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## Gold falls Rs 126, silver almost flat

**NEW DELHI:** Gold prices fell by Rs 126 to Rs 49,960 per 10 grams here on Wednesday amid a decline in international prices along with gains in the rupee, according to HDFC Securities. The yellow metal had closed at Rs 50,086 per 10 grams in the previous trade. Silver was almost flat on Wednesday at Rs 63,939 per kg, compared with the previous close of Rs 63,916 per kg. The rupee recovered 25 paise to 74.59 to a dollar. HDFC Securities Senior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said, "Spot prices for 24 carat gold at Delhi fell by Rs 126 with decline in COMEX gold prices along with rupee appreciation."

## Assembly polls: UP records average turnout

**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh recorded an average voter turnout of 57.45 per cent till 5 pm in the fourth phase of the ongoing Assembly polls on Wednesday. According to the Election Commission, Lakhimpur Khairi witnessed the highest voter turnout with 62.45 per cent while Unnao witnessed the lowest turnout with 54.12 per cent till 5 pm. The other constituency that witnessed more than 60 per cent turnout is Pilibhit with 61.42 per cent. Banda witnessed 57.48 per cent, Fatehpur 56.96 per cent, Hardoi 55.40 per cent, Lucknow 54.98 per cent, Raebareli 58.32 per cent, and Sitapur 58.30 per cent. The voting started at 7 am in the morning.

## EC notice to UP Cong leader for remarks against PM, CM

**NEW DELHI:** The Election Commission on Wednesday issued a notice to a Congress candidate in Uttar Pradesh polls for allegedly making objectionable remarks against the prime minister and the state chief minister. Ajay Rai, contesting from the Pindara seat, has been given 24 hours to respond. The notice referred to Rai's Facebook live on January 31 in which he allegedly made the objectionable remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

## Army Chief presents 'President's Colours'

**Nishan to four Para units BENGALURU:** Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane on Tuesday presented the "President's Colours" to four units of the Parachute Regiment during a ceremony held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The four battalions are - 11 and 21 Para (Special Forces) battalions along with the 23 and 29 Para units. The Parachute Regiment is an elite regiment of the Indian Army that holds an enviable record in pre and post-independence operations.

# ED arrests Malik in money laundering case, sent to eight days custody



AGENCY  
MUMBAI, FEB 23

The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday arrested Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik in connection with underworld don Dawood Ibrahim money laundering case and sent to eight days custody. Malik is being taken from the Enforcement Directorate office for medical examination. Earlier in the day, ED summoned Malik in connection with an alleged

money laundering case related to underworld don Dawood Ibrahim.

Last week, the ED on Tuesday conducted raids at the residence of Dawood Ibrahim's sister Haseena Parkar in Mumbai in connection with the money laundering case.

Searches were carried out by the ED at several places linked to people associated with the underworld in Mumbai, informed sources said on Tuesday.

The ED had also conducted searches at 10 different locations related to late Haseena Parkar, sister of

## Won't be scared, will fight and win, says Nawab

**MUMBAI:** Soon after his arrest, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik on Wednesday said that he is not scared and will fight and win. Enforcement Directorate has arrested Malik in connection with a money laundering case related to underworld don Dawood Ibrahim. He was taken from the Enforcement Directorate office for medical examination. According to the sources Malik was not cooperating during the questioning. Earlier in the day, ED summoned Malik in connection with an alleged money laundering case related to underworld don Dawood Ibrahim. NCP workers gathered outside the Enforcement Directorate office in Mumbai and raised slogans after the arrest of party leader and Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik. Last week, the ED on Tuesday conducted raids at the residence of Dawood Ibrahim's sister Haseena Parkar in Mumbai in connection with the money laundering case. Searches were carried out by the ED at several places linked to people associated with the underworld in Mumbai, informed sources said on Tuesday. The ED had also conducted searches at 10 different locations related to late Haseena Parkar, sister of Dawood Ibrahim, in Nagpada.

Dawood Ibrahim, in Nagpada.

The agency had also questioned Dawood's nephew and Parkar's son Alishah Parkar and Chota Shakeel's henchman Salim Qureshi aka Salim Fruits. Further details are awaited.

The Nationalist Congress Party on Wednesday lashed out at the Bharatiya Janata Party over Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik's

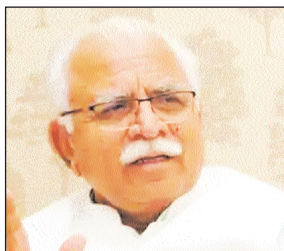
questioning by the ED in a money laundering case, saying this was another instance of "misuse of power" and a pressure tactic to silence his voice since he had exposed wrongdoings of some people. NCP chief Sharad Pawar said his party had anticipated such an action against Malik as he "speaks openly".

## Our financial management is best among all States: Manohar Lal

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 23

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that the financial management of the State Government is the best among all the states. The fund of the government is the money that is collected as tax. He said that the Government plays the role of a 'Trustee' only. In fact, the most crucial responsibility of the Government is to ensure proper management of the public money. The Chief Minister was speaking at the foundation stone laying programme of Vitt Bhawan, Haryana in Panchkula MDC Sector-5 on Wednesday. During this, Ambala MP, Sh. Ratan Lal Kataria and Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Sh. Gian Chand Gupta were present.

The Chief Minister said that financial management is important in all institutions, whether private or government. The Finance Department is the backbone of the government, thus, one whose financial management is strong will surely climb the ladder of success. Even



though revenue had declined in the Corona period and an additional expenditure of Rs 1500 crore was also incurred, however, the government still ensured the best financial management, which was also appreciated by the central government.

The Chief Minister called upon the people that those individuals and institutions capable of paying tax should come forward and the needy person standing at the end of the queue should definitely get the benefits of the schemes.

The Chief Minister said that there is a need to take strict action against those who indulge in corruption and try to evade tax. He shared that the revenue collected in the form of tax is spent on the public.

## Gurugram 'fake' hospital busted in raid

AGENCY  
GURUGRAM, FEB 23

A joint team of the CM flying squad and health department has busted an alleged fake hospital in Bilaspur area, officials here said on Wednesday.

Shri Balaji hospital and Eye Care was being run illegally in the market of Fajitwala village on Panchgaon-Tawdu road, a senior officer said.

The squad detained 10 people including the operator of hospital and handed over them to police.

An FIR was registered at Bilaspur Police Station and following which police nabbed three, and is interrogating others.



According to DSP Inderjeet Yadav of the CM flying squad, the raid was conducted on the basis of a tip-off it received about a medical facility being run without a license. His team conducted the raid and

busted the hospital. and arrested its operator Bittu Yadav, a resident of Baghanki village.

The hospital had 14-15 beds including emergency, general ward, private ward, ICU, private rooms, Operation Theater, Pharmacy, and an eye checking room, but no valid license from health department, said Yadav.

The flying team was accompanied by a team from the drug controller health department in conducting of the raid.

During raid a man named Sonu Kumar was found sitting in doctor's chair with a stethoscope around his neck and there were 10 other staff members including sanitation and

nursing staff, said Yadav.

A team member said when he was asked for it, Sonu could not produce any medical degree.

The member told the raiding team that the patients were not treated by him but one Dr Dharmender.

When he was called, Dharmender said had no association with hospital since last two months and that he did not sign any official contract with them. He alleged his stamp was being misused by hospital. It was a 24-hour hospital that even offered emergency admissions. They were allegedly carrying out deliveries without a gynecologist and doing surgeries without a surgeon.

## Bombay HC dismisses pleas against movie 'Gangubai Kathiawadi'

AGENCY  
MUMBAI, FEB 23

Bombay High Court on Wednesday dismissed two petitions against Alia Bhatt-starrer movie 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' and disposed off another petition against it.

The dismissed petitions include the one filed by Congress MLA Amin Patel. The High Court has disposed off the petition of Hiten Mehta.

The film directed by ace filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali, landed in a legal soup after Congress MLA Amin Patel on Tuesday filed a petition in Bombay High Court to

change the name of the film, alleging it misrepresents Kamathipura as a red-light area while showing the Kathiawadi community in poor light. Meanwhile, actor Alia Bhatt in her latest conversation with a news agency, opened up about how she deals with such controversies. "Neither any controversy nor any comment bothers me. I don't think anything bothers me beyond a point. Of course, I feel like there's a certain novelty that just a part of a film holds...whether the film is a good film or a bad film...that doesn't matter. The audience makes the final decision after watching the film... Anything that happens before or after can't really change the fate," Alia told.

## Ukraine crisis: Russia welcomes India's position

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, FEB 23

Russia on Wednesday welcomed India's "independent position" on the Ukraine crisis and said its views on the issue at the UN Security Council was reflective of the special and privileged strategic partnership between the two countries.

Russian Deputy Chief of Mission Roman Babushkin said India has been playing a vital role as a responsible global power and it takes an "independent and balanced" approach to global affairs.

"We welcome the independent position of India which it took twice at the UN Security Council," he said at an online media briefing.

"The Indian activities at the UN Security Council are fully reflecting the merit of our special and privileged strategic partnership," he added.

Amid escalating tension between Moscow and the West after Russian President Vladimir Putin recognised two breakaway Ukrainian regions as independent states, India at an emergency meet-



ing of the UN Security Council on Monday night called for "restraint on all sides".

It stressed that the immediate priority is "de-escalation of tensions" taking into account the legitimate security interests of all countries and aimed towards securing long term peace and stability in the region and beyond.

"Russian India partnership is based on a strong and solid foundation. It is based on mutual trust," Babushkin said. "Our cooperation does not represent any threat to anyone and at the same time we keep moving shoulder-to-shoulder to establish a just and equal multipolar world," he added, hoping that the intensity of India-Russia ties will continue at the same level.

## Three more Rafale fighter aircraft arrived in India

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, FEB 23

Three more Rafale fighter aircraft arrived in India on Tuesday evening after taking off from France. The Rs 60,000 crore contract between India and France for 36 Rafale fighter jets is now nearing completion as only one aircraft is left to be inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF).

"Three Rafale fighter aircraft arrived in India yesterday evening from France. The aircraft were provided aerial refuelling support by the UAE Air Force. With the arrival of these three planes, India has now received 35 of the 36 Rafales for which it had signed a contract with France in Sep-



tember 2016. The 36th aircraft will arrive in India from France by March-end or April first week," said government officials.

India had ordered 36 Rafale fighter aircraft from France in September 2016. The addition of Rafale is seen as a major capability booster for the IAF. The twin-engine Rafale jets are capable of carrying out a variety of missions: ground and sea attack, air defence and air superiority, reconnaissance, and nuclear strike deterrence.

The Rafales carrying the long-range Meteor air-to-air missiles are considered to have an edge over fighter planes with Pakistan and China.







Potential candidates start nook meetings as Ismailabad gears up for its first MC polls

**DEEPAK SHARMA**  
**ISMAILABAD:** With the prospect of municipal elections taking place in the month of April, the potential candidates have started preparations. Nook meetings have started. There is more enthusiasm among the people regarding the first election of the municipality. The administration has also expedited the finalization of voter lists. With the weather, the election heat is also gaining momentum. According to sources, the state election commission may release the election schedule in the month of March, in which the polling date for the month of April will be announced. The Commission has finalized most of the preparations. In such a situation, potential candidates have also started gearing up. Candidates are first sending their posters door to door. The post-victory deeds are also being praised in the poster. Electoral discussion has started in the streets. Graduates and post graduates are also preparing for the first municipal elections. Higher educated youth are first touching the minds of voters. Inside account meetings have started. 13 councilors including chairman are to be elected. Candidates are multiplying and dividing in their own way. This time the enthusiasm among the women candidates is not less. The post of Chairman is also reserved for the female BC category. Political parties are also very active in the first municipal elections. Meetings of workers have been taken by BJP, Congress and JJP leaders. The list of candidates will be made public next month on the party election symbol. A total of 10, 457 voters will exercise their vote in the first election. Roadways GM Ashok Munjal has been given the responsibility of finalizing the voters list. He held a staff meeting in the MC on Wednesday. All claims and objections were settled. The administration will make the voter list public on March 16. According to Municipal Secretary Ankush Parashar, all the preparations are being finalized.

Shiva Mahapuram katha heralds happiness: Sachin Kaushik



**NIRMAL SAINI**  
**RADAUR:** The eight-day Shiva Mahapuram Katha was launched at the Shri Shakumbhari Devi temple located on Radaur-Jathalana road. While narrating on the first day of Katha, Acharya Sachin Kaushik said that Shiva Mahapuram Katha is a welfare story. The word Shiva means welfare. Our scriptures say that according to the Puranas, when man does karma, then he gets his fruit. The story of Brahmin Devraj is described in Shiva Mahapuram, who committed many sinful deeds in his entire life. He committed many kinds of adultery and misconduct and after that he heard the story of Shiva Mahapuram, then all his sins were shaved off and his welfare was restored. That man attained Shivalok. He said that in the Mahatmya of Shiva Mahapuram, the story of Bindu Brahman and Chanchala is also described. Both the husband and wife had fallen down due to their sinful deeds. But when Chanchala recited Shiva Katha, he was saved. In the same way, by the grace of Lord Shiva, Bindu, who used to be a vampire, was also saved by Shiva Mahapuram Katha. According to the importance of Shiva Mahapuram Katha, we can understand that no matter how much suffering there is in life, sin is misery, only the story of Shiva Mahapuram can erase it. Therefore, we should all listen to the story of Shiva Mahapuram according to the rules and regulations.

People are happy with the policies of BJP: Kailasho Saini



**NIRMAL SAINI**  
**RADAUR, FEB 23**  
Former MP from Kurukshetra Prof Kailasho Saini visited Radaur constituency on Wednesday. During this time, they distributed masks and sanitizers in poor settlements. Talking to reporters, he said that the BJP government is working with every section. No policy of discrimination is being adopted with any class or region. Young people are getting jobs on the basis of merit. In previous governments, jobs were made available on the basis of slips and bribes. But as soon as the BJP government came to power, it stopped slips and bribes. The people of the country and the state are happy with the policies of BJP, Saini said. Due to the growing popularity of the BJP party, there is an atmosphere of confusion among the opposition parties today, he added. In the five assembly elections taking place in the state, the people there will once again do the work of feeding the lotus and once again bring the BJP party to power.

HARYANA

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Govt launches first of its kind PADMA programme

**BUREAU**  
**CHANDIGARH, FEB 23**

Haryana Government today will launch PADMA, an ambitious, Programme to Accelerate Development for MSME Advancement' (PADMA). This initiative aims at designing and implementing developmental interventions focused on micro and small enterprises at the block level, by leveraging cluster approach, to give a thrust to sustainable employment and entrepreneurship opportunities as well as promoting balanced regional growth. Under the programme, special emphasis shall be given to the promotion of locally relevant products and it will provide an opportunity to state farmers to broaden their horizon – from producers to processors. The programme aims to encourage holistic socio-economic development across Haryana. Positive organic

growth has been witnessed in the industrially advanced districts. This trend is expected to continue, and a concentrated effort is required to significantly scale up growth in developed districts and initiate targeted cluster-based interventions in industrially developing districts. The districts which are still developing, require special impetus from the state government. Thus ensuring, that the youth across the State is provided with equal local opportunities to grow and prosper and be a part of the formal economy. With this intent, a product in each block of the 22 districts in the State has been identified based on the locally available resources, existing MSME ecosystem, stakeholder consultations, raw material availability, demographic profile and growth potential to create sustainable and cost-effective clusters.

For each block, one new mini-industrial cluster shall be developed by the state government with an intent to develop a vibrant ecosystem around the selected product to strengthen the entire value chain of the product. It is envisaged that each cluster shall constitute several new MSMEs, along with Common Facility Centres (CFCs) and Business Development Service (BDS) hubs. The mini-industrial cluster will also host training facilities to equip the entrepreneurs, artisans and workers to overcome technical and awareness challenges faced by them. Designing and implementing developmental interventions focused on micro and small enterprises at the block level, by leveraging the cluster approach, to give a thrust to sustainable employment and entrepreneurship opportunities is one of the most pivotal objectives of PADMA.

Major General Rajiv Chhibber, others to take stock of India's 2nd NCC Academy today

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** The country's second NCC Academy, being built at Arainpura, Gharaunda, is a symbol of pride, honour and respect for the army officers, soldiers, who laid down their lives for the country. On Thursday, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Chandigarh NCC ADJ Major General Rajiv Chhibber will take stock of the country's second NCC academy under construction at Arainpura, along with army officers. The purpose of visiting this academy is that the senior officers of the army should give valuable suggestions on the basis of their experience so that the NCC academy under construction has all the facilities that the academy needs. In this context, two weeks ago, Gharaunda MLA Harvindra Kalyan, after discussing with the concerned officials in Chandigarh, asked the higher officials of NCC Academy to inspect the spot so that all the work in this academy could be completed on time. Recently, after Kaimla and Gharaunda, Chief Minister Manohar Lal had visited the under-construction NCC Academy in Arainpura, where the villagers welcomed him with a large number of flower garlands. In this context, NCC Commanding Officer Col Naresh Arya said that India's second NCC Academy under construction in Arainpura will be reviewed at 12.30 pm on Thursday, at 12.30 pm, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Chandigarh NCC ADJ Major General Rajeev Chhibber along with army officers will take stock and give his important suggestions in order to increase the speed of work. MLA Harvinder Kalyan informed that whenever the Chief Minister of the state, Manohar Lal, visits Gharaunda, he inspects all the big projects and this time he visited the under-construction NCC Academy after paying obeisance at the Samadhi of Baba Langda at Kaimla.

