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Actor Kavya Thapar arrested for rash driving, assaulting, abusing Juhu police

MUMBAI: Actor Kavya Thapar was arrested for assaulting and abusing the police, said the Juhu police on Friday. She was produced in the Andheri court after which the court sent her to judicial custody on charges of engaging in a scuffle and using abusive language with the police. The incident took place yesterday morning after she hit a car and injured a person under the influence of alcohol, according to the police. The police have registered a case against her under section 353,504,332,427 of IPC and have started the investigation.

HP: BJP legislative party meeting on Feb 7

SHIMLA: Ruling BJP legislative party meeting will be convened here on February 22, to chalk out a floor strategy for the forth coming budget session of the Himachal Pradesh assembly beginning from February 23 at the council chambers Shimla, party informed on Friday. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Bhardwaj said in a press statement here on Friday that BJP Legislature Party meeting will be convened under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on February 22, at 1900 hrs at state guest house, Hotel Peter Hoff, Shimla. He said that all BJP MLAs will attend the meeting.

AI to operate 3 flights from India to Ukraine next week

NEW DELHI: Air India on Friday said it will operate three flights to Ukraine next week. The flights will be operated on February 22, 24 and 26, it added. Russia has positioned around 1 lakh troops near its border with Ukraine, besides sending warships to the Black Sea for naval exercises, triggering concerns among the NATO countries about a potential Russian invasion of Ukraine. Russia has been denying that it plans to invade Ukraine. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) set up a control room on Wednesday to provide information and assistance to the Indian nationals in Ukraine. In addition, the Indian embassy in Ukraine has also set up a 24-hour helpline for Indians in the eastern European nation.

Trafficking: Five girls rescued in Jharkhand

RANCHI: Five girls, including three minors, allegedly being trafficked have been rescued from a bus stand and two people suspected to be involved in the racket have been arrested from Simdega district in Jharkhand. Simdega superintendent of police (SP) Dr. Shams Tabrez said that the girls, in the age group of 14 and 18, were being taken to Delhi via Ranchi. On a tip-off, anti-human trafficking unit (AHTU) police station in charge and his team raided the Simdega bus stand on Thursday and rescued the girls. Two traffickers were arrested with e-tickets, the SP told a news agency. The two persons have been sent to jail on Friday and the girls are being sent.

38 get death sentence for Ahmedabad blasts

AGENCY
AHMEDABAD, FEB 18

A special court here on Friday sentenced 38 of the 49 accused to death and 11 to life imprisonment in connection with the July 26, 2008 serial blasts in Ahmedabad. On February 8, Special Judge A R Patel had convicted 49 of the total 78 accused and acquitted 28 others. One accused died during the trial. The court also on Friday imposed a fine of Rs 2.85 lakh each on 48 of the 49 convicted accused. The court made a provision of Rs 1 lakh compensation each to the families of all the 56 killed in the incident, Rs 50,000 each for victims with serious injuries and Rs 25,000 to victims with mild injuries out of the total 240 injured. The blasts on July 26, 2008 killed 56 people and left over 240 people injured. The blasts happened at 23 crowded places in Ahmedabad including the Civil Hospital and LG Hospital between 6.30 pm and 8.45 pm. After this, between July 28 and 31, 29 bombs – similar to those used in Ahmedabad – were recovered from Surat city. After the Gujarat Police investigation.



tion, the first arrests of 11 people were made on August 15, 2008.

Others were arrested later. During investigation, it was found that the Pakistani intelligence agency, the Indian Mujahideen and a faction of radicals of the banned Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) were behind the blasts. It was alleged that terrorists planned the blasts to avenge the 2002 riots in Gujarat.

MP Vyapam scam: CBI files charge-sheet against 160 more accused

BHOPAL, FEB 18

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a charge-sheet against 160 more accused, including the chairmen of three medical colleges in Madhya Pradesh, for allegedly rigging the 2013 Pre-Medical Test (PMT) in the multi-crore Vyapam examination and recruitment scam. This took the number of accused who have been charge-sheeted in the case to 650 so far. "The charge-sheet was filed on Thursday in the special CBI court of Nitiraj Singh Sisodia hearing Vyapam-related cases, against 160 new accused, including Pankaj Trivedi, former controller of Madhya Pradesh Vyavasayik Pariksha Mandal (Vyapam) and two officials of state Directorate of Medical Education (DME)," CBI's special prosecutor Satish Dinkar told a news agency.

Those charge-sheeted include Ajay Goenka, S N Vijaywargiya and Suresh Singh Bhadoria, chairmen of Chirayu Medical College and Hospital, People's Medical College and Hospital (both in Bhopal) and Indore-based Index Medical College and Hospital respectively.

Kejriwal has only one agenda to be Punjab CM or first PM of Khalistan : Anurag

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, FEB 18

Condemning Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Union Minister of Sports, Youth Affairs and Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur alleged that Kejriwal had only one agenda to be the Chief Minister of Punjab or first Prime Minister of Khalistan. Addressing public rallies at Chabbewal and Bhangla (Mukerian) in support of BJP candidates, Thakur said this allegation was not levelled by him or BJP, it was stated by a renowned poet and former AAP leader Kumar Vishwas. Terming the meaning of AAP as A for Arvind, A for Anti and P for Punjab, the Union Minister said Punjab would never accept Kejriwal. He



condemned the Delhi Chief Minister for not including any Sikh or a woman as a minister in his government. Kejriwal had promised before last Delhi assembly elections that if his government was formed he would appoint Punjabi teachers in Delhi, but instead of providing jobs to them he had allegedly fired those Punjabi teachers who were already there in jobs. Punjabi language, which ranked second in Delhi, had allegedly been replaced with Urdu language.

Dubai EXPO 2020: India invites startups, FPOs to capitalise on agri, food processing

NEW DELHI: As part of India's efforts to showcase the country's investment-friendly policies and growth opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors at EXPO2020 Dubai, Abhilaksh Likh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, invited the startups and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to submit their proposals to the ministry, and assured them that they would be considered for providing equity grants, management costs, and other available support measures. As per the ministry, the Food, Agriculture and Livelihood fortnight (February 17th - March 2nd) will comprise various sessions which will be presided over by representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture.

PM hosts prominent Sikh personalities at his residence

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted a number of prominent Sikhs at his residence on Friday and highlighted the works done by his government for the community.

The meeting came two days before the Punjab Assembly polls, with the BJP going all out to woo the Sikh community as it seeks to put up a strong show in an alliance with former chief minister Amarinder Singh's Punjab Lok Congress and the Akali Dal faction headed by Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa.

Later in tweets, Modi said these Sikh religious and community leaders are at the forefront of popularising Sikh culture and serving society.

He said, "I was humbled by the



kind words from the distinguished members of the Sikh community on various efforts of the Central Government. I consider it my honour that the respected Sikh Gurus have taken Seva from me and their blessings

have enabled me to work for society."

BJP leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa told PTI that Modi in the interaction said he wants to work for the community everyday and regretted that the previous Congress dispensations lost

Poll din comes to an end in Punjab, voting tomorrow

AGENCY
CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

Campaigning for the 117 Assembly seats of Punjab came to an end on Friday evening even as political parties made last-minute efforts to mobilise support for their candidates ahead of the February 20 elections.

The Congress released its manifesto earlier in the day, promising financial assistance for women, one lakh government jobs and creation of corporations for the sale of liquor and sand mining if it returns to power in the state.

Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, AAP leaders Arvind Kejriw-



al, Bhagwant Mann and Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia took out road shows in Bhadaur, Jalalabad, Raikot and Amritsar, re-

spectively.

Former chief minister Amarinder Singh and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh took out a road show in Patiala. Amarinder Singh's wife and Congress MP Preet Kaur also part in the road show.

Former chief minister Parkash Singh Badal and SAD president Sukhbir Badal also campaigned on the last day. A total of 1,304 candidates, including 93 women, are in the fray in the state. The voting will take place from 8 am till 6 pm, said Punjab Chief Electoral Officer S Karuna Raju. The Election Commission had earlier postponed the date of voting for the Assembly polls from February

14 to February 20 in the wake of Guru Ravidas Jayanti.

Electioneering was initially confined to door-to-door campaigning and through social media in the wake of COVID-19 restrictions.

However, the ban on physical rallies was lifted in a phased manner by the EC from February 1 onwards.

Among the prominent candidates in the elections are chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi, Aam Aadmi Party's CM face Bhagwant Mann, Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, former CMs Amarinder Singh and Parkash Singh Badal, and Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal.

Rajnath Singh reviews preparations for DefExpo-2022



AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 18

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday reviewed the preparations for the 12th edition of DefExpo-2022 which is scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat in March this year, informed the Ministry of Defence (MoD). "Rajnath Singh appreciated the arrangements made by Ministry of Defence in collaboration with the Government of Gujarat and exuded confidence of a safe and successful DefExpo-2022," said the press release issued by the ministry.

As per the ministry, Singh also used the occasion to launch the DefExpo-2022 Mobile app. The app provides information on the exhibitors, schedule, speakers, venue maps, driving directions, publications as well as notifications to visitors and exhibitors.

DefExpo-2022 will now be held between March 10-14, 2022 and will be held in a

hybrid format featuring both physical and virtual stalls, said the ministry.

"The exhibition is being planned in a three-venue format - exhibition at the Helipad Exhibition Center (HEC); Events and Seminars at the Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Center (MCEC) and live demonstration for the public at Sabarmati Riverfront. Safety protocols such as the compulsory wearing of facemask, non-contact interactions, respiratory hygiene, etc will be implemented at all venues in line with the prevailing health protocols," read the press release.

DefExpo is Asia's largest exhibition on land, naval, and homeland security systems. 930 exhibitors have registered for the event so far, with significant attendance of Foreign Defence Ministers as well. The press release said, "To instill a sense of pride, the theme of the event has been christened, 'Path to Pride'.

NEWS AT A
GLANCEGehri campaigns in
favour of Jatana

ISHWAR GARG TALWANDI SABO: The Congress party under the leadership of Chief Minister Charanjit Singh provided various facilities to the middle class in Punjab especially the poor families which proved to be very beneficial. And now the poor families in the state are eager to get Charanjit Singh Channi re-elected as the Chief Minister. These remarks were made by Punjab Congress General Secretary Kiranjit Singh Gehri during a special interaction with this correspondent after addressing the villagers during the campaign in favour of Congress candidate Khushbaj Singh Jatana from Talwandi Sabo constituency including local mandi in other villages.

Galib appeals people
to vote for congress

candidate Hisowal

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: On the final day of election campaigning, several parties performed to the best of their abilities to impress voters. Similarly, congress party has also been making efforts in order to form its government yet again in Punjab. Congress's district Ludhiana rural



president Karanjit Singh Soni Galib talking about the same, said that candidates of congress have been achieving great support from people all over the state and same is the enthusiasm for candidates of district Ludhiana rural among people and in Jagraon constituency, Jagtar Singh Jagga Hisowal has been deputed by the party as candidate and he has been achieving great support and respect from the people of city. "Programs were conducted at several villages of the constituency where people assured their support to the congress candidate and this presents Hisowal as the leading candidate from constituency Jagraon," he said.

DC announces paid leave on
Feb 20 Polling Day

YADWINDER KADGILL TARN TARAN: In view of the Assembly elections 2022, Deputy Commissioner Tarn Taran Kulwant Singh has announced a paid leave in the district on February 20, 2022. He said that the holiday has been declared so that every voter could exercise his voting right on this day. He said that under Section 25 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1981, Section 135B of the Representative



of People Act, 1951, Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958 and Factories Act, 1948, all Government / Non-Government Offices, Banks, Institutions of District Tarn Taran, Earnings leave will be on 20th February 2022 in factories, shops etc. No deduction will be made in the salary of the employee for this leave.

Cong always pursued policy of
'divide and rule': Hansraj Hans

ASHOK KAURA
PHAGWARA, FEB 18

Popular singer and BJP MP Hans Hans on Friday said the Congress has always pursued a policy of divide and rule the society but now this has been realised by the people and in this election they will vehemently reject this policies of the Congress.

Stating this during election rallies in favour of BJP candidate Vijay Sampla at various places, he said, "I have been made a Member of Parliament by the people of UP, Bihar, Purvachanl and Uttarakhand." He said both Priyanka Gandhi's mother and brother were elected from UP.

It is with the help of these people that they could become Members of Parliament and they should be ashamed. He alleged that the Congress had always pursued a policy of ruling the country, adding that the Gandhi family had never allowed anyone to come forward in the party. "I have a lot of respect for the people of UP-Bihar, it is because of these people that I have become a Member of Parliament in Delhi," he said.

On this occasion, BJP candidate Vijay Sampla said the nephew of Punjab Chief Min-



ister was caught with 100 million cash and he had admitted that he had collected this money in the name of Chief Minister. He said Congress was the mother of scams and even today

its ministers were suppressing scams and extortion all over the state. The BJP MP appealed to the people to give a landslide victory to BJP candidate Vijay Sampla.

EC of India releases list of 12
alternative documents to be used
as proof of identity for voting

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): During the Punjab Assembly elections on February 20, voters in the state will be able to cast their vote using Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) and 12 other alternative documents as proof of their identity. Disclosing this here today District Election Officer Sanyam Agarwal said that those voters who do not have photo identity card. That Aadhaar card, MANREGA job card, bank or post office passbook with photo, health insurance smart card issued under the scheme of the Ministry of Labor, driving license, PAN card, smart card issued under NPR, Indian passport, pension documents with photo, Service ID Cards (with photo) issued by Central or State Governments or Public Sector Undertakings / Public Limited Companies, Official Identity Cards issued to Members of Parliament / MLAs / MLCs and vote using the Unique Disability ID (UDID) issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

Over 18,000 beneficiaries given
booster doses: Civil Surgeon

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, FEB 18

Under the 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign, the door-to-door vaccination against Covid-19 is going on in full swing across the district. In a press release, Civil Surgeon Dr. Adarshpal Kaur and District Immunisation officer Dr. Girish Dogra said that a total of 18,44,723 beneficiaries in the district have been given anti-Covid shots till date.

As many as 11,03,040 people have been given first doses whereas 7,23,038 people have been given second doses. Apart from this, 18,645 beneficiaries have been given booster doses or third doses. She said that health workers are going door to door in cities and villages



to administer anti-covid vaccines to the beneficiaries. Emphasizing on complete anti-Covid vaccination, the civil surgeon said that every beneficiary should be vaccinated without wasting time as the vaccine gives the body the strength to fight the pandemic. She added that the vaccine is completely safe and everyone should get it without any fear. She also expressed concern over the fact that several people are

still reluctant to get the first or second injection. She said that health workers sensitize such people about the benefits of vaccination but despite all this they are not ready for vaccination. Covid vaccine is being provided free of cost. Dr Adarshpal further said that it is very important to wear a mask to stay away from the disease. She once again appealed to the people to not step out of homes aimlessly.

Akali candidate Ranjit Singh
Gill visits Kharar markets

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, FEB 18

Ranjit Singh Gill, joint candidate of SAD and BSP from the constituency along with his entire leadership campaigned door to door in Kharar markets today. Starting from Dussehra Ground of Kharar, passing through Pukka Darwaza Main Bazaar, after Bhuru Chowk, we visited Kharar Bus Stand.

He met the people and appealed to them to support the party. Addressing the people on the occasion, he said "we need your blessings and co-operation so that we can work for the restoration of the constituency. In the same way, continue to bless us so that we can strengthen our resolve



and fulfill all the promises we have made to you".

Gill was accompanied by Kharar Municipal Council President Jaspreet Kaur Longia, Ram Lila Club Dussehra

Ground Secretary Jatinder Gupta, Kharar City Councilor, former Councilor, Ramila Club team and the entire leadership of Kharar and other dignitaries.

SAD-BSP alliance will register
comfortable win: Sidhu

PRINCE GARG
TALWANDI SABO, FEB 18

The Shiromani Akali Dal has undertaken a number of development works in Punjab and now a government of SAD-BSP alliance will be formed in Punjab with comfortable majority, and many facilities will be provided to the people of Punjab.

This was stated by Jeet Mahinder Singh Sidhu, former MLA and candidate of Shiromani Akali Dal-BSP alliance from Talwandi Sabo constituency while addressing the villagers during his campaign in several villages including local mandi. He said that the manifesto issued by him

for his constituency Talwandi Sabo included development work of the constituency as well as many important issues which would be resolved. He said that people of Punjab would not be taken in by the hyperbole of Aam Aadmi Party, which does nothing but talk. Regarding the Congress party, he said that during the 2017 Assembly elections, the Congress had made a false pretense of providing employment from door to door failed to honour its word.

