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State rises to fifth spot in quality education rankings: Edu Minister

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MANDI, OCTOBER 30

Himachal Pradesh has made significant progress in the education sector, improving its position in national quality education rankings from 21st in 2021 to fifth, Education Minister Rohit Thakur said on Friday.

He was addressing the 21st Foundation Day celebrations of Vijay Group of Institutions at Bagla in the Balh Assembly constituency of Mandi district. He attended the event as the chief guest and honoured meritorious students for their achievements in various fields.



PHOTO: JAI KUMAR

Minister Rohit Thakur at the Foundation Day celebrations of Vijay Group of Institutions in Mandi.

Congratulating the institution on completing 21 years, Thakur said education was the strongest foundation of social development and an effective means of bringing positive change in people's lives. He observed that the success of an educational institution should be measured not merely by its infrastructure but also by the knowledge, character, values and achievements of its students.

Highlighting the state's educational achievements, he said Himachal Pradesh had secured the first position nationally in the National Achievement Survey (NAS), 2025. The state's performance in PARAKH-2024 also reflected better foundational language and learning abilities among students compared to the national average.

He further said Himachal Pradesh had improved its position in the Performance Grading Index from 13th to sixth and achieved a literacy rate of 99.55 per cent, earning recognition as a fully literate state.

The minister said the state government was encouraging meritorious students through scholarships and providing opportunities for students and teachers to undertake educational visits abroad to learn about modern teaching methods and emerging technologies.

He urged students to set ambitious goals, respect their parents and teachers, value time, and develop discipline, humility and a sense of social responsibility.

Appreciating Vijay Group of Institutions for securing NAAC accreditation, Thakur laid the foundation stone of the proposed school building and planted a sapling on the campus. Students also presented a cultural programme.

Several public representatives, officials, members of the institution's management, teachers and students attended the celebration.

Mandi athletes excel at DAV National Sports Tournament

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DAV Centenary Public School, Jawahar Nagar, Mandi, has brought laurels to Himachal Pradesh by winning 21 medals at the DAV National Sports Tournament, held across Delhi-NCR from October 23 to 27. As many as 72 students from the school secured medals, while a contingent of 184 students represented the institution at the national-level competition.



A contingent of 184 students from DAV Centenary Public School, Jawahar Nagar, Mandi, participated in the event held in New Delhi.

Organised under the aegis of the DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi, the tournament witnessed the participation of approximately 23,000 athletes from 23 states and Union Territories. Nearly 1,500 participants were from Himachal Pradesh. The event was inaugurated at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in Delhi by Padma Shri Dr Poonam Suri, president of the DAV College Managing Committee.

The school's athletes delivered impressive performances across several sporting disciplines. In aerobics fitness, the girls' teams won gold in the under-17 category and silver in the under-14 and under-19 categories. The boys' teams secured gold in the under-14 and under-17 categories and silver in the under-19 category.

In taekwondo, the girls won gold in the under-14 category and bronze medals in the under-17 and under-19 categories. The boys secured silver in the under-14 and under-19 categories and bronze medals in the under-17 and under-19 categories.

The school also won medals in other disciplines, including bronze in boxing, wushu and rope skipping, silver in weightlifting and silver for the under-14 girls' football team.

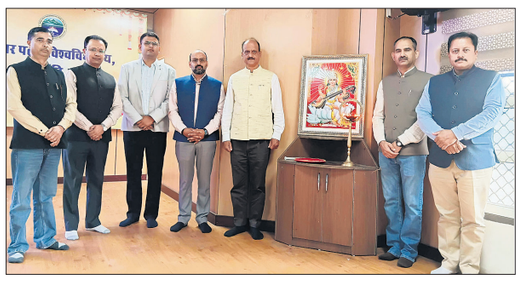
Principal KS Guleria congratulated the medal winners, coaches and parents on the achievement. He attributed the success to the students' hard work, discipline and dedication, along with the guidance and support of their coaches.

SPU marks vigilance week with integrity pledge

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Sardar Patel University (SPU), Mandi, observed Vigilance Awareness Week by organising an integrity pledge ceremony at the university auditorium on Friday. The week is being observed from October 26 to November 1 under the theme 'Probity for Prosperity'.