Tarlochan demands White Paper on medical education

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** Congress district convener Trilochan Singh said that the Bharatiya Janata Party has made education out of the reach of the poor in the last seven years. Under the rule of Congress, the fee for graduates in medical colleges was only Rs 30 to 40 thousand a month. Children of the poverty class were given concessions in fees. But the BJP Chief Minister made medical education expensive for poor children. The government has increased the fees for five years in government colleges to Rs 5 lakh. Apart from this, a bond of Rs 45 lakh rupees was also attached. If the child does not get a job while the bond is in place or if he does not do government service for seven years, then he will have to deposit Rs 45 lakh with interest. The child who he gave will pass from the government college by paying a fee of Rs 50 lakh. Will he be able to serve



poor Berg faithfully? He said that Haryana has the most expensive medical education from various states including UP, Rajasthan, Delhi. He said that the people here fought for the Kalpana Chawla Medical College. Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda gave a budget of Rs 650 crore for the medical college. The Haryana government has done the work of making that college an expensive shop. The government has not yet clarified the bond policy. He said that the Chief Minister should issue a white paper on the increase in fees and bond policy in the Medical College otherwise the people of Karnal will protest against the Chief Minister. He said that the students of Physiotherapy in Pandit Deen Dayal Medical University have not yet got a Hostel or library facility. Basic facilities are not available there. Till now no medical college has been fully established in Haryana except Rohtak PG.

People's work affected in absence of Tehsildar



**MAINPAL KASHYAP**  
**INDRI:** In Indri Tehsil, the work of common people has been hanging in the balance due to the vacant posts of Tehsildar and Naib Tehsildar for a long time. People are making rounds of and sitting from morning till evening without their work getting done. Balkishan, Ashok Kumar, Satbir Hinori, Ratwar, Gurmil Singh, etc. alleged that there is neither Tasildar nor Naib Tehsildar in Indri Tehsil for a long time, due to lack of Naib Tehsildar, our registry is not being done. Additional charge has been given to the Tehsildar Raj Baksh. People demanded from the government that the Tehsildar and Naib Tehsildar should be appointed in the tehsil at the earliest so that no one's work is obstructed. Clerk Sonu said that the registry of the cell is not being done in the tehsil, only the registration of transfer is being done because the software has been stopped from Chandigarh itself, due to which there is a lot of trouble. Rajbaksh, Tehsildar of Karnal has additional charge and likewise he has additional charge of many other tehsils as well. He comes to Indri on Tuesdays and Fridays. Rajbaksh, Tehsildar of Karnal said that every day I come to Indri tehsil for two hours, the work of registry of all is being done on time. SDM Sumit Sihag said that the matter has been brought to his notice.

Two IAS, six HCS officers reshuffled

**CHANDIGARH–** Haryana Government has issued transfer and posting orders of two IAS and six HCS officers with immediate effect. Rajeev Ranjan, Commissioner, Gurugram Division, Gurugram and Chairman & Managing Director, Haryana Minerals Ltd., New Delhi has been posted as Commissioner, Rohtak Division, Rohtak, in addition to his present duties. Mahavir Kaushik, Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula and Chief Administrator, Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board, Panchkula has been posted as Director, Art & Cultural Affairs Haryana and Special Secretary, Art and Cultural Affairs Department, Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula and Chief Administrator, Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board, Panchkula. The HCS officers are, Satyender Duhann, Additional Director (Admn.), Medical Collage, Nalhar (Nuh) has been posted as Additional Director (Admn.), Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Gurugram.

Micro Camp organised by DLSA

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL, FEBRUARY 23**

Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Karnal Jasbir informed that Article 39A of the Constitution of India provides free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of the society and ensures justice for all. The CJM informed that a micro camp was organised by the District Legal Services Authority in Gharaunda section in coordination with the District Welfare Department, Food and Supplies Department, Animal Husbandry Department, Rural Bank, Social Justice Department to create legal awareness and about the beneficial schemes of the Haryana Government. About one thousand people reached this camp with their complaints and they were satisfied that their complaints regarding the matter would be resolved soon from the concerned department. These included a member of



a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe or Backward Class, a victim of human trafficking referred to in Article 23 of the Constitution or a beggar, a woman, a child, that is, a person who has not attained the age of 18 years, or If he is under guardianship at the age of 21 years under the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, for a person with disability as defined in clause (1) of section 2 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities), Protection of Rights and Full Participation, Act, any to an individual, in circumstances of undesirable necessity such as being a victim of a mass calamity, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake or industrial calamity or to an industrial worker or to an industrial worker or in clause (Prevention) of section 2 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 g) for a person in custody including custody in a protective home or children's home, observation home, shelter home and section 2 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, respectively, in clause (e) ), a (o), (u) and (v) within the meaning of special home, section 2A of the Mental Health Act, 1987 for a person in a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric nursing home .

Mukhyamantri Parivar Kalyan Yojana beneficial: ADC

**RAMAN GUPTA**  
**KAITHAL, FEBRUARY 23**

Additional Deputy Commissioner Samvartak Singh said that Mukhyamantri Parivar Uthtan Yojana is proving beneficial for the needy. Under this scheme loan amount is being provided to the beneficiaries in the district. The person belonging to this loan amount will touch new heights in life by doing his own business. With a view to raise the standard of living of the people living below the poverty line through this ambitious scheme of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, loan amount is being given to them. There is also happiness in helping someone in need. ADC Samvartak Singh was speaking after handing over acceptance letters to the beneficiaries under Mukhyamantri Parivar Uthtan Yojana in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Wednesday. Under this scheme, approval letters of Rs 10 lakh were given to 17 beneficiaries on Wednesday, including 14 backward classes and 3 disabled people. The ADC said that under this scheme, the main objective of the



government is to make it self-reliant by transmitting happiness in the life of the needy family. Talking to the beneficiaries, he said that the beneficiaries should use the money for the work for which they have taken the loan. By doing this the business will increase and their income will also increase. The financial condition of the family will improve and will be able to maintain the family smoothly. On this occasion, District Social Welfare Officer Kuldeep Sharma, District Manager of Haryana Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections Welfare Corporation Naresh Kumar, Planning Officer Bijendra Kumar, Sheeshpal Bishnoi, Rakesh Sharma, Anit Kumar etc. were present.

Follow Ambedkar's path to help society: Bhola



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** The office bearers of Sant Shiromani Ravidas Sabha Sadar Bazar honoured Ramsharan Bhola, former member of Haryana State Staff Selection Commission at his residence. He was felicitated by the office bearers under the leadership of President of the Sabha Rohit Joshi and Dilip Kumar by presenting a memento and a siropa. This morning, the office-bearer of Shri Ravidas Sabha Sadar Bazar reached the residence of Ramsharan Bhola. There he assured to cooperate in the uplift of the society. A strategy was also made for the upcoming programs. Bhola said that the society can be benefited only by following the path shown by Baba Saheb, the architect of the Indian Constitution. He said that the society will have to fight by being educated and organised.

Campaign to remove encroachments

**LOKESH KUMAR**  
**YAMUNANAGAR:** For road safety and the residents do not face any kind of inconvenience in getting out of the roads, the Municipal Corporation will run a campaign to remove the encroachments being done in the main roads and markets of the city. Under the anti-encroachment drive, the goods kept on the road by the shopkeepers will be confiscated. Before this action, the team of the Municipal Corporation is making shopkeepers aware by visiting the markets of the city. For the smooth implementation of the campaign, a team has been formed under the leadership of CSI Anil Nain on the instructions of Municipal Commissioner Dharendra Khadgata. The cleaning inspector of the concerned ward, corporation personnel Amar Singh, Ramkesh, Manjit Singh, Sachin, Bobby, Praveen, Sudhir, Aditya Swami, Devindra Kumar etc. have been included in the team. It has often been seen that illegal hoardings, goods, benches and other items are kept encroaching the road and the space in front of the shop due to which the traffic is also blocked and the citizens also have to face inconvenience. Railway Road, Mira Bai Bazar, Workshop Road, Radaur Road, Jagadhri Road, Chhoti Line, Utensil Market in Jagadhri, Kheda Market, Stone Wala Bazar, Jadauda Gate, School Road, Civil Line, Ambala Road etc. In the city, the encroachments are on the roads and markets. These places will be encroachment free soon on the instructions of Municipal Commissioner Dharendra Khadgata. On the instructions of Khadgata, first work is being done to convince all the shopkeepers not to keep the goods on the road. Along with this, their goods kept on the road are being kept inside the shop. Along with this, they are being warned that the next time the goods of the shop are found kept outside, they will be confiscated.

BSNL Divisional Engineer honoured by Police dept



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL, FEBRUARY 23**

For the excellent connectivity and other good services of BSNL in the Police Department, Karnal's Divisional Engineer Vijay Kumar was honored by the Police Department. Karnal SP Gangaram Poonia presented a letter of appreciation to the Divisional Engineer for his excellent services. SP Gangaram Poonia appreciated the efficient work and excellent cooperation of Divisional Engineer Vijay Kumar. He said that whenever there was any problem regarding network connectivity in the police department, the Divisional Engineer took immediate action and resolved the problems due to which the working of the department continued smoothly. He hoped that in future also his services would be continued in the same manner. Meanwhile, Divisional Engineer Vijay Kumar thanked Police Department MSP Gangaram Poonia for giving him a letter of appreciation and assured that in future also he would try his best to provide the best services.



NEWS AT A  
GLANCESri Guru Hargobind  
School organises an  
educational tour

**HEMANT SHARMA RAMPURA PHUL:** Students of Sri Guru Hargobind Public Senior Secondary School village Pitho were given a three day educational tour. The tour was flagged off by Darshan Singh MD. On this occasion he said that such tours keep the students mentally refreshed and the students get information about the historical places. During the tour, the students visited Jaipur, a popular city in Rajasthan known as the Pink City. Visited various historical places of the city including Amer Fort, Jaggar Fort, Wax Museum, Hama Mahal, Jal Mahal, Biological Park Nahargarh, Chokhi Dhani, Jantar Mantar, Raja Park etc. and got information about them. The tour was led by Madam Paramjit Kaur. School staff including Amarjit Kaur, Kirandeep Kaur, Parvinder Kaur, Malkit Singh, Harjinder Singh, Lakhvir Singh were present on the occasion.

**Pri. Dr. RK.Tuli released book "Surinder Geet Kavya" Drishti and Dialogue composed by Dr.Naresh**



**JASPOONAM KOHLI DINANAGAR:** The book written by Dr. Naresh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Punjabi and Dogri, Central University Dharamsala (HP) in collaboration with Department of Punjabi at SSM College, Dinanagar was released by Principal Dr. RK Tuli. On this occasion, Dr. Naresh Kumar told about the book "Surinder Geet Kavya "Drishti Aur Samvad" that this is his 11th book. Which is dedicated to the literature of Pravasi poetess Surinder Geet. It includes research papers of Padmashree Surjit Patra, Dr. Haribhajan Singh Bhatia, Dr. Sukhdev Singh Sirsa, Dr. Manjinder Singh, Dr. Mohan Tyagi, Dr. Naresh Kumar and about one and a half dozen critics. Principal Dr. RK Tuli congratulated Dr. Naresh Kumar for editing and writing books in the literary world. Prof. Subir Ragbotra, Prof. Kanwaljit Kaur, Prof. Balwinder Kaur were also present.

**13 positive patients of Covid-19 and 1 death in district**

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** Giving information about the condition of Covid-19, Civil Surgeon Dr. Parminder Kaur said that today with the acquisition of 1987 new samplings with suspicious flu-like symptoms and receiving reports of 1804 samplings, 13 positive patients of Covid-19 have come and 1 death has been reported. She said that so far the total number of positive patients in the district is 37856 from samplings and with the receipt of 2856 positive cases from outlying districts the total number of positive cases of Covid-19 has increased to 40712.

**Guru Kashi Campus to hold seminar to mark Mother Tongue Day**

**PRINCE GARG TALWANDI SABO, FEB 23**

The mother tongue is as sweet, lovely and truthful as mother's milk. All this is realized only by sincere love for the mother tongue. Mother tongue is an integral part of our personality. The mother tongue is not of any caste, religion, color or race but the common mother tongue of the people of a region is the language of the people of the region, according to a release issued by the Guru Kashi Languages Department, Punjabi University Guru Kashi Campus Damdama Sahib.

Mother Tongue Day is a gift from our neighboring country Bangladesh. East Bengal which was called East Pakistan. There the West Pakistani wanted to introduce Urdu and Persian but their mother tongue was Bengali and they began to protest ve-

hemently. The government began cracking down on the struggle for the honor of the mother tongue and the peaceful protesting mother tongue lovers were shot dead by the security forces on February 21, 1952 in which several students were killed. The spark of revolt continued to burn among the mother tongue lovers and in 1971 it became flames and became Bangladesh. At the General Conference on February 21, 1972, UNESCO endorsed the observance of February 21 as Mother Tongue Day. This day is celebrated all over the world in devotion and respect for their mother tongue. On the occasion of Mother Tongue Day, Guru Kanshi, Head of Languages Department, Dr. Sushil Kumar congratulated all the staff and students on Mother Tongue Day. At the same time, he made the students aware of the impor-

ance of mother tongue. He said that during the learning process of the students, all the subjects have their own. Significantly, he said, one-day national seminar dedicated to Mother Tongue Day is being held on Friday 25th February 2022 at Guru Kashi Seminar Hall.

The keynote speakers in this seminar will be Sukirat, Jas Mand and Kanwaljit. Sukirat is a Punjabi critic, storyteller, translator and modern-day columnist and has also worked as a translator and broadcaster at All India Radio New Delhi. Kanwaljit is a student of philosophy as well as a prominent political analyst. Jas Mand is a prominent writer and journalist. In this seminar, students will be made aware of the importance of mother tongue. Director Jasbir Singh Hundal extended best wishes to the department for conducting the seminar.

**Pathankot Parents Association demands justice from administration outside Mela Devi School for taking annual charges**



**V.K.DOGRA DHAR KALAN, FEB 23**

The parents who reached Mela Devi School were refused admit cards by the school administration, due to which they told not to pay the annual charges and also threatened their children not to sit for the examination, after which the parents contacted the Pathankot Parents Association.

After that, Chandan Verma President of Pathankot Parents' Association, reached Mela Devi School with his team's press secretary Vijay Kumar. Standing outside the school along with the parents, demanded justice from the administration, while the

school remained closed for the whole year during the Corona period, despite this, the parents of online studies paid the tuition fees, but when the school is not open for the whole year, why is the school asking for annual charges. Expressing its anger, the parents of the school pleaded in front of the administration that every year the school is collecting its depreciation charges, building charges, maintenance charges from us, but where is that money going? Pathankot Parents Association, together with the parents, sought help from the administration and urged the administration to consider the issue.

**Youth should apply for free course on making jam, jelly and pickle: DC**

**HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA):** Deputy Commissioner Smt. Apneet Riyait informed that District Bureau of Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Hoshiarpur will provide 6 months free of cost for boys, girls (at least 10th pass and age should be 18 to 35 years) of urban area. Food Multi Skill Course (Food Multi Skill Technician Food Processing Training Course) is being started in Gadhdwala, with which courses in the manufacturing process of Jam, Jelly, Pickle, Marmalade, Salis, Bread, Cake, Toast Juice etc. will be conducted. Those boys and girls whose family members have a labor card, they will also be given an allowance of Rs 2500 per month. On completion of this course, the candidates can start their own business and the trained candidate will be assisted in providing employment in the respective food processing factories.



**Langah may finally be re-inducted into Panth**

**CHARANJIT SINGH AMRITSAR, FEB 23**

Speculations are rife that former Akali leader Sucha Singh Langah is likely to return to the Panthic fold soon.

Former Akali leader Sacha Singh Langah used to come to the Akal Takht every day for about six months to apologize for his blunder but the Jathedars did not budge from their position. Even when Langah used to come and recite at Sri Akal Takht Sahib with his companions, the Jathedars had even said that those who support the evicted person are also paid.

It is now rumoured that former Akali leader Sacha Singh Langah may be summoned before the Akal Takht in a meeting of the Jathedars of the Takhts to be held on the occasion of Khalsa Sirjana Divas. It may be mentioned that Giani Gurbachan Singh, the then Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, expelled him from the Panth after a pornographic video of former Akali leader Sacha Singh Langah with a woman



surfaced. For the past six months or so, Langah used to come from his home barefoot every day to sit in front of Sri Akal Takht Sahib and recite and repeatedly requested the Jathedars of Sri Akal Takht Sahib to re-induct him into Panthic fold. He also mentioned the old age of his parents and his social responsibilities towards his children but still he did not get any positive response from the Secretariat of Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

But now, after the Punjab Assembly elections, the matter may be reconsidered. It is believed that Jathedars Langah can return to the mainstream of the Panth by hearing the case and imposing appropriate punishment on him.