He also said that Shiromani Akali Dal did what it said and will do what it said now. He was accompanied by a large number of SAD-BSP leaders and workers.

Whirlwind tour of different
phases of Mohali by
Kulwant Singh

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, FEB 18

On the last day of election campaign, former Mayor of Mohali, AAP candidate Kulwant Singh did a whirlwind tour of Sector-68, Phase-4, along with large number of AAP workers and office bearers.

Wherever Kulwant Singh and his team went, they were warmly welcomed by the people and assured by the people they will cast their vote in AAP's favour.

Speaking to reporters later in Phase-11, AAP candidate Kulwant Singh said that in order to permanently eliminate unemployment from Punjab, to maintain law and order situation in Punjab, to improve health services, AAP will be voted to power by Punjabis since they know that only AAP can do it. There is a need for major reforms in the education system and this alternative can only be provided by

AAP itself. Kulwant Singh said that due to all this, the people of Punjab felt the need that the Delhi model by Arvind Kejriwal should be implemented in Punjab as well. That is why they are going to make Bhagwant Singh Mann the next Chief Minister of Punjab.

AAP leader Harsukhinder Singh Bubby Badal who was present on the occasion of Kulwant Singh's whirlwind tour said that people especially the people of Mohali wanted change as Balbir Singh Sidhu had not developed Mohali for last 15 years.

Apart from Harsukhinder Singh Bobby Badal, large number of people from the area including AAP senior leaders and General Secretaries, Sukhman Prabhjot Kaur, Sukhinder Singh Barnala, Ranjit Singh Brar, Jagtar Singh along with many others assured Kulwant Singh of a landslide victory.

Makhan Ballo made
president of Shri Bam Bole

RAMPURA PHUL (HEMANT SHARMA): Shri Bam Bhoale Kanwar Sangh Reg: Geeta Bhawan Rampura Phul held a General Body meeting at Geeta Bhawan last day In view of the work done in the last two years, all the gullible devotees unanimously agreed on Makhan Ballo and all the Kanwar Sangh President Neeraj Chaudhary Rampura Phul appointed him as the President of the next two years Sri Bam Bholae Kanwar Sangh. On this occasion Makhan Ballo asked whether he would serve the Kanwar Sangh with double strength and responsibility than before. On this occasion he thanked all the members of Kanwar Sangh. Present on the occasion were Manoj Kumar Ashu, Sushat, Dinesh Kumar, Lachman Das, Raj Kumar Goyal, Rakesh Kumar, Babli, Santosh, Ashok Kumar Tony, Ajay Kumar, Sonu, Amit Kumar, Advocate Dinesh Kumar, Jagdish Rai, Surinder Kumar Shinde, Punjab Ratan.

Huge crowds throng Dharamsot's
roadshow in Nabha

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, FEB 18

Candidates from each party have thrown their full weight behind the Assembly elections, under which former Punjab Cabinet Minister and Congress candidate from Nabha constituency MLA Sadhu Singh Dharamsot today staged a big roadshow in Nabha city. The roadshow started from the grounds of Ripudaman College, passed through various markets of the city and ended at the party headquarters. During the roadshow, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot was warmly welcomed by the people of the city

by showering flowers at various places. During the roadshow, party workers and supporters were enthusiastic. Talking during the roadshow, Dharamsot said that the love and respect shown by the people of Nabha cannot be forgotten by him and his family for the rest of my life. He said that Congress was going to form government in Punjab with two thirds majority. On this occasion, the President of the Municipal Council Rajneesh Mittal Shetty said that the victory of the Congress party is certain and the huge gathering is a proof that we are seeking votes from the people on the basis of development.

Manish Bansal holds road show

KARANPREET DHANDRAL
BARNALA, FEB 18

Last day of campaign for election to be held on February 20, Manish Bansal today held road show in Barnala involving cars, motorcycles, tractors. Thousands of supporters welcomed by city dwellers in markets, streets and shops, showers of flowers by passersby and laddu distribution.

It passed through various parts of the city in which a large number of party workers were also present. Manish Bansal also appealed to the people to vote for the Congress party. Manish Bansal said that Congress Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi had taken important decisions for all sections of Punjab in 111 days and if he was given another chance by the people of Punjab he would take decisions in the interest of the people for five years. He said that in the recent past the development work in Barnala district could not be completed



due to various reasons but with the appointment of his MLA all the development works in Barnala would be completed by strengthening the basic facilities. He said that the Congress party had promised to give five marla plots to the families who did not have houses and would also provide cash to encourage girls to study so that the standard of education in Punjab could be raised. He was honored in different markets and villages with garlands of flowers and sarees. Former Union Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal, Manish Bansal's wife Shaina Bansal, District Congress Pres-

ident Gurpreet Lucky Pakho, Chairman Municipal Improvement Trust Makhan Sharma, Transporter Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon, Mahesh Kumar Loti, Varun Batta, Raju Chaudhary, Narinder Sharma were present on the occasion. Jasmeel Deri Wala, Rohit Bansal, Mohit Singla, Jeevan Bansal, Women Wing President Sukhjiti Sukhi Rajinder Gharu, Baldev Bhuchar, Jaswinder Tillo, MC, Mohinderpal Pakho, Paramjit Pakho, MC Rani Kaur, Renu Dharam, MC Ajay Kumar, Apart from Aad, a large number of Congress leaders and workers were present.

Third randomization of
polling staff in presence of
Election Observers

KULJEET SINGH HONEY
TARN TARAN, FEB 18

District Election Officer Tarn Taran Kulwant Singh conducted the third randomization for the deployment of polling staff in the presence of Election observers Ravindra S Jagtap and Mrs. Sujata Sahu appointed by the Election Commission.

Disclosing this here today the District Electoral Officer said that the third randomization was organized for the posting of more than 4500 employees of Central Government, State Governments

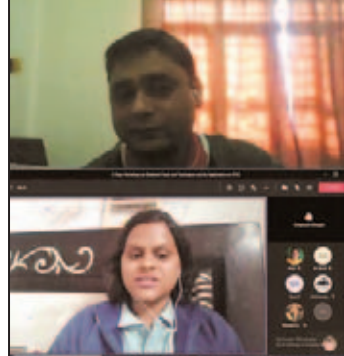
and Banks who have been assigned various duties during the elections. Duties have also been imposed on the employees as required for polling and support staff and also as micro-observers. He said that the purpose of randomization was to assign duties to the staff for the polling program to be held on February 20. This randomization has been done for the deployment of polling parties at the polling booths in the district. During the election, many employees have been posted as Presiding Officer (PRO), Polling Officer (PO).

Baba Farid College of mgt, Technology conducts two-day
workshop on 'Applications of statistical Tools and Techniques'

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, FEB 18

Baba Farid College of Management and Technology (a leading B-school) IQAC. BFGI through Microsoft Teams For the faculty of 'SPSS. Conducted a two-day workshop on 'Statistical tools and technology applications'. In this workshop SPSS In addition to implementing software, various 'statistical tools and techniques' were discussed.

At the beginning of the session, Mrs. Nisha Acharya, Assistant Professor of the College addressed the gathering. Warm welcome to Pradeep Singh Chahar, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi (UP). The expert explained the basic concepts of statistics in the first day session along with simple examples. He first explained the defini-



tion of statistics, the types of statistical methods such as descriptive and inferential methods.

He then described parametric tests, analysis of diversity (Anova), core relation and regression techniques. On the second day of the workshop, he visited SPSS. Demonstrated the application of simple examples on and explained various applications. He explained how

we can enter the values of different variables in different ways. He also showed the results in the form of a table and explained it. Faculty members actively participated in all these sessions. Many faculty members asked a number of questions from the source and dispelled their doubts. Finally Bhavna Khanna, Head, Department of Business Studies thanked the guest speaker and all the faculty members. BFGI Chairman Dr. Dr. Gurmeet Singh Dhalliwal, Principal of the College, R. Dr. K. Uppal, Vice Principal Sachin Dev congratulated the Department of Business Studies for this wonderful initiative and appreciated such worthwhile efforts. Overall it was an interesting and very informative session.

Lifting Covid
restrictions hasty
decision: Cong

SHIMLA: The Congress on Friday decried the decision of the Himachal Pradesh government to relax Covid-19 restrictions, terming it a big threat to children who are not vaccinated. In a statement issued here, Congress Disaster Management Committee Convenor Harikrishna Himral said the state government took the decision without consulting health experts as thousands in the state have been affected by the pandemic. The exemption to hold public meetings along with opening all schools in the state may help the pandemic to spread, he said.

Charas recovered
from youth in Banal



DAULAT CHAUHAN JAWALI: Fatehpur Police has succeeded in catching charas from a youth during the blockade. DSP Jawali Siddharth Sharma told that the police had put up a blockade near Banal village that during this time a youth Ravi Kumar started running away after seeing the police, then the police took immediate action and caught the youth Ravi Kumar and searched him. 152.66 grams of charas was recovered from the bag. Police have arrested the accused Ravi Kumar by registering a case under the NDPS Act.

Neeraj Bharti gives a
befitting reply to the
party-turned-BJPists

DAULAT CHAUHAN JAWALI: Former CPS Neeraj Bharti has given a befitting reply to the party-turned-BJPists demanding an account of development from the Congress by making a 19-page list of development works worth billions of rupees public on social media.

Former CPS Neeraj Bharti, while writing an account of the development works done during his tenure on social media, has written that those who are asking about the development should first read it. He said that the details which I have put are my five years of work, for which I also laid the foundation stone and also inaugurated them. He said that BJP is saying development only to lay the foundation stone, but till the time any work is not dedicated, it is not counted in the definition of development. Former CPS Neeraj Bharti said that the same people of BJP are asking Congress about development, who till yesterday did not get tired of praising the Congress and as soon as the change of power took place, it meant that the furious people went to BJP and now join BJP. Being flattered. He said that it is not pure BJP, but only the defectors are asking for the details of development.

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Students of
Vocational course
visit Raipur Maidan



BANGANA: Students of Shri Virendra Gautam Memorial Senior Secondary School (Child) associated with the tourism subject of Vocational Education took an industrial tour of Hotel Sea Rock, Raipur Ground. The tour was started by the Principal of the school, Shri Upendra Rana. In this, students got information related to tourism industry. School teacher Praveen Negi was present in this tour.

HIMACHAL/JK

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

CM urges youth to make continuous efforts for development of their area

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 18

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has urged the youth of the state to make continuous efforts for the development of their respective area. He was addressing the annual cultural program Shashwat organized by the Seraj Students Welfare Association at Vallabh Government Post Graduate Degree College in Mandi virtually from Shimla today. He said that the goal of life can only be achieved by moving on the path of progress with respect and self-esteem. The Chief Minister said that the Seraj Assembly Constituency was progressing rapidly on the path of progress. At present road facility is available in 78 panchayats of Seraj area and more than 40 buses are being operated in the area. He said that the people of Seraj area were



ensuring their contribution in the development of every region of the country and state. He urged the youth of Seraj to preserve their culture and move ahead in life according to the cultural values. He also shared his pleasant memories during his academic days in Vallabh Post Graduate College, Mandi and appreciated the Seraj Students Welfare Association for organizing the cultural programme. He said that the Seraj Students Welfare Association has set an excellent example of human service during

the Corona crisis.

Jai Ram Thakur said that the present State Government has ensured unprecedented development in the field of education. The State Government has started many ambitious schemes in the field of education, including Akhand Shiksha Jyoti-Mere School Se Nikale Moti, Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Super 100 Scheme, Swarna Jayanti Gyanodaya Cluster Shrestha Vidyalaya Yojana and many other schemes. To ensure smooth academic activities during Corona period, arrangements were made for online education in government schools and educational institutions.

He said that Himachal Pradesh was the first State to implement New Education Policy in the country. Since Himachal Pradesh was constituted there was only one

State University in Shimla but due to rigorous efforts of the present State Government the second State University would be functional in district Mandi from 1st April, 2022. This would facilitate students of Mandi, Kullu, Bilaspur alongwith other districts of the State. The Chief Minister also announced Rs. 51 thousand for Seraj Students Welfare Association from his discretionary fund for organising cultural programme.

Vice Chancellor of Cluster University Mandi C.L. Chandan, Principal of Government Vallabh Post Graduate Degree College Mandi Y.V. Sharma, President BJP Seraj Mandal Bhagirath Sharma, President Seraj Students Welfare Association Tikam Thakur, BJP State Working Committee member Gulzari Lal Thakur, SDM Ritika Jindal and other dignitaries were also present on this occasion.

District Congress Working Committee holds meet



BUREAU UNA, FEB 18

Meeting of District Congress Working Committee was organized at Suvidha Palace Una in which Himachal Congress state president Kuldeep Rathore and Himachal Congress party organizational election in-charge Deepadas Munshi were present. Leader of Opposition Himachal Pradesh Mukesh Agnihotri, Una Sadar MLA Satpal Singh Razaida, former state president and minister Kuldeep Kumar, former AICC secretary and former Gagret MLA Rakesh

Kalia attended. Kuldeep Rathore and Deepadas Munshi were honored by District Congress Mahila Morcha. Membership campaign was discussed in the meeting and urged to connect more and more workers with the Congress. Congress workers were motivated to work unitedly. Kuldeep Rathore said that today the organization of the Congress party is strong and all the workers of the Congress are united, just like they have got dust in 4 elections, in the same way defeat of Bharatiya Janata Party is certain in assembly elections.

Akhand Ramayan and Bhandara organized in Shri Ram Mandir Andaura Gagret



KISHORI LAL BAINS AMB, FEB 18

Akhand Ramayan and Bhandara were organized at Shri Ram Mandir Andaura-Gagret near Sombhadra-Swan River near Shri Chhota Haridwar in Una district. On this occasion, the administrator of the temple and Shri Guru Dev Ji Sitaram Ji gave an auspicious message to the Sadh Sangat to be continuously engrossed in religious work. On this occasion, after the enjoyment of Akhand Ramayan recitation, Bhajan Satsang was also organized in which the whole area was filled with devotional ras. In the afternoon, a huge Bhandara was also distributed. Shri Ram Mandir Andaura-Gagret is the bastion of religious festivals. Throughout the year, various religious gatherings, including Shri Madbhagwat Katha, Shri Shiv Puran and Shri Ram Katha episodes, keep on flowing smoothly throughout the year. Shri Ram Mandir Andaura-Gagret is considered a very big pilgrimage for the residents of the local area.

Cong party upbeat with its membership drive in Himachal: Deep Dass Munshi

PANKAJ BHARTIYA HAMIRPUR, FEB 18

HP Congress party election in-charge, Deep Dass Munshi said today that the party is upbeat with its ongoing membership drive and it would complete it in time. While talking to reporters today, she said that the party was enrolling twenty-five more people in the party at every election booth of the state and this work was going on smoothly. It would continue till March 25th, she further said. She said that Congress party had its long history and would form its government in the state after 2022 Vidhan sabha elections. HP Congress party President, Kuldeep Rathore was also present on this occasion. She said that whatever the Congress party had earned during the last seventy years that was destroyed by the present BJP rulers during the last eight years was shocking and against the wishes of the people. It had sold many prestigious projects to the private parties thereby harming the cause of the nation, she added. The Congress party leader said that the party was working for the wellbeing of the masses and would continue to adopt a pro-people stance.

Work on 296 sub-projects will be done under Zaika-2: Kanwar

BUREAU UNA, FEB 18

Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Minister Virendra Kanwar has said that work will be done on 296 sub-projects in all 12 districts of Himachal Pradesh under the Rs.1010 crore Jaika Project-2. Presiding over a meeting at Thana Kalan, Kanwar said that 19 in district Bilaspur, 23 in Hamirpur, 19 in Una, 60 in Kangra, 16 in Chamba, 54 in Mandi, 26 in Kullu, 21 in Lahaul-Spiti, Sirmour 9 sub projects have been selected in Solan, 22 in Shimla, 24 in Kinnaur. Agriculture Minister said that under the project Rs 330 crore would be spent for infrastructure strengthening, 108 crore under farmer support program, 63 crore on value chain and market development, 157 crore on institutional development program, so that the project would be implemented. By taking benefits, positive



changes can be brought in the lives of more than 25000 farmers of the state. He said that the objective of the project is to motivate the farmers from traditional farming to production of cash crops, so that economy of farmers can be improved. Under this project, funded through Japanese International Cooperation Agency, along with increasing irrigation facility, increasing productive capacity in agriculture with high technology, the production of cash crops in

place of traditional farming and creating better systems for marketing of agricultural products, there will be emphasis.

Secretary Agriculture Department Rakesh Kanwar, MD State Marketing Board Naresh Thakur, Director Animal Husbandry Department Dr. Pradeep Sharma, Chief Project Advisor Jayka JC Rana, Project Director Jayka Suresh Kapoor, Gau Sewa Commission Additional Director Rajiv Walia and other officers were present.

