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IIT- Mandi to survey sinking portion of Sarahan Temple.

- ✚ PwD minister Vikramaditya Singh chair a meeting of the Bhima Kali Mandir trust at sarahan town in Rampur tehsil Shimla.
- ✚ A Solar system plant would be installed at Shri Hatkoti Temple so that hot water could be made available to devotees during the winter.

ABOUT BHIMAKALI TEMPLE, SARAHAN, RAMPUR

The Bhimakali Temple is a grand 'tower temple', its majestic twin towers being its most defining feature.

Maa Bhimakali is regarded as the reincarnation of Goddess Durga. It is believed that Banasur, son of the great demon King Bali, was the ruler of this princely state during the Puranic age. King Banasur was also an ardent devotee of Lord Shiva.

Legend has it that Usha, daughter of King Banasur, and Anirudh, son of King Pradyuman, who in turn was the son of Lord Krishna, were having an affair. Enraged, Lord Krishna killed King Banasur. It is believed that the head of King Banasur is buried in front of the entrance gate of the temple and is marked by an elevated platform leading to the first courtyard.

After the death of King Banasur, King Pradyuman became the ruler of this kingdom. And, since then, it has been governed by the descendants of this dynasty till the princely states were incorporated into a sovereign India.

Another legend surrounding the goddess relates to the Daksha Yajna incident, when the ear of Sati, daughter of King Daksha, is said to have fallen on the ground here, making this a place of worship as a *peetha-sthan*. This is how Bhimakali temple became one of the 51 *shakti peethas* in the country.



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ABOUT HATKOTI TEMPLE, ROHRU, SHIMLA



Hatkoti Temple located in a mysterious valley, made of stone and distinct from other temples in the region. While some believe that the temple was established by Sri Adi Shankaracharya, others claim it was built in the 3rd century AD or later.

The temple houses several shrines, including one for Devi Mahishasuramardini, one of the most powerful incarnations of Devi Durga, and another for Lord Shiva.

The temple is located on the banks of the scenic River Pabbar.

Experts deliberate on need to prioritise mental health, wellbeing at workplace.

- ✚ World Mental Health Day was celebrated on October,10 at Himachal Hospital of Mental health and Rehabilitation, Shimla.
- ✚ The Theme of the event was “It’s time to prioritise Mental health at workplace”.



Exhibition to mark postal week kick off in Shimla.

- ✚ A Philately exhibition, “SIMPEX 2024” being held by postal department kicked off on October, 10, 2024 to mark the postal work.
- ✚ The event being held at the Gaiety Theatre is aimed at encouraging youngsters to take up philately.

Plans brewing to promote Kangra Tea at airports, railway stations.

- ✚ Looking to enhance the visibility of Kangra Tea, the Tea Board of India is planning new initiative to utilise advertising spaces at airport and railway station for the promotion.
- ✚ Notably, European Commission in 2023 granted a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) for the unique Kangra Tea.
- ✚ Dr. Jameson, then Superintendent of the Botanical Tea Gardens, had in 1849 spotted the region’s potential for tea cultivation.
- ✚ Being India’s Smallest tea region makes Kangra green and Black tea more exclusive.

Paddy procurement begins at Baddi's Malpur grain Market.

- ✚ The crop will be purchased until December,31.
- ✚ This season, the Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation aims to procure 6,300 Metric Tonn (MT) of paddy – 3500 MT from Malpur and 2800 MT from Nalagarh.
- ✚ Last year, 5,200 MT of paddy was procured from these two centres.
- ✚ The department shared that the government has set a MSP of ₹2320 /Quintal for paddy.



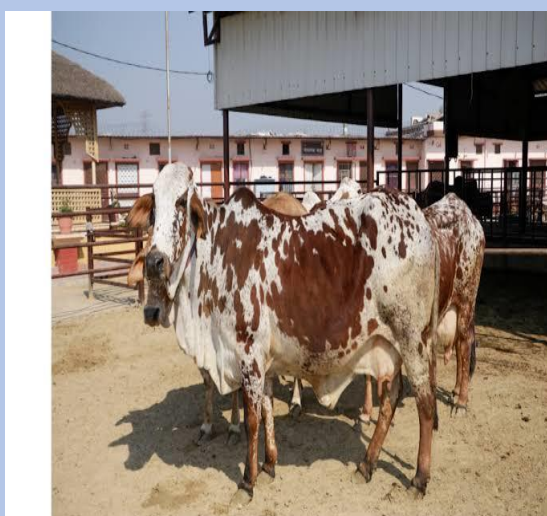
Chail Military School awarded at New Delhi Principal's conference.

- ✚ Rashtriya Military School (RMS), Chail was recently awarded for its performance in the board exam of Class 10th and 12th, as well as its achievement in National Defence Academy (NDA) selection at the Annual Principal's of Rashtriya Military School held at Army headquarters, New Delhi.



Farmer doing Natural farming to get ₹33,000 to purchase 'Desi' Cow.

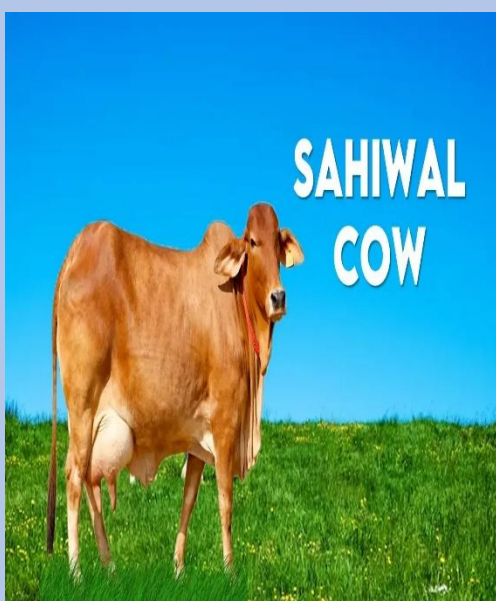
- Farmer practicing Natural farming in Himachal Pradesh will receive a grant of ₹ 33,000 for buying a 'Desi' Cow, along with subsidy of ₹8000 for paving the Cow Shed Floor Said an Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA).
- Neha Bhardwaj, Said the main component of Natural Farming like 'Jeevamrit', Beejamrit', 'Dhanjeevamrit', and indigenous pesticides could be prepared at home from dung and urine of indigenous Cows.
- Neha, gave information about the local breed of Cows like 'Sahiwal', 'Red Sindhi', 'Rathi', 'Thar' and 'Parker'.



RATHI



RED SINDHI



THARPARKAR