**Reflectors installed on tractor trolley, other vehicles from Lions Club Pathankot**



**R. SINGH PATHANKOT, FEB 23**

Reflectors were installed on tractor trolley and other vehicles at Dhangu Chowk with the cooperation of Traffic Education Cell under the chairmanship of Lion Rajeev Khosla MJF on behalf of Lions Club Pathankot.

Giving information during this time, President Rajiv Khosla, Secretary Sameer Gupta, PRO Narinder Mahajan, Cashier Harjit Singh, HS Maini, Chairman Project Vijay Passi, Janak Singh, Amit Punj, Dr. M.L. Attri, Dr. Tarsem Singh, Pankaj Mehta, Rakesh Agarwal, Ashok Bamba etc. were present.

even today tractor trolleys, horse carts etc. Reflectors have been installed on other vehicles so that accidents with other vehicles can be avoided during the night. He said that everyone should follow the traffic rules. On this occasion ASI Pardeep, ASI Manjit Singh, Club Secretary Sameer Gupta, PRO Narinder Mahajan, Cashier Harjit Singh, HS Maini, Chairman Project Vijay Passi, Janak Singh, Amit Punj, Dr. M.L. Attri, Dr. Tarsem Singh, Pankaj Mehta, Rakesh Agarwal, Ashok Bamba etc. were present.

**Condition of road, sewerage of ward No. 44 is very poor: Rakesh Sharma**



**PATHANKOT (R. SINGH):** Ever since the area of ward number 44 of the city has been included in the limits of the municipal corporation, since then, the condition of potholes and sewerage in the name of roads is becoming a speaking picture of the development here. Rashtri Kalyankari Parishad President Rakesh Sharma along with Dr. Gopal, Thakur Angal Singh, Harjinder Singh, Ajay Singh, Vikramjit Singh, Randeep Singh, Jasveer Singh, etc. jointly said that the roads here are in bad condition, especially due to rain. During the day, the situation becomes even worse. On the occasion they appealed to the District Collector Pathankot to repair the roads of this area with JCB machines so that they can get rid of the problems being faced by the people.

**New building of historical site of first Guru, Gurdwara Sri Darbar Sahib, Dera Baba Nanak inaugurated**

**CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, FEB 23**

The newly constructed building of Gurdwara Sri Darbar Sahib, Dera Baba Nanak, the historical site associated with Sri Guru Nanak Dev, the first Guru was inaugurated as per the Panthak traditions today. The religious congregation was organised while enshrining Sri Guru Granth Sahib in the newly constructed building of Gurdwara Sahib and a large number of Panthak personalities attended the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami said that this historical site associated with the first Guru is of great impor-



tance in the Sikh faith and presently, with the opening of Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, the Sangat from across the world are visiting here to pay their obeisance. Gurdwara Sri Darbar Sahib, Dera Baba Nanak falls on the way to Sri Kartarpur Sahib. Advocate Dhami said that the SGPC is committed to the convenience of the Sangat and under this, the new building of Gurdwara Sahib was constructed. He

thanked Baba Sewa Singh Khadar Sahib for Kar Sewa (voluntary service) of constructing the Gurdwara Sahib and appreciated his Panthic services. During the event, Baba Sewa Singh, head of Kar Sewa Khadar Sahib, thanked all the Sangat and dignitaries who had assisted him during the Kar Sewa. On this occasion, various personalities were honoured with Siropoas (robe of honours).

**Iqbal Jhundan released poster of Blood donation Camp**



**MAHAVIR GOYAL AHMEDAGARH FEB 23**

Preparations are in full swing for the 15th Blood Donation Camp to be organized by State Award winning social welfare organization Ahmedgarh on March 6 under the leadership of President Dr. Suneet Hind and General Secretary Tarsem Garg. In this regard former Akali MLA Iqbal Singh Jhundan along with his associates released the poster of blood donation camp. On this occasion he said that blood donation is a noble cause. Blood donation is an important part of saving

one's life. He said that this organization was doing a commendable job. General Secretary Tarsem Garg said that preparations have been started for this time Blood Donation Camp and in collaboration with city and area residents on Sunday 6th March the organization is organizing 15th blood donation camp like every year. Present on the occasion were Dr. Suneet Hind, Sanjay Mittal, Balwinder Verma, Manoj Garg, Arun Gupta, Gautam Jain, Gopal Krishna Tony, Dharamvir Garg, Anil Goel, Sanjeev Karir, Surinder Singla, Ravi Goel, Deepak Gupta etc.

**International Mother Language Day celebrated at SDAM College**



**JASPOONAM KOHLI DINANAGAR, FEB 23**

International Mother Language Day was celebrated by the Department of Postgraduate Punjabi of Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College under the chairmanship of College Principal Dr. Reena Talwar and under the leadership of Kulwinder Kaur Chhina, Head of Department of Punjabi.

At this time, Punjabi Slo-gan Writing and Punjabi Poetry Pronunciation competitions were also organized. Dr. Reena Talwar mentioned about the initiative taken by

Bangladesh to celebrate Punjabi Mother Language Day and the role of UNESCO. Expressing her view, she said that just as no one can replace our mother, similarly no other language can replace our mother tongue. On this occasion, the faculty and students of various departments of the college also took a pledge for the development of Punjabi language. A total of 11 girl students participated in the slogan writing competition in which Kiranpreet Kaur got first, Amandeep Kaur got second and Vishali got third position.

**Worst condition of traffic problem in city Barnala, no attention of administration**

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, FEB 23**

The traffic problem in the city of Barnala is getting worse day by day, however, the administration is not paying any attention to this problem. Geographically, the city of Barnala is well-structured and its markets are very open, but due to the increasing number of vehicles occupying the streets of the markets, the open markets of the city have become crowded.

At the time of construction of Dhanola Road under bridge, the residents of the city were feeling relieved that now this would improve the traffic problem, but when Dhanola Road starts from the side of Pukka College Road, the traffic situation has even been worse. Similarly in the city's Kacha College Road, Ram Bagh Road, Near Civil Hospital, Shaheed Bhagat



Singh Road, besides Handi-aya Bazaar and Farwahi Bazaar, people have to suffer due to heavy traffic jams. The main reason for the increasing traffic problem in the city every day is that despite the closure of entry of large vehicles during the day, they are allowed to enter the city by the traffic police.

There is no parking in the city for people coming from villages or other towns to do shopping, forcing them to park their vehicles in front of shops in the markets. It is to be mentioned that earlier the traffic police and PCR personnel used to

keep a constant watch on the main roads of the city to control the traffic in the city, but for the last few months, the traffic police and PCR personnel have not been seen in the city. The traffic problem is increasing day by day due to the absence of traffic police.

Residents of the city have demanded from the administration that the traffic problem at the adjacent petrol pumps on Pakka College Road, Civil Hospital and other major roads should be fixed otherwise the problem could lead to major problems in future.



**BSP meeting on March 1: Prem Kumar Hawal**  
**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**AMB:** The state level monthly meeting of Bahujan Samaj Party will be held on March 1 at BSP State Office, Una. It was stated by h Prem Kumar Hawal, General Secretary and in-charge of Mandi Lok Sabha Constituency. Raja Ram,former



Rajya Sabha MP and Chief In-Charge BSP Himachal Pradesh will be present as the Chief Guest, along with Daya Chand in-charge Himachal Pradesh, Sumrat Singh in-charge Himachal Pradesh, Kanshi Ram in-charge Himachal Pradesh and Vijay Nair in-charge Himachal Pradesh will be especially present as special guests. This meeting will be presided over by Narayan Azad State President BSP Himachal Pradesh. Representatives of 68 assembly constituencies of Himachal Pradesh have been invited in this meeting, so that feedback will be taken on various programs of the party going on in 68 assembly constituencies. In this meeting various issues like representation of Sarv Samaj in party organization, participation of youth and women, political participation.

**One-day camp held over welfare schemes**

**JOGINDER DEV ARYA**  
**BANGANA:** A one-day camp was organized at village Sasan of village Panchayat Tanoh with courtesy of Kangra Central Co-operative Bank Limited. Women from about four support groups participated in this camp. Branch manager of Kangra Central Cooperative Bank, Vijay Rana gave detailed information about the schemes available through the bank. He informed about the welfare schemes available to the people and the help groups by the Central Government and the State Government. On this occasion ward members Jaiveer Modgil, Kamal Devi, Raj Rajni, Anju, Ramna, Kamala Devi, Rajiv, Yashpal, Shanti Swaroop Pritam Chand, Anita Devi, Sushma Devi, Kanta Devi, Urmila Devi, Pawana, Pooja Thakur, Anjana Sharma, Apart from Anita Kaushal, Promila, Usha, Kanta Devi, many women got information about the schemes by ensuring their participation in this camp.

**Candle march held in protest against brutal murder of Bajrang Dal worker in Karnataka**



**AMB:** A candle march was held by Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal workers in protest against the brutal murder of a Bajrang Dal worker in Karnataka, mainly in which Bajrang Dal District Convener Uday Thakur, Bajrang Dal District Co-Convener Rahul Thakur Block Amb Vishwa Hindu Parishad President Dileep Thakur Vice President Raman Soni Bajrang Co-Convener Varun Sharma, Provincial cow protection cum chief Sanjeev, district cow protection chief Bhupinder district cum cow protection chief Amit Gautam Block Unna Bajrang Dal co-convenor Robin and a number of 100 workers were present.

**All doctors of Himachal will take mass holiday on February 26**

**SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA:** All the doctors of Himachal Pradesh have now made up their mind for a big struggle against the government regarding pay discrepancy and other demands. Physicians Sanyukt Sangharsh Samiti has decided to go on a one-day mass holiday on 26 February and if no decision is taken on their demands, they will go on a complete strike from 28 February. If the state government ignores the demands of the doctors, then in such a situation, the patients admitted to the hospitals and the patients coming for treatment may have to face a lot of problems. According to Pushpendra Ney, general secretary of Samyukta Sangharsh Samiti, the government is ignoring them. Earlier the government discontinued the 4-9-14 scale. Now their pay scale has also been reduced. He said that the government is continuously ignoring their demands, due to which there has been a huge anger among the doctors against the government. He said that due to the neglect of the government, now the doctors of the state will go on mass leave. The union has also said that during Covid-19, there were no arrangements in hospitals and services provided in limited means would be disclosed and in what situations the doctors provided services, the entire system would be brought before the public. He said that the pen-down strike will continue on February 24 as well. He admitted that people are facing problems due to this, but it is not having any effect on the government.

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CM attacks opposition for staging walkout



AGENCY SHIMLA, FEB 23

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Wednesday attacked the Opposition for staging a walkout from the Assembly during the Governor's Address on the first day of the Budget session here. Attacking the opposition for terming the Guv Address as a bunch of blatant lies, the Chief Minister told the media outside the Assembly that boycotting Governor's speech in the House only proves that Congress members are not keen to take part in the session with

decorum, much like previous sessions. He said that opposition members deliberately wanted to have heated discussions, rather than raising the public issues, adding that the opposition claimed that there were lies in the Guv address. Replying to the allegations of Leader of Opposition Mukesh Agnihotri that Guv address was false and misleading, he said the Government would not accept everything in the name of protest. Action would be taken soon against the culprits of firecracker factory, assured the Chief Minister, adding that an FIR has been lodged in the firecracker factory tragedy in Una

district and action would be taken against the guilty at the earliest. The Chief Minister said that if the firecracker factory was being run illegally, action would be taken against it. The Chief Minister informed that the concerned Minister would also give a statement on the tragedy during the session. The Chief Minister was replying to allegations raised by Mukesh Agnihotri on deteriorating law and order in the state. Terming the Budget session of Jai Government merely farewell Chief Minister Jairam replied that Congress is day dreaming to return in power.

Tournat Machine for detection TB disease inaugurated



BUREAU AMB, FEB 23

MLA Balveer Singh Choudhary inaugurated the Integrated Counseling and Testing Center for HIV AIDS and Tuberculosis (TB) disease in the Civil Hospital Amb of Health and Family Welfare Department, Amb, today. In the test center, counseling will be given related to HIV AIDS and there will be facility to identify and test, treatment,

diagnosis and treatment of patients of Tuberculosis . Rs 7 lakh have been spent so that the people of the above categories will get better health facilities. BJP Circle President Kuldeep Singh, General Secretary Kuldeep Thakur, Office Secretary Sparsh Sharma, BJP District General Secretary Sham Minhas, Mann Ki Baat in-charge Hardeep Jassal, District OBC Morcha President Jai Dev Khatta, Block Medical Officer Dr. Rajiv Garg and entire hospital staff were present.

Snow increased cold in Dhauladhar mountains

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 23

The weather has again changed in Himachal Pradesh. The entire Kangra valley has come under the grip of cold due to the continuing snowfall in the Barat and Dhauladhar mountains in district Kangra since late Tuesday night. People are also facing cold winds again. For the past few days, the temperature was increasing due to strong sunlight, but due to bad weather, the cold has increased again. The temperature has dropped drastically due to snowfall. It is snowing in the mountains and high altitude areas even on Wednesday morning. Due to this there is a continuous drop in the temperature. Meteorologists have issued a yellow alert for heavy snow and rain in the high and central mountainous areas on February 23 and 24. There is a possibility of heavy rain in the low lying areas as well. On February 25 and 26, there may be rain in some areas. Yellow alert has been issued for Chamba, Lahaul Spiti, Kullu, Kinnaur, Mandi, Kangra and Shimla districts. The weather may disturb the India-Sri Lanka T20 match to be held on February 26 at the International Cricket Stadium in Dharamsala.

One-day training workshop for Anganwadi workers held

ANWAR HUSSAIN NALAGARH, FEB 23

A one day training workshop was organized for Anganwadi workers of Baddi circle. 20 Anganwadi workers of Anganwadi circle Baddi participated in this workshop organized by Humana People to People India, a social service organization. Under the Community Development Project, the training workshop organized for the purpose of healthy and educated community was inaugurated by the Integrated Child Development Project Supervisor Aruna Kashyap. Giving more details about the training programme organized, Jaswant Kasana, in-charge of Humana People to People India Baddi unit said that the objective of this training programme being given through his organization is to improve maternal and child health and health frontline workers



under capacity building. Dr. Aviral Saxena, the head coach of the organization, provided detailed information about anemia to all the Anganwadi workers. He provided detailed information about the identification of anemia in pregnant women and the side effects related to anemia and measures to avoid it. In this training workshop, apart from the Anganwadi workers of Baddi circle, the workers of the organization Rakhi Thakur and Kiran also participated.

Moderate tremors felt in Himachal

**SHIMLA:** An earthquake measuring 4 on the Richter scale shook the Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday, Indian Meteorological Department said. The tremors felt at 9.58 am had its epicentre at Seri-majhali, about 65 km from here, and it occurred at a depth of 7 km. People felt the tremors but no damage has been reported so far.

Avalanche blocks Manali-Keylong highway

**SHIMLA:** the Manali-ATR-Keylong highway has been blocked by an avalanche at Beeling Nullah in Lahaul-Spiti district in Himachal Pradesh, authorities said on Wednesday. SDMA spokesman Sudesh Mokta said the avalanche has blocked vehicular movement on the Manali-Attal Tunnel and Keylong. The Border Road Organisation (BRO) has started snow clearance.

SJVN Arun Power subsidiary signs Rs. 6333 cr Loan Agreement



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 23

SJVN Arun-3 Power Development Company, a subsidiary of SJVN Limited in Nepal, today signed Term Loan Documents for drawl of INR 6333.40 Crore Loan with the consortium of banks from India & Nepal. The consortium, led by SBI India and PNB, have Exim Bank, Canara UBI & Everest Bank, Nepal & Nabil Bank, Nepal as consortium members. The term loan signing ceremony was performed in the presence of Sh. Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN and A. K. Singh, Director (Finance) besides senior officers Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Chief GM (BDE)/Head (LO), A.M. Jha, Chief GM (F&A). Speaking on the occasion Nand Lal Sharma re-affirmed SJVN's commitment to complete the construction of 900 MW Arun – 3 HEP in Nepal in the

FY 2023-24, one year ahead of the scheduled commissioning of the Project in February 2025, as required under Project Development Agreement and Financing Documents. The documents were signed by Sh. Jitendra Yadav, Chief Finance Officer, SAPDC, Nepal on behalf of SAPDC & respective signatories of consortium Banks. Sharma said that SJVN is implementing the 900 MW Arun 3 Hydroelectric project in Nepal through its wholly owned subsidiary SJVN Arun-3 Power Development Company. The project, he told, is in an advanced stage of construction and is targeted to be completed in the financial year 2023-24. The project completion, Sharma told, had been advanced by about a year which will immensely benefit not only SJVN but also the government of Nepal who will start getting power supply as a basic infrastructure for the industrial development of the country.

