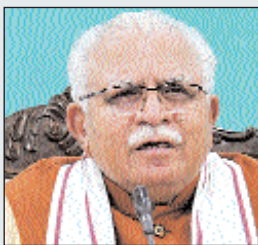


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Hry moves SC against HC order staying 75 pc quota for locals in private jobs



AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 4

The Haryana government on Friday moved the Supreme Court challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court order staying the state law on providing 75 per cent reservation in private sector jobs for local candidates.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta appearing for Haryana mentioned the matter before a bench of Chief Justice of India NV Ramana and Justices AS Bopanna and Hima Kohli

for hearing the case on Monday. Mehta told the bench saying that yesterday the High Court after hearing him for 90 seconds admitted the plea and stayed the Act. He requested the bench to post the matter for hearing on February 7.

Solicitor General said, "After hearing me for 90 seconds, they admitted the petition and stayed statutory enactment. The order has not come out. Kindly list on Monday subject to me placing the order."



At the request of SG, the apex court listed the matter for hearing on Monday subject to placing the order of the High Court on record.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday put on hold the Haryana government's law to reserve 75 per cent for local candidates in private sector jobs that offer a salary of less than Rs 30,000 a month.

The High Court has stayed the law as it failed to find merit in the state's arguments on treating the legislation prima facie valid in the interests of the unemployed youth in

the state.

The order of the High Court came on a petition challenging the vires of the Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act 2020.

The Act, notified on November 6, 2021, applies to all companies, Societies, Trusts, Limited Liability Partnership Firms, Partnership Firms, and any person employing ten or more persons, but excludes the Central Government or the State Government, or any organisation owned by them.

Govt will announce Committee on MSP after Assembly polls: Tomar

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 4

Reiterating that the government is committed to the welfare of farmers, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Friday informed the Rajya Sabha that a Committee on Minimum Support Price (MSP) will be announced after the Assembly elections in five states.

The Minister made the announcement while replying to a query during Question Hour.

Tomar said the government had written to the Election Commission (EC) regarding the announcement of the Committee on MSP in view of assembly elections in five states.

According to the Minister, the EC has advised that the announcement of the Committee on MSP should be done after the elections in five states are over.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November last year had said that a committee would be set up to discuss the farmers' demand for legal guarantee on MSP, while announcing the repeal of three farm laws.

"The entire country



knows that the Prime Minister has announced the formation of a committee to make crop diversification, natural farming and MSP effective and transparent. The government is committed to the announcement made by the PM. The matter is under consideration of the Ministry and the announcement of the Committee will be done after Assembly polls," Tomar said.

Elections are scheduled

states of Uttar Pradesh, Ut-

tarakhand, Manipur, Goa and

Punjab.

Polling for Uttar

Pradesh's 403 Assembly

seats would be held over sev-

en phases on February 10,

February 14, February 20,

February 23, February 27,

March 3 and March 7. Pun-

jab, Goa and Uttarakhand

will all vote on a single day,

February 14.

Social media be made more accountable: Govt in Rajya Sabha

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 4

Social media needs to be made more accountable and stricter rules in this regard could be brought in if there is political consensus on the matter, Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Replying to a series of supplementaries in this regard, he said whenever the government has taken any step to make social media accountable, the opposition has accused it of curbing the freedom of speech.

"But it is not so," he said during Question Hour. Responding to a query from BJP's Sushil Kumar Modi on what action has been initiated against websites like 'Bulli Bai' that targeted Muslim women, he said the government acted immediately when violation was brought to its notice.

"We have to bring about a balance and consensus to make social media accountable to ensure the safety and security of our women and our future generations," the minister said.



For this, he said, social media rules have to be strengthened and if the opposition accuses the government of curbing freedom of speech, then it is wrong.

"We have to move together towards the new direction."

Asked by Congress MP Anand Sharma on whether any verification process to effectively check the functioning of social media is done, the minister said there have been stricter social media accountability.

"If the house has consensus, we are willing to provide even more stricter social media rules. I personally believe that for the protection of our citizens, we must make the rules stricter," he said.

Schools, colleges, gyms to reopen in Delhi

NEW DELHI: In view of the consistent decline in the number of COVID-19 cases, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has decided to reopen schools, colleges and gyms and also exempted single drivers exempted from wearing masks in cars, sources said on Friday.

As per sources, the DDMA in its meeting today, also decided that the night curfew would now begin at 11 pm instead of 10 pm.

Institutions of Higher Education and coaching institutes have been allowed to reopen subject to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and strict adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour, sources said.

According to sources, schools will also be open in a phased manner and they would reopen from February 4 for classes 9 and 12. Teachers who aren't vaccinated will not be permitted in schools.

Akhilesh Yadav, Jayant Chaudhary booked for violating COVID-19 norms

AGENCY
GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, FEB 4

Uttar Pradesh police has filed an FIR against Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav, Rashtriya Lok Dal president Jayant Chaudhary, and about 400 others for allegedly violating COVID-19 norms during an election campaigning in Dadri on Thursday ahead of Assembly polls. The case has also been filed against SP's Dadri candidate Rajkumar Bhati, SP's Gautam Buddha Nagar chief Indra Pradhan among others. "A case filed against SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary, SP's Dadri candidate Rajkumar Bhati, SP's Gautam Buddha Nagar chief Indra



Pradhan, and 300-400 others, for violating COVID-19 and Election Commission of India's (ECI) guidelines during a campaign in Dadri on February 3," Gautam Buddha Nagar Police said. The polling in Uttar Pradesh will be held on February 10, 14, 20, 23, 27, and March 3 and 7 in seven phases.

ED arrests Channi's nephew

CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi's nephew Bhupinder Singh Honey was arrested on Friday by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for his alleged involvement in a money laundering case related to illegal sand mining case, ED summoned Honey to its office late Thursday and after nearly 10 hours of questioning the arrest was made early Friday. The probe agency has also recovered Rs 8 crore cash and other valuables from his premises during a raid conducted last month. The action comes just a fortnight ahead of the Punjab Assembly polls scheduled

on February 20. Honey's questioning got over around midnight and the ED took him to civil hospital for his medical examination and



later kept him in a lockup in its office for the night. Honey will be produced before a special PMLA court in Mohali on Friday. The case pertains to an FIR lodged by Punjab Police against Honey's partner Kudratdeep Singh of Ludhiana and 25 others on March 7, 2018 at Rahon police station of Nawanshahr under several sections of the Mines and Minerals Act besides other sections of the

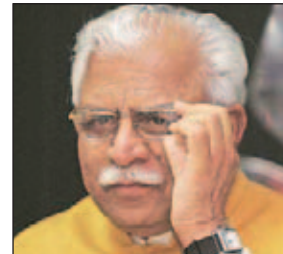
IPC. The ED took up the illegal sand mining case to probe into the PMLA angle by tracking the account details of the accused.

Manohar Lal takes stock of construction work of Shaheed Samarak being built in Ambala

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal today took stock of the construction works of Shaheed Samark of the first freedom struggle being built at Ambala Cantonment. The Chief Minister said that this is the 75th year of Independence, which is being celebrated as the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the call of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi. He said that the saga of independence is very long and during this Mahotsav, various programmes are being organized for the youth to get information about the freedom struggle and martyrs.

Haryana Home and Health Minister, Sh. Anil Vij was also present on the occasion. While inspecting the construction work of the Shaheed Samark, the Chief Minister inquired about the presentation on revolution of 1857 freedom struggle which started from Ambala Cantonment. This Shaheed Samark is being built on 22 acres at a cost of Rs. 261 crore and about 80 percent of its work has been completed. Interpretation centre, open air the-



atre, museum, auditorium, water body and connecting bridge, memorial tower, underground double basement parking, information centre, helipad etc. are being constructed in this memorial. After observing the work being done at the Shaheed Samark, the Chief Minister also gave necessary directions to the officers and writers who contributed in preparing the Shaheed Samark.

Sh. Manohar Lal said that earlier it was believed that the revolt of 1857 had started from Meerut, however, historians have said that 10 hours before Meerut, the first spark of freedom struggle arose in Ambala Cantonment, and spread to different regions of the country. He said that this important monument is being built in the memory of the martyrs and revolution of 1857.

Heavy snow-incessant rain paralyses life in HP

AGENCY
SHIMLA, FEB 4

Heavy Snowfall and incessant rainfall amid thick fog paralysed normal life in Himachal Pradesh as inclement weather conditions continue for the second day on Friday, the Met Office said. As people came out from their homes Friday morning they found thick blanket of snow in their surroundings along with snowflakes showering from the sky incessantly. Khadrula (Shimla) recorded 48 cm snowfall, Shillaur and Tourist resort Dalhousie recorded one foot each (30cm) snow till 0830hrs, Chopal (25.4 mm) & Shimla 21.2 cm, Manali 20cm, Kalpa(Kinnaur)10 cm and



Keylong (Lahaul-Spiti) two cm. The high reaches and gateway to Lahaul-Spiti, Rohtang pass recorded two feet thick fresh snow, Kunzum pass, Lady of Keylong, Baralacha, Saptarshi hills

and Goshal hills, Dhauldhar ranges of Kangra, Shikari Devi of Mandi, Kinner Kailash of Kinnaur, Narkanda, Khadrula, Kharapathar, Kupvi, Churdhar and Chanshal pass of Shimla got

got very heavy snowfall snapping power supply and communication services in the upper hills of the state. Shimla Airport at altitude of 4500 feet and its nearby areas like Kandaghat, tourist resort Kasauli, Chail (Solan) and Barog, Rajgarh, Harpurdhar and Giripur (Sirmour) registered major snowfall after gap of 25 years. Nahan, headquarter of Sirmaur had 60 mm rain, Nainadevi(Bilaspur) 58.4 mm, Una 52.6 mm, Bilaspur 36 mm & Poanta-Shaib (Sirmaur) 32 mm each, Solan and Chamba 30 mm, Dharmshala 29 mm and Kangra 23 mm. Most places in the mid and foothills were raining since last two days and engulfed by heavy clouds cover and thick fogs reducing the visibility.

346 Corona patients in Sadhaura

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: The number of corona positive patients in Sadhaura area now is 346 as 7 new cases were reported on Friday. Amrish Mangla, Chief Medical Officer, Community Health Center, Sadhaura said that at present the number of active patients in Sadhaura is 60 and 7 new patients came on Friday, taking the total number of corona affected patients to 346. He said that the first and second doses of corona are also being administered daily at the Community Health Centre, Sadhaura. At the same time, work is being done in schools to educate children between the age group of 15 to 18 years. He said that due to the third wave of corona, work is also being done to make the general public aware about social distancing, washing hands frequently and using face masks. The Chief Medical Officer said that all the residents of the town should take necessary precautions due to Corona. Due to this, the process of testing has also been expedited at the Community Health Centre, Sadhaura.

Saraswati Mahotsava at Polar village

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Hansraj Sharma, Executive Engineer, Saraswati Heritage Board, said that a programme will be organised at 11 am in the Tirth Mandir of Polar village on the occasion of International Saraswati Festival. Havan Yagna, Maa Saraswati Vandana, Bhajan and Bhandara will be held.

15 lakh 57 thousand people vaccinated

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: DC Pradeep Dahiya said that 87 cases of corona infection were reported on Friday, while 44 corona infected persons have defeated corona and 3 corona infected patients died on Friday. Now 607 cases of corona infection are active in the district. He informed that out of the total corona infected persons, 556 have been kept in home isolation, 9 patients treated at Civil Hospital Kaithal, 1 Alchemist in Mohali, 3 patients treated at Shah Hospital, 17 patients in PGI Chandigarh, 10 in Cygnus Hospital, Karnal. 5 patients are undergoing treatment in Kalpana Chawla Hospital, 2 in Central Hospital Hisar, 2 in Civil Hospital Kurukshetra, 1 in Agarwal Hospital and 1 in Rajendra Hospital. According to the report of the Health Department, he said that out of 13 thousand 983 corona patients in the district, 13 thousand 14 patients have been cured. The recovery rate of the district is 93 per cent. The positive rate is 3.3 per cent and the death rate is 2.58 per cent. Out of a total of 12082 people living in home isolation, 11526 have been cured.

Police investigating robbery case

R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHARAULI: In the case of robbery from a hotel in Chhachhrauli at gun point, Chhachhrauli Police is searching the records of the old miscreants of the area. However, till now the police has not reached any conclusion in this case. The local police and crime branch team is also scrutinising the CCTV footage to reach out to the criminals. Two incidents of theft and robbery took place in Chhachhrauli at around 12 o'clock on the night of 3 February, after which the police registered a case under various sections and started investigation. Even after almost 24 hours, no clue has been found in the hands of the police and the hands of the police are empty. The police station is only 500 metres away from the place where the theft and robbery took place on the night of 3rd February and there is also a car number 112 on patrol 24 hours a day. But even after that the miscreants carried out the incident of theft and robbery. Police station in-charge Chhachhrauli, Sandeep Kumar said that CCTV footage and records of old miscreants of the area are being scrutinised and soon the accused will be arrested.

4 accused in bike theft arrested

JASWINDER SHARMA
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 4

District Police Karnal is making every effort to curb the incidents of vehicle theft. The team headed by Sub-Inspector Rohash, in-charge of "Anti-Vehicle Theft Squad" of Karnal Police, succeeded in arresting four accused who were involved in the incidents of vehicle theft. Fourteen stolen motorcycles were recovered from Karnal and other districts from the possession of the arrested. Today the team arrested two accused 1. Dinesh alias Sunny son Mahabir resident village Naina district Kaithal and 2. Virendra alias Bhola alias Rahul alias Aman son Vedprakash resident village Ujhana district Jind Hall tenant village Yunispur district Karnal near Sai Baba Mandir Sector 6 on reliable information. They were arrested with a stolen motorcycle from Karnal. During interrogation, 9 incidents of motorcycle theft from district Karnal, 7 incidents of motorcycle theft from district Kaithal, Jind and Kurukshetra were disclosed by the accused for carrying out a total of 16 incidents on which 5 motorcycles stolen from police station areas of district Karnal and 7 motorcycles stolen from other districts, total 12 motorcycles were recovered from the possession of the accused. In the cases of district Karnal, the recovered motorcycles include one-two motorcycles of Police Station Civil Line, Nising, Taraori, City and Police Station Asandh. The accused had kept eight of the above motorcycles in their rented room in village Yunispur and the accused were about to sell all the motorcycles by taking them to Uttar Pradesh. Investigation revealed that accused Dinesh is a habitual offender of theft. He had already served in jail for five incidents of motorcycle theft in the year 2015-2016.

HARYANA

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Govt approves Rs 561.11 crore to compensate crop losses

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Reiterating its commitment towards upholding the interest of the farmers of the State, Haryana Government has approved an amount of Rs.561.11 as crop damage compensation to the farmers who have suffered crop damage due to heavy rains, waterlogging and insect attacks, etc. This amount is being distributed to the farmers sequentially.

Under the efficient leadership, visionary thinking, and guidance of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, for the last 7 years, various welfare schemes are being run in the interest of farmers continuously. Apart from the Fasal Bima Yojana, Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana (BBY), Mukhyamantri Bagwani Bima Yojana (MBBY) has been implemented by the State Government to ensure compensation crop losses due to adverse weather and natural calamities. The

State Government is always standing shoulder to shoulder with the farmers and will ensure that they do not face any financial difficulty.

Divulging more details regarding the compensation, an official spokesperson said that orders were given to all the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to assess the damage caused to the crops of cotton, moong, paddy, bajra and sugarcane due to heavy rains, waterlogging and insect attacks in the state for 'Special Giridawari Kharif-2021'. In this regard, the Deputy Commissioners have sent the crop damage assessment report to the Government through the concerned Divisional Commissioner and after analyzing the same the Government has approved an amount of Rs.561.11 crore as compensation.



The spokesman said that Rs 172.32 crore has been approved for Hisar district, Rs. 127.02 crore for Bhiwani, Rs 95.29 crore for Fatehabad, Rs. 72.86 crore for Sirsa, Rs 45.24 crore for Charkhi Dadri, Rs. 24.51 crore for Jhajjar Rs. 12.26 crore for Sonapat, Rs. 10.45 crore for Rohtak, Rs. 58.28 lakh for Palwal, Rs 52.05 lakh for Nuh, Rs 3.78 lakh for Karnal and Rs. 10,000 for Gurugram. It is pertinent to mention here that being the son of a farmer, the Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal very well understands the plight of the farmers and many schemes are being implemented to make the farmers financially strong. Haryana is the only state to procure 14 crops at MSP. But due to unseasonal rains and other reasons, many times the farmers have to suffer crop damage.

Pratap school students celebrate Basant Panchami



ROHIT LAMSAR
TARAORI: The festival of Basant Panchami was celebrated with great pomp in Pratap Public School, Taraori. During the online class, the children made everyone excited by wearing attractive yellow costumes. The teachers apprised the children about the festival of Basant Panchami. The students present in the school celebrated the festival of Basant Panchami with great enthusiasm by flying kites in the school. Principal Gurvinder Chawla said that Goddess Saraswati should be worshipped on this day. This develops positive thinking. School Director Pithi Chowdhary said that Basant Panchami is the festival of change of seasons, which brings with it various changes. She greeted Basant Panchami to all the staff and children of the school.

DC gives guidelines by holding meeting of Estate Officer of HSVP

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, FEBRUARY 4

The residents of the sector met Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Dahiya to provide sewerage and other basic facilities in the city's sectors. DC Pradeep Dahiya held a meeting of the Estate Officer of Haryana Urban Development Authority (HSVP) and gave necessary directions to improve the sewerage system and other basic facilities in all the sectors. HCS officer Preet Pal has taken over his work as Estate Officer in HSVP. On Friday, Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Dahiya, while giving instructions in a meeting in his office said that the problems of the common man should be resolved on priority.

