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Seven killed in firecrackers factory blast in Una

10 seriously injured

PANKAJ KATNA
UNA, FEBRUARY 22

Seven people were killed and 10 suffered serious burns on Tuesday in an explosion at a factory in Himachal Pradesh's Una district where firecrackers were allegedly being made illegally.

People heard a huge explosion in the industrial area at about 11.30 am and later found seven labourers working in the unit charred to death.

Ten others, including women, working in the factory sustained serious burns and were taken to Una Civil Hospital.

According to sources, the firecracker unit was being run in a private rented building. The unit was not registered with the industries department, as per GM, industry, Una, Anshul Dhiman. Sources said the people running the unit did not have the explosives licence.



PM announces ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund to the next of kin of those who lost their lives in the factory mishap in Himachal Pradesh. The Prime Minister further announced Rs 50,000 to the injured in the mishap from the funds. "Rs. 2 lakh each from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of those who lost their lives in the tragic factory mishap in Himachal Pradesh, and Rs 50,000 would be given to the injured," tweeted Prime Minister's Office (PMO) today. A fire broke out in a firecracker factory in Bathri Industrial Area of Una on Tuesday killing six persons. Six persons died and 12 others were injured in a blast at a firecracker factory here, said the local police on the basis of preliminary information. The injured are being admitted to the hospital in Una.

Bus carrying marriage party plunges into gorge, 17 killed



AGENCY
DEHRADUN, FEB 22

Fourteen people were killed on Tuesday when a bus transporting a marriage party plunged into a gorge while another accident involving a car left three teachers dead in Uttarakhand, authorities said. The 14 died and two others, including the driver, were in critical condition when their vehicle rolled down a deep gorge on the Sukhidhang-Danda Minar road in Champawat district, police said. The wedding party was returning from Kaknai village. The deceased belonged to Danda and Kathoti villages. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the deaths and announced ex-

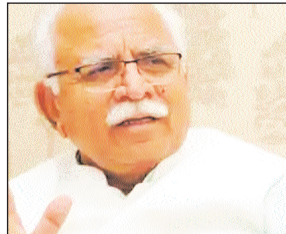
gratia of Rs 2 lakh each from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund to the next of kin.

Every injured will get Rs 50,000. In another accident, a car carrying teachers and headed to a school in Pauri district fell into a gorge, killing three teachers and injuring two others. Police sources said the teachers were going to the school on Gumkhal Marg from Kottwar when the driver by mistake pressed the accelerator instead of the brakes. The dead were identified as Poonam Rawat (45), Bandana Bhandari (42) and Deepak Shah (38). Car owner Jai Veer Singh (58) and driver Arun Kumar (30) were injured.

Health services will be on priority in upcoming budget: Manohar Lal

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 22

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal today said that the present government is striving to provide superlative health services to the people of the State. The Chief Minister said that the health services will be prioritized in the upcoming budget session so that every citizen can get the benefit of health services. The Chief Minister was interacting with the officers of Health and Family Welfare Department, Medical Education Department, AYUSH Department and officers of NHM, Haryana and Ayushman Bharat Scheme here today through video conference. Haryana Health Minister, Sh. Anil Vij also joined the meeting through video conference from Ambala and gave his views. The Chief Minister said that in today's meeting, a provision will be made to make additions in the budget after considering the suggestions received through government/private doctors and other representatives related to health. During the



meeting, Sh. Manohar Lal said that the representative can give his suggestions or information by sending an e-mail or letter. The Chief Minister said that in order to provide accessible health services to the citizens in Civil Hospitals, those suggestions will be given precedence which will revolve around strengthening the health services at Civil Hospitals. Besides this, a policy will soon be formulated to provide health services to the people in remote villages and to cover the rural area so that better health services are easily available to such people. Earlier, the Health Minister, Sh. Anil Vij said that developing superlative health services, good education system and a robust infrastructure are the three key points which are usually the priority for any government.

Nine hardcore Maoists, including zonal commander nabbed in Jharkhand

AGENCY
RANCHI, FEB 22

Nine hardcore ultras, including a zonal commander, have been arrested as part of anti-Maoist operations in Jharkhand. Briefing the press on Tuesday Jharkhand Police IG Operations Amol V Homkar said that among the arrested included a zonal commander who is carrying a reward of Rs 10 lakh on his head, a subzonal commander and an area commander while six others are members of their squad which also includes a female



cadre. The arrested included zonal commander Balram Oraon, subzonal commander Dasrath Singh Khairwar,

area commander Markus Nagesia, while other members of the group included Saileshwar Oraon, Mukesh Korwa, Viren Korwa, Sailendra Nagesia, Sanjay Nagesia and Shila Khairwar. The IG said that a total of 82 cases are registered against the zonal commander in different police stations of various districts while 7 are against the subzonal commander and 10 against the area commander. He said that two cases each are registered against the remaining squad members. He said that information had been received that dreaded re-

gional commander of the CPI Maoists Ravindra Ganju along with a group of 30-40 armed Maoists was moving around Narayanpur forests and surrounding areas located on the borders of Lohardaga and Latehar district and was planning to execute a major incident. Following the information, an inter-district search and combing operation was launched on, February 8 which was named 'Operation Double Bull' during which from February 8 to 21 at different places 10 encounters took place between the jawans and the Maoists.

Govt blocks SFJ linked 'Punjab Politics TV'

NEW DELHI, FEB 22

The Centre on Tuesday ordered blocking of apps, website, and social media accounts of foreign-based 'Punjab Politics TV' reportedly having close links with banned outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), a GoI statement said. According to intelligence inputs, the channel was attempting to use online media to disturb public order during the ongoing State Assembly Elections.

"The Ministry used emergency powers under the IT Rules on 18th February to block the digital media resources of 'Punjab Politics TV'. "The contents of the blocked apps, web-

site, and social media accounts had the potential to incite communal disharmony and separatism and were found to be detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, and public order," Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said in the statement. It was also observed that the launch of new apps and social media accounts was timed to gain traction during the ongoing elections, it said. The Government remains vigilant and committed to secure the overall information environment in India and thwart any actions having the potential to undermine India's sovereignty and integrity, the Ministry said.

Strike leads to power disruption in Chandigarh



AGENCY
CHANDIGARH, FEB 22

Many areas of Chandigarh faced power outages on Tuesday as employees of the Electricity Department went on a three-day strike in protest against the privatization of the department. All India Power Engineers Federation spokesperson V K Gupta said talks were initiated by the Advisor to the Governor of Punjab for the first time on Monday but no concrete assurance was given, forcing the employees to go on strike. The power demand in Chandigarh took a sharp dip to 80 MW from 200 MW because of outages, he claimed. A memorandum has been sent to the Union

Home Minister with demands to stop the decision to privatize the efficiently managed power department in Chandigarh. Meanwhile, the PSEB Engineers Association and the Haryana Power Engineers Association have written to their respective managements that their member will not perform duty in Chandigarh during the strike. Today Haryana employees participated in a protest rally and tomorrow PSPCL engineers and employees will join their counterparts in protest. Gupta said that the privatization model of Chandigarh exposes the consumer to market risks that would cause steep and uncontrolled tariff hikes.

Kashmir Valley receives snowfall

AGENCY
SRINAGAR, FEB 22

The upper reaches of the Kashmir Valley including Gulmarg received snowfall even as the plains were lashed by rains on Tuesday. The Meteorological Department has forecast widespread light to moderate rain, snow and traces over Jammu and Kashmir over the next 24 hours. Gulmarg and Tangmarg received 3-4 inches of snowfall while Shopian district received 2 cm of snow on Tuesday. Tourists in the ski resort of Gulmarg were delighted by the weather. Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir Valley received light rainfall since morning, disrupting normal life. Many far flung roads



including the ones in Kupwara-Keran, Karnah, Machil and Gurez have been closed as a precaution, a traffic police official said. The minimum temperature in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, was a low 3.8 degrees Celsius, 2.9 degrees above normal during this period of the season. It also received 0.6 mm of rainfall till 0830 hours on Tuesday. Gulmarg recorded minus 5 degrees Celsius. It also received 8 cm of snowfall till Tuesday morning. The temperature in Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu highway was 2.2 degrees Celsius, at Kokernag 2.2 degrees and at Kupwara 2.2 degrees Celsius. Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 2.4 degree Celsius.

PRITI SAINI SADHAURA: The Aam Aadmi Party, Sadhaura, held door to door campaigns regarding the municipal elections in Sadhaura. During the campaign, the people were told that the Aam Aadmi Party is fighting the municipal election on the election symbol broom. In the elections, eligible candidates will be fielded from all the wards. In view of the Punjab election strategy, the AAP wave has started running in Haryana also. Raja Ram, North Haryana President of SCBC Cell said that the next government will be of Aam Aadmi Party as people have understood the policy and intentions of the present government and common people also want to vote for Aam Aadmi Party. On the occasion, Chaudhary Raja Ram Sadhaura President, SCBC Cell of Uttari Haryana Zone, Arun Jain, Geeta, Kuldeep Rathi, Gurdev Saini were present.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Govt runs unique scheme to empower daughters

AGENCY CHANDIGARH, FEB 22

Haryana government was running a unique scheme, 'Aapki Beti Hamari Beti', for bright future of the daughters of the state and to empower them. Giving details on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said that the objective of this scheme was to bring change in the social attitude towards the birth of girl child, stop female feticide, improve the gender ratio and provide proper education opportunities for every girl child. One of the most fruitful results of these schemes was that the gender ratio in the state was continuously improving and there has been a positive change in the thinking of the society towards daughters. Besides this, equal opportunities are also being given to the daughters to rise in their lives. Under this scheme being run by the Women and Child Development De-



partment, an amount of Rs 21000 was being given to scheduled castes and BPL families living in rural and urban areas on the birth of their first daughter, while on the birth of the second and third daughters belonging to all categories, the same amount was being invested in Life Insurance Corporation. A membership certificate was issued by LIC in the name of the benefi-

ciary. This membership certificate can be encashed after the girl child completes 18 years, provided the beneficiary girl is unmarried, he informed. He said to take advantage of the scheme, the applicant has to apply online through the Saral Portal. He said to take advantage of the scheme, the application can be made within one year of the birth of the daughter.

Dhanuka Group signs MoU with Maharana Pratap Horticultural Varsity

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 22

Dhanuka Group on Tuesday signed an MoU with Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU), Karnal to jointly conduct research in crop protection chemicals and in the promotion of modern technology in the agriculture sector. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Dr. A. S. Tomar, Vice-President & Head-R&D, Dhanuka Agritech, and Professor Samar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, MHU. The objective of the MoU includes jointly conducting research activities in the field of crop protection chemicals and organising awareness programmes for carrying out agri extension services. Farmers will be encouraged to use modern agriculture technologies (like drone usage, artificial intelligence (AI), and precision agriculture.



Through this partnership, the Dhanuka Group and the University aim to boost farmers' income by enhancing crop productivity and production. Commenting on the MoU with Maharana Pratap Horticultural University, Dr. A. S. Tomar, Vice-President & Head-R&D, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd said, "There is utmost need to undertake more research and development initiatives in the field of agriculture and the tie-up with an institution like MHU will help us promote research activities in the agriculture and allied activities." Emphasising the importance of the MoU, Vice-Chancellor of Maharana Pratap Horticultural University Professor Samar Singh said, "There is a great need of collaboration between academic & research institutions with companies of repute who are keen to promote research and development activities in various areas including agriculture and allied activities. We are confident today's tie-up will encourage more and more students to undertake research

Pollution team checks garbage disposal site

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL, FEBRUARY 22

On the orders of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), a team of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Haryana Pollution Control Board (HPCB) conducted a joint surprise inspection of the garbage site on Khurana Road. For about three hours, the team carefully scrutinized every aspect till late in the night. During this, XEN Himanshu Latka, Municipal Engineer Sumit and Junior Engineer Sandeep provided detailed information and documents of the project on behalf of the city council. The team expressed satisfaction over the efforts being made by the city council in the direction of waste disposal and gave suggestions to do better. He said that the Municipal Council should prepare a revised estimate for the disposal of excess waste at the site and send it to the Municipal Headquarters so that the site can be vacated soon.

The NGT has sought a detailed report from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the Haryana government on the work being done for waste disposal. The team said that the city council should take safety measures to avoid contamination of groundwater. The team has sought a comprehensive report from the concerned authorities about the negative impact of landfills on the groundwater around them. Sheeshpal Rana of the company is doing waste disposal work. It gave the status report of the project to the team and apprised about the bio-remediation.

47th awareness programme held under Drug Free India Campaign

SHIV KUMAR SHAMA KARNAL: On the directions of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief and Additional Director General of Police Shri Shrikant Jadhav, the 47th one-day drug de-addiction awareness workshop was organised at Government Adarsh Sanskriti Senior Secondary School, Bayana.

Kulbir Singh Malik, an active member of Prayas and Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, was present in the programme as the chief guest, which was concluded under the chairmanship of Balwan Singh, principal of the school. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, Sub-Inspector in-charge of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau awareness campaign and rehabilitation was present as the keynote speaker. The stage was conducted by Hindi professor Arun Kaiharba. Principal Balwan Singh welcomed all the guests and dignitaries.

Kulbir Singh Malik, an active member of the main effort, said that every person needs to work unitedly under the leadership of ADGP Shrikant Jadhav to eradicate drugs. After the address, all the present dignitaries and students raised their hands and pledged not to indulge in intoxicants in life and also promised to inform the Bureau about the helpline number 9050891508 of drug trade. In the end, the guests, dignitaries, teachers and students and police employees under the leadership of Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, in-charge of the awareness campaign and rehabilitation of the Bureau, took out a walking awareness tour in the entire area and made people aware to stay away from drugs. All of them were speaking - drug free Haryana where milk and curd food. Stop the same demand of all of us Bhukki and Bhang. We all have decided to make India drug free and put the criminals behind the bars. Along with this, he directed the shopkeepers not to sell tobacco products in the area of 200 meters of the school.