Jairam government playing with ambitious projects: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 23

National Congress Party secretary and former minister Sudhir Sharma said in a press release that the present BJP government is playing with the ambitious projects of the state. This is the reason that due to the pessimistic policy of the government, no new investment has come in the state today. There is no talk of new schemes and projects, but no work is being done on the projects of the previous Congress government. Sudhir Sharma said that it is sad that the ropeway project from Shri Chamunda to Himani Chamunda has been terminated. The work of Himani Chamunda ropeway



was awarded to Usha Braco Company of Delhi in the year 2015, which was to cost Rs 400 crore and the length was proposed to be about 6 km. In this, a tourist facility was also to be developed at a place between Chamunda and Himani Chamunda, this project was proposed to be completed by 2019. He wanted to know from the government what is the

current status of this project. Who is responsible for this ropeway project not being started and the government formalities not being completed. Sudhir Sharma said that the project in this form has been canceled on February 2022, mainly due to non-availability of role, it has taken six years for the country. The government was to earn Rs 750 crore annually from this project and employment opportunities were to be available to many people, but it is a pity that even where all the investment was to be made by the company, the project was canceled today due to the inefficiency of the government. It is done. Project in Shimla Ropeway,

which was to cost Rs 250 crore and was to be completed in 6 years. But this ambitious project of the state capital, which was supposed to generate an annual income of Rs 10 crore to Shimla Municipal Corporation, has been canceled today. Sudhir Sharma said that the cancellation of both these ambitious projects is unfortunate. He said that the cancellation of the work of both these ropeway projects shows the working of the government and the thinking of the government towards these ambitious projects. The government has completely failed in the development of the state, that is why even small development works are stalled in the state.

Ban on arrival of devotees in goods vehicles for Maidi Mela: DC

BUREAU UNA, FEB 23

From March 10, 2022, there will be a ban on the entry of devotees into the Himachal Pradesh border in goods vehicles for the Baba Badbhag Singh Holi fair at Maidi. Action will be taken against the vehicle owners who do this at all the entrances of district Una as per rules and devotees will not be allowed to go further in goods vehicles. District Collector Una Raghav Sharma said that a large number of devotees from Punjab, Haryana and other states of North India come in trucks, tractors, trolleys and trolleys to attend Baba



Badbhag Singh Mela. But they will not be allowed to go beyond the limits of District Una in goods vehicles, for which adequate police force will be deployed at the inter-state barrier. The DC appealed to all the devotees to travel in buses and avoid coming in goods vehicles to avoid any inconvenience. DG said that

Holi fair would be celebrated at Dera Baba Badbhag Singh Maidi from March 10 to 21 for which ADC Una would be appointed as Mela Officer and SDM Amb would be Additional Fair Officer, while Additional Superintendent of Police would be appointed as Mela Police Officer and DSP Amb would be Assistant Mela Police. officer has been appointed. He said that during the fair, the flag ceremony would be held on March 18 and Prasad would be distributed at 2 pm on March 20. Collector said that all the devotees should also ensure compliance of Covid rules and do not use polythene.

Secretary Power review progress of Arun 3 Project in Nepal

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 23

Alok Kumar, Secretary Power, Government of India, accompanied by Sh. Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN visited 900 MW Arun -III Hydro Electric Project being developed by SJVN in Nepal. During the visit, Secretary Power inaugurated commencement of concreting works for 2nd Unit of Power House of Arun-III Project. Alok Kumar took a keen interest in the ongoing construction activities at Power House Site, Head Race Tunnel and Dam Site. He conveyed his satisfaction at the ongoing pace of progress made by the highly motivated and committed SJVN & SAPDC Team. He said that the



commissioning of the Project by FY 2023-24 would be an important milestone in SJVN's capacity addition journey and would further strengthen the Indo-Nepal friendship. On this occasion, Sh. Nand Lal Sharma, CMD, SJVN extended his heartfelt gratitude to Government of India & Government of Nepal for acknowledging the

contribution of SJVN in Power Sector and trusting the Company with execution of 900 MW Arun-III HEP, 669 MW Lower Arun HEP & 217 KM 400KV Double Circuit Transmission Line up to Nepal-India Border along with associated Sub-Station at Dhalkebar. He also extended gratitude to Hon'ble Union Power Minister Sh. R.K Singh and Ministry of Power for their continual guidance and support. Sharma stated that SJVN is a development partner in Indo-Nepal Hydro Power Development. The Project is bringing in investment, infrastructure & community development, improved education and health care facilities, multiple employment opportunities, boost to local businesses and skill development to the local populace.



NEWS AT A  
GLANCECooler stand kept outside house  
stolen, case registered

**VICKY VERMA**  
**ZIRAKPUR:** On the complaint of Baltana resident of Hamilap Nagar, Zirakpur police registered a case against a person for stealing cooler stand and arrested him from the spot. On the basis of the complaint, the police have started further action by registering a case against the accused under sections 379 and 411 of IPC. In the complaint given to the police, the complainant said that he had brought two iron stands from the market for his cooler. Which he kept outside the house near the gate and went to get the goods from inside. After some time, as soon as he came out and saw that someone was stealing the stand lying outside. Which he captured on the spot and handed him over to the police.

Two booked for  
illegal sand mining

**ASHOK KAURA**  
**PHAGWARA:** The Shahkot police have booked two persons for alleged illegal sand mining. The Investigating Officer Balbir Chand said that the accused have been identified as Harpreet Singh and Sarup Lal residents of Shahjahanpur village under Sultan Pur Lodhi police station. IO said that the police have received information that the accused are quarrying illegally from River Sutlej during night in a tractor trolley. The IO said that a case under section 21 of the Punjab Mines Act and section 379(theft) of the IPC has been registered against the accused and further investigation are on .

Tehsildar handed over check for  
financial help to poor family

**KULJEET SINGH**  
**JANDIALA GURU:** Tehsildar Amritsar Parmpreet Singh Guraya handed over a financial help check of Rs 95100 to Surinderpal, resident of Jandiala Guru. Tell that the roof of this family's house had collapsed on 3rd September 2020 due to heavy rains. Due to which they were given financial help by the Punjab Government.

Seven days NSS Camp 2022  
inaugurated at RR Bawa  
DAV College for Girls

**VERMA**  
**BATALA:** Under the aegis of Principal, Dr. Ekta Khosla, seven day NSS camp 2022 was inaugurated from 22nd February, 2022 at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala. On this occasion, a village survey was organized by NSS Coordinator Mr. Vinay Kumar and Co-coordinator Mrs. Naiya Mahajan respectively in which around 50 NSS Volunteers participated. The volunteers visited Govt. Primary Middle School at Village Purana Pind; where Mrs. Aarti, Mr. Satinder Pal Singh and Sarpanch Sardar Jasbeer Singh, Pancharay members, Pawan Kumar and Karamjeet Singh welcomed them. The volunteers informed the students and villagers about importance of 'Covid Vaccination' and 'Drug Abuse'. On this occasion, Mr. Vinay Kumar, Mrs. Naiya Mahajan, Mrs. Harpreet Aneja and Mrs. Nirmala Devi were present.

Anjana Panwar, Member of National Commission  
for safai karamcharis visits PGIMER

**RAJIV JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH, FEB 23**

Anjana Pawar, Member National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India chaired a meeting in PGIMER Chandigarh to review issues related to Safai Karamcharis here in the Institute today.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Surjeet Singh, Director PGIMER and other senior administrative officers comprising Sh. Gaurav Dhawan (IRS), Deputy Director Administration, Prof. Vipin Koushal, Medical Superintendent cum Head, Dept. of Hospital Administration, Prof. Ashok Kumar, Additional Medical Superintendent & Official Spokesperson, Dr Pankaj Arora, Dr. Ranjana Singh, Dr R. Singh Bhogal from the Deptt. of Hospital Administration, PGIMER. The representatives of union of hospital and sanitation attendants of PGIMER were also present during the meeting.

Chairing the meeting, Smt. Anjana Pawar explained that the Commission works for mainstreaming the Safai Karamcharis, generally being considered at the last rung of the society. She maintained that the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the sanitation workers are the front-



line contributors in making this mission a successful one and stated that unless their grievances and issues are resolved, progress could hardly be made in this mission

Through a detailed presentation, the Honble Member was apprised about the strength of sanitation workers, welfare schemes and facilities being provided to them at the institute including Insurance, EPF, ESIC, availability of residential quarters, minimum wages, medical check-up, and training for the workers and other related aspects. Later, the representatives of the union of sanitation workers of

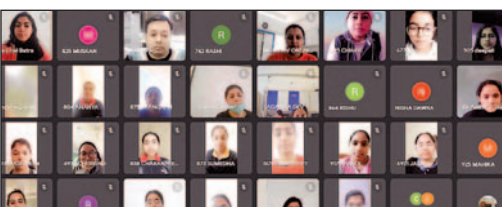
the institute flagged issues and grievances being faced by the sanitation workers which mainly included the non implementation of same work-same salary among the contractual workers, ignoring the seniority while assigning the duties to the relievers, delayed payment of salaries/pensions, discriminatory behaviour against sanitation workers, non-filling of allocated but vacant permanent positions, non-payment of Provident Fund to 35 cases, meagre allowances for uniform, non-provision of safety equipment etc. to mention a few. While giving a patient hearing to

all the issues from both the sides, the Hon'ble Member said that the cooperation and coordination of both the sides, administration and the workers, is crucial for the successful working and growth of the institute.

She further instructed the concerned officers and the union representatives to sit across the table and resolve the issues amicably as most of the issues can be dealt with locally. She concluded that she would be happy to facilitate, wherever her intervention required, for the early re-dressal of the grievances.

Awareness against dengue  
malaria to school children

**RAMPURA PHUL (HEMANT SHARMA):** As per the directions of Civil Surgeon Bathinda Dr. Balwant Singh, District Epidemiologist Dr. Mahakot Singh and Senior Medical Officer Bhagta Dr. Rajpal Singh a health awareness camp was organized at Government Elementary School Phul Town. Addressing the children on the occasion, Multipurpose Health Supervisor Balveer Singh Sandhu Kalan said that with the onset of summer, the mosquito population increases, which leads to the spread of dengue, malaria, chikungunya, Zika virus and other fevers. For every household utensil, at the back of the fridge is very important to empty and dry the tray trays, pots, water bowls for birds, animal feed games, gates etc. once a week and do not allow water to accumulate around the houses. The growth of mosquitoes can be stopped by applying kerosene or black oil on the water! On this occasion the head of the school Madam Anju Bala lauded the efforts of the health department. Multipurpose Health Worker Malkit Singh, school teachers Kiran Bala, Jaswinder Kaur, Parminder Kaur and Simerjit Kaur were present on the occasion.

Science Week begins at MCM  
with webinar on Nanotech

**CHANDIGARH:** The Science Week celebrations at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh kickstarted with a webinar on 'Nanotech and Future Implications'. The Science Week, sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology and Renewable Energy, Chandigarh Administration and held under the aegis of MCM Vigyan Manch, entails a weeklong celebration of Science Day with an array of events thoughtfully curated to celebrate the spirit of scientific enquiry and the role of science in our lives. Organised by the college's Postgraduate Department of Chemistry, the webinar on Nanotech and Future Implications had Dr. Ashish Pal, Scientist-F and Professor, Indian Institute of Nanotechnology (INST), Mohali as the invited speaker. Around 152 students and faculties participated in the session. Dr. Pal's talk focused on the basics of nanoscience and implications of nanotechnology across the globe by bridging the gap between knowledge given in books and research happening in laboratories. He correlated the latest development in energy, environment, science and medicine with ancient practices of Bhasama, Ayurveda and Unani.

## RBU hosts state-level NAAC workshop



**LK BANSAL**  
**MOHALI, FEB 23**

Krishan Kumar, Secretary, Higher Education, Punjab, here today said that every good educational institution should have a safe and stimulating learning environment, good physical infrastructure and enough resources conducive to learning are available to all students.

He was speaking as Chief Guest at a state-level workshop on 'Quality Assessment and Accreditation through NAAC' organized by the Department of Higher Education in association with the Rayat Bahra University.

He said that assessment

and accreditation as an external quality assurance mechanism for higher education, has emerged as the most widely accepted and adopted methodology throughout the world. He further added that key performance indicators must be strictly implemented by the institutes & Universities for raising the academic standards at HEIs.

The workshop which was attended by principals of different colleges from all over Punjab started with lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Dr Parvinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor of the Rayat Bahra University, welcoming the delegates attending the workshop said that the workshop was

Victoria public school Lehra organised career counseling,  
personality dev workshop

**AHMEDGARH (MAHAVIR GOYAL):** Victoria Public School, Lehra organised a Career Counseling and Personality Development workshop on February 19, 2022 to motivate school students to pursue careers in the field of Science and technology, Arts and Commerce. The workshop was organised under the aegis of Mr. Dinkar Verma and Mam Ms. Himani. The aim of the workshop was to share the scope, benefits and research being progressed in various fields in India and overseas with the students of Class - X & XII. Shedding light on the significance of the program Mrs. Sapna Dhand, administrator briefed school children about the several courses to be adopted overseas under reasonable fees. Mr. Bepin Sethi, Principal filled the students with a new enthusiasm and emphasis that in the future, the progress of our country.

Government Senior Secondary  
School conductes two-day  
seminar at Morinda

**SANJEEV TEJPAL**  
**MORINDA, FEB 23**

Government Senior Secondary School Morinda organized a two-day seminar on Gender Inequality. Block Mentor Jasbir Singh Shantpuri said that the seminar was inspected by Deputy District Education Officer Secondary SP. Singh. Addressing the teachers, SP Singh said that he should take the initiative of the education department seriously. He said that this year the results of the board should show more excellent performance and hard work should be done for new admissions.

Apart from this Block Nodal Officer Pres. Surinder Kumar Ghai also addressed the teachers. On this occasion, among others, Present were Surinderpal Kaur Hira, Sucha Singh Chahal, Kamaljit Sharma, Jagdev Singh Mavi, Ramanpreet Kaur Rangiyana, Chhavi, Jyoti Singh, Loveleen Kaur, Sandeep Singh Duma, Gurmeet Kaur Fatehgarh, Charanjit Kaur Morinda, Harpreet Kaur Salempur, etc. were present.

BJP Mandal President Manocha  
thanks all workers of Kharar

**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**KHARAR, FEB 23**



Pawan Kumar Manocha, President, Kharar Mandal of Bharatiya Janata Party today thanked all the office bearers and members of the Kharar Mandal in view of the hard work done by them in the recent held Assembly elections. He said that all office bearers and workers took their precious time to go door to door in Kharar Mandal to seek votes and worked hard till the polls. He said that all the workers who

were assigned their duties performed their duties diligently. He said that under the supervision of Mr. Ghuman Singh Kirimich (Parbhari) Sham Lal Gujar and Sanjay Lakada Ji all workers worked day and night

Ludhiana student shines  
in Talent Search Exam

**LUDHIANA (SACHIN MOUDGILL):** Dhanushta Chhabra, a student of Sacred Heart Convent School, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana achieved the first national rank in the AglaSem Talent Search Exam (ATSE) 2021-2022 conducted by AglaSem EduTech Private Limited. She will be awarded a certificate of excellence, a gold medal, and a cash prize of Rupees 50,000 for the same. AglaSem Talent Search Exam (ATSE) is a national level talent search cum scholarship test for classes 5 to 12 in which students are tested on the basis of their science and mathematics knowledge. This test gives them an opportunity to compete with their peers at a national level, and grab scholarships that would help them further their education goals. A total of 800 scholarships amounting to worth Rupees 12.16 lacs have been awarded to top 100 students from each class.

Municipal Council's  
workers meet Secretary

**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON, FEB 23**

A delegation of Municipal Council workers led by state president Janak Raj Mans, had a meeting with principal secretary in the presence of the director. Union's state general secretary Bhola Singh Bathinda stated that

the delegation informed the higher authorities about its demands. "The delegation demanded stations to be allotted to clerks at the time of promotion, strict guidelines to be issued for approval of medical bills, already working employees should be preferred over the new ones and several other essential de-

mands," he said. He also mentioned that the authorities listened intently to the demands of employees and promised to look into the matter. At this occasion, Dhaminder Banda, Jarnail Singh Shahkot, Vijay Kumar, Hansraj Sirhind, Rajinder Kumar Shahkot and others were present.

Ludhiana Commissionerate police bust interstate  
drugs smuggling gang, three arrested

**SACHIN MOUDGILL**  
**LUDHIANA, FEB 23**

Continuing its drive against the drug peddlers in the city, Ludhiana Commissionerate Police today bust an inter-state gang involved in supply of Ganja with arrest of three smugglers and recovery of 2.88 quintals of Ganja from them which was being pumped into Punjab from Odisha.

