Foundation under the RCH project (Reproductive Child Health), organized special awareness programmes in three schools of Baddi block — Government Primary School Bilawali, Government Primary School Malpur, and Government Middle School Malpur. The objective was to educate children on balanced diet, personal hygiene, and the harmful effects of plastic. During the sessions, children were guided on incorporating nutritious food in daily meals, the importance of regular hand washing and personal hygiene, and the risks posed by plastic to health and the environment. More than 200 children also underwent MUAC (Mid-Upper Arm Circumference) assessment to evaluate their nutritional status. Interactive quizzes and group activities made the sessions engaging for the students.

Bilaspur leads the way in TB eradication, honours TB-Free Panchayats

recent years.



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: In a remarkable step towards public health transformation, the Bilaspur district administration, Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar, honored the representatives of 29 TB-free panchayats at a special event organized by the Health and Family Welfare Department at Savings Bhawan. In a proud moment for the district, 11 panchayats achieved TB-free status for the second consecutive year and were elevated to the Silver Category, receiving a silver statue of Mahatma Gandhi. These panchayats included Gatwad, Lanjata, Marhana, Maihari Kathla, Salon Uparli, Kothipura, Baihal, Lahri, Road Jaman, Tarsuh, and Toba Sangwana. Additionally, 18 new panchayats were honored in the Bronze Category for achieving TB-free status for the first time. Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar commended the efforts of panchayat representatives and health workers, calling it a proud achievement for Bilaspur. He emphasized the importance of grassroots participation in eradicating TB and urged representatives to run sustained awareness drives, promote early diagnosis, and ensure timely treatment at the panchayat level.

Shoolini University researcher files patents for first-of-its-kind health products from Himalayan tribal medicinal plants

their issues legally.

SOLAN: In a major breakthrough for sustainable healthcare, Dr. Radha, Assistant Professor and In-Charge of the Herbarium and Drug Museum at ological Environmental Sciences, Shoolini University, this year in 2025 has filed four patents for pioneering plant-based health products and eco-friendly extraction methods developed from Himalayan medicinal plants. This is the first time traditional tribal remedies from the region have been scientifically validated transformed into modern, additivefree functional foods and natural antimicrobial solutions. Among the filed patents is a nutrient-enriched jam made from Bombax ceiba flowers and apple pulp. Packed with dietary fibre, phenols and flavonoids, the jam draws



on the flower's antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties and is entirely free from artificial preservatives and colourants. Another patent application covers a ready-toserve drink made from Bombax ceiba flower extract, blending the plant's traditional cooling and restorative qualities with modern food science to deliver bioactive compounds in a convenient format. Two of the patents involve innovative extraction methods for medicinal plants. One is for Prinsepia utilis leaves, producing extracts rich in natural compounds that can fight harmful bacteria, including drugresistant strains—marking the first time this Himalayan plant has been shown to have such effects.

China's repression continues in Tibet over the Dalai Lama



SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: China's repression continues in Tibet over the Tibetan religious leader Dalai Lama. Apart from Tibet, his followers celebrated his birthday on a large scale all over the world. China had imposed so many restrictions in Tibet that people could not even celebrate his birthday openly. According to a report, Chinese officials had deployed a large number of police in Karje Monastery, due to which Buddhist monks and nuns were confined within the monastery premises. They were barred from participating in any kind of public or community ritual. According to the report, Chinese officials also monitored any kind of ritual in homes and strictly banned burning of smoke to suppress the centuries-old religious practice of burning juniper branches. The Chinese administration not only increased surveillance on Tibetans, but also monitored communication with those who are in exile, as well as detained some people. China's repression cycle on Tibet has been continuing like this for the last several decades. The Chinese army is constantly torturing the Tibetan people living in Tibet. Tibetan monasteries are being damaged. Many types of restrictions have also been imposed on Buddhist monks by China. Overall, even today China is bent on violating human rights in Tibet. The whole world knows the kind of barbarism that China has done to the residents of Tibet since its occupation.

Auckland House School for Girls organises firstof-its-kind cervical cancer vaccination drive

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: In a pioneering step towards preventive healthcare, Auckland House School for Girls organised its first-ever Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive at Indira Gandhi College (IGMC), Shimla. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation with more than 120 students, aged 9 years and above, receiving the HPV vaccine. The vaccination drive was the result of a health awareness workshop held two months ago by Dr. Alok, where parents, teachers, and students were

sensitised about the importance of vaccination in preventing cervical cancer and ensuring a healthier future. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Ms. Smaraki Samantaroy said, "At Auckland House School, the health and well-being of our children matters more than anything else. This vaccination drive was organised at concessional rates because for us, it is not about business but about safeguarding the lives of our students. As a responsible institution, we are equally committed to the health of our students and society at large. After all, when a woman is healthy, she safeguards the well-being of an entire family." She also expressed her gratitude towards IGMC staff for making it a grand success. The school's initiative reflects its dedication to not only academic excellence but also holistic development, nurturing healthy and responsible citizens for tomorrow.

PM Shri School Amb student Akarsh secures NIT Hamirpur seat, makes region proud



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, AUG 23

PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School Amb's student Akarsh son of Mahendra Pal has brought laurels to the school and the region by securing a seat in the Chemical Branch at NIT Hamirpur with hard work and dedication. The school's Principal Vinod Vanyal congratulated Akarsh, his parents and all the teachers including spokesperson Banwari Lal Bhogal, Jyoti Chauhan, Anika, Satish, Neha on this achievement. He said that Akarsh has been a very hardworking student in studies since the beginning and has been consistently performing excellently in sports as well. Last year this child had won a silver medal in the state level sports competition, which is a proof of his versatile talent. The Principal expressed confidence that students like Akarsh will bring glory to the school and the region in the future too. Motivating all the students, he said that learning from Akarsh's achievement, they should also set high goals in life and keep working continuously to achieve them.

Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana paves way for rural development with environmental conservation

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: The

Himachal government's Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana is dedicated to both environmental protection and rural empowerment. The scheme aims to turn barren and unused forest land into green while providing and



employment income opportunities for local communities. Implemented in a planned manner across the state, it places special emphasis on community participation in forest management. In Una district, the scheme is progressing rapidly. DFO Una, Sushil Rana, informed that registered women's groups, youth clubs, selfhelp groups, and other community organizations are being involved in afforestation activities. Each group is allotted 1 to 5 hectares of land for plantation and its maintenance for five years. For every hectare, groups receive financial assistance of up to Rs. 1.20 lakh, along with incentive payments based on plant survival rates. If more than 50 percent survival is ensured, an additional Rs. 1 lakh is provided. Plantation is being carried out across all forest ranges in Una, along with maintenance of

old plants and replacement of damaged ones.

BJP MLA Randhir Sharma slams Congress governance, calls for readiness ahead of Panchayati Raj Polls



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: A meeting of the Sri Naina Devi Ji Mandal was held today at the Circuit House under the leadership of Mandal President Nand Lal Thakur. The gathering saw the special presence of MLA of the constituency, Randhir Sharma, who was warmly honored upon his reappointment as the BJP's media department in-charge. Addressing the Mandal workers, Randhir Sharma discussed key organizational strategies and urged everyone to gear up for the upcoming Panchayati Raj elections. In a sharp critique of the Congress-led state government, Sharma said the people of Himachal Pradesh are feeling betrayed by the hollow promises of the Congress party.

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