

Teachers transform govt schools into 'Banka' institutions in Kullu

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, FEBRUARY 24 Members of the Teacher Home Committee in Kullu have taken it upon themselves to beautify government schools. Under this unique initiative, the educators are using their personal funds, contributions and voluntary labour to give schools a new and attractive look. The campaign has been named 'Banka School', where 'Banka' in local dialect signifies beautiful and clean.

The primary objective of the drive is to provide children studying in government schools with a clean, attractive and positive environment, enabling them to receive education in better surroundings. The teachers believe that if the school atmosphere is pleasant and inspiring, children's interest in studies naturally increases, facilitating their overall development.

So far, two schools in Raison and Devdhar have been transformed under this cam-



A school at Devdhar beautified under 'Banka School' campaign by the Teacher Home Committee in Kullu.

paign. Initiatives undertaken at these schools include painting, thorough cleaning, attractive wall paintings, walls adorned with educational messages and improved seating arrangements. The new look of these schools has captured the attention of students, parents and local residents.

Ravinder Thakur, general secretary of the Teacher Home Committee, said that

the positive vision of committee's president Shyam Lal Handa and treasurer Jeet Kumar had given momentum to the campaign. He added that this was not merely about beautification but a symbol of dedication and responsibility towards education.

Several social organisations, including Sahbhagita Sanstha and Care Himalaya, along with local residents, are also extending their sup-

port to this mission. The teachers' initiative is receiving widespread appreciation in the district.

If all teachers in the district join this campaign, all government schools in Kullu can acquire a new identity as 'Banka' schools in the coming times. This effort is not only changing the face of the schools but also sending a positive message about education in society.

Youth urged to shun drugs, embrace sports

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, FEBRUARY 24

The Himachal Pradesh State Volleyball Association organised the first U-21 youth volleyball championship and a mini marathon at Shahpur in Kangra district on Tuesday.

Lok Sabha member from Hamirpur and former union minister Anurag Singh Thakur graced the occasion as the chief guest, while national president of the volleyball association and former minister Virender Kanwar attending the event as a special guest.

Addressing the gathering, Thakur called upon the youth to stay away from social evils like drug addiction and channelise their energy into sports. "The young friends of Himachal must reject drugs and embrace sports," he said, adding that sports played a vital role in personality development and nation-building.

Highlighting the Centre's focus on sports, Thakur said when Narendra Modi assumed office in 2014, the national sports budget stood at Rs 800 crore, which had now increased to Rs 3,700 crore. He said the government's pro-sports poli-

U-21 volleyball championship, mini marathon organised at Shahpur



Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur flags off the mini marathon at Shahpur on Tuesday. KAMAL JEET

cies and direct interaction of the Prime Minister with sportspersons—irrespective of medal wins—had significantly boosted the morale of sportspersons.

Referring to India's preparations to host the 2036 Olympics, he stressed the need for strengthening sports infrastructure in Himachal and appointing qualified coaches across all disciplines. He added that

state-level championships opened pathways for players to participate in advanced camps and selection trials for national and international events.

Kanwar, in his address, said sports were not merely competitions but platforms for character-building. He noted that such events in rural and urban areas provided positive direction to youth and helped curb drug abuse.

The mini marathon witnessed spirited participation, with Shahpur ground echoing with applause. The players in the U-21 championship displayed impressive skill and sportsmanship, earning appreciation from the spectators.

District BJP president Sachin Sharma, former minister Sarvin Chaudhary, MLA Thakur Ranbir Singh Nikka and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Mr, Miss KVS crowned at farewell party

KULLU, FEBRUARY 24

The Fresher's-cum-Farewell Party for the academic session 2025-26 was organised at Kullu Valley School (KVS) at Verma Cottage on Monday. Principal Sanjeev Bhardwaj said such occasions went beyond celebration and served as platforms to strengthen bonds among students.

"The party symbolises continuity in the life of the school. While we bid farewell to one batch that has contributed immensely to our legacy, we also welcome a new group of students who will carry this legacy forward," he said.

