

Public hearing held in Pangri over land acquisition for road widening

CHAMBA, SEPTEMBER 8

A public hearing was held at Killar on Tuesday for families affected by the acquisition of private land for the construction and widening of the Sansari-Killar-Thirot-Tandi road in the tribal Pangri valley.

The hearing was chaired by officiating Pangri Resident Commissioner Amandeep Singh. Around 58 bighas of private land is being acquired in Mahliat, Dhamoh, Purthi, Choead, Rei, Pindru and Sach areas for construction and widening of the road from kilometre 96 to 125.

During the hearing, affected families submitted their objections and suggestions regarding the proposed land acquisition. Officials recorded the concerns raised by the affected people and assured them that necessary action would be taken to consider their suggestions under the prescribed rules and incorporate eligible concerns into the proposed Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) Plan. — TNS



Haroli unit of the BJP, led by Ram Kumar, stages a protest against the drug menace on Tuesday.

BJP protests alleged rise in drug abuse in Haroli

OUR CORRESPONDENT

UNA, SEPTEMBER 8

The Haroli unit of the BJP on Tuesday staged a protest against the alleged 'rising' cases of drug abuse in the Haroli Assembly segment. BJP leader Ram Kumar led the protest at the Haroli Sub-Divisional headquarters. He was accompanied by dozens of BJP activists.

Ram Kumar alleged Haroli was one of the hubs of drug

abuse and illegal drug trade in the state and said the state government's claims of a decisive fight against the social evil were hollow. He said the first case of death due to a drug overdose was reported in the state from the Haroli Assembly segment when a youth died a few years ago.

The BJP leader said narcotics were freely moving in Haroli, as proved by the spate of recoveries, which he said was just the tip of

the iceberg. He claimed that the government had merely been a spectator to the drug menace during the last three and a half years.

The protesters raised slogans against the state government and demanded a curb on the menace, saying precious human lives were involved and thousands of families were suffering due to the apathy of the government and law enforcement agencies.

HPU plans to lease centre in Noida to DRDO for research

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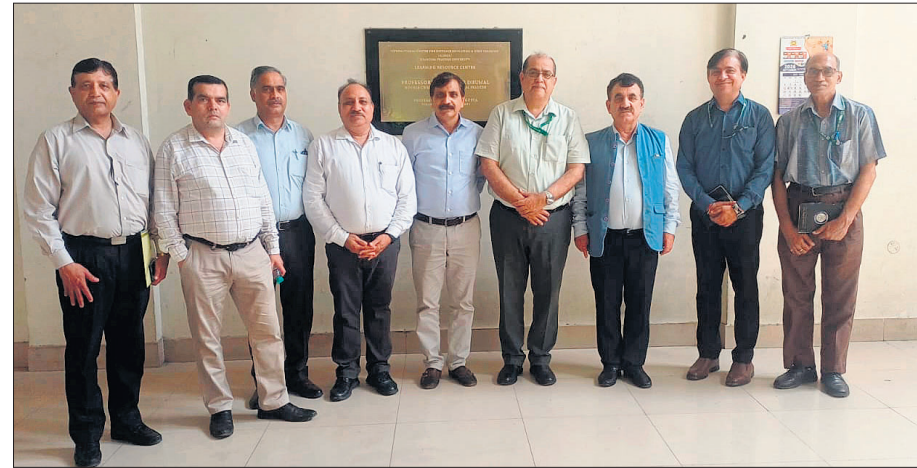
SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 8

Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) is set to lease its Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, to the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for mutual cooperation and various aspects related to the utilisation and implementation of the building for teaching, training and research purposes.

A meeting regarding the proposal was held here on Tuesday between university and DRDO officials, with the main agenda being to discuss the possibilities of leasing the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) to the organisation.

Prof Mahavir Singh, Vice-Chancellor (VC) of HPU, chaired the meeting, in which Dr Sudhir Chandna, Director,

Move aimed at promoting training, research, academic cooperation



VC Prof Mahavir Singh with officials of the university and the DRDO after a meeting in Shimla on Tuesday.

INMAS (Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences), representing DRDO, was also present. Speaking about the meeting, the VC said an agreement had been reached between the two institutions regarding future academic

cooperation, joint research, capacity building and optimum utilisation of resources.

"The possibilities of developing the Learning Centre building of HPU located at Noida as a major academic and research hub were also dis-

cussed. This meeting will prove to open a new door of collaboration for HPU with a prestigious national-level defence research organisation and will further strengthen the national presence of the University," he said.

Himachal drug regulator gets appreciation award

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SOLAN, SEPTEMBER 8

The Drugs Control Administration (DCA), Himachal Pradesh, was conferred an appreciation award by the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (PHARMEXCIL) at IPHEX 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi, last evening.

PHARMEXCIL is an authorised agency of the Government of India for the promotion of pharmaceutical exports from India and works under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu congratulated the DCA team, stating that the recognition reflects the state government's commitment to strengthening regulatory systems, promoting ease of doing business and creating a quality-driven and globally competitive pharmaceutical ecosystem in Himachal Pradesh. He further said his government



State Drugs Control Administration receives the award in Delhi.

has zero tolerance towards persons who compromise ethics in pharmaceutical businesses.

Health Minister Dhani Ram Shandil said the award was a proud moment for the state and acknowledged the dedicated efforts of the DCA in ensuring effective drug regulation while facilitating the growth of the pharmaceutical industry.

Secretary Health Ashish Singhmar described the recognition as a significant achievement for the state.