Expedite developmental work under SPMRM, DC tells officials

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 22

A review meeting of the district-level empowered committee under Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM) was organized on Tuesday in the auditorium of Mini Secretariat under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav. During the review, the Deputy Commissioner expressed satisfaction over the completion of 56 out of 81 different developmental works and directed the concerned officers to complete the remaining unfinished works as soon as possible under the mission. He said that the utility certificates of the completed works should be sent to the District Rural Development Agency office.

In the meeting, Chief Executive Officer of District Rural Development Agency, Karnal, giving detailed information about Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission, Dr. Sushil Malik said that this mission was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 21, 2016. The objective of the mission is to uplift the social and economic status of the peo-



ple living in rural areas by providing urban amenities. He informed that in the district, this mission is being run in the name of Balla cluster in five Gram Panchayats Balla, Manpara, Goli, Fafdana and Salwan. In the DPR prepared under this mission, work is being done under Critical Gap Funding and Convergence upgradation of school / higher education facilities, sanitation, provision of piped water supply, solid and liquid waste management, construction of village streets and drains, provision of street light facilities, establishment of inter-village road connection, provision of public transport facilities, LPG Gas Connection, Digital Literacy and Citizen Service Center, Electronic Distribution of Citizen Centered Services / E-Gram Connectivity.

HSCCW to resume child welfare activities as third wave ebbs

R.K. KASHYAP YAMUNANAGAR: A state-level meeting of all senior child welfare officers of the state and district child welfare officers was held at Shishugruh Panchkula under the chairmanship of Parisa Sharma, vice president of Haryana State Council for Child Welfare (HSCCW).

In the meeting, the works and activities related to child welfare in all the districts were reviewed and necessary guidelines were given to all the officers. Vice-President Parisa Sharma said that the objective of Haryana State Child Welfare Council is welfare of children and regarding the same, instructions have been given to speed up the work of child welfare and increase the activities by holding meetings of all the districts of the state. After the corona epidemic, it was agreed to run activities related to children again even as everyone was instructed to follow the corona guidelines. Parisa Sharma said that guidelines were given to make the Antyodaya Yojana -- being run under the leadership of Chief Minis-

ter Manohar Lal -- effective at the grassroots level. She said that the activities which had been stalled for a long time would now be expedited and the development of children would be given a boost through child welfare activities. She said that all the officers have also been instructed to carry out their work within the stipulated time frame with complete honesty and transparency. She said that the objective of the council is welfare of children and the work of realizing this on priority basis is being continued by the council. All the Senior District Child Welfare Officers and District Child Welfare Officers were present on this occasion.

State animal fair in Bhiwani from Feb 25

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL: DC Pradeep Dahiya informed that from February 25, State Livestock Exhibition will be organised in Bhiwani. The exhibition will run from February 25 to 27. Various types of animal competitions will also be held during the exhibition.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that the 38th State Livestock Exhibition is being organised by the Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department of Haryana at Huda Ground near Sector 13 of Bhiwani. Prizes will be given by the department to the top animals in this exhibition and competition to be organized. Along with this, there will also be stunts of camels and horses and ramp shows of animals will also be organized. Apart from this, new techniques related to agriculture, animal husbandry and horticulture will also be demonstrated. The concerned animal owners of the district can participate in this exhibition.

He said that any participant can contact the Veterinarian, Sub-Divisional Officer or Deputy Director's office of the Animal Husbandry Department to participate in the exhibition. 53 types of competitions of 12 breeds of animals will be organised in this State Livestock Exhibition. These include animals cows, buffaloes, bulls, khagars, sheep, goats, rams, camels, horses, pigs and donkeys. He also said that many schemes and projects are being run by the Haryana Government for the farmers and livestock owners, which they should take full advantage of.

Firefighters protest by holding gate meeting



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: A gate meeting was organised today by firefighters against the Haryana government on the call of the Municipal Corporation Sarv Karamchhari Sangh, Haryana. Fire Brigade Secretary Chetram said that on March 6, a state power demonstration will be held at the residence of the Minister, Urban Local Bodies Department, Hisar. Simultaneously, preparations for the dharna will also be made. He said it was announced by the government that the raw employees would be made sure and equal work would be given equal pay, the body department would give the salary of the employees, but till date the government has not fulfilled the firefighting demand. The government should fulfill the demands of the firefighters soon, otherwise the firefighters will be forced to launch a big movement. Kuldeep Kumar, Firefighter Anil Kumar, Firefighter Praveen Kumar, Driver Ramesh Chand, Safai Karamchhari Pala Ram, Prem Chand, Ved Prakash, Akshay, Rajesh Kumar, and Kanta Devi were present.

Navjot president of Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan



ROHIT LAMSAR TARAORI: Social worker Navjot Sandhu, resident Taraori was appointed as the National President of Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan, Paika, for his continuous contribution to the welfare of society along with the work of service. He was given this responsibility by Pahalwan Bawani Singh, chairman of Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan Paika in Jaipur. He said that Haryana is the hub of sports, and soon in Haryana also, national sports will be organised under the leadership of Navjot Sandhu, the national president of the newly appointed Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan. On getting the responsibility of the post of National President, Navjot Sandhu thanked the people associated with it, including Pehlwan Bawani Singh, Chairman of Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan Paika. He said that players from different states including Haryana would be linked with Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan. Addressing the people, National President of Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan, Paika, Navjot Sandhu said that youth will be connected with sports by keeping them away from drugs. Drugs are destroying the body of youth. Therefore, the youth will also be made aware against drugs. Jagral Singh Virk, Suresh, Aydan Dawasi and other coaches were present on the occasion.

Mandkhedi-Jagadhari road to be constructed soon: Kanwar Pal



RK KASHYAP CHHCHHRAULI: Kanwarpal Pal, Minister for Education, Forest and Tourism in Haryana Government, while meeting with BJP workers in village Mandkhedi, discussed the development works of village Mandkhedi and village Mundakheda. Shakti Kendra chief Kuldeep Singh Rana presented the main topic and said that the road which is going from village Mandkhedi to village Mundakheda is going to Jagadhari. Taking cognizance of this subject, Education Minister Chaudhary Kanwar Pal got his car out on the same road and inspected the place. The length of the road was measured from the meter of the vehicle, its length came to 700 meters. Education Minister Kanwar Pal said that this work will be done as soon as possible. The BJP government, without any discrimination, is working on the principle of development for all, and the same development work is being carried out in the entire district. With the BJP government's ambitious family identity card, people are starting to get hundreds of services on their own. The needy families coming under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana of the Central Government are being treated free of cost up to Rs 5 lakh. During this, BJP leader Kuldeep Singh, Rana Mandkhedi, Ashok Kumar, Karmaveer, Sonu, Pal Singh, Rajwanti, BJP district media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg and many other BJP workers were present.

New mission for the uplift of beekeeping

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 22

District Horticulture Officer Joginder Bisla said that in the changing environment along with traditional farming, farmers can now become financially prosperous by adopting beekeeping. In this regard, the State Government has started the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) in the state for the uplift of the business of beekeepers and honey, from which farmers can take maximum benefits. He said that the Haryana government is committed to the uplift of beekeepers and the honey business. Under the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM), the government is providing grant money for beekeeping, promotion projects.

Incentives are being given by giving grant money. Maximum Rs.300 lakh per project on project of Rs.500 lakh in other processing units/plant head, maximum Rs.40 lakh per project on project of Rs.80 lakh for honey and other bees, cold storage etc. Under Project and Testing Lab head, grant amount of maximum Rs.50 lakh per project is being made available on the project of Rs.100 lakh.

District Horticulture Officer Joginder Bisla informed that a maximum grant amount of Rs.8 lakh per project is being provided on a project of Rs.20 lakh under the head of manufacturing unit of beekeeping equipment. Similarly, the facility of registration and insurance has been given to the parents per project. To take advantage of the above scheme and for more information, farmers / beekeepers can contact their respective District Horticulture Officer Integrated Beekeeping Development Centre.

Agri officials create awareness about wheat crop diseases among farmers

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: As per the direction of Deputy Director of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Dr. Aditya Pratap Dabas, Agriculture Development Officer (Plant Protection) Dr. Mohit Kumar and Assistant Technical Manager Vinod Kumar visited the fields of Randauli, Nagal, Kamalpur Gadarian and other villages of Indri section related to diseases occurring in wheat crop.

Agriculture officials advised the farmers to be aware of the diseases occurring in the wheat crop. They told the farmers that after constant humidity in the weather, a disease called yellow rust can occur in the wheat crop. Giving information about yellow rust disease to the farmers, they said that yellow spots form in long lines in the leaves of wheat and by touching these leaves, yellow powder is applied on the hands. Farmers can also contact the officials of agriculture department for identification of disease like yellow rust. During their visit, the agriculture officials showed signs of yellow rust in the field of a farmer of Randauli. Agriculture officials appealed to the farmers to visit their fields regularly to protect their wheat crop from diseases like yellow rust and to use medicines on the advice of agricultural scientists, when symptoms of yellow rust appear in the wheat crop. Agriculture Development Officer Dr. Mohit Kumar explained to the farmers about disease like yellow rust. He said that there is a cure for the disease like yellow rust in the wheat crop, all that is needed is for the farmers to be aware of this disease. He informed that if symptoms of disease like yellow rust appear in the field, mix 200 ml propiconazole in 200 litres of water and spray in one acre. Yellow rust can be controlled by spraying this medicine.



Free Knee Transplant Camp at Sood Hospital Ahmedgarh on 27th February



AHMEDGARH (MAHAVIR GOYAL): A free knee replacement and bone checkup camp is being organized by the renowned Sood Hospital in the area on Sunday 27th February at Sood Hospital. Disclosing this here today Dr. Rajiv Sood said that Dr. Deepak Bansal MS Ortho, a knee replacement specialist in the camp would conduct free examination of the knees and free examination of the joint and bone patients.

Discount will be given. He said that our aim was to provide the best healthcare facilities to the people of the area at low cost. Dr. Deepak Bansal has received advanced training in knee replacement from England and Germany.

CEC should strengthen the security of buildings with EVMs and vote counting centres: Cheema

CHANDIGARH, FEB 22



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab urged Chief Electoral Officer S. Karuna Raju to strengthen and upgrade the security of buildings with voting machines and counting centres. Harpal Singh Cheema, senior leader of the AAP and Leader of the Opposition, said that the AAP suggested CCTV cameras at the counting centers and buildings with EVMs and share the link of the live feed with the candidates.

Releasing a statement from the party headquarters on Tuesday, Harpal Singh Cheema said that the voting process for the Punjab Assembly elections had been completed peacefully. But various Aam Aadmi Party candidates have expressed concern over the lack of adequate security arrangements for the voting machines. He said that as per the information received, the buildings where the voting machines have been kept do not have strict security arrangements

and in many places there is lack of security and proper lighting. Harpal Singh Cheema said that AAP candidate from Patiala Ajitpal Singh Kohli had expressed concern over the lack of proper security of voting machines kept at Mahindra College in Patiala city.

According to Ajitpal Singh Kohli, "The Mahindra College building does not have adequate security personnel and lighting. Apart from this, a large part of the college has been found to be unsafe, due to which the machines in the college could be tampered with." Not only Patiala, there are complaints from various districts which demand immediate attention of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Congress and AAP adopt double standard on strike of electricity employees : Arun Sood

**SACHIN MOUDGILL
CHANDIGARH, FEB 22**

Bharatiya Janata Party Chandigarh State President Arun Sood has accused the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party of adopting double standards in relation to the strike by the employees of the Electricity Department on the matter of power privatization.



They say that Congress and Aam Aadmi Party are opposing power privatization in Chandigarh and pretending to support the striking employees, whereas the truth is that Congress ruled Mumbai has privatized electricity and Aam Aadmi Party ruled Delhi.

Electricity has also been privatized in the state. Not only this, electricity has been privatized in many other big cities. Privatization of essential services is the need of the hour to provide better facilities to the people. Arun Sood says that Congress and Aam Aadmi Party are trying to trouble the people of Chandigarh by supporting the breakdown of electricity supply for 72 hours. In today's era, when the country is going through an epidemic, many emergency services are needed which cannot be completed without electricity. If a patient needs a ventilator or oxygen concentrator, what will happen to them? Similarly, the breakdown of children's examinations will

employees are being misled by saying that the employees will lose their jobs and they will not get the benefit of pension whereas Chandigarh Administration has already mentioned in the contract that these 650 employees will not lose their jobs till retirement and will not get pension even after retirement. Congress and Aam Aadmi Party are trying to tarnish the image of BJP, harassing the residents of Chandigarh by provoking these employees to not restore the power supply for the next 72 hours.

When the Chandigarh Administration has already fulfilled the demands of 650 employees, then why 12 lakh people of Chandigarh have to bear the brunt due to the poor politics of Congress and Aam Aadmi Party. Arun Sood has assured that he is taking up the entire matter with the administration so that the general public does not suffer. He hoped that the regular power supply would be restored soon and the problems being faced by the people would be resolved soon.

Seminar dedicates to Mother Language Day organized in SSM College

DINANAGAR (JASPOONAM KOHLI): A seminar dedicated to International Mother Language Day was organized by the Department of Post Graduate Punjabi under the leadership of Principal Dr. RK Tuli at the local SSM College.