Divulging more details, Commissioner of Police Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said that on a tip off CIA Staff-I had laid a trap on GT Road Sahnewal when they stopped a truck bearing number QR 11 J 5919 coming from Mandi Gobindgarh side. He said that on the search of the truck in presence of ACP Detective Harbinder Singh, the Po-

lice recovered 2.88 quintal Ganja packed in 16 bags having 18 kg Ganja in each bag. Mr Bhullar said that Driver Karamjit Singh alias Pammi, Truck owner Manpreet Singh Gora, both residents of Pind Rasulpur Malan, and Kundan Kumar from District Sita-marhi, Bihar were apprehended on the spot. The Commissioner of Police said that during the investigation the accused revealed that he had been carrying out this smuggling network in the garb of transportation business. Accused Karamjit and Manpreet delivered iron goods including bi-cycles to Kattak, Odisha; from there, they loaded raw iron material in their truck for delivery into Mandi Gobindgarh, the CP said adding that meanwhile accused Kundan joined them with a contingent of

Ganja from Bari Patta area which was to be delivered in Ludhiana. He further mentioned that the accused were to get Rs. One lakh in lieu of delivering Ganja at Ludhiana and accused Kundan had to deliver these baggage on the directions of his associate Lal Babu Rai, who had sent Kundan along with the truck to supply this Ganja here at the cost of Rs. 10 lakh per quintal. Bhullar said that the accused Kamajit Singh was earlier also booked in a murder case and had been lodged in the jail for a period of four years. He said that a case under NDPS act has been registered against the accused besides reiterating that the severest of severe action will be ensured against persons involved in the heinous trade of drugs.

**VICKY VERMA**  
**ZIRAKPUR, FEB 23**

Due to the old Baltana area of Zirakpur, the roads are also small according to the maps. Due to which there is neither any big road nor parking space in any society. Due to which there are frequent fights over parking. Last two days, on the complaint of a person resident of Saini Vihar in Baltana, a case has been registered against two people for assaulting them over parking.

In the complaint given to the police, the complainant Rishabh alias Rishu resident of Saini Vihar Phase 2 Baltana told that he lives in a rented house in Saini Vihar Phase 2 with his relative limits.

Last two days ago he was sitting in his house along the border, so at around 12 o'clock I parked my motorcycle outside the gate and a car was parked on the other side of the road. An Alto car driver came from behind who was constantly banging

horn upon horn. Hearing the sound of the horn, as soon as he came down, the Alto car driver said that he is a tenant, then stay like a tenant and he started abusing me. After which I asked the reason, then he started scuffle. Hearing the noise, Karan, the brother-in-law of the Alto driver, also came there and attacked him with an iron rod from the car.

When her relative Seema came to rescue her, they hit her nose due to which blood started flowing from her

nose and she fell down. On which people started gathering and the attackers fled from the spot, threatening to kill them. People got him admitted to the hospital. After treatment, he lodged a complaint at the police station Zirakpur. The investigating officer said that on the complaint of Rishabh, a case under 323, 341, 506, 34 IPC has been registered against Dhanas Chandigarh, resident of Saini Vihar Phase 2 and Karan resident of Saini Vihar Phase II.

Neighbors clash over parking,  
case filed against two



2nd day celebration of National  
Science Week –Vigyan Sarvatra  
Pujiyata at HMV

**HARPREET SINGH LEHAL**  
**JALANDHAR:** Under the able guidance of Principal Prof. Dr. Ajay Sareen, Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar is celebrating 7 day long Vigyan Sarvatra Pujiyata Festival of Scope for all, "Science Communication, Popularization & Its Extension". Second day of festival started with scientific talk of Dr. Gurvinder Singh, Group Head, Semi-Conductor Laboratory DRO Mohali by virtual mode. The topic of his talk was "ISRO's journey from Aryabhata Satellite to Chandaryaan" under the theme - "From Annals of History". Dr. Neelam Sharma, Coordinator of the festival formally welcomed him. Dr. Gurvinder Singh had very well explained the importance of satellite in our day-to-day life. He made students aware about different satellite launch vehicle like GS LV & SLV3. He has also discussed in detail about I, II and III generation geostationary satellite launch by ISRO and how they work for the benefit of our country. RSP-4 (Ocean SAT) satellite used to study different parameters related of oceans. CARTOSAT-1, 2 & 3 satellite having precise resolution up to 30 cm are used for town planning, weather forecasting, flood mapping & forest management. Dr. Nitika Kapoor moderated the session. After 1st session, two movies on "Sir Homi Bhabha" and "Women Power in Science" were screened. After that Sai-Kala Poster Competition was organized for college and school students.

48 Flood protection  
works worth Rs. 21.63  
cr to be completed in  
Jalandhar: dc

**ASHOK KAURA**  
**PHILLAUR/NAKODAR:** Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Thori today said that flood protection works worth Rs. 21.63 crore would be carried out in the district as a part of district administration's advanced measures to tackle any kind of flood-like situation during monsoon season. Participating in a virtual review meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary Anirudh Tiwari, the DC said that a mammoth exercise was already undertaken to further strengthen flood prone areas along the river Satluj besides cleansing the drainage system of the district. He said that a whopping amount of Rs. 21.63 crore would be spent on this task wherein as many as 48 flood protection works to be accomplished before the onset of monsoon. Pointing out further, the DC said a total of 21 works worth Rs. 11 crore in Phillaur sub division, followed by 16 works costing Rs. 6.77 crore in Shahkot, four works worth Rs. 2.35 crore in Nakodar and seven works at Rs.1.51 crore in Jalandhar-I & II sub division. Meanwhile, Thori directed the officials present in the meeting to complete these ongoing projects well in time so that the administration was ready to tackle any kind of flood-like situation during monsoon, especially during heavy inflow of water into river Satluj. He also mentioned that he would personally monitor ongoing works and strict action would be taken in case, where negligence was found in this task, if any.

Northern Railway enters into 60 million  
tone+club originating loading

NEW DELHI, FEB 23

Constant engagement with Trade & Industry and meaningful dialogues resulted that Northern Railway has surpassed its previous achievements in this Fiscal year. This year Northern Railway has entered into the 60 Million Tonne + Club Originating loading. With 38 more days remaining in this fiscal year, Northern Railway is looking forward to scale even greater heights. Northern Railway has shown unprecedented growth of around 18% Year over Year in Originating loading in the year Financial Year 2019-20 to 2020-21. This Financial Year also, Northern Railway is hoping to achieve 17% Year over Year growth. Northern Railway also improved its freight throughout in 2021-22 which has helped Indian Railways improve its loading in this fiscal (175 MT incremental loading has already been achieved). Freight running on Ambala-Moradabad-Alamnagar-Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya route has shown a significant improvement which has helped in making BOXN empties available for Coal loading on East Central Railway. On the financial side also, all previous records have been surpassed. Originating freight earnings have increased to Rs.7891 Crs from Rs.7045 Crs last year till end of January. Apportioned freight earnings till January are Rs.7885 Crs against Rs.6793 Crs last year.

Record development work done  
by Khattar govt: Kabirpanthi

**ROHIT LAMSAR**  
**TARAORI, FEB 23**

Former MLA of Nilokheri constituency and BJP leader Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that the BJP government at the Center has carried out record-breaking development works in Haryana. During the tenure of the BJP government, record-breaking development work has been done and law and order has been strengthened. Corruption has also been curbed. Former MLA of Nilokheri Halka and BJP leader Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi was addressing a program organized in village Bodsham. Apart from Sikander Singh Goraya and Darshan Singh Goraya, people of Sikh community welcomed former MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi on his arrival in the village. Kabirpanthi listened to the problem of the village and assured them to get them resolved by meeting the Chief Minister. Kabirpanthi said that soon all the villagers will get rid of these problems. Kabirpanthi said that development works are being carried out in the BJP government along with work for the upliftment of all sections. He said the



government is living up to its promise of development for all and trust for all. He said that the BJP governments at the Center and in the state are working for all sections of the society. Backwards and Dalits have got their rights during the BJP rule. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given priority to people from all walks of life. On this occasion, Sikandar Singh Goraya, Darshan Ang Goraya, Pragat Singh, Circle President Karmbir Sharma, Mehr Singh, Avtar Singh, Gurjant Singh, Sardul Singh, Jagjit Singh, Saheb Singh Goraya, Sher Singh, Bagicha Singh, Joginder Singh, Mewa Singh, Balvir Singh, Virendra Bhaini Khurd, Jayabagwan Sikri and other dignitaries of the village were present.



YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

Utilise every penny meant for  
rural development: PM

**AGENCY**  
**NEW DELHI, FEB 23**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asked officials and stakeholders entrusted with rural development scheme of the central government to ensure optimum utilisation of each and every penny planned for betterment of rural India. Addressing an webinar on Positive Impact of Union Budget 2022 on rural development, Modi said: "Mahatma Gandhi once said the soul of India lives in its villages, and it should be our responsibility to fulfil this vision with new energy, new strategies and new hope to uplift rural India. "As we celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, we need to take the leadership and responsibility for the development of our villages. We need to ensure that every penny of the budget is utilised optimally," he said. He said, "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas" have been the inspiration behind every policy and actions taken by his government. "In this year's Budget, a clear roadmap has been given by the government to achieve the larger goal of



saturation. "PM Awas Yojana, Rural Road Scheme, Water Life Mission, Connectivity of the North East, Broadband connectivity of villages... necessary provisions have been made for every such scheme in the Budget," he said. Modi said the Vibrant Village Programme announced in the Budget is very important for the development of border villages. "The PM development initiative for Northeast region, will ensure 100 per cent implementation of programs in time-bound manner," he said. He said that the government has set a target of ensuring 4 crore connections under

the Jal Jeevan Mission and in order to achieve this target, everyone should do a lot of hard work. "I also urge upon every state government that we need to pay a lot of attention to the quality of the pipelines that are being laid," he said to the participants. "Demarcation of property is important. Swamitva Yojana is helping in this. "Over 40 lakh property cards have been issued. For registration of land record, a universal system and unique ID will be a big achievement," he added. "We intend to have more active participation of people in rural areas to improve governance

Scorpio vehicle stolen from village Nawan  
Nowshera under Police Station Purana Shala

**JASPOONAM KOHLI**

**DINANAGAR:** Raju Pastor's vehicle Scorpio parked on the side of the road at village Nawa Noshera inside police station Purana Shala has been reported stolen. Vehicle number PB12G7601 was parked near the parking road on the main road and in the morning I saw that there was no vehicle. A written complaint of theft of the vehicle has been lodged at Purana Shala police station and the police have seized the footage of a nearby CCTV camera. Purana Shala police have registered a case against an unidentified person on the basis of the deposit of the victim Raju Pastor and the police have started searching for the vehicle. It is also pertinent to mention here that on February 10, Balveer Singh's son Swaran Singh's car Centro was stolen. But the police have not been able to catch the thieves yet.

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Hamirpur on verge of  
becoming fruit bowl of state



**PANKAJ BHARTIYA**  
**HAMIRPUR, FEB 23**

Orchardists of Hamirpur are trying hard to make it a fruit bowl of the state with the help of the ambitious HP Shiva project of the Himachal Pradesh government. This project, started with the aim of promoting horticulture in the low altitude areas of seven districts of the state, is also starting a new revolution in Hamirpur district. A beautiful hallmark of this is being seen in the clusters of Bhalehu and Kehdru, the villages selected for the initial phase of the project. Today, in village Bhalehu, where about 21 thousand guava plants are flourishing, while village Kaihadru is also fragrant with other fruit plants of orange and lemon species. Dr. RL Sandhu, Deputy Director, Horticulture Department said that the climate

of Hamirpur district is suitable for the fruits of sub-tropical fruit plants like Mango, Litchi, Guava, Amla and Lemon. Under the HP Shiva project funded by Asian Development Bank in Hamirpur district, 21 thousand guava saplings have been planted on 10 hectares of land belonging to 38 gardeners in PRF Cluster Bhalehu, which will start bearing fruit from next year. On the other hand, 8892 saplings of Mosambi have been planted benefiting 54 gardeners of village Kaihadru. In the first phase of the scheme, a target of plantation at the cluster level has been set on 900 hectares of land in the district. So far 843 hectare area has been selected by marking 65 clusters in the district. Tata Consulting Engineering has completed the drone survey work in 54 clusters and has identified an area of about 660 hectares.

Progressive Senior Citizens Society  
distributes rations to needy women

**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA, FEB 23**

The 24th Ration Distribution Ceremony has been organized by Progressive Senior Citizens Society (Regd.) Barnala under the leadership of Piara Lal Raiser, Neeraj Bala Danian, and Dr. Leela Ram Garg. Dr. Pamposh Kaul was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion he lauded the public welfare work of the society for the last two years of a continuous distribution of rations and encouraged the office bearers of the society. Mr. Sukhwinder Singh Bhandari, President of the Society and Mr. Hem Raj Verma, General Secretary of the Society said that many more charitable works were being carried out by the society due to which the society was gaining popularity day



by day. On this occasion, the chief guest Dr. Pamposh Kaul was felicitated. In the meanwhile, it was decided to celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March with much fanfare. Sudarshan Dhaula, Achim Kaul, Ramesh Chand Verma, Kewal

Krishan Garg, Rajiv Sharma, Rajesh Bhutani, Ram Singh Sangheda, Ram Lal Badra, Ashwani Sharma, Darshan Garg, Mukesh Kumar, Manjot Thakur, Babita Jindal, Dr. Prem Kansal, Asha Sharma, Soma Bhandari, and Asha Verma were present.

Demand for fast construction  
of Redbridge with beacons



**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA, FEB 23**

An under the bridge is being constructed by Northern Railway on Bika Sooch Patti grid road near Handiaya town which is both narrow and has not been constructed for a long time. Giving information in this regard, the present Sarpanch Rajinder Singh, former Sarpanch Hardev Kala, and Panch Bhabhur Singh of village Bika Sooch Patti said that it has been almost a year since the construction of this bridge and it has not been completed yet. He

demand from Deputy Commissioner Barnala that the bridge should be widened as soon as possible as it is a road leading to the farms. He said that the adjoining road should also be widened and we are ready to hand over the adjoining land to the government. All the Panchayats and villagers demanded an immediate solution to this problem. The entire Panchayat and all the villagers including Baljit Singh, Darshan Singh, Baljinder Singh, Hardeep Singh, Bhagat Singh, Gurinder Singh, Sukhwinder Singh, etc. were present on the occasion.

Karnal dist netball championships  
from Feb 25: Deepa Bhargava



**ROHIT LAMSAR**  
**KARNAL, FEB 23**

District Karnal 15th Senior District Netball Championship and 14th Sub Junior District Netball Championship will be held on 25th and 26th February at Karnal International School, Kunjpura. Teams from all blocks of Karnal district will take part. District Karnal Netball Association President Satish Bhardwaj and General Secretary Deepak Bhargava said that during the competition, players will be selected for 14th Sub Junior State and 15th Senior State. The State Championship will be held from March 10 to March 12 at Shri Balaji Senior Secondary School, Kalinga Bhiwani. District Netball Association President Satish Bhardwaj and General Secretary Deepa Bhargava have appealed to the players from all over the district to take part in the championship to be held from February 25 to 26 to be a part of the state championship.

NORTHERN RAILWAY							
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For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt. invites open e-tender through Railway website <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> , for display commercial advertisement rights contract in Circulating area of under noted railway stations over Ambala Division for a period of five years.							
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2.	Kesri	400	5,60,400/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-KES-2-22	59,600/-	3,540/-	
3.	Barara	800	11,20,800/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-RAA-3-22	1,19,100/-	5,900/-	
4.	Mushtafabad	800	3,26,080/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-MFB-4-22	34,700/-	2,360/-	
5.	Darazpur	400	1,63,040/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-DZP-5-22	17,400/-	2,360/-	
6.	Jagadhari Workshop	800	3,26,080/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-JUDW-6-22	34,700/-	2,360/-	
7.	Kalanour	400	1,63,040/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-KNZ-7-22	17,400/-	2,360/-	
8.	Sarsawa	400	1,04,048/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-SSW-8-22	11,100/-	2,360/-	
9.	Pilakhni	400	1,04,048/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-PKY-9-22	11,100/-	2,360/-	
10.	Solan	472	9,16,511/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-SOL-10-22	97,400/-	3,540/-	
11.	Dharampur Himachal	472	4,69,933/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-DMP-11-22	50,000/-	3,540/-	
12.	Dhulokot	400	1,92,800/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-DKT-12-22	20,500/-	2,360/-	
13.	Lalru	400	1,92,800/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-LLU-13-22	20,500/-	2,360/-	
14.	Dappar	400	1,92,800/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-DHPR-14-22	20,500/-	2,360/-	
15.	Ghaggar	400	1,92,800/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-GHG-15-22	20,500/-	2,360/-	
16.	Chandi Mandir	800	3,85,600/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-CNDM-16-22	41,000/-	3,540/-	
17.	SAS Nagar Mohali	2700	6,16,275/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-SASN-17-22	65,500/-	3,540/-	
18.	Kharar	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-KARR-18-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
19.	Noganwan	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-NGWN-19-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
20.	Bassi Pathana	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-BSPN-20-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
21.	Fatehgarh Sahib	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-FGSB-21-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
22.	Samrala	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-SMRL-22-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
23.	New Morinda	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-NMDA-23-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
24.	Morinda	200	45,650/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-MRND-24-22	4,900/-	1,180/-	
25.	Kurali	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-KRLI-25-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
26.	MNPR	200	45,650/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-MNPR-26-22	4,900/-	1,180/-	
27.	Ghanauli	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-GANL-27-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
28.	Bhataragarh	200	45,650/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-BARJ-28-22	45,650/-	1,180/-	
29.	Kiratpur Sahib	400	91,300/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-KART-29-22	9,700/-	1,180/-	
30.	Una Himachal	1144	1,66,980/-	UMB-PUB-OOH-UHL-30-22	17,800/-	2,360/-	
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## EDITORIAL Dole deal

Empowering citizens has been a persistent challenge for democratic polities. Over the years, most democracies, including India, have usually adopted a rather instrumental approach to resolving the problem through doles. The Indian experience is singular in this respect. Governments, irrespective of political affiliations, promise freebies before every election. These include pledges to provide education, employment, healthcare and such other basic amenities for the people. Electoral pledges are not the problem per se. What must, however, be kept in mind are two issues. First, these promises, more often than not, are broken by those in power, to be resurrected before every electoral contest. Second, the packaging of these promises reveals the asymmetrical relationship between politicians and people. This imbalance has an embedded element of condescension: it is suggestive of the political class using weaponizing amenities that are, in essence, people's rights.

