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Kejriwal rules out lockdown

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday ruled out lockdown in the city. Speaking to reporters, CM Kejriwal said, "We are expecting that the city would report somewhere around 20,000-22,000 new COVID-19 cases in Delhi."

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Amid a surge in COVID-19 cases in the national capital, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has directed that all private offices shall be closed except those that come under the exempted category.

Private banks, insurance companies, courier services, non-banking financial corporations and companies providing essential services will remain open.

Earlier, the private offices were working with 50 per cent of workforce.

The DDMA has also ordered that the dine-in service in restaurants and bars will be discontinued in the national capital. Earlier, the eateries and bars in the capital were allowed to run with 50 per cent capacity to curb the spread of coronavirus.

"DDMA directs that in the territory of NCT of Delhi (outside Containment Zones), the following additional activities shall also be prohib-



ited/restricted with immediate effect till further orders: (i) All Private Of-

ices shall be closed, except those which are falling under the "Exempted Category".

The practice of work from home shall be followed. (ii) All Restaurants and Bars shall be closed. However, restaurants will be allowed only for home delivery/take-away of food items," the DDMA notification read.

Delhi reported 19,166 new COVID-19 cases during the past 24 hours, informed the state in a health bulletin on Monday.

Arvind Khanna, others join BJP in Delhi

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Ahead of Assembly polls, several leaders from Punjab including former MLA Arvind Khanna, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Gurdeep Singh Gosha, and former Amritsar councillor Dharamveer Sarin joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday in the presence of Union Ministers Hardeep Singh Puri and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at the party office in the national capital. The term of the Punjab Assembly will end in

March. The Assembly polls in Punjab are scheduled to take place in a single phase on February 14, with the counting of votes scheduled for March 10. In the 2017



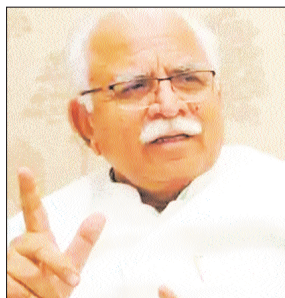
Punjab Assembly polls, Congress won an absolute majority in the state by winning 77 seats and ousted the SAD-BJP government after 10 years.

Manual sewerage cleaning work completely banned in the state: Manohar Lal

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Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that in case of death of a sewerman during sewerage cleaning, his family is being given an assistance of Rs.10 lakh. So far, this assistance amount has been given to the families of 57 sewermen across the state. If private companies engaged in cleaning work are reluctant in giving this assistance, then strict action will be taken against them. The Chief Minister was presiding over a meeting of the State Monitoring Committee constituted on the Manual Scavenging Act on Tuesday. Cooperation Minister, Sh. Banwari Lal was also present during the meeting.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed the Public Health Engineering Department that sewerage cleaning machines should be available in rotation in all municipal corporations and municipalities. He said that old sewers should be cleaned



with machines based on similar technology. Apart from this, sewers should be cleaned with state-of-the-art robotic machines at the places where there is a new sewerage system. The Chief Minister directed the officers of the Urban Local Bodies Department to form a committee of employees engaged in cleaning work and make arrangements for awarding contracts related to cleanliness. Along with companies and contractors, sewermen should also be given priority so that this class can also benefit. The Chief Minister said that manual cleaning of sewerage is prohibited throughout the state.

Lata Mangeshkar hospitalised after contracting Covid

MUMBAI: The nightingale of India, singer Lata Mangeshkar has been admitted to the hospital after she contracted Covid 19. The legendary singer is currently undergoing treatment at the intensive care unit (ICU) of Mumbai's Breach Candy hospital. Her niece Rachna confirms to IndiaTV that the Bharat Ratna recipient has mild symptoms. Due to her old age health issues, she has been shifted to the ICU. Giving an update on the singer's health, her niece Rachna told ANI, "She is doing fine; has been kept in ICU only for precautionary reasons considering her age. Please respect our privacy and keep Didi in your prayers." Her sister Usha Mangeshkar added that the singer was admitted to the hospital the day before.

BJP minister Swami Prasad Maurya quits party

LUCKNOW: In a major jolt to the BJP Government in Uttar Pradesh, State Minister Swami Prasad Maurya left the party, and will join the Samajwadi Party on Tuesday. In the resignation letter to UP Governor Anandiben Patel, Maurya said, "I served as a Minister of labour and social welfare in the state under CM Yogi Adityanath. I am tendering my resignation as the Minister because the Government did not serve the marginalised section of the people." Soon after his resignation, SP Chief Akhilesh Yadav tweeted, "I welcome Swami Prasad Maurya, who struggled for social justice and equality in the State, to the Samajwadi Party. There will be a revolution for social justice, there will be a change in 2022."

Punjab Transport Minister tests COVID positive

MUKTSAR: Punjab Transport Minister and Gidderbaha MLA Amrinder Singh Raja Warring has tested positive for Covid-19, state health department official said on Tuesday. According to officials, the results were confirmed on Monday. The Minister is in home isolation at his Muktsar residence.

Haridwar administration bans holy dip in Ganga on Makar Sankranti

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Amid the continuous rise in COVID-19 cases, the Haridwar administration has banned devotees from taking a holy dip in the Ganga river on 'Makar Sankranti' i.e., January 14.

"There will be a complete ban on Makar Sankranti celebration/holy dip on January 14 in view of a new variant of COVID-19 i.e., Omicron," the District Magistrate's order states.

Even, residents of the district will not be allowed in the area of 'Har ki Podi' on the day of the festival.

"Night Curfew will also be imposed from 10 pm to 6 am in the district (on Friday)," reads the order.

It further adds that if someone is found violating the above-mentioned norms then proceedings will be initiated against the violator under Epidemic Disease Act 1897. Makara Sankranti or Maghi, is a festival in the Hindu calendar, in reference to the deity Surya. The day marks the first day of the sun's transit into the Makara, marking the end of the month with the winter solstice and the start of longer days.

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Responsibilities are imposed on each other by authorities

DINANAGAR (JASPOONAM KOJLI): Where people are made aware of the diseases caused by stagnant water by the health department. But looking at the stagnant water in Dinanagar's ESI dispensary, it seems that the health department is pushing people towards diseases. Due to the rain that has been falling for the last several days, rain water has stopped flowing in the dispensary. However, visitors to the corona vaccine do have to wade through stagnant rainwater. It is not that the concerned department does not know anything, but no concrete steps are being taken for drainage of standing water. Due to which there is huge protest among the people. People who come to get the dose of vaccine say that it is the responsibility of the department to clean the standing water in the dispensary.

NEWS AT A
GLANCEPolice, BSF jointly take
out flag march

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: In view of security, police and BSF jointly took out flag march in Jandiala. This flag march started from Sarai Road, Valmik Chowk, Ghas Mandi, Verowal Road, Shekhfatta Gate, Tarn Taran Bypass and other parts were taken out. DSP Jandiala Sukhwinder Singh said that through this flag march people were assured that they should exercise their vote fearlessly. SHO Jandiala Inspector Balkar Singh and others were also present on this occasion.

85 new positive
patients of Covid-19
in district

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Giving information about the condition of COVID-19, Civil Surgeon Dr. Parminder Kaur said that today with the receipt of 2543 new samplings with suspected flu-like symptoms and receiving report of 1524 samplings, 85 positive patients of Covid-19. Have come. She said that so far the total number of positive patients in the district has been 29653 from samplings and with the receipt of 2213 positive cases from outlying districts the total number of positive cases of Covid-19 has become 31866. The total number of samplings of Covid-19 taken so far in the district is 1015122 and according to lab reports, 982334 samplings are negative. While 4942 samplings are awaiting report and the death toll so far is 1000. The number of active cases is 799, while the number of cured patients is 30067.

In the 2022 elections, people
of Pb will form Cong party
govt again: Gurbaj Singh

KULJEET HONEY TARN TARAN: The people of Punjab are fully satisfied with the facilities provided to the people of Punjab by the Congress government led by Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi during its tenure. Will form a Congress-led government. These words were uttered by Gurbaj Singh Gill Kazikot, Director of Punjab Public Resources Development Management Corporation, while addressing a meeting here. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee President Navjot Singh Sidhu had won the trust of the people. He said that the Congress government had given a big relief to the people by waiving the outstanding electricity bills, sewerage and water bills of the consumers up to two kilowatts. At the same time, the Congress government has enhanced the dignity of women by providing them free bus facility. He said that no matter how many lies were told by the opposition parties against the Congress government but the people of Punjab were well aware that the Congress government was the sympathetic government of the people.

BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR, JAN 11

Saini Charitable Education Trust, Saini Bhawan Rupnagar has provided L.R. Mundra memorial scholarship of Rs. 3 lakh to Shweta Saini, who is doing BS-MS five year dual degree programme in Biology at prestigious Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Mohali.

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Academy Rupnagar director Sukhjinder Singh handed over the cheque in this regard to Shweta Saini during a function held at

Banks directed to furnish information
of suspicious transactions, if any

BUNNY SODHI JALANDHAR, JAN 11

With a view to getting information of suspicious transactions as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India, the District Administration on Tuesday directed the bank officers to provide details of suspicious transactions during elections.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Ghanshyam Thori, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) Amarjit Bains has held a meeting with the bank officers to apprise them about the instructions of the ECI. The ADC asked them to report of unusual and suspicious cash withdrawal or deposit of cash in account exceeding Rs. 1 lakh during process of election, without any such instance of deposit or withdrawal during the last two months. Asking them for strict compliance of the ECI directions, the ADC (G) said



that unusual transfer of amount by RTGS from one bank account to the accounts of several persons in a district/constituency during the poll process without any precedent of such transfer. Any deposit of cash or withdrawal of cash exceeding Rs. 1 lakh from bank account of candidates or spouses or his dependents, as mentioned in the affidavit filed by candidates, which is

available in the CEO's website, he added. Any withdrawal of cash and deposit of cash exceeding Rs. 1 lakh in the account of political party during the election process besides any other suspicious cash transactions, which might be used for bribing the elections, should be reported, he added. The information on cash deposit or withdrawals of more than Rs. 10 lakh is also to

be reported for onward submission to the nodal officers of income tax department for necessary action under income tax law, said the ADC adding that all said instructions will be circulated to all branches of banks in Jalandhar district so that necessary compliance could be ensured. LDM Jai Bhushan and Manager Canara Bank Jagdish Kumar were also present.

Demand letter hands over to SDM
Dhuri for transfer of Tehsildar

DHURI (VIKAS VERMA): Eaders of various organizations today met SDM Dhuri Ishmit Vijay Singh and demanded his release from the post due to transfer of Tehsildar Dhuri. The district president of AAP Minority Cell, Dr. Anwar Bhasaur, District President of Arhatiya Federation Jagtar Singh Samra, Tehsil



President of Punjab Kisan Sabha Amrik Singh Kanjhla, Vice President of Aggarwal Samaj Sabha Punjab Yashpal Goel, Former President of Trade Wing Anil Mittal, Former Block President Naresh Singla said that Tehsildar Dhuri has been transferred, but due to political and other influences, they are not being relieved. He said that corruption was rampant in Dhuri tehsil. He said that there was a need to unite to change the corrupt system. When contacted, SDM Dhuri Ishmit Vijay Singh said that guidance has been sought from the Election Commission regarding the transfer of Tehsildar Dhuri which will be acted upon upon receipt.

Employees Federation Thermal Plant Lehra
Mohabbat releases New Year Calendar

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, JAN 11

Employees Federation (Chahal Group) Thermal Plant Lahira Mohabbat held a meeting under chairmanship of Baljit Singh Brar in which congratulations were extended to the employees of New Year 2022 and Lohri festival thermal plant and 2022 calendar released. In this meeting New Year's calendar was distributed to the employees. Main demands of the employees in this meeting were discussed with the management of Powercom to make them aware of the difficulties encountered in the offices in implementing the recommendations of the Pay Commission. Leaders and office bear-

ers of the organization Lakhwant Singh Badi, Senior Vice President, Rajinder Singh Nimma General Secretary, Yadvinder Singh Cashier, Damanjit Singh Auditor, Vikas Garg Advisor, Malkit Singh Chena Publicity Secretary, Gurlal Singh Executive Member and other members of the organization were present.

Returning officers should be given advance list
of political functions and meetings to be held in
marriage palaces and hotels: Apneet Riyait

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JAN 11

District Election Officer Apneet Riyait directed the marriage palaces and hoteliers to ensure advance notice of political functions and meetings in their palaces and hotels to the concerned Returning Officer.

She said that it was imperative for every political party to seek the permission of the Returning Officer to hold functions and meetings at these places and only if permission was granted to hold political functions and meetings at marriage palaces and hotels. She was addressing a meeting with the owners of marriage palaces and hotels in the district regarding assembly elections in the district administrative com-

plex here today. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sandeep Singh was also present on the occasion.

The District Electoral Officer instructed the marriage palace owners to maintain a record of booking of political functions at their marriage palace.

She said that if during the checking it was found that permission had not been sought from the Returning Officer for the functions or meetings taking place in the marriage palace then the license of the concerned marriage palace would be revoked.

Assistant Commissioner Excise and Taxation Avtar Singh Kang, Tehsildar Election Harminder Singh, Kanungo Deepak Kumar were also present on the occasion.

AAP roadmap for dev of Punjab
and its people: Bhagwant Mann

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, JAN 11

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab President and MP Bhagwant Mann said that AAP has been saying from the very first day that Channi government has colluded with Badal family in drug case because Badals saved Charanjit Channi's brother in City Centre scam and now Channi has returned the favour by saving Bikram Singh Majithia in drug case.

Mann said that Channi government did nothing in their 111 days regime and even failed to maintain the law and order in Punjab. That's why the people of Punjab have made up their minds to support Aam Aadmi

Party in the upcoming Assembly elections. Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, Bhagwant Mann accused Charanjit Singh Channi of taking a light and time pass action against Bikram Majithia in drug case.

He said that there was a 'deal', between Channi and Badal family, in place even before the FIR that Congress government would file a weak case against Majithia and no concrete action would be taken. That's why Congress government did not arrest Majithia even after FIR or the rejection of his anticipatory bail from Mohali District Court.

Mann said that legal action against Majithia in drug case met the same fate as Raja Warring's action against the buses of Badal family, because Congress leaders didn't take legal actions to punish mafia but to mislead the people of Punjab. He said that as a result today Badal's buses are on roads and Majithia will roam free as it is.

CT University introduces CT
degree college affiliated to PSEB

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, JAN 11

"Taking another step in the field of education, CT University has introduced CT Degree College recognized by the Punjab School Education Board, SAS Nagar, Mohali," this information was provided by Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice-Chancellor in a press conference. While addressing the press conference, he said that CTU is the first Non-government Uni-

versity to start a collegiate school. JK Sharma, Director Research, Industry Interface and Innovation, who was present on the occasion, informed that in addition to the formal education of +1 & +2 in this school, students can also acquire IELTS preparation and skill education as per their interest. And this will also save the time of the student and the atmosphere of the university in the school will further enhance their personality.

Ravi Kumar appointed
President of Shri Radhe
Krishna Gaushala Tarn Taran

YADWINDER KADGILL TARN TARAN, JAN 11

An important meeting of Shri Radhe Krishna Gaushala Goindwal Road Tarn Taran was held at Tarn Taran. Which was presided over by Jagdeep Prasar and Pawan Kumar Muradpuria. The office bearers of the House were unanimously elected in the meeting. On this occasion 7 Patrons and President were unanimously

elected. In which Jagdish Prasar, Bau Basant Lal, Dr. Pawan Kumar Muradpuria, Avtar Sharma, Kamal Kumar, Komal Vansal, Lakhwinder Singh Paagal were elected as Patrons. Ravi Kumar was appointed president. On this occasion the newly appointed office bearers thanked and said that they would fulfill the responsibility entrusted to them with full dedication and sincerity.

SDM apprises press owners
about instructs by ECI

VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 11

Amanpreet Singh, SDM, Gurdaspur, chaired a meeting with the owners of the printing press at the local Panchayat Bhawan to acquaint the printing press owners in the district with the instructions of the Election Commission of India.

Sukhwinder Kumar from Dutt Printing Press, Pankaj Kumar from Pushpa Printing Press, Vipan Mahajan from Jagriti Printing Press, Mr. Sandeep Mahajan from Public Printing Press, Mr. Anoop Kumar from LK Printing, Mr. Jogi Printing Press, Mr. Rachita Printing Press, Gagan Sharma and Manjinder Singh Election Kanungo, Sunil Kumar were present in the meeting. In the meeting he was briefed in detail about the instructions of Hon'ble



Election Commission of India. The SDM informed the press owners that while printing any pamphlet / advertisement, the name and address of the printer must be mentioned on it. He said that the pamphlets / advertisements published by any candidate or political party should be filled up and sent to the concerned Returning Officer within three days in the prescribed form. He said that violating the instructions under section 127A of the Representation of the People Act 1951 could result in revoca-

tion of the license of the concerned printing press, imprisonment for 6 months and fine of up to Rs 2,000 or both.

He further said that before printing, a declaration should be taken from the printing publisher in Appendix-A, which is well known to the publisher and certified by two persons, a copy of which should be copied by the Election Expenditure Monitoring Team (Additional Deputy Commissioner (G)). This complete information must be received within three days of printing.

Rotary Club Ahmedgarh
celebrates Road Safety Day

MAHAVIR GOYAL AHMEDGARH, JAN 11

The Rotary Club here has launched an awareness campaign for the general public to abide by the traffic rules during the National Road Safety Week which started today. In addition to conducting workshops and awareness camps for drivers and riders at various places on the first day of the campaign launched in co-ordination with the Traffic Cell of the District Police, besides giving rose flowers and chocolates to the violators of safety rules in the future. An appeal was made not to

Assistant Governor Dr. Ravinder Sharma said that under the guidance of Police Station Chief Arshpreet Kaur Grewal awareness camps have been organized at various places to motivate the general public to follow safety rules to avoid accidents especially during winter. Speaking on the theme of this year's National Road Safety Week which started today, Club Secretary Bipan Sethi and Project Chairman Dr. Ravij Bhakku said that road safety has become an important aspect of life safety nowadays as road accidents in India every year.

DEO issues strict instructions
to liquor vendors

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, JAN 11

District electoral officer (DEO), Sangrur, Ramvir while presiding over an important meeting of the officials of the excise and taxation department and the liquor vendors at the auditorium here today said, "Following the instructions of the Election Commission of India (ECI), the district administration is fully prepared to use all possible means, so that the voters to not be lured by the political parties, during the entire as-

sembly election process." Giving guidelines to the attendants, the DEO, said that the Model Code of Conduct has been implemented and now the instructions of the ECI should be followed strictly.