DC Pradeep Dahiya said that all the concerned departments should ensure that the benefits of schemes and projects and services related to the common man are given in a time bound manner. If a person comes to an office to take advan-



tage of the services, then treat him well and give the benefit of the services according to the set criteria, so that the people concerned can also get their direct benefit. Various services are being provided to the general public through the online system. He instructed the officers of HSVP to work diligently and do the work of common people promptly. All the complaints related to the sectors, make sure to rectify them sequentially and plan the future strategy in advance.

Don't use plastic, aluminum utensils: Dr Pradeep

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: On the occasion of World Cancer Day, a seminar was organised at Virk Hospital as Cancer Awareness Day. People were made aware to reduce the disease and death due to cancer. In the seminar, Dr. Pradeep Tinna discussed the disease of cancer, its prevention and



treatment. He said that cancer is not synonymous with death. If we detect cancer early, by getting proper treatment, a person can be completely cured. He said that cancer can strike anybody but by adopting some measures, many kinds of cancers can be avoided. Do not consume tobacco, smoke or alcohol at all. Keep the weight under control. Avoid obesity. Avoid excessively fatty food. Have a balanced diet. Take regular exercise and walk. Avoid radiation exposure. Do not use plastic and aluminum utensils. Dr. Pradeep Tinna said that cancer can occur in any part of the body. The symptoms of cancer of different organs are also different. Dr. Balbir Virk, Dr. Harpreet Kaur and Pravesh Gaba were present on this occasion. Referring to the symptoms of cancer, Dr. Pradeep Tinna said that there are lumps in the body, blood in the mucus, difficulty in swallowing food, sudden heavy voice, non-healing blisters in the mouth and throat, wounds, sudden menstruation stop etc.. Symptoms of cancer like bleeding even after having it, blood in urine and latrine, constant loss of weight, loss of appetite, water in the stomach. If any of these symptoms occur, consult a doctor immediately. Cancer is treated by surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, hormonal therapy and immunotherapy, he said.



CM condoles death of Ashok Sukhija's father

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal expressed condolences on the death of Ashok Sukhija's father Manohar Lal Sukhija at his residence during his Karnal visit on Thursday and consoled the family. On this occasion, he consoled the family members and prayed for the peace of the soul of late Manohar Lal Sukhija. Gharaunda MLA Harvinder Kalyan, BJP District President Yogendra Rana were present on this occasion.

Teachers facing problem in absence of office

DEEPAK SHARMA
ISMAILABAD: The Sports Minister Sandeep Singh will now put the matter of not having the office of the Block Education Officer here before the Chief Minister, Manohar Lal. Due to non-availability of this office, teachers are facing a lot of trouble. The teachers have raised this problem with the Sports Minister. Ismailabad got block status twelve years ago. But two departments have not been able to get serious about the section till date. One of them is agriculture and the other is the education department. Due to non-availability of block offices of both, the general public is also upset. Teachers have to travel 25 kms for work and come to the office of Block Education Officer, Shahabad. Teachers Rajendra Kumar, Satish Kumar, Naresh Kumar etc. said that a lot of work gets affected due to the distance of the block office. The teachers put the matter before the Sports Minister Sandeep Singh through BJP leaders. The Sports Minister assured that it will be resolved through the Chief Minister.

CM calls on BJP leader Lathar, Padma awardee Dr Madan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 4

On Friday, Chief Minister Manohar Lal visited the house of BJP leader Praveen Lathar and his close relatives on the occasion of her daughter Meenakshi's wedding and wished them all the best and gave his blessings to Meenakshi's daughter.

Praveen Lathar is a hard-working BJP worker and has held various positions in the party and is currently holding the post of Vice President in the BJP District Executive.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister also had refreshments with the relatives. Praveen Lathar and his family welcomed the Chief Minister and expressed their gratitude.

Chief Minister Dr. Manohar Lal also arrived at the residence of retired Senior Livestock Scientist of



Padma Shri Awardee Moti Lal Madan and wished him well. The CM said that his achievements had enhanced the pride of the country and brought laurels to Karnal district.

It may be mentioned that Dr. Moti Lal Madan lives in Karnal and has won gold medal, Ph.D and many degrees abroad during his education. He has served in various educational institutions,

including the National Dairy Research Institute. Moti Lal Madan is also known for creating the world's first IVF Buffalo Calf in the field of animal science. Thanks to his research, the country is making great progress in animal husbandry. While praising the scientist, Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that Dr Madan has done remarkable work in the field of science and engineering

National webinar on Basant Panchami held

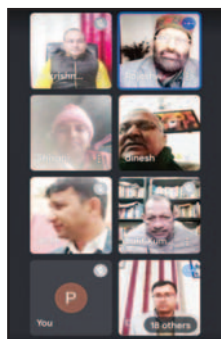
SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KAITHAL, FEBRUARY 4

A national webinar was organised today 2022

under the joint auspices of Haryana Sanskrit Academy and Babu Anant Ram Janata Mahavidyalaya, Kaul, Kaithal. The seminar started with the worship of Goddess Saraswati and Vedic invocation. More than one hundred (100) scholars and researchers participated in the seminar. The seminar was presided over by Dr. Dinesh Shastri, Director, Haryana Sanskrit Academy, Panchkula. Prominent Professor Rajeshwar Prasad Mishra Kurukshetra attended this seminar as a keynote speaker. Professor Mishra, in his powerful lecture, threw light on the holy festival of Vasant Panchami and the Indian festival tradition. Eminent scholar Professor Lalit Kumar Gaur attended this seminar as a special speaker.

Giving detailed information on Indian festival tradition and nature and literature, Profes-

sor Gaur gave an effective statement on the related subject. Well-known Sanskrit scholar Dr. Kamdev Jha, Principal, DAV Mahavidyalaya Pehowa Kurukshetra, attended this seminar as a Saraswat speaker. Dr. Jha ji presented his lecture on the related subject. Professor Krishna Mohan Pandey Dohagi, Himachal Pradesh attended this seminar as the chief guest. Presenting a very succinct statement, Dr. Pandey ji, while addressing the scholarly scholars, motivated for Indian culture and Sanskrit. Director of the Academy, Dr. Dinesh Shastri ji thanked all the scholars and researchers who attended the seminar and thanked them. While saying that we all should work together for the development of



Sanskrit, only then proper development of Sanskrit can take place and Indian culture can be protected only by the development of Sanskrit. Dr. Rishipal Principal Babu Anant Ram Janata Mahavidyalaya Kaul and Dr. Vishwambhar and all the professors and other staff of their college also participated in this seminar.

Mining agency cooperates in development works: Vipin



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Mining agencies doing mining in Yamuna river have also stepped forward to make arrangements for drainage of dirty water in Gumthala village. Earthmoving machines, tractors and dumpers have been sent by mining agency Elite Mining Corporation B-17 and MP Traders Nagli B-15 for cleaning work. Surjit Singh, former sarparch of Gumthala said that both the mining agencies are also cooperating in the cleaning work. The dirt from

the johads is being dumped in the dumper. With the help of a tractor-laser, the dirt lying in the streets is being cleaned. Soon the villagers will get rid of the problem of sewage disposal. On the other hand, Vipin Sharma and Kamal Shukla, owners of mining agency Elite Mining Corporation B-17, said that they continue to cooperate with the villagers and administration from time to time for the development of Gumthala village. For whatever development works are done in the village, sand is provided free of cost by the agency. At the same time, full cooperation is also given by the agency in the religious works being organized in the village. Now the villagers put the problem of drainage of dirty water in front of them. On which the agency is engaged in extending all possible cooperation to the villagers.

Dr Preet takes over as Estate Officer of HSVP



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: HCS officer Dr. Preet Pal has taken over as Estate Officer in Haryana Urban Development Authority. As soon as he took office, a meeting of the officers and employees of the department was held and necessary directions were given. He said that the works of the common man should be done on priority. Take special care of cleanliness in the office and also maintain the records properly. All the sector residents who come with their problems and complaints, do the work of redressing them immediately. He said that all the problems in the sectors of the city should be removed one by one.

Wheat crop disease: Farmers urged to seek agri officials' advise

RINKU GONDAR
NISSING: A Kisan Gosthi was organized on Friday in village Baras, in which the officers of the Department of Agriculture and the Assistant Technical Manager gave information to the farmers about the diseases of wheat crop. Assistant Technical Manager Ravi Rana, Vikas Panwar, Sandeep Jangra and other agricultural officers advised farmers to immediately reached out to the agriculture officers at their nearest agriculture office and seek appropriate guidance in case of disease affecting the crop. Farmers were told to give detailed information about the symptoms of the disease that appear in the crop. They were told how to control the disease in time by using the drug in the crop as advised by the agriculture officer, so that the disease can be prevented from spreading to other standing crops in the fields. Rana said that the farmers who are not able to properly inform the agricultural authorities about the disease with the correct knowledge of the symptoms of the diseases in the crop, should take the agricultural officers to the fields and take proper advice for the investigation and prevention of the disease.

NEWS AT A
GLANCEAfter withdrawal of
nominations, 11 left
in fray in Nakodar

ASHOK KAURA PHAGWARA: After two candidates withdrew their nomination papers on Thursday and Friday, as many as 11 candidates have been left in the fray for contesting from the Nakodar assembly. Sub Divisional Magistrate -cum-Returning Officer cum SDM Nakodar Poonam Singh announced that one independent candidate Makhan Singh a resident of Samrai village in Phillaur and Dilbag Singh a representative of Bhatia Jan Jagriti Party and a resident of Bilga village have withdrawn their respective nomination papers leaving 11 candidates for the poll battle. Poonam Singh said election symbols were allotted to the candidates. Candidates and their representatives were also present on the occasion.

Gurmat Samagam on Feb
6th at Gurdwara Singh
Sabha Singhpura Mohalla

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: Sarbat Khalsa Religious Organization Pathankot is conducting Gurmat Samagam at Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Singhpura Mohalla, Pathankot on Sunday, February 6th at 8 am. Dr. Amrik Singh of Latiefpur, a famous narrator and preacher of the Panth, will explain the ongoing Bani while Bhai Harpal Singh's ragi jatha will entertain the sangat by performing kirtan. This information was shared by Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Gulati Chief Manager, Manager Sohan Singh, Gursharan Singh, Charan Singh, Dataar Singh, Haripal Singh. He appealed to the sangat to reach the function on time. At the end of the ceremony, the Guro's langar will be used incessantly.

Health workers carry out
door-to-door vaccinations
in Deep Nagar

HEMANT SHARMA RAMPURA PHUL: Health workers under the supervision of Senior Medical Officer Rampura Phul were vaccinated against door to door corona disease at Deep Nagar Rampura Mandi. On the occasion Deputy Mass Media Officer Kulwant Singh urged the residents of the mohalla to get vaccinated and said that vaccination is the only effective solution to prevent coronavirus. Preliminary awareness is also being conducted. The vaccination team consisted of LHV Vichhinder Kaur, ANM Jasveer Kaur, Computer Operator Ankash Garg, Asha Workers Shati Devi, Anganwari Workers Veerpal Kaur, Kamlesh Kumari and Krishan Kumar.

Multi-corner contest in Phagwara

PHAGWARA, FEB 4

Phagwara assembly seat is being considered as hot seat in Doaba region of Punjab. Congress has again fielded retired IAS officer and sitting MLA Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal while the Aam Aadmi Party has nominated turncoat Joginder Singh Mann, who joined the party after denial of congress ticket, in Phagwara (reserve) assembly seat, falls under the Hoshiarpur Lok Sabha constituency.

BJP has fielded its big gun Vijay Sampla, who has resigned from the post of Chairman of National Commission of Scheduled Caste, for getting the party ticket though Anita Som Parkash, wife of BJP leader and Union Minister Som Parkash, was also in the race but the rule of 'One Family One Ticket' stopped her to get the party's ticket. Since 1977 elections,

Congress has registered victory from the Phagwara seat five times while the BJP won the seat four times. Political observers asserted that it would be difficult to predict the winner as it was a close contest between Congress and BJP. For two consecutive terms 2012 and 2017, Union Minister Som Parkash won the assembly election from the constituency.

However, in 2019, after winning the Lok Sabha election from Hoshiarpur seat he had to vacate the seat and Congress candidate Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal won the by-election by defeating his BJP rival Rajesh Bagha with a margin of 26116 votes. The high-profile Phagwara (Reserve) seat is famous for being the favorite of bureaucrats for their entry into politics. Union Minister Som Parkash was a retired IAS who had served as the Deputy Commissioners of Faridkot,

Hoshiarpur and Jalandhar. He was elected twice as an MLA in this important constituency on a BJP ticket.

After Som Parkash, the seat was won by another former IAS officer and Congress candidate Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal, who served as the Deputy Commissioner at different places, apart from working as the SDM of Phagwara, before joining the politics. Now Sanyukt Samaj Morcha has fielded retired IAS officer Khushi Ram with the hope of joining the league. Interestingly, Khushi Ram had previously held the post of Deputy Commissioner in several cities of Punjab, including Hoshiarpur, Tarn Taran and Amritsar.

Besides, Sanyukt Samaj Morcha's Khushi Ram, Bahujan Samaj Party's Punjab Chief Jasvir Singh Garhi is also in the fray as the SAD-BSP alliance candidate from this seat.

Congress gave Punjab two dishonest chief
ministers in five years: Bhagwan MannKULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 4

Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Punjab chief ministerial candidate Bhagwan Mann said that the Congress government was completely under the control of mafias and the mafia had government protection for doing illegal business of sand and drugs. The Congress gave Punjab two dishonest chief ministers during its five-year rule.

The previous Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh included and patronized many mafia people in his cabinet. The second Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi himself used to run the sand mafia through his relatives. Mann expressed these views while responding to the queries of the press during his election campaign on Friday. Mann slammed both, former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh and incumbent Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi. Mann said that Captain ruined Punjab to save the Congress party. He himself



Photo by:Kumar

accepted that to save the honour of Congress, he did not take any action against the leaders accused of mafia. This clearly means that Captain Amarinder Singh, while being the Chief Minister, gave priority to his party Congress and ignored the problems and troubles of the people. On the arrest of Chief Minister Channi's nephew by the ED, Mann said that Channi has confessed that he failed to keep an eye on the corruption of his family. It clearly means that his family and relatives were corrupt and earned crores of

rupees through sand mafia and transfer-posting. Mann said that Chief Minister Channi only pretends to be a common man. The common man does not have unaccounted crores of rupees. After coming to power, Channi made himself as well as many of his close friends and relatives millionaires. Mann said Honey was not only the nephew of Chief Minister Channi, he was also his business partner. Through him (Honey) all the money used to reach Channi. Honey was present with him on every oc-

casion. Chief Minister Channi had provided him Black Cat commando security. He questioned that when his nephew Honey was not holding any constitutional post, then in what capacity he was given high level security. This clearly means that Chief Minister Channi himself used to earn money with the help of his nephew. On being asked about the political vendetta behind the ED raids on CM Channi, Mann said that they are not denying the possibility of it but the question rises that ED did not bring cash, jewellery and properties papers with them. All these things were seized from the house of CM Channi's nephew Honey. He added that ED conducted similar raids on Arvind Kejriwal too and didn't find anything because that is the difference between Aam Aadmi Party and Congress. AAP facilitate people with public money and Congress leaders amass public money in their homes. He said that the people of Punjab will answer these acts of corruption and loot with the power of their vote.

Case registered against two
people cheated lakhs of rupees
on pretext of doubling money

DINANAGAR (JASPOONAM KOHLI): Dinanagar police have registered a case against two people including a woman for cheating them of lakhs of rupees on the pretext of doubling the money. While the accused was out of the custody of the police.

Victim Kushmata Saini wife Suresh Kumar resident Krishna Enclave Dinanagar told that three years ago accused Deepak Sharma son Yashpal resident Ludhiana had opened Mess Healthy Trading Company in Gurdaspur. In this company, Bhupinder Kaur resident Dinanagar was a partner.

The accused came to her house in the year 2019 and told her that she works to double the money. If you also want to do double money then give it to them. Under whose guise, he and Satnam Singh together gave Rs 16 lakh to the accused. Out of which 2.5 lakh rupees were returned to him and the remaining amount 13 lakh 50 thousand rupees was not returned. The accused had given him a cheque of six lakh rupees and a cheque of ten lakh rupees, which were bounced on putting it in the bank.

10 candidates to contest from Jagraon,
election symbols allotted: SDMSUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, FEB 4

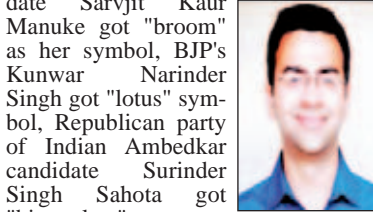
The final list of candidates is out after last day of withdrawing nominations. In constituency Jagraon 10 candidates are all set to contest for Vidhan Sabha election. Returning officer cum SDM Jagraon Vikas Hira giving detailed information said that total 19 candidates filed nomination papers and 9 among them withdrew the nomination.

"10 candidates have been finalized to contest elections from Jagraon and election symbols have been allotted to all of them," he said. He further stated that SAD-BSP candidate SR Kaler has been

allotted "scales", congress candidate Jagtar Singh Hisowal has been allotted "hand" symbol, AAP candidate Sarvjit Kaur Manuke got "broom" as her symbol, BJP's Kunwar Narinder Singh got "lotus" symbol, Republican party of Indian Ambedkar candidate Surinder Singh Sahota got "binoculars" as symbol, Tejinder Kaur Teji Sandhu from Lok Insaaf Party has been allotted "letter box" as symbol, Parivar Singh Dalla from SAD(Amritsar) received "computer" symbol, Independent candidate Kuldeep Singh Dalla for "cot" (manji) as election sym-

bol, independent candidate Gurdeep Singh Dhaliwal has been allotted "bucket" as symbol, Parmajet Singh Sahota, independent candidate got "rubber stamp" as symbol.

