

Sukhu launches prepaid taxi service from ISBT Shimla

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Shimla: Himachal Pradesh chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday inaugurated prepaid taxi service at ISBT Tuktikandi, Shimla, aimed at ensuring transparency and passenger safety.

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Under the new system, commuters can book taxis directly at the prepaid counter, make advance payment, and receive a payment slip, which must be presented to the taxi driver.

After completing the journey, drivers submit the slip at the counter to receive their fare.

The prepaid service will cover 26 locations within Shimla, along with two key routes to Chandigarh International Airport and Chandigarh city, operated by 115 vehicles under the taxi union. By paying fares in advance, the passengers can avoid disputes or confusion over charges.

IIM Mandi study to reduce risk of landslides

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Kullu: A Landslide Risk Assessment and Mitigation (LRAM) course started at the Indian Institute of Technology Mandi on Tuesday.

The 6-day international training programme aims to develop global knowledge and practical solutions to reduce landslide disaster risk. Organised by the LRAM School of Italy, the programme is being held in India in a physical format for the 2nd time.

The LRAM Course 2026 at IIT Mandi is being attended by 10 distinguished experts from Switzerland, Italy, Norway and India.

They will deliver lectures and training to 40 participants, including research scholars and professionals from various institutions.

The course is specially designed with the challenges of the Himalayan region in mind, where landslides and slope instability pose serious threats to communities, transportation networks and critical infrastructure.