He said that the co-operation of one to all was needed to stop the use of alcohol, money and drugs in order to seduce the voters during the assembly elections, so that the anti-social elements could not be succeeded in their schemes and voters could cast their vote freely, without any coercion or

greed. He said that illegal storage of liquor was also strictly prohibited and vigilance teams were working at different levels to curb it. He strongly directed that the record of daily sale of liquor to be maintained and if any case of excessive sale of liquor was found by the concerned authorities than strict action would be taken against such traders. DEO, instructed the officials of the excise & taxation department that the ECI has banned any kind of political rallies, gatherings and processions till January 15.

Two-day labour
camp concludes

JOGINDRA DEV ARYA
BANGANA: By abandoning bad habits in life, self-power, hard work, moral education and adopting values, success in life can be achieved by positive thinking. Jagdeep Singh, Regional Director-in-Charge of Parwanoo, Regional Directorate of Development Board, Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of India, said this while addressing the workers in a two-day special program for scheduled caste workers in village Tanoh development block, Bangana's Gram Panchayat Tanoh. People present were made aware of schemes namely Prime Minister's Security Insurance Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Ayushman Yojana, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Right to Information Act, Prime Minister Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana, Registration on the e-labor portal, Kisan Samman Nidhi, farmers and labourers. Prosperity in your life by taking maximum benefit of the above scheme by giving detailed information about protection scheme, problems of workers and the need and importance of organization, formation of self-help groups and benefits from them, educate daughter, save daughter. On this occasion, Panchayat Samiti member Jogindra Dev Arya discussed about welfare schemes for building construction and other construction workers. Gram Panchayat Pradhan Smt. Shanktala Devi registered her presence and concluded the programme and expressed special gratitude to the officers of the department for organizing the program and the information received from the said programme proved helpful in improving the lives of the villagers. Vice President Narendra Kumar Ward Panch Jai Veer, Madanlal, Kanta Devi, Pramila Devi and others were present.

Take necessary steps to
prevent disease of
goats: Dr Jai Singh Sen

UNA: Deputy Director Animal Husbandry Department, Una Dr Jai Singh Sen said that goats were distributed under the Krishak Goat Farming Scheme on the grant amount to the cattle rearers. In this regard, news is being published by different newspapers under different headings, which are spreading different types of misconceptions in the animal husbandry/public. Sen said that the prevention of various diseases in the goats distributed on 24th December, such as Inter-toxemia (Fadkia), Gal Ghotu PPR (Goat Plague), Khur Pakka-Mouth Pakka, smallpox have been certified to be completed by the concerned supplier. He said that on December 24 health check-up was done by the team of departmental doctors and all the goats were found healthy. He said that after three days of distribution, symptoms of cold and flu were found in the above goats, whose treatment was started by the departmental doctors. Some of these goats started dying. He said that on December 29, a team of experts of Animal Husbandry Department was constituted and blood samples were sent for inspection. He said that on December 30, a team of experts went to the spot and got the carcasses of two goats trained and collected the body samples of the dead goats and sent them to the Pashu Vishwavidyalaya Palampur for examination, whose report came on January 4.

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Red Cross to promote Ayurveda in State
Guv emphasis on promoting junior and youth red cross activities

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Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has stressed on organizing Ayurvedic Medical Camps through Red Cross. He said that the Red Cross should be made a 'Janandolan' with the participation of the people. The Governor, who is also the President of the State Red Cross, was presiding over the General Annual Meeting of Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Society at Raj Bhavan, today. He said the Red Cross has organized medical camps at district and state levels for treatment and therapy of the people. It should be an effort that the Ayurveda medicine system should also be promoted besides Allopathy, he added. He said that during the corona pandemic, we have noticed that people have more attraction towards Ayurveda. He said that in many other states of the country, Ayurveda medicine was provided to corona patients separately at the hospital level and its results were also fruitful. We can take a new initiative by linking it with the 'Azadi Ka



Amrit Mahotsav' and could organize Ayurveda camps at the district level, he said. Arlekar said the District Red Cross Branches should prepare a road map of their activities for about five-six years so that it could become a resolution for every officer dealing with the Red Cross in future. He said that good work was being done at the district level, but we have to make it a people's movement by involving more and more people and involving them in the activities of the Red Cross. He said that for the last two years almost every area was affected due to the Corona pandemic. He added that activities of the Red Cross could not proceed to that extent despite this, the 'best

practices' of some districts were examples for others. He said that every member associated with the Red Cross needs to understand that it was an international organization and excellent work of a branch gets international recognition. He said that the Chairman of District Red Cross branches were working on ground level and they were facing the reality and difficulties so, they could take this movement forward in the right direction, he added. Governor stressed on conducting junior and youth Red Cross activities up to school, college and university level. He said that for this a uniform format should be prepared for the entire state. He said that training in disaster

management should also be given in youth and junior Red Cross activities. He also directed all the Deputy Commissioners to send their suggestions in writing to him. In the meeting, it was decided that health camps for medical examination of senior citizens, drug prevention awareness camps in schools and colleges and awareness camps to deal with the effect of Omicron variant of corona virus at community level would be organized during the year 2022-23. On this occasion, the Governor felicitated District Red Cross Branches Kullu, Solan and Sirmour with certificates for their excellent performance. Shri Ashutosh Garg, Deputy Commissioner, Kullu, Smt Kritika Kulhari, Deputy Commissioner, Solan and Shri Ramkumar Gautam, Deputy Commissioner, Sirmour received the award. Earlier, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Rajiv Saizal stressed on the need to expand Red Cross activities and said that the volunteers of Red Cross have always done good work in the service of suffering humanity.

CM addresses BJP Mandal Milan
Programme of Shimla Rural



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 11

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur while addressing the BJP Mandal Milan Programme of the Shimla Rural at Oak Over today said that every mandal worker must work with greater dedication and commitment to ensure strengthening the Party at the grassroot level. He said that Seraj assembly constituency before his entry to the politics was a congress dominated constituency, but with the hard work he had succeeded in strengthening the cadre of the party in the constituency. He said that he won the first election from the area in 1998 by winning by a handsome margin of about 6000 votes. He said that all the workers of Shimla Rural assembly constituency must work with same commitment to ensure victory of party candidate from this constituency. Jai Ram

Thakur said that every worker must respect their leaders and work with coordinated efforts to come upto the expectations of the party leadership. He said that the State was fortunate to have benevolence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Party was headed at the national level by son of the soil, J.P. Nadda. Chief Minister said that the workers must plan two to three major events in the constituency in which he would participate. He said that a few major developmental issues must also be identified so that they could be taken in hand at the earliest. He said that party office bearers must ensure that the responsibility entrusted to them work with missionary zeal to deliver the results. Jai Ram Thakur said that since government has entered the election year, it was important that the rank and file of the party to work with renewed vigour.

Long wait for relief, but
no hope in light

BUREAU
MEHATPUR, JAN 11

The BPL category is being given money by the government to build a house. Perhaps the government is giving this facility only to the people belonging to the scheduled castes and tribes. Perhaps there are other criteria for getting aid for the general category. This remains a reality for Sodhi Ram of Raipur Sahoda. About two and a half years ago, under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the application was sent by the Panchayat. Even after all this



time they have not got any help. Due to the rain for the last five days, water is dripping from the roof of the dilapidated house. Utensils were placed on the ground to collect the dripping water. It should not happen that any accident may happen after falling down the house. He said that he had also appealed to the District Deputy Commissioner, but no action has been taken so far. He has again urged Up-Pradhan provide us the amount of money under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. In this regard, Raman Veer Chauhan, from Una, said that he has not even received an application for construction of a house.

Signature campaign launched
for security lapse of PM



DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI, JAN 11

Jawali BJP today started a signature campaign under the leadership of Jawali MLA Arjun Singh at Kehrian Chowk regarding security lapse during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab. Following the covid guidelines, by applying masks and following social distance, it was signed by the general public and BJP workers. On this occasion, MLA Arjun Singh said that there has been a deliberate lapse in the security of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Punjab and it is an international conspiracy. He said that the Prime Minister does not belong to any particular party but to the entire country and it is everyone's responsibility to protect him. He said that there should be a high level inquiry and action should be taken against whoever is found guilty.

Indian Farmers Association sends memo to Governor
over loss of damage to crops by stray animals



DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI, JAN 11

A memorandum was sent to Governor and President through Naib Tehsildar Jawali Jagjit Singh, through the Block President Bhikham Singh Pagrotra, by the Indian Farmers Association. In the memorandum, President of the Indian Farmers

Association, Bhikham Singh Pagrotra said that the destitute animals and wild animals are causing a lot of damage to the crops of the farmers and the production is not being done according to the cost of the farmers. Most of the farmers are being forced to leave farming due to destitute and wild animals. Apart from this, he said that farmers are not

getting the price of the crop according to the cost of the produce. He has demanded from the Chief Minister that arrangements should be made to give price to the farmers on the basis of cost of produce and to save the crops from destitute animals and wild animals, cow shelters and cow protection should be constructed at the earliest.

Farmers seek cost base
price for crops

JOGINDRA DEV ARYA
BANGANA, JAN 11

In view of the demand for 'cost based remunerative price' and the demands of the farmers at the state level, Bharatiya Kisan Sangh Block Bangana staged a sit-in demonstration. To fulfill this demand, a memorandum was sent to the President of India and the Governor of Himachal Pradesh through SDM. Surendra Sharma, General Secretary of Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, Bangana said that Centre had recently passed 3 agricultural laws in Parliament. Demanding amendment in those laws, a demand was made for the farmers to get 'cost based remunerative price' for their produce, as well as the demand to include cost based remunerative price in those three laws. For this, in September 2020, the proposals passed by 20,000 villages committees were sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh

Tomar throughout country in September 2020. But no concrete steps were taken by the government in that direction. As a result, in the second phase, on September 8, 2021, the Indian Farmers Union organized a sit-in demonstration at 513 district centers of the country and again passed the proposal in the district units and sent it to the Prime Minister and the Agriculture Minister. But once again, drawing the attention of the government towards this, this demand has now reached the third phase, in this sequence, today it has been decided to hold a sit-in protest demanding 'cost based remunerative price'. Along with this, a memorandum of this proposal was sent to President of India through SDM (Citizen), copy of which is also being sent to the Prime Minister and the Agriculture Minister. On this occasion Yograj, President of Indian Farmers Association Block Bangana, State Treasurer Dilbagh, Subhash, Ashwani, Ramesh and others were present.

Samples of drinking water and
tubewells sent for testing

BUREAU
UNA, JAN 11

Recently, a delegation of Gram Panchayat representatives and farmers of village Sanoli Mazara, Malukpur, Veenewal, Poona, led by Finance Commission Chairman Satpal Satti met Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur in Shimla in which the delegation told the Chief Minister that we need electricity and water on the border. The problem is that the drinking water and irrigation tubules of our 5 villages have been spoiled by chemical water, mainly because of the PACL chemical factory located on the Punjab border, which is leaving the best of its chemical directly in the ground, does not do water treatment. About 40 private and government tubules, hand pumps and wells of these five adjoining villages have been damaged, on which the Chief Minister asked Energy Minister Sukhram Chaudhary to visit this area and listen to the problems of the people. He along with Satpal Satti Visited the entire area which is suffering from chemical and those who are not getting electricity connections



and directed the Head of all the concerned departments including District Collector Una to get the water of these tubewells checked immediately today. Team of Jal Shakti Department and Pollution Department collected samples of 10 tubules of these five villages, which were sent to Mohali, Chandigarh, Ludhiana for investigation. This team included JE Ashok Kumar of Jal Shakti Department, JE Gupreet Atwal Sanoli of Pollution Department. President Jasveer Corps BJP Una Secretary Rajesh Kaushal, Majra President Kuldeep Sandhu, Malukpur President Kamaljit Kaur, Vice President Tarsem Singh, Veenewal's President Sukhraj Kaur, Vice President Mazara Satveer Singh, Vice President Veenewal Jeet Singh Manjinder Singh Malukpur social worker Dilbag Singh, Jarnail Singh were present.

Cyber crimes rise
exponentially in HP

SHIMLA, JAN 11

Cyber Crimes witnessed an exponential rise in Himachal Pradesh as a large number of cases are being registered every day. This information was given by Additional Superintendent of Police (Cyber Crime) Narveer Singh Rathore in the weekly webinar of Umang Foundation on Human Rights Awareness on Monday. He said that investigation found that more men are victim of Cyber fraud compared to women. In the year 2021, more than 8500 complaints of cyber crimes were registered with Himachal Police, out of these, 77 per cent complaints were from men. Internet and cyber security is now a fundamental right of all citizens. Narveer Singh Rathore said that more than 72 crore people use the internet in the country. Out off these, 67 per cent are males and 33 per cent are females. 62 per cent of internet users are connected to social media. He said that the Supreme Court and other courts have made it clear that Internet access and cyber security is a fundamental right of any individual or institution. He also listed several measures that could be adopted to protect against hacking and other cyber crimes. He said that awareness is the biggest measure to counter the cyber crime as highly educated persons such as doctors, engineers, professors and senior officers are also among the victims of cyber fraud due to ignorance towards cyber security issues.

SVJN to Enter Power Trading Business: CMD, SVJN

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 11

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has granted Trading License to SJVN Limited for interstate trading of electricity. The Commission said that SJVN meets the requirements of the Act and the Trading License Regulations for grant of inter-State trading license.

Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director of the company said that by the grant of Trading License, another feather has been added to SJVN's Cap, giving a big boost to its business. SJVN will now be trading electricity generated by any public & private generating companies including companies like SJVN Arun-3 Power Development Company (SAPDC), SJVN Thermal Pvt. Limited (STPL) and other upcoming Subsidiaries in Renewable Sector. Sh. Sharma stated that efficient execution of electricity trading in a competitive environment



will ultimately benefit consumers in the spirit of the open access regime brought about by the Electricity Act, 2003 and subsequent CERC & SERC regulations.

Sharma further said that, SJVN aims to be a one-stop source for any generator and consumer wanting to trade power in the country and

contribute to the evolution of a robust and competitive electricity market in India. Sharma emphasized that SJVN has an adequate infrastructure, with state-of-the-art communication facilities and qualified and experienced staff for this task. SJVN has an energetic core business team with enormous knowledge of power sector related to renewable and non-renewable energy and trading thereof.

Sharma further said that, SJVN will focus on fulfilling power supply deficiencies across various states while also addressing seasonal and regional variance of demand and supply. SJVN will also consolidate the power of small and medium power generators and trade into bulk power consumers. While SJVN currently has the requisite infrastructure and personnel to carry out trading activities efficiently, all incremental support system, manpower, and infrastructure requirements shall be dealt with as

per need. SJVN aims to commence intra-state trading operations in India by tying up contracts to the extent of 900 MW round the clock or equivalent.

Sharma informed that SJVN has a strong portfolio of 41 projects of 16432 MW capacity and has already bagged 1670 MW Solar Power capacity through competitive Bidding Process. Many more Projects in the Renewable Sector are under bidding process, he said. SJVN has already established its footprints in nine States of India viz Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh and in two neighbouring countries namely Nepal & Bhutan.

These projects, Sharma told, will add up to realization of the company's Shared Vision of capacity building of 5000 MW by 2023, 12000 MW by 2030 & 25000 MW by 2040.

Corona infected people roaming fearlessly
increasing problems of health department

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JAN 11

The havoc of Corona is increasing in Kangra, largest district of state. District Health Department has accelerated the pace of corona test after 365 cases of corona were reported in a single day. The health department's troubles increased when the department found that the district corona infected people were roaming freely, raising the possibility of more cases of corona in the coming days. The Health Department believes that 10 percent of the corona in the district is running fearlessly. Giving information to the journalists in Dharamsala on Tuesday, CMO Dr. Gurudharan Gupta said that when the team of Health and Police Department conducted corona tests of many people roaming without masks in bus stands, temples and other crowded places, in which most of the cases were found infected which is a matter of concern. He said that due to such careless people, many other people would also have been hit by Corona. Gurudharan Gupta said that Kangra district has been divided into three

sectors Nurpur, Tanda and Palampur after registering a sudden jump in corona cases. There are 53767 total cases in the district, out of which 1265 have become active. In this third wave of corona, the number of patients admitted to the hospital is less, which is also a matter of relief. He said that one covid care system is working in these three sectors. With this, ten other hospitals have been selected by the Health Department. In these hospitals too, full arrangements have been made to deal with corona disease and the hospitals can be used in case of any emergency. He said that the Covid care system is working in all the three sectors. In these sectors, arrangements for beds including oxygen have been made by the Health Department. He said that about 150 corona cases have also been reported from Tibetans living in McLeodganj in Dharamsala. He said that the Health Department, along with the administration of District Kangra, has also launched a campaign to make people aware of corona disease, in which people should be told about wearing face masks properly, washing hands frequently and social distancing.

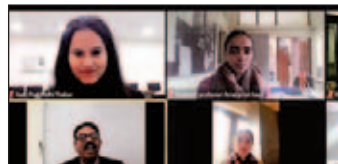
NEWS AT A
GLANCETeenager dies of
heart attack

VIKAS VERMA

DHURI : Young man from the nearby village of Calabula has died of a heart attack. According to the information received, Ammitpal Singh (35) son of Roop Singh, a resident of Kalabula, who, a young man from nearby village Kalabula has died of a heart attack.



According to the information received, Ammitpal Singh son of Roop Singh a resident of Kalabula, was living in Peshawar due to bad debts. When he woke up this morning to drink tea, he had a sudden attack and died on the spot. Already in debt the young man has left behind three children and his wife. Village Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh Binnar, Panchayat Member Bharpur Singh, District General Secretary of Shomani Akali Dal (A) Narinder Singh Kalabula, Kaur Singh Binnar, Dr. Ranjit Singh, BSP Leader Darshan Singh Jhaloor etc.

Organizing webinar on topic of
quality research paper writing
and academic publishing

JASPOONAM KOHLI DINANAGAR: A webinar on Quality Research Paper Writing and Academic Publishing was organized by the Department of Post Graduate Economics under the leadership of Principal Dr.RK Tuli at SSM College, Dinanagar. In which Assistant Prof. Punjab School of Economics GNDU Amritsar Dr. Amanpreet Kaur attended as Resource Person. Firstly the Principal welcomed the keynote speaker. Thereafter Prof. Prabodh Grover introduced the subject of the webinar. Keynote speaker Dr. Amanpreet Kaur gave detailed information about the methods of writing a research paper, qualities of a good research paper, importance of research paper in the field of research, plagiarism and ways to avoid it and punishment for plagiarism. In the end, Prof. Nidhi Thakur thanked the speaker and all the participants. On this occasion Prof. Kajal, Prof. Monica and Prof. Sakshi were present.