Sardar Patel University officials observe Vigilance Awareness Week.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Lalit Awasthi, who attended the event as the chief guest, administered the integrity pledge to deans, administrative officers, faculty members and non-teaching staff.

Addressing the gathering, Prof Awasthi said honesty, transparency and accountability were essential for building strong institutions and a progressive society. He emphasised that universities must go beyond imparting academic knowledge and play an important role in nurturing ethical values and responsible citizenship.

He urged faculty members and employees to make integrity an essential part of their everyday conduct and maintain fairness and transparency in academic and administrative matters. He also highlighted the importance of preventive vigilance, stating that adherence to rules and transparent procedures could help prevent irregularities.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (Vigilance), Mandi, Priyank Gupta, attended the event as the guest of honour. He highlighted the role of vigilance in preventing corruption and promoting ethical conduct in public institutions. He also interacted with faculty members and employees, stressing the importance of individual responsibility and compliance with established procedures.

Earlier, the university's Chief Vigilance Officer and programme coordinator, Dr Gaurav Kapoor, welcomed the guests and highlighted the objectives of Vigilance Awareness Week.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Registrar Shashi Pal Negi. Participants collectively reaffirmed their commitment to honesty, transparency and accountability in the discharge of their official responsibilities.

Kullu students rally against corruption

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KULLU, OCTOBER 30

As part of Vigilance Awareness Week, the state Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kullu, organised an awareness rally and march against corruption with the active support of students from Government Senior Secondary School, Dhalpur. The event was aimed at spreading a strong public message against corruption and promoting the values of honesty and transparency in everyday life.



Students of Government Senior Secondary School, Dhalpur, take part in an anti-corruption rally in Kullu.

The students took part in the rally with great enthusiasm and energy. Carrying placards and raising slogans, they marched through the area to draw the attention of the general public to the harmful effects of corruption on society, governance and development. Through their participation, the students conveyed a clear and inspiring message in favour of a corruption-free society based on integrity and accountability.

The main objective of the programme was to increase awareness among young people and the general public about the dangers of corruption and to encourage ethical values in society. By involving school students, the initiative also sought to build a sense of civic responsibility among the younger generation and to motivate citizens to stand against corrupt practices. The rally was widely appreciated for its positive message and active community participation.

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E auction Sale Notice for sale of Movable/Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & 6(2) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable/Movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is basis" "Without recourse basis".**