First of all, the Principal congratulated everyone on Mother Language Day. Throwing light on the importance of Punjabi mother tongue, he said that no matter how many languages we learn, but if we do not have the knowledge of our mother tongue, then our knowledge is incomplete. Because having knowledge of Gurmukhi script is mandatory for all Punjabis. Throwing light on the historical background of Punjabi language, Prof. Aarti Thakur of Punjabi Department motivated all to read and teach Punjabi language without any hesitation and took pledge to all the students and teachers to adopt Punjabi language. Prof. Balwinder Kaur did a great job of stage management. In the end, thanking everyone, Prof. Prabodh Grover said that Punjabi language is our identity, culture and behavior.



Need to understand importance of pulses for healthy human and soil health: Dr. Amrik Singh

**SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, FEB 22**

Director, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Punjab Under the direction of Dr. Gurwinder Singh Khalsa and Deputy Commissioner Sanyam Agarwal, under Mission Healthy Punjab, a farmer awareness camp was organized at Agriculture Office, Indira Colony on the importance of pulses cultivation in agricultural diversification, which was presided over by Dr. Amrik Singh Block Agriculture Officer, Gurdit Singh Agriculture Extension Officer, Love Kumar Block Technology Manager, Balwinder Kumar, Amandeep Singh, Mandeep Hans, Assistant Technology Manager (Atma),



Balwinder Singh Farmer Leader, Kartik Vadera Additional Farmer, Sansar Singh, Rajinder Singh, Ravinder Singh, Marut Kapila, Paras, Munish Kumar were present. Sharing the technical tips of summer mango cultivation to the farmers, Dr. Amrik Singh said that pulses play an important role in the diet of vegetarians. He said that the cultivation of pulses as intercrops would not only increase the income but also improve the soil health and increase the yield of the main crop.

Balkar Sidhu thanks voters of the constituency

RAMPURA PHUL (HEMANT SHARMA): Aam Aadmi Party candidate from constituency Rampura Phul Balkar Sidhu thanked the voters of the constituency and all the Aam Aadmi Party volunteers and leaders after the completion of the election process. AAP candidate Balkar Sidhu said that the polling percentage in Halqa Rampura Phul was very good and people contributed by voting openly and democratically. The entire selection process apart from complaints Mr. Balkar Sidhu said that Halqa Rampura has always been sensitive but this time no untoward incident took place considering the readiness of police administration and understanding of social values by the residents of the constituency. Balkar Sidhu said that Aam Aadmi Party Hard work during election campaign Balkar Sidhu said that he received overwhelming response and support from the people of Halqa Rampura during the entire election campaign. He will always be indebted to the people of the constituency according to information coming from where the common man The party will win a landslide victory in Rampura constituency while the Aam Aadmi Party will form a government in the state under the leadership of Bhagwant Mann by winning more than 70 seats.



PEDA organises training workshop on energy conservation

**ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, FEB 22**

Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), conducted training workshop at Govt ITI, Bathinda on Tuesday which was well attended by about 100 electricians, fitters, plumbers, dealers, farmers, state employees, air conditioning mechanics attended the workshop, presentations and lectures were delivered on topics like Star Labelling of Electrical Appliances and Water Pumps, Operation & Maintenance of Water Pumps; Energy-Efficient Lighting and Air-Conditioning and others.



PEDA is conducting training workshops to create awareness among stakeholders in the agriculture sector under Agriculture Demand Side Management (AgDSM) Program in the state of Punjab. Principal ITI, Bathinda, Gurpreet Kaur gave the welcome address. Expert speakers were Ashwani Kumar, Surinder Bahga, Kapil Arora and Rupinder Ahuja. A special presentation on activities and programs of PEDA

Rotary Club Rupnagar organises blood donation camp



**BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, FEB 22**

Rotary Club Rupnagar organised a blood donation camp in collaboration with Lifeline blood donor society on the occasion of death anniversary of Sant Shadi Singh at Gurudwara head darbar kot puran here. The camp was inaugurated by Sant Avtar Singh by offering prayers. A team from Rotary Blood Bank Chandigarh collected 64 units of blood during the camp. Rotary Club Rupnagar president and assistant ad-

vocate general Punjab Harsimar Singh Sitta thanked the blood donors, as well Sant Khushal Singh and Sant Avtar Singh. He appealed to the people to donate blood to save precious lives. Lifeline blood donor society president Kanwaljit Singh, Dr. Manish Rai from Rotary blood bank, Rotary Club secretary Jatinder Pal Singh Rehal, member Daljit Singh Saini, advocate Dheeraj Kaushal, advocate Aminderpreet Singh Bawa and advocate Rahul Verma were also present on the occasion.

Asha, Anganwadi workers worked hard in election: Dr. Ashwani Kumar



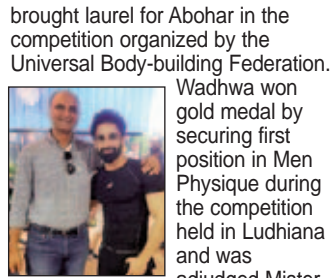
**HEMANT SHARMA
RAMPURA PHUL, FEB 22**

Under direction of Civil Surgeon Bathinda Dr. Balwant Singh and Senior Medical Officer Balianwali Dr. Ashwani Kumar, more than 100 Asha workers of Health Block Balianwali were on duty at various booths to provide masks, gloves to the voters during the election, to maintain body distance and to check the body temperature through thermoscanner. Dr. Ashwani Kumar encouraged all Asha facilitators, Asha workers and Anganwadi workers and commended duty performed by them.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Manish Wadhwa wins Mister India title

**RAJ SADOSH
ABOHAR:** Manish Wadhwa has brought laurel for Abohar in the competition organized by the



Universal Body-building Federation. Wadhwa won gold medal by securing first position in Men Physique during the competition held in Ludhiana and was adjudged Mister India. 28 persons from across the country participated in the competition in which he got the first prize. He said that his main objective is to train the youth and keep them away from drugs so that the younger generation also shines the name of their city and parents by doing bodybuilding like them. He inspired the younger generation to pay more attention to sports and physical activities. Sandeep Jakhar, the convener of Apna Abohar Apni Abha campaign, congratulated Wadhwa for glorifying the name of Abohar with his art and wished him a bright future.

Broadcast of 'Podcast' on occasion of 'International Mother Tongue Day' at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala



**VERMA
BATALLA:** Under the able guidance of Dr. Ekta Khosla, Principal, RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala, a 'Podcast', dedicated to the 'International Mother Tongue Day', was aired in collaboration with the Punjabi Department under the convenorship of Dr. Lucky Sharma. The keynote speaker Dr. Gurwinder Singh Dhaliwali, from Canada, discussed important issues related to mother tongue Punjabi including difficulties in speaking Punjabi abroad, efforts to promote it, various differences in its educational levels in Punjab and abroad and imparted some important tips for speaking Punjabi fluently. The podcast was moderated by Kumari Kalash Attri, our college student. Sharing his views on this occasion, Dr. Dhaliwali said that he is working hard to promote Punjabi language abroad. He further added that the economic and political factors of the country are responsible for the continuous exodus of youth to the different countries and it can be controlled by expanding strong cultural ties throughout the country.

13 positive patients of Covid-19 in the district

**DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHARPUR:** Giving information about the condition of Covid-19, Civil Surgeon Dr. Parminder Kaur said that today with the receipt of 1835 new samplings with suspected flu-like symptoms and receiving reports of 1666 samplings, 13 positive patients of Covid-19 have come. She said that till date the total number of positive patients in the district has been 37844 and out of 2855 positive cases received from outlying districts the total number of positive cases of Covid-19 has increased to 40699.

Meeting regarding annual budget of SGPC held

**CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, FEB 22**

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has started preparations for the upcoming annual budget of the Sikh body.



A budget sub-committee formed by SGPC President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhahi held a meeting at the SGPC office today. The meeting was attended by SGPC senior vice-president S. Raghujit Singh Virk, junior vice-president Principal Surinder Singh, general secretary Jathedar Karnail Singh Panjoli, SGPC executive committee member S. Sarvan Singh Kular, SGPC members Bhai Gurinder Singh Grewal and S. Satwinder Singh Tohra, secretary S. Mohinder Singh Ahli, and additional secretary S. Sukhinder Singh. During the meeting, the priorities of

the upcoming budget of SGPC were discussed. Earlier, the budget sub-committee had held different meetings with the managers and accountants of historical Gurdwara Sahibs managed by SGPC and heads of the educational institutions, and their suggestions were taken.

These suggestions were also discussed in the meeting today. It is notable that this budget sub-committee will submit its report to the SGPC executive committee and after

its approval, the annual budget session will be called. Notably, SGPC manages the historical Gurdwara Sahibs and it also works for flourishing the Sikh faith through its Dharam Prachar Committee. At the same time, many schools and colleges are also managed and run by SGPC. For providing services to the Sangat through each of these organisations, a separate budget is maintained, for the preparation of which, the budget sub-committee works.

Dhami congratulates Prof Kalyan Singh for completing PhD on Gurbani of Guru Nanak Dev

**CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, FEB 22**

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami has congratulated young Sikh Prof Kalyan Singh of Pakistan, for completing Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree on Gurbani of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



Expressing happiness, SGPC President said that the minority Sikhs in Pakistan are flourishing the philosophy of the Sikh Gurus and it was a step in this direction for Prof Kalyan Singh that he made Gurbani of the first Guru, the basis of his research.

Advocate Dhami said that the birth of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first Sikh Guru, from the land of Sri Nankana Sahib now in Pakistan and his message of truth to all mankind through Gurbani, holds great significance in the

religious history of the world and there is a big need for preaching and propagating the same.

"Prof Kalyan Singh has done good work at the academic level by making the message of Guru Nanak Dev Ji in his Gurbani, a part of research and it is commendable. The initiative of this Sikh youth of Pakistan would undoubtedly inspire youths as well", said Advocate Dhami.

World Scout Day celebrated at St Kabir Convent Sr Sec School



**ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, FEB 22**

World Scout Day was celebrated at St Kabir Convent Sen Sec School. On this occasion, special assembly was organized in which activities related to Scout were conducted. The students were told about the rules of

scout clap.

Reshma Kohli told the students about Scout Sign. Yashika, a student of class VIII, gave information related to Scout to everyone. The students presented a play depicting all the religions as one in which the scouts inspired all the religions to live together. Scout in-charge

Neetu Jindal told the students about the importance of scouts and motivated them to serve the country.

The School managing director Prof. M.L. Arora and School Principal Madam Kanchan congratulated all the students on World Scout Day and motivated them to join Scout.



YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

CM returns to Shimla after being discharged from AIIMS



AGENCY SHIMLA, FEB 22

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today reached Shimla after being discharged from AIIMS New Delhi. Chief Minister was admitted in AIIMS on Friday for routine check up. On his arrival at Annadae Shimla, Chief Minister was received by Urban Development Minister Suresh Bhardwaj, State BJP President and MP Suresh Kashyap, Chairman MILKFED Nihal

Chand Sharma, Vice Chairperson Saksham Gudiya Board Roopa Sharma, Chairman Kailash Federation Ravi Mehta, Chairman Gau Seva Aayog Ashok Sharma, Chairman WAQF Board Mohammad Raj Bali, Chairman APMC Shimla-Kinnaur Naresh Sharma, Director General of Police Sanjay Kundu, other prominent leaders and senior officers. While interacting with the media, Chief Minister has thanked people of the State for their good wishes.

CM expresses grief over fire incident in Una cracker factory

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has expressed grief over the fire incident in a cracker factory at Bathu in Haroli Sub Division of Una district today that left six dead and 14 injured. Chief Minister directed the district administration to immediately provide relief and rehabilitation to affected persons and take stern action against the guilty as per law. Jai Ram Thakur announced rupees four lakh each to the next kin of the deceased of this mishap and a special messenger has been sent for PGI Chandigarh to provide Rs. 15,000 each to 11 other seriously injured in the tragic incident. Similarly Rs. 5,000 each has been provided to three persons admitted in Una hospital. Chief Minister also ordered Divisional Commissioner inquiry into the incident and asked to submit its report within a week. He said that an inquiry would also be conducted regarding renting out the land for this illegal cracker factory. Jai Ram Thakur prayed the Almighty to give peace to the departed souls and strength to the bereaved families to bear the irreparable loss. Vice Chairman HPSIDC Prof. Ram Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Una Raghav Sharma and other district officers have reached the incident site and supervised the relief and rescue operations.

India-Sri Lanka teams will have corona test before the match

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 22

Players of both the teams will have two corona tests before the India-Sri Lanka T20 matches to be held on 26 February at the International Cricket Stadium in Dharamsala. Only after the test report comes negative, they will be sent to the playground or placed in the circle of the bio bubble. If the report of any player comes positive, then he will be kept in the Green Corridor area, where he will be under the supervision of the medical team. Corona tests of ground staff will also be taken. On February 25, both the teams will reach Dharamsala and on the same day RTPCR tests of players and ground staff will be conducted. After the report comes negative, they will be included in the circle of bio bubble. Neither a player nor a member of the ground staff can go out once the bio bubble is in the circle. The player will be able to go only up to the place fixed by the HPCA. After coming under the circle of the bio



bubble, on the day of the team's match, there will be a rapid antigen test of all the players and ground staff of both the teams again in the morning. In view of the Covid rules, BCCI and HPCA have included only 50 people in the ground staff. In addition there are 200 staff members of the hotel earmarked for the players. All of them will have RTPCR test. After reaching Dharamsala, both the teams will practice in the evening session. For this, the Ground and Pitch Committee of HPCA has prepared eight practice pitches. After this, if the team feels the need, then they will practice in the morning session on 26 February. A team of the department will be deployed to look after the health of the players and ground staff during the match.