A major highlight of the programme was the announcement of Mr KVS and Miss KVS for 2025-26. Kartikeshwar Singh was conferred the title of Mr KVS in the recognition of his confidence, leadership qualities and consistent participation in academic and co-curricular activities. Kritika Tharmani was crowned Miss KVS for her grace, artistic expression and commendable involvement in scholastic and



The winners with teachers at Kullu Valley School.

cultural spheres.

The principal congratulated both students and said that they exemplified the ethos of the institution. "Excellence at Kullu Valley School is not limited to academic achievement. It encompasses character, responsibility, creativity and the ability to inspire others. Both Kartikeshwar and Kriti-

ka have demonstrated these qualities," he added.

The evening featured vibrant cultural performances by students, showcasing their artistic talent and enthusiasm. Speeches by the members of the outgoing batch added an emotional touch. The formal proceedings concluded with a DJ session and lunch. — OC

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NAHAN, FEBRUARY 24

The Department of Geography at Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar Government Post Graduate College, Nahan, hosted a virtual international conference today on 'Himalayan Environmental Issues and Disaster Risk: Multidisciplinary Perspectives'. Regarded as the first-ever international academic conference in the history of the college and Simlaur district, the event marked a significant milestone in strengthening higher education, research and global academic collaboration in the region.

Deliberations centred on the growing environmental fragility of the Himalayan region, often described as the 'Water Tower of Asia'. Experts underlined how climate change, glacier retreat, deforestation, biodiversity loss, hydropower expansion, tourism pressure and



Students and faculty of Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar Government Post Graduate College in Nahan.

unplanned urbanisation had intensified ecological degradation. Rising incidents of cloudbursts, flash floods, landslides, earthquakes, avalanches and glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) were highlighted as serious threats to infrastructure, livelihoods and sustainable development.

More than 540 delegates from universities, research institu-

tions and government bodies across India participated in the conference, representing states like Telangana, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Ladakh, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Delhi. The event featured an eminent panel of international and national experts, including Dr Ashok Verma from NASA (USA), Dr Suresh Vishwakarma (Canada), Raisa Torres Ramirez (Ecuador),

Dr Anwesha Borthakur (Germany), Dr Neelav Srivastava (Thailand), Dr Praveen K Thakur from ISRO, Dr Devendra Pradhan from the India Meteorological Department, and Dr Pritam Chand from the Central University of Punjab. High-altitude specialists and Everest summiters also shared valuable field experiences.

Eleven technical sessions

witnessed the presentation of over 400 research papers covering glacier dynamics, geomorphology, biodiversity conservation, disaster risk reduction, GIS and remote sensing, climate modelling, early warning systems, waste management, watershed sustainability, and policy frameworks aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Principal Dr V K Shukla described the conference as a landmark academic achievement that provided a crucial platform for scientists and policymakers to deliberate on practical solutions. Organising Secretary Dr Jagdish Chand emphasised the importance of such initiatives for bridging the gap between scientific research, policy formulation and grassroots implementation, thereby strengthening climate-resilient development in the fragile mountain ecosystems.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Jyotsana Thakur d/o Late Sh. Bishan Dass r/o Vill. Kulwara, PO Chatrokhari, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh - 175018, hereby declare that I have changed my name from Jyotsana Thakur to Jyotsana Thakur. (CL25101209)

DISCLAIMER

"The Tribune Trust does not take responsibility for the contents of the advertisements (Display Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own before acting there upon."

CLICK BOOK PAY

Scan here
to book your ad!



or log on to <https://classifieds.tribuneindia.com>

दैनिक हिन्दू The Tribune Voice of the People

Auckland boys, staff trained in administering basic life support

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 24

Auckland House School for Boys organised a comprehensive basic life support (BLS) training session for its teachers and students, aimed at equipping participants with essential life-saving skills and practical knowledge to handle medical emergencies effectively within the school campus.

The session was conducted under the guidance of Anu-

radha, with support of Priyanka and Shweta, who delivered detailed demonstrations along with hands-on practical training. Moving beyond theoretical understanding, the workshop focused on real-time simulations to build confidence, awareness and quick decision-making among participants.

