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Minister lays foundation stone of key road projects at Jubbal

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SHIMLA, AUGUST 11 Education Minister Rohit Thakur on Tuesday visited the remote Khanashni area of Jubbal subdivision in Shimla district and inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects there. He laid the foundation stone of the project for the upgrade of the Kalta link road at a cost of Rs 5.58 crore and inaugurated a newly constructed bridge on the same road, built at a cost of Rs 2.10 crore. He said that the bridge had been completed in less than three years.

Thakur also laid the foundation stone for the upgrade of the Dhansar link road, which would cost Rs 6.99 crore, and the Harot link road in Jhalla panchayat, to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 88 lakh.

Later, he inaugurated the Vijay Singh Thakur and Anil Chauhan Memorial Volleyball



Education Minister Rohit Thakur lays the foundation stone of a road project in Jubbal on Tuesday.

Tournament at Dhansar and announced a grant of Rs 50,000 for the local youth club.

Thakur said that roads were crucial for connecting remote areas with the mainstream and supporting apple grow-

ers in transporting their produce to markets. He said 15 more roads had been sanctioned in the Khanashni area.

He added that despite extensive damage to roads during last year's monsoon,

restoration work had been undertaken on a war footing to ensure uninterrupted transportation of apples. He said departments had been directed to remain prepared this year as well.

Dharmani: ₹10 cr biodiversity park to be established in Ghumarwin

HAMIRPUR, AUGUST 11

A biodiversity park will be established at a cost of Rs 10 crore in the Fetidhar area of Panoh gram panchayat along the Kiratpur-Nerchowk four-lane highway in Ghumarwin subdivision of Bilaspur district, said Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani while addressing a gathering. He added that a state-level Van Mahotsav was scheduled for August 14 at Dadhol in Bilaspur district and Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu would be present on the occasion.

Dharmani said that the objective of the proposed biodiversity park in the Fetidhar area was to conserve the region's natural wealth and biodiversity while developing it as a tourism destination. He added that tourists travelling to Kullu and Manali via the Kiratpur-Nerchowk four-lane highway would be encouraged to visit the park, allowing them to enjoy the area's natural beauty. —OC

At 67, Bilaspur's Sushma writes new chapter with beauty pageant crown

OUR CORRESPONDENT
HAMIRPUR, AUGUST 11

Sushma Sharma (67) of Bilaspur has brought laurels to the state and the district by emerging the winner in the platinum category at the 'Mrs India — Empress of the Nation' pageant organised by Diva Pageants. The achievement is particularly significant as Sushma had finished runner-up in the same competition in 2024. She returned with renewed confidence, determination and preparation this time and emerged the winner.

The platinum category is for the participants aged 55 years and above, making Sushma's achievement an inspiring example of perseverance and self-belief. She said that the pageant mentored by Anjana Mascarenhas and Karl Mascarenhas provided the participants with an opportunity to showcase their personality, confidence, talent and life experiences.



Sushma Sharma being felicitated after winning the platinum category at the 'Mrs India - Empress of the Nation' pageant.

Sushma said that her family, especially husband, encouraged her in her pursuit. Her husband, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, had retired as a Chief Commissioner of Customs, while daughter Chandni is a doctor and son Parth is an internationally-recognised photographer.

Chandni said that her mother's achievement carried a message for women who felt that age limits their aspirations. "She has demonstrated that dreams do not have an expiry date and the desire to learn, grow and achieve can remain alive at every stage of life," she added.

Fake letter of edu institutions' closure in Shimla goes viral

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SHIMLA, AUGUST 11

A fake letter claiming that all educational institutions in Shimla district will remain closed on August 10 had been circulating on social media and other platforms, prompting the district administration to issue a clarification that no such order had been issued. According to officials, the purported letter, which appeared to have been issued by the Shimla district administration, stated that all government and private educational institutions in the district would remain closed. The institutions to be affected included schools, colleges, anganwari centres, ITIs, polytechnics, coaching centres and nursing institutes.

The letter also carried the name and purported signature of the Shimla Deputy Commissioner, who is also the Chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority.

Meanwhile, DC Anupam Kashyap said that the letter was fake and urged the public not to treat it as an official order. "The letter is fake as the district administration has not issued any such order. The letter circulating on social media should not be considered an

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— Anupam Kashyap, SHIMLA DC

official order," he added.

He said that orders concerning holidays or the closure of educational institutions were issued only through authorised channels of the district administration or the department concerned. The DC appealed to students, parents and educational institutions to refrain from sharing such documents on social media without verification and confirm any order through the official communication channels of the department concerned or the district administration.

"Creating a fake document and misusing the name and signature of a government official is a serious matter. Action will be taken against those who circulate such a document," Kashyap said.