Kavi Sammelan held to commemorate Guru Ravidas Jayanti

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, FEB 22

Kavi Sammelan organized in Una in Bachat Bhavan Hall today to commemorate Guru Ravidas Jayanti. This Kavi Sammelan was organized by the Him Kala and Sanskriti Uthhan Samiti Una (Regd) and sponsored by the Language and Cultural Department Una. This Kavi Sammelan was organized under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration and fully dedicated to Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj. It was attended by well-known poets of Una and the glory of Guru Ravidas Ji was praised by their own poetry. Poets



motivated the society to follow the path set by the Guru Ravidas Ji Maaharaj. 21 poets from Una district and Nangal Punjab participated in this Kavi Sammelan. They are Parkash Chand Mehram, Kishori Lal Bains, Raj Kumar Thakur, Kundan Lal Sharma, Rachana Sharma, Santosh

Sharma Nangal Punjab, Om Devi Saini, Alka Chawla, Suram Singh, Om Parkash Sharma, R. P. Sharma, Rajinder Kaushal, Zahid Abrol, Kuldeep Sharma, Ashok Kalia, Rajeev Sharman, O.P. Dang, Kishori Lal Sharma and M.R. Premi and many other dignitaries were also present.

Rs 100 cr being spent for water storage: MLA

ANWAR HUSSAIN NALAGARH, FEB 22

Under the Water Storage Scheme, 150 water storage structures of 8 to 10 lakh liters of water holding capacity are being constructed in state, Rs 100 crore is being spent in this scheme being run through the Forest Department. This information was given by Doon MLA Paramjit Singh Pammi on the occasion of foundation stone of the dam being constructed at a cost of about Rs 15 lakh in Dharampur village of Gram Panchayat police station under Doon assembly constituency. He said that in this era of increasing population, natural resources are becoming limited, so at present conservation of water, forest and land is the ultimate responsibility of every citizen. With efforts of State Government, apart from plantation of trees, special



priority is being given to works and projects related to channelization of river channels and rain water harvesting in BBN area. Doon MLA said that state government under

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur is set new dimensions of development in the entire state, despite the adverse financial conditions due to the global pandemic Covid-19. He informed that in 70 years after independence, Rs 6.64 lakh taps were installed in the entire state whereas under Jal Jeevan Mission, taps are being installed in every house and 6 in different districts of the state during only two years. 6.78 lakh taps have been installed. He said that 3.24 lakh women have been provided free gas connections. Paramjit Singh Pammi said that during last four years, unprecedented development has taken place in Doon assembly constituency. Rs 175 crore is being spent on Baddi Sai Ramshahr road. In order to increase and improve the irrigation facility, the work of 20 tubewells has been done.

Vivek Sharma makes courtesy call on Anand Sharma

JOGINDRA DEV ARYA BANGANA, FEB 22

Kutlahar Congress Committee Block President Vivek Sharma on Tuesday had a courtesy call on former Union Commerce Minister and senior Congress leader Anand Sharma during his Himachal tour and discussed the issues of Kutlehar. Congress General Secretary Rajneesh Kimta was also present. Vivek Sharma expressed his gratitude to former Union Commerce Minister Anand Sharma for the amount of Rs 16.60 lakh released for the development works of Kutlehar assembly constituency. Along with this, Vivek Sharma also invited Anand Sharma to come to the Kutlehar assembly constituency. Anand Sharma will visit Baddi, Nalagarh, Solan and Shimla and other areas during his Himachal tour and will energize the workers for the coming elections. On this occasion, former MLA of Doon Ram Kumar, former MLA of Paonta Sahib Karnesh Jung, media panelist members Saurabh Chauhan, Suresh Dutt, Ankit Sharma, Rajesh Dharman and others were present.

Seminar held on membership of India in UN Security council

JOGINDRA DEV ARYA BANGANA, FEB 22

Atal Bihari Bajpai Government College, Bangana, organized a seminar on contemporary topics by the Department of Political Science. Prof Sikander Negi, Head of the Department of Political Science presided. Topics are claim for permanent membership of India in Security Council, India's role in UN peacekeeping, World Health Organization and India's nuclear policy. Final year student Komal Thakur said that India has a strong claim for permanent membership in UN Security Council. He said that it is the

second largest country in the world and strategically very useful due to its geographical location in terms of international politics. India is a democratic country. It has always been an advocate of a multipolar world order. India clearly believes that Security Council must have democratic character. Madhu, a final year student, threw light on India's nuclear policy and said that basic principle of India's nuclear policy is "no first use". Shivani, a final year student threw light on World Health Organization saying that World Health Organization or WHO is a part of United Nations.

Corrupt practices in Central University should be investigated: ABVP

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 22

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad Unit President of Himachal Pradesh Central University, Mani Sharma said that even after 13 years of establishment of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, the non-construction of a permanent campus is a matter of shame for the governments of the entire state and the country. If we talk about last year, then some corrupt officials were running their own arbitrarily considering the university as their home, expelling

the permanent officers to fill their vaults and collecting the income of their own free will, even then the student council on 2 July 2021 He also appealed to the administration to take action against them and demanded the immediate removal of these corrupt officers as soon as the permanent Vice-Chancellor is appointed and also gave a memorandum for investigation of these corrupt officials. A few days later, taking action against these corrupt officials, along with the removal of them from their posts by the Vice Chancellor, an inquiry committee was also constituted.

Himachal Budget Session begins from today

DINESH AGGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 22

Himach Speaker Vipin Singh Parmar said that Budget session of 13th Legislative Assembly will be held from tomorrow with the speech of Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar. There will be a total of 16 sittings. Condolence on February 24. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur will present the budget estimates for the financial year 2022-2023 in the House on 4th March, he added. March 3 and March 10 have been fixed for non-government working days. He said corona cases were decreasing but still it



is not completely eradicated. Thermal screening will be done for every person who gets admission in the Legislative Assembly Secretariat. The buildings and premises of the Legislative Assembly Secretariat will be sanitized so that any kind of infection can be avoided. To deal with any emergency situation, an isolation room has been arranged in the Secretariat premises near the Vidhan Sabha dispensary. Apart

from this, arrangements for ambulances and testing machines have also been made by the Health Department in the Vidhan Sabha premises. Everyone will have to follow social distance in the Vidhan Sabha premises and it will be necessary to wear face masks. During the session, only those officers and employees whose services are desired will be posted on duty. It will be forbidden to stand in a crowd inside the premises. Passes will be issued with 50% capacity for seating. It will be mandatory for everyone to wear masks and social distance will have to be adopted.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders are hereby invited on Form No. 6 & 8 by the Executive Engineer, Solan B&R Division, H.P. PWD, Solan (H.P.) on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh for the following works from the registered contractors of appropriate class enlisted in H.P.PWD, whose registrations stood renewed as per revised instructions and also registered dealers under the Himachal Pradesh, General Sales Tax Act, 1968. The important dates of tender are as under:

| Sr.No. | Tender Schedule | | |
|--------|---|------------|-----------------|
| 1 | The last date for receipt of application for tender form. | 07.03.2022 | Upto 4.00 P.M. |
| 2 | The last date sale of tender forms. | 08.03.2022 | Upto 4.00 P.M. |
| 3 | The date for receipt of tender forms. | 09.03.2022 | Upto 10.30 A.M. |
| 4 | The date of opening of tender | 09.03.2022 | At 11.00 A.M. |

The tender shall be received upto 10.30 A.M. on 09.03.2022 and will be opened on the same day at 11.00 AM in the presence of office against cash payment as shown below (Non-refundable) during the working hours. The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate, FDRs/Account/Saving account in any of the Post Office/ Nationalized Bank in H.P. duly intending contractors or their authorized representatives who may like to be present. The tender form can be had from this pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer, (B&R) Division, H.P.PWD, Solan must accompany with each tender, conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will simultaneously be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason.

| Sr. No | Name of work | Estimated Cost. (Rs.) | Earnest Money (Rs) | Time | Cost of Form |
|--------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | "AR and M/O Jaunaji Dharon Ki Dhar road Km.0/0 to 6/700(SH- Construction of PCC retaining wall at RD/1810 to 1/800". | 3,33,147/- | 6,700/- | Two Months. | Rs.350/- |
| 2. | "Construction of rain shelter on Kufri Chail Kandaghat road on its junction with Dam site road at RD/49/765 under road side amenities". | 3,27,483/- | 6,550/- | Two Months. | Rs.350/- |
| 3. | "Construction of rain shelter on Deothi Delgi Bada Koon road Km. 10/960 under road side amenities". | 4,54,314/- | 9,100/- | Two Months. | Rs.350/- |
| 4. | "Construction of link road to Village Wakna Km.0/0 to 2/0 under MNP(SH-C/0 retaining wall at RD/0/810 to 0/825". | 4,71,617/- | 9,450/- | Two Months. | Rs.350/- |
| 5. | "AR and M/o on Kandaghat Hathon road Km.0/0 to 6/0 (SH- Clearance of side drain, white washing of parapets, drains and dressing of berms from Km.0/0 to 6/0". | 4,32,636/- | 8,660/- | 15 days. | Rs.350/- |
| 6. | "AR & M/O of road under Panwanoo Kasauli Dharampur Subethu road Km.57/320 to 65/320 (SH- Clearance of side drain between Km.57/320 to 61/320)". | 4,27,500/- | 8,550/- | 15 days. | Rs.350/- |
| 7. | "C/o link road from Kather Bye pass to Lower Kather area Via House of Sh. Subhash Chauhan Km.0/0 to 0/500 under MNP (SH: F/c, C/o CD & MT Km.0/0 to 0/500 (SW- C/o PCC R/wall at RD/0/302 to 0/314". | 2,51,669/- | 5,050/- | Two Months. | Rs.350/- |

TERMS & CONDITIONS:-

1. The tender form will not be issued to those contractors whose performance has been found unsatisfactory.
2. The contractor should have submitted the proof of registration, EPF No. & GST No. at the time of tender application. Failure should not be issued tender forms. Application without earnest money will not be.
3. Application without earnest money will not be entertained.
4. Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject or cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

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Deadly attack on father and sons due to old enmity, case registered against 7 people

ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): Due to old enmity some youths attacked the father and sons near Guga Madi in village Bhabat. Jaggi, his elder son Pritam and younger boy Baljit Singh were badly injured in this attack. The three injured were admitted to the Civil Hospital Dhakauli for treatment, where they were treated. Investigating officer Malkit Singh said that the police have registered a case under sections 323, 341, 506, 148, 149 of IPC against Chintu and his 6 unidentified friends, residents of Bhabat village. All the accused are said to be absconding. In the statements given to the police, Jaggi told that he was present at his house the previous day. At the same time, his elder son Pritam told that some youths are beating Balbir Singh near Googa Madi. When he reached there with his elder son, Chintu of village Bhabat was beating him. They got rid of the fight of both of them but Chintu called some of his companions there who came there in I-20 car. When he was taking both his boys home on a scooter, the assailants surrounded him and attacked him with sticks and iron rods.

Scott Edil, Chandigarh based pharmaceutical manufacturing company, sets up its first retail outlet in Chandigarh

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 22

Scott Edil, a famous Pharmaceutical manufacturing company of Chandigarh has opened its first retail outlet at 1057, Industrial area phase 2 Chandigarh.

Sanjeev Aggarwal, MD Scott Edil, envisions a world with affordable healthcare for all. This retail outlet is an embodiment of that dream. Following a Factory to Pharmacy model, this outlet offers best quality medicines at the lowest possible prices.

Notably Scott Edil has a wide range of products that cover a variety of therapeutic segments such as antibiotics, analgesics, anti-hypertensives, anti-diabetics, and vitamin supplements.

The store is rolling out schemes like Free Calcium, Iron & Folic Acid supplements for pregnant women. Highly subsidised rates for senior citizens, Pay later schemes for people in financial distress. Offering a minimum discount of 40% and a maximum discount of upto 80%, and this store is a blessing for everyone.

As per information received from Scott Edil, in case of dire circumstances, the store will even cover the expense for you as part of



their CSR initiative. Footed firmly in quality, Scott Edil will roll out exciting offers on its products every week for all its customers. For the first month, their ace pain relieving gel will be complimentary with all purchases.

The store will also be selling homecare products such as liquid detergent, glass cleaner, liquid dish wash and floor cleaner at never seen before prices.

Scott Edil's manufacturing capacities extend to cosmetics as well. High quality cosmetics will be available at factory prices. In short, there is something for everyone.

"We want to delight our customers everytime they visit us and we will go out of our way to make sure that happens," said Sanjeev Aggarwal, MD Scott Edil. He said Call on 706700001 to speak to their executives or for more information on their products. log on to www.scott-edil.com.

Tenure of Advisory Council extended for another six months: Administrator

RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 22

The Administrator's Advisory Council meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Sh. Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Chandigarh in the presence of Sh. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India, Sh. Dharam Pal, Adviser to the Administrator, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Mayor Chandigarh, members of the council, and senior officials of Chandigarh Administration at Hotel Mountview.

The Administrator appreciated the role of the members of the council in putting forth the issues affecting the lives of people and resolving them in the best interest of the city.

The members of the ten standing committees of the Advisory Council i.e., Education, Urban Infrastructure & Planning for the City committee, Environment, Health, Art Tourism, Culture and Heritage, Law and Order, Sports, Social Welfare, Transportation and Environment voiced the issues before the chair. Considering the importance of the pending issues, the Administrator extended the tenure of the existing Advisory Council for another six months.

The Council raised the issue of improving the overall infrastructure in schools, which also included the recruitment of teachers. The Administrator emphasized the need of recruiting the teachers only on merit



basis. Purohit desired the Education department to chalk out a plan with Resident Welfare Associations to use the school playgrounds of each sector after school hours for children. The committee on Sports also apprised the Council that the draft Sports Policy will also be prepared and submitted in next 2-3 months.