During the training session, students and teachers were taught about immediate response and care in cases of fainting, recognising when CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) was required, step-by-step CPR demonstration and supervised practice until professional help arrives.

They were also trained in techniques to control external bleeding, handling impaired objects without causing further injury, response measures in cases of amputation, proper management of nosebleeds, identifying signs of internal injuries and effective response during choking incidents.

Anuradha said this marked the first initiative of its kind at the school. She said empowering educators and young learners with practical emergency skills was a vital step towards fostering a culture of preparedness. — TNS

HPU VC feted at Banaras varsity

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 24

In a remarkable feat, Prof Mahavir Singh, Vice-Chancellor (VC), Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), was conferred the 'Bharat Ratna Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya Pragya Samman 2026' for his contributions in the field of education (advertising).

The award was presented at a ceremony organised by the Akhil Bharatiya Saraswat Parishad, an international organisation, at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU), in memory of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, who served as the president of the Indian National Congress four times.

The VC's nomination was proposed in 2024 by Prof S N Upadhyay, former Director of IIT BHU. After two years and several meetings, a high-level selection committee chaired by Prof Manoj Dixit, Vice-Chancellor of Maharaja Ganga Singh University, approved his name for this year's highest honour of the institution.

Prof Singh is recognised as a world-class scholar and is ranked among the top two per cent scientists globally. He is widely respected for his scholarship, dedication, collective leadership, global outlook, and commitment to merit.

यूको बैंक

भारत सरकार का उपक्रम

UCO BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION ON 30.03.2026 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 05:00 PM (WITH 10 MINUTES UNLIMITED AUTO EXTENSIONS)

EMD SHALL BE DEPOSITED AND LINKED/MAPPED WITH THE PROPERTY ID BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF AUCTION TIME PRIOR TO PLACING THE BID

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of UCO Bank, Respective Branches as under had taken possession of the following properties to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act in the following loan accounts with right to sell the same strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" & "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" under section 13(4) of the (SARFAESI) Act 2002 propose to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website.