Himachali literature goes global

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MANDI, AUGUST 11

Three acclaimed Hindi novels by Himachali writers have been translated into English and published, providing an opportunity to global readers to explore the state's rich literary traditions, history, folk culture and social struggles.

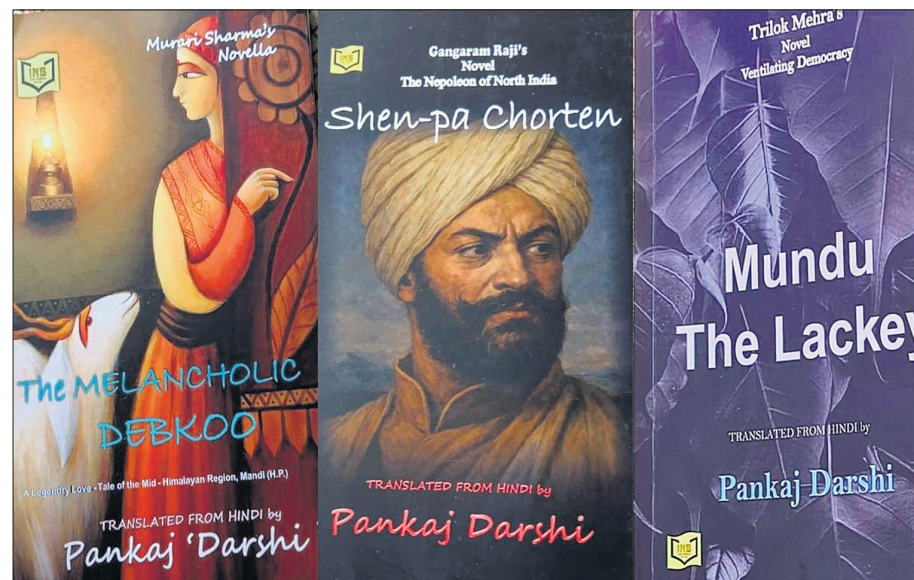
The three novels are *Debkoo Ek Prem Katha* by noted writer Murari Sharma, *General Zorawar Singh* by Gangaram Raji, and *Mundu* by Trilok Mehra. The English translations were undertaken by young writer and translator Pankaj Darshi and published by India Netbooks Pvt. Ltd.

The translated editions will be available to readers worldwide through online platforms, including Amazon and Flipkart. A formal launch ceremony for the books is expected to be held soon.

Darshi said his objective was to bring quality literature written in Himachal Pradesh to the global literary platform. He said he had voluntarily undertaken the translation of all three novels and expressed satisfaction that the initiative was now moving towards success.

Murari Sharma's *Debkoo Ek Prem Katha*, translated as *The Melancholic Debkoo*, is a

Three acclaimed Hindi novels translated into English to introduce state's history, culture and social struggles to readers worldwide



Debkoo Ek Prem Katha by Murari Sharma, *General Zorawar Singh* by Gangaram Raji, and *Mundu* by Trilok Mehra have been translated into English by Pankaj Darshi.

historical narrative rooted in the cultural and historical landscape of Mandi. The novel explores love, political intrigue, power, social customs, superstition, social stigma and the lives of people across nearly eight centuries of Mandi's history.

Gangaram Raji's *General Zorawar Singh*, translated as *The Napoleon of North India*, presents the life and exploits

of the legendary military commander General Zorawar Singh. The historical novel combines themes of courage, political strategy, ambition, conflict and human relationships, while highlighting the historical significance of his campaigns in the Himalayan region.

Trilok Mehra's *Mundu* focuses on the struggles of people displaced by the construction of the Pong Dam.

The novel poignantly portrays displacement, loss, rehabilitation and the prolonged struggle of affected communities.

The publication of the three novels in English is being seen as an important milestone for Himachali literature, allowing readers beyond India to engage with the state's history, culture, identity and the struggles of its people.

Sant Ravidas imparted timeless message of equality: Anurag Thakur

OUR CORRESPONDENT
HAMIRPUR, AUGUST 11

"Sant Shiromani Ravidas Ji Maharaj imparted a timeless message of equality, social harmony and humanity to society," said former Union Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur while participating in a function organised to mark the 650th birth anniversary of the Guru at Dhagoh village in the Nadaun constituency recently. He added that Sant Ravidas' teachings inspire us to rise above caste and sectarian discrimination and move forward by taking every section of society along.

Anurag said that the observance of Sant Ravidas' birth anniversary would not be confined to a single day. Instead, a pledge was taken to extend the campaign across the entire nation for next seven months. He added that a 750-km journey across the region succeeded in taking Sant Ravidas' vision directly to the masses, reinforcing the core principles of brotherhood, unity and public welfare beyond caste divisions.