This problematic relationship between doles and democracy was highlighted by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra recently. During a virtual rally in Uttar Pradesh, she stated, quite correctly, that the future be it of children or that of the nation cannot be built on free rations. Meaningful empowerment needs serious investment. The consequence of this paternalism, as Ms Vadra pointed out, is there for all to see: the transition of public entitlements into a form of political capital that can end up weakening collective opposition and, in turn, perpetuate the grip of people's representatives on power. What this necessitates is reflection on the nature of democracy's compact on the part of the people-politicians, who have profited from this lopsided arrangement, are unlikely to be in favour of changing it. There should be a greater, collective endorsement for a culture of accountability. This means that leaders, no matter how lofty their rhetoric, the current prime minister being a classic example, should be held accountable for their failure to provide rudimentary facilities. And also for curating what they are mandated to do as a form of service. The need for contemplation on doles and democracy has a contemporary resonance. India's ruling regime accuses parties interested in the upliftment of minorities of appeasement. But how is it any different from making and then breaking commitments towards welfare?

# Secret of Venus, hidden in heat of night

The second planet in our Solar System, which shines like a bright star when seen from the Earth and named after the Roman goddess of beauty, is the ever glowing Venus. Underneath its thick mantle of acid sulfuric clouds, at the surface 460 degrees Celsius are the rule. This temperature is kept by the greenhouse effect of a virtually carbon dioxide only atmosphere. Seventy kilometres above, one has to withstand a perpetual wind storm, the product of the so called Venus superrotation<sup>1</sup>. A team of researchers has come closer to explaining the link between these infernal features.

The research was led by the Instituto de Astrofísica e Ciências do Espaço (IAstro2) and published in the journal, 'Atmosphere'.

The study, led by Pedro Machado, of IAStro and Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa (Ciências ULisboa), presented the most detailed and complete set of measurements ever made of the speed of the wind in Venus parallel to the equator (zonal wind) and at the altitude of the bottom of the cloud deck. One of the novel results was the simultaneous measurement of the speed of the wind at two different heights 20 kilometres apart.

The team registered a difference in wind speed of about 150 kilometres per hour faster at the top of the clouds, which reinforced the hypothesis that energy is being transferred from the heat of the lower layers to the general circulation of the atmosphere.

"Winds accelerate as we move upward to increasing altitudes, but we don't know yet why," said Pedro Machado. "This study throws much light on this, because we managed to study the vertical component of the wind for the first time, that is, how the energy from the lower and hotter layers is carried up to the top of the clouds, where it leads to the acceleration of the winds."

The temperature at the ground level reached 460 degrees Celsius and produced infrared radiation (named thermal emis-



sion), which heated the air and made it move up. This radiation passed through the most transparent regions of the bottom of the clouds, at roughly 48 kilometres above the surface. When Venus is observed in infrared, this light radiates from the heat of the surface, and the silhouettes of the clouds, opaque and dark, becomes visible.

Observing and following the clouds at one hour intervals, and using a tracking technique improved by Javier Peralta, of Universidad de Sevilla and co-author of this study, the researchers indirectly computed the speed of the wind pushing those clouds. This speed is around 216 kilometres per hour at the bottom of the cloud deck and at medium latitudes, decreasing to half closer to the poles.

This work was undertaken almost from pole to pole on the night side recovering images the team captured in the infrared with the Telescopio Nazionale Galileo (TNG), in La Palma, Canary Islands, between 11 and 13 July, 2012. On those same days and in a coordinated strategy, the Venus Express probe, from the European Space Agency

(ESA), then orbiting the planet, observed in visible light the top of the cloud deck, about 20 kilometres above, at 70 kilometres of altitude.

Also tracking those clouds, the researchers obtained speeds in the order of 360 kilometres per hour. Other studies, and computer simulations indicated that the speed of the wind at the bottom of the clouds is nearly constant, without significant differences between day and night. The team was then able to assume that the wind speed registered at night is the same at the lower layers of the atmosphere on the day-side. The researchers thus collected, for the first time, measurements of differences in the wind speed between two altitudes from simultaneous observations, concluding that, on the dayside and in only 20 kilometres, the wind parallel to the equator suffers a boost in speed of about 150 kilometres per hour more. The heat from the surface may be the engine that sustains these cyclonic speeds of the winds at the top of the clouds. The precision of the data collected with telescopes on Earth was comparable to the in-

frared cameras on space probes, due to the method brought to this study by Javier Peralta. "We used the same geographic referencing method of the images obtained with space probes, which was developed by NASA and complemented by the European Space Agency," Pedro Machado explained. "It's as if the telescope here on the ground was a spaceship."

With the success of this approach, the team has planned to expand their research on the vertical component of the winds with new observations from the ground coordinated with the probe currently in the orbit of Venus, the Akatsuki mission, of the Japanese space agency JAXA. This study demonstrated that the observations conducted from Earth complement the data being collected at the same time by space missions. Despite the lower spatial resolution, due to the distance our planet is from Venus, it is in general possible to have a global view of our neighbour, which space probes, due to their orbits, are not always able to get. The next ESA mission dedicated to Venus is being planned, the EnVision.

It will study the surface of the planet and try to learn about its past. Portugal will be involved in the mission, and Pedro Machado will lead the Portuguese consortium, in addition to being the co-investigator responsible for one of the instruments, an infrared spectrograph. "This work shows the kind of science that will be enabled with the EnVision instruments. We are already demonstrating the great relevance of the science that will be possible with this future mission." The experience of IAStro and of the Portuguese researchers in the understanding of the dynamics of the atmosphere of Venus will help in selecting the wavelengths of light in which the EnVision mission will observe, as well as the most relevant atmospheric layers from a scientific viewpoint, thus contributing to the design and planning of the mission and its instruments.

## Literature & Health

### Japan to consider new measures if Ukrainian crisis worsens



Japan will mull new measures for adoption in the event of the deterioration of the situation around Ukraine, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on Wednesday, commenting on Russia's recognition of the Donetsk and Luhansk republics (DPR, LPR).

Earlier in the day, Kishida announced a set of sanctions over the recognition of the Donbas republics, including a ban on the issuance of visas and freezing capitals of residents of DPR and LPR; a ban on export-import relations with the republics; and the placement and operations with the

new sovereign debt of the Russian government in Japan.

"The situation [around Ukraine] remains unpredictable. There are different possibilities [of how it may unfold]. Therefore, in case of its deterioration, together with the international community, starting with the G7 countries, we will have to consider the introduction of new measures without delay. In any case, we will thoroughly clarify how the situation will develop, exchange information with European countries and the United States, and then make appropriate decisions," the prime minister said.

### "Black" in Time!

GITIKA GOYAL

During the wee hours of Tuesday, my 12-year-old, woke me up and said, "Mom, there is no electricity. How will I give my online exam?" I assured him that I will do something and he shouldn't worry. Being a mom, I'm good at reassurances! Anyways, he went back to sleep but I had lost mine. A constant fear gripped my mind and I started making various permutations and combinations in my mind regarding the exam. By 6.30 am, my "mommy network" was on and I realized this time we weren't the only ones (generally my lane receives special love from electricity department; ours is usually the first one to be off and last to be restored). School had given students the option for offline exams during the strike days. I didn't let my son opt for as my faith in UT administration was super strong. Unlike them (UT admin), we had our backup. Laptop was fully charged and mobile data was still strong. Exam went smoothly.

By the time power cut touched 12-hour mark, my management skills were in full swing. Effective usage of mobile power, making study schedule amidst exams to cover maximum syllabus during day, saving water (by this time, fear of no water had also



swept in) and above all saving our precious "inverter battery" were all part of our preparing ourselves for the worst. With our awesome management skills, our inverter pulled through 30 hours of the power cut and is still surviving. It helped not only us but also our neighbors to keep the phones charged and feel connected.

As the night approached and we dwelled into darkness, we decided to go out for dinner breaking our 2-year-old hiatus of dining out, these are the Corona times after all! Though we totally enjoyed our dining out, but there was complete darkness and chaos on the roads. Story is same on the second day as well. No power. It's not that life has come to a complete halt (not sure about industry though). Everyone is managing everything. People are going over to friends'/relatives in adjoining cities, charging devices in cafes, renting

out generators, buying inverter batteries, doing online classes on phone and much more. We all are adjusting. We adjusted in June 2021, when a storm hit the city and there was no power for almost 48 hours.

And now, we have this luxury of comparison! Yesterday, my kids were discussing which power cut was worse. Very soon will have, "Things to do during power failure!"

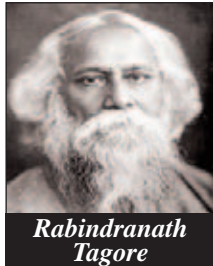
I guess this adjusting attitude has made the authorities complacent. Otherwise, how can we afford to enjoy "medieval era" in "modern times". This is something unheard of! Right to express for few has taken over the right to essentials for all. Yes, the administration is taking action. Yes, power will be restored. Yes, they are feeling the brunt of it. But it wasn't sudden or a natural calamity. It was a pre-planned, well in time informed strike (at least three weeks prior). Educational Institutes, Households, Commercial Organizations all could plan ahead but administration couldn't. Instead of doing disaster management, there should have been risk reduction management and that too well in time. While typing this write up, I'm keeping my fingers crossed that laptop battery doesn't ditch me (like UT admin) and hoping by the time, you read this, we are "back" in time.

## POEMS

### Still Heart

When I give up the helm  
I know that the time has come  
for thee to take it.  
What there is to  
do will be instantly done. Vain is this struggle.  
Then take away your hands  
and silently put up with your defeat, my heart,  
and think it your good fortune  
to sit perfectly still  
where you are placed.

Rabindranath Tagore



# Ireland to remove mask wearing rules among other COVID-19 restrictions

Ireland will remove the rules of mandatory mask wearing in indoor public facilities and on public transport starting from Feb. 28, said the Irish government on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the specific protective measures currently in place in primary and secondary schools as well as in early learning and school-aged child-care facilities will also be removed, said the government in a statement.

The specific measures aimed at protecting local primary, secondary and pre-school children include pods, social distancing and staggering breaks, it added. Pods refer to the practice that students must be grouped in a limited number while participating in an activity. The statement also



said that from the end of this month on, people who show symptoms of COVID-19 will no longer need to take a test except pregnant women, elders and people who have a high-risk med-

ical condition or are immunocompromised. But they must self-isolate themselves until 48 hours after the symptoms resolve, it said, adding that people who are close contacts of a

confirmed COVID-19 case will also no longer need to have a test except healthcare workers who are identified as a household close contact.

Following the implementation of these newly announced rules, nearly all the COVID-19 restrictions in Ireland will be removed.

The Irish Department of Health said on Tuesday that an additional 3,294 confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported in the day, a figure not low at all for a country with a mere population of five million despite the fact the figure is only half of the level compared with a month ago. The Irish government in the statement advised the public to continue to wear masks on public transport and in healthcare

settings apparently in fear of a possible rebound of the cases following the scrapping of the rules.

But these are just advices and have no legal binding. Irish health minister Stephen Donnelly told local media on Tuesday that he believed it is "appropriate" for the government to lift most of the remaining restrictions based on the current trajectory of the pandemic in Ireland as well as the progress of the vaccination program in the country.

Following a drastic removal of the COVID-19 restrictions by the Irish government on Jan. 22, the daily numbers of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and patients in intensive care units in the country have remained at a much lower level for the most of the

time since that date, showed the data. As of Monday, more than 3.95 million people in Ireland have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and over 2.79 million out of these people have received the booster vaccines, according to the latest official statistics. (SNI) rebound of the cases following the scrapping of the rules.

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Regional brands continue their success journey with Flipkart Wholesale

Chandigarh: Flipkart Wholesale, the digital B2B marketplace of India's homegrown Flipkart Group, continues to enable many regional brands to reach a broader consumer base and gain an increased market share. So far, the platform has enabled >1.2 million kiranas and MSME members to expand their presence by easing out supply chain challenges and providing them with a wide selection of value-based products. Today, Flipkart Wholesale works with 555 regional brands across tier-2 and tier-3 cities by capitalizing on the power of digital commerce. With Flipkart Wholesale, several regional brands like Verka, Kanha, Goldiee, and others have been able to grow their sales to the tune of 5x - 10x in the past six months as they got exposure to the national marketplace and expanded beyond regional and physical boundaries. Leveraging Flipkart Wholesale's extensive consumer network across the country, the platform has been helping kiranas and MSME members increase their consumer reach as they continue to mark their presence in different markets.

Extended day prescription refills for hypertension can be a game changer for health service delivery at last mile

Chandigarh : Top medical research institute Banaras Hindu University, senior government officials and public health leaders have said that policy measures like extended prescription for chronic diseases like hypertension helped India cope better with the chaos unleashed during the pandemic. At an event organized by FPAL, to release a policy brief and set of recommendations from Banaras Hindu University, health experts and senior representative of the government called for the need to focus on such nimble yet effective solutions to improve last mile delivery of health services. In early 2020, soon after Covid struck, recognizing the need to safeguard India's massive population group of 'people living with NCDs' (PLWNCDS), the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, showed tremendous foresight by recommending a seemingly minor health system reform that could potentially save millions of those who are already suffering from chronic conditions like cardio vascular disease, diabetes or cancer. A guidance note from the MoHPW to all states issued on April 14th, 2020 advised that "all known diagnosed patients of hypertension, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and mental health to receive regular supply of medicines for up to 3 months through ASHAs or health sub-centres on prescription."

Novelty Wheels Pvt Ltd to Open its 2nd Mahindra Showroom in Ludhiana

Ludhiana: Novelty Wheels Pvt Ltd. — a unit of Novelty Group, today announced opening of its second Mahindra showroom in Ludhiana, Punjab on Malhar Road with distinctive support of Mahindra and Mahindra. This street is the most exclusive and expensive place in the heart of city with presence of all international retail stores to attract consumers of high spending power from far and near. With presence on this important location Novelty Wheels which started its Mahindra journey in 2018 is aiming high to cater its valuable customers from its new outlet in the hub of the Ludhiana city. This outlet is offering state of the art ambience and services to its esteemed customers opting to own world class Mahindra SUV's. Another inimitable aspect to mention here about this outlet is that with support of Mahindra & Mahindra it encourages Women empowerment as all the operations from top to bottom are being accomplished by lady staff. This sounds more practical as recent surveys reflect that population of lady drivers is grooming up in modern India and with first of its kind Pink Outlet in automobile retails across country, Novelty Wheels stimulates this notion of social cause.

Lakshya Kumar from Bhiwani eligible for scholarship

Bhiwani : 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. Lakshya Kumar, Aakashian from the city of Bhiwani has also cleared the examination and is now 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. 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. I wish them all the best for the future." The NTSE scholarship under the present scheme is awarded to candidates for pursuing courses in science and social science up to doctoral level and in professional courses like medicine and engineering up to second-degree level.

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Tesla faces lawsuit from former employee

San Francisco: An African-American man has filed a case against Elon Musk-owned EV manufacturer Tesla alleging he was fired for reporting widespread safety violations and race discrimination at the factory. In the lawsuit filed with Alameda County Superior Court, Marc Cage, claimed that he "witnessed and reported countless violations to dozens of Tesla personnel in various departments, including to the highest levels of the company" at Tesla's battery factory in Nevada, reports Channel News Asia. "Tesla's commitments to unrealistic production goals and frantic efforts to ramp up its production, often to make good on rash promises, overrode any commitment to employee safety," the complaint says. He also alleged that Tesla employees denigrated and harassed him on the basis of his race "Virtually every restroom in Tesla Fremont facility contained writings or carvings of racist symbols and slurs, including swastikas and prominent displays of the n-word," Cage said in his complaint.