SDM mentioned that the candidates can campaign with their election symbols now. He appealed voters to use their right to vote and not to get influenced by any foul means while casting their votes. He also mentioned that the queries of voters are welcomed and they are free to submit their concerns or complaints regarding elections and they every issue shall be addressed.

Lions Club Pathankot organises
seminar on World Cancer DayR. SINGH
PATHANKOT, FEB 4

On the occasion of World Cancer Day, a seminar was organized on behalf of Lions Club Pathankot under the chairmanship of President Rajeev Khosla in the hospital at Manwal. In which, on behalf of Dr. M.L. Atri, the people present were given information about the prevention of cancer. He said that cancer is a dangerous disease, to prevent it, it is very important for people to be aware of the necessary information. He

said that people should stay away from intoxicants other than alcohol, tobacco and use good and healthy things in their food and drink and must also exercise daily. The aim is to work for the service of humanity and awareness is also being brought among the people by organizing projects from time to time by the club. On this occasion District Cashier Harjit Singh, District PRO Sanjeev Gupta, Sharanjit Singh, Rakesh Agarwal, Pankaj Mehta, Hitender Singh, Charanjit Singh etc. were present.

Sonia-Manmohan,
Rahul star campaigners
of Cong for PunjabGAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Congress president Sonia Gandhi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Rahul Gandhi are among the star campaigners for the party ahead of the February 20 Punjab Assembly polls. The list released also names Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, state party in-charge Harish Chaudhary, PPCC chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, CM Charanjit Singh Channi. Besides, senior leaders Ambika Soni, Meira Kumar, Rajasthan CM Ashok

Gehlot, Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, Sunil Jakhar, Partap Singh Bajwa, Ajay Maken and Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Similarly, names of Anand Sharma, Kumari Selja, Randeep Singh Surjewala, Rajeev Shukla, Sachin Pilot, Ravneet Singh Bittoo, Deepender Singh Hooda, Ranjeet Ranjan, Netta D'Souza, BV Srinivas, Imran Pratapgarhi, Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, Amrita Dhawan, Raminder Awla and Tajender Singh Bittoo also figured in the list of 30 star campaigners.

GKU gets youngest VC

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, FEB 4

Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo, which is rendering a yeoman's service in education and research in the region, got a shot in the arm when a leading educationist and researcher Dr Jatinder Singh Bal took over as its Pro Chancellor.

Dr Bal holds PhD and M Tech in Computer Engineering from Punjabi University, Patiala and carries with him an experience of over 25 years in education, research, and administration. He is a widely travelled professional who has delivered talks and developed technical collaborations in 18

countries. He has been associated with diverse Professional bodies such as Computer Society of India, IETE, ISTE, IEEE, etc. Having a strong flair for scientific writing Dr Bal has authored 25 books, and over 100 research papers besides rendering editorial service to reputed journals of his domain as Chief Editor/Reviewer. Earlier,

Dr Bal has served with distinction as Vice Chancellor, Director, Principal, Dean and Advisor in various institutions of repute such as Sant Baba Bhag Singh University and DAV University, Jalandhar. In recognition of his remarkable services to the cause of education.

Timings of meeting observers
appointed for Assembly Elections-
2022 Morning 10.30 am -11:30 amKULWINDER KARVAL
SARDULGARH, FEB 4

Observers for different purposes have been appointed in assembly constituencies (96-Mansa, 97-Sardulgarh and 98-Budhlada) for the Assembly Elections 2022 by the Hon'ble Election Commission of India. The Hon'ble Observers appointed can be given any kind of information related to the Assembly Elections on their respective phone numbers. For any election related information they will meet between 10.30 am to 11.30 am at their respective places of stay.

The said information was conveyed by District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Sh. Mohinder Pal IAS who further intimated that all these Hon'ble Observers have

been provided residential stay at the Mandi Board Rest House, Sirsa Road, Mansa. The DEO further conveyed that Sh. Chandresh Kumar IAS as General Observer, Sh. Mohammad Saleek Parvez IRS as Expenditure Observer and Sh. Amit Chandra IPS as Police Observer, have been deputed for the three constituencies of the district namely 96-Mansa, 97-Sardulgarh and 98-Budhlada. The DEO further shared that the said appointed Observers can be contacted regarding any kind of complaint related to elections or a political party regarding any matter related to the elections can contact the General Observer at mobile number 86994-78952, the Expenditure Observer at mobile number 81465-27952.

Former Cong Halqa incharge
Daman withdraws her NF as an ICSUMER GARG
SUNAM, FEB 4

An aspirant for congress party ticket from Sunam assembly constituency (SAC), Daman Thind Bajwa, who had filed her nomination form (NF) as an independent candidate (IC) to the ARO cum Tehsildar, Sunam, Mr. Kuldeep Singh, has withdrawn her NF on the last date here today.

At the time of withdrawn of her NF, she was accompanied by her husband Mr. Harman Dev Bajwa; her covering candidate, Mr. Ghanashyam Kansal; Municipal Committee President, Nishan Singh Toni and a large number of supporters from the various walks of the society. When the mediapersons asked her the reason for the withdrawn of her NF, she said that when the congress



party has not given her ticket than she organised meetings with the Panches & Sarpanches of the villages and MCs of Municipal committees falls under SAC. In these meetings her staunch supporters urged her to file her NF as an independent candidate, as inspite of her tireless efforts for the promotion of party the congress high command didn't give her ticket from SAC.

She further said that now, again with the consent of Panches & Sarpanches of the

villages and MCs of Municipal committees falls under SAC, she was withdrawing her NF. She added that When she was refused congress party ticket at that time no senior congress leader came to console her and only her supporters gave her morally support at that time. Returning officer cum SDM, Sunam, Mr. Jaspreet Singh told this reporter that after the withdrawal of NF by Daman Thind Bajwa, 12 persons remained in fray for the Sunam assembly election.

St. Soldier's Elite Convent School
supported road blockade on Feb 7KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, FEB 4

Everyday people are demonstrating that schools should be opened but the government does not louse till its ears. All hotels, restaurants, liquor eateries and cinema halls are also open. 500 to 1000 people are roaming on the streets in rallies.

Leaders are walking on their roads. Doing the show. Innocent children's future is getting spoiled. Children are struggling with many kinds of problems locked in their homes. Children are our future, who are being victimized by the government's indifference for the last two

years. People who go to rallies also go back to their homes. How safe in the house? Private school association Jandiala Guru and Casa, led by Mangal Singh Kishanpuri, president of CBSE School Association, held a meeting of the drivers of different schools, owners of buses and principals of out schools. In which there was a demand to open the school. And on 7th February, a pledge was taken to give full support by jamming the road. In this meeting the principals of Principal Manohar Vatika School, Principal Saint Day Boarding School, Hargobind School and many other schools participated.

Cong MLA wants
change of road
passing through
Medical College

HAMIRPUR: Former HP Congress chief and party MLA from Nadaun, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhoo has demanded to shift the road passing in the middle of Jolsappad Medical College soon. He said Friday that the accidents could happen in the coming time due to the road passing through the middle of the Medical college campus. The government should complete the necessary formalities for the construction of a new road from the right and left of the college in a time bound manner. In a statement, he said the Chief Minister should give approval for the construction of a new road at Jolsappad at the earliest. This demand has also been raised by him in the MLA priority meeting. He said Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur inspected the construction work of the college on Wednesday and that was a right thing. However, it was shocking that he was present at his home in Nadaun but was not informed and invited about the CM's tour to his area. He credited the establishment of this college to former Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh and former Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad. Sukhu said it was he who had managed approval of a budget of Rs 290 crore for the construction of this college in 2014. Simultaneously, the notification was issued. After the change of Congress government at the Centre, the NDA put obstacles in it, which delayed the construction of the college. He himself got the forest and environment clearance related to college construction done from Dehradun, Sukhoo added.

Contract pharmacists
should be regularised:
Bharat Bhushan

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: The meeting of Himachal Pradesh Hospital Pharmacist Association District Kangra was held under the chairmanship of District President Bharat Bhushan, in which the problems of pharmacists were discussed. District President Bharat Bhushan said that the pharmacists who have completed the contract tenure have not been regularized till date. He said that even after rendering their services day and night in the health department, they are being ignored. He said that during the Corona period, pharmacists provided services like Corona warriors while being in the front line. He said that the State Government has now reduced the contract to two years instead of three years, but the pharmacists are waiting for regularization. He said that except the health department, all other departments have regularized the contract workers following the orders of the government. There is a huge resentment towards the government among the pharmacists working in the health department on contract basis. He has demanded that the pharmacists who have completed their contractual tenure in the health department should be regularised. Pharmacists Sanjay, Kushal, Sunil, Pawan, Ajay, Amit, Rajesh, Vishal, Balwinder, Reena, Sandeep Sharma, Bina, were present on this occasion.

Residents of Upper
Kotla Kalan upset
over non-supply of
drinking water

KISHORI LAL BAINS
AMB: Residents of Uppar Kotla Kalan village said to this correspondent that for several days, drinking water supply in our village is not coming for several days, due to which people are facing many problems and they are upset due to non-supply of drinking water. Ram Pal Saini resident of Ward Number 5 of village Uppar Kotla Kalan told that supply of water from many days is not coming properly and since the last three days, the supply of drinking water has been completely stopped. He further said that many times the concerned department was informed about this problem but till now no solution has been found. The officials of the Irrigation and Public Health Department may have forgotten the problems of the public. The people of the village have requested the concerned department to resolve this problem as soon as possible.

Conference hall of Gaiety Theatre to be
used for literary and cultural activities

SHIMLA, FEB 4

A spokesperson of the state government informed here today that to revive and encourage literary activities in Shimla by literary and cultural organisations, the conference hall of Gaiety Theatre Shimla would be used for this purpose. The spokesperson said that the seminar hall would be given free of cost to the empanelled organisations for twelve days in a year for each organisation carrying literary and cultural activities including discussions, seminars, book reading, book release, storytelling, poetry sessions, meet the author and other such events. Director of Language and Cultural Department would do the empanelment of such organisations. Such organisations would have to intimate the purpose with details of programme or activities to be done by them two weeks in advance. The hall would be made available on first come first serve basis and incase of any clash of dates, the concerned organisations would have to mutually adjust the dates.

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YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

CM announces enhancement of financial
grant to SC families for purchase of tools

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA FEB 4

While presiding over the meeting of Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Castes Welfare Board at Dharamshala today, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur announced enhancement of financial grant to the Scheduled Caste families for purchase of tools from Rs. 1300 to Rs. 5000 and for purchase of sewing machine from existing Rs. 1800 to Rs. 5000 to facilitate the people of these communities. He also announced that the library of one college in every district would be named as Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Library as a mark of respect to the founder of the Indian Constitution. Chief Minister said that upliftment and socio-economic development of the Scheduled Castes was the main concern of the State Government and top priority was being laid to ensure that they get maximum benefits of the welfare schemes initiated by the State as well as the Centre Governments. He said that a transparent mechanism should be adopted to ensure that a genuine beneficiary was not deprived of being selected for various welfare schemes. He said that complete transparency must also be ensured in selection of BPL families of Scheduled caste families. Jai Ram Thakur said that



the State Government has constructed Ambedkar Bhawans in all the Vidhan Sabha constituencies of the State. He said that about 51 have been already completed and remaining were in different stages of completion. He said that proper maintenance of Ambedkar Bhawans must also be ensured as they were proving of immense use for the community. He also suggested that a mechanism of managing these Bhawans must be taken up at the local level. Chief Minister said that the State Government has launched special recruitment drive to fill up the backlog of Scheduled Castes in the Government jobs so that youth of this category could get appropriate representation in the Government jobs. He said that the State Government has directed the State Police to take stern action

against the persons involved in atrocities against the Scheduled Castes communities. He said that the State Scheduled Castes Corporation was providing loans at subsidized rates to the youth of these communities so that they could start their self-employment ventures. Jai Ram Thakur said that the State Government was also committed to provide all possible facilities to the Scheduled Caste dominated villages. He said that adequate provision of funds has been made for providing water, paths and street lights in these villages. He said that the State Government has recently decided to enhance the income limit for availing the benefits of various welfare schemes from existing Rs. 35,000 to Rs. 50,000 per annum. This decision of the State Government would ensure coverage of more families of the

McLeodganj gets snowfall

DHARAMSHALA: McLeodganj, the seat of the Tibetan government in exile, and the Dal Lake near here experienced snowfall for a second day on Friday disrupting life even as the Kangra Valley shivered due to a dip in the temperature. Kangra valley has been drenched since Wednesday night and the rains continued on Friday. McLeodganj and Dal Lake near Dharamshala experienced snowfall at noon on Friday much to the joy of locals and tourists. The temperature dipped below zero at both places. When the snowfall stopped, the entire McLeodganj tourist town was engulfed by thick fog.

Avoid travel on
slippery roads: Police

AGENCY
SHIMLA, FEB 4



Heavy to very heavy snowfall in many parts of Himachal Pradesh forced state and district administration to issue travel Advisory to commuters, Tourist and local people to avoid traveling on the slippery road as it could cause mishap and further rescue is not easy. A advisory issued by the Superintendent of Police Shimla Ms Monika Bhutunguru said it is ow constantly snowing in Shimla city and upper areas of the district. SP urged general public to avoid unnecessary travel. In case of emergency travel by safer alternate route as most of the roads in Shimla town are closed due to slippery conditions . Roads at Kufri, Narkanda , Khidki & Kharapathar are also closed due to significant snow accumulation, she added. She also said in case of any emergency police could be contacted for assistance on phone number 01772812344 and 112. An incident of Road accident at Chori Nala near Bharanu, under Nerwa tehsil of Shimla district one person died on the spot at 0300hrs on Friday. Deceased identified as Mandeep Panta S/o Mohan Lal Panta Village Gocha P.O Bharanu. Immediate relief of Rs 10,000 were issued to victim's family. Normal life is completely out of gear as 677 link road four National Highway and one state highway are snowbound. 178

roads are snowbound in Lahaul-Spiti, 169 in Shimla, 167 in Chamba, 60 in Mandi, 56 in Kullu, 28 in Kinnuar, 15 in Solan and sux road are affected in Sirmaur district respectively. Power supply affected in 961 distribution Transformer Regions including 371DTR in Chamba , 254 in Shimla, 188 in Mandi, 140 in Kullu and four each DTR in Kinnuar and Solan. Water supply disrupted by heavy snowfall in 98 Water supply scheme including 71 WSS in Chamba and 27 in Lahaul-Spiti district. Road transport are suspended in one thousand routes, no flights are being operated in any airport in the state baring rail network road and telecommunication services are badly affected. An Avalanche hit Manali- Sarchu Road at 105.2 km from Mulling and 2 km towards Tandi I. Lahaul-Spiti district of Himachal. Snowcutters have been deployed to clear the Avalanches and snow from both the sides. District administration Lahaul-Spiti also sounded advisory that alk NHs & SHs and link Roads have become blocked and slippery in many places due to snowfall.

Far-reaching vision of Centre for self-reliant
economy of India visible in Budget: Thakur

ANWAR HUSSAIN
BADDI, FEB 4

Praising the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP Doon Mandal President Balbir Thakur said that it is very important to have a "self-reliant economy" for progress of a developing India. He said that in the midst of rapidly changing political and economic conditions of the world, the times ahead are very challenging, which will see India playing a leading role. After the virtual address of Prime Minister Narendra Modi last day, the BJP Mandal President said that the BJP government at the Center is making rapid strides towards strengthening the country and a self-reliant India. He said that the poor, backward, farmers, gardeners, laborers and employed people are being encouraged step by step through the public welfare schemes of the Centre, which is highly commendable. Describing the Union Budget presented by the Finance Minister as beneficial for an inclusive society, he said that



important initiatives have been taken mainly to make the youth self-reliant, which should be welcomed. He said that for the development of hilly region, Himachal Pradesh would be benefited in terms of infrastructure through the Parvat Mala Yojana in the budget. Thakur said that the working style of the BJP governments in the country and the state is taking important steps in the direction of securing the interests of the common people and in the coming time its fruitful results will be visible.

Pb CM performs havan at Siddhpeeth
Maa Baglamukh to win election

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 4

Many Congress leaders are reaching Siddhpeeth Maa Baglamukhi located in Bankhandi, District Kangra, to win over the enemies in the Punjab Legislative Assembly elections. Late on Thursday, Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi took the blessings of the mother by performing a havan. Charanjit Singh Channi was seen doing havan with the priests till late night and got the priests to chant mantras to destroy the enemies. At present, Charanjit Singh Channi and Navjot Singh Sidhu are face to face with the CM face in the Punjab Legislative Assembly elections. Earlier, on December 4, the last month of last year, Charanjit Singh Channi along with his family had performed a havan till late night in Baglamukhi. Exactly 26 days later, he once again came to Baglamukhi Mata's court on 30 December. Leaders from Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Uttar Pradesh are reaching Baglamukhi



temple in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district. Mata Baglamukhi is considered to be the destroyer of enemies. The situation is that leaders are constantly coming to beat their rivals. On Thursday night, before the Chief Minister of Punjab, Channi, the close family members of former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh performed Havan and Yagya. Aam Aadmi Party's Raghav Chaddha has performed a 'havan' a week ago for the party's victory for the first time in Punjab. Former Union Minister and BJP

candidate from Phagwara Assembly Vijay Sampla also came to Baglamukhi's court and asked for a boon to fulfill his wish. According to the priests, Akali Dal President Sukhbir Singh Badal, Chief Minister face Bhagwant Mann from Aam Aadmi Party along with Navjot Singh Sidhu's wife have also sought time for the yagya. He is currently placed on a waiting list. Many candidates of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Goa are also engaged in the election battle by performing havan in Baglamukhi. The largest number of people who perform Havan Yagya are from the leaders of Punjab. The leaders in the Shaktipeeth, famous for Tantric rituals, have even kept their spies to keep an eye on their opponents to find out what their opponents are doing. In this Siddhpeeth located in Bankhandi, Kangra, in the last 20 days, around 350 leaders of various political parties have made sacrifices in the holy Havan Kund of the mother for their victory in the elections.