The members appreciated the move of Chandigarh Administration to initiate the auction of commercial properties from leasehold to freehold. The Administrator assured that the issue pertaining to the properties already auctioned to various stakeholders on leasehold will also be resolved soon after deliberations with Ministry of Home Affairs. On the prevailing issue of FAR, conversion of properties from leasehold to free-

hold, usage conversion policy in respect of Industrial Area sites, Sh. Purohit asked the traders to comply with the process of survey. He assured that a comprehensive policy will be formulated for the redressal of existing issues of traders of Industrial Area after the completion of this survey.

The Environment Committee shared that the Administration has been following the aggressive approach to make the complete use of tertiary treated water for agricultural, industrial etc purposes by the end of this year. The committee also highlighted the need to create more door-to-door awareness about the waste segregation, as this is the joint effort of public and Administration. The Administrator has urged the so-

cial workers and NGOs to show their support to educate the residents about the problem in hand. The Council also appreciated the Electric Vehicle Policy brought out by the Administration. The Commissioner Municipal Corporation shared receiving the first installment of funds from Government of India for legacy waste management.

Hence, the work of remediation of legacy waste mining will not suffer.

Considering the rising issue of beggary on the city streets, Sh. Purohit directed the Police and Social Welfare officials to work in tandem with each other. "We shall be sympathetic towards these children and think about ending this issue from its roots," said the Administrator.

Mother Language Day celebrated in Government Senior Secondary School, Bahadurpur Rajoa



QADIAN (VERMA): In the Government Senior Secondary School, Bahadurpur Rajoa, various competitions were organized on the occasion of Maa Boli Diwas, which included speech poetry, recitation and chart making competition. In chart making competition Sukhmeet Kaur and Simran of class IX got first position, in poetry recitation competitions, Jashandeep Kaur of class XI got first position in speech competitions. The students who performed well in these competitions were felicitated by Principal Ramlal. Ramandeep Kaur, Amandeep Kaur, Baljit Kaur, Lakhbir Kaur, Dilbagh Singh Harjinder Singh, Kuldeep Singh and Manjinder Singh were present on the occasion.

The questions raised on health dept team that came to collect samples from the health department, except for the open goods, by taking only branded samples



JANDIALA GURU (KULJEET SINGH): To ensure that people can get clean food and drink, a team of health department has been appointed by the government and Food Safety Act has also been implemented. Today, in Jandiala Guru, the team of Health Department under the leadership of Assistant Food Commissioner Rajinderpal Singh took samples of sweets, grocery items. Let us tell you that instead of open grocery items, samples of only branded companies were taken, whereas no samples of open tea leaves, turmeric, oil and other items were taken in grocery because the brands of companies are already passed. While open The items are often adulterated. In this case, when the Assistant Food Commissioner Rajinderpal Singh was talked to, he did not pick up the phone even after repeated calls, which shows that there is something black in the pulses. Along with Satnam Singh Bhupinder Singh and Naresh Kumar were present.

Renault, Nissan inaugurate surveillance camera project to improve road safety

CS JOLLY CHANDIGARH, FEB 22

Renault and Nissan have inaugurated a comprehensive surveillance camera project to improve road safety around the Renault Nissan Automotive India Ltd (RNAIPL) plant near Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The project will see 110 cameras installed around the Oragadam corridor, 48 of which are sponsored by the Alliance partners. The cameras, as well as new signaling and other road infrastructure, will help to control traffic congestion, lower crime rates and reduce traffic accidents.

The initiative is part of the plant's wider rural development program which includes waste reduction and recycling, water table management and environmental and



habitat protection. The camera and road safety installation project is being conducted with the support of Sevalaya - a non-profit organization and was inaugurated by the distinguished Dr. M. Sudhakar- IPS, SP of Kanchipuram District, in the presence of Mr. S. Sunil, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sriperumbudur, Mr. Biju Balendran - MD & CEO, Renault Nissan Automotive India Ltd, and Mr. Rajasekara Bhatt, GM-PL & RNAIPL Safety vertical head, CSR committee

members and attended by RNAIPL employees. Sinau Ozkok, President of Nissan India Operations, said: "Nissan places the utmost importance on the wellbeing of its employees. Through this initiative, we will improve the safety of the underdeveloped, yet indispensable village corridor. The road infrastructure we are putting in place with our partners will warn people about accident-prone zones, organize traffic and control the overall crime and hazard rates."

Farewell party organized in Angels Public School



R. SINGH PATHANKOT, FEB 22

A farewell party was organized for the students of class XII in the premises of Annals Public School Mamun. The program was inaugurated by the Principal Shivalika Dhillon and the students by cutting the cake.

A colorful program was presented by the students of class XI. Students of class XII were honored with gifts and titles. The group staff were also honored with titles by the students of class XII.

School student Dhruv Bhatia as Mr. Angels, girl student Gajel Dhillon as Miss Angels, Saksham Lohatia as Mr. Angels first runner up, Sanchi Aroda as Miss Angels first runner up, Anahata Dhillon as Miss Charming, Ronika Bedi as Mr. Dynamic Krishna Vij Mr. Popular, Samridhi Sharma honored with the title of Miss Incredible.

The winning students were awarded with trophies and trophies. Principal Shivalika Dhillon wished the children good luck for their bright future.

Brahma Kumaris give Message of Unity, Peace, Brotherhood and Harmony on Shivaratri

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, FEB 22

Brahma Kumaris celebrated the pious festival of Shivaratri with great devotion, love and enthusiasm at Sukh Shanti Bhawan, Phase 7 here today. A large number of devotees from various places like Mohali, Chandigarh, Kharar, Ropar, Kurali, Morinda and Nurburbedi participated. Brahma Kumari Prem lata Incharge Rajyoga Centres Mohali-Ropar Circle presided over.

Rotarian K.K.Seth President Rotary Club Mohali, Paramjit Singh Happy Municipal Councilor, Dr. Kukku Chairman Sanatan Dharam Mandir Phase 7 were Guest of Honour. 21 candles were lighted to inaugurate the festival by B.K. Premlata, B.K. Rama, Rotarian K.K.Seth, and other dignitaries. All took pledge for Unity, Peace, Universal



brotherhood and harmony from Brahma Kumari Prem lata after hoisting God Shiva flag on this occasion.

While presiding over Brahma Kumari Prem lata congratulated on 86th Shivaljayanti and inspired all to render selfless service to humanity on Shivaratri. She claimed in her discourse that Shivaratri can unite whole humanity and communities if teachings of God Shiva are

implemented in true spirit. She also said that one can learn technique of meditation which enhances inner power to face all challenges and circumstances.

Brahma Kumari Rama threw light on various rituals of Shivaratri like offering flowers of AAK, Dhatura, Belpatras and keeping fast on this festival. She advised to keep balance of materialism and spirituality in life.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

FIR against 4 for blackmailing police cop and team

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: District Ludhiana rural's Police cop ASI Baljeet Singh and his team deputed at constituency Raikot has laid serious allegations against 4 person for creating hindrance in police's duty, threatening, blackmailing and accepting ransom days before polling for Vidhan Sabha elections. ASI Baljeet Singh in his statement mentioned that he is deputed in FST team at Vidhan Sabha constituency-69 Raikot and in the same team work in charge Gurjinder Singh, S/CT Gagandeep Singh, driver Surinder Singh. "On 17-18/02/2022, the entire team was checking for suspicious vehicles at Hari Singh Nalwa chowk when Gurjinder Singh received information from RO office regarding car no. PB 10 AH 9295 that was allegedly peddling liquor to lure voters in favor of a candidate from constituency Raikot," he stated. "At nearly 1 am, the mentioned car with 3 persons inside it, approached us from Barnala side and the driver tried to escape when it was signalled to stop but police managed to stop the car and the driver, Gurmeet Singh Chandar claimed himself to be a press reporter but failed to show any identity proof," Singh mentioned.

CLP Haryana decided to take up various issues in Budget Session

R N KHERA CHANDIGARH: Addressing the media at his residence, Bhupinder Singh Hood said, "The Haryana Congress MLAs discussed the issues to be taken up during the budget session of Haryana assembly starting from March 2. We have decided, besides the adjournment motions, issues related to debt of the state, alarming increase of unemployment, corruption in HSSC, HPSC and problems faced by residents in urban local bodies. Now Haryana is Number 1 in unemployment, old age pension is not disbursed, a large number of posts are lying vacant. 46,000 posts of teachers are lying vacant in the government schools. Due to the wrong policies of the government, some industrialists from Faridabad have shifted to other States." Bhupinder Singh Hooda strongly opposed the criteria for granting domicile for the residents from reducing period 15 years to five years. This condition will deprive the right of original Haryana residents and particularly Scheduled castes and Backward classes. It will also affect the poor and middle class families in Haryana.

CBRC Trust organised scholarship distribution programme



R. SINGH PATHANKOT: Choudhary Babu Ram Charitable Trust organised a scholarship distribution programme under the Col. Gurbaksh Singh Foundation. PARAM GURU scholarship for 5 brilliant girl students of Govt Sr. Sec. School Mirthal were given scholarship and certificates. Principal Suresh Saini and his staff welcomed the Trustees of CBRC Dr. Shinoo DANIYA, Himmat Singh and Maninder Singh Lucky General Secretary of Pathankot Veopar Mandal. Trust is committed to work for the upliftment of people of villages. Various opportunities for the children of Mirthal and surrounding villages will be provided by enhancing their skills.

Promoting, disseminating and communicating mother tongue Punjabi always been my priority: CS

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, FEB 22

As per the guidelines of Mr. Kumar Saurabh, Deputy Commissioner, Barnala, Department of Health, Barnala, Mother Language Day has been celebrated by the Department of Health, Barnala on the occasion of Mother Tongue Day. On this occasion, Dr. Jasbir Singh Aulakh, Civil Surgeon, Barnala said that under the Punjab State Language Act, 1967, including the Punjab State Language (Tarsim) Act (2008), all Punjab Government Offices, Public Sector Agencies, Boards and Local Bodies and State Schools, Colleges and Univer-



sities All work in the offices will be done in Punjabi. The Department of Languages is bound to conduct work in mother tongue Punjabi in all the institutions of Punjab. The Civil Surgeon Barnala said that from the very first day he has been given priority to carry out all the functions of the Health Department

in Punjabi and regular instruction in this regard has been issued to all the institutions under the Health Department.

Dr. Aulakh said that the Civil Surgeon's Office, Barnala, and all the health blocks have taken a pledge for "Mother Tongue Punjabi" that the mother tongue Punjabi of Naths, Suffis, Bhagats, Gurus, Pirs, and Fakirs would be honored for life. We will always speak, read, write our mother tongue Punjabi and will always strive to connect the coming generations with Punjabi language, literature, and culture.

Vidya Education Society distributes learning driving licenses

R. SINGH PATHANKOT, FEB 22

On behalf of Vidya Education Society, under the chairmanship of President Vijay Pasi, learning driving licenses were distributed to the students at GNDU College Lamini. During this college principal Dr. Rakesh Mohan Sharma was present. On this occasion, President Vijay Pasi told that the camp was organized by the society to get the learning driving license of the students, after



completing the paperwork in the transport office of the students on behalf of whom their application forms were filled in the camp. Licenses

have been prepared, which have been distributed to 25 students today and along with this the students were made aware of traffic rules.

He appealed to the parents not to allow their children to drive the vehicle until their license is made, along with this, the students also need to be aware of driving the vehicle only after getting the license so that everyone is aware of the traffic rules. Be fully aware. In the end, the college principal Rakesh Mohan Sharma also appreciated the work being done by the society in the interest of the society. On this occasion Dr. M.L. Attri, Love etc. were present.

Seminar on International Mother Language Day at SD College



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL JALANDHAR: Department of Punjabi of PCM S.D. College for Women, Jalandhar organized a Seminar on the occasion of International Mother Language Day. The speakers of the day were Mrs. Parveen Abrol, President, NGO, Divya Dristhi and Dr. Surinder Kaur Narula former Head and Associate Professor in the Department of Punjabi, PCM S.D. College. Mrs. Parveen Abrol, Dr. Surinder Narula stated the importance of the Punjabi language and encouraged the students to respect their mother language and their rich Punjabi culture. The Principal of the college Dr. (Mrs.) Pooja Prashar, Dr Surinder Kaur, Head, Department of Punjabi, extended vote of thanks to the guests and the participants. The stage was conducted by Dr. Harkamal Kaur, Department of Punjabi. The event was also graced by Mrs. Ujja Dada Joshi, Head, Department of English, Dr. Neelam Gupta, Head, Department of Sanskrit, Mrs. Akwinder Kaur and Mrs. Ritu Gill.

Inauguration of National Science Week-Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyata at HMV



JALANDHAR: Under the able guidance of Principal Prof. Dr. Ajay Sareen, Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar inaugurated 7 day long Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyata Festival of Scope for all, for "Science Communication, Popularization and its Extension". College is celebrating this event in association with Ministry of Culture, PSA Govt. of India and Vigyan Prasara, to Mark 75th "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". This programme is organized under State Nodal Agency of Punjab State Council for Science & Technology, Chandigarh. First day of this festival was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Garima Gupta, Scientist F, DBT, Govt. of India by virtual mode. After that Dr. Neelam Jerath, Director General Pushpa Gauraj Science City, Kapurthala addressed the students. Meenakshi Syal, Convener gave outline of 7 days long National Science Week Celebrations. The Vice President, DAVCMC and Chairman Local Committee Justice (Retd.) N.K. Sud inaugurated the Science Mela by rebasing the Mascot of Mela i.e. HMV Vigyan Abha. On this occasion, Sanjiv Dhadwal, Retd. Headmaster, Govt. High School, Patra and Rakesh K. Sharma, Principal Sain Dass A.S. Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar were also present. Stage was conducted by Dr. Arjana Bhatia. On this occasion Coordinators Dr. Neelam Sharma, Dr. Seema Marwaha alongwith faculty members of Science Stream were also present.