Covid vaccination
campaign begins

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHARPUR: On 11th January the covid vaccination campaign was started at Subsidiary Training Centre, BSF, kharkan campus. The district health authorities under hoshiarpur administration administered the booster dose to 207 frontline workers of BSF and 25 families including children were administered the 1st dose of the vaccine. Madhu Sudan Sharma, Inspector General was administered the 1st booster dose. Speaking on the occasion, the Inspector General highlighted the Omicron spread issue and motivated the frontline workers to follow all the guidelines issued by the Govt. on the issue.

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JAN 11

In view of Vidhan Sabha Election-2022 and under the direction of District election officer, Sangrur, Mr. Ramvir, Returning officer-cum-SDM Sangrur, Mr. Charanjot Singh Walia held a meeting with the representatives of the various political parties, supervisors and other polling staff.

In the meeting the Returning officer(RO) apprised them about the instructions issued



by the Election Commission of India(ECI), model code of conduct and he also instructed them to follow the instructions to be issued by the ECI from time to time. In addition, the RO encouraged the polling staff to perform their duties with sincerity and in transparent manner keeping in view

the model code of conduct. The RO said that the election commission for each candidate has set a maximum expenditure limit of Rs. 40 lakhs and it would be mandatory for the candidate to keep accurate record of election expenses after the submission of his nomination papers.

Harjot Kamal along with
his supporters meet CMSANJEEV TEJPAL
MORINDA, JAN 11

At the residence of Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi at Morinda, Moga MLA Dr. Harjot Kamal, accompanied by his supporters including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor and Sarpanch of Moga, expressed strong opposition to the Congress party's decision to field

social activist Sonu Sood's sister Malvika Sood as a ticket claimant from Moga. All the Congress functionaries present on the occasion said that if Malvika Sood was given a ticket from Moga Assembly seat by the Congress then they would strongly oppose the decision of the party. The Moga MLAs along with their supporters stayed at the Chief Minister's residence for about three

and a half hours. Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi had earlier asked MLA Dr. Harjot Kamal and some of his select associates to come inside. But when MLA Harjot Kamal insisted on holding a meeting with his supporters, Chief Minister Channi called all the members inside after about half an hour and held a meeting which lasted for about three hours. After the meeting,

Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi told reporters that he had a meeting with the MLA mayors, deputy mayors, councillors and panchayat members from Moga.

He said he would take up the matter with the party's election screening committee. He said that the final decision on allotment of tickets would be taken by the High Command.

Premature, low weight baby
girl gets new lease of life

MOHALI (LK BANSAL): A 6 month premature newly born baby girl with birth weight of only 790 gm got a new lease of life after she was treated successfully by Dr Amit Nagpal, Consultant, Pediatric and Neonatology at Ivy Hospital. Giving information during a press conference at Ivy Hospital on Tuesday,



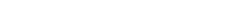
Dr Amit Nagpal said that the baby's pregnant mother came to the emergency department of Ivy hospital around 3 am in morning with a complaint of abdominal pain. Mother was admitted and shifted immediately to the labour room for further evaluation and treatment.

She was assessed and found in 2nd stage of labour. She delivered vaginally at 4 am. The baby had birth asphyxia and she did not cry immediately after birth. The neonatal resuscitation was given and the baby was intubated and shifted to NICU with bag and tube ventilation. Baby was admitted in NICU after taking consent from parents and put on ventilator support.

Political boards, Flex
removed from public places
in VS constituency Gurdaspur

GURDASPUR (VERMA): Newly appointed SDM of Gurdaspur Amanpreet Singh spoke to the polling staff regarding the state assembly elections in the state to ensure compliance with the code of conduct issued by the Hon'ble Election Commission of India. Reviewed in detail and apprised the polling staff of the instructions of the Election Commission.

SDM Gurdaspur Amanpreet Singh said that he was reviewing the situation in Gurdaspur constituency and no supporter of any political party would be allowed to violate the code of conduct. At the same time he issued various instructions to the officers of police administration and concerned departments. He said that standard election code of conduct would be maintained in Gurdaspur assembly constituency at all costs. He further said that under the direction of Hon'ble Election Commission of India, boards, posters and flexes erected by various political parties in Gurdaspur Assembly constituency have been removed. He said that flying squads have been deployed in the entire constituency, monitoring every activity 24 hours a day. He appealed to all the political parties to ensure adherence to the code of conduct as per the Covid protocol.

AAP will bring peace and
prosperity: Balkar SidhuHEMANT SHARMA
RAMPURA PHUL, JAN 11

Keeping in view the instructions issued by the Election Commission and the corona instructions, Kuldeep, Happy of village Mehraj Khurd left various parties and joined AAP during the election campaign in favor of Aam Aadmi Party candidate Balkar Singh Sidhu at village Mehraj of Halqa Rampura Phul.

Kabaddi players, Member Kala, Member Jagsir Sirra, Society Member Hardev Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Amarjit Singh, Harbans Singh, Bant Singh, Resham Singh, Daljit Singh, Balkaran Singh, Karnail Singh, Binder Singh joined Aam Aadmi Party. Senior AAP leader Yodha Mehraj, Dr. Jagsir Singh Kindri, MC Tota Singh,



Lakhwinder Singh, Sukhbir Singh, Bakhshish Singh were present.

AAP candidate Balkar Sidhu said that special attention was paid to the instructions of Corona under the direction of Election Commission so that no more than 5 persons should gather and must wear

masks. He said that Maluka and Kangar had always created factions in the villages but Aam Aadmi Party would bring peace and harmony in the villages. He said that people of the constituency should vote for Arvind Kejriwal to form AAP government in Punjab.

Hry rice millers are panic
with govt policies: GargSUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, JAN 11

National chief general secretary of All India Vyapar Mandal and Provincial President of Haryana Pradesh Vyapar Mandal, Bajrang Garg, after interacting with the rice millers, said that Haryana Government instead of giving tender for the supply of fortified rice to the Haryana rice mills has given this tender to the mills of other states like Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan, which would cause a loss of crores of rupees to the Haryana state exchequer.

Garg alleged that the companies of the other state, who have taken the tender from the government at the rate Rs 59.60, these companies after the purchasing of fortified rice from the millers of Haryana at the

rate of Rs 44 and 45 were supplying to the government of Haryana at the rate of Rs 59.60.

In Haryana 60 mills, which are in a position to produce fortified rice, but the government for their personal interest has disallowed their participation on the pretext of 3 years old mills, so that the mills of Haryana could not participate in the tender, which caused heavy losses to them.

Garg said that to get the tenders from government the owners of Haryana state rice mills had filled rate of fortified rice in tender ranging in between Rs 45 to Rs 50, but the government did not give them tenders. For their personal interest, state government has given tender to the people of other states at much higher rate 59.60.

'Sadda Punjab, Swachh Punjab' A unique campaign
by IPCA to ensure clean environment in PunjabCS JOLLY
CHANDIGARH, JAN 11

Under the Mission "Sadda Punjab, Swachh Punjab", a flagship program to ensure clean environment, Punjab Plastic Waste Management Society (PPWMS), which is a consortium of 48 Multinational and Indian Companies who have joined together to strengthen the collection & segregation of plastic waste in the state of Punjab and to implement this mission on ground, they have appointed Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA), first recognized PRO by CPCB.

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) and the PPWMS, on 2nd October 2018 launched the programme for effectively managing post-consumer multi-layered packaging (MLP) in the state of Punjab. IPCA is actively collecting plastic waste (MLP waste) since then on behalf of PPWMS and in current year, col-



lected 5201 MT of plastic waste from seven cities of Punjab which is 87.34,020 kg CO2 equivalent. Thus, this initiative is not only removing plastic waste from our environment, it is also reducing CO2 emissions and providing income source to waste workers. "According to CPCB Annual Report 2019-20, Punjab is generating approximately 92890.17 TPA, which is roughly translated to generation of 250 Tonnes of plastic waste per day. Plastic waste generation share of Punjab is 3% of India's total plastic waste generation and Punjab is following a unique model for

executing Extended Producer Responsibility through PPWMS consortium. The target for FY2021-22 is to collect more than 7000 MT of MLP waste and till December 2021, IPCA has collected 5201.6 MT of MLP waste in Punjab, i.e. 74 % of the fixed target. With this collection efficiency, we will be able to achieve our target on time. IPCA and PPWMS are not just collecting plastic waste under this mission, they are also making people aware about the efficient plastic waste management through IEC activities" said Ajay Garg Secretary IPCA.

C-Vigil app empowers citizens to report any
violation of Model Code Of Conduct: DC

GURDASPUR(VERMA): District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur Mr. Mohammad Ishfaq said that the C-Vigil app was developed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) to the general public. An effective reporting platform is provided. The Deputy Commissioner said that C-Vigil is a kind of vigilance of the general public. He said that this app is available on Google Play Store and with this app citizens can upload photos and videos along with location based details and any violation of Model Code from time to time. As soon as they upload a



photo or video, the Flying Squadron and Returning Officers take immediate action. The Deputy Commissioner said that as soon as a complaint is lodged on the app, it has to be disposed of within 100 minutes. This type of monitoring can be done at your own level through this app.

HavanYagya organized on New Year's Eve at RR Bawa DAV
College for Girls

BATALA (VERMA): Under the able guidance of Dr.Ekta Khosla, Principal of RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala, a HavanYagya was performed to mark the beginning of the New Year. On this occasion, the chairman of the Local Advisory Committee, Sh. Rajesh Kawatra along with his wife Smt.AnuKawatra were present as the chief guest. Amidst the Vedic Chantings and Shalokas



the Prayers were offered for the welfare of the nation and the world by offering sacrifices to Lord Agnidev. Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year, Sh. Rajesh Kawatra, on this occasion, motivated the team of RR Bawa to take care of themselves and work together with new zeal an enthusiasm to explore new heights even in these tough times.

Ambassador of
Afghanistan calls upon
Punjab GovernorRAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JAN 11

Farid Mamundzay, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to India, during his visit to Punjab on Tuesday, called upon Mr. Banwarilal Purohit the Punjab Governor and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh at Punjab Raj Bhavan.

The discussion between them pirouetted around "invigorating relationship" with Afghanistan and views were exchanged on issues of mutual interest. Stating that India enjoys mature bilateral relations and strong socio-cultural linkages with Afghanistan, the Governor agreed upon the need for further strengthening economic

and trade ties through vibrant partnership and joint ventures in different fields of activity. "There is immense scope for both to learn and grow through mutual exchange of each others 'experience and expertise', said Purohit."

Ambassador Mamundzay extended his warm greetings and affirmed his commitment to further strengthen bilateral relations. He said that there is huge potential of trade with the State that needs to be tapped and accelerated. Sharing that a large number of Afghan students are studying in Higher Education Institutions of the State, he said that he saw huge potential for education for his country's youth in Punjab.

In view of Covid surge DM
imposes additional restrictionsSHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, JAN 11

In view of ever increasing COVID-19 cases in the district, Mrs. Isha Kalia, District Magistrate has imposed additional restrictions.

It was said in the orders that additional restrictions were necessary as it has been observed that positivity rate has increased to 25.15% in the district.

Now as per the additional restrictions, Non-essential shops shall remain opened till 8.00 PM only. However, all shops and vehicle/persons dealing in essential commodities such as food, medicines, milk and milk products, poultry etc. shall be exempted. Further, there shall be no restriction on movement of raw materials, finished goods, personnel etc



related to manufacturing of pharmaceutical drugs, including vaccines and medical devices, diagnostic testing kits etc. All other conditions of my earlier orders will remain the same. Any violations shall invite criminal proceedings under the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

RO meets with political
parties and polling staffSDAM College team gets 3rd position
in Inter College TournamentJASPOONAM KOHLI
DINANAGAR, JAN 11

The fencing team of Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College, Dinanagar secured the third position in the two-day inter-college tournament held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

The members of the winning fencing team in the tournament received a warm welcome on their arrival at the college. Giving information in this regard, College Principal Dr. Reena Talwar said that in



three competitions of AP, Foil and Saber, the team of Guru Nanak Dev University got the

first position, the team of BBK DAV College for Women Amritsar second, Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College Dinanagar and The team of Khalsa College, Amritsar got the third position while the team of Hans Raj Mahila Mahavidyalaya secured the fourth position. College Principal Dr. Talwar congratulated the winning team members of the college and their teachers for their excellent performance in the tournament.

2-Day tournament
organized in Gram
Panchayat Khad



KISHORI LAL BAINS
AMB: A two-day tournament was organized in Gram Panchayat Khad in which 8 teams of Kabaddi and 6 teams from Volleyball participated, winner volleyball and runner up Daulatpur Chowk in Kabaddi, winner Bhadsali and runner up Khad in Volleyball, winner in this program is organized with the collaboration of Nehru Yuva Center and Adarsh Samaj Kalyan Club Khad got it done, whose head is Krishan Heer. Gram Panchayat Khad Pradhan Virender Heer, Deputy President Ravinder Kharsu, Prem Das- Principal of Government Senior secondary School Khad, Lal Singh- Deputy Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra and Lakhbir, Jasveer, Pramanand, Panchayat Malkiat Singh, were present and Gram Panchayat Head Virender Singh Heer said that our goal is to keep the youth away from drugs.

LPU's School of Fashion Design
get 21 unique patents published
in a solo month



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: The fashion design students and faculty-members at the School of Fashion Design and Technology of Lovely Professional University have lately got 21 innovative 'Patents' published in a single month. LPU students of M Design, MSc, B Design and BSc Fashion Design programmes researched exclusively along with their mentors at the school and created societal needed designs in diverse aspects. One of these patents is for a 'diaper' with removable padding and nano coating of vitamin E to prevent skin rashes & allergies, which also decays fast on disposing. In fact, the School of Fashion Design at LPU has been functioning keeping the students' aspirations and industrial requirements in mind. The infrastructure, curriculum, pedagogy and faculty work in synchronization to fulfill the motto and goal of the innovative creation at the school. It has prestigious collaborations with top fashion schools of the world, particularly in the US, UK, Italy, France, Australia and more. The curriculum development, here, involves multiple stages of refinement, and one of the most important steps is the regular adoption of industry feedback.

Truck operators flay
goods tax hike



ANWAR HUSSAIN
NALAGARH: In Nalagarh, truck operators have submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through SDM against the increase in goods tax on trucks. Dozens of truck operators participated in the protest. In the memorandum submitted, the truck operators have said that the country's transporter's back has been badly broken after the Corona hit, even due to installments, repairs, increased spare parts rate, insurance and expensive oil. Now the state government has made a huge increase in the Goods Tax. The operators say that the freight rates have been reduced in BBN and on the other hand the vehicle is being passed only after clearing all the previous goods tax. Apart from this, the rates of challan and fine have also been increased by the government under the MV Act, whose burden has been placed on us.



YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

Manipur government extends AFSPA for another year

AGENCY
IMPHAL, JAN 11

The Manipur government has extended the "Disturbed area" status in the state for one more year on Tuesday. The extension is done every year by the state Home department. The extension of Disturbed Area status implies an extension of the Armed Forces of Special powers Act 1958 till the end of this year. Special Secretary (Home) H Gyan Prakash said in an order that "the Governor of Manipur is of the opinion that due to violent activities of various extremist/insurgent groups, the entire state of Manipur is in such a disturbed condition that the use of armed forces in aid of civil power is necessary and is of the opinion that the areas within the state be declared as a "Disturbed Area" under the provisions of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958." In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (Act No.28 of 1958) as amended from time to time, the Governor of Manipur accords ex-post facto approval to declare the entire state of



Manipur excluding the Imphal Municipal Area as "Disturbed Area" for a period of one year with retrospective effect from December 1, 2021, it was added. The Imphal Municipal area was however excluded. Most political parties, including Congress, Left, MPP, civil societies and victims' families have demanded the repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act. Chief Minister N Biren Singh also stated that the government is reviewing the matter. The Extrajudicial Execution Victim Families Association, Manipur (EEVFAM) formed by 1958 families of extrajudicial execution has also filed a case in the Supreme Court. The

EEVFAM and Human Rights Alert have also demanded that the government should immediately issue pending prosecution sanctions against all the police personnel indicted by the CBI/SIT in pursuance EEVFAM v/s Union of India, SC WP (Crl) 129 of 2012. Even though prosecution sanctions against the lower-ranking police personnel were issued, those against the higher-ranking police personnel were not issued to date it was stated. It further demanded that the state government should pursue with the Union of India to issue prosecution sanction against all the armed forces of the union found to be involved in the extrajudicially killing of the

Banga RO issues notice to SAD (B) district president for violation of ECI's order

ASHOK KAURA
BANGA: Banga Returning Officer (RO)-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Navneet Kaur Bal issued notice to SAD (B) District President for violation of poll code by party's MLA Dr Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi. In the notice issued, Returning Officer said that party's MLA Dr Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi had violated the ban orders of Election Commission of India (ECI) by holding a public indoor meeting in Ghumman village on January 9. She said that a complaint was received regarding the meeting through whatsapp following which a team of administration and flying squad conducted the probe and found the complaint genuine. Bal said that the SAD president had been instructed to submit the reply within 24 hours in this regard. A copy of the notice had also been forwarded to the District Election Officer. She said that ECI had prohibited any kind of public meeting, rally or road show till January 15.

Rs 3016 cr being spent on modern health facilities: Sarveen Chaudhary



SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JAN 11

Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Sarveen Chaudhary said that Rs 3016 crore is being spent to provide better, accessible and modern health facilities to every citizen of the state. Chaudhary was speaking after inaugurating the Health and Wellness Center constructed at a cost of Rs 28.50 lakh at Kyari in Shahpur Vidhan Sabha constituency on Tuesday. He said that along with strengthening the health facilities up to the Panchayat level, the availability of health services in remote areas has been ensured. Specialist medical facilities in hospitals, availability of modern health equipment, upgradation of hospitals besides construction of new and grand buildings are being done. He informed that Rs 50 lakh has been spent on tarring on Shahpur Chater road and

Shahpur Gandrup road. An amount of Rs 5 lakh is being spent on the construction of Mahila Mandal Bhawan in ward number two of Kyari. An amount of Rs 2 lakh has been approved for the repair of another Mahila Mandal building. Seating shed has been constructed at Rs 3 lakh in Vardan, while construction of open air gym at Dholiyar Kyari at a cost of Rs 15 lakh is in progress. He said that a new 63 KVA transformer was placed in village Duliyar and along with 0.450 km HT line and 0.195 km LT line were constructed. This work was done under the low power scheme, on which about Rs 8.26 lakh was spent. He said that the sub-division office building has been constructed at Chadi at a cost of Rs.40 lakh. About one kilometer Lline has been built under DDU scheme in village Dazhamb and Rakh, in which about Rs 2 lakh have been spent.