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch & Account	Details of property/ secured assets & owner of the property	Date of Demand Notice / O/S Dues / Possession Date	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Date and time of E-auction	QR Code for Photo & Details
1.	**BRANCH OFFICE : UNA**					
	Borrower : M/s Krishna Steels. Proprietor : Mrs. Promila Devi W/o Mr. Vijay Kumar Sharma. Guarantor : Mr. Ankit Sharma.	Land & Structure comprised in Khata/ Khewat No. 245, Khatoni No. 309, Khasra No. 1017, Area- 768sq. meters being 768/2387 share out of land measuring 00-23-87, Situated at Up Mohal Nangal Kalan, Tehsil- Haroli, District- Una, as per jamabandi for the year 2011-12 owned by Mrs. Promila Devi W/o Sh. Vijay Kumar, R/o Village Ghaluwal, P.O. Saloh, Sub-Tehsil- Ispur, District- Una (HP).	03.05.2019 **Rs. 61,37,122/- plus further interest and expenses thereon** 17.12.2019 PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Rs. 19,88,000/- Rs. 1,98,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	25-11-2026 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM	
2.	**BRANCH OFFICE : UNA**					
	Borrower : M/s Sri Krishna Trading Company. Proprietor : Mr. Ankit Sharma. Guarantor : Smt. Promila Devi W/o Sh. Vijay Kumar.	Land & Building comprised in Khata/ Khewat No. 245, Khatoni No. 309, Khasra No. 1017, Area- 768sq. meters being 768/2387 share out of land measuring 00-23-87, Situated at Up Mohal Nangal Kalan, Tehsil- Haroli, District- Una, as per jamabandi for the year 2011-12 owned by Mrs. Promila Devi W/o Sh. Vijay Kumar, R/o Village Ghaluwal, P.O. Saloh, Sub-Tehsil- Ispur, District- Una (HP).	22.04.2019 **Rs. 63,70,762/- plus further interest and expenses thereon** 17.12.2019 PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Rs. 29,83,000/- Rs. 2,98,300/- Rs. 10,000/-	25-11-2026 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM	
3.	**BRANCH OFFICE : KULLU**					
	Borrower : Sri Kuram Dev Sharma, S/o Sri Hari Chand Sharma, R/o V.P.O. Shallang, Dunkhri Gahar, Tehsil & District- Kullu (HP)- 175102. **Guarantor : Sri Ghanshyam Nand** S/o Sri Chuni Lal, R/o H. No. 259, Ward No. 8, Green Peace Colony, P.O. Dhalpur, District- Kullu (H.P.)- 175101.	Abadi Phati Land 36.5 X 36 Sq. feet approx. measuring 0-3-0 Bigha being 3/234 share of land measuring 11-14-0 Bigha comprised in Khasra No. 667 of Khata Khatauni No. 410/747min entered in Jamabandi for the year 2012-13 of Phati Dunkharigahar Kothi Dughilag Tehsil & Distt. Kullu H.P. Property Owned by Sh. Kuram Dev S/o Sh. Hari Chand.	26.09.2018 **Rs. 15,96,142/- plus further interest and expenses thereon** 14.02.2019 PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Rs. 9,90,000/- Rs. 99,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	25-11-2026 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM	
4.	**BRANCH OFFICE : SANTOKHGARH**					
	Borrower : Smt. Usha W/o Mr. Satish Kumar Joshi Prop. M/s Bhagwati Traders, Ward No. 8, V.P.O Santokhgarh, Distt. Una, (H.P.) 174301. **Guarantor: - Mr. Satish Kumar Joshi** S/o Mr. OM Parkash, R/o Ward No. 8, V.P.O Santokhgarh, Distt. Una (H.P.)	Registered Mortgage of land & building measuring 15-75 Sq. Deci. Meters. comprised of Khewat No. 168 Khatauni No. 188 Khasra No. 4132 entered in nakal jamabandi for the year 2012-2013, Situated in Village/Mohal Santokhgarh, Sub Tehsil Mehatpur Basdehra, Distt. Una (H.P.) in the name of Mr. Satish Kumar Joshi S/o Mr. Om Parkash.	01.03.2025 **Rs. 40,97,313.18 plus further interest and expenses thereon** 18.04.2026 PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Rs. 10,73,000/- Rs. 1,07,300/- Rs. 10,000/-	25-11-2026 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM	
5.	**BRANCH OFFICE : SANTOKHGARH**					
	Borrower : M/s Siddhi Vinayak Traders Prop. Sh. Munish Kumar S/o Prem Kumar. **Guarantor : Sh. Prem Kumar** S/o Sh. Ram Nath. **2. Sita Devi** W/o Sh. Ram Nath.	Residential house property measuring 62-25 sqm. Being 2/3 share out of total land measuring 93-38 sqm. Comprised of khasra No. 3522, Kitta 1 as entered in jamabandi for the year 2012-2013 and structure raised on it Khewat No. 249, Khatoni No. 271 Khasra No. 3522 in name of Sh. Prem Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Nath & Smt. Sita Devi W/o Sh. Ram Nath, Situated at Ward No. 8, Gautam Street, Village Santokhgarh, Tehsil & Distt .Una , (HP).	10.07.2019 **Rs. 54,14,020/- plus further interest and expenses thereon** 28.09.2019 PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Rs. 13,00,000/- Rs. 1,30,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	25-11-2026 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM	
6.	**BRANCH OFFICE : UNA**					
	Borrower : M/S Vashisth Poultry Farm (Prop- Mrs. Sangina Vashisth). Guarantor : Mr Ashutosh Vashishth S/o Sh. Bishamber Dass, R/o Ward No. 4, Malahat Nagar, Tehsil & District- Una, H.P.- 174303.	Land & Building comprised in Khasra No. 1139, Khata No. 154 min, Khatouni No. 182 min, Area- 3294 m2 situated at Mohal-Janani, Near Radha Swami Satsang, Tehsil & District- Una (H.P.) & owned by Mrs. Sangina Vashishth W/o Mr. Ashutosh Vashishth. Boundaries as Under:- **East:** Open Land of Sh. Satpal, **West** : Open Govt. Land, **North** :Open Govt. Land, **South:** Owner Land.	29.08.2022 & 07.03.2024 **Rs. 60,81,874/- plus further interest and expenses thereon** 10.11.2022 & 20.07.2024 PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Rs. 32,64,000/- Rs. 3,26,400/- Rs. 10,000/-	25-11-2026 12:00 PM to 04:00 PM	