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Book ‘Aesthetic and Regenerative Gynecology’ unveiled

Chandigarh, February 23, 2022: Renowned Gynecologist, IVF, High Risk Pregnancy, Aesthetic and Regenerative Gynecology specialist Dr Preeti Jindal edited book, 'Aesthetic and Regenerative Gynecology' was unveiled here, by Dr Preeti Jindal who is the Chief Editor of the treatise. The book is a one of a kind and path breaking initiative in the medical world and demystifies the concept of 'Reverse Ageing'. The book talks about women's health and the science that has the power of not just maintaining youthfulness despite ageing, but also 'defying death' itself. The book also talks about involuntary urinary leakage in women and how it can be treated in a painless way with non-surgical intervention. Dr Preeti Jindal, said: "The book Aesthetic and Regenerative Gynecology" is a must read for the medical fraternity and those who are interested in knowing more about what 'regenerative' health is and how it reverses ageing. The book is a testament to the fact that reverse ageing is no longer a theoretical concept but is gradually becoming a reality."

According to Dr Jindal, as humans age they lose vital collagen and elastin cells and the skin starts sagging thereby giving them an aged look. However, science is proving that one can reverse ageing. Now there exist many body stimulation modalities like ultrasound and laser treatments which act not just the top layer of skin but go down deeper and raise temperature and massage cells, which in turn improves blood



supply . The collagen and elastin levels also go up with these interventions. "These are all scientific methods and also non-surgical. Old cells are removed, debris and toxins too are done away with and extra fat burns out and one starts getting younger. This is the basic system on which reverse ageing therapies work," concluded Dr Jindal. The book published by 'Springer Nature' a prestigious International publisher of academic books has 4 well researched chapters by Dr Preeti Jindal and many subject specialists from

different countries. It has 33 chapters spread over 373 pages by 12 international authors who are experts in their fields. They are from India, UK, Italy, Chile, US and Israel. Dr Narendra Malhotra and Dr Shashi Joshi are the other two Editors of the book. Dr Preeti Jindal apart from giving a very incisive introduction in the book on of 'anti-ageing', has penned a chapter on 'Genito-Urinary Problems of Menopause' too. She has also written a chapter on non-cosmetic usage of lasers. A very interesting chapter written by Dr Jindal is on how to set your aesthetic clinic and future of this field. The book talks about 'beauty and genito-urinary health' of women as many issues related to this crop up among women post menopause. Some of these are Stress Urinary Incontinence(SUI), Genito Urinary Syndrome of Menopause(GSM), sagging skin on face and other parts of body, loss of sexual desire and sexual dysfunction , vaginal loosening etc. These problems are addressed by rejuvenation and regenerative treatment interventions using platelet-rich plasma (PRP) in PRP facials, also Vaginal PRP rejuvenations are done among other interventions. Then CO2 laser, Emsella Machine are also used in regenerative gynecology. Carboxy therapy improves skin elasticity and reduces the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles. HIFU is truly a remarkable technology offering a non-invasive alternative to a surgical face lift.

ZEE 5 introduces India Ka Binge-a-thon

Karnal : Largest home-grown video streaming platform ZEE5 has announced the launch of ZEE5 India Ka Binge-a-thon, a 3-day campaign to celebrate its 4th anniversary. This initiative is aimed at the platform's long-standing goal of entertainment movies where consumers will get access to the top premium web series and inclusion across languages for three days for free. Titles such as Uri: The Surgical Strike, 14 Phere, Dial 100, Silence? Can You Hear It, Sunflower, State of Siege: 26/11, Rangbaaz, and Abhay S1 in Hindi, will be freely available as a part of the celebratory offer along with popular movies and shows in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bangla, and Marathi. The upcoming 4th anniversary also features another offering from the brand, ZEE5 Spark which aims to bolster ZEE5's already robust AVOD content library further by introducing some much-loved web series like Holiday, Ready 2 Mingle, Dude, The Great Indian Wedding, Happily Ever After, featuring actors like Aahana Kumra, Amol Parashar, Adah Sharma, Priyank Sharma, Naveen Kasturia and more. A huge library of short films like Baarish Aur Chowmein, Half Full, Khuli, Kheer and many more, starring popular actors such as Taapsee Pannu, Naseeruddin Shah, Anupam Kher, Neena Gupta and Jackie Shroff amongst others, will also be available for AVOD users under Spark. ZEE5 Spark has been launched to attract new viewers, especially the youth, onto the platform for a long-term duration with short films and web series that is free to stream. Currently the highest growing OTT platform in India as per latest industry reports, ZEE5 is known for its diversified content across 100+ taste clusters and its focus on real, relevant, and resonant storytelling.



440 Students from Aakash+BYJU'S qualify NTSE (Stage II)

Bhatinda/Jalandhar :- In a stupendous result, 8 students of Aakash+BYJU'S from Bhatinda and 6 students from Jalandhar Punjab have qualified to be eligible for the NTSE 2021 scholarship, one of the most prestigious scholarships in the country. A whopping 440 students from Aakash+BYJU'S across India have cleared the examination. 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. 8 students from the city of Bhatinda and 6 students from Jalandhar in Punjab have cleared the examination. 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. I wish them all the best for the future."

Speakers Stress on embracing technology in a big way

Panchkula: Technology is just a tool to empower us and not overpower us, but we must embrace technology in a big way. This is what the pandemic has taught us in the last two years. Key speakers at the Satluj Career Fest 2022 stressed on the need to imbibe technology and also on the need to develop entrepreneurial skills. Region's largest career fest 'Satluj Career Fest' was organised by Satluj Public School, Sector 4, Panchkula (a part of Satluj Group of Schools—Satluj Public Schools, Little Satluj Pre-Schools with 15 branches and 30,000 students across India), with an aim of guiding the students of class 9th to 12th and their parents about various career opportunities. This was the second year that the event was hosted virtually, leading to not only a pan-India, but international reach with student registrations from all over the world. Counsellors and foreign representatives from more than 300 universities, foreign and Indian, took part. Over 5,000 students represented 300+ schools from India (including metros, tier 2 and tier 3 towns) and around the world during the career fest. The prominent universities included, University of New Castle, Australia; Bradley University, Amity University, Australia; Teesside University, UK; Leeds Beckett University, UK; Florida Atlantic University USA; Simon Fraser University, Canada, among several others. Among the prominent Indian ones were, SRM University, Amity University, Chandigarh University, Lovely Professional University, to name a few. Reekrit Serai, Managing Director, Satluj Group of Schools, said "After brainstorming internally, we realised that students in non-metro cities and smaller towns face a lack of opportunities when it comes to quality higher education options. Also, there's a lack of awareness about jobs and skills of the future.

Johnson & Johnson Vision Encourages India's Youth

CHANDIGARH: Johnson & Johnson Vision, a global leader in eye health, announced the launch of BUBBLE POPTM, a new range of colored contact lenses designed to meet the rising trend of makeovers among India's youth. Fashion in India has changed over the years with the runway traveling into Indian homes and trends unfolding at the click of a button. This has encouraged the youth to take their style to another level and also take inspiration from trend-setters and digital stars. With this in mind, the brand partnered with celebrity stylist Aalim Hakim to co-create six bling-to-boho looks using BUBBLE POPTM lenses, inspiring India's youth to enhance their everyday style with a burst of color. Talking about the launch, Business Unit Director, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, India- Tiny Sengupta adds, "The growing popularity of social media platforms has fuelled an upswing in fashion trends over time. Among these trends, are nostalgic throwbacks which teleport enthusiasts to new world of style. We are delighted to partner with renowned celebrity stylist Aalim Hakim who is known for his contemporary approach to fashion, to co-create six looks representing each BUBBLE POPTM shade. We wanted to complement the creative expression of India's youth and encourage them to refresh their daily style quotient with a trendy eye makeover using the one-of-a-kind colored lens collection by BUBBLE POPTM. We look forward to witnessing the contest unfold and seeing youngsters #UnleashThePop with their unique take." Talking about the partnership, Celebrity Stylist Aalim Hakim added.



Himalaya MEN Launches New Campaign Addressing Pimple Concern Among Boys

Chandigarh : Himalaya Wellness Company, one of India's leading wellness brands, unveils a new campaign positioning Himalaya MEN Pimple Clear Neem Face Wash as the most effective solution for men's pimples, with the power of returning to their dressing room after a cricket match, with the focus on a boy with pimples. A friend is seen playfully teasing him about how a girl at the match was looking at him, and the boy says that she was actually looking at his pimples, while he looks into the mirror worried. His friends then go on to give him various suggestions like applying soap and popping the pimple. Then Rishabh Pant joins the group and tells them that there is only one right solution for men's pimples and introduces Himalaya MEN Pimple Clear Neem Face Wash, which is specially formulated for men's skin and helps manage pimples effectively. Rahul Panchal, General Manager-Marketing, Himalaya Wellness Company, said, "Every Himalaya product aims at solving consumers' day-to-day personal care problems, and this vision embodies the brand's mission of bringing Wellness in every Home and Happiness in every Heart. Our ongoing consumer studies reveal that boys too hate pimples, and they experiment with pimple solutions.



Tata Motors celebrates India's #1 SUV brand

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Celebrating its leadership position in the SUV segment, Tata Motors, India's leading automotive brand, today, introduced the 'Untamed Kaziranga Edition of SUVs', inspired by India's rich geographical and biological diversity while also paying homage to India's great national parks. This iconic, one-of-a-kind special edition of SUVs will include India's first and safest sub compact SUV—the Punch, India's first GNCAP 5star rated car—the Nexon, the company's premium SUV with the Land Rover DNA—the Harrier and its flagship 7 seater SUV—the Safari. With bookings commencing today, the Kaziranga edition will be available only on their respective top trims, across all Tata Motors authorised dealerships. Speaking at this occasion, Mr. Rajan Amba, Vice President, Sales, Marketing and Customer Care, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. said, "The shift towards SUVs is a global trend and it is the same for India. We have been riding on this trend with our New Forever range of SUVs, widely appreciated by our patrons. In the midst of the current industry scenario coupled with the myriad of options available in the market place, we are happy to have emerged as the #1 SUV brand, and would like to thank all our customers for trusting the brand. To take this success story forward, we are delighted to introduce the Untamed Kaziranga Edition of SUVs inspired by the rich biodiversity our country has to offer. With the symbol of Kaziranga-The Great Indian One horned Rhino, known worldwide for their agility and power, this range reinforces the "Go-Anywhere" DNA of our true SUVs. Adding to the above, in line with the New Forever brand promise.



Regal, India's only premium footwear brand launched in Jalandhar

Jalandhar: The stylish new Regal Shoes store brings you a collection of versatile and fashionable footwear and bags that are an essential addition to one's wardrobe. From men's and women's work wear, loafers, sneakers, flats, ethnic styles, and party wear the store has it all. The footwear collection is available in varied colors, sizes and affords great value. Regal has established itself as India's only destination for premium footwear with stores across the country. Through its extraordinary quality footwear and accessories, Regal Shoes has been delivering style and elegance to customers through stores in 17 Indian cities and a website that ships across India. The store carries a wide array of Indian and international brands such as Florsheim, Clarks, Adidas, and Crocs. Widely acknowledged as a premium destination for quality and perfectly styled footwear, Regal Shoes has opened its first store for the people of Jalandhar at Empire Square in Model Town. With the addition of this store, more fashion is accessible to the discerning Regal customers in Jalandhar. Since 1955, they have carved a niche for fashion enthusiasts and trend-setters. Imran Virji, CEO and MD, of Regal Shoes says, "Regal Shoes has been serving the style savvy shoppers of Chandigarh and Patiala for a decade and we are now extremely proud and honoured to announce the inauguration of our first flagship Regal store in Jalandhar."



TDI Infratech organizes refreshing 'Bhangra Session' for residents

TDI Infratech facilitated refreshing traditional 'Bhangra Session' at TDI Smart City, Sector 74 A, Mohali under the experienced fitness expert Nancy Rajput. Around 50 individuals actively participated in the session and learnt the steps of bhangra and its importance for our health. The event started as a stage towards a sound way of life, planned to advance the physical and mental prosperity of the members. The event included the different steps of Bhangra and how to practice the beat counts followed by the expert session about the importance of warming up the body before Bhangra and the significance of exercise and eating healthy when pursuing a healthy lifestyle. Also, how dancing improves strength, muscle functions as well as increases balance and flexibility, leading to better stability. Every individual had immense fun while the session and felt motivated towards fitness. Commenting on the importance of fitness Sahil Sharma, COO TDI Hospitality said, "Fitness does not only mean sweating it out at the gym. Staying fit can also be fun. This was our motive behind organising the Bhangra session for our residents. Not only is Bhangra a fun dance form, it is also an excellent substitute for the gym. Those who do not visit the gym regularly, can get their share of exercises in such a session. We are glad our residents thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Netflix is testing 'Fast Laughs' on TV app

WASHINGTON : Netflix is testing 'Fast Laughs', a curated stream of comedy clips, on its TV app. As per The Verge, the feature lets you sift through a collection of funny short videos from shows and movies on Netflix, each about 30 seconds or longer, with the goal of introducing you to new content or helping you decide on what to watch. Once you've opted into the feature (and if you're part of the test), you can access 'Fast Laughs' by scrolling down on the Netflix homepage until you reach the 'Fast Laughs' row. From there, you can click into the feature, where full-screen clips from 'Army of the Dead', 'Big Mouth', Jerry Seinfeld's stand-up special, and more overtake your screen. You can use the arrows on either side of the clip to advance to the next clip or return to the previous one, and you'll also get the option to add a title to your List, as well as jump right into the presented show or movie. Unlike Netflix's 'Play Something' feature, which lets you shuffle through content suggestions tailored to your taste, 'Fast Laughs' is curated entirely by Netflix staff, meaning you won't get that personalized touch.

Apna.co recorded more than 20 lakh job openings in Punjab

Jalandhar / Amritsar : Apna.co, India's largest jobs, and professional networking platform has recorded more than 20 lakh job openings in Punjab from Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jalandhar, and Ludhiana. The platform has also enabled more than 24 lakh interviews during the same time period. Punjab has been an important commercial hub in Northern India, creating a plethora of job opportunities across industries and sectors. The most popular job roles in Punjab have been telecaller, delivery driver, data entry, and sales - field work. There has been an 65 percent QoQ increase in job openings in Punjab. apna's data reveals that maximum users applied from the city Chandigarh. The most popular role in Ludhiana was delivery person whereas Amritsar users were inclined towards telecallers. Most female users in Punjab applied for roles such as telecaller, data entry, and receptionist/front office. The highest number of content creators from Punjab on apna are from Chandigarh. Around 45 percent of apna users in Punjab users with education qualification 12th pass or under have found meaningful job opportunities through the mobile app. Now, apna has become a default platform for all their career choices. Manas Singh, Chief Business Officer, apna.co said that Punjab is a powerhouse of talent and we are glad to be a chosen platform for professionals, especially women and freshers, to gain direct access to these opportunities across all verticals. We will continue to help our users in Punjab with access to the best hyperlocal opportunities around them and help them unlock their economic potential.

Fusion Finance distributes 50 water wheels among rural women

Thalarka, 2022: Fusion Micro Finance organised Water Wheel Distribution programs in Thalarka, Ellenabad and distributed 50 water wheels among rural women to reduce their tribulations related to collecting water for families. The programs witnessed participation from people residing in nearby areas. Social distancing norms and other precautionary measures such as the use of masks and sanitisers were strictly followed during the entire program. On behalf of the organization Amit Pant, Tirath Kumar, Prashant and Vijay Thakur were present during the event. Senior official from Fusion Micro Finance said, "The organisation firmly believes in giving back to society to enhance lifestyle. These programs are in line with this responsibility and vision. Women in India face myriad difficulties and water shortages and storage issues are among them. The water wheels offered by us will ease their problem while saving huge time that can be used for other productive purposes." Fusion has not limited its responsibilities to financial inclusion, but it is also contributing to Social Welfare through its corporate social responsibility. Guests and villagers praised the organisation for providing these water wheels, especially to the rural women as they always face many health-related issues such as tiredness while carrying heavy water containers on their heads from distant locations.