Kamla Nehru College organises 7-day workshop on various topics

PHAGWARA: Department of Computer Science of Kamla Nehru College for Women, Phagwara has Organized 7-day workshop from 22nd Feb to 28th Feb for non-teaching staff members with sufficient hands-on training on various topics; like Punjabi Typing, students data maintenance, MS office, forum 16 & TDS etc. The main objective is to hone up and update the skills of the members for the holistic development of their personality. On the first session of this workshop, Dr. Nimratdeep Kaur, department of Punjabi, familiarised the members with Punjabi Keyboard layout. She demonstrated all the techniques in a very lucid manner which was followed and practiced simultaneously by the participants. All the non-faculty members attended the workshop.

Haryana youth getting employment only on merit now: Naib Saini

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, FEB 22

When there was a government of opposition parties in the state, jobs were being offered for money. But during the BJP rule, it has taken the initiative to eradicate corruption in jobs. Now the youth do not need anyone's recommendation and money for the job. With the hard work of the youth, they are easily getting jobs even in big posts. For which first the recommendation of a special person and a bag full of money was required. This was said by MP Naib Saini while addressing a public meeting organized on behalf of BJP Mandal General Dhanpat Saini in village Khedki. On reaching the village, MP Naib Saini was welcomed by the villagers with flowers. Former Minister and State President of OBC Morcha Karnadev Kamboj was also specially present in the program. On the platform, the MP and former minister were honored by presenting Siropa and religious pictures. During the public meeting, MP Naib Saini announced a grant of Rs. 10 lakh for building a library for the youth in the village and Rs. 1 lakh for sports equipment. After which the MP also addressed

Pegasus snooping row: SC to hear case, expert committee interim report on 25

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 22

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear the Pegasus snooping case on February 25 after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Centre, sought adjournment citing his preoccupation in another matter on Wednesday.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana adjourned the case for Friday on Mehta's request. The case was listed for hearing on Wednesday. Mehta said, "Tomorrow Pegasus matters are coming up. I am in a part-heard matter (PMLA validity case), I would be on my legs there. If it can be kept on Friday instead of tomorrow."

A technical expert committee set up to look into the allegations of the government allegedly using Israeli software Pegasus to spy on politicians, activists, and journalists has submitted its interim report in the apex court.

A bench of Chief Justice of India NV Ramana and Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli was to take up the pending petitions for hearing on February 23 and



peruse the interim report. Last year the apex court had appointed an expert technical committee, headed by a former top court judge to look into the allegations of snooping by Pegasus. The top court had said that in a democratic country governed by the rule of law, "indiscriminate spying on individuals cannot be allowed" and ordered that the three-member committee, headed by former top court judge RV Raveendran. The top court had noted that in the absence of the Centre not clarifying its stand on the issue, the court had no option

to set up an expert panel. The Centre had refused to file a detailed affidavit on the issue citing national security. Justice Raveendran was assisted by former IPS officer Alok Joshi and chairman of the sub-committee in the International Organisation of Standardisation/ International Electro-Technical Commission's Joint Technical Committee, Sundeep Oberoi. The top court in its order had said, "We live in the era of the information revolution, where the entire lives of individuals are stored in the cloud or in a digital dossier. We must

recognize that while technology is a useful tool for improving the lives of people, at the same time, it can also be used to breach that sacred private space of an individual." Members of civilized democratic society have a reasonable expectation of privacy, CJI Ramana had said. "Privacy is not the singular concern of journalists or social activists. Every citizen of India ought to be protected against violations of privacy. It is this expectation that enables us to exercise our choices, liberties, and freedom. As with all the other fundamental rights, this Court therefore must recognize that certain limitations exist when it comes to the right to privacy as well. However, any restrictions imposed must necessarily pass constitutional scrutiny," the bench had added in its order. As with all the other fundamental rights, this Court therefore must recognize that certain limitations exist when it comes to the right to privacy as well, the top court had said, adding that however, any restrictions imposed must necessarily pass constitutional scrutiny.

People protest against govt due to lack of facilities at Civil Hospital



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, FEB 22

The relatives of the patients admitted to the Civil Hospital Tapa, which is often in the headlines, protested against the concerned authorities and the government for the lack of arrangements. The people gathered at the hospital like Jeevan Singh, Jeet Singh, Jugraj Singh, Rana Sharma, Harbinder Singh, Surjit Kumar, Lucky, Bitta Sharma, Gurmeet Sekhon, Bhupinder Grewal, and others said that The elevator was installed at the cost of crores of rupees for the convenience of the patients in the hospital is proving to be a white elephant as it has been out of order for a long time now. It has to be taken but the hospital management is not paying any attention to it at

the same time, due to lack of drinking water, they had to fetch bottled water again and again. He further said that there was a dearth of doctors and sanitation facilities in the hospital. He protested against the management of the hospital and the state government and demanded that the deficiencies found in the hospital be rectified as soon as possible. When the senior medical officer Dr. Talking to Navjotpal Singh Bhullar about the lift, he said that he had contacted the concerned authorities several times regarding the malfunction of the lift but they have not received any reply so far. He said that the power supply has not been restored since last night this problem is coming, this problem will be solved after the power supply is switched on.

Science exhibition organized at JMII Institute, Radaur

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, FEB 22

Students of Maharaja Agrasen Senior Secondary Public School, Gumthala Rao, visited a science exhibition organized at JMII Institute, Radaur. Students from class 9th to 12th participated in this exhibition. Science models made by different schools were displayed in the exhibition. Under which students organized various models like Corona Virus Model, Smart City Model, Smart Shoe Model, Eco-Friendly Cutter, Sustainable of Water Management, Carbon Sequestration and Special Kids. The children learned about technical education and scientific education used in the models. The students also visited the Science Lab, Computer Lab and Personality Development Department of JMII Institute. The principal of the school, Dr. Sudesh Bansal said that such visits by children provide important information to the children about technical education and personality development.

Yadvinder wins essay contest on Baba Aala Singh's life

KARANPREET DHANDRAL BARNALA, FEB 22

Written test was held for the students by Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Arya Mahila College on the occasion of 300 years of historical life of Baba Ala Singh Ji, Founder of City of Barnala. The prize-distribution ceremony was conducted under the guidance of the managing college committee member Sukhminder Singh Sandhu, Gurdwara Kalgidhar President Baba Gyan Singh, Teja Singh Tilak, Sahitkar Giani Karam Singh Bhandari and students participated in large numbers. Principal Dr. Neelam Sharma, Sukh Mahinder Singh Sandhu, Teja Singh Tilak, Sahitkar introduced students to the life story of Baba Ala Singh and the history of Barnala city. The first prize was won by Yadvinder Kaur, the second prize by Komalpreet Kaur and the third spot was secured by Kashish. On this occasion, Principal Dr. Neelam Sharma, Madam Jasbir Kaur, Veerpal Kaur, Madam Veena, Superintendent Krishan Kumar were also honoured. Refreshments were given to all the participating students and teachers.



Bad condition of traffic system in Jandiala city, illegal occupation of markets on roads

KULJEET SINGH JANDIALA GURU, FEB 22

Traffic system is bad in Jandiala Guru city. Due to this, there is traffic jam from Ghas Mandi to Sarai Road, Ghas Mandi to Vegetable Market, Shaikhfatta Gate area, often from 10 am to 7 pm. The reason for this is that The auto driver has no stand and stops the auto on the road to pick up the ride near Ghas Mandi Chowk, Valmiki Chowk, and Jain School. Similarly, there is no proper stand of street vendors on Ghas Mandi Road. Standing on both sides, when a driver stops the car to buy fruits there, then



the jam starts. In the same market, shopkeepers keep the same from 8 to 10 feet in front of the shops, due to which the passing space for the passers-by of the market gets shrunk and jammed. There is a ban, but big vehicles pass through here all day and there is unloading of trucks

during the day near Ghas Mandi Chowk and outside Shaikhfatta Darwaza, which is the main reason for the jam. People say that due to this problem The city council and the police administration should work together for a permanent solution, so that people can get rid of the traffic problem.

Community participation and awareness organized under National Education Policy 2020 in Chururu

BUREAU GAGRET, FEB 22

Under the aegis of District Education and Training Institute, Dehlan, the programme was organized in Government Senior Secondary School Chururu for community participation and awareness under National Education Policy 2020. In the program, MLA of Chintapurni assembly constituency, Balbir Choudhary participated as the chief guest. Kumari Diksha Thakur of Rajkiya Adarsh Barishtha Secondary School Amb got first place and Mehak Sharma got second place. Giving information, School Principal Tarsem Lal Dhiman said that the girl students who stood first and second in the chart competition and the SMC head of the school, Nisha Thakur,



for being the first in doing the highest work in Block Amb, the MLA of the area, Balbir Choudhary, honored with a memento. The school principal and staff have congratulated this achievement of the children and the SMC head.

Jasbir Singh Duggal became 'National Spokesperson' and Bhikhchand Vardhan as Himachal 'State President'

BUREAU KURUKSHETRA, FEB 22

Senior journalist Jasbir Singh Duggal has been appointed as the national spokesperson by Er. Devesh Mishra, founder of Bhartiye patkar suraksha sangh Trust. Mr. Duggal has been making significant contribution from the last 32 years to the journalism world from Kurukshetra in Haryana. In same, journalist Bhekhanand Vardhan has been appointed as the state president of Himachal by Rakesh Kumar Vishwakarma, the national president of the trust. Bhekhanand Vardhan is a resident of Naina Tikkar in district Sirmour of Himachal Pradesh and editor of "Nyara Himachal" newspaper. Expressing gratitude to the national office bearers on their appointment, Jasbir Singh Duggal and Bhikhchand Vardhan assured that they will fulfill the responsibility entrusted to them and will do everything possible for the welfare and upliftment of journalists. On the other hand, there has been an increase in the enthusiasm of the journalists in bhartiye patkar suraksha sangh trust due to the important responsibility given to senior journalists of Haryana and Himachal.



Ministry of Information and Broadcasting orders blocking of Apps, website and social media accounts linked to banned organization Sikhs For Justice

NEW DELHI, FEB 22

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has ordered blocking of apps, website, and social media accounts of foreign-based "Punjab Politics TV" having close links with Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), an organization that has been declared unlawful under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Relying on intelligence inputs that the channel was attempting to use online media to disturb public order during the ongoing State Assembly Elections, the Ministry used emergency powers under the IT Rules on 18th February to block the digital media resources of "Punjab Politics TV". The contents of the blocked apps, website, and social media accounts had the potential to incite communal disharmony and separatism; and were found to be detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, and public order. It was also observed that the launch of new apps and social media accounts was timed to gain traction during the ongoing elections. The Government of India remains vigilant and committed to secure the overall information environment in India and thwart any actions having the potential to undermine India's sovereignty and integrity.

Himachal Kisan Sabha submits memo to DC

UNA, FEB 22

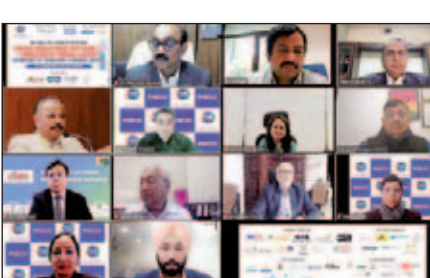


Himachal Kisan Sabha submitted a memorandum to District Collector Una on compensation to farmers on damaged crops due to continuous rainfall. Most of crops have turned yellow and there is not enough mandis in district for its purchase, and the farmers are forced to sell their crops in private hands thereby their economic condition is getting worse. A market should be set up in Santoshgarh, it was added. The nets that are given by the government on grants for the protection of crops from wild and stray animals are 4 feet, which is not enough for wild animals. On this occasion Himachal Kisan Sabha District Una President KK Rana, Secretary Narinder Singh Mazara, Deputy President Ranjit Singh Malukpur, Rajinder Singh Gill, Satnam Singh Satta, Jasbir Singh, Joga Singh, Jujhar Singh, Balbinder Singh, Khushman Singh, Karanjot Singh, Sarvjit Singh, Aman Singh were present.

PHDCCI organizes Interactive Video Conference on MDR 17

CHANDIGARH, FEB 22

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organized first in the series, Interactive Video Conference on MDR 17 on today. The conference was focused on imparting information regarding Challenges of Regulation in Medical Devices. The main aim of the conference was to apprise the various participants of medical field about the nationally recognized Standards of medical devices and other regulatory requirements concerning to the medical devices in India and also to address the key challenges faced by medical device manufacturers. The session was kick started by the Session moderator, Col. Rajiv Bhargava (Retd.), Associate Director, Indian School of Business. In his welcome note he said that India is the 4th largest market of Medical Devices in Asia and one of the top 20 markets in the world. As per the future projections, the Indian market of medical devices is expected to reach to the worth of 50 billion USD by 2025. Further, Mr. M S Vij, Chair, Chandigarh Chapter of PHDCCI continued the welcome remarks and



stated that the medical devices sector in India comprises of large multinationals as well as small and mid-sized companies. During this, Dr. Ravi Kant Sharma, Deputy Drugs Controller, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Government of India showcased a detailed presentation giving the overview of Indian Medical Device Regulation. He elaborated about the new Notifications for regulation of all Medical Devices covering Risk based classification, Use of Online Portal for medical devices, QMS requirements as per 5th Schedule of MDR Rules, Salient features of 5th Schedule and Registration process & timelines for registering & licensing.

EDITORIAL

Time is Money

We live under Fast Capitalism, which is profoundly transforming our sense of waiting. A 24x7 consumer economy and click-and-order services mean that we need our goods, food, cabs, and services in or before time. We are entitled to become impatient and angry because we have paid for this time.