Hindu Dharma Rakshak Sanstha holds meet

BUREAU
TAHLI WAL, JAN 11

A meeting of Hindu Dharma Rakshak Sanstha was held today in Tahlial area of Una district, which was presided over by Mahesh Gautam, convener of Hindu Dharma Rakshak Sanstha and Himachal Pradesh in-charge Amit Kumar Sharma was present in the meeting regarding discrimination against Hindus and in some areas. Arocities against Hindus were discussed and the government was warned that now the discrimination and atrocities on Hindus would not be tolerated, Hindus have stood up against it, after the meeting the Tahlial unit of Hindu Dharma Rakshak Sanstha in which the responsibility was



given to Rahul Rana. Hindu Dharma Rakshak is such an organization in which only Hindus are our members and we do the work of propagating religion through this institution and together with Hindus. We oppose the discrimination being done with the Hindu temples and are also fighting for not being governmentised, and it is our priority to protect all the Hindu temples. Amit Kumar gave the responsibility of

the area to Rahul Rana of Bathri village. State Convenor Amit Kumar Sharma has urged all Hindus to join more on Facebook page "Hindu Dharma Rakshak" and give suggestions so that we can build good society by gathering our brothers, dozens of workers including Nikhil, Abhishek, Sunil Kumar Sanju, Deepak Joshi Monu, Vinay Sahod, Mukesh Pandit were present.

Media Certification and Monitoring Committee constituted to keep an eye on election expenses of candidates



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, JAN 11

On the orders of District Election Officer - cum-Deputy Commissioner Barnala Kumar Sourabh Raj, Media Certification and Media Monitoring Committee (MCMC) has been formed to keep an eye on the media activities and certification of advertisements for all the three assembly constituencies. The MCMC has started working since the declaration of Model Code of Conduct. Member of the MCMC SDM Barnala Varjeet Singh Walia, who is also currently Additional District Election Officer (ADEO) Barnala today directed the MCMC

members to ensure that activities of all political parties and candidates are duly monitored in print media, electronic media and social media. If the MCMC members come across any advertisement of a candidate, it should be sent to concerned Returning Officer for including it in poll expenses of the concerned candidate. He added that e-paper editions of the newspapers are also considered a part of the electronic media and hence any kind of content put in form of an advertisement requires pre certification from the MCMC set up in room number 86, second floor, District Administrative Complex, Barnala. Similarly, any kind of video or other content put on

Pre certification is required for which platforms?

Advertisement pre certification is required for electronic media that includes all online e papers, radio, TV, cinema hall and social media, bulk messages on mobile and social media platforms like Facebook. Before uploading advertisements on any of these platforms, a pre certification from the district level MCMC is mandatory. He added that the registered national/regional party will have to apply for approval at least three days before uploading the content. In case of individual or unregistered party, this has to be done 7 days before. Application should have copy of the recording and transcript. On coming across any kind of violation, action will be taken by concerned Returning Officer.

social and electronic media has to be certified from the MCMC. Committee will document the script, cost incurred on making the content and other charges.

Special Expenditure Monitor will keep close eye on expenses of candidates: ADE Officer

KULDEEP SOOD/
GULSHAN KUMAR
BARNALA, JAN 11

The Election Commission of India will keep a close watch on the election expenses of the candidates contesting the Punjab Assembly Election-2022. A candidate will be able to spend a maximum of Rs 40 lakh on his campaign, earlier the spending limit was Rs 30.80 lakh, which has now been increased. In this regard, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional District Electoral Officer Mr. Varjit Walia in which representatives of various political parties participated and assured cooperation to the district administration. Disclosing this here today, Mr. Walia said that the Election Commission of India (ECI) has been taking various measures to



reduce the exorbitant expenditure incurred by the candidates in the elections. He said that candidates would be able to spend only on rallies, campaign materials, advertisements, vehicles, and other miscellaneous activities required for elections. Therefore, they have to open a joint bank or postal account in their name or with their election agent one day before filling up the nomination papers. Candidates will be able to cover all election expenses from this account. Payment of up to Rs.10,000 can be

made in cash, whereas more amount has to be paid by check. He appealed to the delegates not to use illegal means such as distribution of liquor and drugs, distribution of cash, distribution of gifts, etc. during the elections. Special Expenditure Monitors will be sent by the Election Commission to monitor the expenditure incurred by the candidates and teams have also been formed at the local level. Details of expenses incurred by the candidates will have to be recorded in the daily expenditure register.

Lohri of newborn daughters celebrated on birth anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, JAN 11

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Lohri of daughters has been jointly celebrated by the colony residents, Progressive Senior Citizens Society (Regd.) and Suryavanshi Khatri Sabha (Regd.) At Krishna Street. The program started with the recitation of Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji. Chief Guest Mata Kiran Deva, Guest of Honor Neeraj Bala Dhanian, and Special Guest Babita Jindal were present on the occasion. Social activists Sukhwinder Bhandari, Piara Lal Raiser, and Lila Ram Garg greeted the public on the occasion of Prakash Purab (birth anniversary) and daughters'



Lohri. During this Lohri has been celebrated by presenting honor kits to 21 newborn daughters. Punjabi writers and singers GS Gill Ransingh K and Makhan Singh Dhaner raised awareness about the importance of daughters through their songs. The team of Dream Boutique Barnala led by Jasveer Kaur Cheema presented a wonderful cultural program. On this occasion langar Food/was also distributed from morning till evening. The program featured Hem Raj Verma, Rajinder Uppal, Rakesh

Jindal, Kewal Krishan Garg, Mahesh Gupta, Ashwani Sharma, Asha Sharma, Jagjit Singh Pasi, Asha Verma, Ramesh Kausal, Usha Giddarwaha, Jasvir Singh Ambala, Mohinder Pal, Dr Rajiv Sharma, Jagjit Singh Pasi, Daljit Singh Deepa, Sanjeev Mechanic, Randeep Singh, Rinku Khumi, SomaBhandari, Balvir Kaur Pasi, Rakesh Garg, Baldev Singh, Ajay Bakers, Navdeep Kapoor, Kultar Bhandari. Kharag Singh, Brij Mohan Sharma, Rajinder Jindal, Kamla Rani, Darshan Kumar etc.

Satti holds bhumipujan of drinking water in Bahdala

BUREAU
UNA, JAN 11

President of the 6th State Finance Commission, Satpal Singh Satti, today performed the Bhoomipujan of drinking water scheme at Rs 35 lakhs in Gram Panchayat Bahdala. Satti said that 1000 population would be benefited. He said that sufficient drinking water was not available to the Gausihala in the Gram Panchayat, but with this scheme, drinking water would be available to this Gausihala as well as the settlements adjoining Chatara. He informed that during the tenure of the present State Government, 7



drinking water and irrigation schemes have been gifted in Bahdala. He informed that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, water is being provided to every household in the state from tap>About Rs 3.50 crore has been spent on these schemes. He informed that a

science block has been built at Ravamapa Bahdala at about 1 crore and a stadium will be built here at about Rs 1.50 crore. He informed that the connectivity road from Color Market to Bahdala has been improved with an amount of Rs 2.68 crore. He

informed that development works worth crores are in progress and 87 transporters got employment due to commissioning of Indian Oil Terminal at Pekhubela built at Rs 500 crores. He said that construction of Mini Secretariat is in its final stage. APMC President Balbir Singh Bagga, Bahdala President Ramesh Chand and Deputy President Avinash, XEN IPH Naresh Dhiman, former Deputy President Suresh Kumar, Ward members Balbindra Singh, Ravindra Kumar, Ranjana Devi, Suman and Anita Rani, besides Ram Murthy and Rakesh Kumar was present.

BKS alleges schemes are not reaching properly

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JAN 11

The Bharatiya Kisan Sangh today submitted a memorandum to His Excellency the President and Governor Himachal Pradesh for their various demands through Shahpur SDM of district Kangra. Shahpur Block President Rait Kishori Lal informed that various types of schemes and projects are being run by the State Government, but the farmer is deprived of their benefits. As a result, farmers are turning away from agriculture. It is imperative for the farmers to find permanent solutions to various major problems. He said that the main demand should be to get rid of



the problem by creating a cow sanctuary for destitute animals within a stipulated time period for the desolation of agriculture and for the safety of life and property. In view of the desolation of agriculture and loss of life and property by monkeys, pigs and nilgai, proper management should be done. To take advantage of all the schemes prevalent in the state by the Central and State

Governments, an e-portal for online transparent process from application to acceptance should be made. According to the agro-climatic condition based on the geographical micro-climate and soil of the state, the cultivation of suitable identified crops should be mapped by the agricultural research institutes. A research action plan should be prepared by agricultural research institutes according to

the geographical situation of the state. Make it beneficial for the farmers by making them convenient and convenient for the farmers by taking a quick look at all the schemes running within the various departments and departments. To promote the promotion of cow based organic farming and milch animal wealth, grants should be given to all farmers to buy indigenous cows. Falling water level due to illegal mining in rivers, irrigation schemes should be given relief from stalled, deteriorating agriculture, as well as relief should be given in case of loss of Rabi crops and apple crops due to natural calamity, drought, hailstorm, heavy snowfall.

EDITORIAL

Global wish list

Dystopia-dependent depression is too easy a mode in which to start a new year. Perhaps we should attempt to do the far more difficult, counter-intuitive thing by reaching instead for mad optimism — given the sheer, mind-shattering direness of the multiple lunacies currently engulfing us, we might as well deploy the counter-craziness of vividly projecting scenarios that go well beyond the logical, 'best-case' models.

So, 2022 will be the year in which we will finally see the petering out of Sars-Covid-19. Given that Calcutta and West Bengal have been nationally behind the curve on most variants but are well ahead on Omicron, the post-Corona sun will rise first on our Sonar Bengal and Rupashii Kolkata. Even as the rest of the country is still reeling from the last tail-lashes of the monster, we will be the first state in the country to regain whatever counts for normalcy. This will provide a much-needed boost to our economy and to the general happiness-quotient of all of us residing in the lap of Mama Bangla.

Our state government and ruling party, chastened by their electoral misadventures in far corners of the country where they have no business, will return their attention to the betterment of our state with renewed vigour. Made consultative, collegiate and sagacious in the triple forge of the pandemic, the cyclones and the horrendous state election battles, our leaders will have learnt many lessons. In close collaboration with scientists, researchers and thinkers, the state government will shift from yo-yoing top-down populist whimsy to putting into practice much-needed reforms. The clean air periods of the last two years will be remembered and curbs on vehicles and industrial pollution will aim for and attain 'Lockdown Level' air-quality. The whole idea of 'growth' will be turned on its head. Instead of bloating the GDP on the backs of the wealth of a very few, we will start working towards decreasing inequality and increasing the quality of life for the majority of the state's inhabitants.

This, in turn, will rapidly make us the envy of the rest of India, nay the subcontinent. From Quetta to Kohima, they will speak of the Bengal Model with awe and emulatory avariciousness. In copycat legislation, private car traffic will be chopped down across the country, factories will find it increasingly difficult to pollute water-bodies with impunity, other conceptual and actually-executed ideas — gifts given by WB — will be received by many authorities and peoples with gratitude.

In 1st, US surgeons transplant pig heart into human patient

In a medical first, doctors transplanted a pig heart into a patient in a last-ditch effort to save his life and a Maryland hospital said Monday that he's doing well three days after the highly experimental surgery.

While it's too soon to know if the operation really will work, it marks a step in the decades-long quest to one day use animal organs for life-saving transplants. Doctors at the University of Maryland Medical Center say the transplant showed that a heart from a genetically modified animal can function in the human body without immediate rejection.

The patient, David Bennett, a 57-year-old Maryland handyman, knew there was no guarantee the experiment would work but he was dying, ineligible for a human heart transplant and had no other option, his son told The Associated Press.

It was either die or do this transplant. I want to live. I know it's a shot in the dark, but it's my last choice, Bennett said a day before the surgery, according to a statement provided by the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

On Monday, Bennett was breathing on his own while still connected to a heart-lung machine to help his new heart. The next few weeks will be critical as Bennett recovers from the surgery and doctors carefully monitor how his heart is faring. There's a huge shortage of human organs donated for transplant, driving scientists to try to figure out how to use animal organs instead.

Last year, there were just over 3,800 heart transplants in the U.S., a record number, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, which oversees the nation's transplant system. "If this works, there will be an endless supply of these organs for patients who are suffering, said Dr. Muhammad Mohiuddin, scientific director of the Maryland university's animal-to-human transplant program. But prior attempts at such transplants or xeno-



transplantation have failed, largely because patients' bodies rapidly rejected the animal organ. Notably, in 1984, Baby Fae, a dying infant, lived 21 days with a baboon heart.

The difference this time: The Maryland surgeons used a heart from a pig that had undergone gene-editing to remove a sugar in its cells that's responsible for that hyper-fast organ rejection. Several biotech companies are developing pig organs for human transplant; the one used for Friday's operation came from Revivacor, a subsidiary of United Therapeutics.

I think you can characterize it as a watershed event, Dr. David Klassen, UNOS' chief medical officer, said of the Maryland transplant. Still, Klassen cautioned

that it's only a first tentative step into exploring whether this time around, xenotransplantation might finally work.

The Food and Drug Administration, which oversees such experiments, allowed the surgery under what's called a compassionate use emergency authorization, available when a patient with a life-threatening condition has no other options.

It will be crucial to share the data gathered from this transplant before extending it to more patients, said Karen Maschke, a research scholar at the Hastings Center, who is helping develop ethics and policy recommendations for the first clinical trials under a grant from the National Institutes of Health. Rushing into

animal-to-human transplants without this information would not be advisable, Maschke said.

Over the years, scientists have turned from primates to pigs, tinkering with their genes. Just last September, researchers in New York performed an experiment suggesting these kinds of pigs might offer promise for animal-to-human transplants. Doctors temporarily attached a pig's kidney to a deceased human body and watched it begin to work.

The Maryland transplant takes their experiment to the next level, said Dr. Robert Montgomery, who led that work at NYU Langone Health. This is a truly remarkable breakthrough," he said in a statement. "As a heart transplant recipient, myself with a genetic heart disorder, I am thrilled by this news and the hope it gives to my family and other patients who will eventually be saved by this breakthrough.

The surgery last Friday took seven hours at the Baltimore hospital. Dr. Bartley Griffith, who performed the surgery, said the patient's condition heart failure and an irregular heartbeat made him ineligible for a human heart transplant or a heart pump.

Griffith had transplanted pig hearts into about 50 baboons over five years, before offering the option to Bennett. We're learning a lot every day with this gentleman, Griffith said. And so far, we're happy with our decision to move forward. And he is as well: Big smile on his face today.

Pig heart valves also have been used successfully for decades in humans, and Bennett's son said his father had received one about a decade ago. As for the heart transplant, He realizes the magnitude of what was done and he really realizes the importance of it, David Bennett Jr. said. He could not live, or he could last a day, or he could last a couple of days. I mean, we're in the unknown at this point.

Literature & Health

Parent's genes can influence a child's educational success

According to new research by the University College London, a child's educational success depends on the genes of his parents that have been inherited as well as not been inherited.

The study has been published in 'The American Journal of Human Genetics'. Funded by the Nuffield Foundation, the study confirmed that genes a person inherits directly are most likely to contribute to their achievements in education. But parent genes that aren't directly inherited, yet have still shaped parents' own education levels and subsequently influenced the lifestyle and family environment they provide for their children, are also important and can affect how well a person does at school and beyond. Children resemble



their parents because of nature (the genes they inherit) and nurture (the environment they grow up in).

But nature and nurture effects are intertwined. Mothers and fathers each pass on half of their genes to their children, and although the other half of their genes are not passed on, they continue to influence the parents' traits and ultimately influence the traits in their children. For example, par-

ents with a higher genetic propensity for learning may have a greater interest in activities such as reading that, in turn, nurture learning in their offspring.

This concept -- when parents' genes influence outcomes for their offspring by shaping the environment that they provide for them -- is called genetic nurture. It describes how parents' genes indirectly their children's characteristics.

Kabul women shift protest mode, write demands on city walls at night

Afghan women and activists, who have been protesting after Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan, have shifted their protest mode by writing their demands on walls at night to avoid violence by the Islamic Emirate forces.

The women protesters said they switched to writing on walls to avoid violence from daytime protests in the streets and write slogans calling for girls' right to education, women's right to work, women's choice of clothes and the inclusion of women in social and political life, reported Tolo News.

According to them, they want to continue demanding for their rights by writing on walls, which also enables them to avoid facing any violence, reported Tolo News.

"Our protests were met with threats and violence, so we switched to murals to achieve our fundamental rights and will continue these protests," Tamana Rezaie, a protester said. "Murals are our



new method of protesting for calling for our rights. Because our protests were often met by violence from the Taliban," said Leda, another protester.

"Women's rights in choosing their clothing style, work, and education are restricted. We will not stay silent and will raise our voice," said Aziz Gul, a protester.

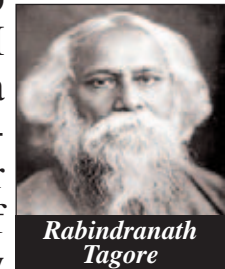
Meanwhile, women protesters and activists called on the Islamic Emirate to grant women their rights and warned they will expand their

protests in the provinces if their demands are not met, reported Tolo News. "Today's women are not the women of 20 years ago. Our new protest methods will expand in all the provinces, and we will use any possible means to raise our voice," said Navida Khurasani, a women's rights activist. "We want our rights. We will not let them be rolled back and will continue our protests until we are given our rights," Darya Neshat, a women rights activist said.

POEMS

Flower

Pluck this little flower and take it, delay not! I fear lest it droop and drop into the dust. I may not find a place in thy garland, but honour it with a touch of pain from thy hand and pluck it.



Rabindranath Tagore

I fear lest the day end before I am aware, and the time of offering go by. Though its colour be not deep and its smell be faint, use this flower in thy service and pluck it while there is time..

Rabindranath Tagore

Study finds COVID-19 Omicron variant neutralized by booster dose

The new COVID-19 Omicron variant is more transmissible than the Delta variant. However, its biological characteristics are still relatively unknown. The study about this variant has been published in the 'Nature Journal'. In South Africa, the Omicron variant replaced the other viruses within a few weeks and led to a sharp increase in the number of cases diagnosed. Analyses in various countries indicate that the doubling time for cases is approximately 2 to 4 days. Omicron has been detected in dozens of countries, including France, and became dominant by the end of 2021.

In a new study supported by the European Union's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority



(HERA), scientists from the Institut Pasteur and the Vaccine Research Institute, in collaboration with KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium), Orleans Regional Hospital, Hôpital Européen Georges

Pompidou (AP-HP) and Inserm, studied the sensitivity of Omicron to antibodies compared with the currently dominant Delta variant.