Fair organized on National Education Policy 2020



UNA, FEB 18

Fair on National Education Policy 2020 was organized in Government Senior Secondary School, Dehla District Una. The National Education Policy 2020 was discussed in detail on this occasion. Various activities were presented by the teachers and students of six schools under Dehla Collectorate Vidyalaya. The objective of the National Education Policy was highlighted by presenting a short drama by the students. At the end of the programme, students and teachers were rewarded with gifts. Specially on this occasion Principal Rajendra Mahal, Principal Rakesh Jaswal, Nodal Officer Vivek Dutta, BRC Una Block Ashwani Kumar and Neeraj Kumar, all staff members of local school and school management committee chairman Shivkumar and all SMC members. Students of the local school were present.

Shops to be built at a cost of Rs 3.76 crore

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 18

Shops will be built in Kotwali Bazar Dharamshala at a cost of Rs 3.76 crore. Tender process is going on soon for this. Under this project, the Burane building built on municipal land in Kotwali Bazar will be demolished and shops will be constructed in the new multi-storey building. Shopkeepers whose shops will be demolished will be given shops in this building. In this multi-storey building, there will be a parking system in the lower building. Apart from this, there will be facility for shops as well as cafeteria and food court. The rent for the buildings and shops constructed under this project will be fixed by the Municipal Corporation and the rent recovery will also be done by the Municipal Corporation. It is being told that the tender process is going on in Dharamshala to set up shops in the refugee



market and it will be completed soon, better shops will be available here in the coming time. These shops will be distributed to the shopkeepers who are doing shops here from now on, while Sanjeev Saini, manager of Smart City Dharamshala said that a multi-storey building will be constructed and soon the best shops and cafeteria etc. will be constructed, for this Rs 3.76 crore. Estimated amount to be spent on this project.

Formation of 15 teams for survey of TB patients

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 18

District Kangra DC Dr Nipun Jindal said that instructions have been given to the Health Department officials to take effective steps to make Kangra a tuberculosis free district. have been given. Presiding over the meeting of the District Tuberculosis Prevention Committee held in the auditorium of the zonal hospital on Friday, Deputy Commissioner Dr Nipun Jindal said that the Sub National TB Certification Campaign in district Kangra would start from February 21, in this the reduction in TB patients after the year 2015.



Data will be collected about This survey is being done by the Government of India inside the district Kangra. This survey will be done in some selected villages and cities by the Government of India in district Kangra. For this survey, 15 teams have been formed in the district.

They will go door-to-door in their area to identify people with possible symptoms of TB and send their sputum to the lab for testing. DC Dr Jindal ordered the officers of Ayurveda department to share the details of the patients sent for sputum test with the Chief Medical

Officer on a weekly basis so that those who did not come to get the test done, they should get the test done through ASHA workers. be inspired. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Health Department to conduct a death audit of TB deaths through the Block Medical Officer within two weeks. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Gurdarshan Gupta, CMO, Kangra said that out of 1 crore new TB cases annually, 26 per cent are in India. District Kangra notified 2878 TB cases in 2021. He said that TB patients are being given Rs 1500 per month and Nutri Mix for nutrition by the government.

Govt commits to welfare of all sections of society: Prof. Virendra Kashyap

ASHIMA JAIN SOLAN, FEB 18

Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Castes Commission Chairman Prof. Virendra Kashyap said that the welfare of all sections of the society is the commitment of the Central and State Governments. He was presiding here a meeting organized today to review the progress of various schemes and acts being implemented for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes and works under Scheduled Castes Development Programme.



Kashyap said that many schemes are being implemented by the Central and State Governments for the welfare of different sections of the society,

especially the Scheduled Castes. For timely delivery of benefits of these schemes to the targeted sections, it is necessary that the target group should have complete knowledge of these schemes. For this, awareness campaigns are implemented by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department in collaboration with the state government and district administration. He called upon the officers of various departments to reach out to the Scheduled Castes the complete information about various schemes. He said that

by organizing such meetings, while it helps in the promotion of schemes, co-ordination between various departments is also established. He directed that all the officers should understand the seriousness of the meetings to be organized for the upliftment of the weaker sections of the society and take personal interest and solve the problems in a time bound manner. He said that the benefits of the schemes being implemented for the welfare of all sections of the society in Himachal Pradesh are reaching the people.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Famous artists campaigns in support of Balkar Sidhu



HEMANT SHARMA RAMPURA PHUL: In Rampura Phul Assembly constituency, famous artists from the music world came out in support of Aam Aadmi Party candidate Balkar Sidhu and the huge gathering held in the city ensured the victory of Balkar Sidhu. Famous singers Balvir Chotia, Kuldeep Rasila, R. Net, Sajjan Adeeb, Bobby Sidhu and Gurwinder Brar entertained the gathering by performing their fun. They said that Balkar Sidhu is the shining star of the music world. The singers are so impressed that they have become singers. That is why we appeal to the entire music world that this time you should vote for Aam Aadmi Party candidate Balkar Sidhu from Rampura Phul and make him a MLA and increase the pride of our music. Balkar Sidhu appealed to the voters of Rampura Phul to vote him and said that we are very close to victory. Maintaining mutual peace and harmony and change in politics is needed. Let's reject the traditional parties and give a chance to Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann of the Aam Aadmi Party. He appealed to the people to vote for Aam Aadmi Party on February 20. He said that I am your own son, I am here to serve you. I will serve you as a servant.

Kejriwal showed power of Aam Aadmi Party by taking out road show in Dinanagar



JASPOONAM KOHLI DINANAGAR: Aam Aadmi Party supreme and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal took out a road show in Dinanagar in favor of AAP's candidate Shamsher Singh from Dinanagar assembly constituency today. The road show in the city was accorded a grand welcome by showers of flowers at various places. There was great enthusiasm among the AAP workers during the roadshow. On this occasion, AAP supreme Arvind Kejriwal appealed to the people of the community to make Aam Aadmi Party's candidate Shamsher Singh win. He said that Aam Aadmi Party is the only party which will take decisions in public interest and can shape the future of Punjab which is becoming bleak. He said that we are talking about work, while the opposition parties are abusing him. He said that these parties do not want Bhagwant Mann to become the CM. He said that the opposition parties have looted Punjab fiercely. He said that an opportunity should be given to Aam Aadmi Party so that good work can be done in Punjab.

Woman drug peddler arrested under NDPS Act

ASHOK KAURA PHAGWARA: The Nurmahal police have arrested a woman drug peddler on charges of selling intoxicant tablets. The investigating officer (IO) Mohan Lal said that 270 intoxicant tablets were recovered from the possession of the accused identified as Bimla wife of Amarjit Guggi a resident of Mohalla Ranghra Nurmahal. IO said that a case under sections 22 (B) /61/85 of the NDPS Act has been registered against the accused.

A huge crowd gathered at massive road show of BJP candidate Sanjeev Vashisht

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, FEB 18

BJP candidate Sanjeev Vashisht from Mohali held road show which began from Phase 11 of Mohali and while moving from 10, 9, 8, 7 and 5 came to an ended at balongi. Many BJP leaders including Haryana Speaker Gian Chand Gupta, Haryana Sports Minister Sandeep Singh and actor Mahi Gill was also part in the road show. During the road show a large number of BJP supporters joined him on tractors, motorcycles, cars and autos. Residents Welcomed Sanjeev Vashisht and party workers with garlands of flowers and showered flowers on them.

Sanjeev Vashisht while addressing the residents said that people of Punjab have made up their mind to Vote BJP double engine government. People have tried parties like Congress, Aam Aadmi Party and Akali Dal. People have faith on Prime Minister Modi which can be witnessed with the large number of people participating in the road show that's why for the first time, the BJP has fielded candidates.

Talking about the development of Mohali, Vashisht said that real development of Mohali is possible only with the cooperation of BJP central government. If IT companies and industries are to be brought in



Mohali, it is necessary to get special packages from the BJP government at the Center, which is possible only with a BJP government in Punjab. He said that people had come to

know that Congress MLA from Mohali Balbir Sidhu had spent five years but did nothing for the people of Mohali. Similarly Aam Aadmi Party candidate Kulwant Singh, who

is the richest candidate in Punjab has done nothing during his tenure. He said that people will vote for the development of Punjab only and will not regret for the next five years.

People stuck in jam during roadshow on last day of election campaign



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): With Friday being the last day of election campaign, all political parties took out their own road shows. But the number of supporters and the number of vehicles in these road shows once choked the traffic of the city and remained stuck in jam for hours. However, due to good police arrangements on the highway, there was not much jam on the highway. With Friday being the last day, road shows were organized by the Aam Aadmi Party, Akali Dal and BJP. During which every candidate is showing his strength to ensure his victory and to woo the people. First a road show was taken out by the Aam Aadmi Party, in which tractor rally was also taken out along with vehicles. Which was ended from ten o'clock in the morning to about one and a half in the afternoon. A road show was taken out by Akali Dal candidate NK Sharma from his election office with thousands of supporters and hundreds of vehicles.

Unrise school holds seminar with IDP members



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): The students of Unrise world school attended a seminar with the members of IDP. Giving detailed information about this, school principal Mrs. Neha Rattan said that it was a moment of extreme pleasure for the students of 10-12 grades of TUWS, to attend a seminar with the members of IDP. "Parents of many students also attended this one-to-one counseling session, which was organised within the premises of TUWS," she said. She further added that the representatives of IDP satisfied the inquisitiveness of the students as well as their parents by successfully answering the various queries from the Unrisers regarding their mission of going abroad. The parents of the pupils looked very much satisfied. Not only the students but the faculty of TUWS, was benefited to a great extent by gaining the knowledge about going to different countries like UK, Canada, USA, New Zealand and Australia. The school Chairman- Mr. Rakesh Aggarwal, The Managing Director- Mr. Shifu Aggarwal and The Director- Mrs. Pallavi Aggarwal wholeheartedly thanked the representatives of IDP. Emphasizing on quality education.

Road show by Aam Aadmi Party candidate Anmol Gagan Mann



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, FEB 18

Aam Aadmi Party candidate from Kharar Anmol Gagan Mann organized an impressive

road show from Kharar today. With a large convoy of vehicles, he started the road show from his office in Kharar and went everywhere in the constituency. The road show was

well received by his supporters. Flowers were also showered on them in many places. His supporters say the people are showing great enthusiasm for the Aam Aadmi Party.



Mehla Congress last meeting at Naya Shahar bdala favour of Vijay Kumar Sharma Tinku candidate Halka Kharar.

MGN Public School Kapurthala organises blessing ceremony

KAPURTHALA (PAWAN KALIA): A Farewell Ceremony was organised for the students of Class XII under the virtuosso guidance of Principal Mrs Rashmi Sharma. Class XI students bid adieu to their seniors. The ceremony began with ardaas followed by presentation of a bouquet to the Principal. The students of Class XI performed cultural activities. Games



were also organised in which Class XII students participated enthusiastically. The main attraction of the day was the Modelling Competition for Class XII students. Amanjot Singh and Manya Wadhwa were selected Mr. and Miss M.G.N. Devarshi Pandey and Hiya Sahni were chosen as Mr. and Miss Talented. Samir Sharma was selected as Mr. Personality and Palak Preet Kaur was chosen as Miss Elegant.

Gurmat Samagam on 20th at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Preet Nagar

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Sarbat Khalsa Religious Organization Pathankot is conducting Gurmat Samagam at Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Preet Nagar, Pathankot on Sunday, February 20 at 8 am. Bhai Sartaj Singh of Hoshiarpur, a famous narrator and preacher of the Panth, will explain the ongoing Bani while Bhai Bikram 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, Surjit Singh, Bakshish Singh, Charan Singh, Didar Singh, Joginder Singh. They appealed to the sangat to reach the function on time. At the end of the ceremony, the Guru's langar will be used incessantly.



Representatives of Pensioners Welfare Association and Unemployed Youth Association meet Kulwant Singh



SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, FEB 18

A meeting was held between the office bearers and members of Pensioners Welfare Association Punjab and Unemployed Youth Association. Afterwards a high level delegation led by Baldev Singh Dhillon - Vice President Pensioners Welfare Association met Kulwant Singh, AAP Candidate Mohali.

It may be mentioned here that in the meeting of the association, the pensioners demanded that Punjab government should ensure release of installment of pensioners' D.A. s on time of Central Government's D.A.

The issues related to raising the age limit of unemployed youth and filling up the vacancies in various departments of Punjab government without any delay to save the unemployed youth from going astray from Punjab were discussed.

AAP candidate Mohali Kulwant Singh assured the representatives of the association to meet their demands on priority the moment AAP government is formed. The people are being misled with all sorts of promises and greeds, but he will take up the matter with the government in all seriousness and in the public interest said Kulwant Singh.

Planned attempt by gangsters to kill Mohali based Immigration consultant, travel agent foiled by district Police SAS Nagar

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, FEB 18

On 15 February, a major attempt of targeted killing was averted due to the high alert in view of the ongoing State Assembly elections in Punjab with the arrest of two persons namely Sunil Kumar R/o village Kala Tibba, and Kiran Singh r/o village Hasanpur, Tehsil Kharar.

Both Sunil Kumar and Kiran Singh had come armed to Mohali and were waiting for their intended target when they were rounded up by the SAS Nagar Police. Three 9mm pistols along with 21 live ammunition were recovered from their possession. A splendor motor cycle with fake registration number has also been recovered. Preliminary investigation of the two arrested accused has revealed that they were working on the directions of Gurjant Singh @ Janta, a gangster based in Australia, who was friends of now deceased gangster Jaspreet Singh @ Jassi. Notorious gangster Jaipal Bullar and Jaspreet Singh @ Jassi were killed in retaliatory firing by West Bengal police in May 2021 in Kolkata. Investigations so far has revealed that Sunil Kumar is an associate of Canada based notorious gangster Arshdeep Singh Datta who has previously been nominated as an accused in cases of extortions and murders including that of Manohar Lal Arora resident of Bhagta Bhai ke, district Bathinda on 20th November, 2020. Kiran Kumar is a close associate of Gurjant Singh. Page 2 of 2 Gurjant Singh intended to eliminate the Mohali based Immigrant consultant/ travel agent on account of previous enmity. He coordinated with Arshdeep Datta for providing a shooter namely Sunil Kumar to this end. A case FIR No. 41 dated 15.02.22 u/s 392, 382, 384, 473, 120 B IPC and 25 Arms Act has been registered at PS City Kharar, against the 6 persons namely:- Arshdeep Singh Datta, Gurjant Singh @ Janta, Kiran Singh r/o Mohali, Sunil Kumar r/o Kala Tibba, Fazilka v. Gemsdeep Singh @ Jimmy Chatha r/o Sirsa, Haryana vi. Randhir Dheera r/o Jhanderi, Mohali. Gemsdeep Singh @ Jimmy Chatha resident of Sirsa, Haryana who is close associate of Arshdeep Singh Datta, is learnt to have provided logistics to the arrested duo at the behest of Arshdeep.

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri's launch of international flights prove to be Oxygen for Mohali Industries: Mohali industrialist

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, FEB 18

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri's launch of international flights including to North America and Europe is welcomed by Mohali industrialists. Mohali, candidate Sanjeev Vashisht had urged Union Minister to start international flights from Mohali Airport for the expansion of industries in Mohali. Union Minister Puri accepted his proposal and assured to start it on priority basis after coming in power after elections.

Reacting to this initiative, Mohali businessman Vivek Kapoor thanked Sanjeev Vashisht, for his efforts for starting the first flight to Dubai. After a long wait, He is the one to raise the need of the international flights to US and Europe. According to him it will prove like oxygen for Mohali's industries. Another renowned Mohali



industrialist RS Chibber said that it will prove boon for the industries to do business in USA, Canada, Europe etc. It can be a benefit the old industries and can also pave the way for new ones. BS Anand, a prominent Mohali industrialist stressed that International flights will open the corridor for new industries in Mohali.

Mohali, candidate of BJP said that Sanjeev Vashisht Mohali Airport is nearest to the residents of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. Large numbers of kins of res-



idents of these states, especially Punjab and Haryana are residing live in different countries so it is going to benefit the common man as they can meet their loved ones easily.