Prof Ram Thakur praises Nadda
for health facilities in Haroli

BUREAU
UNA, FEB 4

State BJP spokesperson and Vice President of Industrial Development Corporation, Prof. Ram Kumar has thanked BJP's National President and Rajya Sabha MP Jagat Prakash Nadda for giving the amount from the MP fund for Haroli. To give further impetus to the development of constituency, an amount of Rs 15 lakh has been released, for which BJP Haroli Mandal expresses its gratitude. He said that when JP Nadda was Union Health Minister he had given the gift of an ideal rural health research unit to Haroli assembly constituency to improve health facilities in Haroli assembly constituency. He told that this health research center built at a cost of about Rs 4 crores is running along with Haroli Hospital, although at that time Congress leaders tried to put their stamp on this research center given by Nadda. Inaugural plaques were put up. He said that this very important research center is running in Haroli, it is the contribution of Jagat Prakash Nadda for Haroli and Himachal. Now, as soon as the ban on MP funds is removed due to Covid, first of all funds have been made available for the development works of Haroli assembly constituency.

Wooden flooring of Indira Gandhi Indoor
Stadium at Rs 20 lakh inaugurated

UNA, FEB 4

6th State Finance Commission Chairman Satpal Singh Satti today inaugurated new wooden flooring made of 20 lakhs at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Una. On this occasion, he duly inaugurated three quotas containing teraflex for badminton game on wooden flooring and dedicated these quotas to the players. In his address on this occasion, he said that soon two separate entrance gates will also be constructed for entry and exit of the stadium. Satti said that a beautiful park would be constructed between the indoor stadium and the old pavilion. He said that in the coming days, Himachal Pradesh Youth Services and Sports Minister Rakesh Pathania's visit to Una is also proposed during which the works being done at stadium at a cost of Rs 95 lakh will also be implemented. He also visited the Indore Sports Complex and instructed District Sports Officer Kuldeep Sharma to get the walls painted afresh, broken windows, stop the movement of birds in the indoor stadium and prepare an estimate for the repair of roof. Apart from office bearers of District Badminton Association, office bearers of various sports associations, coaches and players were present.



Congress OBC state president Dilawar
Singh Chotu should be sacked: Raju

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI, FEB 4

Nagar Panchayat Jawali Chairman Rajinder Kumar Raju has strongly condemned the incident of assault on an elderly woman at Niyal by Congress OBC cell state president Dilawar Singh Chhotu and his family and demanded strict action against the accused. He said that the Congress leader is still not deterring from his antics. Now the said leader is threatening to kill the victim's family, due to which the victim's family is under a lot of stress and fear. He said that Dilawar Singh, who has been made the state president of OBC by the Congress high command, how will he



protect the interests of the people. He said that due to this act of Dilawar Singh, the reputation of the Congress party has been tarnished. He has demanded from the Congress high command that Dilawar Singh Chhotu should be sacked from the post of state president of Congress

OBC cell with immediate effect and a qualified and honest Congress worker should be appointed in his place. On the other hand, Dilawar Singh Chhotu has said that all the allegations are baseless as there is a conspiracy to influence his growing popularity.

Nothing more above than cow service: Bhushan

UNA, FEB 4

In district Una, some people are still inviting accidents by leaving cow in open, but there are some social workers and Gau Bhagat who are always ready to serve the cow, out of those whom we are talking about today. Gau Bhagat and Samaj Sevi Nodal President Bhushan Sharma is constantly treating the destitute cow by leaving them in a safe place or nearby Gaushala. He has treated about 100 cow clans together with his associates and he has reached about 29 cows in the Gaushala, along with medicines, they keep on arranging their fodder from time to time. The matter reached his attention through a social worker working in the same local industry. Bhushan Sharma's team reached the spot after getting the matter done



immediately. Where his team found that the stray dogs had badly injured the cow, he immediately along with his team reached and with the help of the veterinary doctor, treated the injured cow mother got treated them. They also sent her to the Gau Shala. He also said that in Hindu religion, cow is given the status of mother. But still people take it out of their homes and leave it in the middle of the road in the middle of the night. They said that as long as the cow is giving milk, it is ours and when it stops giving milk, it becomes a stranger. On this occasion, he was accompanied by Gaushala Gulpala Prabandhak Committee, Gurmee, Nojban Youth Club President Bhushan Kumar, Bishu Pathak and Azad Yuva Sports Club Bikki Sheikh, Gagan, Ankush Rana, Jas Sandhu Dr. Aman Deep were also present.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)					
The Executive Engineer, Shimla, Division No. 1, HPPWD, Shimla-3, H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.					
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1.	Construction of road from Bhattakufu to IGMC Phase-II km. 0/700 to 2/400 in District Shimla (HP) (SH- F/C, C/O R/wall, B/Wall, Hume pipe Culvert, P/L GSB, G-I, G-II, G-III, 50mm thick BM, 30mm thick BC, C/O V-Shape drain, PCC parapets etc).	34612471/-	17-02-2022	693000/-	28-02-2022
2.	Construction of near Auditorium at IGMC site (SH- Cutting and disposal of earth)(Under Shimla Smart city)	7499835/-	17-02-2022	150000/-	28-02-2022
3.	Widening /Improvement from Kasumpti to Mehli (GAD Colony) km. 0/00 to 0/550 (SH- Widening of C/O pedestrian path from Rd. 0/196 to 0/485)(Under Smart city mission).	12125857/-	17-02-2022	242500/-	28-02-2022
4.	Construction of foot path from Raj Bhawan to Bavbahar chowk on Circular road Shimla km. 152/500 to 154/375 (Under Smart city Mission).	18325926/-	17-02-2021	215800/-	28-02-2021
The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptender.gov.in The executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason. DPR-HP-6647/2021-2022					

Candidates details, criminal background, qualifications etc to be available immediately

GURDASPUR (VERMA): The Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched 'KNOW YOUR CANDIDATE' app for the information of candidates contesting Punjab Assembly elections, through which people have entered their nomination papers in their constituency, get easy access to details. District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Mr. Mohammad Ishfaq appealed to the people to download this app as much as possible and said that this app can be downloaded from Google Play Store and Apple App Store. People to get information about the candidate's photo and details, his / her criminal background, if any, the candidate's affidavit which includes information about his / her educational qualifications, assets and liabilities. He asked the returning officers to put up hoardings and stands at their offices to make the people aware about this.



NEWS AT A GLANCE

Bhagwant Mann to hold street meeting in Balachaur on Feb 5

CHET RAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR: Aam Aadmi Party Punjab's chief and chief ministerial candidate Bhagwant Singh Mann will hold meetings on 5th February at 2.30 pm in Halka Balachaur, BB Santosh Kataria to campaign in favor of Aam Aadmi Party. To speed up more, we will start a street meeting. Giving information about this to the media, Chandramohan JD District Media Incharge said that the volunteers have been filled with enthusiasm after hearing the news of Bhagwant Man ji's arrival at Balachaur.

Students battle it out at spellathon spelling bee contest

VERMA GURDASPUR: To test and enhance the vocabulary skill of students a spellings bee competition has been organised by SCERT and Department of School Education, Punjab. Students from grade 6th to 8th participated in it. The contest was held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which generally involves pronunciation and calling of words. The competition was held in 3 levels; School level, Block level and District level. In Dist.

Gurdaspur, it was conducted on 27 to 29 January and at Dist. level it was conducted on 3rd February. The competition was conducted in an organized and a well planned way under the guidance of Sh. Narinder Singh DM S.S./English, that the event offered the perfect platform for students to improve their language skills. SRP Sh. Chandershekar graced the occasion of final phase on 3rd February. He appreciated the team work and the way it was being conducted. He motivated students to learn some more words to enhance the vocabulary. These schools secured first three positions at dist. level competition: GSSS Dhadiala Nazara Block Qadian 22. GMS Mustafabad Jattan Block Gurdaspur 13. GMS Bakhatpur Block Kahuwans 2 Sr. Harpal Singh also gave his blessings to the winners.

MCM holds activity on plant care



CS JOLLY CHANDIGARH: The Eco Club of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the college's Department of Botany and Add-on course in Floriculture and Landscaping, organised an activity titled 'Maintain your pots'. The event aimed to create awareness among the students regarding upkeep of their plants including keeping pots hydrated, providing appropriate soil and fertilizers, maintaining adequate humidity and selection of correct pot size. Keeping in mind the Covid restrictions, the students performed this activity at their respective places. The students shared pictures of their pots before doing cultural practices like weeding and after maintaining their pots. The activity proved to be an enriching experience for the students as they also got insights into several interesting plant species that grow in their surroundings.

AAP must win elections to get rid of goonda raj of Congress and Akalis: Kulwant Singh

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, FEB 5

Kulwant Singh, the Aam Aadmi Party's candidate from Vidhan Sabha Halka Mohali, has asked the Congress candidate to justify the tall claims of Congress government with proper facts & figures, asking Balbir Singh Sidhu to tell in public domain that during the current tenure of his government, how many youngsters of the Mohali got jobs and also tell whether his government has distributed smart phones to all the students of Halka Mohali as per his election manifesto.

If these two things associated with youth have not been done, then Congress candidate Sidhu has no right to seek votes from the people of Mohali. Kulwant Singh said that the reality is that three times M.L.A. Balbir Singh Sidhu, who has been cabinet minister, created a panic. Even today the people of the villages are falling prey to accidents while passing through the poorly maintained, broken link roads.

In the name of taking care of unclaimed/orphan cows, he opened the cowshed by taking the Shamlat land of village Balongi on lease in his own name and home address, even now unclaimed ani-



mals are roaming the streets of Mohali city in the same way and people are becoming victims of accidents.

He said that now Congress candidate Balbir Singh Sidhu is again preparing to garner votes by

misleading people, showing euphoria to the people of Mohali. The people of the Mohali and no longer want to see him, forget voting for him and the answer to the poor performance done during the tenure of the Congress party will

be given by defeating him. Kulwant Singh appealed to the people to vote for the election symbol 'Broom' on February 20 to bring in the Aam Aadmi Party government to get rid of the 'goonda raj' of Congress and Akalis.

Kaler demands compensation for farmers



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Unseasonal rain ruined acres of potato and other vegetable farms in constituency Jagraon which has bought huge losses to the farmers. SAD-BSP candidate from constituency Jagraon SR Kaler submitted a memorandum to SDM Vikas Hira demanding compensation for the farmers. The former MLA stated that there are several farmers in the constituency that grow potatoes and other vegetables in their farmers and they are facing huge losses as the crops were ruined due to unseasonal rain. Kaler mentioned that farming is facing sector is facing acute crises in Punjab as the farmers are under debt and government is not at all concerned for their welfare and the unpredictable weather has added to the troubles of farmers. SDM Vikas Hira stated that DC Ludhiana will be informed about this in written and "Girdavari" shall be initiated after formal approval. At this occasion, Kamal Mallah, Deedar Malak, Mandeep Singh Galab, Satish Kumar, Daljeet Singh and others were present.

SDM orders for quick action in vaccination process



KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH, FEB 4

The health department and civil administration are emphasizing on more vaccinations. Sub-Divisional Magistrate Manisha Rana visited the local sub-divisional hospital and got information about the ongoing vaccination camps. She directed the health workers to send teams to the villages in the constituency where vaccination has been reduced and re-vaccinate. Speaking to reporters on the occasion, Manisha Rana said that as per the guidelines of the Election Commission, both the doses of vaccine should be administered as much as possible before the election day on February 20 so that we can cast our votes without fear of Corona epidemic. She appealed to the people of the area to behave well with the teams of health department responsible for vaccination. On this occasion, Block Educator Tarlok Singh said that vaccination is being done by reaching door-to-door in villages and making people aware of the vaccine and soon the entire target will be achieved.

Dept of Public Health Dentistry, SGT University organises an awareness drive on World Cancer Day

GURUGRAM, FEB 4

On World Cancer Day the Department of Public Health Dentistry of Faculty of Dental Sciences, SGT University organized an awareness drive among Dental College patients.

This drive aimed to raise awareness about Cancer, and encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. During this program, the Faculty Members, Post-Graduates, Interns, and Students posted in Public Health Dentistry imparted awareness to all patients. World Cancer Day is an international day marked on 4th February to raise awareness of cancer and encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. World Cancer Day is headed by the Union for International Cancer Control



(UICC) to support the goals of the World Cancer Declaration, written in 2008. The primary aim of World Cancer Day is to significantly reduce illness and death caused by cancer and is an opportunity to rally the international community to end the injustice of

preventable suffering from cancer. Oral cancer is the 3rd most common cancer overall and the most common cancer among males in our country. It commonly occurs on the lips, tongue, inner cheeks, gums, palate, the floor of the mouth, throat, and sinuses.

Aman Gill campaigns in favor of his father in Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, FEB 4

In favor of Sardar Ranjit Singh Gill, joint candidate of Shiromani Akali Dal and Bahujan Samaj Party from Kharar, a meeting was held by his son Aman Gill in connection with the election campaign.

Thanks to the efforts of Rajput Sabha President Sandeep Rana, many headline Congress families were included in the party by Aman Gill. Addressing them, Aman Gill

said that he would always stand by these workers and give them due respect from the party. Residents warmly welcomed the entire leadership and pledged their full support in favor of Mr. Gill. Brijpal Rana, Deepa Rana, Happy Rana, Krishan Rana, Vicky Rana, Arjun Rana, Kaka Rana, Rinku Rana, Ravinder Rana. Accompanying Aman Gill on the occasion were Rajput Sabha President Sandeep Rana, Sandeep Kumar Tony and local Akali BSP leadership.

Adviser to Administrator, Chandigarh inaugurates "National Helpline for Senior Citizens" at Sector 19 Chandigarh

RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

A Toll-Free Helpline 'Elder Line 14567' (National Helpline for Senior Citizens), established by the Department of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Chandigarh Administration in collaboration with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, has been inaugurated in Chandigarh by Dharam Pal, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh today at Sector-19 B, Chandigarh.

The Elder Line will operate from 08.00 AM to 08.00 PM for 7 days in a week. It has been staffed with seven professionally trained employees who have been trained in various fields by Government of India. The staff consists of Project Manager, IT Leader, Quality Leader & Call Responder-cum-Field Response Officer. Elder Line will provide a common platform to elderly persons residing in Chandigarh for

Sanjeev Vashisht continues election meetings, shares Modi govt policies with Phase IX residents



LK BANSAL MOHALI, FEB 4

Mohali Assembly BJP candidate Sanjeev Vashisht continued his campaign despite rain. While campaigning door to door in Phase 9, Sanjeev Vashisht shared information about the Modi government's policies with the people. He also appealed the people to strengthen the hands of Modi government this time and give BJP a chance in Punjab. He said that only Modi government could solve the issues and problems of the people of Mohali.

After this Sanjeev Vashisht went to the industrial area of Phase 9 and continued the series of meetings and campaign. While speaking at the moment he said that a country flourish only if industry and trade are strong. MLAs and ministers

of the Congress government have only looted the people, spread corruption, sand mafia, drug mafia. He also stressed if the poor have got any facilities so far, it is due to schemes of the Center only.

The BJP government at the Center has always emphasized on providing better facilities to all sections of the society. Sanjeev Vashisht committed that after coming in power industrial policy will be revised for betterment which would not only increase the employment opportunities but also put Punjab back on the path of progress. Ramesh Verma, Prakashwati, Jatinder Goyal, Arun Sharma, Dinesh Sarma, Satish Saini, Shiv Kumar Duggal, HS Setia, Rajinder Sharma, Pritpal Sharma, Lakshan Das, Akint, Dhruv Goyal etc. were present Present at the moment.

M.Sc. Mathematics result of 2nd semester excellent

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, FEB 4

Baba Farid College is known for its outstanding academic achievements in the Malwa region. Recently announced M.Sc. (Mathematics) In the results of the second semester also the students of Baba Farid College have enhanced the prestige of the institution by achieving excellent results.

M.Sc. (Mathematics) Second Semester (Batch 2020-22) Results of Baba Farid College Amandeep Kaur, Chanchal, Gagandeep Kaur, Harjot Sidhu, Sukhdeep Kaur, Jimmy Goyal, Mahik Mangla, Navdeep Kaur, Navjot Kaur, Shabnam Verma, Simanjot Kaur, Simran

jit Kaur and Sukhdeep Kaur have secured first position in the college with 100% marks. Apart from this Gurbaj Singh has secured second

position with 94 percent marks while Rajveer Kaur has secured third position in the college with 92 percent marks. BFGI Chairman Dr. Gurmeet Singh Dhalwal and Baba Farid College Principal Dr.

Pradeep Kaur congratulated the Head of Mathematics Department, staff and meritorious students for these excellent results. He said that such good results have been achieved due to the able guidance of experienced teachers and hard work of the students.