The aim of the study was to characterize the efficacy of therapeutic antibodies, as well as antibodies developed by individuals previously infected with SARS-CoV-2 or vaccinated, in neutralizing this new variant. The scientists from KU Leuven isolated the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 from a nasal sample of a 32-year-old woman who developed moderate COVID-19 a few days after returning from Egypt. The isolated virus was immediately sent to scientists at the Institut Pasteur, where therapeutic monoclonal antibodies and serum samples from people who had

been vaccinated or previously exposed to SARS-CoV-2 were used to study the sensitivity of the Omicron variant.

The scientists used rapid neutralization assays, developed by the Institut Pasteur's Virus and Immunity Unit, on the isolated sample of the Omicron virus. This collaborative multidisciplinary effort also involved the Institut Pasteur's virologists and specialists in the analysis of viral evolution and protein structure, together with teams from Orleans Regional Hospital and Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou in Paris.

The scientists began by testing nine monoclonal antibodies used in clinical practice or currently in preclinical development. Six antibodies lost all antiviral activity, and the other three were

3 to 80 times less effective against Omicron than against Delta. The antibodies Bamlanivimab/Etesevimab (a combination developed by Lilly), Casirivimab/Imdevimab (a combination developed by Roche and known as Ronapreve), and Regdanvimab (developed by Celtrion) no longer had any antiviral effect against Omicron.

The Tixagevimab/Cilgavimab combination (developed by AstraZeneca under the name Evusheld) was 80 times less effective against Omicron than against Delta. "We demonstrated that this highly transmissible variant has acquired significant resistance to antibodies. Most of the therapeutic monoclonal antibodies currently available against SARS-CoV-2

are inactive," commented Olivier Schwartz, co-last author of the study and Head of the Virus and Immunity Unit at the Institut Pasteur.

The scientists observed that the blood of patients previously infected with COVID-19, collected up to 12 months after symptoms, and that of individuals who had received two doses of the vaccine, taken five months after vaccination, barely neutralized the Omicron variant. But the sera of individuals who had received a booster dose of Pfizer, analyzed one month after vaccination, remained effective against Omicron. Five to 31 times more antibodies were nevertheless required to neutralize Omicron, compared with Delta, in cell culture assays.

Blenders Pride introduces its new brand ambassador

Chandigarh / Ludhiana: Blenders Pride welcomed Alia Bhatt as the new face of the brand with a captivating campaign film, 'Made of Pride'. It showcases Alia's relentless and never give up attitude, and her pride in being her authentic self. She takes the punishing glare of lights, symbolic of the challenges and continuous scrutiny that one confronts on the journey to success, head-on and emerges unfazed and triumphant. The multi-faceted actor with her resilience and dynamism truly represents the brand's philosophy that takes an exciting new turn with this bold and empowering campaign. The leader in its category, Blenders Pride once again creates a benchmark with this new and powerful take on pride. The brand embarks on a new journey with a refreshing tone of voice that is vibrant, aspirational & contemporary. A shift from black & white imagery to infusing colour is a refreshing move for the brand, but one that continues to enhance premium cues. Commenting on the announcement, Kartik Mohindra, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard India, said that Alia Bhatt's story of becoming today's youth icon and one of the most talented stars in our film industry makes her unarguably the best choice for our new brand ambassador for Blenders Pride.

Audi India opens bookings for its legendary Audi Q7

LUDHIANA: Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today announced the commencement of bookings for its next-generation Audi Q7 in India. Powered by a new powerful 3.0L V6 TFSI petrol engine, the new Audi Q7 promises a perfect blend of performance, style, comfort and drivability. The Audi Q7 can be booked at an initial booking amount of INR 500,000. Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India, said, "After nine product launches in 2021, we are excited to step into the new year with another incredible offering – the legendary Audi Q7 for which we open bookings today. The Audi Q7 has always been loved by customers for its sheer magnanimous road presence and its versatile performance - on and off the road. With the Audi Q7 we are now taking this up a notch with a new design and features. I am confident that the Audi Q7 will continue to be loved by existing and potential customers who want to join the Audi family."

Tata Motors Sets New Benchmarks for Automobile Safety in India

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: With increasing occurrences of accidents and road fatalities globally and in India, safety has become a significant consideration for automotive manufacturers and customers alike. Its importance can't be overstated in a country like India, where road fatalities take around 1.5 lakh lives every year or 400 in a day. Therefore, with safety being an important pillar of mobility transformation through CESS (Connected, Electric, Safe, and Shared), the demand for it in India is only poised to grow. As a leading player in the Indian automotive industry, Tata Motors continues to emphasize its core commitment to delivering the safest vehicles in every segment. Commenting on the continued emphasis on enhanced safety standards, Mr. Rajendra Ptelkar, President & CTO, Tata Motors said, "Buyers today have started to look beyond traditional attributes like economy & performance, and they prioritise safety before making a purchase decision. Our growth in PV revenue reflects the traction and popularity that we are gaining amongst the Indian car buyers on this front. We have stayed ahead of the curve by building a long-term strategic road map for safety, and have realized it through expert engineering teams, making investments, incubating innovative concepts, choosing the right technology partners, and delivering solutions for mass markets through frugal engineering. Our GNCAP achievements are a testament to our firm commitment towards offering products that can deliver the highest global standards.

Chandigarh Shines at IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition

CHANDIGARH: IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals, the country's biggest skill competition, concluded today with more than 150 participants being felicitated by Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India. The closed-door competition, organised by National Skill Development Corporation under the guidance of MSDE, witnessed participation in 54 skills such as concrete construction work, beauty therapy, car painting, health and social care, visual merchandising, graphic design technology, wall & floor tiling, welding, among others. In the competition, Chandigarh won total of 5 medals- 2 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze. IndiaSkills Competition, which raises the profile and recognition of the youth, brought together over 500 participants from 26 states/ union territories this year. The skill competitions were held at multiple locations, including Pragati Maidan and offsite locations in the National Capital Region, from 7 to 9 January under Covid-19 guidelines mandated by local authorities and the Delhi Government. Additionally, all safety protocols were followed including no entry for visitors/ spectators, adequate social distancing, and frequent sanitization of the competition premises.

HDFC Bank adjudged 'Best Private Bank in India' at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021

CHANDIGARH: HDFC Bank has been adjudged Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021, organised by Professional Wealth Management (PWM). Published by the Financial Times – the world's leading global business publication – Professional Wealth Management (PWM) specialises in analysing the growth strategies of private banks and the regional financial centres in which they operate.In its editorial, PWM says: "With clients demanding expertise in areas such as ESG, alternatives and technology, PWM's awards celebrate success for those banks which stay one step ahead." Here's the winner's profile published by PWM, further to their senior editor's interaction with Mr Rakesh Singh, Group Head – Private Banking, Investment Banking, and Marketing at HDFC Bank. HDFC Bank Private Banking, part of India's largest privately-owned bank, provides customers with a product suite across all asset classes for "optimal asset allocation" depending on clients' risk profiles and goals.

Call for tax increase on tobacco Products: NYIN for good health

Chandigarh, Youth under the banner of Nada Young India Network for Good Health (NYIN) have urged the Prime Minister and Finance Minister to increase taxes on all tobacco products in the upcoming budget of 2022-23. The appeal came on the eve of National Youth Day 2022 which is themed around 'Saksham Yuva, Sashakth Yuva (Capable Youth, Strong Youth)' calls for enabling a healthy and tobacco-free growing ecosystem for the young people of the country. A strong nation away from additions is possible by making tobacco products unaffordable and out of reach from young people in the country. According to NYIN members, increasing excise on all tobacco products can be a very effective policy measure to address the immediate need to raise revenue by the central government. It will be a winning proposition for generating revenue and reducing tobacco use and related diseases as well as COVID related comorbidities. Some of the major recommendations to the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister include significantly increasing the existing tax burden so that tobacco products become unaffordable by the vulnerable (especially the youths) and reduce the economic burden it imposes, minimising the discrepancies in taxation across different tobacco products and simplifying the tobacco tax structure.

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India lags behind in insulin usage: Dr. Anil Bhansali

Mohali :The first ever Insulin was injected to a human in January 1922 in Canada, and 11th January every year is observed as Insulin Injection Day. Insulin therapy is a crucial aspect of diabetes management.Even though, India is known to be the diabetic capital of the world with a whopping 7.4 crorepeople with diabetes, only a mere 37 lacpeople inject insulin in India. The biggest hurdlefor insulin initiation is the fear of pain which is a result of lack of knowledge on safe &correct insulin injection practices.Major advancement in Insulin therapy has paved way for almost painless injections and people today can administer insulin without even feeling as much as a prick or pinch when injected in the correct injection site most suited for this therapy.

A majority of the people living with diabetes are still unequipped with the right knowledge of insulin administration and the correct techniques to follow. To spread awareness on safe insulin practices, BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) initiated Forum for Injection Technique India (FIT) in 2012, which is now FITTER- Forum for Injection Technique & Therapy Expert Recommendations, which also completes a decade of education in India this year.

Emphasizing on safe insulin injection techniques, Dr. Anil Bhansali, Medical Director, Gini Health, Mohali says "Globally in the last 100 years, there have been sea changes in the

injection devices, injection technique, needles and insulin itself. This reminds us how insulin therapy has changed the lives of millions of people around the globe as insulin is an essential and life- saving drug for people with type 1 diabetes and very important in the management of type 2 diabetes as well. Better quality of life and increased longevity of patients



with diabetes is an outcome of optimal glycaemic control with Insulin and/or newer oral hypoglycaemic agents as needed and as per the treating doctor's advice. Therefore, there should not be hesitation in initiating insulin therapy if needed in people with diabetes for better glycaemic control, reduced morbidity and mortality and possibly increased longevity." BD's initiative FITTER- Forum for Injection Technique & Therapy Expert Recommendations, is one of the major initiatives on educating people with diabetes on safe injection practices and runs several educational and awareness programs. Under this initiative, subject matter experts like endocrinologists and diabetologistsare focusing on creating recommendations on best practices on insulin injection techniques for health-care providers, people living with diabetes on insulin and their caregivers.

On the occasion of 100th year for administering Insulin Injection, Pavan Mocherla, Managing Director-BD India & South Asia said, "Diabetes is a growing chronic condition that increases the risk of health complications and burdens healthcare systems globally. At BD, we are constantly working with healthcare systems to improve safety, patient comfort, outcomes and advancing capabilities for clinicians and patients in diabetes management. This centenary is an occasion to celebrate the innovation in insulin injection delivery that BD has achieved to help people with diabetes better manage their condition."

The first specialized syringe for Insulin Injection was manufactured by BD in 1924. It included a 25-gauge (G) needle. Syringes and needles were boiled to sterilize them before use. Several modifications have been made since then, to make insulin needles shorter and to provide a comfortable injection experience to people injecting insulin.

Some of the key aspects of insulin injection technique recommended by FITTER are injecting the insulin dosage into the healthy fatty layer under the skin, use of 4mm pen needles and/or 6 mm syringe needles, injecting the medication into correct injection sites and practising good site rotation, and also using a new syringe or pen needle each time to avoid the risk of developingcomplications. The benefits of these recommendations for patients are greater injection comfort, lower risk of unexplained hypoglycaemia and glycaemic variation and better glycaemic management while health care practitioners can witness better clinical outcomes in patients.

Sresta Natural Bioproducts Limited files DRHP with SEBI

GURUGRAM : Sresta Natural Bioproducts Limited, which owns the largest brand in the packaged organic food segment, '24 Mantra', has filed draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with capital markets regulator, SEBI to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The Initial Public Offering of the Hyderabad-based organic food company comprises fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹50 crore and an offer sale of up to 70.3 lakh equity shares by the selling shareholders. The company proposes to utilise the net proceeds from the fresh issue towards Funding the working capital requirements of the Company; Repayment or pre-payment in full or part, of certain outstanding unsecured / secured borrowings availed by the Company; and General Corporate purposes. Incorporated in 2004 by one of its promoters and MD, Rajashekar Reddy Seelam, Sresta Natural Bioproducts is engaged in the business of procuring, processing, manufacturing, marketing and research and development of organic food products. As of September 30, 2021, company has a presence in a total of 34 countries.

Bhupendra Singh appointed as Media Coordinator

Chandigarh: Bhupendra Narayan Singh, Editor, Indian National Congress TV has been appointed as the Media Coordinator by the Indian National Congress for the Punjab Assembly Elections. Bhupendra will take over the charge of Media and Communication Department of the party along with Mrs. Alka Lamba , Punjab Assembly Election Media Incharge. Bhupendra Narayan Singh is associated with the media fraternity and he is also a member of the



Film Committee of the Indian National Congress. He has been the CEO of Mahua TV and has worked with many media channels including India Today, Aaj Tak, India TV, Zee News. His documentary 75 Saal-75 Mashal has received a lot of acclaim. Bhupendra Narayan Singh has received his education at Sainik School Ghorakhal Nainital and later at Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Microsoft India announced availability of Surface Pro X

Chandigarh / Ludhiana - Microsoft India announced the availability of the latest Surface Pro X with Wi-Fi via commercial authorized resellers and Reliance Digital. Designed to light up the best of Windows 11, the new model is the thinnest and the most affordable 13-inch Surface device that merges versatility, efficiency, and connectivity. Bhaskar Basu, Country Head - Devices (Surface), Microsoft India said that



we are excited to widen our portfolio of Microsoft devices with the addition of the new Surface Pro X with built-in Wi-Fi. This new model brings together the thin, sleek design associated with the Pro X along with all-day battery life to its most affordable entry price point yet, providing more flexible options to our customers. Weighing just 774gms, this is the thinnest and lightest Pro device. With a custom-built Microsoft processor that delivers fast, 8-core performance, the all-day, everyday device offers fast connectivity, long battery life, and ultra-quiet performance. Its built-in 5.0MP front-facing camera with 1080p HD video automatically adjusts to lighting conditions. Powered by artificial intelligence and the onboard neural engine, Eye Contact helps to adjust your gaze on video calls, so you appear to be looking directly in the camera. The dual far-field Studio Mics and optimized speakers deliver the best video calling experience. Made for master multitaskers, the device includes two USB-C ports and dedicated magnetic Surflink (with an extra USB-A).

RenewBuy ropes in Rajkummar Rao as brand ambassador

CHANDIGARH: One of India's leading InsurTech companies, RenewBuy launched its first 360-degree ad campaign with its brand proposition of "Smart Tech, Right Advice". The company has roped in India's popular and adored film actor, Rajkummar Rao, as its first brand ambassador. The ad campaign highlights the brand's promise of addressing consumer's insurance needs, through its digital led insurance POSP (Point of Sale Person) advisor network.



Speaking on the campaign launch, Devesh Joshi, Chief Marketing Officer, RenewBuy said, "RenewBuy recently raised funds worth USD 60 million, which is being used to scale up technology for exponential insurance advisor and consumer outreach. Through our 360-degree national campaign, we are targeting more than 700 million consumers with a focus on tier 2 cities and beyond. This campaign is our first media led consumer outreach program which stays true to our brand promise of- Smart Tech, Right Advice."We are happy to onboard Rajkummar Rao as the brand ambassador; his brand persona perfectly matches our ethos and core proposition. Rajkummar's mass audience connect across geography and demography will help our brand connect with our core TG across consumers and insurance advisor ecosystem. The "Smart Tech, Right Advice" themed campaign emphasises on RenewBuy's core value of being the most reliable InsurTech platform, where consumers can avail insurance policies digitally, from any part of the country, with the support of RenewBuy's strong nationwide network of digitally enabled POSP insurance advisors. In case of emerging markets, there is still a huge gap in terms of awareness of insurance, and product accessibility. Digitally enabled insurance advisors have been playing an instrumental role in building awareness along with making insurance accessible. Speaking on the association, Rajkummar Rao said, "I am happy to associate with a brand like RenewBuy, which is India's fastest growing InsurTech platform. The company has grown exponentially, due to the trust, transparency, and credibility it built amongst consumers and insurance advisors in the last six years.

Audi India opens bookings for its legendary Audi Q7

Chandigarh: Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today announced the commencement of bookings for its next-generation Audi Q7 in India. Powered by a new powerful 3.0L V6 TFSI petrol engine, the new Audi Q7 promises a perfect blend of performance, style, comfort and drivability. The Audi Q7 can be booked at an initial booking amount of INR 500,000. Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India, said, "After nine product launches in 2021, we are excited to step into the new year with another incredible offering – the legendary Audi Q7 for which we open bookings today. The Audi Q7 has always been loved by customers for its sheer magnanimous road presence and its versatile performance - on and off the road. With the Audi Q7 we are now taking this up a notch with a new design and features. I am confident that the Audi Q7 will continue to be loved by existing and potential customers who want to join the Audi family."

Teachmint partners with Government of Punjab to empower 500+ schools in the region

Chandigarh Teachmint, an education infrastructure startup and the creator of India's largest teaching platform, has partnered with the government of Punjab to provide its teaching platform to over 500 government schools in the region and enable them to run their classrooms efficiently. With Teachmint for Institute, the schools will be able to digitize their operations and ensure their students have continuous access to teachers and digital content through Teachmint's proprietary platform. The first phase of this partnership will be driven in Pathankot, touching the lives of 50,000+ students and helping boost their learning outcomes with advantages like: Classroom recordings: Students will have access to all their class recordings on a single application, ensuring they never miss a lesson. One of the largest question banks: The platform has 1+ million practice questions available for free. Students will be able to learn, apply and upskill at the click of a button. Punjab State board: The platform will have an exhaustive question bank catering to the Punjab state board for the educators and students on its platform. Learn in Punjabi: The Teachmint platform is available end-to-end in Punjabi, Hindi, English along with 8 other Indian languages, helping students learn comfortably in their mother tongue. Knowledge sharing made easy: With Teachmint, teachers can share tests, assignments and study materials easily with all their students. This will ensure that students will always have access to all important course materials and never miss important assignments, irrespective of their location.Commenting on this partnership, Aditya Agrawal, Vice President - Business, Teachmint, said, "We are humbled to partner with the Punjab government to empower schools, educators and students in the region with tech-enabled education.