Think of the opposite of Fast Capitalism. It is not slow capitalism — it is public/government-run services, such as hospitals, banks, and certificate-issuing authorities. They shape our sense of patience and waiting due to their sluggish nature of services and delivery. Private service providers recognize that queuing up often results in customer dissatisfaction. Delays, long waiting periods, and how we are treated during the waiting period are key areas of intervention that Fast Capitalism analyses and works on. It uses our patience to make profits and, in turn, transforms the self deeply and, perhaps, irreversibly. The minute management of waiting is where the profits of consumer culture and capitalism lie.

But capitalism also needs a slow, poor quality and, sometimes, defunct but running public sector. This need for the Other gives it legitimacy and a superior moral ground to strengthen its hold. Unsurprisingly, there is much support among people for the privatization of public institutions such as schools, railways, hospitals and, now, even airports and airlines. Given the choice between a cost-effective public service and a privatized, quicker service with higher cost, the rich and the middle-class would go for the latter without thinking about the exclusion of the poor in the process. They would prefer a space which is less crowded and has a coffee machine and an air-conditioner. While accepting privatized services as a golden norm, they internalize the public sector as slow and inefficient. To demand for its reform is a never-ending wait.

The gap between the poor and the rich is not just about haves and have-nots; it is also about who will/should wait or not wait. Time is money and status. How you spend your time shapes your class, caste, and gendered self.

The theft and management of time was and is at the heart of capitalist profit. In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, factory owners stole time from workers — leisure hours by reducing lunchtimes, letting machines run partially during breaks, asking employees to work on weekends and mismanaging factory clocks. This stolen time amounted to significant profit for employers.

New catalogue of stars reveals chemical history of Milky Way

The Milky Way Galaxy has an end number of mysteries in it that still need to be deciphered by scientists and astronomers. Now, University of Notre Dame researchers, along with collaborators in China and Australia, published a new sample catalogue of more than 24 million stars that can be used to decipher the chemical history of elements in the Milky Way Galaxy.

The research, published in 'The Astrophysical Journal', represented about one-hundredth of a per cent of the roughly 240 billion stars in the Milky Way.

It marked a milestone for Timothy Beers, the Grace-Rupley Professor of Physics at Notre Dame, who spent most of his career planning and executing ever-larger surveys of stars to decipher the galaxy's formation and chemical evolution — a field called galactic archaeology. Researchers employed a new approach to measure the light from each star to infer the abundance of heavy metals such as iron. They also measured their distances, motions and ages.

"The elemental abundances of individual stars trace the chemical enrichment of the Milky Way galaxy, from when it first began to form stars shortly after the Big Bang to the present," Beers said.

"Combining this information with the stellar distances and motions allows us to constrain the origin of different components in the galaxy, such as the halo and disk populations," he continued. "Adding age estimates puts a 'clock' on the process, so that a much more complete picture of the entire process can be drawn."

Previous spectroscopic work by Beers and collaborators provided the information for the tens of thousands of stars that were used to calibrate the new approach, based on precision photometric measurements. The recent research used large photometric samples obtained with the Australian SkyMapper Southern Survey and the Euro-



pean Gaia satellite mission to calibrate estimates of metallicity.

Until recently, the only means to obtain accurate estimates of the content of heavy metals, such as iron, for large numbers of stars was by taking low- and medium-resolution spectra that could be analyzed to extract this information. The process was long and painstaking.

Beers is most interested in the stars with the lowest metallic ties — very metal-poor stars with iron abundances less than 1

per cent that of the sun — because they were born early in the history of the universe, and therefore reveal the origin of elements in the periodic table. In the early 1980s, when Beers started his work, researchers knew of only about 20 very metal-poor stars. This new catalogue brought the total of what Beers refers to as "fossils of the night sky" to more than 500,000.

Containing more than 19 million dwarf and five million giant stars, the new catalogue is expected to advance the knowl-

edge of how the Milky Way was formed in a variety of ways, Beers said. These include characterizing the structure of the galactic thin/thick disks — the structural components of spiral galaxies — as well as the population of stars and globular clusters that surround most disk galaxies, called the stellar halo.

The catalogue of stars will also help researchers identify the trails of stars left behind from disrupted dwarf galaxies and globular clusters.

Literature & Health

UK to start 'living with COVID' as it lifts restrictions

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday outlined England's roadmap to ending all legal COVID-19 restrictions and start "living with Covid," reported CNN.

Johnson has revealed plans to end self-isolation rules and the provision of free coronavirus tests in England. Notably, this came a day after the announcement of Queen Elizabeth II testing positive for COVID-19.

Though hailing the end of restrictions, Johnson and other UK officials clarified that the pandemic is not yet over.

The British PM said that the government will continue to monitor the situation and keep certain infrastructure in place to identify any mutations of the virus as "Covid will not suddenly disappear", reported CNN.

The end of restrictions in England will happen in a phased manner and will be subject to approval in parliament.

The legal requirement for self-isolation post a positive COVID report will end on February 24 and the vaccinated contacts of those who have tested positive will not be required to test



for seven days now and unvaccinated contacts will not be required to isolate, reported CNN.

In view of the changes, the UK government will roll back some of the financial support for those who have been unable to work from home if tested positive. This will be implemented with effect from March 24.

No free rapid tests will be provided by the government from April 1.

However, the government will continue its vaccination programme and continue a domestic surveillance system that tracks the spread of the virus and sequencing that might catch any new variants, reported CNN.

Canada lawmakers extend emergency powers for truck protests

Canadian lawmakers voted Monday night to extend the emergency powers that police can invoke to quell any potential restart of blockades by those opposed to COVID-19 restrictions. Lawmakers in the House of Commons voted 185 to 151 to affirm the powers.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said earlier that the powers were still needed despite police ending the occupation of the nation's capital by truckers over the weekend and police ending border blockades before that.

Emergency Preparedness Minister Bill Blair said the protesters were going for the lifeblood of this nation, which is trade with the United States.

Trudeau noted there were some truckers just outside Ottawa who might be planning further blockades or occupations. His public safety minister said there was an attempt to block a border crossing in British Columbia over the weekend. The emergencies act



allows authorities to declare certain areas as no-go zones. It also allows police to freeze truckers' personal and corporate bank accounts and compel tow truck companies to haul away vehicles. The trucker protest grew until it closed a handful of Canada-U.S. border posts and shut down key parts of the capital for more than three weeks. But all border blockades have now ended and the streets around the Canadian Parliament are quiet. Ottawa protesters who vowed never to give up are largely gone, chased away by

police in riot gear in what was the biggest police operation in the nation's history. The situation is still fragile, the state of emergency is still there, Trudeau said before the vote.

Opposition New Democratic Party leader Jagmeet Singh's party supported it, ensuring Trudeau had enough votes. Singh said they know there are protesters waiting in the surrounding areas of Ottawa and in the capital itself. They need to be cleared out, said Singh, who also noted there have been convoys that have been intercepted.

POEMS

Sleep

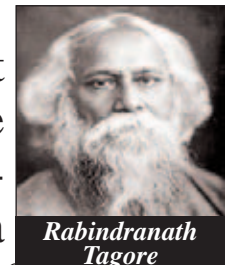
In the night of weariness
let me give myself up to sleep
without struggle,

resting my trust
upon thee. Let me
not force my flag-
ging spirit into a
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It is thou who drawest the veil
of night upon the tired eyes of
the day

to renew its sight in a fresher
gladness of awakening..

Rabindranath Tagore



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Publications Division under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting showcases rich collection of books



Publications Division under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has showcased a rich collection of books in Panjab University as part of the seven-day programme of 'Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate'. Panjab University, Chandigarh, in association with Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, (PSCST), Chandigarh inaugurated 'Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate' at Panjab University, Chandigarh today.

The rich collection of books on display as part of



'Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate' has books on Bhagat Singh, Lala Lajpat Rai and many leading freedom fighters.

The books showcasing the rich cultural legacy of Punjab & Haryana as well as health-related topics were the highlight of the exhibition. Yugraj, a Young NSS volunteer from the Punjab University, Chandigarh said that he saw many categories of books like Indian freedom struggle, History, Culture, etc. on display.

He further said that he liked books on Buddhism. Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated throughout the country to pay homage to freedom fighters and show-

case the country's achievements in various fields on the 75th anniversary of its Independence.

As part of this activity, the Government's various science and technology organisations, in close partnership with agencies at the level of the states, are celebrating S&T achievements over the 75 years. A week-long commemoration titled 'Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate' is being held from February 22 to 28 simultaneously in 75 locations across the length and breadth of the country.

10 Aakashians from Narnaul in Haryana eligible for scholarships

Narnaul: In a stupendous result, 10 students of Aakash-BYJU'S from Narnaul, Haryana have qualified to be eligible for the NTSE 2021 scholarship...

Commenting on the impressive results, Mr Aakash Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash-BYJU'S, said: "The result this year has been exceptional. Our students and teachers have toiled hard to achieve this feat..."

"My tummy hurts" or "my belly aches" are two most common Digestive Disorders in Kids

Amitrasi: "My tummy hurts" or "my belly aches" are the two most common complaints in any house with little children. Stomach ache in kids usually come and go, but can be a matter of concern if it tends to persist..."

Sharp expands A3 Multifunctional Printer line-up with Five new models

Chandigarh: SHARP Business Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd., a wholly owned Indian subsidiary of SHARP Corporation Japan, announced the launch of its new range of A3 size mono multi-function printer (MFP) series...

ShareChat Self Serve Ads supports 1000+ SMBs with personalized multilingual advertising

Chandigarh: India's leading social media platform, ShareChat, launched ShareChat Ads - a self-serve ads platform last year to enable SMBs to connect with their target audience through personalized multilingual advertisements...

Rupeek Introduces India's First-Ever Gold Powered Card

Chandigarh/LUDHIANA: Rupeek, the country's leading asset-backed digital lending platform, has launched India's first-ever Gold-powered card to allow millions of consumers to fulfill their highly-recurring credit requirements...

"Jisoo and I discussed and shaped our reactions to each other's actions"

Chandigarh : Snowdrop, one of the most highly-anticipated K-dramas has made its way to Disney+ Hotstar and will also be available in Hindi. With intriguing characters, outstanding storytelling, and a fantastic cast - Snowdrop is a show that will take viewers on an emotional rollercoaster that is full of excitement, action, and romance...

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What lifestyle habits can put you at risk of a brain stroke?

Chandigarh : Stoke or simply an interruption in the blood supply of the brain causes inadequacy of oxygen supply resulting in brain damage that disturbs the brain functions. One of the leading causes of death & disability, Stroke attacks 1 out of 4 adults above 25 years of age and claim millions of lives globally every year...

become common in the younger generation. A lazy lifestyle increases body fat; reduces muscles strength; affects bone density; metabolism, and deprives the overall immune system of the body. Therefore, an inactive lifestyle increases the risks of health issues.



activities like walking (30-60 min) or mild exercises according to your age and health conditions.

Smoking, Tobacco & Stroke Smoking and tobacco substances are harmful and are likely to increase the chances of death and risk of stroke. Tobacco contains 7000 toxic chemicals impacting the lungs, damaging body cells, and increasing the threat of stroke.

might not smoke, but passive smoking (inhaling else's smoke) is also hazardous.

Quitting smoking improves oxygen level, tasting and smelling ability, improves circulation and lung function. These effects are noticeable and reduce the chances of stroke and related diseases.

Drinking Habits & Stroke Drinking patterns varies in every individual, but excessive alcohol has quite an impact on health. And it is associated with increased incidents of stroke. Excessive alcohol contributes to high blood pressure levels (hypertension) and certainly gives rise to heart problems like atrial fibrillation, cardiomyopathy, and stroke.

Negligence & Stroke Any life-threatening disease is the result of an imbalance either in blood pressure levels, cholesterol, or blood sugar level. These risk factors increase with age and attack the vulnerable group, and as soon as you neglect these three elements, they disrupt the harmony of the body.

Make sure you check your BP, sugar regularly and control your cholesterol level to minimize the chances of stroke.

Dr. Khusbu Goel, Consultant Neurologist, HCMCT Manipal Hospital, Dwarka

Meet Sony YAY!'s new Magical duo, Rabbit Aur Bhalla: Fun Hoga Khullam Khulla

Chandigarh:We all love magic! And so does, Bhalla - a young fledgling magician who loves to explore & invent magical tricks along with his performance rabbit, Rabbit - who always steals the limelight!



get a special chance to witness this magical mischief with a special Watch Party with the exclusive digital premiere of the show. Stated on 25th February at 5 PM, this Watch Party will also feature the renowned magician Yogesh who will perform and teach kids some cool magic pranks, inspired from the characters.

ITC Engage introduces the unique L'amante Click & Brush Perfume Pen



Chandigarh: ITC Engage, one of India's leading fragrance brands, has launched its latest trend setting innovation-Engage L'amanteClick & BrushPerfume Penfor women, a new perfume paint brush that doesn't actually look like a perfume as we know it.

applicator reverses the known concept of spritz before you accessorise. The genesis of this design format was the inevitable spill on fine jewellery or clothing while spritzing, especially out-of-home.

Engage L'amante Click & Brush Perfume Penin class gold, is a sleek, elegant and easy to carry accessory, ideal for fragrant touch-ups through the day. The convenient yet stylish gel-based perfume pen enables women to directly apply on pulse points without the worry of spritzing perfume on fine jewellery or clothing.

The scent is fresh and lively, inspired by Tahiti. It is reminiscent of white driftwood by the shore to draw out the joyful expression of love. Inspired by the thought that each woman is an artist who has the freedom to embody different style strokes, the innovative, artistic perfume marries the varied style and grooming needs of the millennial women.

Amazon.in announces 'India's Biggest Mattress Bazaar'

Chandigarh: Amazon.in announced 'India's Biggest Mattress Bazaar' with value-added benefits such as scheduled delivery offering convenience of choosing your preferred delivery slot, free nights trials, quality-verified selection, no-cost EMI on top quality mattresses and much more.