Anil Kumar Gupta elected as president, Ruchika M. Khanna General secretary of The Tribune Employees Union

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

The biennial elections of The Tribune Employees Union were held here today and members of The Tribune Employees Union unanimously elected 12 office-bearers and 25 members of the Executive Committee of the Union for the next two year term (2022-2024). Anil Kumar Gupta was elected as president of the union for the fifth consecutive term and Ms Ruchika M. Khanna was elected general secretary for the second con-



secutive term. Karam Vir was elected Senior Vice President and Rajesh Malik and Dr Joginder Singh were elected as Vice Presidents of the union. The other office-bearers elected today were Sushil Kumar Tiwari as Secretary, Sandeep Sharma

as Office Secretary, Ramesh Chand Sharma and Pritam Singh as Joint Secretaries, Rajesh Kumar Sharma, Lovepreet Singh as Propaganda/Organising Secretaries and Ajay Kumar as Finance Secretary. Vijay Mohan, Rohit Awasthi, Mr

Amar S. Walia, Sunil Kumar, Arvind Saini, Vipin Joshi, Hardeep Guru, Pawan S. Bartwal, Ms Sonia Sharma, Dharminder, Naveen Kr. Sharma, Vinod Kumar Gupta, Kalyan S. Bhainsora, Dapinder Singh, Umesh Rajpal, Lalit Kumar, Ram Kishan Bhatia, Raj Kumar Sharma, Sukhwinder Singh Mann, Raju, Gopal Chand, Surjit Singh, Shivalik Verma, Ranbahadur Tiwari, Somvir were elected Executive Members of the Union. Ajay Kumar Verma and Lovkesh Kumar were Assistant Returning Officers.

KONE India's National CSR project reaches Heritage City of India

CS JOLLY
CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

KONE Elevator India, a fully owned subsidiary of KONE Corporation, as part of its Green Dream Project to sensitize the general public on key environmental issues, today inaugurated the latest wall paintings with special visual montages created in Chandigarh. In collaboration with the Green Dream Foundation, KONE Elevators India initiated the Green Dream Project last year for the betterment of the community



through measures that will bring in sustainable development across India. The ongoing project uplifts otherwise neglected walls, delivers a powerful message in a very effective manner, and offers good job opportunities for talented artists from different parts of the country. The latest

areas to get the sparkling facelift are the Manimajra underpass and ISBT Sector 17-22 subway, spanning 14000 sq feet. The walls were inaugurated today by Amit Gosain, Managing Director, KONE Elevators India, Smt. Sarbjit Kaur, Mayor, Chandigarh, Anindita Mitra etc.

Dalveer Singh Goldy acknowledging love of the people during road show

VIKAS VERMA
DHURI, FEB 18

Congress candidate Dalveer Singh Goldy Khangura staged a road show on par with AAP candidate. The road show which started from village Ladda this morning reached village Balia, Kumbharwal, Bhokhdiwal, Mulawal of block Sherpur through Kahla, Kilahikma. Congress candidate Dalveer Singh Goldy said that how could an outsider candidate Bhagwant Mann, who could not reach out to the voters while contesting the elections.

Career counselling session
organized for class X
students at Innocent Hearts



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: A career counselling session for class X was organized at Innocent Hearts under the 'Disha-Ek Initiative' run by the Bowry Memorial Educational and Medical Trust, in which the children showed their interest. In this counselling session, Dr. DheeraJBanati and Prof. Rahul Jain made the students aware of the four streams (medical, non-medical, commerce, humanities) and skill courses. Prof. Rahul Jain (Deputy Director Schools and Colleges) guided the students about apt streams required for their career building in their choicest profession. He said that the students should choose the relevant stream with great gravity and focus without any pressure. Dr. DheeraJBanati (Deputy Director Expansion, Affiliation, Planning, Implementation, CSR) enlightened the students about Vocational Skills courses. He gave information about career planning to the students through the Six Steps, using the acronym 'SPRINT'. He asked the students to bring forward their passion so that they can get more chances of getting success. He gave information about the Skill India Movement ascertained in the New Education Policy. He encouraged the students to choose such fields as per their aptitude, and their goals, which will help in their career-building.

HMV to celebrate
National Science
Week from Feb 22-28

JALANDHAR: Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (Celebrating 75th year of Indian Independence), Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya is celebrating the glorious week called Vigyan Servatra Puiyate National Science Week from 22-28 February, 2022 in association with office of PSA (Principal Scientific Advisor), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and Vigyan Prasara. HMV is organizing this week with the support of Punjab State Council for Science & Technology (PSCST). HMV is identified as one of the 75 locations all over India for celebrating this week. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Mrs. Ajay Sareen told that this 7 day Science Festival is going to be a Gala Event. On 22nd February, during inaugural session, Dr. Garima Gupta, Deptt. of Biotechnology, Govt. of India and Dr. Neelima Jerath, Director General, Puspaha Gurjal Science City will be the Chief Guest. DEO Dr Harinder Pal and Deputy DEO Mr. Rajiv Joshi will be the Guest of Honour. There will be a lot more attractions for the students like Poster Exhibition depicting history of Indian Scientists and Milestones so far achieved in Science & Technology, Book Fair, Film Show on Science & Technology, Exhibit of Innovation Gallery, etc. The students will undergo experiential Sensations of Chemistry, Wonders of Physics, Beauty of Botany, Biodiversity, Handshake with Bioinformatics & Hans on Training in Innovation Hub. There will be science literature fest, special program for physically challenged & small kids too. There will be various competitions for school & college students like Poster Competition, Scientific Rangoli, Fancy Dress Competition, Poetry Competition, Story writing Competition, Power Point Competition & Idea Pitching.

Little daughters also
asked people to vote
for their father



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU: Today the election campaign ended on the last day of election campaign. The same video was put on social media by Congress party's Jandiala constituency MLA Sukhwinder Singh Danny. In which sweet and sweet voice by his little daughters Myra Singh and Raisa Singh made people vote for their father. appealed. The emotional voice of the girls shook everyone.

Police equipped to deal with every
situation in elections: SSP Patil Ketan

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, FEB 18

Vidhan Sabha elections are scheduled to take place on 20 February and prior arrangements regarding the same have already been accomplished. Talking about police department's preparation for the polling, Dr. Patil Ketan Baliram, IPS, SSP Ludhiana (Rural) intimated that following the instructions issued by the Hon'ble Election Commission for smooth conduct free and fair Assembly Elections 2022, District Ludhiana (Rural) has been allotted 20 companies of Central Armed Police Force. "District Ludhiana (Rural) has 355 polling locations in Legislative Assemblies Constituency Dakha-68, Raikot-69, Jagraon-70, and 06 polling locations of Constituency Gill-66 falls in this district, total of 361 locations," he said. Patil further



mentioned that the district has 286 ordinary and 75 critical locations. A total no. of 1727 police personnel has been deployed for polling duties at these polling locations. "There are 53 patrolling parties and 153 police personnel have been deployed to cover the entire area" he added. "Total 17 Nakabandi points have been set up in the adjoining districts of Ludhiana (Rural) to control the influx of suspected/bad elements where 204 personnel have been deployed," he informed. Similarly, in the district 152 employees in 44 parties of F.S.T., S.S.T. and VST have been deployed to prevent cash, drugs, and liquor etc. which are uses to seduce the voters by any candidate. In case of any problem related to law and order duty in the district, 19 QRTs have been deployed to control the situation immediately. Apart from this, employees have also been deployed on reserve duty and other additional duties.

SACHIN MOUDGILL
LUDHIANA, FEB 18

BJP candidate from constituency Central, Gurdev Sharma Debi, riding in an open jeep on the last day of election campaign, took out a roadshow with a convoy of hundreds of motorcycles and displayed power and stunned the opponents. The road show started from the main election office of Debi from constituency Central, and circumambulating many areas including Shivaji Nagar, Baba Than Singh Chowk, Division No-3, Gaushala Road, Ghati Valmiki Chowk, New Madhopuri. The road show was completed at Jodhewal



Chowk. In the middle of the road, the local people welcomed by showering flowers on the road show and assured the BJP leadership of

their higher studies in Ukraine. "My daughter Anjali has gone to Ukraine in December, 2020 to pursue her MBBS. Circumstances over there are not good currently. We are fearful because our children are living there. I request the government of India to bring back all the children studying there back to India safely," said Singh. Tensions over Ukraine have increased in recent months as Russia and NATO are accusing each other of amassing troops on the Russian-Ukrainian border. The United States and Ukraine accuse Russia of preparing to invade. Meanwhile, Moscow denies the claims and maintains that it has no intention of attacking any country. The conflict in Donbas between Ukraine's government and the breakaway Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics has been going on since 2014. The Minsk Agreements, designed to find a political resolution to the conflict, were negotiated by the leaders of France, Germany, Russia, and Ukraine -- the Normandy group -- in February 2015.

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Ukraine-Russia tension worries
Indian, Ukrainian families

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Amid the ongoing Ukrainian crisis, Indians living in Ukraine and their families residing in India have not been left untouched by the stress and fear that such a global political situation brings to all. On one hand, there are Ukrainians, residing in India, who are fearful of going back to their home nation because of ongoing tensions between Ukraine and Russia and on the other hand, are children pursuing their academic courses in Ukraine but are away from their loved ones during this hour of apprehension and distress. Their families urge the Government of India to ensure that their children are brought back safely to them.

Allona Singh, a Ukrainian woman, married to a doctor residing in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad in 2007, is having apprehensions about sending her father, who has been residing with the family in UP since July 2021, back to his home country. Her family's homeplace is just an hour and a half away from



Kharkiv, Ukraine.

"My brother lives there, some relatives and friends too. My father had come with me in July last year. My father wants to go back because he misses his son and the way of living there. Here, the weather, food etc has changed. My father says he wants to go but circumstances are scary over there. Things are okay at my home place though," said Allona to ANI. Allona says that she does not follow news about the current situation in Ukraine and is regularly in touch with her

relatives and brothers who are doing fine there. She says if Russia attacks Ukraine, it will disrupt businesses heavily and cause a lot of losses. "A lot of factories have been shut down," added Allona. On the other hand in Amroha, another family is anxious about the well-being of their daughter who is currently pursuing her MBBS in Ukraine.

Satendra Singh, her father, made a request to the Government of India to ensure safe return to the country of all the children currently pursuing

SR Kaler's road show gathers
immense support in constituency

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, FEB 18

On the last day of election campaign, SAD-BSP Jagraon candidate SR Kaler conducted a road show with workers of both SAD and BSP. The road show got immense support from the locals as well as the party workers. The supporters of Kaler gathered in a huge number at Sidhwan Bet road and marched towards the city with flags of both the parties and also raised slogans in praise of SAD and BSP. The enthusiasm of the workers of both parties was high as they made sure that the last day of campaigning ends up being memorable. The road show led by Kaler marched through various areas of the city and appealed people to vote for them. At various spots in the city, the admirers of Kaler showered flowers on him, gifted siropas and assured their support to him. SAD district president Gurcharan Singh Grewal expressed satisfaction on success of the road show and said that the immense shout out from Jagraon has ensured Kaler's victory. Former chairman Kamaljeet Singh Mallah stated that the road show has been memorable and claimed that SAD-BSP shall form government in Punjab. In his



address, candidate SR Kaler expressed his gratitude on support shown by the people of constituency and looked satisfied by the response given to rally. He asserted that SAD is the only party concerned about betterment of Punjab and people shall never accept Delhi's Kejriwal because he merely claims to be well wisher of Punjab but the reality is different. Kaler added that the support shown by people to SAD-BSP assures victory of party and just the formal announcement is awaited. At this occasion, Deedar Singh Malak, Sumit Shastri, Satish Kumar Pappu, Amarjeet Malwa, Maninderpal Singh Bali, Varinderpal Singh Pali, Darshan Gill, Inderjeet Lamba, Shiv Raj Singh and a huge number of SAD and BSP workers were present.

Akal Takht Jathedar accorded
warm welcome in Pakistan

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, FEB 18

Giani Harpreet Singh, Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, reached Pakistan today via Attari-Wagah border to attend event to mark the 100th century of Nankana Sahib massacre. On his arrival in Pakistan, the Sikh leaders of Pakistan greeted the Jathedar with shouts of joy. At the Wagah border, Pakistani Sikh leaders profusely garlanded the Jathedar with flowers.

On the occasion, Bishan Singh, a senior leader of Pakistani Sikhs, said that Nankana Sahib massacre was one such event in Sikh history which changed the course of history.



The tyrant Mahant Narain Das burned alive the Sikhs who demanded reforms in the Gurdwara system. Many Sikhs were set on fire on the spot and burnt alive so much so that even the innocent child Darbara Singh had to face the brutality of Narainu Mahant. He said that last year, we were supposed to

mark the 100th century of this event but the situation became such that no traveller could come from India. He said that now at the conclusion of the century celebrations the Jathedar of the Akal Takht has come specially to attend the event. On this occasion Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh said that Saka Nankana Sahib gave a new direction to our nation. He said that this incident showed that Sikhs never tolerate desecration of their shrines.

Amir Singh, President Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, Bishan Singh, Former President, Satwant Singh, Member, Dr. Meempal Singh and Dharam Singh were present on the occasion.

General Samaj Manch Punjab declare to
support all NDA candidates

ASHOK KAURA

PHAGWARA: General Samaj Manch Punjab have declared to support all NDA candidates in assembly elections on February 20. This was decided in a state-level meeting held at Phagwara today. Fateh Singh presided over the meeting. GSM General Secretary Girish Sharma while giving details told media here this evening that PM Narinder Modi has honored the sentiments of the farmers by withdrawing the three farmers laws. The meeting described the PLC-BJP and SAD (Dhindsa) as symbol of communal harmony. The meeting also condemned the derogatory remarks of CM Channi against Migratory Citizens.

Pb is not safe in hands
of AAP: CM Channi



JASPOONAM KOHLI
DINANAGAR, FEB 18

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi held an election rally in favor of Congress candidate Minister Aruna Chaudhary at the Electricity Ghar Ground in Dinanagar and appealed to the people to make Congress candidate Aruna Chaudhary victorious. While addressing the rally, CM Channi said that minister Aruna Chaudhary should be made the winner with a big lead, whatever the demand of the people of Dinanagar area, it will be fulfilled. Taking a jibe at Akali Dal and Aam Aadmi Party, he said that the leaders of these parties are misleading the people by making false promises. Speaking about AAP, he said that the Chief Minister of Delhi has not got any development work done in Delhi, whereas he is talking

about getting development work done in Punjab. He said that even though the CM face of Aam Aadmi Party has been given to Bhagwant Mann. But to run Punjab, the remote control will be in the hands of Kejriwal sitting in Delhi. He said that Punjab would not be safe in the hands of Aam Aadmi Party. That's why people should not fall in their trap. Speaking against the Akali Dal, he said that Punjab was looted fiercely by Sukhbir Singh Badal for ten years. During the Akali Dal government, very condemnable incidents happened and intoxication remained at its peak. But when the Congress government came to power in the state, along with drugs, corruption and hooliganism were curbed. He said that during his 111-day tenure, people's electricity bill dues were waived off, water arrears were waived off, water bills were reduced.

Various election monitoring
teams on high alert: DEO

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 18

Controls on FST, SST, VST, VVT, Excise Teams, MCMC, Accounting Teams for Monitoring Election Expenditure and Monitoring of Election Expenditure Criteria under Standard Operating Procedure before Voting given Assembly Elections on 20th February. The room has been strengthened, which has increased vigilance. FSTs are equipped with a public address system. These teams are constantly visiting sensitive places and buildings. The VSTs are constantly monitoring the activities of the candidates so that no activity incites hatred in the name of caste, community, and religion. Disclosing this here today District Election Officer Mr.



Kumar Saurabh Raj said that cash and liquor checks have also been intensified by the Flying Squads and Static Surveillance Teams. Apart from this various teams are continuously checking the roads at various places including roads connecting the district with other districts. Vehicles used by candidates are also being closely monitored. He said that webcasting of polling stations has been ensured. He said that a total of 60 micro-observers have been

20 companies of security forces
deployed: District Police Chief

District Police Chief Alka Meena said that 16 companies of paramilitary forces and 4 companies of State Armed Police Nagaland have been deployed in the district to ensure smooth conduct of elections in the district. In addition, Barnala police personnel are committed to maintaining

law and order. He said that 43 polling stations in three assembly constituencies have been declared sensitive. The District Police Chief said that any election-related complaint/information related to the police should be contacted on 01679-231683, 01679-231684, 01679-231685.

deployed for sensitive polling stations and 48 micro-observers would be deployed at the time. Disclosing this here today the District Electoral Officer said that all the necessary facilities have been provided at all the 558 polling stations in the district and no inconvenience would be

caused to any voter. The District Electoral Officer said that any election-related complaint can be lodged on the complaint cell number 01679-244364 of the district administration which is open 24 hours a day. He said that all the voters in the district should go ahead and cast their votes to ensure 100% turnout.