Name of the Branch/ Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Details of the Immovable Properties	Date of Demand Notice Outstanding Amount (Secured Debts)	Date of Symbolic/ Physical Possession Details of Officials concerned	25% Deposit Account No. IFSC CODE	Reserve Price		Date & Time Of E-Auction
					EMD Bid Increase Amount	EMD	
B/O : NARKANDA Sarika Thakur	Build up 4 Cottages, Single Storey (Ground Floor Slab & First Floor complete) along with land measuring 00-22-53 hect being comprised in Khata No./ Khatauni No. 8/23 min. Kharsa No. 73/1, Kita-1, Situated in Mohal Gharewat, Tehsil Kumarsain & District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, Owned by Sarika Thakur D/o Raghuvir Singh.	14.08.2024 Rs. 1,15,65,575.53 + incidental costs+ cgmise claim	05.11.2024 Symbolic Authorised officer Ayan Dutta, Mob. No. 94025-03190, Branch Head Jitender Kiran 91474-04245, E-Mail : narkanda@uco.bank.in	Account No. 03931030080161 IFSC UCBA0000393 Name of Account : No Lien Account	Rs. 1,58,00,000/- Rs. 15,80,000/- Rs. 25,000/-	30.03.2026 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM (with unlimited auto extension of 10 minutes each)	
B/O : HPMIDC, Shimla Borrower : M/s Ashima Mushroom Prop. Mr. Anil Kumar S/o Late Sh. Puran Chand, R/o Village Kanshipatta, P.O. Dhayawla, Mamligh, Tehsil Kandaghat, Dist. Solan, (H.P.) - 173207, Guarantor: Smt. Kiran Thakur W/o Sh. Anil Kumar, Village Kanshipatta, P.O. Dhayawla, Mamligh, Tehsil Kandaghat, Dist. Solan, (H.P.) - 173207.	Property and Land Comprised in Khata Khatauni No. 41/69 to 74, Kita 123 to the extent of 1/40 share measuring 04-19 Bighas, Out of total land measuring 197 Bighas, 16 Biswa, Situated at Mohal Kansi Patta, Patwar Circle Satalol, Sub Tehsil Mamligh, District Solan, (H.P.) along with Mushroom Unit thereupon with all easementary rights attached thereto Owned by Anil Kumar S/o Late Sh. Puran Chand.	01.05.2025 Rs. 68,12,116.59 with further interest and incidental charges costs etc.	29.10.2025 (Symbolic) Authorised officer & Branch Head Shikha Bhatt, Mob. 91474-04255, E-Mail : hpmidc@uco.bank.in	Account No. 15551030080161 IFSC CODE UCBA0001555 Name of Beneficiary : No Lien Account	Rs. 87,00,000/- Rs. 8,70,000/- Rs. 25,000/-	30.03.2026 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM (with unlimited auto extension of 10 minutes each)	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE : 1. Bids should be submitted only ONLINE in the prescribed form. Online bids can be submitted by accessing the <https://banknet.com>. 2. Bids should be submitted along with a copy of identity document as an attachment to the bid form. Original identity Document must be produced on demand. 3. 10% of the Upset Price/Reserve Price must be deposited towards EMD through RTGS/NEFT/ Money Transfer to the Account Details Mentioned Against each account or the EMD can also be deposited to e-wallet of Auction Provider by accessing the website mentioned in the point No. 6, in case of sole bidder, bid amount quoted must be one Bid higher than Reserve Price. The Authorised Officer reserve absolute right to accept or reject any one or more bids or to postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons. 4. On sale of immovable property, the Successful Bidder shall immediately pay a deposit of Twenty Five percent (25%) of the amount of the sale price through RTGS/NEFT/ Money Transfer to the Bank A/c as mentioned above against each account, to the authorized officer conducting the sale failing which the Earnest Money Deposit shall be forfeited and property shall forthwith be sold again. 5. The successful bidder shall remit the balance bid amount within 15 (fifteen) days of confirmation of sale in his favor. If the successful bidder fails to remit the balance bid amount within the said period, deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold. 6. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration, Terms & Conditions on Online Inter-Site Bidding etc., may visit Website <https://banknet.com>, Helpline No. +91 82912 20220, Helpline E mail id : support.banknet@psballiance.com. For any property related query may contact the Authorised Officer or Branch manager, As details of Authorised officer/s/ Branch Manager/s mentioned above against each account. Sale will not be confirmed if the borrower tenders to the Bank contractual dues along with other expenses prior to the Authorized Officer issuing Sale Confirmation Letter to the successful bidder(s). In such case, the Bank shall refund without interest the entire amount remitted by the successful bidder. 7. Statutory dues /liabilities etc., due to the Government/ Local Body, if any, shall be borne by the Successful bidders. The Successful Bidder has to bear the TDS of 1% if the property value exceed Rs. 50 Lacs. Bidders are advised to go through the service provider's website <https://banknet.com> or Contact respective Branch Manager before participating in the auction. All participating bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood all the conditions of sale given on website and be bound by all the conditions. The Auction sale is subject to confirmation of the secured creditor Bank. Further inquiries, if any, in particular details of the properties, verification of documents and /or terms and conditions of sale can be obtained from the respective Branch Managers as mentioned above during office hours. 8. The Property will be sold on "As is where is and what is where" basis and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards to the property of any authority besides the bank's charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges, encumbrances over the property on any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT-2002

The borrowers/ guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before confirmation of sale failing which the properties will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 24.02.2026

AUTHORISED OFFICER

अंचल प्रबंधन

सर्वेक्षणी अधिनियम-2002 के अधीन 30 दिनों की वैधानिक बिद्वी सूचना

ऋषी/गारंटरी को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे बिद्वी की पृष्ठ से पहले ऊपर बताई गई रश्री, साथ ही मौजूदा ब्याज और सहायक खर्चों का भुगतान करें, ऐसा न करने पर प्रॉपर्टी की नीलामी/बिद्वी कर दी जाएगी और बाकी बकाया, अगर कोई हो, तो ब्याज और लागत के साथ वसूल किया जाएगा।

दिनांक: 24.02.2026

प्राधिकृत अधिकारी