Lal Singh Arya, national president of the BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha, said that social reform efforts across the country were aligning with the Central Government's governance vision.

He added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, initiatives to foster social cohesion were being driven by the guiding philosophy of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas" (Together with all, Development for all, Trust of all and Effort of all). He added that multiple nationwide programmes centered on social reform and unity would continue to mark Sant Ravidas' 650th birth anniversary celebrations.

Rajya Sabha MP Sikander Kumar, MLAs Inder Dutt Lakhanpal and Ashish Sharma, former MLA Vijay Agnihotri, state Mahila Morcha general secretary Kamlesh Kumari, state programme coordinator Sumit Sharma, BJP district president Rakesh Thakur and former district president Raghuvir Singh Thakur were present on the occasion.

Police band marks 150 yrs of 'Vande Mataram' in Una

OUR CORRESPONDENT
UNA, AUGUST 11

The Himachal Pradesh Police Band of 2nd India Reserve Battalion (IRBn), Sakoh, gave a musical presentation near the War Memorial at the Municipal Park in Una city on Monday to celebrate 150 years of 'Vande Mataram', the national song of India.

2nd IRBn band tours state with musical tribute to national song

Una SP Sachin Hiremath, along with other police officers and local residents, witnessed the performance. After playing the tune of 'Vande Mataram', the band rendered several patriotic songs.

The SP said that under the directions of the state government and the Director General of Police, the band of 2nd IRBn, Sakoh, was touring the state to mark 150 years of 'Vande Mataram'. He commended the band members for their impressive performance.



The U-19 girls' team of Pinegrove School celebrates after winning the CBSE North Zone Championship.

Pinegrove girls crowned CBSE North Zone soccer champions

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SOLAN, AUGUST 11

Pinegrove School has once again excelled in sports with a stellar performance at the CBSE North Zone-II Girls' Soccer Championship, held at Maharani Laxmi Bai Neo Convent Public School, Badana in Sonapat, recently.

The Under-19 girls' soccer team secured the CBSE North Zone-II Championship title for the third consecutive year. In the final, the Pinegrove team delivered a commanding performance and defeated Vidya Devi Jindal School 2-0. Besides, the Under-14 girls' team put up an impressive performance to

finish third among the 11 participating teams. The championship also witnessed outstanding individual performances by young footballers of Pinegrove School in the Under-19 category. Subekcha Limbu was crowned the 'top scorer', while Nyereep Lepcha earned the 'player of the tournament' title.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION ON 29.08.2026 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 EMD Bid Increase Amount	Date & Time Of E-Auction
Branch Office : Shimla Main						
1. Sh. Ram Lal S/o Shri Dhanna Ram, R/o Village Baginal, P.O. Parala, Tehsil Theog, District Shimla, (H.P.) 171220. Guarantor(s): 1. Dirs. Rekha Devi W/o Shri Ram Lal, R/o Village Baginal, P.O. Parala, Tehsil Theog, District Shimla, (H.P.) 171220. 2. Miss Sapna D/o Shri Ram Lal, R/o Village Baginal, P.O. Parala, Tehsil Theog, District Shimla, (H.P.) 171220. 3. Sh. Sandeep Kumar S/o Jodhya Parkash, Village Tharas-Rote, Tehsil & District Kullu, (H.P.) 175125.	The property for sale is a Third floor and attic floor of a four-storey building completed towards Dhali side. Located at 171220. District Shimla (H.P.) built upon land comprised in Khata/Khatoni No. 181/197 min and 126/142 min and Khadra No. 325/191, 326/191, Flat is having 3 Bedrooms, Drawing cum Dining Room, One Kitchen, Two Toilets and One Balcony in Third Floor measuring 69.19 Sq. meters and Attic Floor now converted into a residential unit measuring 120 Sq. meters Total area of 189.19 Sq. meters.	19.03.2020 Rs. 1,29,96,147.65 inclusive of interest upto 31.05.2026 plus further interest and incidental charges costs etc.	20.03.2021 (Physical) Authorised Officer Mahesh Mangla 94679-43464, Branch Manager Ms. Tamail Paul 82600-66354 E-Mail : simla@uco.bank.in	Account No. 00761030080161 IFSC CODE UCBA0000078 Name of Account : No Lien Account UCO Bank Shimla Main	Rs. 56,00,000/- Rs. 5,60,000/- Rs. 25,000/-	29.08.2026 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://baanknet.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 remitted 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-se Bidding etc., may visit Website <https://baanknet.com>, Helpline No. +91 82912 20220, Helpline E mail id : support.baanknet@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://baanknet.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.

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