Any violation of Model Code of Conduct
would be dealt strictly: DEO and SSP

PAWAN KALIA
KAPURTHALA, FEB 18

Deputy Commissioner cum District Election Officer kapurthala Mrs Deepti Uppal and SSP Mr Dyama Harish Om Parkash today warned that any violation of Model Code of Conduct in district kapurthala would be dealt strictly. They said that there will be a complete ban on campaigning from 6 pm today (February 18, 2022) and violation by anyone would attract strict action. However, DEO clarified that there is no ban on door to door campaigning in the district. They also said that barring the residents of that particular assembly constituency, there is a complete ban on presence of outsiders in any constituency of the district and before 6 pm today, all persons should go back to their respective assembly constituencies. DEO said that complete checking of all hotels/ lodges/ guest houses/



marriage palaces/restaurants etc would be carried out jointly by police, returning officers and flying squads to ensure no outsiders are staying there. It may also be mentioned here that has already declared dry day in district from 6pm on February 18 to February 20, 2022 till conclusion of the voting. SSP also said that all booths would be under vigil with web casting which would be connected with centralized control room at DAC. He also said that 46 quick response teams have been constituted to tackle any situation.

Gurdev Debi gets huge response during roadshow

EDITORIAL

The other half

For two years, Shiva Uparkar, a young man belonging to the category of other backward classes in a run-down Nagpur locality, has been trying his hands at different jobs to make a decent living. He put up a stall selling onions, potatoes, vegetables and fruits. He planned to start a paan kiosk; even tried for a 10-to-5 job at a local factory. Nothing worked to his satisfaction. He had been a school-van driver for over a decade, steadily building a small business. He would ferry students from their home to the schools and later in the day, to their tuition classes. Then, Covid-19 happened. Schools went online. Shiva lost his nascent business.

A year back, his creditor, a small finance bank, went to his home and seized his four stranded school-vans. It was a public embarrassment. Until March 2020, he had been diligently paying off the EMIs on every single vehicle he bought on loan. The pandemic showered water on the future of his enterprise, which employed three of his friends as drivers. Shiva looked to consolidate the trust he enjoyed with students' parents.

Today, he has no heart to borrow money and restart his business as policy uncertainties prevail on his mind and he is unsure if schools will run off-line again. He is shaken by a loss of confidence. Shiva is not exactly depressed. But he is not joyous either. He is part of the bottom half of what can now be termed languishing masses. Languishing not in the sense of the word, but as a mental state prevailing among a vast majority of the masses.

Stuck in limbo

The American sociologist and psychologist, Corey Keyes, floated this concept to explain the state of being that falls between depression and positive feelings, a socio-economic phenomenon that goes on to metamorphose into a psychological abyss in society. It is a socio-economic continuum that sucks people into an utter sense of despondency that is not yet leading to clinical depression. But if unaddressed could lead to mental health crisis.

The opposite of that mental state is flourishing, a sense of positivity that alters one's productivity, creativity and the way one thinks and conducts oneself. So much so that languishing or flourishing actually becomes coterminous with low or high productivity, prevailing pessimism or optimism.

The top 10 per cent that controls nearly 73 per cent of our wealth and whose incomes are multiplying manifold every year in India, have never felt so good. They represent that flourishing country that has never had such a party in the preceding 100 years.

Cast your precious vote judiciously as it can make or mar the country

ADVOCATE RAHUL KASHYAP

We all know that India became independent 75 years ago. If we had understood our freedom in a right way, then our nation would not merely be categorised as a developing country, but a developed country. Why did we need this freedom? Everyone would say that we wanted freedom from the British Empire who were making us their slaves. Absolutely right, this was the purpose of freeing India so that we can freely develop our country on our own foundation. 15 August 1947 is called Independence Day only because on that day we got the freedom to be Independent. But what happened later? Now after 75 years we have started having trouble with that freedom. Everyone says that we have no problem at all. If that is the case then why does every young person of India wants to settle abroad? The percentage of Indians who live outside in other nations is 6.43. Have you ever wondered why our young generation is so impressed by the foreign culture? Every Indian who has a family member abroad takes great pride in telling this to others. It is worth thinking and worrying about why we have started liking the culture of the foreigners. It is alright to like others abroad, but we also need to be aware of our great culture and society. No country is good or bad, but the citizens of any country make that country good or bad. A country is identified by its citizens.

Then why do we Indians think that now we have nothing to do in India, we have to go abroad, why because we do not want to improve ourselves. Until we improve ourselves, we cannot improve the country. Everyone thinks and knows that it is very important to improve the working capacity of the Indian states. In order to do that we need to make reforms. Yes, we all want a change in the circumstances, but then how will this change take place? We know that there is an election in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, we talk about changing the government, but somehow government change us. We do not know this, some people know the aspects to change the government, the rest of us are clueless. We only know how to criticise the political parties and its leaders. Criticism is good, but for what reason should we criticise, and what is our own responsibility, we also need to think about it. The word

democracy is a very effective word and we all know that the government is made by the people and called democratic government, but we have made the word democracy so simple that every political party is using it to propagate their false promises and to criticise the other parties. Here I am not going to discuss which party is good or bad, but I just want to say that we have to see how much we are responsible in casting our votes and forming the government. According to the Constitution, Indian citizens have the right to vote, but have we ever thought about how we have to use this right? Everyone will say voting is a right. We have to use this right and it is done only by casting the vote. But while casting the vote, we have to think only for a minute that we will be responsible for whatever government will be formed. Has anyone ever thought why a curtain is put around the voting machine or why is that machine covered from all sides by curtain? Everyone will say that the curtain is put on that no one can see as while casting her vote.

But we have to take advantage of the candidate only by putting this veil, we should co-operate with any party from outside, have social or personal relationship with any candidate, criticise any candidate or political party, but while voting it is necessary to think that it is only my right to form the government and I have to choose the right government with my own understanding. This is the time to take advantage of the veil. We do not have to gain benefit by selecting any moral or corrupt person for our sake, but before going behind this curtain, have you ever thought about how are leaders by our citizen's vote? Election is very common process of one time that a poor person's vote is bought by giving money, flour, or liquor. This malpractice is done by all political parties, there is no doubt that people do not refuse to take this stuff. Take all these things, whether it is floor, money, cheque or liquor, but vote for the right person. You could take the goods, but give your valuable vote to them at the time of casting vote. Only you and your God knows whom you are voting for. Then why don't we ask our conscience while casting our vote who is right or who is wrong? Which government it more work, which candidate has a clean image or who can serve the country in a good way? If you have faith in the policy is or

promises of any party or leader elect them. Many times it happens that we do not like the party, but like the candidates standing in the name of that party very much or do not like that candidate, but like the party very much. You just have to see what that leader can help on behalf of himself or the party for your surface. Or what has been his party's past record? Before making any decision, don't think about who gave you how much 10 or 15 days before casting the vote, but think about what it has done for you in the last five years. If any party or candidate wants first chance, you should see what his party did for people? Or even he too cheated in the name of false promises for votes. We always have to remember one thing while casting our vote that we have to select the government for the good of ourselves and the people and to make the country prosperous and not the candidates who are contesting elections in the name of any political party. The government is formed to make them rich. Have you ever noticed that every political leader becomes 100 times richer within five years of winning an election? We have never seen any MLA/MP getting poorer. Have we heard an MLA/MP donating his salary for the service of the public? After winning the elections, these people use donations which come for the good of people for fulfilling the needs of their family.

They remember the development and needs of the people only for a month before the elections. Ever wondered why? This is because we have chosen these false people without thinking. We have selected them only on the basis of our 10 days of enjoyment. So that they can enjoy it for the next five years. One thing has to be remembered that the biggest power is with the people, we have it, if we know which leader we have to give this vote to and why, then we will be responsible for formation of government. We must think which government is needed according to today's circumstances? We have to select such a government. That is why all people should unite and form a democratic government to structure a good society. This time a government of the people will have to be formed which would work in order to fulfil the needs of people. We have to come forward this time and vote. We have to form the government of the people. When people join

politics, they say that they would serve the public. It is not written anywhere in any scripture, religious book that public service can be done only by coming into politics or by becoming an MLA/MP/Councillor. Service is understanding the humanity of any person without any selfish motive. But where it is written that this service should be done only after coming into politics and spending government money? Before we vote, we must consider whether any political leader or any party has served the public by spending personal money? It is a custom to click a photo while donating or doing some good work to show it to others as a proof of social service. It is not even mentioned in Indian Constitution that the public service can be done only with government money. It is lucid that by joining the politics, these people only want to serve themselves or their relatives. The biggest example of service was witnessed in the pandemic time. Have any of the political leader talked about serving people during lock down? How much service they did at that time and how they serve the public? Perhaps you remember that some political leaders had given you ration after checking your Aadhaar card. It is clear that by serving or giving ration to those who are not residents of Punjab state, they committed a sin because this service was done only to buy votes. Service can be done only selflessly, and not by sitting on a political post or that service can be done only with the government money.

These political leaders or their family members who are campaigning door to door seek votes, did they interact with people in the last five years? They are coming to you over and over just to fulfil their selfishness and their own treasury. Like the manifesto of the government or political party, there should be a manifesto of our people. Before going to vote or while casting, the following things must be kept in mind-1. Character of the political leader. 2. Evidence of loyalty of political leader. 3. Has he given you atta, dal, or money only to meet the needs of 10 to 20 days? 4. Are the leaders campaigning door to door just to get photographed? 5. Will you listen to your needs/problems by doing door to door campaigns for the next five years also? Voting is an excuse this time, but now we have to form a government that works for the People..

Jai Bharat ! Jai Hind !

Literature & Health

Majority of postmenopausal women experience female pattern hair loss

Both men and women tend to lose their hair as they age. But women also have the added risk associated with a decline in oestrogen levels during the menopause transition. A new study has identified the prevalence of female pattern hair loss (FPHL), hair characteristics, and associated factors in healthy postmenopausal women.

The results of the study were published in the article titled, 'Prevalence of female pattern hair loss in postmenopausal women: a cross-sectional study' in 'Menopause', the journal of The North American Menopause Society (NAMS).

Female pattern hair loss is the most common hair loss disorder in women. It is characterized by gradual thinning at the part line, followed by increasing diffuse hair loss radiating from the top of the head. Female pattern hair loss can develop any time between the teenage years and the postmenopause period. However, it is believed that the loss of oestrogen during the menopause transition may play a role in accelerating FPHL because oestrogen receptors are present in hair



follicles. Menopause-related hormone changes have been shown to influence scalp hair, reduce hair diameter, and limit hair growth. Hair loss can have a significant effect on a woman's self-esteem and overall quality of life because it affects her appearance and confidence. Because women spend, on average, one-third of their lives postmenopause, research into causes and treatments of hair loss is critical. In a new cross-sectional study involving 178 women seen at a menopause clinic, researchers aimed to evaluate the prevalence of FPHL in healthy postmenopausal women and investigate postmenopausal hair characteristics as well as the factors associated with FPHL.

China changing tune as birth rate drops to record low

China's birth rate has dropped to a record low, with experts questioning Beijing's "one-child" policy, enforced with an iron hand, which is being blamed for the population conundrum visible in a rapidly ageing population and a shrinking workforce.

China's working-age population is fast declining. The number of people too old to work, comparatively, is rising. This will severely impact the country's ability to care for its elderly population.

Furthermore, this could all lead to labour shortages, hampered economic growth, and reduced tax revenue, and could even deepen China's economic growth concerns, reported Inside Over, a news portal. "For the Chinese history, 2021 will go down as the year when China last saw population growth in a long time," said Wang Feng, a sociology professor at the University of California. Now the Chinese



government is leaving no stone unturned to encourage more births and its tune has completely changed. Now it is offering common incentives, including cash handouts, and real estate subsidies, but many Chinese women are not convinced to take long maternity leaves from their workplaces.

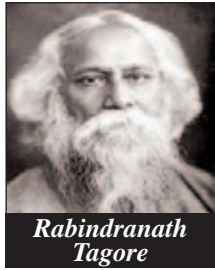
They say this will make their candidature for work in companies weak as establishments may not want to give their employees so many leaves. In 2021, 267 million people were aged 60 and above in China as compared to 264 million in 2020. On the

other hand, as per some demographers, the working-age population might fall to half by 2050. Zhiwei Zhang, the chief economist at Pinpoint Asset management, said, "The demographic challenge is well known but the speed of population ageing is clearly faster than expected. This suggests China's total population may have reached its peak in 2021. It also indicates China's potential growth is likely slowing faster than expected." China implemented the "one-child policy" from 1980 to 2015 harshly with a view to limit population growth.

POEMS

Roaming Cloud

I am like a remnant of a cloud of autumn uselessly roaming in the sky, O my sun ever-glorious! Thy touch has not yet melted my vapor, making me one with thy light, and thus I count months and years separated from thee. If this be thy wish and if this be thy play, then take this fleeting emptiness of mine, paint it with colors, gild it with gold, float it on the wanton wind and spread it in varied wonders.



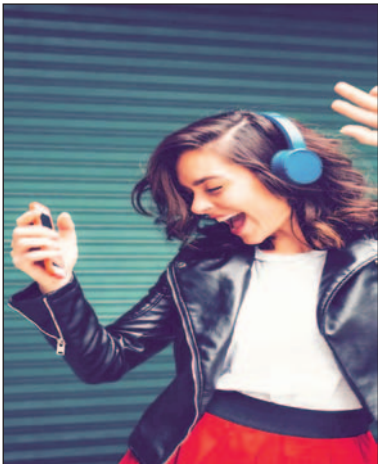
Rabindranath Tagore

Music therapy improves pain coping ability for patients with sickle cell disease

Sickle cell anemia is an inherited red blood cell disorder, in which there aren't enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout your body. A new study from University Hospitals (UH) Connor Whole Health found that patients with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) who participated in music therapy learned new self-management skills and improved their ability to cope with pain.

The findings from this study were recently published in the 'Journal of Pain Research'.

SCD is an inherited disorder that affects red blood cells. In someone who has SCD, red blood cells become hard, sticky and C-shaped. When they travel through small blood vessels,



they get stuck and clog the blood flow. Many patients with SCD face serious health challenges including anemia, stroke, organ damage, and severe episodes of pain. Patients may have trouble managing daily life which can lead to depression. "It feels like someone's constantly stabbing you, but you're not dying. You're just being stabbed over and over for a week or more," said Tasha Taylor, 40, of Cleveland, a patient with SCD. SCD affects approximately 100,000 Americans and occurs in about one of every 365 Black or African-American births according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But according to sickle-cell-disease.org, "it is really important to recognize sickle cell disease is not

just a disease of Black people. Latinos have the second most common incidence in the U.S. Importantly, sickle cell disease is present globally. The country with the third-highest prevalence in the world is India."

Over the past 10 years, UH Connor Whole Health (UH Connor) has provided thousands of music therapy sessions, both individualized and group, to hundreds of adults with SCD. UH Connor manages the largest health system-based music therapy program in the U.S. Board-certified music therapists collaborate with providers across the system to help patients and their families manage the physical and emotional toll of an illness or hospitalization. Additionally, UH Connor pro-

vides a diverse offering of whole health services, including acupuncture, chiropractic, and integrative medicine consults, that are centred on the patient's entire well-being. The goal of these services is to equip patients with the ability to take charge of their physical, mental, and spiritual health to live full and meaningful lives.

"Our most widely used integrative approach has been the use of music therapy to assist with pain management, quality of life, and the transition from pediatric to adult care for individuals with sickle cell disease," said Samuel Rodgers-Melnick, a music therapist and integrative health research and data specialist with UH Connor.

In "Effects of Music Therapy on Quality of Life in Adults with Sickle Cell Disease (MUSIQOLS): A Mixed Methods Feasibility Study" researchers examined whether a 6-part music therapy intervention was feasible, acceptable, and beneficial among adults with SCD experiencing chronic pain. Some patients participated in in-person music therapy sessions, with exercises like music-based breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, imagery, and active music-making. Other patients in the waitlist control group did not receive these therapies. All participants completed daily electronic pain diaries as well as the quality of life measures prior to and following the intervention period.

India Data Portal releases Nightlight Data Report on key growth indicators in Punjab

MOHALA: India Data Portal (IDP), from the Bharti Institute of Public Policy (BIPP) at the Indian School of Business (ISB) today released the 'Nightlights' data for Punjab, from 2015-2020 available at Assembly Constituency level. With Punjab assembly elections to be held soon the report gives a year-by-year comparison of the change in luminosity that demonstrates how economic activities have expanded to newer areas, whether areas have transformed from no light to light and light to more light regions. Speaking on the data release, Prof. Ashwini Chhatre | Executive Director – BIPP, Indian School of Business, said, "Night-time radiance and lit pixel as captured by satellites measure the change in economic activity. It is a reasonable indicator for GDP at the national and sub-national levels. It also helps to understand the impact of COVID-19 on economic activity. The data allows the discussion to focus on questions around patterns of economic growth and quality of governance.