Theft is not being controlled in Qadian

VERMA QADIAN, FEB 4

The chain of thefts in Qadian is not under control. Now even educational institutions are not being abandoned by drug addicts. After Government Senior Secondary School being robbed by thieves in last day, now thieves have stolen water taps in the DAV Primary School as well. Giving information in this regard, the school's principal Satish Gupta said that last night the thieves jumped from the roof of the school toilets through the stairs made



in the street behind the school premises. He told that during the same period, the wash-basin also broke due to the thieves falling on the it outside the toilets. He told that the thieves had removed all the sockets and breakers linking the water tank in the toi-

lets made for the children, not only that they also unsuccessfully tried to uproot the submersible installed in the school premises. Principal Satish Gupta told that he has lodged a complaint in this regard in the police station qadian.

Election observers holds meeting with representatives of political parties, senior officials of District Admn

SHASHI PAL JAIN S.A.S. NAGAR, FEB 4

Election Observers for district SAS Nagar deputed by the Election Commission of India regarding Vidhan Sabha elections today held a meeting with representatives of political parties and senior District Administration officials at conference hall of District Administrative Complex, here today. Also present in the meeting were District Election Officer-cum-Deputy



Commissioner Mrs. Isha Kalia, SSP Mr. Harjeet Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Komal Mittal, Assistant Expenditure Supervisor and District Level Nodal Officers of various election related committees. In the

meeting IPS Mr. Varun Kapoor Police Observer and General Observer for Assembly constituencies 52-Kharar IAS Mr. Mohammad Zubair Ali Hashmi, 53-SAS Nagar for General Observer IAS Mr. K. Mahesh and 112-Derabass

for General Observer IAS Mr. Ajay Gupta participated. During the meeting, representatives of political parties interacted with the Election Observers.

Election observers appealed the political parties to

follow the instructions and rules of the Election Commission of India so that the elections could be conducted in a free and fair manner.

They also asked the representatives of the political parties to get the prior approval of the Media Certification and Media Monitoring Committee regarding the advertisements / banners / pamphlets etc. They also interacted with the nodal officers of various committees and issued various instructions.

EDITORIAL

Bubbles burst

The certainty of all bubbles is that they will burst. When the enormous bubble of the financial crisis burst in 2007, it led to the rise in right-wing, authoritarian, populist bubbles across many countries. Many of these populist regimes attempted to iron-clad themselves with authoritarianism. Are these populist bubbles popping? The Donald Trump regime tasted electoral defeat in the United States of America. In Latin America, long considered the US's backyard, a number of left-wing and socialist regimes have come to power. Peru elected the former school-teacher, Pedro Castillo, while Gabriel Boric, a former student leader, was elected to power in Chile. Brazil may witness the return to power of Lula da Silva this year.

Political trends originating in the US ripple rapidly across the 'pond', as the wide expanse of the Atlantic is so fondly referred to on the other side in Britain. Joe Biden's victory in the last US presidential elections may have deflated the Brexit populist bubble. Boris Johnson will try his level best to prevent the electoral cycle from popping his populist bubble even as his support plummets. Naïve 'Leave' voters in Britain may yet understand that Brexit was nothing more than the country of the rule of law and habeas corpus being taken down the path of authoritarianism.

The question is whether populist bubbles can be pricked permanently by democratic elections. This is because the Republicans in the US are trying to blow that same bubble, yet again, before the next elections. Perhaps Chile, where the Salvador Allende government was toppled way back in 1973, has a lesson for the US and the UK that are afflicted by democratic narcissism.

Education Budget for Skill and Digital India

The EducationSystem of the nation should be capable of empowering youth with the global competencies necessary for making dignified living in the 21st Century apart from becoming contributorsin all-round sustained economic and cultural growth of the nation. Support system for multidisciplinary outcome-based experiential learning, skilling, up-skilling and reskilling in mass scale and ecosystem conducive for ideation and problem-solving research and innovations incongruent with the nature is a must for realizing this veryconceptand idea of education.

To this endeavour, the role of government becomes crucial in redefining and re-strategizing the pathways of teaching-learning and training to make it dynamic and thus relevant. Fully aware of this responsibility, the Government of India has created ample provisions for several new initiatives in the union budget presented on the floor of the Parliament on 1st February, 2022.This budget, in my considered view, is adocrtine reaffirming the commitment of the government in creating a knowledge society and knowledge economy for actualizing the vision of the Prime Minister in making Bharat 'AatmNirbhar'.

To begin with, 11.86% increase in budgetary allocation forthe education sector from the previous year(Rs. 1,04,278 crores in 2022-23 as compared to Rs 93,224.31 crores in 2021-22) is commendable. This allocation also includes ?40,828crores for higher education. Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institutes of Technology, National Institutes of Technology and Indian Institutes of Manage-



ments etc. have also been allocated higher budgets. Rs. 218.66 crore allocation for boosting-up research and innovation and Rs. 1,800 croresfor the exemplar scheme forupgrading more than 15,000 schools as Schools of Excellence is satisfying.Suchinitiatives will enable educational institutions to expand infrastructure, mitigate resource-crunch up to a considerable extent and eventually start implementing reforms envisioned in National Education Policy 2020.

A deepinsight into financing patterns in education sector in the union budget demonstrate the resolve of the Government for skilling India and to promote digital education. This development in of far-sighted significance in transforming the learning system of the nation. The main focus of the budget, in my view, is to fill the industry-academia skillgaps and employment mismatch vis-à-vis the education system. This is amply demonstrated through several initiatives announced in the budget and allocation made thereby. These include 150 higher educational institutions to offer apprenticeship embedded

diploma/degree course;Urban local institutions to provide internships opportunities to fresh engineering graduates for up to one year;Special bridge courses to be jointly arranged by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Skill Development roping in professional bodies;Viability Gap Funding to district hospitals for collaborating with the medical colleges in PPP mode to facilitate experiential learning, Large hospitals with sufficient capacity to offer resident doctors DNB/FNB courses under the National Board of Examinations; DESH-Stack e-Portal to empower youth with skilling, up-skilling and re-skilling so as to enable them to earn livelihood at the affordable cost;Support for drone power to be used as drone-is-a-service to promote start-ups;National Police University and National Forensic Science University for developing skills and expertise in domain knowledge of policing science, forensic science and cyber-forensics etc. Apart from skilling, these initiatives will also provide opportunities for youth to enter into the domain areas of ideations and innovations.

I am sure, these initiatives are of far-reaching implications and will act as a fillip to reduce existing skill-gaps and remove the current employment mismatch to a large extent.

The emphasis of the budget is also to create a robust digital ecosystem for quality digital education at the doorstep of the learners. Provision for Digital University deserves praise and commendationin this context. While the digital university will help achieve 50% Gross Enrolment Ratio by 2035 through quality online education with personalised learning experiences at the doorstep, ex-

pansion of one-class-one-TV channel under PM e-Vidyascheme from existing 20 to 200 channels will provide an opportunity to class I-XII students to learn even in theregional languages. These initiatives of the Government will help students from the socio-economic weaker communities dwelling in rural and semi-urban settings to establish better connect with what they are learning and also to make-up with the learning losses as a result of the corona pandemic. Ancient India's learning system was global as it attracted learners from abroad.

A competitive learning environment inspires learners to become thought leaders and thrive in the journey of life. Strengthening STUDY IN INDIA scheme is an attempt to provide such an environment and this will help re-establish Bharat as a preferred destination for foreign students. Concurrently, foreign scholars will also get an opportunity to learn the culture and value system on the theme of vocal for localthat our nation inherited through centuries-old civilization discourse.

Now the onus is on the higher education institutions to make good use of the initiatives of the Central Governmentin the service of the nation. Teachers and learners role becomes crucial in this context. In Prime Minister's words, the well-being of every citizen can be ensured only through SabkaSaath, SabkaPrayaas, and SabkaVishwas. This coupled with self-confidence andself-dignity can take our civilizational discourse to a higher pedestal.

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Literature & Health

Urgently address gaps in cancer care

Noting the increasing burden of cancer despite 30 per cent to 50 per cent of the cases being preventable, the World Health Organization today called on countries in South-East Asia Region to prioritize measures to reduce risk, detect and diagnose early and care for people suffering from the disease.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted delivery of cancer care services including palliative care. This has further exposed the vulnerabilities of people living with cancers and increased the risk of severe disease and death. We need to urgently address these gaps," said Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region. Cancer is



one of the leading causes of death worldwide with nearly 10 million deaths reported in 2020. The WHO South-East Asia Region reported an estimated 2.2 million new cases and 1.4 million cancer related deaths the same year - which accounted for more than 1 in 10 deaths in the Region. Among cancer deaths, lung cancer accounted for 10.6 per cent deaths, breast cancer 9.4 per cent, cervical cancer 8

per cent, liver 6.6 per cent and lip, oral cavity cancer 6.4 per cent deaths. The two most common cancers among men in the Region - oral and lung cancers - are linked to tobacco use, betel nut chewing and smoking, and are thus, preventable. Preventing and treating noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), including cancer, has been a flagship priority in the Region since 2014.

Half of Afghanistan's population is facing 'tsunami of hunger'

Afghanistan is under deep humanitarian crisis and over 50 per cent of Afghan's are facing a "tsunami of hunger," the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) reported, citing numbers from UN World Food Programme.

The SIGAR report released said, "record drought, rising food prices, internal displacement" as well as economic breakdown and collapse of public services constitute a "humanitarian emergency," reported Tolo News.

SIGAR released its fifty-fourth quarterly report to the US Congress examining the USD 145.87 billion reconstruction effort in Afghanistan.

The report said SIGAR underscored the findings of Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, an organization active under the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian



Affairs (OCHA), saying nearly 19 million Afghans experienced acute food insecurity in "September and October 2021," reported Tolo News.

"22.8 million Afghans will be at potentially life-threatening levels of hunger this winter, 8.7 million of whom will face near-famine conditions," said the report from Integrated Food Security Phase Classification. "WHO and WFP estimate that 3.2 million Afghan children under age five will suffer from acute malnutrition this winter, with one million at risk of dying." SIGAR's cited the United Na-

tions Development Programme (UNDP) report released in September that said that up to 97 per cent of Afghanistan's population was at risk of slipping below the poverty line by mid-2022 as a result of the worsening political and economic crises, reported Tolo News. The United States remains the single largest humanitarian aid donor to Afghanistan, according to SIGAR. "As of January 2022, the United States was providing USD 782 million in humanitarian aid in Afghanistan and for Afghan refugees in the region," added the report.

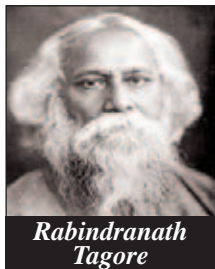
POEMS

Still Heart

When I give up the helm
I know that the time has
come for thee to
take it. What
there is to do
will be instantly
done. Vain is
this struggle.

Then take away your hands
and silently put up with
your defeat, my heart,
and think it your good fortune
to sit perfectly still
where you are placed.

Rabindranath Tagore



Haryana & Telangana: A story of two states

India, as a nation, is a unique mosaic of diverse cultures, languages, traditions and regional identities. Despite the diversity, a common thread of unity and togetherness binds us all. It was with the idea of promoting cultural connect between people of different regions that the programme 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat' was launched by the Government of India. Under this scheme, every state and UT in the country would be paired with another, during which they will undertake sustained engagement with each other in spheres of art, literature, language, cuisine, festivals, tourism etc.

The states of Haryana and Telangana have been paired together under this programme. Though the North-South pairing may seem far apart geographically, yet upon close-

er understanding it appears that the two states have a lot of similarities. Telangana region has seen the rule of dynasties like Kakatiyas, the Qutb Shahis and the Nizams. Haryana, on the other hand, has been the cradle of ancient civilisation, boasting of Indus Valley civilisation sites and centres of Vedic - age traditions. Both Haryana and Telangana are states that are rooted in pluralism, richness of culture, folklore and traditions.

In Haryana, folk songs, known as 'Raagini', are very popular. Local ballads and oral traditions are sung with help of instruments such as dholak, sarangi, been, shehnai, harmonium etc. Folk dances like Dhamal, Phag and Ghoomar are performed with vibrant energy. While Dhamalis a dance dating

back to Mahabharat times and is associated with harvest season, Ghoomar is performed at festivals like Teej, Holi, Gangor Pooja. Phag is performed by the agricultural folk. Similarly, Telangana also boasts of rich dance forms.

Perini Shivatandavam or 'dance of warriors' is dedicated to Lord Shiva and dates back to medieval times. Folk festival of Bonalu involves colourfully dressed women dancing to rhythmic beats and tunes. ChinduBhagavatham is a theatre art form that combines dance, music, drama, make-up with a unique style.

Haryana and Telangana celebrate numerous festivals, associated with different religions and cultures in their states. Festivals like Diwali, Holi, Lohri- Makar Sankranti, Basant Panchmi, Baisakhi and Teej are

celebrated with great fervour. While Dusshera and Makar Sankranti are common to both states, Telangana also celebrates Ugadi, Eid, Bonalu and Bathukamma. Interestingly, there is a uniqueness to the festivals of Teej and Bathukamma, as both primarily involve women. During Teej, women set up swings under trees, apply henna on their hands, exchange gifts and visit their paternal home. Bathukamma is a festival dedicated to patron Goddess of womanhood. Women gather colourful seasonal flowers and set them in stacks (Bathukamma), in seven concentric layers. Both states have a rich cuisine. Authentic food of Haryana offers Kachri ki sabzi, Churma, Bathua Raita, Sweet rice, kadhi, lassi, ghewar etc. milk and dairy form an important part of the

diet. Telangana cuisine is flavoured with rich spices. Sorghum, broken rice, curries like kooru, brinjal pulusu, vegetable dishes, steamed rice, spinach are enjoyed.

The two states are an amalgamation of cultures, traditions and values. Cities like Hyderabad, Gurugram, Faridabad have emerged as international cities boosting of IT companies and renowned multi-national.

Though same has enabled the two states of Haryana and Telangana in becoming melting pots of multiple cultures, yet both have retained their own unique traditions, customs and heritage.

Recently, the Government of Haryana proposed the introduction of Telugu in its schools, so that the children of people from Telangana,

working in Gurugram and Faridabad, are able to learn their mother tongue. Telangana government has shown its desire to send their young wrestlers to Haryana, for better training and coaching, as Haryana boasts of internationally acclaimed wrestlers.

Haryana and Telangana are representative of 'Unity in Diversity' which epitomises the greatness of India. Shared values of culture, traditions and customs have propelled both the states on path of progress and growth. Under the 'Ek Bharath, Shreshth Bharat' programme, the two states are expected to collaborate with each other and render mutual cooperation in spheres of art, literature, festivals, music etc. The same shall go a long way in reinforcing the wonder that is India.

SHORT TALKS

Harsha Engineers files draft papers with Sebi to raise Rs 755cr via IPO

Harsha Engineers International, a manufacturer of precision bearing cages, has filed a preliminary prospectus with markets regulator Sebi to raise Rs 755 crore through an initial public offering (IPO).
The public issue consists of a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating to Rs 455 crore, and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to Rs 300 crore by existing shareholders, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP).
The OFS comprises up to Rs 66.75 crore by Rajendra Shah, up to Rs 75 crore by Harish Rangwala, up to Rs 16.50 crore by Pilak Shah, up to Rs 75 crore by Charusheel Rangwala and up to Rs 66.75 crore by Nirmala Shah.
The offer includes a reservation for subscriptions by eligible employees.

Bosch to invest over Rs 1,000 cr in localization of advanced auto tech in 5 years

Technology and services supplier Bosch, which has completed 100 years of its presence in the Indian market, has said it will invest more than Rs 1,000 crore in the localisation of advanced automotive technologies over the next five years.
Besides, the company also launched its mobility marketplace to provide its mobility-related assets under one platform.
Bosch opened its first sales agency in Kolkata in 1922. It currently has 18 manufacturing sites and seven development and application centres, employing close to 31,500 associates.
“Bosch India has brought together the best of German engineering and Indian entrepreneurship to develop innovative products across all segments,” said Stefan Hartung, chairman of the board of management, on Thursday.

'Good flour is the basis of good dough'

Chandigarh: What is flour exactly: what is it made from and how to keep it in its best state so that when you are ready to bake, it is perfect, waiting for you. Finally: here are two simple and delicious recipes to try with our lovely European flour: a classic pizza Margherita and a soft and light Italian paradise cake. Flour is a wonderful essential ingredient, so versatile in the kitchen: For baking pizzas, focaccia breads, cakes, sponges, tarts, biscuits and breadsticks; To make pancakes, crepes, dumplings; To thicken custard, fritter batters, all kinds of sauces, to coat ingredients to be fried. And there is so much more. Good flour is indispensable for your baking and cooking. Which flours are the most used? For baking types “0” and “00” Italian flours are the best: “0” is used for savoury dishes, such as bread, pizzas, fresh pasta and savoury pies while “00” is best for the more delicate cakes and biscuits.

Adani Green Energy arms raise Rs 612 cr via domestic bond issue

Three arms of Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) have collectively raised Rs 612.30 crore through their maiden domestic bond issue on private placement basis for debt refinancing.
According to a company statement, rated, listed, secured, redeemable, non-convertible debentures (NCDs) of face value of Rs 10 lakh each, in multiple series, have an average annualized coupon rate of 7.83 per cent per annum (fixed) and a tenure up to 12 years.
It said the proceeds from the NCDs (bonds) will be utilised to part-refinance existing rupee term loan bearing higher interest cost.
“Three subsidiaries of AGEL – Adani Green Energy (UP) Ltd, Prayatna Developers Pvt Ltd and Parampujya Solar Energy Pvt Ltd, collectively housing 930 MW of operational solar power projects – have raised Rs 612.30 crore by their maiden domestic bond issuance, on private placement basis,” the statement said.