Gurparvez Shellay meets Shekhawat, briefs him about Ferozepur incident

Chandigarh,: Gurparvez Singh Shellay, a former National Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) and a strong contender for BJP ticket from Ferozepur Assembly seat, met BJP's state election in-charge and Union Minister for Jai Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat here. This was Gurparvez Shellay's first meeting with the Punjab election in-charge after the model code of conduct for the Assembly elections in Punjab was imposed. During the meeting, Shellay discussed with the Union Minister about the Assembly polls in Punjab and the incident of stopping the Prime Minister's convoy in Ferozepur district on January 5, 2022. While discussing the polls, Shellay said that after the Ferozepur incident, BJP workers are full of enthusiasm and they will try their best to make the party candidates win. He said that the workers and the people of Punjab are annoyed with the state government as the Congress government has made a big lapse in the security of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On the other hand, the people of the state fully accept the development agenda of the BJP. In the present circumstances, the people of Punjab have faith only in the BJP and there is no other option. Talking to Shekhawat on the incident of stopping the convoy during the PM's rally, Shellay said that the security breach was preplanned. The Punjab



government gave an opportunity to the protesters to thwart the rally but the BJP workers would not tolerate it and would give a befitting answer to the Congress and the other opposition parties in the Assembly elections.

Ada Khan, Monalisa, to star in 'Hasratein'

Hungama Play's upcoming anthology Hasratein, as the name suggests, highlights real human desires and how it affects relationships. Eminent actors will be seen playing pivotal roles alongShilpa Tulaskar, Sana Sayyad, Siddharth Sharma, Ayush Anand and Sahil Uppalini the Hindi original show. Hasratein has five stories that trace the journey of small-town women who want to experience the sexual ecstasy at least once in their lives. Monalisa, known for working mostly on Bhojpuri films and Hindi TV shows, adds, "Each story ofHasratein is unique and presents situations that are familiar. You probably have experienced it or come to know about it from relatives or read in newspapers. It is this relatability that makes the entire show highly engaging. Every episode has elements of drama that is highly underrated in the Indian entertainment industry." Ada Khan, who has made her mark with shows like Naagin, Behenein, among others, says, "This is not like any other show. Hasratein deals with real emotions and shows characters of all shades. When I first read the script, I was captivated by the distinct approach of the show and said yes to the character right away. My character is seen stumbling upon a very unusual solution to her problem that changes her life forever. The show presents viewers with a reality of life, one that we often ignore." Krishna Mukherjee, who is known for her TV shows like Yeh Hai Mohabbatein and KuchToh Hai: Naagin Ek Naye Rang Mein says, "Hasratein narrates five unique tales that pivot around some real women who don't want to die before they experience physical love. It aims to give its viewers a distinct perspective and holds an empathetic lens towards the characters and the situations surrounding them. Each story comes with a learning that will surely resonate with the audience."

Strengthening Multilateralism for shared growth

CHANDIGARH: "Multilateral cooperation, and a strong Europe-Asia relationship, is crucial for the global recovery. We believe it is important for all our Asian partners to work together to "build back better" – in a greener, digital, sustainable, and inclusive way in the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic", said Niccolò Rinaldi, Head of Unit - Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Directorate-General for External Policies of the Union, European Parliament, on Monday. Mr Rinaldi also acknowledged the importance of collaboration and exchange between the EU member states and Asian countries in the education process. He stressed the critical role of universities like Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) as interlocutors of strengthening the EU's ties with Asia. He was speaking at the inaugural program of a Winter School on 'EU-Asia Relations in a Multipolar World' jointly organised by the Manipal Centre for European Studies (MCES), a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, and Nordic Centre in India from 10-15 January 2022 at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), at Manipal, Karnataka. The 6-day Winter School is curated by Ms Priya Vijaykumar Poorya, lecturer, and Dr Yatharth Kachiar, Assistant Professor at the Manipal Centre of European Studies (MCES).

TATA AIG is Now Great Place to Work-Certified

CHANDIGARH– Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited has been Great Place to Work-Certified in India from December 2021 to December 2022. Despite the global crisis, the certification represents Tata AIG General Insurance Company's steadfast focus on creating a workplace that fosters a sense of safety, support, and happiness for all of its employees. As an essential services provider, Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited had the dual challenge of prioritising employee safety and wellbeing while ensuring uninterrupted operations for policyholders and prospective customers due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Right from organizing a vaccination drive for the employees and their families to launching initiatives to provide monetary relief to the deceased employees' families, the company banded together to keep the health of their employees at the forefront. To ensure the second priority of uninterrupted operations throughout the pandemic, they introduced a wellness calendar, Health Risk Assessment survey, and multiple Health Talk webinars to fight the covid situation and reduce stress.

Haryana Shines at the IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition

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National Human Trafficking day aims at raising Awareness in society:Vikrant Rana

Director Legal Punjab International Human Rights Organization Advocate Vikrant Rana said thatNational Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed on January 11, 2022, which is on Tuesday. The day aims at raising awareness of the plight of human trafficking victims, and promoting and protecting their rights. Rana Further said Human trafficking is trading humans mostly for the purpose of forced labour, bonded labour, sexual slavery, commercial sexual exploitation or extraction of organs. It is a heinous crime that can occur not only within a country but also trans-nationally. Trafficking of humans is considered one of the fastest growing crimes of trans-national criminal organisations. It is a crime which involves violation of human rights by means of exploitation and coercion. Human Trafficking mostly includes women and child trafficking. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime has engaged itself in continuing efforts against human trafficking by assisting several non-governmental organisations (NGOs).Government must take strict action so that these heinous crimes can be snubbed.



vivo Launches Y33T with Snapdragon 680 and 5000 mAh battery

Chandigarh : vivo, the innovative global smartphone brand,today launched the all-new vivo Y33T in India. Designed to effortlessly capture your memorable moments, vivo Y33T features a 50MP rear camera that redefines high-definition photography. It is powered by the all-new Qualcomm Snapdragon 680 for a powerful gaming experience. vivo Y33T comes in a flat frame with 5000mAh battery packed into an 8.0mm thin body. A perfect amalgamation of powerful technology set in a lightweight and premium design.

vivo Y33T is priced at INR 18,990 for 8GB+128GB storage. It will be available in two vibrant color options - Mirror Black and Middy Dream. The device will be available across vivo India E-store, Amazon, Flipkart, Paytm, Tataclq, Bajaj Finserv EMI Store, and across all partner retail stores starting January 10, 2022. Commenting on the launch, Yogendra Sriramula, Director-Brand Strategy, vivo India said, "After the success of Y33S in 2021, vivo has been all set to introduce some of the biggest upgrades in its Y series this year and continue to fulfill its commitment of making innovative technology accessible to all the consumers across the country. vivo Y33T has been designed to provide a premium and seamless experience to customers with segment-leading features like 50 MP main camera, super night mode in selfie camera, erdesign and the powerful Qualcomm Snapdragon 680 processor for a seamless gaming experience. We believe vivo Y33T will be the perfect choice for consumers who look forward to a smartphone that has a stylish yet elegant design complemented by powerful performance."



Can you see the dead? Now, Nayan Can!

Get ready to witness the most interesting revelation of the television show 'Nayan Jo Vekhe Unvekha' when not only the viewers but Nayan will get to know another factor of her supernatural visions which will later disclose many interesting twists and turns in the story. In the previous episode of 'Nayan, Jo Vekhe Unvekha', we saw Nayan being kicked out of her village by the villagers



when she tries to save the life of her friend and ends up in a temple. The new episode reveals Nayan now can see not only the future but can also see the dead. At the temple, she sees a dead lady who's informing her about an accident that is going to happen. And request her to save her son from the accident. Whereas a new face is revealed and a new character is introduced, 'Devansh' son of the dead lady. But the real question arises here is that will Nayan be able to save Devansh? Will she face disappointment? What next is in store for Nayan? Keep watching 'Nayan, Jo Dekhe Unvekha' at 8:30 p.m. only on the Zee Punjabi channel and at any time on the Zee5 App.

Blenders Pride introduces its new brand ambassador in a captivating new campaign film

HIMLA: Blenders Pride welcomed Alia Bhatt as the new face of the brand with a captivating campaign film, 'Made of Pride'. It showcases Alia's relentless and never give up attitude, and her pride in being her authentic self. She takes the punishing glare of lights, symbolic of the challenges and continuous scrutiny that one confronts on the journey to success, head-on and emerges unfazed and triumphant. The multi-faceted actor with her resilience and dynamism truly represents the brand's philosophy that takes an exciting new turn with this bold and empowering campaign. The leader in its category, Blenders Pride once again creates a benchmark with this new and powerful take on pride. The brand embarks on a new journey with a refreshing tone of voice that is vibrant, aspirational & contemporary. A shift from black & white imagery to infusing colour is a refreshing move for the brand, but one that continues to enhance premium cues. Through the narrative of the film, Alia nudges the audience to adorn an attitude reflective in the lyrics "Watch out! I'm here to slay. Hit me with your brightest light. I'll stare back. I'm made of pride." The 360-degree integrated campaign will be seen across TV, Digital, Print & OOH. Kartik Mohindra, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard India, said, "Alia Bhatt's story of becoming today's youth icon and one of the most talented stars in our film industry makes her unarguably the best choice for our new brand ambassador for Blenders Pride.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Garg welcomes Govt's decision to waive off market fees and HRDF



SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH: Provincial President of Haryana Pradesh Vyapar Mandal and former Chairman of Haryana CONFED, Bajrang Garg, has welcome the decision of Haryana government to waive off market fee and HRDF, which total come to be 2% on vegetables and fruits. Now, the vegetable and fruit seller has got freedom from the Inspectory Raj. Farmers and vegetable and fruit sellers will be benefited by waiving off these fees. Garg said that while the

Maha : 22 cops test positive for Covid-19 in Nagpur

NAGPUR: Twenty two police personnel including five officers of Nagpur city police have tested positive for Covid-19, Dr Sandip Shinde, Chief Medical Officer(CMO) of Nagpur Police hospital informed on Tuesday. Dr Shinde further informed that all these police personnel have taken both the doses of vaccine against Covid-19. The CMO further said that all the patients are asymptomatic and have been put into home isolation as a precautionary measure. The officers who have tested positive include a top official of Crime Investigation Department (CID), Nagpur and a Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy SP), and an official of State Intelligence Department's (SID) Nagpur unit also tested positive for novel coronavirus. A Police Inspector of Koradi Police Station, Second PI of Jaripatka Police Station, a PI attached to Economic Offences Wing (EoW) and an API of Special squad of DCP Zone IV have also tested positive for Covid, Dr Shinde apprised. 17 of the infected policemen are attached to Jaripatka, Sadar, Sitabuldi, Beltarodi, Kalamna and police headquarters. These police personnel have been sent for home isolation with basic medicines as none of them are showing symptoms so far, Dr Shinde said. A total of 97 per cent personnel of Nagpur police have taken the first dose of the vaccine while the second dose was given to 98.5 per cent police staff. The one-and-a-half per cent difference in the first and second doses is showing as the cops have been transferred to other units in the last six months, Dr Shinde added. In view of people getting infected with Covid-19 cases even after taking both the doses, the Nagpur police has decided to start administering the booster dose of Covid-19 vaccine from Tuesday.

Kashmir valley, Ladakh reel under cold, Drass at -24.2

SRINAGAR: Drass in Ladakh experienced the seasons coldest night with temperature of minus 24.2 degree Celsius, while the famous tourist resorts of Gulmarg recorded a low temperature of minus 10.6 degree Celsius and Pahalgam minus 10.4 degree Celsius in Kashmir on Tuesday. A Meteorological Department official said that Srinagar, the summer capital of Kashmir settled at 0.2 degree Celsius for the second consecutive day on Tuesday. It was 2.0 degrees above normal during this time of the season, he said. The famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir showed a further dip in temperature and was recorded at minus 10.6 degree Celsius against minus 10.0 degree Celsius recorded on Monday which is minus 2.7 degree below normal during this period of the season. Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir recorded temperatures of minus 10.4 degree Celsius against the minus 2.6 degree Celsius on the previous night.

Jai Ram Thakur inaugurates New OPD building of IGMC

BUREAU SHIMLA, JAN 11

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today inaugurated New OPD building of Indira Gandhi Medical College Shimla here today. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that this building has been constructed by spending an amount of Rs. 103.18 crore, out of which Rs. 73 crore has been provided during the tenure of the present State Government. He said that originally this building was to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 46 crore, the present State Government revised it to Rs. 103 crore in 2019 so that a much more bigger building could be constructed to meet out the future requirements. He said that Rs. 40 crore was also being spent on construction of Trauma Centre which would be completed by June this year. He said that IGMC is the premier Medical College and Hospital of the State and the State Government was committed to fully equip it by providing world class men and machinery. He said that keeping in view the rush of patients in this institution, it was felt that more infrastructure would be provided in this



institution. He said the New OPD Block would go a long way in meeting this objective. Chief Minister said that doctors, paramedical staff and other health workers of the State have worked with great dedication and commitment to contain spread of corona pandemic. He said that the new variant of coronavirus was also a matter of concern. He expressed hope that with the collective efforts and dedication of the doctors and health workers, the State would also succeed in coming out from this pandemic as

well. Jai Ram Thakur said that Rs. 32 crore parking was coming up near IGMC under the Smart City Project which would facilitate the patients, doctors and attendants and general public. He said that apart from six medical colleges in Government sector, one AIIMS was also coming up in the State at Bilaspur, which was possible due to benevolence of the Prime Minister and National BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda. He said that AIIMS Bilaspur would be dedicated to the State in the month of June this year. Chief

Sahabi film actors from India visit Gurdwara Kartarpur Sanjib in Pakistan

LAHORE: A group of Punjabi film actors from India starring in 'Chal Mera Putt 2' has visited the revered Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan's Punjab province using the visa-free Kartarpur corridor, an official said on Tuesday. Actors Harby Sangha, Anita Devgan and Hardeep Gill along with their family members on Monday visited the gurdwara where they were welcomed by Pakistani film and stage actors who co-starred with them in the movie, Kartarpur Corridor chief executive officer (CEO) Muhammad Latif told an news agency. Pakistani artistes Ifthikhar Thakur and Qaiser Pia hugged the Indian stars warmly and together visited various parts of the gurdwara, the museum, Kunwan Sahib, Missil Sahab and other parts. The actors also had langar and the gurdwara administration presented them with special gifts. Harby Sangha expressed his delight saying he was happy to visit the gurdwara and received immense love from the people here, Latif added. The actor hoped the landmark corridor would bring prosperity in both the countries. Latif said that an average 200 to 250 Indian Sikhs have been coming here daily since mid-November last.

All OPDs closed, 88 doctors on strike and 3500 OPDs affected in Jind



ANIL KUMAR JIND, JAN 11

On the call of Haryana Civil Medical Services Association, government doctors should go on strike on Tuesday and keep the general OPD closed. During this, other emergency services including post-mortem were kept smooth. The doctors had also sought cooperation from the general public in this movement. Posters were already pasted in the civil hospital regarding this. Haryana Civil Medical Services Association District Executive met Civil Surgeon Dr. JS Poonia and Principal Medical Officer Dr. Anil Birla and submitted a memorandum regarding their demands. Deputy MS Dr Rajesh Bhola said that they are demanding a ban on direct recruitment of Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) in the Health Department, creation of special cadre also and amendment in the

postgraduate policy and told that there are 88 members of HCMAS across the district and they are handling other administrative work including OPD at different places. Talking about Civil Hospital Jind, there is OPD from 1000 to 11 00 daily. And this OPD reaches up to 1200 . If the district is estimated, then the OPD goes up to 3500 per day. Haryana Civil Medical Services Association's Distt President Dr Bindlish, Vice President Dr. Raghuvver Poonia, Secretary Dr. Arun, Co-Secretary Dr Rajesh Bhola said that on December 5, government doctors from across the state had gathered in Karnal and demonstrated. After this, on December 12, a meeting was held with Health Minister Anil Vij. In which it was agreed to implement the agreements, but till date these agreements have not been implemented in writing. Due to which there is anger among the doctors.

BSP chief Mayawati will not contest UP polls

LUCKNOW, JAN 11

Bahujan Samaj Party president Mayawati will not contest the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, party general secretary S C Misra said here on Tuesday. Misra said he will also not contest the state elections, which will be held in seven phases starting February 10. Since elections are being held in five states, including Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh, the BSP president will not contest the polls and help party candidates win, he said.

Later, he told PTI, "The decision of the party for now is that Mayawati ji and I will not fight Uttar Pradesh assembly elections. However, future decisions will be taken by Mayawati ji herself."

Mayawati is neither a legislator nor an MP. Misra is a Rajya Sabha member.

The BSP has decided to contest all 403 seats in Uttar Pradesh alone. It has



entered into an alliance with the Shiromani Akali Dal in Punjab. Over poll surveys claiming that the BSP is already "out of the race" for power in Uttar Pradesh, Misra claimed his party will form government in the state and Mayawati will take over as chief minister for the fifth time. Mayawati had served as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh in 1995, 1997, 2002 and 2007. She was a member of the legislative council in 2007.

SJVN bags 125MW two Solar Projects in Uttar Pradesh

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 11

SJVN Limited has bagged two more grid connected solar power projects of 125 MW capacity through tariff based 'Competitive Bidding Process' conducted by Uttar Pradesh New & Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA). SJVN has been issued Letter of Intent (LoI) by the Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency for developing 75 MW grid connected solar power project at Gurhah, in Jalaun District, and 50 MW grid-connected solar power



project at Gurjrai, in Kanpur Dehat District in the state of Uttar. Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director informed that SJVN quoted a tariff of Rs 2.98 per unit for both solar projects and power generated from these

projects will be procured by UPPCL for 25 years. The Gurhah Project will generate 159 MU energy annually with Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF) of 24.22% while the Gurjrai project will generate 106 MU energy annually with CUF of 24.20%. Nand Lal Sharma further said that with this allotment, SJVN now has 1670 MW of solar power projects under different stages of execution. He stated that all these Solar Projects are scheduled to be commissioned during the Financial Year 2023-24 and will be a gigantic leap for SJVN's renewable energy generation capacity.

Sharma further stated that the Government of India has envisaged the vision of '24X7 Power to All'. He reiterated that recently at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 26), Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had stated India's intent of generating 500 GW of Renewable Energy by 2030. This initiative is in line with the target set by the Government of India and it would enable SJVN in expanding its footprint Pan India, as well as, achieving its Shared Vision of capacity addition of 5000 MW by 2023, 12000 MW by 2030 & 25000 MW by 2040.

Flag march taken out in city due to assembly elections



VK DOGRA DHAR KALAN, JAN 11

In view of the assembly elections, two army companies have been called for security arrangements in district Pathankot. A flag march was taken out in the city jointly by Punjab Police and BSF today. DSP Rajinder Minhas, who is leading the flag march, said that along with Punjab Police, companies of BSF and SOG have reached Pathankot district. He said that there should be no untoward incident during the elections, due to which the BSF and Punjab Police personnel will be deployed for security. Due to which the Punjab Police and BSF took out a flag march from the bus stand to Valmiki Chowk, Gandhi Chowk, Gaadi Aahata Chowk and through the main markets of the city in view of the security in the city.