Microsoft India announces winners for the second season of Cloud Champions 11 program

CHANDIGARH: Microsoft India today announced the winners of the second edition of Cloud Champions 11, a unique engagement program that strengthens Microsoft's commitment to partners in India. In its second year, Microsoft recognized 11 Cloud Solution Providers (CSPs) for accelerating cloud growth for SMB customers between September and December 2021. The program also recognized two Indirect Providers who have a direct relationship with Microsoft to provide customer support, pricing and billing. The program saw participation from nearly 700 partner organizations across 71 cities in India, of which half were from Tier 2 and 3 cities. This reach and inclusion are a testament to the community that has come together with Microsoft, driven by a common goal of growth and engagement. Open to all Microsoft CSP partners in the country, the program evaluated participants basis their cloud business growth across Microsoft Azure, Modern Work, Security and Business Applications. The program engaged on multiple levels with the partner organizations with trainings, masterclasses, peer learning, fun engagement sessions, sales trainings, and rewards and recognition for the sales teams.

Rapido to give free bike taxi rides to voters in Patiala on 20th February

PATIALA: In a bid to encourage people to vote, Rapido, India's fastest-growing auto taxi and bikes service platform, will offer free bike taxi rides to voters in Patiala, Punjab, on 10th February. Users commuting to the election booth can avail two free rides up to 3 km with the code 'MYVOTE'. India's leading auto taxi and bikes service platform offers free rides up to 3km to voters in Patiala. Voters can use code 'MYVOTE' to avail two free bike taxi rides on the 20thFebruary. Rohit Rathod, Head of Bike Taxi, Rapido, said, "The elections are an integral part of India's democratic fabric. To make commuting to election booths easier, we are offering free rides to voters on election day in Patiala. We intend to encourage more people to cast their votes this year by providing a convenient, timely, and affordable commute.

‘mera Vyah Kara Do’,Starring Dilpreet, Mandy, Is Streaming Now On Zee5

ZEE5 has its foray into Punjabi-language content last year with the launch of 'Rajj Ke Vekho' campaign which entertained the viewers with top-class regional content. Continuing the efforts, the largest hometown video streaming platform, is set to entertain the audience with its latest film, 'Mera Vyah Kara Do'. Starring Dilpreet Dhillon and Mandy Takhar, the movie is premiering now on ZEE5. Produced by Raju Chadha and Vijay Dutta Khosla and written and directed by Sunil Khosla, the movie is a family entertainer. The movie also stars Hobby Dhaliwal, Rupinder Rupri, Sunny Gill, Santosh Malhotra, Vijay Tandon, Renu Mohali, Goni Sagoo & Paminder Gill in supporting roles. The music for the film is given by ace music director JSL, Gurmeet Singh, Gurmohh, Shamita Bhatkar and Sunil Khosla and the voice for the melodious songs are given by popular singers, Jyoti Nooran, Mannat Noor, Shipra Goyal, Gurmeet Singh, Abhijit Vaghani, Wazir Singh and Vibha.

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Education-focused fintech platform Propellid raises Rs. 262 Cr. in Series B funding

CHANDIGARH : Propellid, an education-focused fintech platform, has raised Rs. 262 Crore in Series B funding round led by WestBridge Capital along with the existing investors - Stellaris Venture Partners and India Quotient. Founded in 2017 by IIT Madras trio of Bibhu Prasad Das, Victor Senapaty, and Brijesh Samantaray, Propellid has tie-ups with over 550 educational institutes and is currently clocking an annual loan disbursement rate of Rs. 600 Cr. With the current funding round, Propellid plans to grow the loan book rapidly in segments with low financing penetration and strengthen their tech platform's capabilities to enhance the user experience of the learners and partner institutions.

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Study finds how long does it takes to recover from concussion

Concussion is a brain injury caused by a blow to the head or a violent shaking of the head and body. It can lead to temporary cognitive symptoms. A new study has suggested that people with mild traumatic brain injuries may be more likely to have cognitive impairment, cognitive decline or both one year later, compared to people who were not injured.

The research was published in 'Neurology', the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

People with poor cognitive outcomes were also more likely to have other symptoms like anxiety and lower satisfaction with life. "Our results suggest that clinically meaningful poor cognitive outcomes, which we defined as cognitive impairment, cognitive decline or both, one year after a concussion may be more common than previously thought," said study author Raquel Gardner, MD, of the University of California San Francisco. "They also highlight the need to better understand the mechanisms underlying poor cognitive outcome, even after relatively mild brain injuries, to improve therapy for recovery."

The study looked at 656 people who had been admitted to trauma centre emergency rooms with concussions and 156 healthy people without head injuries. Their average age was 40. Participants were given up to three neurological evaluations after their injury, at two weeks, six months and one year. Each of those evaluations provided five scores

from three tests of recall, language skills and other cognitive domains.

Poor cognitive outcome was defined as satisfying the criteria for cognitive impairment, cognitive decline or both. Cognitive impairment was defined as lower-than-expected performance on at least two cognitive tests such as one memory test and one processing speed test. Cognitive decline was defined as clinically meaningful decline on at least



two cognitive tests. Researchers found that 86 out of 656 people with mild brain injuries, or 14 per cent, had poor cognitive outcomes one year later. Of those, 10 per cent had cognitive impairment only, 2 per cent had cognitive decline only and 2 per cent had both. That's compared to eight out of 156 people without concussions, or 5 per cent, who had poor cognitive

outcomes one year later. Of those healthy people, 3 per cent had cognitive impairment, none had cognitive decline only, and 1 per cent had both.

Researchers also found that people who had depression before their injury, had no health insurance, or had a high school education or less were more likely to have a poor cognitive outcome than those who were not depressed before the injury, or had insurance or had more than a high school education.

Researchers found that people who had good cognitive outcomes were more likely to have higher life satisfaction one year after their concussion. The life satisfaction test given to participants ranges in score from five to 35, with lower scores indicating lower life satisfaction. The people with good cognitive outcomes scored an average of 26 on the test, compared to people with poor cognitive outcomes, who scored an average of 21. The study did not prove that people with concussions will have worse cognitive outcomes one year later, but it showed an association.

"Previous studies of people with moderate to severe brain injuries show that early, intensive rehabilitation can improve people's cognitive outcomes over time. More research is needed to find out the role of cognitive rehabilitation on people with more mild brain injuries who are also at risk for poor cognitive outcomes, and how to predict who falls into this risk category," Gardner said.

Samsung Launches Galaxy S22 Series



CHANDIGARH : Samsung, India's most trusted smartphone brand, today unveiled its most premium flagships - Galaxy S22 Ultra, Galaxy S22+ and Galaxy S22 – in India. Galaxy S22 Ultra combines the unrivalled power of the Note series and the iconic S-Pen with the pro-grade camera and performance of the S series to set the new standard for premium smartphones. Built with a bold, sustainably conscious design, Galaxy S22 and S22+ have dynamic cameras with advanced intelligent image processing to make every moment epic. Galaxy S22 Series will be available for pre-booking starting February 23, 2022 in India. "With the launch of the Galaxy S22 series, we are rewriting the rules of innovation and pushing the limits of what a smartphone can do," said Aditya Babbar, Head of Product Marketing, Samsung India. The built-in S Pen in Galaxy S22 Ultra is the fastest, most responsive S Pen we have ever made. With seamlessly integrated camera lenses and a sleek metal frame that creates a mirrored effect, the Galaxy S22 Ultra represents the best of cutting edge design. Galaxy S22 Ultra is built with a 2.4um pixel sensor – Samsung's largest pixel sensor ever, so you can shoot great photos and videos. Galaxy S22 Ultra comes with 100X Space Zoom, making it Samsung's most powerful camera.

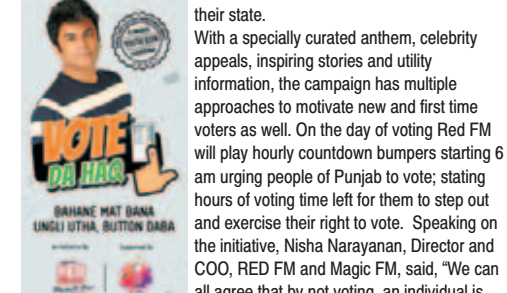
Sting presents new summer campaign

LUDHIANA / AMRITSAR : PepsiCo India's Sting is all set to refresh the youth with an electrifying new summer campaign that is an extension of the brand's 'Energy Bole Toh Sting' mantra. Bringing a jolt of energy to entertain consumers, Sting has unveiled a new TVC featuring brand ambassador and superstar Akshay Kumar. Sting and Akshay Kumar together are all set to expand the brand's footprint across the country, engage the youth and encourage audiences to maximize each moment of their lives with can-do energy.

The quirky film showcases Akshay Kumar in good spirits buying a bottle of Sting in a market. The exchange at the shop is suddenly interrupted with a loud noise as the camera turns towards a larger-than-life Gorilla stomping its way towards the city. With chaos spreading and the public rushing to safety, a girl cheekily approaches Akshay amid the madness and requests him to click a photo of her with the Gorilla. A sip of Sting was all it took for the electrified Akshay Kumar to make the most of this moment by carrying her on his back and racing up to the top of the building in a bid to catch the Gorilla's face in the picture.

RED FM Launches ‘Vote Da Haq’ Campaign For Ongoing Elections

CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR : 93.5 RED FM, India's leading private radio and entertainment network has announced a new campaign, 'Vote Da Haq' to spread awareness and drive maximum participation of citizens to cast their vote in the ongoing assembly elections across the five states of the country. The campaign aims to push the message across to its listeners that voting is the fundamental right of every citizen and it must be exercised in the best interest of their state.



With a specially curated anthem, celebrity appeals, inspiring stories and utility information, the campaign has multiple approaches to motivate new and first time voters as well. On the day of voting RED FM will play hourly countdown bumpers starting 6 am urging people of Punjab to vote; stating hours of voting time left for them to step out and exercise their right to vote. Speaking on the initiative, Nisha Narayanan, Director and COO, RED FM and Magic FM, said, "We can all agree that by not voting, an individual is failing to include a probability of a tomorrow that is, or can be. In a humble effort to encourage more people to go out and vote in the upcoming state elections, we are happy to announce the launch of our new campaign 'Vote Da Haq'. Chief Electoral Officer has appointed RJ Megha in Amritsar and RJ Anubhav in Chandigarh as the Youth Iconson Punjab. Our key emphasis will be on first time voters, specially those who have just turned 18.

Aamna Sharif, Shrenu Parikh star in new Season 3 of Damaged the Hungama Original blockbuster

Hungama Play, a leading video on demand platform owned by Hungama Digital Media, launched the third season of its blockbuster Hungama Original, 'Damaged'. Like the first two seasons, Damaged 3 is a psychological crime drama with a strong female character at the helm of the story. This season features a new story with Aamna Sharif and Shrenu Parikh in the lead. Damaged 3 also stars Pulkit Banglia, Yash Bhatia, Vibhuti Upadhyaya and Aman Verma. The show is directed by Ekanth Babani and produced by Endemol Shine India. The show will now be available to stream on Hungama Play and partner networks.



The season follows Rashmi (Aamna Sharif) as a headstrong cop renowned for her courage. As being a cop is known to be a male-dominated profession, Rashmi has broken the glass ceiling to rise the ladder of success to be in a position of power amongst colleagues and people. On the other hand, Shanaya (Shrenu Parikh) is a rookie journalist whose search for a path-breaking story leads her to cross paths with Rashmi. With her story on the female super cop becoming a hit, Shanaya is now ready to go to any lengths to get the next big breaking news. Luckily for her, a spate of serial killings takes place in the town which gives her the sensational news items she needs for her website. From here, what follows is a story filled with twists and turns and an outcome no one thought. Speaking about the show, Siddhartha Roy, COO, Hungama Digital Media said, "Hungama Original's Damaged was the very-first original show that we launched, and its innovative storytelling and strong characters were appreciated by the audiences, receiving over a million episodic views. The success of the last two seasons testifies that audiences have enjoyed the show led by an exceptional and new cast. We are certain that the audience will give even more love to both our lead ladies Aamna Sharif and Shrenu Parikh."

Gurugram to have its first Polycab Arena - An experiential store

GURUGRAM : India's leading consumer-centric company Polycab India Limited (PIL) announced the launch of its experiential retail store, 'Polycab Arena' in the city of Gurugram, Haryana. Polycab Arena will act as a one-stop-shop, offering entire bouquet of electrical products such as wires, cables, consumer small appliance, designed and developed by its expert R&D team. This first-of-its kind experiential store in India is located at A22 Electro trade, Plot no. 15, new colony, near old lady Fatima school, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001.

Polycab Arena is a one-stop-shop for customers with easy access to touch and feel the entire range of Polycab products. The store has on display products like fans, switches, pumps, geyzers, lighting solutions, solar range as well as HOHM - smart home automation solution. Mr. Inder T Jaisinghani, Chairman and Managing Director, Polycab India Ltd. said, "The vibrant city

of Gurugram bustling with evolved lifestyle calls for engagement avenues that are in sync with the latent requirements of the city's citizens. Our Polycab Arena experiential store is conceptualised to precisely cater to this need of modern day consumers. By embracing the best of new-age digital technologies, we aspire to provide our customers with superior quality solutions and offerings in the electrical goods segment". Polycab has a formidable pan-India presence, though a distribution network of 4,100+ authorized dealers

and distributors, who in turn cater to 1,65,000+ retail outlets. The company has earlier launched similar experiential store in Ahmedabad and Surat. In addition, it has launched an innovative shop-in-shop concept called 'Polycab Shopee' in Hyderabad. Polycab also has Polycab Galleria Knowledge Centres in the cities of Cochin, Jaipur, Patna, Trivandrum, Chandigarh, Madurai.



Commenting on the launch, Mr. Madhav Sheth, CEO realme India, VP, realme, and President, realme International Business Group said, "The realme Number series has been one of the most adored and adopted series amongst our users, in India as well as globally. We recently achieved a new milestone by reaching 40 million shipments of the Number series globally, and we believe that one of the significant factors behind this milestone is our commitment to innovation. With the realme 9 Pro series 5G, our aim is to expand our Number series and bring to it a certain level of premiumness in features. Both these smartphones sport good cameras and are equipped with the latest 5G processors, reiterating our commitment to democratize 5G in India. We are confident that our users will have an exceptional experience with the realme 9 Pro series 5G." "realme has been at the forefront of the 5G smartphone space in India, with its array of devices offering splendid performance and innovative features. The realme 9 Pro+ 5G, powered by MediaTek Dimensity 920, boasts of the latest and most market-defining features and we expect great demand for the smartphone. Offering optical image stabilization, supercharging, light shift design and heart-rate sensors, the smartphone is set to bring 5G to discerning customers across the country," said.

Unacademy Signs MoU with HP govt to Empower Aspirants For Competitive Exams

GURUGRAM : Unacademy, India's largest learning platform, today entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to identify and empower meritorious students from the state to prepare for competitive exams. The pilot under the MoU will be conducted in Hamirpur district. As per the MoU, Directorate of Higher Education (DHE), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and Unacademy will conduct two aptitude tests over two years to identify 650 meritorious students and award them with Unacademy scholarships for competitive exam courses. Out of the 650 meritorious students, 500 girl students from Hamirpur will receive free scholarships under Unacademy's mega national program 'Shikshodaya'. Speaking on the occasion Shri Anurag Thakur, Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, GoI said "Leveraging technology in education has the potential to transform learning and change the lives of every learner. I am sure that the engagement with Unacademy will be one of its kind, which will not just educate and empower youngsters of Hamirpur but will benefit the entire state of Himachal Pradesh. Under Unacademy's Shikshodaya program, girls of Hamirpur will also get equal opportunities to learn from the best educators to prepare for coveted career opportunities." Ms. Debawsita Banik, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh said "In today's age and time, technology is a powerful tool for transforming learning. This engagement with Unacademy will affirm and advance relationships between India's top Educators & Learners of Hamirpur and Himachal Pradesh to clear country's prestigious entrance and competitive exams"

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GURUGRAM/AMRITSAR: Femina Miss India has exclusively partnered with Moj, India's number one short video app, to provide a digital platform for aspirants to showcase their talent and participate in the prestigious contest. The selection process of the state representatives will entail an online registration process inviting specific audition video task submissions only via the Moj App. Interested applicants can register by logging on to www.missindia.in. Registrations are open until 15th March 2022. To participate, every applicant needs to download the Moj App, create a profile and upload three audition videos that will include an introduction, talent showcase and a rampwalk. Once completed, the applicant will need to log onto www.missindia.com and fill in the requisite details.