Snapchat garners 319 mn daily active users, up 20% growth on-year

Snap, the parent company of Snapchat, has become profitable for the first time, with reaching 319 million daily active users (DAUs) -- a 20 per cent growth (on-year).
In the fourth quarter of 2021, Snap reported \$1.3 billion in revenue (up 42 per cent) with a net income of \$22.6 million. The company posted 64 per cent growth in its full-year revenue.
“2021 was an exciting year for Snap and we made significant progress growing our business and serving our global community,” said CEO Evan Spiegel. “The strength of our core business has enabled us to accelerate our investments in augmented reality, transforming the way that the Snapchat community experiences the world through our camera,” he said in a statement late on Thursday. The growth in DAUs has been 20 per cent or more for five consecutive quarters. It appears that Apple’s iOS privacy changes that have affected several platforms did not have much impact on Snap’s growth.

ITC shares up nearly 2% after firm posts rise in Q3 net

Shares of ITC Ltd on Friday gained nearly 2 per cent after the firm reported a 15 per cent increase in consolidated net profit for the third quarter ended December 31.
At the BSE, it jumped 1.79 per cent to Rs 238.50. The stock gained 1.72 per cent to Rs 238.50 on the NSE.
The earnings were announced after market hours on Thursday. Diversified entity ITC Ltd on Thursday reported a 15 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 4,118.8 crore for the third quarter ended December 31, 2021, on the back of robust demand across business verticals.
The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 3,587.2 crore in the corresponding period last fiscal, ITC Ltd said in a regulatory filing.
Its consolidated total income stood at Rs 18,787.72 crore, against Rs 14,670.17 crore in the year-ago quarter, it added.

Health minister releases 1st edition of book



Chandigarh: Union Health Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Shri Mansukh Mandaviya officially released the First Edition of the book 'Management of Healthcare Systems' at the office of Health Minister, New Delhi. He acknowledged the editors Prof. Sonu Goel and Prof. Arun K Aggarwal from Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh and Oxford University Press for publishing a book on a very significant subject 'Management of Healthcare Systems'. He mentioned that in order to improve the health status of the country, the focus should be on efficiently managing the Healthcare systems. According to the World Health Organisation, the health system strengthening framework is the backbone for achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

Prof. Sonu Goel, who is the book's editor, shared that there is a dire need of a book on 'health care management systems' that explains the theoretical concepts through examples and case studies in real life scenarios of public health managers. He also said that this felt need for the book was generated during an interaction with students from different medical colleges and institutes of India. He supplemented this book as an excellent read for professionals pursuing higher degrees in community medicine, public health, hospital & health management, and those practicing as public health managers in South Asia. The Union Health Minister while applauding various management and leadership programs being conducted by Professor Goel supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

and various state health missions, reiterated the need for conducting similar programs at national level for development of adequate numbers of appropriately trained health managers at various levels of health facilities. He added that this comprehensive, curriculum-based reference book would be an excellent resource for faculty and students of multiple disciplines along with state and national program managers. The multi author book written over a period of three years is designed to enable readers to understand the concepts and techniques of modern health management and how to apply this understanding in making the managerial roles efficient and effective, develop analytical skills, diagnosing and solving operational problems in the delivery of healthcare and hospital services, learning about appropriate strategies for effective planning, implementation and evaluation of institutional and community-based health and family welfare programs, and application of qualitative and quantitative analytical tools. The book has a practical and case-based content structure and format to help the readers develop an in-depth understanding of the subject and prepare for theory and practical-based university examinations. Subject experts from various reputed management schools in India have contributed to this book thus, bringing in extensive experience and quality to the content. The 31 descriptive chapters are well supported by practical case studies of well-managed/successful public health programs at national levels and a self-assessment section with every chapter.

Equity indices open in red, Sensex down by 136 points

Awareness talk on cancer held

Panchkula: A health talk to mark World Cancer Day was held at Alchemist Hospital, Panchkula on Friday. During the talk, Dr. Chitresh Aggarwal, consultant medical oncology and Dr Munish Mahajan, consultant surgical oncology aware of the common signs and symptoms of cancer. They said that cancer is becoming one of the most common and fast spreading non-communicable diseases, not only in Indians but also among the people all over the world. Different cancers are prevalent in different communities and places. It has been estimated that by the year 2030, it will become the most common lifestyle disease surpassing cardiac disease and diabetes. Dr. Chitresh insisted that one should not ignore tell-tale signs of cancer because these signs could help the doctor to catch the disease in early stage when it can be completely cured. He tried to dispel two important misplaced beliefs and myths among general population, first that cancer is incurable and second that cancer treatment is expensive. Many Cancers are currently being related to faulty lifestyle and environmental hazard, remarked Dr Chitresh. Improper dietary habits, eating fast food, aerated drinks, excess sugars, caffeine, alcohol , smoking, lack of fresh fruits and salads and no regular exercise are important factors which make our body vulnerable to cancer, he pointed out. Dr Munish Mahajan Consultant Surgical Oncology said that, People with family history should undertake annual screening programs as per approved guidelines, a minor tweak in lifestyle habits can reduce the risk of disease manifold. Lack of awareness of the disease leads to delayed detection and subsequently results in poor outcomes.

SBI General Insurance supports CanKids to provide Cancer Care for children

Chandigarh, : On World Cancer Day, SBI General, one of India's leading General Insurance companies announced that it has joined hands with CanKids, The National Society for Change for Childhood Cancer in India, an NGO working across the entire spectrum of childhood cancer care. This partnership will help the children suffering from cancer with medical facilities. According to the Indian Cancer Society, more than 50,000 new childhood cancer cases are added every year in India. SBI General recognises that many families have limited economic resources to access quality healthcare and treatment for children suffering from cancer.PC Kandpal, MD & CEO, SBI General Insurance said, 'At SBI General, we are committed to contribute to the society at large, and will continue our strategic associations with organisations that drive a positive impact. As an organisation, 'health' is one of our key focus areas even under CSR efforts, and our association with CanKids allows us to support underprivileged children and families battling cancer by helping them avail the right treatment.' As a responsible corporate, SBI General believes in implementing initiatives and extending support that can help benefit the economically weaker sections of the society.

Paytm offers free LPG cylinder on booking of gas

Chandigarh: One97 Communications Limited that owns the brand Paytm, India's leading digital payments and financial services company, has today announced exciting deals for new users booking LPG cylinders through its platform. Millions of users across the country already use Paytm conveniently to book their LPG cylinders. Currently, booking for Bharat Gas is exclusively available on Paytm app. With the latest offer, new users can get a flat cashback of Rs. 30 on their first booking. All they need to do is apply the promocode "FIRSTCYLINDER" while completing payment on Paytm App. This cashback offer is applicable on cylinder booking of all 3 major LPG companies – Indane, HP Gas, and BharatGas. Users will also have an option to pay next month for cylinder booking by enrolling in Paytm Now Pay Later program known as Paytm Postpaid. Additionally, existing Paytm users stand a chance to get their cylinder for free. All they need to do is use the coupon code "FREEGAS" before completing the payment process on the Paytm app. Recently, the company enhanced the cylinder booking experience by adding innovative features that enable users to track the delivery of their gas cylinders, and also receive automated intelligent reminders for refills. Paytm's hassle-free & simple booking process has made LPG cylinder booking an easier process. All that a user needs to do is go to the 'Book Gas Cylinder' tab, select the gas provider, enter Mobile No./LPG ID/consumer no., and then make the payment using their preferred mode of payment such as Paytm Wallet, Paytm UPI, cards & net bankings.

Nissan launches road safety initiative with Kapil Dev

Chandigarh: Continuing its commitment towards road safety, Nissan and India cricket legend, Kapil Dev, have launched #beanissanblindspotter, a multi-partner initiative to identify some of India's worst accident blindspots. The campaign is being run in collaboration with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways of India (MoRTH), the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and Indian Road Safety Campaign (IRSC). Kapil Dev will also play a key role in raising the profile of the issue of blindspots on India's roads as an ambassador for the initiative. The initiative will generate awareness of road safety by encouraging motorists to identify and map accident hotspots on a dedicated microsite, bringing positive change and making the Indian roads safer for everyone, as well as contributing to Nissan's global ambition of achieving zero fatalities involving its vehicles. Safety has always been of utmost importance to Nissan in India. In 2019 the company partnered with the SaveLife Foundation to commission a nationwide study into the non-use of rear seatbelts, combined with a national schools outreach and road safety educational programme. Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India said, " The campaign by Nissan with the support of IRSC will help to collect the crucial data for the Blind Spots, which will be extremely important to make roads in and around Delhi and Chennai even safer and save many lives.




LIFE WILL THROW A LOT OF BLIND SPOTS AT YOU. BUT HAVE NO FEAR NISSAN IS HERE

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OPPO Launches Reno7 Series redefines smartphone videography

Chandigarh: OPPO, the leading global smart device brand, announces the launch of OPPO Reno7 Pro 5G and the OPPO Reno7 5G. Priced at INR 39,999, the "Portrait Expert" Reno7 Pro 5G will be available across online and mainline retailers, while the all-rounder Reno7 5G will be available on Flipkart at INR 28,999. Like its predecessors, the Reno7 series sets a new benchmark in smartphone portrait photography and videography. The OPPO Reno7 Pro's 32MP selfie camera is backed by the IMX709, an RGBW (Red, Green, Blue, and White) sensor that was jointly developed by Sony and OPPO. It is 60% more sensitive to light and reduces noise by 30% when compared to the traditional RGGB (Red, Green, Green and Blue) sensor found on the Reno6 Pro. Its rear camera setup includes the flagship-grade 50MP Sony IMX766 sensor. Additionally, the Reno7 series leverages proprietary. Talking about the Reno7 Series Danyant Singh Khanoria, Chief Marketing Officer, OPPO India, said, "Technological innovations lie at the very core of OPPO's product development. We aspire to set new benchmarks with our innovations in portrait videography and photography and are thrilled to announce the launch of our Reno7 series.



Accursed Share partners with an author to launch NFT collection on Fungi

Artist-led production studio Accursed Share today announced its partnership with New York Times best-selling author Merlin Sheldrake, to launch an NFT collection based on his award-winning book, Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds, and Shape Our Futures. The NFTs are digitally curated from Sheldrake's studies of three-dimensional scans of thousands of sliced and rendered samples of plants and fungi exploring their codependent intimacy. The NFT collection, featuring his book and studies, will consist of 9,950 NFTs created with the help of screening technology and powered by Algorand's carbon-negative blockchain. The NFT drop starts February 10, 2022, at 6 PM UTC. The first 1,000 unique ALGO addresses will receive a free animated NFT from the Entangled Life collection, while the top 100 referrals will receive a more exclusive NFT with dynamic features and surprises. "Fungi form living networks that can sprawl over tens or even hundreds of meters. These networks are decentralized, with no head or brain. And yet, fungi can integrate an unceasing flood of sensory information and engage in sophisticated trading relationships with plants, striking compromises and resolving dizzyingly complex trade-offs. Fungal coordination is dispersed across their networks, taking place both everywhere at once and nowhere in particular," said Merlin Sheldrake.

Fintech startup Jar raises \$32 mn from Tiger Global, Force Ventures, others

Fintech startup firm Jar on Friday said it has raised \$32 million (about Rs 240 crore) in a Series A round funding led by Tiger Global. Rocketship.vc, Third Prime, Stonks, Force Ventures and existing investors, including Arkam Ventures and WEH, also participated in the new round. Angel investors, including Klarna founder Victor Jacobsson, Suleman Ali of Ali Capital, Shamir Karkal, founder of Sila Money, Byron Ling of Cannan Partners, Joel John of Ledger Prime and Italic founder Jeremy Cai, also participated in the round, Jar said in a statement. "We will be using the fund for growth, building tech and venturing into other financial services," Jar co-founder and CEO Nishchay AG said. The Series A round follows a \$4.5 million Seed funding in late August. The fintech firm focuses on building savings and investment habits of users. The Jar app saves a tiny amount each time a user makes a transaction and puts some money aside as an investment in the digital gold.

Koo Wins NASSCOM's League of 10 - Emerge 50 Awards

Ludhiana : The Koo App - India's own multi-lingual micro-blogging platform, has won NASSCOM's prestigious 'League of 10 - Emerge 50' Awards for 2021. While NASSCOM's Emerge 50 celebrates the innovative spirit of 50 disruptive software product companies in India, the super elite 'League of 10' heralds the potential of exemplary brands that are breaking new ground, reshaping digital lives and are poised to dominate global markets. Koo is the only social media platform to make it to the League of 10 for 2021. An inclusive multi-lingual platform, Koo enables Indians to express themselves online in 10 languages. Among Koo's novel offerings is the multi-lingual kooing feature that facilitates real-time translation of a message across languages, while retaining the core sentiment of the original text. This feature amplifies user reach and drives greater engagement. Said Aprameya Radhakrishna, CEO and Co-founder, Koo, "We are excited and truly honored to win NASSCOM's League of 10 - Emerge 50 Awards - one of the most prestigious awards in the industry, which celebrates product innovation of startups. To join the elite and distinguished League of 10 is a remarkable achievement for us. This win bears testimony to our mission of democratizing the voice of India by empowering Indians.



Punjabi Film “MERA VYAH KARA DO” Is Ready for Release

Chandigarh : A Raju Chadha Presentation and Maxor Movies' Production "Mera Vyah Kara Do" Punjabi Film is Ready for Release.A Family entertainer with a musical love story is Produced by Raju Chadha and Vibha Dutta Khosla. Story Screenplay and Directed by Sunill Khosla. Starring Dilpreet Dhillon and Mandy Takhar, along with Hobby Dhalwal, Rupinder Rupri, Sunny Gill, Santosh Malhotra, Vijay Tandon, Renu Mohali, Goni Sagoo, Parminder Gill, Onika, Naviya Singh & Introducing Manjot Singh and Aarti Sharma.Music by Gurmeet Singh, Jsl Singh, Gurmoht & Shamita Bhatkar, Lyrics by Kuldeep Kandhara, Vijay Dhammi & Jung Sandhu, Singers- Mannat Noor, Jyoti Nooran, Shipra Goyal, Gurmeet Singh & Wazir Singh, Abhijit Vaghani.



This Valentine's Day, &TV artists urge viewers to #ShareYourlove!

Chandigarh : It's that time of the year again! Everyone's favourite Valentine's Day is here. And there is always something very special about it because it is all about LOVE! On this day we tend to place romantic love on a pedestal and overlook other forms of love, be it close friendships, special and close family connections, our support system and other loved ones. This Valentine's Day, &TV artists talk about these special bonds and urge viewers to #ShareYourLove and celebrate all their loved ones. These artists include MouliGanguly (MahasatiAnusuya, Baal Shiv), Ishita Ganguly (Sandhya Gupta, Ghar Ek Mandir- Kripa Agrasen Maharaja Ki), Farhana Fatema (Shanti Mishra, Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai?), Yogesh Tripathi (DarogaHappu Singh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan) and Aasif Sheikh (Vibhuti Narayan Mishra, BhabhijiGhar Par Hai). MouliGanguly, who is essaying MahasatiAnusuya's character in &TV's Baal Shiv, talks about the special bond with her on-screen son and off-screen best friend, Aan Tiwari. She shares, "Aan and I are very close.My day without Aan is incomplete. The moment I enter the sets of Baal Shiv, my eyes automatically search for him. He means the world to me and is my little best friend. He brings me flowers from the garden, tells me his stories, never eats without me, and warmly hugs me. He is my Valentine. He truly brings me happiness and his presence make everything stress-free and easy. To show my love for him and celebrate this bond, I intend to surprise him by renting his favourite cartoon character's costume and landing up at his place to have a fun and playful day with him.



&TV artists share their desi twist to pizzas on World Pizza Day!

Chandigarh : Every year the 9th of February is celebrated as Pizza Day worldwide. Pizza is undoubtedly one of the most loved dishes across the country and globally. Giving a desi twist to this Italian dish, &TV artists and pizza lovers share their secret version of their favourite homemade pizzas! These include Shiviya Pathania (Devi Parvati, Baal Shiv), Pawan Singh (Zafar Ali Mirza, Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai?), Aashna Kishore (Kate, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabhi, Bhabhiji Ghar Par Hai), Shiviya Pathania, aka Devi Parvati from &TV's Baal Shiv, shares, "I am health-conscious, but I do love my pizza. But I have it with a healthy twist to it. Getting the best of both worlds – health and taste, my cook makes me the most delicious and mouth-watering wheat bread pizza with a ton of veggies and hummus. So that helps with a lot with finding a balance between my pizza craving and maintaining my health."Pawan Singh aka Zafar Ali Mirza, &TV's Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai? says, "I love everything desi and fusion. My wife loves experimenting with food and has her own desi pani puri pizza, which is made in golgappas but filled with cheese, oregano and chill flakes, and I savour it. It is simply unique, easy and completely desi!" Aashna Kishore, aka Kate from &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "As a child, my dad and I have been massive pizza lovers. But to make sure we eat healthily and at home, my mother started making pizzas.



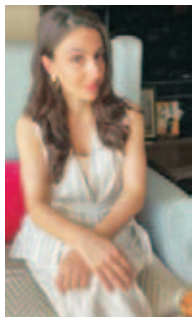
Sony Entertainment Television presents two new shows

Chandigarh : The Indian society warmly embraces various interpersonal and familial relationships that are strengthened over a period of time. While these relationships come with their own form of urgency and priority, they also have their share of ups and downs. The phrases 'sacrifice for your loved ones', 'adjustments save relationships', and 'distance owing to generation gap' are heard a little too often in the course of these relationships. Women chasing their dreams as freely as men and bonds formed between two individuals from different generations, are conversational topics... but how long would it take for us to unflinchingly accept the concept of self-love and unconventional friendships? With this core thought, Sony Entertainment Television gears up to launch two new shows - Mose Chhal Kiye Jaaye and Jagannath Aur Purvi KiDosti Anokhi starting February 7, every Monday to Friday at 9.00pm and 9.30 pm respectively. Both the shows will trace the journeys of everyday individuals, as they forge relationships, and go through the twists and turns of human emotions. Set against the backdrop of Mumbai, Mose Chhal Kiye Jaaye produced by Shashi Mittal & Sumeet Mittal, will chart the journey of a couple - Soumya Verma portrayed by Vidhi Pandya and her husband Armaan Oberoi portrayed by Vijayendra Kumeria. Soumya is an ambitious & struggling TV writer and Armaan Oberoi, a charming and successful TV producer. On the surface, their relationship seems perfect.



Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship,IGNOU inaugurate 33 Extension Centres

CHANDIGARH-LUDHIANA: Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, and Professor Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, India Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) inaugurated 33 Extension Centres, aimed at strengthening the vocational and technical training framework in the skill ecosystem. The inauguration of the IGNOU-MSEDE Extension Centres at National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI) will help in meeting the aspirations of the country's youth who are undertaking skill and trade-based programmes. These programmes, which are being offered through the network of 2,140 Logistics Skill Councils (LSC), are expected to open new opportunities for candidates who are looking forward to upgrading their knowledge and skills by joining IGNOU. Appreciating the efforts of IGNOU officials and expressing his thoughts on the collaboration, Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, MSEDE, stated, "India's young demographic dividend is its biggest asset and there is an urgent need to provide the youth of the country with meaningful pathways to receive quality high education along with skill, and vocational training. I am confident that this initiative will provide higher social and economic mobility to our youth.



NEWS AT A GLANCE

One Hundred Percent Cure for Mental Illness: Dr Ritika Sofat

MAHAVIR GOYAL
AHMEDGARH: Mental illnesses are just like any other physical ailment. One hundred percent scientific cure is possible for them too. These views were expressed by psychiatrist Dr. Ritika Sofat, a student of MBBS and MD Psychiatry while talking to the media. He warned the people that somehow with the mentally ill. Dr. Ritika, the promising daughter of Lecturer Rajinder Sofat, said that only good family structure, purity of mutual relations, trustworthy and benevolent friends and scientific medical help on occasion should be given. Can keep mental health healthy.



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BJP's Center Leaders will hold election campaigning in Punjab: Mittal



ANKUSH LUDHIANA: Safron party's Center leader will soon start campaigning in different cities of Punjab and will interact with voters for taking support for BJP-PLC and Akali Dal (Saynukt). This information is given by Atam Nagar constituency candidate Prem Mittal. He claimed that their alliance will win all seats in Punjab, especially Atam Nagar area will lead and win by margins of votes. BJP leader Jiwan Gupta alleged that Atam Nagar is facing various problems due to Lok Insaaf Party. Now voters of area will give mandate to BJP candidate. Various voters have assured us for vote and support, he said. On the other hand party's workers campaigned in various area of Atam Nagar for BJP party.

12 left in fray in Giddarbaha elections

KULBHUSHAN GARG
GIDDARBAHA: With three candidates opting out on the last day of withdrawal of nominations, now a total of 12

candidates are left in the field. Giving information in this regard, Returning Officer-cum-Gagandeep Singh said that now a total of 12 candidates are left in the fray. He informed that now in the election field, Amarinder Singh Raja Warring of Congress, Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon of SAD, Pritpal Sharma of Aam Aadmi Party, Om Prakash of Punjab Kisan Dal, Om Prakash Babbar of Punjab Lok Congress Party, Kuldeep Singh of Bahujan Mukti Party, Gurjinder Singh of India Marxist-Leninist Party, independents Amandeep Singh, Shivji Singh, Hardeep Singh, Gurpreet Kotli and Bikram Singh are left in the field.



Dr. Arvind Sharma, MP from Rohtak, canvassing for the BJP candidate Sanjeev Khanna from Dera Bassi Vidhan Sabha seat of Patiala Lok Sabha constituency to be held on February 20, in the Zirakpur BJP office. Along with BJP candidate Sanjeev Khanna, BJP District President Sunil Rana and Harjit Grewal are also seen.



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CM Manohar Lal wins people's hearts with his visit to Kaimla

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 4

At the place where the helicopter of Chief Minister Manohar Lal was not allowed to land due to the protest of the farmers last year, the people there gave a rousing welcome to him yesterday. This would hardly be digested by the opposition leaders. The Chief Minister announced Rs 51 lakh for Satsang Bhawan, Rs 51 lakh in Arainpura, Gobar gas plant, and beautification of ponds. Not only this, when the Chief Minister met people in Kaimla and other villages, the people present there made the whole environment pleasant by raising slogans of Chief Minister Manoharlal Zindabad. In the Kaimla village, every person was connecting the new episode of the CM with the old episode and even after his departure the talk continued.

At the Chaupals, there was talk of his arrival and fulfillment of the promise among the elders. Before the arrival of Chief Minister Manoharlal, it was the same thing among the villagers



present in Kaimla that this is the field where the Chief Minister's helicopter was not allowed to land and the opposition also used to say that the Chief Minister should dare to come to Kaimla and show it. Now the Chief Minister has come to Kaimla and

has been so warmly welcomed. Not only Kaimla, there were 20 other villages and cities of Gharaunda where the local people welcomed the Chief Minister with turbans, bouquets and flowers on the roadside. After the Chief Minister's departure,

people also said that the Chief Minister had said that whenever I have to come again, I will come to Kaimla, which he has done now. The graph of the CM's popularity has increased a lot due to his visit to Kaimla again, for which the opposition has no answer. The opposition had claimed in the assembly session that the Chief Minister cannot go to his own area. It is true that the Chief Minister's visit to Kaimla has stamped him as a popular leader, because through the people of Gharaunda including Kamla, a positive message has been sent to him not only in the entire state, but in the country that the place where he was opposed by farmers on the agricultural laws and his helicopter was not allowed to land, the CM bowed his head at the tomb of the Langda Baba of Kaimla and every class welcomed him warmly. The political stature of local MLA Harvindra Kalyan has also increased, along with the foresight of the Chief Minister and this is also being discussed among the political pundits.

Shri Gorakhnath annual festival to be held today

JASWINDER SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 4

On the occasion of Bansat Panchami under the auspices of Hindu Yogi Vahini, Shri Gorakhnath Annual Festival is being organized on Saturday at 11 am at Panchayat Bhawan, Karnal. Havan and Bhandara will also be performed on this occasion. State Vice President of BJP Haryana Scheduled Morcha, Raghumal Bhatt, who is presiding over the program, said that BJP state general secretary Advocate Ved Pal will be present as a chief guest in this program and on this occasion His Holiness Mahant Yogi Raghunath ji Maharaj,



National President Hindu Yogi Vahini, Chairperson Shri Gorakhnath Peeth Sultanpur will bless the audience.

Giving further information, he said that the special guests of this program will be MP Sanjay Bhatia, BJP District President Yogendra Rana, MLA Indri Ram Kumar Kashyap, Gharonda MLA Harvinder Kalyan, Mukesh Tyagi, Chairman, Social Welfare Board, Government of India, Chief Minister Representative Sanjay Batla, Mayor Renu Bala, Nirmala Bairagi will be the Chairperson Haryana Government, Media Coordinator Jagmohan Anand, Senior BJP Leader Ashok Sukhija, Former MLA Bakshish Singh, Bhagwan Das Kabir Panthi and BJP Co-Spokesperson Vikas Valmiki.

MC apprises Sadhaura residents of govt plan



PRITI RANI
SADHAURA, FEB 4

Municipal Commissioner Ajay Singh Tomar reached the rest house of Sadhaura.

He interacted with the people about giving loan related to the scheme run by the state government. Under the self-employment scheme, a loan of up to Rs 2 lakh can be given to a person.

Managers of many bank branches are also present on the spot. The stadium was inspected by the Municipal Commissioner and orders were given to the MC Secretary to fix the deficiencies.

AAP leaders of village Araiyanwala join Cong along with their families

SURINDER DAMDAMI
FARIDKOT, FEB 4

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Faridkot constituency has suffered a major setback today after three families from village Araiyanwala left the party and joined the Congress party. In the presence of Jasanpreet Singh Jesse Dhillon, the three families announced their support for Congress candidate Kushaldeep Singh Kiki Dhillon from Faridkot Assembly constituency. Dhillon's brother and senior Congress leader Jasanpreet Singh Jesse Dhillon visited village Arianwala today while on election campaign. During a meeting held at Surinder Singh's residence in the village, Aam Aadmi Party leaders Lakhwinder



Singh, Simarjit Singh, Sahib Singh, Surinder Singh and Takhwinder Singh announced to quit the Aam Aadmi Party and join the Congress party. Manpreet Singh Sekhon Zila Parishad Member, Jaspal Singh Sarpanch and Nishan Singh Block Samiti Member were also present in the meeting. Welcoming the bereaved families, Jasonpreet Singh Jesse Dhillon said that all sections in the Congress party are given equal respect. On this occasion he

said that Congress government was making plans for the welfare of all sections. Therefore the newly joined families would also be accorded full respect by the Congress party. He said that the main issue of Congress party was all round development of all sections. Therefore the next government will also belong to the Congress party and in the next government the village Araiyanwala will be developed on priority basis.

Chhchhrauli Mayor takes stock of arrangements at Bal Kunj



RK KASHYAP
CHHCHHRAULI, FEB 4

While presiding over the district level inspection committee, Mayor Ashok Kumar inspected Bal Kunj at Chhchhrauli on Friday. He called a meeting of the concerned officers and checked the working of their duties. During the inspection, Mayor Ashok Kumar and DPO Baljit Kaur also inspected the food and drinking arrangements, living arrangements, computer lab, library and other places of the children living in Bal Kunj. He talked to the children living in Bal Kunj and inquired about their studies and interests. He asked the concerned officers to pay attention to studies as well as skills, computer knowledge, registration on Kaushal Nigam portal and other activities. He urged them to motivate children towards various activities, by which their talent shines. By doing this, the children become

mentally and physically strong. On this occasion, on coming first in the spot painting competition, Priyanka was awarded Rs. 1100, Sapna, Guriya and Reena were awarded Rs 11,000 and appreciation letters. Mona Chouhan, Superintendent of Bal Kunj Chhchhrauli informed the Mayor about the activities of Balkunj and also gave information about all the development works taking place there and the ongoing projects for the development of children. On this occasion, District Child Welfare Officer Manisha Khanna, District Child Protection Officer Aanchal, Secretary of Red Cross Dr. Sunil Kumar, members of Child Welfare Committee Alka Garg and Preeti Johar, Director, Child Line, Dr. Anju Vajpayee from Health Department Paras and Dr. Officers and employees of other departments including Sarvajeet Sibia, in-charge of Sapna, Balkunj were present.

Many families leave AAP to join Cong in Dharamsot's presence

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, FEB 4

In Nabha constituency, Aam Aadmi Party office-bearers and workers have been saying goodbye to the party and joining the Congress and every day many families are joining the Congress.

In the same vein, many families and youths in Thuhi and Achal villages today joined the Congress party from Mahes, Thuhi and Achal under the leadership of Sarpanch Inderjit Singh Chiku and Manjinder Singh Jindri.

Those leaving the Aam Aadmi Party and joining the



Congress have inducted into Congress candidate MLA Sadhu Singh Dharamsot by putting a muffler with the party symbol around the

party neck. Apart from him, the families who joined the Congress on this occasion termed Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann of the Aam

Aadmi Party as utter liars.

They also lauded the development work done by Sadhu Singh Dharamsot in the constituency. On this occasion, Block President Bittu Dhangi, Yadvinder Singh Sarpanch Achal, Daljit Kaur Mahes, Gurwinder Singh Soni Achal, Mushtaq Ali King, Sarpanch Inderjit Singh Chiku and Youth Congress leader Manjinder Singh Jindri, Bahadur Singh Sarpanch Saunja, Babbu Mehra were present. They said that people will send Sadhu Singh Dharamsot to Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the sixth time with a victory margin of over 30,000.

MC workers worked non-stop during rain to stop waterlogging



LOKSH KUMAR
YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 4

It rained incessantly in the last two days. To stop waterlogging in the city during rains, the sanitation workers of the Municipal Corporation worked stood day and night. Even in the midst of rain at night, the sweepers kept removing the blockage by removing polythene and other garbage from the drains, so that the water logging in the city could be dealt with. Corporation CSI Anil Nain, CSI Harjit Singh, CSI Surendra Chopra, Sanitary Inspector Amit Kamboj, Sanitary Inspector Govind Sharma and other cleaning inspectors were posted

in their areas on the instructions of Municipal Commissioner Ajay Singh Tomar to deal with waterlogging during the rain. During the rain since Thursday morning, these sanitation workers were on duty throughout the night. In many places, corporation employees removed the garbage from the drains through JCB and made the water flow smooth. MC Commissioner Ajay Singh Tomar and Executive Officer Sushil Kumar Bhukkal said that our employees stood day and night even in the rain so that there was no waterlogging in the city. He appealed to the residents not to throw garbage from their houses and shops in the open or in the drains.

Boost for Jatana as Balbir Sidhu campaigns for him

ISHWAR GARG
TALWANDI SABO, FEB 4

Senior Congress leader from Talwandi Sabo, Balbir Singh Sidhu has joined hands with Congress candidate Khushbaj Singh Jatana and assured all possible cooperation. Balbir Singh Sidhu has also demanded votes to form a Congress government. It may be recalled that Balbir Singh Sidhu has a good influence in the Talwandi Sabo area, which seems to have given a big boost to Jatana for the Assembly elections. Balbir Singh Sidhu said that Congress government had provided all facilities to the people and provided huge relief to them. Khushbaj Singh Jatana said that the respectable and kind-hearted Balbir Singh Sidhu has him a great strength by working with him. Jatana said that he would be committed to work for the upliftment of the people of the area in consultation with Balbir Singh Sidhu. On contacting Balbir Singh Sidhu, he said the people would send Congress candidate Khushbaj Singh Jatana from the constituency to the Vidhan Sabha. On this occasion, Congress workers and supporters of Sidhu were present in large numbers.



Observer asks police to be ready for the peaceful elections



SUMER GARG
MALERKOTLA, FEB 4

The Election Commission of India (ECI), has posted Manivannan Nedumaran, IPS as Police observer in district Malerkotla to maintain, fair, free and transparent environment in the district in view of the forthcoming assembly Elections-2022. The Police observer today checked the sensitive polling stations belonging to assembly constituency-105 Malerkotla and 106-Amargarh. On this occasion he asked the police to be ready for the peaceful elections. He said that strict adherence to the instructions of ECI should be ensured. Guidelines were also given to ensure security for the conduct of the elections in a peaceful and transparent manner. He further said that the officers and staff of all the security agencies should coordinate with each other to plan in such a way that no one would face any problem in providing security during the voting.

Congress suffers setback as two sarpanches, 8 punches leave party

KARANPREET DHANDRAL
BARNALA, FEB 4

Congress party in Barnala, two sarpanches, eight punches and a former MC. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Gurmeet Singh Meet Hair from Barnala informed about this while addressing a press conference at Ghazal Hotel. Shivraj Singh Dhillon Sarpanch Bhadalwad, Jashanjit Singh Sarpanch Amla Singh Wala, Sher Singh (Military) Panch Amla Singh Wala, Jeet Singh Panch Amla Singh Wala, Ragbir Singh Panch Amla Singh Wala, Harbans Kaur Panch Amla Singh Wala, Baldev Singh Panch Amla Singh Wala, Jarnail Singh Panch Amla Singh Wala, Amarjit Singh Youth Leader Panch Amla Singh Wala, Hakam Singh Panch Amla Singh Wala and Gurpal Singh former MC. After saying goodbye to the Congress party, the Aam Aadmi Party joined the party. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hair said that in the last 5 years no development has been made in Punjab by the Congress party but the people of Punjab have been kept in false pretenses.



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DIRECTOR GENERAL

India to play friendlies against Bahrain, Belarus

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 4

Indian men's team will play two international friendlies against Bahrain and Belarus on March 23 and 26 respectively in Manama, Bahrain, the All Indian Football Federation (AIFF) said on Friday. The matches are part of the preparation of India's campaign in the AFC Asian Cup 2023 third round qualifiers, which is scheduled to be held in June 2022. The last time India played any UEFA Member Association was in February 2012 against Azerbaijan, which the rivals won 3-0. Head Coach Igor Stimac said: "Given the current circumstances, it was extremely difficult to find the kind of opponents we were looking for. But I am very happy that we have the two matches on our schedule. "We are doing our best to prepare well for the upcoming final qualifying round of the AFC Asian Cup China 2023, and these two matches will immensely facilitate our preparatory process." Bahrain are placed at 91 in the FIFA rankings, while Belarus are on 94. India's current FIFA ranking is 104. "Both Bahrain and Belarus are ranked higher than us, and if all goes well with the ISL season with our boys putting in good performances, and playing



competitive games we should be ready," Stimac added. "Playing against better teams is the best way to improve our own game, as that allows the boys the chance to mature playing against, and with better speed. Our youngsters need more exposure and time to play, and

Rohit can now fly as captain, real challenge for him is to remain fit: Agarkar

AGENCY
MUMBAI, FEB 4

Ahead of India's series against West Indies, former bowler Ajit Agarkar said that the biggest challenge for skipper Rohit Sharma will be to remain fit. Team India is set to play three ODIs at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad from February 6 followed by the T20I series at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata from February 16. "I think it's a good thing and the right thing to do - to have one captain for white-ball format and now Rohit actually can fly. So, the challenge for Rohit Sharma - in my opinion - is to stay fit and play everything that is there, from now to the World Cup in white-ball cricket, because you want the captain - that was one of Virat Kohli's strengths or MS Dhoni before that, they rarely missed games, and both were very fit," Agarkar said on Star Sports' show 'Gameplan'. Rohit had replaced Virat Kohli as white-ball skipper last year. He then missed the series against South Africa due to hamstring issue, but he is now back to lead the side against West Indies. Earlier on Thursday, a news agency had reported that no new COVID-19 cases were reported by Indian side. Sources in the know of developments confirmed to a news agency that no new COVID-19 case has emerged after Wednesday and the players barring the COVID-19 positive ones have started training. "No new COVID-19 case has been reported in the bubble and the members have started training. The players barring the positive members have started training," the source pointed. The All-India Senior Selection Committee on Wednesday added Mayank Agarwal to India's ODI squad after seven members.