Director Health Safety & Regulations Jitender Sanjita, IAS, highlighted the Administration's initiatives towards

greater regulatory efficiency, transparency, accountability and industry facilitation.

State Drugs Controller Dr Manish Kapoor reaffirmed the DCA's commitment to uncompromising enforcement of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act and Rules and to ensuring the availability of safe, effective and quality medicines.

The award marks another significant milestone in Himachal Pradesh's journey towards regulatory excellence and strengthens its position as a trusted pharmaceutical hub serving India and global markets.

Una Cong assigns duties ahead of Assembly polls

UNA, SEPTEMBER 8

The district Congress on Tuesday organised a general house at the Circuit House to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level and prepare for the political challenges ahead. Party in-charge for Una district Vikas Thakur was the chief guest while district party president Des Raj Gautam presided over the meeting.

Vikas Thakur later said that the newly identified office-bearers of various frontal organisations of the Una district Congress had been assigned

responsibilities and briefed about their roles. He added that the meeting was aimed at uniting and strengthening the party cadre at the booth level.

He said that party workers were the backbone of the organisation and they had been asked to establish a direct dialogue with the general public, besides explaining the party's policies and programmes to them. He added that the party was gearing up to face upcoming political challenges, particularly in view of the Assembly elections, due in a year. — OC



The Congress party in-charge for Una, Vikas Thakur, speaking at a general house meeting on Tuesday.

Probe sought into Jassur shop allotment to 'political favourites'

NURPUR, SEPTEMBER 8

The Ranjit Bakshi Jankalyan Foundation, a local social and welfare organisation, has raised questions over the allotment of shops belonging to the Nurpur panchayat samiti at Jassur, alleging that most of them were allotted to political favourites and activists of the ruling Congress party.

Akil Bakshi, director of the foundation, at a press conference at Jassur, alleged that the shops had been allotted at low monthly rents to Congress activists, who had subsequently sublet them at hefty rents, allegedly to ensure regular unauthorised earnings from the property of the Rural and Panchayati Raj Department.

While naming some prominent local Block Congress office-bearers, Bakshi alleged that, under political influence, some shops had been allotted either in the names of these beneficiaries or their close relatives, resulting in huge financial losses to the Nurpur panchayat samiti.



Shops built and leased by Nurpur panchayat samiti at Jassur.

chayat samiti.

Seeking an impartial and high-level probe into the allotment of government assets at low monthly lease rents, Bakshi, an IAS officer of the 2012 batch, underlined the need to revoke the lease agreements of Congress activists who had allegedly sublet the shops to needy persons.

He also demanded that

fresh lease deeds be executed with revised monthly rents for shopkeepers who were actually occupying the shops and running their businesses to earn their livelihood.

"The practice of subletting government properties (shops) is not only an act of unauthorised earning and loss to the state exchequer," he said. — OC



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Football tourney kicks off at Sanawar

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SOLAN, SEPTEMBER 8

The All India Bhupinder Singh Memorial Soccer Tournament 2026 commenced on Tuesday at The Lawrence School, Sanawar, with eight school teams assembling to vie for the trophy.

The participating teams are Emerald Heights International School, Indore; Rashtriya Military School, Chail; Bishop Cotton School, Shimla; Pinegrove School, Dharampur; Yadavindra Public School, Patiala; The Mann Public School, Delhi; and Team A and Team B of the host school, The Lawrence School, Sanawar.

Affiliated with the All India Football Federation (AIFF), the annual tournament is held in memory of Late Bhupinder Singh, Deputy Headmaster of Sanawar.

Meera B Singh, wife of Late Bhupinder Singh, declared the tournament open. Addressing the players, she urged all participants to uphold the true spirit of sportsmanship and fair play throughout the tournament.

The inaugural match saw The Lawrence School, Sanawar, take on Emerald Heights International School, Indore. Emerald Heights won the match by a convincing margin, with Digpal Singh Chaman (Jersey No. 7) declared Player of the Match for his impressive

Eight school teams assemble for annual AIFF-affiliated tournament



Players in action during the opening day of the tournament.

performance.

In another exciting encounter, Yadavindra Public School (YPS), Patiala, faced Rashtriya Military School (RMS), Chail. YPS put up a strong performance and secured a convincing victory over RMS, Chail. Gural Singh Dhalim of Yadavindra Public School was adjudged

Player of the Match for his outstanding contribution to the team's victory.

In the third and final match of the day, Pinegrove School faced The Mann Public School, Delhi. The latter secured a comfortable victory, with Ryash Topo of the winning team receiving the Player of the Match award.

83 central varsity students to get free online coaching

DHARAMSALA, SEPTEMBER 8

As many as 83 students of Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), Dharamsala, will be selected for free online coaching for competitive examinations under an initiative launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, and Physics Wallah.

The programme will offer study material, online classes, test series and expert guidance for UPSC, SSC and banking exams. Of the 83 seats, 25 are for UPSC, 41 for SSC and 17 for banking. Stream-wise, 41 seats are for arts graduates and 21 each for commerce and science graduates.

SC, OBC, EWS and PM CARES beneficiaries are eligible. For SC, OBC and EWS applicants, annual family income must not exceed Rs 8 lakh; PM CARES beneficiaries face no income or caste restriction. Applicants must be Indian nationals aged 21-37.

Selection will be based on undergraduate marks. The programme is entirely online and includes live/recorded classes, study material, tests, previous years' papers, doubt-solving, mentorship and counselling.

Applications close on September 21; the merit list will be announced on September 30. The registration fee is Rs 100. Queries: 8127214444, 9872217578, 8988263285. — TNS