Doctors give new lease of life to woman by removing 47 kg tumour

AMRITSAR: A team of doctors at Apollo Hospitals, Ahmedabad, gave a new lease of life to a 56-year-old woman by surgically removing a 47 kg tumour—the biggest non-ovarian tumour successfully removed in India so far. The woman, a government employee and a resident of Devgadh Baria, had been carrying the tumour for 18 years and was bed-ridden for the past few months. Apart from the tumour, the team of eight doctors, including four surgeons, led by chief surgical gastroenterologist Dr Chirag Desai also removed abdominal wall tissues and excess skin weighing around 7 kg during the surgery. Following the surgery, the bodyweight of the woman dropped to 49 kg. As she could not stand straight, her bodyweight before the surgery could not be measured. "It was a high-risk surgery as the woman's internal organs such as liver, heart, lungs, kidneys and uterus were displaced because of the pressure created by the tumour in the stomach wall. Getting a CT scan done was also difficult as the size of the tumour obstructed the gantry of the CT scan machine" Dr Desai said. He added that the woman's blood pressure was altered due to the squeezed blood vessels and she had to be given special treatment and medicines before the surgery to ensure that she does not collapse due to a drop in blood pressure post the removal of the tumour.

POCO India expands its M-Series lineup with the launch of POCO M4 Pro 5G

CHANDIGARH : POCO, India's 3rd largest online smartphone brand, today launched it's mid-range powerhouse, the POCO M4 Pro 5G. Boasting a bold new design, POCO M4 Pro 5G is powered by the exceptional 5G-ready MediaTek Dimensity 810 processor, up to 8GB of RAM along with Turbo RAM capability extending the device RAM up to 11GB, providing an enhanced and superfast multitasking experience. Packing higher performance with 33W MMT fast charging and a large 2-day 5000mAh battery, POCO M4 Pro 5G is a go-to device for users seeking the best of everything. Commenting on the launch, Anuj Sharma, Country Director, POCO India said, "The POCO M-Series lineup has always added a spark in the smartphone market, be it with the design or performance. This time also, the POCO M4 Pro 5G steps up the game. He further added, "A future-ready device, POCO M4 Pro 5G is backed by an efficient performance combination of MediaTek Dimensity 810 chipset, aggressive gaming capabilities, and improved camera performance. Catering to today's smartphone users, POCO M4 Pro 5G manages to pack a media consumption focused DCI-P3 90Hz Smart Display along with Dual Stereo speakers. We are happy to take this leap with the POCO M4 Pro 5G as it is a perfect combination of exciting future-ready features and affordable pricing."



Lintas Live won mandate for Lagos Free Zone, Nigeria

CHANDIGARH: Lintas Live has won the Global Integrated Communications mandate for Lagos Free Zone (LFZ), Nigeria. Lagos Free Zone is a subsidiary of Tolaram, one of Africa's leading industrial conglomerates. The agency won the mandate for this business in a multi-agency pitch against several other holding company brands. As the lead-agency, Lintas Live will work with other global network offices to implement an impactful digital-first creative communications campaign. The objective would be to position and amplify through PR, digital and social media, and partnerships with the right corporate platforms - all this backed by impactful creative storytelling. Lagos Free Zone, the first private free trade zone in Nigeria, was honoured with the fDi Highly Commended Award in the Regional (Africa) category of the Global Free Zones of the Year 2021 awards. These awards are given by the UK-based fDi Intelligence, which monitors foreign direct investment in infrastructure projects throughout the world. Lagos Free Zone is poised to move beyond regional territorial limits, and project itself not only as the

Tata Play opens its first retail store in Ludhiana



LUDHIANA, : In a constant endeavour to make life more Jingalala for subscribers and customers, one of India's leading content distribution and Pay TV platform Tata Play (erstwhile known as Tata Sky), today announced the opening of its exclusive Jingalala Store in Ludhiana. The new store will offer customers an elevated experience of Tata Play's range of products & services under one roof. Making every entertainment experience enjoyable. Tata Play in its new avatar will provide more fun, freedom and flexibility. Present at the inauguration, Neil Soares, Chief Sales Officer, Tata Play said, "As we have now rebranded to Tata Play, this new Jingalala store will help in making entertainment aur bhi Jingalala. The store will serve as our first direct point of sale with customers in Ludhiana, giving them a chance to experience the myriad entertainment possibilities that come with a Tata Play connection. It will give Tata Play an increased visibility in the market and offer the 'touch & feel' option that continues to be an important factor in the buying process of Indian customers.

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Believes in public issues, not road shows: Harish Dhanda

ANKUSH LUDHIANA: Akali Dal-BSP joint candidate Harish Rai Dhanda held election meetings in different localities of Atma nagar constituency today. On this occasion, various industrialists, social workers and



women's organizations of area again responded in support of Akali Dal candidate and assured him of success in this elections from Atam Nagar seat. Today Harish Rai Dhanda went door to door for appealing voters for give mandate to S.A.D. The important thing was that Dhanda did not held any roadshow or rally in area, rather he shown simplicity and said there is no need of such rallies. I believe in political issues, not road show, he said. Candidate added that he will change politics. On this occasion Harish Rai Dhanda also said that with the coming of Akali Dal government a college would be set up in Atam Nagar constituency. At the same time a dispensary for women was opened. Besides, Congress and Bains have lost their faith in voters.

DM issues order regarding closure of election campaign

SUMER GARG SANGRUR: District Magistrate(DM), Sangrur, Mr. Ramvir in view of the forthcoming Punjab Assembly Elections scheduled to be held on 20th February 2022 has ordered to close election campaign after 6PM from today. As per Section 8.2 (8.2.1) of



chapter No. 8 of the Model Code of Conduct Manual, no election campaign can be conducted in the constituency after the closure of the election campaign. Outside Party workers should not be present in constituency. According to the orders, their continued presence even after the expiry of the election campaign period could spoil the atmosphere for free and fair elections. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8.2 (8.2.1) of chapter 8 of the Model Code of Conduct Manual, in accordance with the provisions of law, Instructed the non voter political workers and outside party workers of the constituency to return before 6PM today.

BJP's road show got all- round public support



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): Before the end of the Derabassi assembly constituency BJP candidate Sanjeev Khanna brought a road show which got all-round public support. On the basis of which Sanjeev Khanna has come out strong. BJP leaders under the leadership of Sanjeev Khanna started the roadshow from the party office in Zirakpur today. The road show is at Ghazipur Road, Old Ambala Road, MRF, Panchkula Shopping Complex, Bollywood Heights One and Two, Tricity Plaza, Platinum Tower, Chinar Heights, Exotic, Prakash Tower, Nirmal Tower, Regal City, Kishanpura Road, MS Enclave, Abhinav Tower, Brar Complex, Dhakauli Phatak, Shalimar, Hermitage Road, Right Spangle, New Generation Tower, Furniture Market, Baltana Market, Ekta Vihar, Ranjan Plaza, Highland Marg, Shivalik Vihar, Nabha Sahib, Vip Road back to Zirakpur office. During the roadshow, Sanjeev Khanna was welcomed by RW representatives, people from various organizations at various places.

Kulwant Keetu holds road show in open jeep

KARANPREET DHANDRAL BARNALA, FEB 18

On the last day of the forthcoming Assembly elections, Kulwant Singh Keetu, joint candidate of Akali Dal and BSP, staged a show of strength in Barnala city and took out a road show on his father Malkit Keetu's open jeep seeking votes. Giants, cars, motorcycles, tractors and thousands of supporters left an impression on the hearts of Barnala voters. Markets, streets and shops were greeted by city dwellers, flower showers by passersby, laddu distribution! The long caravan made Barnala residents which passed through various places on the streets of the city markets, in which a large number of shopkeepers greeted with garlands. Standing on Keetu's open jeep, he also appealed to the



people to vote for Akali Dal and BSP. At this time Kulwant Keetu was honored in different markets and villages with garlands of flowers and sarees. On the occasion, District Vice President Harvinder Kaur left the Congress and got into the jeep. Jassa Sidhu, Tinku Dhillon, Parminder Singh Sandhu, Harjit Sandhu

Surjitpuria, and Ram Singh Rama, Randhir Singh Dhiradihati President Bibi Beant Kaur Khaira, State Vice President Bibi Parminder Kaur Randhawa, Jaswinder Kaur Thulhewal, State Organizing Secretary Anita Mattoo, Urban President Jasbir Kaur Bhotna, Paramjit Kaur Bhotna, Paramjit Kaur Kattu workers were present.



He said that the BJP-led alliance in Punjab is ready to end the loot of the state by other parties if it comes to power. He also targeted the Congress and said that the Congress wants to divide the country. The candidate from Patiala was warmly welcomed by the people at various places during the roadshow of the former Chief Minister. On this occasion, MP Dr.

Pb will develop through BJP's double engine govt in state: SR Ladhar

SACHIN MOUDGILL LUDHIANA, FEB 18

Bharatiya Janata Party, Capt Amarinder's joint candidate from Lok Congress Party Gill and Akali Dal United Sucha Ram Ladhar from constituency Gill held a campaign meeting in which the people of constituency Gill and senior BJP leaders were present. Mr. Harpreet Singh, Vice Chairman, District Rural, urged the people to vote for Mr. Such Ram Ladhar. The people are impressed by the Modi government's public interest policies at the Center. People are openly supporting BJP candidates. Now people are eagerly waiting for February 20 to vote for the BJP. He said that the achievements of Narendra Modi government at the center were unparalleled. With the formation of BJP government in the state Punjab would



be developed through double engine. Giving more information on this occasion, Ladhar said. Earlier, tax was levied on langar in gurdwaras. No one had demanded the removal of the tax. Prime Minister Narendra Modi removed the tax on langar. Now there is no tax on langar, similarly the central government has run many such schemes for the benefit of Punjab but the corrupt ministers of the Congress and the schemes have not been made available to the general public. The benefit went to the corrupt Congress leaders and their relatives. He said that it was important for the BJP alliance to come to power to make Punjab a prosperous state.

Martyrdom of 4 Sahibzadas will be taught in schools across the country: Modi

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, FEB 18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Sikhs have an important role to play in the country's struggle for Independence and in maintaining the country's independent status. If General Jagjit Singh Arora had not forced 90,000 Pakistani soldiers to lay down the arms, the country's border would have been somewhere else today. Talking to some Sikh saints and Sikh politicians including Giani Ranjit Singh Gohar, Jathedar Singh Sahib of Takht Sri Harmandir Ji Patna Sahib who came to meet the PM at his residence, the Prime Minister said that Sikh patriotism is an example in itself but the countrymen were never told about it. The Prime Minister said that the Union Government was working hard to resolve the issues of Sikhs and we would try to resolve every issue. He said that if Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Guru Nanak Sahib



would have been a part of India today if Congress government had wanted to. Understanding Sikh sentiments, we opened the Sri Kartarpur Sahib corridor, the PM said. Today, Sikhs from all over the country are going to visit Sri Darbar Sahib Sri Kartarpur Sahib without visa. Speaking to the Prime Minister on the occasion, Giani Ranjit Singh Gohar, Jathedar Singh Sahib of Takht Sri Harmandir Ji Patna Sahib said that the road leading to Gurdwaras adjoining Takht Sri Patna Sahib was not suitable. If a

corridor is built around it, the sangat can be facilitated and the Prime Minister, who responded positively, assured that the work would start soon. The Jathedar asked the Prime Minister to hold a function to mark the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur at Patna Sahib. The Jathedar said that on the occasion of Martyrdom Day of Chhote Sahibzada being celebrated as Veer Bal Diwas, the Prime Minister said that it was a unique martyrdom whose history had to be told across the country so that our next generation could take inspiration from this martyrdom. But this was never done earlier. The Prime Minister assured the delegation that the history of 4 Sahibzadas would be included in the history books of school children across the country and this glorious history would be taught all over the country. On the occasion, Giani Gohar also honored Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the blessings of Takht Sahib.

32 children honoured for winning Swachh Survey painting contest



ROHIT LAMSAR TARAWADI, FEB 18

An awareness program on Swachh Bharat Mission was organized at Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Public School, Taraori, under Swachh Survey, in which the municipal administration played an important role in spreading awareness about hygiene among school children. Municipal Secretary Narendra Sharma specially encouraged the children for cleanliness. He said that if the city and its surroundings are to be kept

clean then children should not defecate in the open. They should always use toilet, he added. He said not to spread dirt in the toilet. Always put garbage in the dustbin. Secretary Narendra Sharma said that the cooperation of every citizen is necessary to make the city Taraori clean, only then our city will be able to come at No. 1 in cleanliness. During this, brand ambassador Ranjit Bhardwaj also addressed. On behalf of the municipal administration, more than 32 children of Siri Guru Tegh

Bahadur were also honored for taking first place in the painting competition organized for cleanliness survey. Principal Sarabjit Kaur thanked the municipal administration, Secretary Narendra Sharma and dignitaries. "Cleanliness is part of our routine," he said. We need to be aware to keep our environment clean and safe. Municipal Secretary Narendra Sharma, Ranjit Bhardaj, Sanjeev Chauhan, Motivator Rajwanti and Parvinder were present on this occasion.

Harsimrat's visit boosts SAD's election campaign

KULWINDER KARWAL

SARDULGARH: The campaigning has reached its peak in the assembly elections to be held in Punjab this Sunday. The star campaigners of all the parties are trying hard to get votes in favor of their respective candidates. In this regard, Shiromani Akali Dal and Bahujan Samaj Party held three rallies in favor of their candidate and sitting MLA Dilraj Singh Bhundar from Sardulgarh constituency yesterday, which was attended by former Union Minister Biba Harsimrat Kaur Badal and in her address announced that Dilraj Singh Bhundar will be given important responsibility when the coalition government is formed in Punjab. After this announcement made by Biba Badal, there has been a new enthusiasm among the office bearers of Shiromani Akali Dal and Bahujan Samaj Party and the workers of both the parties. It may be recalled that the organizational structure of the Shiromani Akali Dal under the leadership of Balwinder Singh Bhundar is strong at the booth level and the Youth Wing, SC Wing, BC Wing, Women's Wing, Legal Cell, & SOI are playing a very important role in this.



Final randomisation of PO and MOs was done



SUMER GARG SANGRUR, FEB 18

The final randomisation for the deployment of polling staff(PO) and micro observers(MOs) was done at district administrative complex here today. Randomisation was took place in the presence of General election observer, Mr. Subodh Yadav; Mr. Rajinder Vizarao Nimbalkar and General observer of Malerkotla, Mr. Jai Singh; District election officer, Sangrur; Additional district election officer, Mr. Anmol

Singh Dhaliwal and Additional Deputy Commissioner Mr. Arun Sharma. It was done for the posting of the employees who have been assigned the polling duties. Employees have been deployed as polling staff, assistant staff and micro observers as per the requirement in the elections. During the elections, a number of employees have been posted as Presiding officers(PROs), Polling officers(POs), and the employees required for the counting of votes on March 10 would also be deployed.

Bikram Singh Sidhu's unilateral victory was assured by love and overwhelming response of people from constituency West



enthusiasm. Advocate Bikram Singh Sidhu was given a warm welcome by the workers. During the road show, people showered flowers at various places and

assured them that this time the people of Punjab would support the BJP and its alliance. And the voters of constituency West are eagerly awaiting February 20 to

stamp the lotus flower. During the road show Advocate Bikram Singh Sidhu was felicitated by different associations of the western constituency. On the occasion, Advocate Bikram Singh Sidhu said that BJP is the only party which Moves forward on the basis of effort. The BJP is committed to the development of the poor, the barren, the downtrodden, the exploited, the downtrodden, the last man in society. Advocate Bikram Singh Sidhu added that the overwhelming response from the people has deprived the opponents of sleep. Thousands of people were present on the occasion.

For the bright future of Pb, vote for AAP: Raghav

BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR, FEB 18

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab affairs co-in-charge Raghav Chadha campaigned in favour of AAP candidate Dinesh Chadha in the assembly constituency of Rupnagar. Raghav Chadha appealed to the people to vote to AAP to form the



government of the i Party. Raghav Chadha said that the people of Punjab have made up their minds to elect the government of Aam Aadmi Party, because people support

the pair of Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann and want an honest government. Targeting oppositions, Chadha said that this time the people of Punjab will teach a lesson to sand and drug mafias. He appealed to the people that this time for the bright future of Punjab, vote for the Aam Aadmi Party and form the government of AAP.



Principal of BCM honoured children during a competition held by school.