It's not always easy to carry on: Kamala Devi after announcing retirement



AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 4

Indian women's football team star Kamala Devi said that announcing her retirement from the game was a very emotional decision for her. Having served Indian Football for the better part of 12 years, Kamala decided to hang up her boots earlier this week, after a fulfilling career. "It had already been on my mind for some time, but I can tell you, it's not an easy decision to make. It was a very emotional moment for me, and my aunt, who has always been by my side since childhood, helped a great deal. But I did feel that it was the right time for me to retire. I've played at the top level for many years now, and it's not always easy to carry on," said Kamala Devi as per an AIFF release. "My biggest critic was probably my father (laughs), but in a good way. He wanted me to do well in life, and he did not know much about the avenues one could create through football. That's why when I was a kid, he would always tell me to stop play-

ing so much and concentrate on studying. I guess, after a while, he also realised it was useless to keep me away from the game, but when he did see that I was getting to places through football, he did start supporting me," she added. Regarding her future plans, Devi said that she might get into coaching and she wants to stay connected to football. "Well, maybe I'll get into coaching. But more than that, I want to give back to society and to football. I have wanted to make my own football academy in my village. There are plenty of kids who love football over there, but they do not have the right guidance. I feel, with all the experience I've had as a footballer, I can give something back to all of them. I have given the academy a lot of thought, and now that I have more time, I can work towards it," said Devi. "If you love football, play it with passion. Nothing in life is easy. There are difficulties every step of the way. But it's all about the passion and the mentality with which you approach it.

practice. Sometimes results may suffer, but if we follow the path, we will have a better future soon." Stimac, who coached Croatia to qualify for the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014, also underlined the importance of taking necessary precautions and staying safe. "We need to keep planning, and working as everything is fine and normal. But at the same time, we need to take precautions to keep as safe as possible in our endeavour to avoid unpleasant situations," he said.

Format C-1

Declaration about criminal cases

(as per the Judgment dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate:

Om Parkash S/o Murari Lal R/o House No.7, Gali Kako Dai wali, Gidderbaha, Tehsil Gidderbaha District Sri Muksar Sahib.

Name of Political Party:

"Punjab Lok Congress Party"

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election:

General Elections to Punjab Legislative assembly February 2022.

Name of constituency:

084-Gidderbaha

I Om Parkash S/o Murari Lal a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sr. No.	Pending Criminal Cases			Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
	Name of Court	Case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of orders(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1.	S.D.J.M Gidder-baha	CNR No. PBSMA1-000563-2021 On Appearance Date: 29-04-2022	Under sections 188, 269, 270, 271 IPC & Section 3 Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 Disobedience to an order lawfully promulgated by a public servant, Negligently doing any act known to be likely to spread infection of any disease dangerous to life, Malignantly doing any act known to be likely to spread infection of any disease dangerous to life knowingly disobeying any quarantine rule, any person disobeying any regulation or order made under Epidemic Diseases Act 1897	NA	NA

In the case of election to Council of states or election to Legislative Council by MLAs mention the election Concerned in place of name of constituency.

Australia to tour Pakistan after 24 years

AGENCY
MELBOURNE, FEB 4

Cricket Australia (CA) on Friday announced that the Australian men's team will tour Pakistan for the first time since 1998. Pakistan said it expected a "keenly contested series". "Cricket Australia is pleased to confirm the Australian men's team tour of Pakistan has been endorsed by the CA Board," it said. The tour consist of three Test matches and as many as ODIs besides a T20 match. The Tests will be part of the ICC World Test Championship while the ODIs are linked to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Super League. It is the first time since 1998 that the Australian men's squad will tour Pakistan. CA CEO Nick Hockley said: "I would like to thank the PCB and both the Pakistan and Australian governments for ensuring the tour will proceed for the first time in 24 years. This is a historic occasion and important for the global growth and health of the game. "I

would also like to thank the Australian Cricketers Association and the players, coaches, support teams, staff and security experts for their collaboration in the planning for the tour. "We are looking forward to an exciting series between two world-class teams." PCB Chief Executive Faisal Hasnain said: "We are pleased that the Cricket Australia Board has formally approved their side's five-week tour itinerary and confirmed that their best available players will visit Pakistan for the first time in 24 years. "We are really excited to host Pat Cummins and his players, and look forward to a competitive series that will comprise three Tests, three ODIs and a T20I. "Australia will arrive at the back of strong performances in their home series against England. Our team has been playing excellent cricket resulting in our players sweeping the ICC Awards. This braces for a keenly contested series, something that the fans will thoroughly enjoy and remember for a long time."

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed **Percentage rate** tender on form "6&8" are invited by the Executive Engineer, Nerchowk, H.P.PWD. Nerchowk for the following work from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in H.P.PWD. so as to reach in his office on or before **25.02.2022 upto 11.30 A.M.** and will be opened on the same day at **3.00 P.M.** in the presence of interesting contractors or their authorized representatives who may like to be present. If it happen to be holiday on the tender will be open on next working day. The application for obtaining the tender form will be received up to **11:00 A.M. on 24-02-2022** and EMD should be attached during the submission of application for obtaining the tender form, without EMD application will not be accepted. The earnest money in the shape of FDR National Saving Certificate/Time deposit accounts/Saving account in any of the Post Office and Banks of Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of the Xen must accompany with each tender. Conditional tender and the tender received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The earnest should be attached with application. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for **90 days**. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender From (Rs.)	Time limit	Eligible Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Jeepable road from Chhol to Snehara Km. 0/0 to 2/750. Under SCSP (SH:- Providing and Laying Tarring in Km. 1/010 to 1/285).	272308	5400	350	One Month	"C&D"
2.	Construction of Oxygen Generator Room for PSA Plant (Civil Work) installed in SLBS Govt. Medical College & Hospital at Nerchowk. (SH:- Construction of Oxygen Generator Room in Make Shift COVID Hospital). Job No.-II	297022	6000	350	Two Months	"C&D"

GENERAL CONDITIONS:-

Note:- The Constructors/Firms should possess the following documents (Photo copy to be attached).

1. The Contractor/Firm should be enlisted with the HP.PWD.

2. The tender forms will not be issued to those contractors whose performance is not found satisfactory.

3. The list of similar type of work executed and work done performance certificate issued by the concerned Executive Engineer required to be produced by the contractor along with application.

4. Only two tenders shall be issued to each contractor.

5. The contractor will not have more than two works in hand at the time of tender and only up to completion of work satisfactory including adherence to quality parameters further work will be awarded to him. All under taking/affidavit alongwith application that he is not having more than two works in hand in HP.PWD for execution failing which the application for issuing the tender forms shall not be accepted.

6. The contractor/firm shall be issued tenders on the production of valid GST/income tax clearance certificate.

7. As per Govt. Notification No.PBW (B/A)3/1/2020-I dated 07.10.2021, in case the tendered amount of the lowest bidder comes more than 5% in 1st call the negotiation can be conducted with him but the negotiated amount should remain within 5% of the amount put to tender (on market rate) and tendered amount below 30% of the estimated cost will be summarily rejected.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
HP.PWD. Division,
Nerchowk.

DPR-HP-6665/2021-2022

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

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The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Barsar on behalf of Governor of H.P invited/Re-invited the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for Submission of Bid.
1.	C/O 6 Nos. Class Rooms in Govt. Senior Secondary School Building at Batran District Hamirpur. (SH:- C/O 6 Nos. Class room with Verandah and Stair case etc). (Deposit Work) Time:- Nine Months, Cost of Form:- Rs. 2,000.00 only, Eligible of Class:- C.	Rs. 79,41,449.00 only.	10-02-2022 From 10.30A.M	Rs. 1,12,000.00 only.	17-02-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M
2.	C/O 3 Nos Type-II Qtrs. At Civil Hospital Barsar District Hamirpur H.P. (SH:- C/O Building portion i/c W.S & S.I, septic Tank and Rain Water Harvesting Tank. (Deposit Work) Time:- Nine Months, Cost of Form:- Rs. 2,000.00 only, Eligible of Class:- C.	Rs. 68,00,736.00 only.	10-02-2022 From 10.30A.M	Rs. 1,00,600.00 only.	17-02-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M
3.	C/O Science Lab Govt. Senior Secondary School Dhaneta District Hamirpur HP (SH:- C/O Building Portion including W.S & S.I and Rain Water Harvesting Tank) Under SCSP (Deposit Head) Form:- 2,000.00 only. Time One Year, Eligible of Class- C.	Rs. 92,66,916.00 only	10-02-2022 From 10.30A.M	Rs. 1,25,200.00 only	17-02-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M
4.	C/O Science Lab Govt. Senior Secondary School Badaran District Hamirpur HP (SH:- C/O Building Portion including W.S & S.I and Rain Water Harvesting) Deposit Work. Form:- Rs. 2,000.00 only, Time:- One Year, Eligible of Class-C.	Rs. 92,66,916.00 only	10-02-2022 From 10.30A.M	Rs. 1,25,200.00 only	17-02-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M
5.	C/O 3 Nos Type-III Quarters at Civil Hospital at Barsar District Hamirpur HP (SH:- C/O Building Portion including, W.S. and S.I, Septic Tank and Rain Water Harvesting Tank) (Deposit Work) Time:- Nine Months, Eligible of Class-C.	Rs. 78,40,280.00 only	10-02-2022 From 10.30A.M	Rs. 1,10,910.00 only	17-02-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
HPPWD, Division Barsar
District Hamirpur H.P
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On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Deepika Padukone on 15 years in Hindi cinema: Hope the journey always continues

Between being a blank slate and someone who is certain about their skills, Deepika Padukone says she wishes to be a blend of both as the actor completes 15 years in Hindi cinema in 2022. The former model made her Bollywood debut with 2007's reincarnation romantic drama "Om Shanti Om" and has built a filmography boasting titles like "Love Aaj Kal", "Cocktail", "Piku", "Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela", and "Padmaavat", among others.

"It has been so much (about) learning, processing, understanding, growing, evolving. I hope that journey for me always continues," Padukone, who made her film debut with the 2006 Kannada movie "Aishwarya", said.

She formed her own production company Ka Productions in 2018, under which she produced and starred in "Chhapaak" (2020) and "83" (2021). Also an entrepreneur, Padukone is the founder of the Live Love Laugh Foundation, which creates awareness on mental health in India. The 36-year-old actor, who has also starred in the Hollywood film "XXX: Return of Xander Cage" (2017), said she hopes to keep evolving as a person and professional.

"I don't walk on to the set with the thought that I'm so many films old or I know better than all of you. My approach is what I can learn from the set of these new people. It's a new film, director and experience.

"Be a mix of a blank slate and someone who has

experience. Your past experience of films also comes in. To be able to find that balance, it's a bit of both. The scariest thing that can happen is to stagnate," Padukone told PTI in an interview over Zoom. Next up for her is "Gehraiyaan", a drama on modern-day relationships. It also stars Siddhant Chaturvedi, Ananya Panday, and Dhairya Karwa, with Naseeruddin Shah and Rajat Kapur in pivotal roles. In the Shashu Batra directorial, Padukone plays Alisha, whom she simply described as "human".

The actor said the film is an attempt to instill empathy in the audience towards all types of people.

"The process of this film has made me realise there's no white, black or grey. It's actually human. We categorise characters because we just don't know characters like this enough in cinema.

"It's very easy to say this one is flawed, this one is a villain or a hero. We have tried to humanise this character and understand the reason behind her choices. Hopefully we have been able to achieve that."

Alisha is an "ambitious" person with baggage from the past who is seeking a better life, she said, adding that women with ambition are often judged by society.

"A lot of times ambition is addressed in a negative way, especially when a woman is ambitious. Characters like her get judged. It's ok to be ambitious and want a better life. The minute there is emotion, empathy and understanding, you're with the character," she said.

"When so many different things are thrown at you, what are the choices you make in your life at that moment? They say, sometimes in the most stressful situations you get to know a person," she added.

The actor said she took her time to give her nod to the project after Batra narrated the story to her. "Roles like this are extremely demanding. These parts come from an extremely deep emotional place within... I took about two days to get back to him. That really was the time that I took to process the narration. 'This is going to demand a lot from me. Am I ready for that kind of commitment?'

"But the minute I make that commitment I don't really think about how difficult it is. All I'm trying to do on set is be as honest as possible to the character and the scene. Some days will be tough, some days it will be easy. That's the way it is."

While it is an extremely realistic and layered character, she said, there are light moments to Alisha. "It has been (both) exhausting and fun," she added. Jointly backed by Dharma Productions and Viacom18 Studios in association with Batra's Jouska Films, "Gehraiyaan" is an Amazon Original film which will start streaming from February 11.

Huma Qureshi playing college professor in 'Mithya'

Huma Qureshi says part of the reason for taking up ZEE5 series "Mithya" was to break the cycle of stereotypical portrayal of college professors in films and web shows. In the psychological-thriller show, directed by Rohan Sippy, Qureshi stars as a Hindi literature professor, a role that she has never essayed earlier in her career. "I have never done a thriller before. I've never played a professor on screen either, let alone a Hindi professor. It is a nice way to be part of a project that allows me to do something new. "My attempt was to approach it in a way that I've never done. There's a stereotypical image of a professor but I wanted her to be cool, relatable, modern. These are things I have tried to bring to play this role," Qureshi told PTI in a Zoom interview. The actor said she based her character on her school history teacher in terms of the look. "I picked the look and personality, which looked good from that professor but maybe the person has a life that is not so perfect," she added. "Mithya" is an adaptation of 2019 British series Cheat, headlined by Katherine Kelly and Molly Windsor. Qureshi said she saw two episodes of the original show and fell in love with it instantly. With the Indian adaptation, the actor said the basic plot remains the same but the treatment is different. "The best thing about British shows is that their writing is very deep, their world, the interpersonal relationships are very strong and very clear and I love them. "But we have brought a lot of interesting dynamics, we have shot it very differently, the pitching of the performances, the characters where they come from all that is contextualised to Indian context." The six-part series, which is scheduled to release on February 18 on ZEE5, also stars Parambrata Chatterjee, Rajit Kapur and Samir Soni in pivotal roles. It is produced by Applause Entertainment in association with Rose Audio Visual Production.

As an actor, Qureshi completes 10 years in the film industry in 2022. It was filmmaker Anurag Kashyap's two-part crime-drama Gangs of Wasseypur that gave her a chance to showcase

her potential to the audiences as well as the critics. Over the years, she has been part of the hits like "D-Day", "Dedh Ishqiya", "Badlapur", "Jolly LLB and also made her digital.

Dakota Johnson in talks to star in Sony's 'Madame Web'

Hollywood star Dakota Johnson is set to step into the world of superheroes with "Madame Web". The project comes from Sony Pictures that is plotting multiple projects in its efforts to expand its Spider-Man universe, dubbed as Sony Universe of Marvel Characters. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Johnson is in negotiations for the movie, which will be directed by SJ Clarkson. Screenwriters Matt Sazama and Burk Sharpless have penned the script. Madame Web is a clairvoyant mutant who excels in predicting the future specifically of Spider-themed superheroes, having mentored not only Peter Parker's web-slinger, but also multiple generations of heroes calling themselves Spider-Woman. The character was introduced in 1980's "The Amazing Spider-Man No. 210" comics. Sony, which controls the film rights to Spider-Man and other related characters, has already released "Venom" (2018) and "Venom: Let There Be Carnage" (2020) as part of Sony Universe of Marvel Characters. Up next is Jared Leto-starrer "Morbius", which has been written by Sazama and Sharpless. The movie is set to be released worldwide in April. Sony also has "Kraven the Hunter" in the works with star Aaron Taylor-Johnson. Dakota Johnson most recently featured in the Netflix movie "The Lost Daughter", directed by Maggie Gyllenhaal.

Anushka Sharma gives her career's crash course with 'That's Not My Name' trend



Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma, who has played numerous versatile roles over the years, recently jumped on to the 'That's Not My Name' bandwagon, which is a new social media trend, where actors share clips of some of the characters that they have played onscreen.

Taking to her Instagram handle, Anushka shared a Reel on Thursday night, which was a compilation of all her remarkable roles through the years. In the caption, she wrote, "Let me introduce myself..." The short clip showcased the star as Shruti from 'Band Baaja Baaraa', Taani from her debut film 'Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi', Akira from 'Jab Tak Hai Jaan', Alizeh from 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil', Aarfa from 'Sultan', among others. Earlier actors like Sara Ali Khan, Ayushmann Khurrana, Deepika Padukone, Karisma Kapoor, among several others have also shared their own rendition of the latest trend.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Anushka, who was last seen in the 2018 movie 'Zero', co-starring actors Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif, has produced two acclaimed projects - Amazon Prime Video web series 'Pataal Lok' and Netflix movie 'Bulbbul'. She is currently producing 'Qala', which marks late actor Irrfan Khan's son Babil's debut. Anushka will be marking her return to acting with 'Chakda Xpress', film pir

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