63-year-old male gets S-ICD implant to prevent Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Ludhiana : Recently, doctors at Fortis Hospital Gurugram gave a new lease of life to a 63-year-old businessman by performing Subcutaneous Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (S-ICD) implant. The patient came to the hospital with a complaint of uneasiness and with severe chest pain. Upon investigation, he was diagnosed with irregular heartbeats and reduced heart functioning that increases the chances of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA).

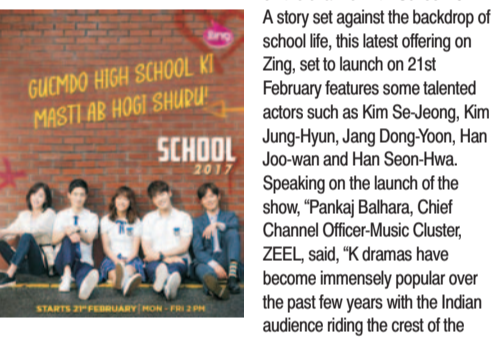
Faculty Development Programme held at Dev Samaj College for Women

Chandigarh: A 5- days online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) has started at Dev Samaj College for Women, Sector-45, Chandigarh. The programme is being organised by the college in association with AICTE Training and Learning Academy (ATAL). The Topic of Faculty Development Programme is 'Art and Science of Effective Teaching: Strategies and Methods'.



A treat for K-drama fans as Zing announces release date of popular show - School 2017

K Dramas have been popular for quite some time amongst Indian audiences owing to their different storylines, musical score, and cinematography. Having delighted audiences with shows such as Extraordinary YOU, Boys over Flowers, Descendants of the Sun, & I am not a Robot, Zing is all set to bring another popular K Drama for its viewers on the channel with 'School 2017'.



shows basis our young audience preferences and want them to consume offerings that they are eagerly looking forward to. School of 2017 is one such show presented to the Indian audience having understood their tastes and demands on a platform that they simply love. With viewers already hooked to this genre, we aim to add to our content library and keep them entertained all year round.

Hero MotoCorp Appoints Ranjivjit Singh as a Chief Growth Officer

Chandigarh: With an eye on making the best of emerging opportunities in the future, Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, has created a new position, titled Chief Growth Officer, integrating the Marketing, Sales and After-Sales functions.

RENEE Cosmetics launches new stores in Ludhiana

Ludhiana: Renowned for its new age and timeless product range, RENEE Cosmetics launched new shop-in-shop at Naintara Cosmetics - Ghumar Mandi and Beauty Area - Raiguru Nagar. Located at one of the most popular zones for beauty lovers, the exclusive stores were inaugurated by Big Boss 13 fame, Himanshi Khurana.



Commenting on the occasion, Priyank Shah, Co-founder, RENEE Cosmetics said, "We are extremely delighted to launch our new stores in Ludhiana and are optimistic that it will help us to strengthen our offline presence in India."

Get the party started as #Sector7SOCIALTurns4

Your favorite neighbourhood bar and café, Sector 7 SOCIAL, celebrates its fourth anniversary with a day packed with exciting entertainment and offers for everyone. Chandigarh's first-ever SOCIAL outpost, Sector 7 SOCIAL celebrates the completion of four spectacular and successful years on Thursday, 24th February 2022.



all its patrons for an exhilarating 4 year journey. To add to the celebrations and make it even more memorable, Sector 7 SOCIAL with host DJ Skip with a special set to mark your favourite neighbourhood café, bar and coworking space turning FOUR!

108 Ambulance continues to Play Active Role in Providing Immediate Assistance

Chandigarh : 108 Emergency Response Service responsible for handling Emergency Cases across the state of Punjab has successfully provided immediate medical assistance to over 15,617 expecting mothers in the last three months by arriving timely and helping them reach safely at the hospital. 24 x 7 centralized, 108 call centre played a significant role by promptly assisting all the pregnancy cases with strong support.

In Ludhiana, 2845 expecting mothers were served, followed by Jalandhar, 1181 and Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali), 1158, 108 Ambulance services makes sure that pregnant women are taken safely and timely from their homes to the hospital.

Speaking about the efforts of 108 Ambulance, Saikat Mukherjee, Project Head 108 Ambulance services said "108 Ambulance has always committed itself to serve the people in distress. We have developed our emergency service in such a way that we stand firm on our goal of saving each and every life possible in such cases. Our dedicated EMT staff and people continue to ensure that each pregnancy case is managed well with full consideration & attention, with no scope of deviations.

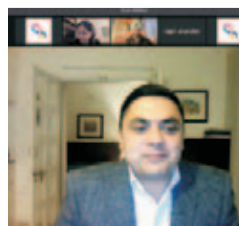
Aakashian Navya Garg from Yamuna Nagar eligible for scholarship

Yamuna Nagar: In a stupendous result, 440 students from Aakash-BYJU'S, the national leader in test preparatory services, have qualified to be eligible for the NTSE 2021 scholarship, one of the most prestigious scholarships in the country.

Commenting on the impressive results, Mr Aakash Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash-BYJU'S, said: "The result this year has been exceptional. Our students and teachers have toiled hard to achieve this feat. 440 selections in NTSE Stage-2 are our highest selection till date. Congratulations to all our students who have performed well in the NTSE (Stage II) 2021. It is the result of the hard work put by the students, the support of their parents and the quality test preparation imparted at Aakash-BYJU'S.

Innovation mission Punjab launches pine

Chandigarh : The Punjab Incubator Network for Entrepreneurs (PINE) is an independent, non-profit, collaborative, open-source organization of stakeholders that facilitates the development, attraction, and retention of start-ups in the region. It aims to establish itself as an autonomous association with national and global partners. The initiative has been launched over a virtual conference by Innovation Mission Punjab, a unique partnership between the government and the private sector to boost entrepreneurship in the State.



"Framework for digital skills needs to be strengthened: PM Modi

Chandigarh: It is imperative to prepare the 'demographic dividend' of the country as per the demands of the changing job roles, said Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi at a Post Budget seminar held today. During the webinar, to encourage participation in the skill ecosystem by enabling digital skills, a session was held on the theme -> Towards Fostering Strong Industry-Skill Linkage by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with participation from Department of promotion for Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Ministry of Tourism. The discussion was a part of a series of seminars inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He addressed the first session themed -> Digital University: Making World Class Higher Education Accessible for All. The webinar was attended by the government officials, industry experts and representatives of key associations. During his address, the Prime Minister spoke about the five priority areas -> universalization of quality education; skill development; inclusion of India's ancient experience and knowledge of urban planning and designing into education; internationalization and focus on Animation, Visual-Effects, Gaming and Comic (AVGC).

Nisha Rawal confirmed as contestant for Kangana Ranaut hosted show 'Lock Upp'

Actor Nisha Rawal has been announced as the first contestant of Kangana Ranaut hosted upcoming captive reality show 'Lock Upp', on Monday. A new promo of the ALTBalaji and MX Player series was shared by its makers and Nisha on their official Instagram handles. In it, the actor could be seen dressed in a prison uniform as she posed for a mug shot. The promo also offered a glimpse of host Kangana who was seen walking ferociously through the prison. Going by the board held by Nisha in the

promo, she has been arrested under the charge of 'Controversial Fights'. Nisha, who shot to fame with serials like 'Main Lakshmi Tere Aangan Ki' and 'Shaadi Mubarak', while sharing the promo on her Instagram handle wrote, "Bahut hua daily soap ka drama, ab shuru hoga meri life mein asli hungama!" Nisha was in the news last year for her marital dispute with her ex-husband Karan Mehra. A case had been filed against him based on a complaint by Nisha. Karan's family members Ajay Mehra, Bela Mehra

and Kunal Mehra had also been charged with assault and willful harassment. Further, Nisha also accused Karan of withdrawing more than Rs 1 crore from her account. Earlier, on May 31, 2020, the Mumbai Police had arrested Karan after he allegedly had a fight with his wife Nisha. In the show, 16 controversial celebrities will be put together in a lock-up for months and will be stripped of their amenities. Produced by Endemol Shine India, it will premiere on ALTBalaji and MX Player from February 27.

Farhan, Shibani make first appearance post marriage



Following their intimate wedding on Saturday, newlyweds Shibani Dandekar and Farhan Akhtar made their first appearance for the media today. The duo, posed for their first official photos as husband and wife. Not just that, they also distributed sweets to the paparazzi along with their staff. While Shibani looked divine in a pale pink embroidered saree that she accessorised with heavy-duty diamond jewellery, Farhan matched her in a similar coloured silk kurta and jacket. The duo reportedly registered their marriage in Mumbai on Monday. Earlier today, Shibani had even shared an Instagram Story captioned "Let's go." It showed her having her hair and makeup done. Farhan and Shibani who have been dating for almost three years now tied the knot at Farhan's family farmhouse in Khandala in the presence of close friends and family members. The wedding was preceded by a Mehendi in Mumbai.

Esha Deol joins Suniel Shetty in web series 'Invisible Woman'

Actor Esha Deol has bagged a pivotal role in Suniel Shetty's debut web series 'Invisible Woman'. Excited to share screen space with Suniel, Esha said, "A project like this is truly fantastic. It explores an unusual genre. The story has mystery, intrigue and great scope for histrionics. And to work with Suniel Anna again is an absolute delight. Shooting has begun and it feels just great." Esha and Suniel have earlier worked together in several films including 'LOC Kargil' and 'Cash'. Speaking of 'Invisible Woman', the web series is backed by the film arm of Saregama India -- Yoodlee Films. "We are thrilled to have Esha on board and to have her join an amazing assembly of actors for our very first series. We needed someone like her to add another layer of talent to the ensemble cast," Siddharth Anand Kumar, Vice President-Films, Saregama India added. Rajesh M Selva of 'Thoongaa Vanam' and 'Kadaram Kondan' fame is helming the project.



Shilpa Shetty tells how to deal with menstrual cramps through yoga

Actor Shilpa Shetty recently shared her advice on how to deal with menstrual cramps with yoga.

"Dealing with menstrual cramps month on month for years together is never easy... especially when you have multiple responsibilities to tend to alongside," the actor captioned her post on Instagram. "But, regularly dedicating some time for you and consistently practising Yoga helps overcome the pain & helps regulate the cycle," she added.

Shilpa sported a printed camouflaged crop top and a pair of matching tights with a high-braid hairstyle in the glimpse of her workout video. The 'Dhadkan' actor seeks to redefine the idea of fitness in Bollywood where it

matters to be the right size. She practices yoga, regular exercise and takes healthy food. Shilpa is a judge on the show 'India's Got Talent' with veteran



actor Kirron Kher, rap king Badshah and writer Manoj Muntashir.

Britney Spears signs massive deal for tell-all memoir

Pop star Britney Spears has signed a USD 15 million book deal with publishing house Simon & Schuster for a tell-all memoir. According to Page Six, Simon & Schuster secured the deal for Spears' memoir after a massive bidding war involving multiple publishers. The book deal comes three months after the singer's 13-year conservatorship was terminated by a judge. In her public testimony last year about the conservatorship, Spears told the Los Angeles judge that she had been forced to work by conservators despite begging for breaks, and that she had

no control over her finances, was denied her wish to marry her boyfriend, and was barred from removing her birth control despite her wish to have a third child. Spears, 41, has also been vocal about her estrangement from her family, including dad Jamie, mom Lynne and sister Jamie Lynn. She recently publicly condemned Jamie Lynn, who made allegations about the singer's mental health while promoting her own memoir. She described her pop star sister's behaviour over the years as erratic, paranoid and spiralling.



'I feel extremely fearless as performer,' says Huma

Actor Huma Qureshi has a choc-a-bloc work schedule with multiple projects in the pipeline.

In the past week, the actress has wrapped her Mumbai promotions of 'Mithya', gone to Chennai followed by Hyderabad and Bangaluru for the 'Valimai' promotions with Ajith and producer Boney Kapoor.

Along with these, she also has the shooting of the second season of the hit series 'Maharani' in her kitty.

Sharing her excitement about her upcoming

projects, Huma said, "As an actor, the endeavour has always been to go out there and find the best work I possibly can. Each of these projects posed a new challenge. After the success of 'Maharani', which initially felt like a gamble, I felt even more assured to trust my gut feeling."

"If I like a story, I will go all out to put my best self on screen, promote it with full gusto. I feel extremely fearless as a performer, especially with the kind of stories we are telling these days. It's our time as artists to come together and tell marvellous stories and enchant the audience like

never before," she added. Upbeat but slightly weary from the travel and long days, Qureshi said that living out of a suitcase could be exhausting sometimes.

"It's tiring, but I am a happy tired soul. That said, I can't wait to be home, sinking in my couch, eating dal chawal and chilling with the family," she signed off.

Apart from these projects, Huma also has the film 'Double XL' with actor Sonakshi Sinha, set to release in Summer 2022.

Courtney Cox recalls facing side effects of cosmetic treatments

Ahead of the launch of her new comedy-horror TV show 'Shining Vale', actor Courtney Cox admitted getting facial fillers in the past and opened up about why her attitude towards cosmetic procedures changed. In a recent interview with a media outlet, Cox recalled facing side effects of cosmetic treatments, CNN reported.

"There was a time when you go, 'Oh, I'm changing. I'm looking older.' And I tried to chase that (youthfulness) for years. And I didn't realize that, oh sh*t, I'm actually looking really strange with injections and doing stuff to my face that I would never do now," she revealed.

The 'Friends' star added, "The scrutiny is intense, but I don't know if it could be more intense than what I put on myself." Coming back to 'Shining Vale', the project will feature her as a depressed erotic novelist who moves from New York City to rural Connecticut with her family.