Atam Nagar's Voter is with BJP this time: Deepak Goyal



ANKUSH LUDHIANA, FEB 18

On last day of campaigning of election, BJP-PLC candidate Prem Mittal's supporters went door to door for campaigning and street meetings gets big support of voters of area. last day campaigning was held in different streets and locality of Arora Palace, Dugri, Gill Chowk, Partap Chowk, Jantaa Nagar areas. Deepak Goyal said that there is big passion amongst voters for Bhartiya Janta Party, as Prime Minister Narinder Modi has ensure people of Punjab for various development work in

upcoming days after form of BJP and alliance government in Punjab. On the other hand candidate Prem Mittal today met with different organization and social workers of areas and said that this time BJP will win this seat by big margin, as people are voluntarily coming to give support. Prem Mittal said that it is a time to form a government, which to works for public and uplift the economy and life level of public. He said that past 5 years, public faced so many problems and conditions of roads and other infrastructures turned in acute bad condition. He appeal voters to elect BJP this time.

Asha workers burn effigy of Anil Vij



PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: Asha workers protested by burning an effigy of Health Minister Anil Vij in Sadhaura for their demands. The police stopped the Asha workers going to protest at the residence of Health Minister Anil Vij located in Ambala for their demands. Asha workers Rajrani and Poonam Gera said that Health Minister Anil Vij is constantly ignoring the legitimate demands of Asha workers. She said that if their legitimate demands are not accepted soon, then they will be forced to organise a state-wide agitation. Retired Employees Union President Dilawar Hussain said that on the one hand the government is giving the slogan of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, while on the other hand it is ignoring the Asha workers and forcing the daughters to hit the streets. He said that Asha workers are protesting on the streets for the demands of the workers and this government is an anti-employee government which is not taking into consideration the interests of the employees, due to which Asha workers are also protesting.

Blood donation camp held



R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHARAULI: A blood donation camp and a free health check-up camp were organised by Himalaya Parivar Haryana in Chhachhrauli on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Indresh, senior pracharak of Rashtriya Swayam-sevak Sangh. In the blood donation camp, 41 units of blood were collected and a health check-up of 250 patients was done. Chachhrauli Mandal President Kalyan Singh was mainly present in the camp. Mandal President Kalyan Singh said that Dr. Indresh Kumar from Chhachhrauli town has been a senior campaigner of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh for a long time and he always actively participates in the work of social service. He said that Indresh Kumar is also a member of All India National Executive. The Smile Foundation also had special support on this occasion. The team of Dr. Kamal Rana, Sanjeev Mehta, Gagan Katohc etc. from Trauma Centre, DAV Dental College assisted in the blood donation camp. General Secretary of the organisation Sonu Rajan, members of Himalaya family Pradeep Kashyap, Karm Singh Narwal, Sunita Sharma, BJP district media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg etc. were also present on the occasion.

SC's lifting of stay on quota will increase job avenues for youth: Dushyant Chautala
SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the decision of the Supreme Court to give 75 percent reservation to the youth in the private sector by the state government will increase the employment opportunities. Expressing happiness over the decision, he said that it is in the interest of the youth and more employment opportunities will be available to them. He was interacting with journalists in Karnal. The Deputy Chief Minister had reached Noor Mahal in Karnal on Friday to bless the marriage of former MLA Narendra Sangwan's daughter Sujata with Bir Virk and his nephew Sanjay with Hasrat. The Deputy CM said that the work done by the Haryana government to secure 75 per cent jobs in the private sector for the youth of the state had been given go-ahead by the Supreme Court and this has created a wave of happiness among the youth of the state.

75 pc reservation will increase employment: Dushyant



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 18

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the decision of the Supreme Court on allowing 75 percent reservation to the youth in the private sector by the state government will increase employment opportunities. Expressing happiness over the decision, he said that it would be in the interest of the youth and more employment opportunities would be available to them. The Deputy Chief Minister had reached Noor Mahal in Karnal on Friday to bless the marriage of former MLA Narendra Sangwan's daughter Sujata with Bir Virk and her nephew Sanjay with Hasrat. He said that the work done by the Haryana government to secure 75 per cent jobs in the private sector to the youth of the state, has been stamped by the Supreme Court. Due to this there is a wave of happiness among the youth of the state. He said that whoever will be found guilty in the registration cases will be punished. JJP district president Gurdev Ramba, media in-charge Yash Karan Rana, MC Amandeep Chawla and other workers were present on the occasion.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

State-level Livestock Exhibition will be held in Bhiwani from February 25

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

Haryana Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department will organize a state-level Livestock Exhibition from February 25 to 27 at HUDA Ground, Sector-13, Bhiwani. In the exhibition, a competition of best breeds of cows, buffaloes, sheep, goat, camels, horses, and pigs will be organized. Prizes will be given to the animals who will win competition in a total of 53 categories. Giving information in this regard, a spokesman of the Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department said that buses have been arranged by the government to send the livestock owners to the exhibition. These owners can visit the livestock exhibition for free. He said that the cost of transportation and bringing the best breed animals to this exhibition in the districts would be borne by the Animal Husbandry Department as per the prescribed rates. The department will also make arrangements for food for the livestock



owners and animals. Apart from this, lectures have been arranged by experts for sharing more knowledge about animals among the livestock owners in the animal exhibition. He said that Haryana Animal Husbandry Minister, Sh. J.P. Dalal would inaugurate the state-level exhibition while Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal would attend the closing ceremony as the Chief Guest. The spokesman appealed to the live-

stock owners to ensure maximum participation in the state-level exhibition. The livestock owners who have the best breed animals, can contact their nearest veterinary hospital and get their animals registered. Besides this, the cattle owners who have to attend the exhibition should also get their names registered in their nearest veterinary hospital so that their bus seat can be confirmed.

Title deed given to 21 thousand people: DC

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Dahiya said that the state government has started the ownership scheme to give ownership rights to the people of rural areas. Under this scheme, the property of the persons concerned is being given a title deed by freeing them from red dora. So far, title deeds have been given to 21 thousand 527 characters in the district. All the concerned officers should continue this work so that the residents of all the rural areas can get the ownership rights of their property. Pradeep Dahiya was giving necessary directions to the concerned officers related to the ownership scheme in the conference hall of the Mini Secretariat. Earlier, Haryana Financial Commissioner PK Das gave necessary guidelines by taking feedback on the subject of ownership through video conference. DC said that a drone flying target was found in 260 villages of the district, which has been completed. Similarly, survey map work has been done in 254 villages and draft maps have been prepared in 241. In these, final maps have been prepared in 208 villages. He said that all the concerned officers should work with utmost seriousness so that the person concerned can get the benefit of this ambitious scheme. By getting ownership, the person concerned can also get a loan and other facilities from the bank. On this occasion, District Revenue Officer Chandi Ram, DDPO Kanwar Daman, SK Narendra, Naresh etc. were present.



Govt hospitals should do disposal of bio-medical waste: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: Deputy Commissioner Pradeep Dahiya said that biomedical waste should be properly disposed of in government hospitals, community centres, and primary health centres. At all these places, the arrangement for keeping the waste in different categories should be appropriate and the executing agency should dispose of the bio-waste through the treatment plant as per the prescribed norms. DC Pradeep Dahiya was giving necessary guidelines for proper disposal of biomedical waste in the conference hall of the Mini Secretariat by taking a meeting of the officials of the Health Department. Earlier, Additional Chief Secretary, Health Department, Rajiv Arora, through video conference, took a review meeting on the subject of bio-waste performance and gave necessary guidelines. The DC said that the management and disposal of bio-medical waste in hospitals should be as per the instructions of National Green Authority. Timely pick up the garbage from the bio-waste agency hospitals. Hospitals will also keep compartments according to the different color category. It should be completely closed. He directed that the staff performing this task should be well trained. Bio-medical waste management is very important. There should be no negligence in this. Civil Surgeon Dr. Jayant Ahuja, Pollution Board RO Rajendra Sharma, Dr. Vikas Bhatnagar, Dr. Neeraj Mangla etc. were present on this occasion.



Lok Adalat in Indri on March 12

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, FEBRUARY 18

District Legal Services Authority Karnal secretary Jasbir Singh, CJM under the supervision of sub-divisional legal services authority chairman Diksha Das Ranga was informed about the Lok Adalat to be held in Indri on March 12 at Nanheda Pathshala, remembering the immortal martyrs of the country. Panel Advocate Kulwant Ranga, while addressing the students on this occasion said that the country is celebrating Amrit Mahotsav on completion of 75 years of independence. He said that we are breathing in the open air because of the numerous sacrifices of martyrs in the country who laid down their lives in the freedom struggle of the country. He said that the freedom fighters who fought for the freedom of the country will always be remembered. He said that after the independence of the country, the country adopted the path of democracy to move forward and by composing the world's most beautiful constitution under the leadership of Bhimrao Ambedkar,



adopting the constitution from 26 January 1950 paved the way for it. Para Legal Volunteer Santosh Kumar Sharma said that the District Legal Services Authority is making the citizens of the country aware by providing them legal information in a simple way. He said that on March 12, Lok Adalat will be organised from the Indri Court premises, in which the complainants will meet face-to-face. Sitting in front, you will be able to solve your cases. School head Mahindra Kumar while welcoming and thanking the team of District Legal Services Authority said that every citizen has the right to get information about his legal rights.

Awareness camp held under Financial Literacy Week

DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHERI: An awareness camp was organised in the Anaj Mandi branch of State Bank of India as part of the Financial Literacy Week on the theme 'Go Digital-Go Secure' being celebrated on the instructions of the Reserve Bank of India. In this camp organised under the leadership of Branch Manager Shivram, Financial Literacy Advisor MR Dhingla



gave detailed information about the facilities being provided by the bank and digital banking to the people visiting the bank. Under this week, students were also given detailed information about digital banking by organizing a camp at Government Senior Secondary School Guru Brahmanand Kanya Mahavidyalaya on behalf of Gol Market branch and stationery was also distributed by Manager Bhavesh Kumar. MR Dhingla said that in today's era, along with transactions in the bank, technology is needed in other areas as well. Therefore, people should also connect with modern technology and stay updated about all kinds of information related to it. It is also the endeavor of Bank Management to provide bank facilities to more and more people by connecting them with technology.

Gharonda's NCC academy to be Asia's second largest academy: DC

JASWINDER SHARMA
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 18,

Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav after taking the progress report of under-construction National Cadet Corps Academy at Gyanpura Government College, Gharonda too a meeting of the officers of Public Works Department and Revenue Department in the auditorium of Mini Secretariat on Friday and instructions were given to the officials expedite the construction work of the academy.

In the meeting, Executive Engineer R.K. Nain, District Revenue Officer Shyam Lal and Tehsildar Gharonda Ramesh Arora were present. Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav informed that N.C.C academy is going to be the second-largest academy in Asia even as he told officials to get this work done as soon as possible. With its formation, thousands of NCC Cadets will get training facility and they will be able to serve in the security forces of the country after being trained.

In the meeting, Executive Engineer R.K. Nain informed the Deputy Commissioner that the construction of the academy is proposed to be done in 2 phases, and an amount of around Rs. 56 crore was sanctioned for this work. In the past, Chief Minister Manohar Lal had taken stock of the on-going construction work of NCC. During the inspection of the academy, instructions were given to increase its infrastructure, then its estimate had been revised, under which an amount of Rs. 85 crore will be spent on this work now. He informed that under the first phase, NCC Girls, boys hostels, mess block, admin block, guest house, road, park and boundary wall are being constructed in the academy. The work of laying the floor slab has been completed and the work of admin and guest house has started.

Draft voters list ready as Ismailabad gears up for first MC election

DEEPAK SHARMA
ISMAILABAD: In the first municipal election, 10,457 voters of the town will cast their votes. Its draft list has been prepared. Voters of this list can be viewed on any working day. The new voters involved have been given an opportunity to make claims and objections. MC elections have almost come to a head. The administration is busy completing its preparations. 165 new voters have been created in the town this year. These voters have been included in the respective wards. These new voters can view the new list and register any objection till February 24. Objections and claims will be settled by Re-inspection Officer and GM Roadways Ashok Munjal. As per the guidelines of the Election Commission, all the voters have been included in a total of one to 13 wards as per the assembly list till January 5, 2022. Voters have been included in the wards as per the booth of the assembly.

Will raise issue of constitutional status to scribes in Assembly: Gogi

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 18

A nationwide campaign is being run by the Indian Media Centre to demand constitutional status for journalists and to set up a media council for journalists. Due to this a campaign was started in Haryana from Karnal. A memorandum was given by the Karnal unit to the MLA of Assandh, Shamsher Singh Gogi, demanding the implementation of media policy for other welfare schemes, including giving constitutional identity to journalists in the state and in the country. Draft and memorandum of media policy will be handed over to ten MPs and members of Rajya Sabha along with 90 assembly constituencies of the state. All the MPs and MLAs in all the states will be given a memorandum and a proposed draft of the media policy to set



up a media council at the national and state level. On this occasion, MLA Shamsher Singh Gogi said that he will bring a resolution in the assembly to give constitutional status to this media policy and journalists. He said that he had forwarded a resolution in the Vidhan Sabha demanding that the pension of journalists be Rs. 15,000 per month. He said that if the Congress government is formed, he will bring a bill in Parliament to give constitutional status to journalists. Like lawyers, doctors, engineers, there should

be a regulatory body for journalists too where the service conditions of journalists, eligibility and social security for them are guaranteed for economic security. When the council will be formed for journalists without registration no one will be able to do journalism. On this occasion, IMC's Zonal President Shailend Jain, District President Anita Kamboj, special invitees of the State Executive, Praveen Walia, Pawan Sharma, Rakesh Sharma handed over the proposed draft of the media policy.

Martyrs have not got constitutional status : Waryam

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, FEBRUARY 18

A delegation of Inquilab Martyrs Memorial Gumthala Rao met State Power and Jail Minister Ranjit Singh at his residence in Chandigarh demanding to constitutionally grant martyr status to the brave martyrs. Advocate Waiyam Singh, founder of Inquilab Shaheed Smarak, said that the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives selflessly for the freedom of the country, did not get the constitutional status of martyr even after 75 years of independent India. The team of Inquilab Shaheed Smarak is making continuous efforts to ensure that the brave martyrs get the status of martyr as a constitutional right. Due to this, today this demand was placed before the Power Minister. He assured that the government will take a positive decision on this national interest demand. Advocate Siddharth



Singh, Manish Bataur, Laxman Das, Ramkesh Petwar, Sher Singh Malik, Advocate Sarvjit Singh, Hardeep Singh Baldi, Advocate Karambir Singh etc. were also present in the delegation.

Lalit first in poster making



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: A poster and slogan writing competition was organised on behalf of Red Cross and Women's Cell at Jyotiba Phule Government College, Radaur to commemorate the blood donation camp. The students enthusiastically participated in the competition and displayed their talent. In the poster making competition, Lalit stood first, Manpreet Kaur second and Neetu stood third. In the slogan writing competition, Jiya stood first, Tanu second and Kalpana Devi third. Congratulating the winners, Principal Dr Rajendra Kumar said that such competitions bring out the talent of the students. They get to learn something new, which will be useful to them in future.

7-day-long NSS special camp concludes



R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHARAULI, FEBRUARY 18

The seven-day special NSS camp from 12 February to 18 being run by the NSS unit of Government College Chhachhrauli in village Ganoli, concluded. As the chief guest at the closing ceremony, Dr. Sushila, Deputy CMO, Civil Hospital, Yamunanagar, came to wish all the volunteers. In his speech, he motivated the students to actively participate in social work. After this, the chief guest gave certificates to all the volunteers and on behalf of the college family, the principal also honored the chief guest with a memento. All the staff members of the college were present on this occasion.

NSS volunteers of GNKC hold awareness rally in Shamgarh village



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: NSS volunteers of Guru Nanak Khalsa College held a public awareness rally in Shamgarh village. Sarpanch representative of the village, Chaudhary Balkishan flagged off the rally in the village. The students toured the entire village on the topics of 'Save daughter', don't burn Parali, communal harmony, HIV AIDS, water conservation, plant trees, save environment etc. and created awareness among villagers. During this, MSD school students also participated. The volunteers also visited the historic fort of the village. In the evening session, retired vigilance inspector Bhim Saini gave a message to the volunteers to stay away from intoxicants. He said that today's young generation is getting addicted. Dr. Dharmapal from IGNOU gave detailed information about employment to the students. 'Yes We Can' Chairman Sanjay Batra said that Khalsa College is important landmarks in education as well as social service. The principal of the college, Dr. Major Singh encouraged everyone. On this occasion, Dr. Meena from the Red Cross Society gave first aid information. During this, program officer Dr. Bir Singh, Dr. Devi Bhushan, Dr. Deepak, Vineet Tyagi, Rameshwar Sharma and a large number of volunteers were present.