The E-Auction is being held on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is basis" "Without recourse basis". 1**. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent equiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting the property, prior to submitting their bid.**2.**Bidders has to complete following formalities well in advance:- **Step 1- Bidder/ Purchaser Registration:** Bidder to register on e-Auction portal **https://baanknet.com** using his mobile number and email-id. **Step 2**: **KYC Verification:** Bidder to upload requisite KYC documents. KYC documents shall be verified by e-auction service provider **.Step 3: Transfer of EMD amount to his Global EMD Wallet:** Online/ off-line transfer of fund using NEFT/Transfer, using challan generated on e-Auction portal. **Step 1 to Step 3** should be completed by bidder well in advance, before e-Auction date. Copy of proof of address; without which the bid is liable to be rejected. **UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING 3. For detailed Terms & Conditions of E-Auction, Please refer the link https://baanknet.com & Secured Creditor's website i.e. https//www.centralbank.bank.in before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-Auction & Contact No. of Una Branch: 9736030426,Santokhgarh Branch: 9971110529, Paonta Sahib : 8054154171, Kullu Branch: 7087959644.**
Note :- The inspection of the Property/ies put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders during working days between 2 PM to 4PM with prior appointment and consultation with the branch Manager/ Authorised Officer.

STATUTORY 15/30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower/ guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Dated : 30.10.2026 **Place : Shimla** **(Authorised Officer)**


Students stage *The Great Crown Mix-Up* play at Army Public School, Dagshai.

APS-Dagshai celebrates 40th Annual Day with grandeur

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SOLAN, OCTOBER 30

Army Public School (APS), Dagshai, celebrated its 40th Annual Day with great enthusiasm, bringing together students, parents, teachers, alumni and dignitaries. Maj Gen Prince Duggal, General Officer Commanding (GOC), PH & HP (I) Sub Area, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, Maj Gen Duggal described school life as a journey of growth. He stressed that discipline should be corrective rather than punitive, noting that constructive guidance builds understanding and resilience. By replacing punishment with constructive mentorship, he said, schools could help students grow into responsible adults.

He urged students to make new friends and make their parents proud, reminding them of the sacrifices their parents make for them. He thanked parents for their endless patience and sleepless nights and encouraged teachers to instil the value of gratitude among students. The chief guest also inaugurated the newly renovated academic block.

The celebrations featured a vibrant cultural programme comprising a variety of dance performances. The highlight was an English play, *The Great Crown Mix-Up*, in which Shakespearean characters found themselves caught up in the challenges of the modern world, blending humour with thoughtful commentary.

Students also showcased their art, science and IT projects through an impressive exhibition.

During the prize distribution ceremony, Tvisha Dave (Batch of 2026) was honoured as the Best Student of the Year, while Patel House won the Overall Best House Trophy.

In a special initiative, the school's alumni introduced the Dagger of Honour Trophy to recognise a student who embodies integrity, compassion and the ethos and values of Army Public School, Dagshai. The inaugural trophy was awarded to Sonam Odzer of Class XII (Humanities).

Principal Vivek Kumar Tiwari presented the annual school report, highlighting the institution's achievements in academics, co-curricular activities and sports during the year.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving the audience with a renewed sense of pride in the institution's four-decade journey.