KU VC announces awards for research and project funding on KU foundation day

KURUKSHETRA, JAN 11

Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University, Prof Som Nath Sachdeva, congratulated all the teachers, non-teaching staff and students on the foundation day as the chief guest at the Havan program organized by the Department of Youth and Cultural Programs under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on Tuesday. Prof Som Nath said that this day is dedicated to all those personalities with whose efforts today KU has been able to make a mark at the national and international levels. The university has got A plus grade by NAAC and is among top 20 universities given autonomous status by MHRD. Prof Som Nath Sachdeva said that the foundation stone of the University was laid by the first President of India, the



Late Dr. Rajendra Prasad. On the occasion, Prof Som Nath announced that in order to further encourage research and development in KU, a notification has been issued to give awards in 7 categories to the teachers of the university. Nominations have been sought for this and the names of the teachers who will receive the award will be announced very soon. He further announced that to promote research, a grant of up to two lakh rupees will be given to the faculty member

for minor projects, under which they will be able to do their research work without any constraint. Promotion of teachers and non-teaching staff is also being done from time to time and will continue in future also. The problems related to the examination of the students have also been resolved and we are developing KU as a student friendly university, further added Prof Som Nath. The Vice Chancellor also planted a sapling on this occasion.

Farmers' union hands over two memos to Tehsildar

DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI, JAN 11

Under the leadership of Surat Singh Goraya, State Vice President of Indian Farmers Union, the farmers handed over two memoranda to the Tehsildar regarding their demands. One memorandum was addressed to the President and the other to the Governor of Haryana. The memoranda were handed over to Office Lawyer Subhash Sharma in the absence of Tehsildar. The memorandum addressed to the President mentioned the demands pertaining to the Center and the one addressed to the Governor was about state-related demands. Surat Singh informed that the All India Executive of the Union and the presidents, general ministers and office bearers of the 36 states have demanded to implement the three agricultural reform ordinances after making five amendments. There is no mention of beneficial values in these laws. For this, by bringing the fourth law, the beneficial value should be given legal form. In 2020, the Sangh organized 20,000 gram sabhas and sent proposals to the government. But in the meantime, in the name of the so-called peasant movement, the Prime Minister withdrew all the three agricultural laws. As the farmer does not get the right price for his produce, he is sinking into debt. The government also helps but due to poor implementation of policies, the condition of the farmers is not improving. Farmers Gurnam Singh, Gurmukh Rajgarh, Mulk Raj Sandhir, Kewal Krishna, Sukhbir Singh, Tejpal, Balwan and Karmaveer were present on this occasion.



Special meeting of District Trade Board Pathankot held

R.SINGH PATHANKOT, JAN 11

At present, the atmosphere is hot in Punjab regarding the elections. In all these, no political party makes any effort to bring back the traders who have shifted there due to the good facilities of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh along with increasing the business in Punjab, which is a matter of concern. This matter came to the fore during a meeting organized on behalf of District Trade Board Pathankot during the



discussion program on tea under the supervision of President Inderjit Gupta. On the occasion, President Inderjit Gupta said that due to the presence of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh along the border of Pathankot, traders prefer to go

to both the states without setting up any industry here, the main reason for this being given to the traders from the said state. There are facilities. Many governments came and went in Punjab but no government paid any attention to it. If we look at petrol only,

then its difference is clearly visible in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. The owners of the petrol pumps of our district are facing the brunt of this. Chairman Vivek Madia, Gagan Thakur, Kewal Sharma, Paramjeet Saini Pamma, Vipin Arora, Rameshwar, Amit Mahajan, etc. along with President Inderjit Gupta said that besides increasing the business in Punjab, new avenues of employment would have to be created so that the youth would get their own opportunities.

SURESH KUMAR BHOA, JAN 11

Under the leadership of Mukesh Kumar, a social worker of village Shalawal village under Bhoa assembly constituency, protested against the district administration by shouting slogans against the main street of the village due to non-discharge of dirty water. Expressing anger, Rakesh Kumar, Sandeep Sharma, Ramesh Kumar, Anuj Sharma, Monika Sharma, Kajal Jyoti Sharma said that the most formidable problem in the main temple street of the village was the protest against the district administration and the village panchayat regarding the drainage of dirty water.



Giving information about this, the residents of the village said that for a long time, the drainage of the entire village's dirty water used to go to Panchayat Chhappar, 4 kanal land of the village itself, but now the thatch is completely filled with dirty water and mud and For the last about seven-eight years, this water overflows into the crop lands of the

landlords of the village, due to which the crops of the poor farmers get spoiled every year. He stands around the government primary school, due to which the atmosphere of the whole village has become smelly, while the poisonous creatures coming out of this shed go to the houses of the people, due to which there is also a fear of spreading some terrible disease in the village, due to which the village it has become difficult for the people of the village to get drainage done in the drain, some people of the village said that 22 feet wide cool was built for the drainage of rain water of the village, at a distance of about one and a half feet from the panchayat chhappar of the village.

SHORT TALKS

Tibetan bikers protesting Beijing Winters Olympics 2022 reaches Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: Regional Tibetan Youth Congress which flagged off a bike rally from Bangalore to Delhi on 10th December 2021 to mark the World Human Rights Day reached Chandigarh on Monday. The bikers were formally welcomed by students hailing Tibetan commune in tricity. The Rally is aimed to bring international attention to the gross human rights violations committed by China in Tibet and East Turkestan (Xinjiang) which have been under Chinese occupation. Bikers were appealing for the basic human conscience of all the people and boycott Beijing Winters Olympic 2022 as an expression of solidarity with people in Tibet, Xinjiang, South Mongolia and Hong Kong who are suffering under Chinese repression and oppression.

Though sport ideally must be kept away from politics in a normal time, however, the atrocities carry out by China against Tibetan and Uyghur people in the form of increasing police custodial deaths, tortures, forced sterilization, forced disappearance, genocide and running of mass concentration camps raise fundamental questions about the basic tenets of humanity. We cannot and should not keep sports away from basic moral principles. The international community cannot go on like business as usual with China regarding its repressions at home and aggression abroad from India's Himalayan borders to Taiwan and South China Sea. said RTYC Spokesman Kunga Tendon

West Indies, Ireland agree to postpone second ODI

KINGSTON: West Indies and Ireland have agreed to postpone the second ODI, scheduled for Tuesday after two further positive COVID-19 cases were reported in the Ireland camp. A joint statement from Cricket West Indies (CWI) and Cricket Ireland said the two boards are in discussions to review the match schedule and are working to explore all possibilities for the series to be completed. "Cricket West Indies (CWI) and Cricket Ireland (CI) issued a joint statement after two further positive COVID-19 cases were reported in the Ireland camp following recent testing, and two players being ruled out due to injury, resulting in Ireland having a severely depleted squad," the statement read. "The second One-Day International scheduled for Sabina Park on Tuesday, January 11 has therefore been postponed," it added. According to Cricket West Indies (CWI), the five members of the Ireland team who have returned with positive COVID-19 results remain in isolation under the care and supervision of the medical teams. Ireland cricketers Simi Singh and Ben White were ruled out of the first ODI against West Indies on Saturday after testing positive for COVID-19. But the game went ahead as planned. In the first ODI Shamrah Brooks and Kieron Pollard starred with the bat as West Indies defeated Ireland by 24 runs here at the Sabina Park on Sunday.

Indian batsmen fail to handle SA pacers

AGENCY
CAPE TOWN, JAN 11

Kagiso Rabada, Duanne Olivier and Marco Jansen put hosts in a strong position as India's middle order crumbled in the post lunch session of the third cricket test match with Indian skipper Kohli made 79 and India were 218 for 9 when news last came in.

Earlier with India resuming the post lunch session at 75 for 2, the South African pacers bowled tightly and did not allow Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli to bat freely. The duo managed to put up a 50-run partnership to deny Proteas any early breakthrough. Pujara was more aggressive of the two, capitalizing on the opportunities coming his way.

The gritty partnership was finally broken as left arm pacer Marco Jansen dismissed Pujara caught behind by wicket-keeper Verreynne for 43 to leave India in a spot of bother at 95 for 3.

Ajinkya Rahane came in to bat after Pujara's dismissal and Jansen managed to find his outside edge too but the ball went in the third slip region where there was no one standing. India reached the triple figure mark as the intriguing contest between the bat and ball continued. Rabada went past Virat Kohli's bat missing the edge by a whisker and the Indian skipper replied back with a six of the very next ball.

Rahane's lean patch continued as he was dismissed for 9 by Rabada who bagged his second wicket and Verreynne took his third catch of the innings. The Mumbai lad did take a review but it did not go his way to leave India tottering at 116/4.

Wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant joined Virat Kohli and got off the mark with a boundary towards gully with the ball going over the fielder's head. Virat Kohli hung in and kept the fight on to take his side to 141/4 at Tea. India scored 66 runs in the session and lost two wickets.

Earlier in the day, Virat Kohli won the toss and despite a bit of overcast conditions chose to bat first. Opener Mayank Agarwal got a life on his individual score of zero as South African pacer Kagiso Rabada got the outside edge but Keegan Petersen dropped a tough chance at the third slip. The duo then batted steadily to put on 31 runs for the opening wicket.



Sri Lanka, UAE, Scotland triumph in ICC U-19 World Cup warm-ups

AGENCY
GEORGETOWN, JAN 9

Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Scotland all recorded impressive victories as the warm-up matches for the 2022 ICC Under 19 Men's Cricket World Cup continued in the West Indies.

In Guyana, Sri Lanka notched a 128-run triumph over Ireland and Scotland were winners by 107 runs over Uganda, while the biggest win of the day came in St Kitts for UAE, as they were 250-run victors over Papua New Guinea.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's scheduled warm-up match against England was postponed due to delays in the Afghanistan squad ob-



taining the necessary visas to enter the West Indies. The ICC U19 Men's CWC starts on Friday, with all teams now

entering the final stages of preparation. Despite overnight rain in Guyana shortening the match between Sri Lanka and Ireland to 43 overs per side, Shevon Daniel helped lead the Sri Lankans to an impressive 128-run victory.

Ireland won the toss and elected to bowl but opener Daniel attacked from the off as he scored 75 from 72 balls, including eight fours and a six.

Opening partner Chamidu Wickramasinghe being run out for five and No.3 Sakuna Liyanage being trapped LBW by pick of the Irish bowlers Nathan McGuire (2/40) couldn't slow Daniel, who retired not out with the score at 122 for two.

England all-rounder Lewis Gregory extends contract with Somerset until 2023

AGENCY
SOMERSET, JAN 11

England all-rounder Lewis Gregory has signed a contract extension with Somerset County Cricket Club (SCCC).

Lewis' current deal was due to expire at the end of next season, but the 29-year-old has put pen to paper on a deal that will see him remain at the Cooper Associates County Ground until at least the end of the 2023 campaign.

"I've been here for a long time and it's a great Club to play for. I love everything about the Club because it's a very special place," Lewis said in a statement after agreeing his extension as per Somerset website.

"I'm really pleased to have



signed for an extra year and I think we've got a really strong squad that can genuinely challenge for honours over the next few years. That's

why we play the game.

"We've got the best Members and supporters in the country and to be able to play in front of them is extremely special," he added.

A former England Under 19 Captain, Lewis was called into the England ODI squad in 2015. He was named in the England Test squad for 2019's clash against Ireland and his consistently impressive performances were rewarded with a place on England's T20I tour of New Zealand that winter.

Somerset Head Coach, Jason Kerr said: "We're delighted that Lewis has extended his contract. He's an extremely talented cricketer and he's now demonstrated that on the international stage. He's been doing that week in week out for us for a number of years now.

Ross Taylor bids adieu to Test cricket with final wicket as NZ thrash B'desh

AGENCY
CHRISTCHURCH, JAN 11

New Zealand batter Ross Taylor on Tuesday picked his third wicket in the longest format to help the Kiwis register a thumping win over Bangladesh by an innings and 117 runs in the second Test.

It was an eventful farewell match for Taylor, who wrapped up the Bangladesh innings after dismissing Ebadot Hossain as he picked his third wicket in Test cricket.

On Tuesday, Bangladesh started their second innings following on New Zealand but were bowled out for 278 as the Kiwis sealed a win. The visitors were folded for 126 in the first innings.

Unlike their first innings, Bangladesh got off to a cautious start but Kyle Jamieson and Neil Wagner wreaked havoc to dismantle the batting lineup. Liton Das (102) was the lone fighter for Bangladesh as tried hard to carry the visitors' innings.

With this win, New Zealand levelled the series 1-1 and have earned 12 points in their quest for the World Test Championship (WTC).

On Monday, before



stumps, Bangladesh was bowled out for 126 in the first innings, giving New Zealand a lead of 395 runs. For the hosts, Trent Boult returned with five wickets.

Coming to Taylor, the 37-year-old has been a mainstay in the BLACKCAPS batting order since making his debut in 2006, amassing a plethora of records and achievements, most notably rising to the top of New Zealand's runs scoring (18,074) and appearances (445) charts.

AXIS BANK

Axis Bank Limited, SBB Loan Center, SCO 221, SECTOR 12, Paramjeet Tower, Karnal 132001
REGISTERED OFFICE: "Trishul" 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheswar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellsbridge, Ahmedabad 380006

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized officer of Axis Bank Limited under the Securitization Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated 19-Aug-2021 calling upon the borrower, Co Borrower/Mortgagor 1, M/S Hukam Chand Ishwer Chand, Through its Proprietor, Mr. Roshan Lal S/o Mr. Arjun Das, Shop No 92 / Anaj Mandi, Pundri, Fathpur, Tehsil & District -Kaithal, Haryana 136042, Also At: Mr. Roshan Lal S/o Mr. Arjun Das, Shop No 92, Anaj Mandi, Pundri, Fathpur, Tehsil & District -Kaithal, Haryana 136042(2) Roshan Lal S/o Mr. Arjun Das, Shop No 92, Anaj Mandi, Pundri, Fathpur, Tehsil & District -Kaithal, Haryana 136042, (3) Mr. Parveen Kumar S/o Sh. Roshan Lal, R/o Shop No 92, Anaj Mandi, Pundri, Fathpur, Tehsil & District -Kaithal, Haryana 136042, Also At: Mr. Parveen Kumar S/o Sh. Roshan Lal R/o Shop No 4, Anaj Mandi, Pundri, Tehsil & District -Kaithal, Haryana 136027 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 54,99,034/- (Rs. Fifty Four Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand and Thirty Four only) as outstanding on 19-Aug-2021 plus Interest, incidental Expenses and cost till actual payment within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this 06-Jan-2022.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AXIS Bank Limited for an amount Rs. 54,99,034/- (Rs. Fifty Four Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand and Thirty Four only) as outstanding on 19-Aug-2021 plus Interest, incidental Expenses and cost thereon till actual payment.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All Piece & Parcels of Shop No 92 admeasuring 188.88 Sq. Yards situated at, Pundri Fathpur, Anaj Mandi / Tehsil & District Kaithal (Haryana) owned by Mr. Roshan Lal S/o Sh. Arjun Das vide Conveyance Deed bearing Registration No. 588 Dated 06-June-1991.
Boundaries:
East: Shop No 91 (85 Feet) West: Shop No 93 (85 Feet)
North: Rasta (10 Feet) South: Mandi Fadh Rasta (10 Feet)
Please further note that as mentioned in sub-section 13 of Sec.13 of the aforesaid Act, you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the assets stated under security referred to in this Notice without prior written consent of our Bank.
Sd/-
12-01-2022 Authorized Officer,
Place: KATHAL Axis Bank Ltd.

RELIANCE HOME FINANCE

RELIANCE HOME FINANCE LIMITED
Branch Office: 7th Floor Surya Tower Mall Road Ludhiana-141001
Registered Office: - 11th Floor, The Ruby, Plot No-29, Ruby Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar West, Mumbai - 400028

POSSESSION NOTICE (As per Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Reliance Home Finance Ltd. under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued Demand Notices upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower/Co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.
The Borrower/Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Reliance Home Finance Ltd.

Name of Borrower/Co-borrower	Description of Property	Date of Demand Notices	Date of Possession	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
Ripam Jain Sharman Jain Sweets Barnala Road Opposite Canara Bank, Nihal Singh Wala Moga, District Moga-142001	All the piece and parcel of property i.e Commercial Situated on Barnala Road, Opposite Canara Bank, Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga having Land Area of 499 sq yard having Khasra No.18/16-25 0-8, 33/4 6-1, 18/24 8-0, Jamabandi 2004-05 Khata No. 360 Vakya Nihal Singh Wala Moga - 142001. The property is bounded as under: EAST -PLOT, WEST -SHOP, NORTH-ROAD, SOUTH-ROAD	04th August, 2021	07-01-2022	Rs. 1,68,08763/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakh Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three only) as on 28th July 2021 toward Loan Account No. RHLPU0000054810 & Rs.50,31,222/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Thirty One Thousand and Two Hundred and Twenty Two only) as on 28th July 2021 toward Loan Account No. RHLPU0000054969

The Borrower/co-borrowers/Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to the provision of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-
Place: Ludhiana
Date: 07-January-2022
Reliance Home Finance Limited.

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

Circle SASTRA MOGA
Dated: 01.01.2022
GIAN SINGH KAMBOJ TRADING CO, Prop: Jarnail Singh s/o Partap Singh, Booth no-6, New Sabji Mandi, Ferozepur-152001
Sharabjit Singh S/o Avtar Singh, Rakhi Road, Near Shivala Mandir, Outside Zira gate, Ferozepur-152001
Dear Sir/Madam,
NOTICE U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.
Reg: Account No 3452008700001280 credit facilities availed by GIAN SINGH KAMBOJ TRADING CO
You, GIAN SINGH KAMBOJ TRADING CO have availed the following credit facilities:

Sr.No.	Account No	Branch	Balance O/s as on 30.11.2021	Date of classification as NPA
1.	3452008700001280	Ferozepur Bagdadi Gate	1112986.10	31.05.2021

Due to non-payment of installment/ interest/ principal debt, the account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Asset as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines on 31.05.2021. The total amount due to the Bank as on 30.11.2021 is Rs 1112986.10 (Rs Eleven Lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six and Paise Ten only) with further interest until payment in full hereinafter referred to as "secured debt". The details of the secured assets intended to be enforced by the Bank, in the event of non payment of secured debt by you are as under:

Facility	Security details
Business Loan	Commercial Open Plot Measuring 8 Marla 2 Sarsai (2236 Square feet) being 74/341 share of out of Rect no 112 Killa no 11(7-9) Vide Vaska No 1293 Dated 20.06.2017 situated at Rakhi Road, Near Shivala Mandir, Outside Zira gate, Ferozepur in the name of Sharabjit Singh S/o Avtar Singh. North: Rakhi Road, South: Partap Singh, East: Partap Singh West: Shingara Singh

We hereby call upon you to pay the amount of Rs 1112986.10 (Rs Eleven Lakh Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six and Paise Ten only) with further interest at the contracted rate until payment in full within 60 days (sixty days) from the date of this notice. In default, besides exercising other rights of the Bank as available under Law, the Bank is intending to exercise any or all of the powers as provided under section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

Your attention is hereby drawn invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to you redeem the secured assets.

Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets above referred to, without prior written consent of the Bank. You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence. If for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realised shall be deposited/remitted with/to the Bank. You will have to render proper account of such realisation/income. Please comply with this demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequences.

**Authorised Officer,
Punjab National Bank**

Shane questions Novak Djokovic's medical exemption

AGENCY
MELBOURNE, JAN 11

Former Australian cricketer Shane Warne on Tuesday questioned the medical exemption provided to world number one men's singles tennis player Novak Djokovic.

This comes after the tennis star won his legal appeal on procedural grounds on Monday, quashing the border officer's initial decision to cancel his visa. Judge Anthony Kelly of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia quashed the cancellation of Djokovic's visa and confirmed the twenty-time Grand Slam winner Serbian will be permitted to stay in Australia.



Djokovic was also ordered to be released from detention immediately with his passport and "personal ef-



fects". "Are these facts true? As I've read so many different reports in this messy embarrassing saga. Novak tested positive to covid Dec 16 & at-

tended a public event on the 17th that inc children. Said he hadn't travelled in 14 days before arriving in Oz but travelled Jan 2 to Spain?" Shane Warne tweeted.

"And did Novak have a medical exemption ? If so - has the person who gave it to him been identified ? What was that exemption ? Just trying to get the facts as I'm embarrassed as a Victorian at this situation. Vic Govt are quiet ? Can someone explain to us in plain Eng please," he added.

Notably, Djokovic was granted a medical exemption to enter Australia and compete in the Australian Open because he had recently tested positive for COVID-19.

349 new Corona positive cases found
SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav said that 349 new positive cases of corona were found in the district on Tuesday while 44 persons were cured. According to the report of the Civil Surgeon, the Deputy Commissioner informed that samples of 66,032 persons have been taken in the district so far. 2548 samples were taken in the last 24 hours. So far 41413 positive cases were reported in the district, out of which 39,636 patients recovered and went home. He said that 349 new positive cases of corona were found in the district on Tuesday. So far 556 corona positive patients have died in the district. 1221 positive cases of coronavirus are active in the district. The DC said that all citizens should follow the rules of lockdown and stay at home and not panic.

Apply for sugarcane plan by Jan 15: Rajbir
RAVI KUMAR
BABAIN: On behalf of Shahbad Sugar Mill, Assistant Sugarcane Development Officer Rajbir Nkshash said that the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has promoted sugarcane under the Sugarcane Technical Objective Scheme for the year 2021-2022 under the management of Sugar Cane Component. The scheme has been started under which applicants for Mini Sugarcane Harvester and Sugarcane Leaf Remover are being invited. He informed that sugarcane growers can apply for this scheme till January 15, 2022. He said that more information and necessary guidelines of this scheme are available on the website of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Sharp increase in corona cases as 441 clocked in Panchkula
SD SHARMA
PANCHKULA: The fresh Corona cases are on the rise in Panchkula touching 441 (258 male and 183 Female) today. The consolation for the Medical authorities lies in the fact that out of 1903 cumulative positive cases 1857 are in home isolation while only 46 have been admitted to the hospital. Total samples collected on 10th January were 3125 only. As per the medical bulletin released by Civil hospital Panchkula the recovery rate stands at 93.16 percent and the positivity is 14.58 per cent and the situation is certainly alarming. There are 18 cases of foreign passengers under investigation and none is untraceable.

3 youth try to loot businessman
DEEPAK SHARMA
ISMAILABAD: Near Jhansa police station, three unidentified youth tried to rob a businessman riding a motorcycle who was supplying beedi cigarettes. The youth threw chilli powder in his eyes of the trader and tried to loot his cash. The three youth ran away when the businessman shouted. The police registered a case. Ramesh Kumar, a resident of Sector 3, Kurukshetra, told the police that he had come to Jhansa village to supply beedi cigarettes. From here he was returning to Kurukshetra in the afternoon taking cash from shopkeepers. At some distance from Jhansa police station, near Ajrana Khurd village, three unidentified youth pushed the box left behind on his moving motorcycle which upset his balance. He stopped the motorcycle. The three young men started abusing him. They tried to snatch the cash bag hanging on the businessman's shoulder. It had about Rs 35 thousand. Hearing the commotion some people rushed to the spot. Seeing this, the three young men fled on their motorcycles. His cash was saved. The businessman said that the three youth had cloth wrapped around their faces. The police are engaged in an investigation.

Thieves steal oil, parts from power transformer
DEEPAK SHARMA
ISMAILABAD, JAN 11

Unidentified thieves stole expensive parts of a power transformer in the fields of Sarpanch of Jhansa village. This has caused a loss of Rs 89,000. The police have registered a case. SDO of Ajrana Kalan Bijli Nigam, Ramesh Saini in his complaint to Jhansa police said that a transformer was installed in the fields in the name of Ramesh Chand, which is used by his son Puneet Mal, Jhansa Sarpanch. Yesterday, I found that the shell of the transformer is lying in the field, said the complainant. Thieves stole expensive parts and oil from this 20 KV power transformer. According to the corporation, the incident took place around midnight between January 1 and 2. Police have registered a case against the unidentified thieves and started investigation.

HAU to organise farmers training programme

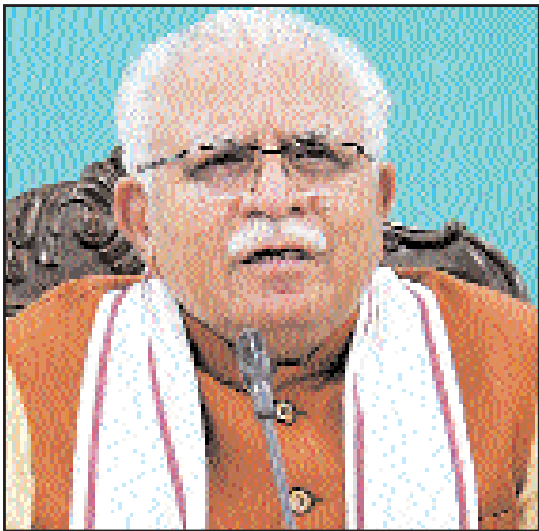
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 11 – To ensure saving of time and finances of the farmers amidst Corona pandemic, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCS HAU), Hisar will organise farmers training programme through video conferencing. For this, arrangement of modern equipment has been made at Saina Nehwal Institute of Agriculture Technology, Training and Education under CCSHAU. While giving information in this regard today, a spokesperson of the University said that on behalf of Saina Nehwal Agricultural Technology Training and Education Institute, various training programmes including mushroom production, bee keeping, sewing-embroidery.

CM gives approval to creation of Specialist cadre post for MD or MS doctors

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JAN 11

Acceding to one of the key demands of the doctors hinting strike, Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal has given in-principle approval to creation of Specialist cadre post for MD or MS doctors. Besides this, the doctors will not be given any administrative work and will practice in their concerned Specialty.

The in-principle approval has been granted today wherein the government will create a Special Sub Cadre for Specialists who will be designated as Consultant or Senior Consultants. Earlier, a doctor with MBBS qualification and MD/MS qualification used to be in the same cadre. However, with the creation of Specialist cadre post these



doctors will be able to focus on their work which will definitely protect

Government is committed for their welfare.

their interest. Moreover, the Specialist cadre doctors will now be posted in big and renowned hospitals rather than in Primary Health Centres (PHCs) which will ensure their swift promotions thereby nurturing their talent.

The landmark decision will also be beneficial for patients as they will get the consultation of Specialists and the doctors will be closely able to monitor and manage the working of the hospitals. The Chief Minister said that the doctors have a very pivotal role to play in the society especially in the present crisis situation and the Government is committed for their

JJP growing stronger due to people's confidence: Vinod

ROHIT LAMSAR
TARAORI: Vinod Raipur, Nilokheri chief of Jananayak Janata Party, said that the tendency of the youth is towards Jananayak Janata Party to fight for their rights properly and create a better future. He said that today is the time of youth and they are participating in every field. Vinod Raipur was addressing a meeting of workers in Taraori. He said that JJP is a strong platform for the progress and golden future of Haryana. Vinod

Raipur said that the Deputy Chief Minister of the state Dushyant Chautala is constantly working on welfare schemes for the welfare of all sections, in which the Deputy Chief Minister promised to implement a 75 per cent employment bill before the election to provide employment to the youth of Haryana and fulfilled it. Not only this, Haryana became the first state in the country where women were given 50 per cent participation in Panchayati Raj institutions. He said that Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala was impressed by the decisions taken by the youth to give 75 per cent employment in the private sector and increased participation of women in Panchayati Raj institutions keeping in view every section of the state. He said that the people of the entire state are impressed by the working style of Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and Digvijay Chautala. Many people including Master Suresh Raipur, Praveen Sikri, Balwinder Raipur, Sandeep Khajamada and Sanju Sikri were present along with Vinod Raipur on this occasion.

Arvind Sharma meets CM Manohar Lal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JANUARY 11

Rohtak MP Dr Arvind Sharma met the Haryana Chief Minister at Haryana Bhawan in Delhi today and discussed in detail the survey of South Haryana Economic Rail Corridor via Farukhnagar to Loharu, the largest ambitious railway project of Rohtak Lok Sabha via Jhajjar, Charkhi Dadri and Barda. The Chief Minister assured that he will talk to the Union Railway Minister on this project.

Survey of Delhi to Rohtak Rapid Rail Corridor to start soon:

The MP informed that the rapid rail between Delhi and Rohtak has recently been approved under the second phase of RRTS and its survey should be started soon which is to be extended to Jind



in future. The Chief Minister agreed to this and assured to discuss with the Central Government. Discussions were also held on converting Jhajjar via Farukhnagar State Highway 15A from Gurugram to National Highway and converting the road from Bahadurgarh via Helimandi via Badli, Yakubpur to State Highway on which the Chief Minister agreed.

Mahendragarh DC, wife corona positive

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH: Ajay Kumar, DC of Mahendragarh district of Haryana and his wife Dr. Loveleen, Income Tax Deputy Commissioner have been found corona positive. This information was given by the DC himself through WhatsApp. Both have isolated themselves in the official residence of Nar-naul. People who visit them within 2-3 days have been advised to undergo a corona test. On the other hand, considering the increasing corona infection, the state government has now placed Mahendragarh district in A category, under which the market will be closed at 6 pm and all restrictions



will be imposed. District Disaster Management Authority Chairman and DC Ajay Kumar, while issuing new orders, has ordered to keep the observance of rules effective till 5 am on January 19. The market will close at 6 pm except for necessities. Due to being in Group-A category, all the shops and markets in Mahendragarh district except the shops of essential services (medicine, milk, rations, fruits, vegetables) will be closed till 6 pm every day. According to the new guideline, bars and restaurants will operate with 50 per cent seating capacity. DC Ajay Kumar informed that necessary guidelines have been issued to the officers to ensure adherence to the guideline in the district boundary. The concerned SDMs will act as the Incident Commander to ensure compliance with the rules. The ADC has been made over all in-charge and the SP has been asked to act as per the instructions issued by the government.

DC issues new Covid guidelines

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: The Haryana Government has extended the period of Epidemic Alert-Safe Haryana with new rules till 5 am on January 19 in view of increasing cases of Covid. Chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority and DC Pradeep Dahiya has issued orders to implement new guidelines in the district using the powers vested in Sections 30 and 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The rule of no mask-no service will be applicable in the district. The night curfew will also continue from 11 pm to 5 am. Markets will close at 6 pm, but essentials such as chemist, milk, etc. may remain open. Must work in government and private offices with 50 per cent attendance. In the orders issued by DC Pradeep Dahiya, only those who have a dose will get admission in public places. Compliance with these orders will be the responsibility of the owner and management of the respective institutions. Vaccination is required for all persons above 15 years of age.

Sanitation complaints to be redressed within 24 hrs in Assandh: Dr. Chouhan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JAN 11

To solve the public problems related to sanitation, people should register their complaint on the sanitation map. The complaint lodged on this will be resolved within 24 hours. The department has developed an Android app to help people. After the problem is solved, the photo of that place is uploaded on this app. This information was given by the Vice President of Haryana Granth Akademi, Dr. Virendra Singh Chouhan and SDM of Asandh Mandeep Kumar while giving a joint interview in the program of Radio Gramoday.

The SDM said that the sanitation work in the municipal area of Asandh is being carried out smoothly. Door-to-door collection of household garbage is being done

and cleaning work is also done at night. He said that if anyone has any problem related to cleanliness, then the photo of the problem site can



be taken and uploaded on the hygiene app. Apart from this, if there is any other problem, it can be reported on this app. He said that people should send their grievances to the concerned authorities to get their problems resolved so that their problems can be resolved immediately.

Mandeep Kumar informed about the problems of waterlogging around the village Rahra. He said that the responsibility has been given

to the concerned BDPO for proper action. He himself has visited the waterlogged areas and asked the Irrigation Department to build a recharge

well. Apart from this, the irrigation department has also been asked to remove the overflowing water from the village pond. He is personally monitoring the problem of waterlogging in villages like Balla, Rahra and Chochra.

Regarding the prevention of increasing cases of corona in the area, SDM Mandeep Kumar said that several teams have been formed to prevent the spread of corona. Teams of health workers are going from place to place to warn the people about the danger, invoices are being issued to those who do not follow the Covid guidelines even as a massive vaccination campaign is being carried out.

Govt not serious about problems faced by farmers: Rambir Chauhan

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, JANUARY 11

Under the banner of Indian Farmers Union, the union members gathered at Radaur tehsil on Tuesday. During this, the anti-government slogans were chanted. On behalf of the Union, a memorandum was handed over to Tehsildar Radaur Suresh Kumar in the name of the President and the Governor in which various demands of farmers were listed.

In the memorandum, the government was urged to give the right price of crops. Farmers are not getting the right price for their produce. Due to which they are becoming poor and indebted. The government is importing palm oil. Its import should be banned. Because palm oil is not good for health. Oilseed farmers in the country are suffering huge losses.

On the other hand, 15-year old tractors should be excluded from the law in which 15-year old diesel vehicles are banned from plying. This should be increased to 25 years. Because in 15 years, the farmers are in only able to free themselves from loan raised for the tractor.

He said that the state government has



been made aware many times regarding the problem of manure, problem related to electricity as well as other problems of the farmers of the state. But the government is not serious about it.

As a result, the situation of the farmer has become worse. Farmers are not getting fair price of crops, due to which the economic condition of the farmers is getting weaker. On the other hand, there are local issues dogging the farmers like shortage of urea, need to protect the crop from wild animals. Demands for providing new electricity connections as soon as possible and construction of underpasses on NH 344 etc. have also been made.

He lamented that the political parties have used the farmers only as a vote bank. No political party has solved their problems.

Hry CM gives directions under Hry Kaushal Rojgar Nigam

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 11- The youth of Haryana, who have lost government jobs due to court cases or other reasons, should be given priority while calculating their 'experience' in employment provided through 'Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam'. Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal gave these directions during a meeting of senior officers concerned with Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam today.

On this occasion, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sh. DS Dhesi, Principal Secretary, Skill Development and Industrial Training, Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Sh. Vijayendra Kumar, CEO, Rojgar Nigam, Dr. Anant P Pandey and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister also directed the officers that SMS alerts should reach the mobile phones of the registered youth when applications are invited for recruitment to the posts for which they are registered in Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam. He also said that if the candidate holds experience of a post during regular or outsourced job of the State Government, then that earlier experience will also be considered in the application for other posts. During the review meeting of 'Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam', it was informed that so far the process of registration of 32,571 youth is underway on the Nigam's portal while the registration of 2,333 youth has been completed.

CJM apprised of legal service programmes

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Kamal, Jasbir visited Legal Services Committee, Asandh, on Tuesday and enquired about the arrangements of legal services programmes. On this occasion, a meeting was also held with the panel advocates of Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee,



Asandh. Aparna Bhardwaj, Chairperson, Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee, Asandh was also present in the meeting. Advocates at the meeting also suggested various points for implementation of legal service programmes. The CJM dealt with the questions raised by the panel advocates on the spot and suggested to the advocates to provide their best services to the plaintiffs while proceeding with the cases on behalf of the applicants. She was made aware of the legal services programmes being provided by the District Legal Services Authority and the Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee under the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987, rules and regulations made under it.

New officers should maintain constant contact with the general public: Anil Vij

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 11

Five newly appointed trainee officers of the Indian Police Service today paid a courtesy call on the Haryana Home Minister, Sh. Anil Vij, at the Haryana Civil Secretariat. These officers included Ms. Deepti Garg, Sh. Mayank Mishra, Sh. Logesh Kumar, Ms. Prabina P. and Ms. Jasleen Kaur of 2020 batch. Sh. Vij extended his best wishes to all these officers and wished them a bright future.

The Home Minister said that all the officers should discharge their duties with dedication and honesty and also work to provide benefits of policies and schemes being run by the government to the poor and needy persons. He asked the officers to maintain constant contact with the general public, which would increase more confidence in the police and the public. He told the newly appointed police officers that they will be able to experience working from the beat level to SP level in the field where situation on the ground and problems faced by the public will be known. All the officers shared their experiences and told that in the training they were taught about the priority of public service and they will work in this spirit while discharging their duties.



Two HPS officers reshuffled in state

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 11- Haryana Government has issued transfer and posting orders of two HPS officers with immediate effect.

Rajnish Kumar, DSP, Barara, Ambala has been posted as DSP, Bilaspur, Yamunanagar. Ashish Chaudhary, DSP, Bilaspur, Yamunanagar has been posted as DSP, Barara, Ambala.

British Dy High Commission Chd signs FoE with state govt

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 11:

The British Deputy High Commission Chandigarh and the Foreign Cooperation Department, Haryana has signed a Framework of Engagement (FoE) to enhance the bilateral co-operation between the UK and Haryana today at the residence of Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal. The FoE was signed by Ms Caroline Rowett, British Deputy High Commissioner Chandigarh and Sh Yogender Chaudhary, Principal Secretary, Foreign Cooperation Department, Haryana. The FoE covers broad areas of work that will help build the collaboration between the UK and Haryana. "I'm very pleased that we have been able to put into action the ideas discussed by the Chief Minister and Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon in March 2021. The signing of the Framework of Engagement today between the UK and the State of Haryana gives us a strong foundation on which to build our future collaboration. I look forward to seeing our partnership in areas such as clean growth and climate change – priorities for both our countries", said Ms Rowett.