Starbucks brings an exciting range of limited edition springtime beverages

Chandigarh: The season of spring has arrived in Starbucks stores across India, with an exciting range of limited-edition springtime beverages and merchandise collection to celebrate the season of colours and spread cheer. Bid adieu to winter and get inspired by Starbucks' refreshing new line-up of seasonal beverages such as the Hazel Dutch Tuffle range of beverages, spring favourite Cocoa Cloud Macchiato and Salted Caramel Cloud Macchiato beverages, Iced Vanilla Poached Pear Hibiscus & Passion Tea and Salted Caramel beverages, all available across variants to choose from. Celebrate the festival of colours with Starbucks special Holi delight, Thandai Spice Latte and Thandai Spice Frappuccino® available across stores in India. Energise your senses with the subtly sweet and refreshing Iced Vanilla Poached Pear with Hibiscus & Passion Tea, a premium Hibiscus & Passion tea paired with Vanilla Poached Pear syrup. Iced Vanilla Poached Pear with Hibiscus & Passion Tea is priced at Rs. 370 onwards. A soft & creamy layer of cloud foam, mixed with Starbucks' signature Espresso, chocolate drizzle & slight hint of vanilla, the delicious Cocoa Cloud Macchiato blends perfectly in your mouth and will keep you wanting for more. Also available in an Iced variant.

On International Mother Language Day, Tej Sapru proudly says, 'Chak de phatthey'

Chandigarh : International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on 21st February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. On International Mother Language Day, &TV actor Tej Sapru (Prajapati Daksh, Baal Shiv) shares his favourite Punjabi fun words and phrases that he loves to use in his day-to-day life. Tej Sapru, who essays the character of Prajapati Daksh in &TV's Baal Shiv, shares, "Punjabi is one of the most popular languages. It has made its way into Indian cinema and is a hit in the music industry, thus making the language popular globally. One might have tried speaking the language at least once in their lifetime. From 'tussi bade mazakiye ho' to 'Chak de phatthey!' to some golden words such as 'Jadu ki Jhappi' and 'Mitti Pao', we all have learnt these phrases from films and television that have found their way into our regular conversation. There are many words that I have learnt during my time in Punjab, and I still use them, irrespective of where I am. These include Geydi (to wander), Pind (hometown), Kiddan (what's up?), Siyapa (problem), Panga (challenge), chetti (fast), Chado Ji (leave it), Boothi (face), Mukk (finish), Ghaint (awesome).



Unacademy Launches new learning product: 'Unacademy Icons'

GURUGRAM : Unacademy, India's largest learning platform", today announced the launch of a new learning product called 'Unacademy Icons' — a platform built to provide a structured curriculum taught by industry icons. Unacademy Icons brings together stalwarts from different fields such as sports, arts, business, leadership and more; and conducts curated lessons on their subject of expertise. Unacademy Icons will give Learners across the country an opportunity to learn from them with a single subscription. The lessons will be available in English, Hindi to begin with, and will later be available in Marathi, Kannada, Telugu and Tamil. The first Icons segment - 'Cricket with Sachin' - has been developed in collaboration with world-renowned legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as part of a stronger content-led integration with him in the sports learning category. Sachin will mentor Unacademy Learners through a series of thirty one interactive lessons of over seven hours. The curriculum is co-created by Sachin Tendulkar and his brother Ajit Tendulkar.



## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### Kashyap Rajput Mahasabha meet on February 27

**MANPAL KASHYAP**  
**INDRI:** A state-level meeting of Kashyap Rajput Mahasabha Haryana will be held at Kashyap Rajput Dharamsala Karnal. This meeting will be chaired by former DSP and State President Kartar Singh Kashyap. Giving this information, former DSP Kartar Singh Kashyap informed that a meeting is being organized on February 27 in Kashyap Rajput Dharamsala of Karnal. In this meeting social issues will be discussed and new organization will also be expanded. In addition, discussions will be held for the economic, social, educational and political upliftment of the society. He said that after deliberations in the meeting on various aspects of the society, a memorandum will be sent to the Central Government and State Government.

### BJP's Sakshi Maharaj demands law against hijab

**UNNAO:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP from Unnao, Sakshi Maharaj, on Wednesday demanded a law to ban the wearing of hijab across the country. He also slammed the Opposition for stoking the hijab row. "Opposition brought the Hijab issue into elections. This rule (for uniform) was formed in Karnataka, and people did this (row) in reply. But I think, a law should be made to ban (wearing of) hijab across the country," the BJP leader told ANI today. On Monday, the Karnataka High Court bench observed that the petitioners were not only seeking permission to wear the headscarf but also wanted a declaration that it becomes part of a religious sanction to bind everyone who followed Islam. The government also reiterated that hijab is not an essential religious practice of Islam. The Karnataka High Court will continue hearing on Friday various petitions challenging the ban on headscarves in educational institutes. The hijab protests in Karnataka began in January this year when some students of Government Girls PU college in the Udupi district of the state alleged that they had been barred from attending classes. During the protests, some students claimed they were denied entry into the college for wearing hijab. Following this incident, students of different colleges arrived at Shanteshwar Education Trust in Vijayapura wearing saffron stoles.

## Heavy snow shuts roads, hits flights, defer exams in Valley

**SRINAGAR, FEB 23**

Moderate to heavy snowfall disrupted normal life in the Kashmir Valley on Wednesday. It shut the only road link connecting the valley with the rest of the country and also hit the air traffic. Several flights from the Srinagar Airport were cancelled and many delayed due to bad weather, officials said. "Our snow clearing operations is underway on the runway..." a Srinagar airport official said. The Srinagar-Jammu Highway has been shut for traffic after snowfall triggered fresh shooting stones incidents. The national highway is the northernmost segment of NH 44. It runs from Srinagar in the Kashmir Valley southward to the city of Jammu. The 295-km long highway is one of the two road links that connects the valley with the rest of the country. Disaster Management Department Director Aamir Ali said it is raining heavily on the NH44 from Udhampur to Banihal. "Shooting stones at Cafeteria Morh, Maroge and Panthyal, have halted the traffic. "Navayuga Qazigund (has been) closed due to snow on the Qazigund side. Around 300 Kashmir-bound trucks are stranded at Banihal," Ali said, adding no fresh traffic is being allowed from either side. Fresh snowfall and rains were recorded throughout the valley during the night. Several regions on high altitude witnessed heavy snowfall as Srinagar city too received fresh snow. According to Srinagar Meteorological Department, moderate to heavy rain and snow occurred at most places of Jammu and Kashmir with one to two feet of snow at high altitudes. "Srinagar reported 7.5 inches of snow till 8.30 am today," a MeT official said. The MeT said there was likely to be significant improvement in the weather from evening onwards. "Overall improvement is most likely from Thursday onwards though."

## Rural police nab 8 members of gang who robbed 4 banks, 28 lakhs cash, ammunition recovered

**KULJEET SINGH JANDIALA GURU, FEB 23**

IG Border Range Amritsar Munish Chawla, had issued instructions to all the GOs of Amritsar Dehati to trace the cases registered in connection with the robbery in 4 banks and attempted robbery in 1 bank in the area of ??Amritsar Rural during the last time. In this regard, the matter was technically investigated by SSP Rural Deepak Hilori. Dehati police got success. Giving information, SSP Ruralsaid that in-charge CI Staff Inspector Amandeep Singh with his police party.



During patrolling, Adda Manawala was present, under secret information, accused Vijay Kumar, Sandeep Singh and Manjit Singh were arrested. He told during interrogation that he, along with his other accomplices Gurpreet Singh, Kulwinder Singh and Kajal, had

committed a major bank robbery. Who rode in his Swift car I 20 No PB 02 L 2581 Color White from Amritsar side. The town is coming towards Jandiala Guru. Who had to execute the bank robbery in Jandiala Guru. Due to this, he gave time on T point bypass. When

the police party started checking the vehicles, after some time from Amritsar side. A car I 20 No PB 02 L 2581 Color White which started turning on Tam Taran Road, when the police party signaled to stop, the youth along with the driver attacked the party of SP Investigation Amritsar Dehati with his pistol. They started fire together and the driver immediately drove the car back to the side of Jalandhar. The police party chased the car and stopped the said vehicle at Tangra base and with the help of the police party of the accused sitting in the vehicle.

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, FEB 23**

CJM-cum-Secretary District Legal Services Authority Smt. Aparajita Joshi informed that District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman District Legal Services Authority, on behalf of District Legal Services Authority under the leadership of Smt. Amarjot Bhatti, today Jail Lok Adalat/Camp Court was organized. In this Jail Lok Adalat/Camp Court, out of 16 cases, 10 cases were settled on the spot. She said that during this time the Superintendent Central Jail, Hoshiarpur was directed to release the cases which have been settled during the Jail Lok Adalat/Camp Court, those convicts who are not in custody in any other case.

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During the Jail Lok Adalat / Camp Court on behalf of Smt. Aparajita Joshi, it was also told that there is a National Lok Adalat on 12th March, in this Lok Adalat people should put more and more of their cases, which saves time and money. The decisions of these Lok Adalats are recognized as civil decrees. After the decision is taken in the Lok Adalat, all the court fees charged in the case are returned. Therefore, more and more people can get the benefit of getting the cases settled through these Lok Adalats.

# Decks cleared for land acquisition for Tau Devi Lal Model Colony in Israna village

*Israna to become first Haryana village to have rural sectors, says Dushyant Chautala*

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA CHANDIGARH, FEB 23**

Decks have been cleared for land acquisition for the development of Jananayak Tau Devi Lal Model Colony in Israna. In a meeting of Panchayat Department, Hareda and Panipat, Deputy Commissioners chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala in Chandigarh, this was discussed in detail and a decision was taken. Hareda will buy land for Israna Model Colony. After the land registry, the department will develop this colony according to the government map and start the process of plant allotment.

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the state government is going to realize this dream of the villagers as soon as possible. He said that Israna would be the first village where rural sectors



would be developed in about 48 acres. Here, the residents of the colony will get all the basic facilities including community center, sports complex, primary school, park, shopping complex.

The Deputy CM said that in this model colony, people will get plots of 200 to 500 yards at

reasonable prices, in which 60 per cent share will belong to the natives of Israna and 40 per cent share will be open to all.

The Deputy Chief Minister also said that after the development of Israna Model Colony, the possibility of developing such colonies in

other areas of the state is also being explored. ACS Amit Jha of Panchayat Department, Director RC Vidhan, Administrator Dr. Rajkumar Narwal, Panipat District Deputy Commissioner Sushil Sarwan, Sarpanch of Israna Surendra Dhaula etc. were present on this occasion.

## Modi govt should bring back students from Ukraine safely and for free: Bhagwant Mann

**CHANDIGARH, FEB 23**

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab Chief Ministerial candidate and Member of Parliament Bhagwant Mann has appealed to the Union Government to bring back the students studying in Ukraine safely and for free. Mann also demanded that strict action be taken against the multi-fold increase in air ticket prices by airlines they were looting of the people in crisis for which the government was responsible. In a statement issued from the party headquarters on Wednesday, Bhagwant Mann said, "Students studying in Ukraine are facing severe difficulties due to the unfavourable situation between Ukraine and Russia. Hundreds of students from all over India, including Punjab, went to study medicine in Ukraine. The Indian government has ordered the students to leave Ukraine and return, but has not made any arrangements to bring the students back home safely. No airline was given the responsibility, nor have plane ticket prices been fixed. Bhagwant Mann said that the



students and their parents had accused the Indian Embassy in Ukraine of not cooperating in any way, which is very unfortunate. He said that the Indian Embassy in foreign country is the biggest support for Indians, but the Indian government had already invited the Indian embassy staff and their relatives to India when hundreds of Indian students and other Indians still seeking the help of embassy there. Criticizing the BJP's decision to privatize Air India, Bhagwant Mann said, "In this time of crisis, the people of India are paying the price for Air India sale. The country does not have any public-owned airline that can bring these children back to India safely."

# On Azad's martyrdom day tune of Vande Mataram will resonate: Gorsri

**MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, FEB 23**

Congress committed the grave sin of pushing the martyrs of the country into the darkness of oblivion. Not only this, the Congress also did the work of hiding the valour of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country's independence, said BJP Kisan Morcha District President Master Narendra Gorsri while addressing a meeting of workers organised at Rest House of Indri Irrigation Department. On this occasion, BJP Karnal District In-charge Sardar Mandeep Singh Virk District General Secretary Kisan Morcha Vinay Sandhu District General Secretary Kisan Morcha Vinod Rana BJP Senior Leader Dharampal Shandilya BJP



Senior Leader Raghuveer Batan Mandal President Aman Mandal President Amit Kheda Kisan Morcha Mandal President Pankaj Kisan Morcha Mandal President Pradeep Kamboj Indri Mandal General Secretary Vinod Kamboj Indri Mandal General Secretary Sudhir Kisan Morcha State Executive Member Ramprasad officials and workers were also

present.

Addressing the workers, Narendra said that the martyrs had been forgotten by the Congress, but the BJP workers will take their resolve and spread their stories to the people of Haryana. In this, the people of Haryana from every Panchayat and every ward of the city will join in 90 Vidhan Sabhas and will pay tribute to Chandra Shekhar

Azad. On this day, around lakhs of workers in the state will simultaneously proclaim Vande Mataram, remembering Azad ji. Respect will be given to all those families, whose families fought for the independence of the country by joining the Freedom Movement. A programme will be held in Brahmni Dharamshala at 9:00 am. On this occasion, he called upon the BJP office-bearers and workers to make the public aware and bow down by remembering such great martyrs, heroes and revolutionaries in the programme to be held on February 27 under the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. On this occasion, in-charge Mandeep Singh Dharampal Shandilya Raghuveer Batan also gave his views.

## Decision of Lok Adalat is final and the court fees are also refunded: Ramesh Kumari

**VERMA GURDASPUR, FEB 23**

Ramesh Kumari, District and Sessions Judge-cum-District Legal Services Authority, Gurdaspur informed that on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 10 am a National Lok Adalat is being set up to deal with the cases in the local court Gurdaspur and Batala in all the judicial courts under Sessions Division Gurdaspur. Madam Navdeep Kaur Gill Civil Judge (Senior Division / CGM) -cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Gurdaspur was present on the occasion. The Hon'ble District and Sessions Judge-cum-District Legal Services Authority, Gurdaspur said that this Lok Adalat would deal with various cases. Cases such as Criminal Compoundable Case, Bank Recovery Case, MACT Case, Matrimonial, Labor Disputes, Land, Electricity and Water Bills, Pay Allowance, Revenue Case (Padding in District and High Court Courts). Apart from this, pre-litigation cases like bank recovery cases, labor disputes, electricity and water bills and others are being prosecuted. District and Sessions Judge-cum-District Legal Services Authority Gurdaspur Mrs. Ramesh Kumari appealed to the people to file cases in these courts as much as possible. The decision of the Lok Adalat is final and the court fees are also refunded. This makes it easier for people to get cheap justice. Lok Adalat saves time and money. The decision of these Lok Adalats is recognized as a civil decree and maximum benefit should be gained by settling most of the cases through these Lok Adalats.



# On the spot disposal of 10 cases in Jail Lok Adalat

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# SHORT TALKS

## All eyes on Rahane as Mumbai play Goa

**HMEDABAD:** Dropped from the Indian Test team after his prolonged lean run with the bat, Ajinkya Rahane will be the centre of attention when heavyweights Mumbai play Goa in their Elite Group D Ranji Trophy game here from Thursday.

Rahane did score a much-needed hundred (129) in their opener against Saurashtra, but that could not save his place in the Test squad for the upcoming two-match series against Sri Lanka. The former India vice-captain, though, would like to continue in same fashion against a Goa attack that is not likely to pose many problems.

Apart from Rahane, another Mumbaikar who would be in focus is young Sarfaraz Khan, whose purple patch in red ball cricket continues, having hammered a monumental 275 against Saurashtra.

The 41-time Ranji champions would look to secure full points from the game after Saurashtra denied them an outright win.

With a batting line-up comprising skipper Prithvi Shaw, Rahane, Sarfaraz, Akarshith Gomele, Sachin Yadav and senior stumper Aditya Tare, Mumbai are bound to pile up the runs at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

Their bowlers led by pacer Dhawal Kulkarni will have to hit the right areas and the role of off-spinner Tanush Kotian and left-arm spinner Shams Mulani would be crucial if Mumbai are to take 20 opposition wickets.

Overall Mumbai, who are much stronger than the team from the coastal state, would like to dominate their opponents from ball one.

Goa, on the other hand, who also secured a draw against Odisha in their opener, will need to improve in all the three departments.

Skipper Snehel Kauthankar, who made an unbeaten 165 against Odisha, would need support from other batters like Suyash Prabhusdesai, Amogh Desai and Sumiran Amonkar.

## ***Desperate for their first win, Chandigarh and Baroda to lock horns at Ranji match today***



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**CHANDIGARH.** Deprived of their first win in Elite Group B, both- Chandigarh and Baroda will lock their horns at the ongoing Ranji Trophy match being played at Vikash Cricket Ground in Bhubaneswar (Odisha) on Thursday. While Chandigarh had suffered a crushing 217-run defeat against Hyderabad, Baroda had lost the match by four wickets against Bengal in a nail-biting finish.

Baroda, which came into existence during the 1930s, has a strong presence in the Ranji Trophy wherein the team has emerged as a five-time winner and four-time runner-up.

Rajeev Nayyar, Coach of Chandigarh realized this match is very important for staying in the contention and they are fully confident that the senior players will not repeat the mistakes made in the previous match. Both the teams have practiced hard at the same time at the same venue. "Some changes have been made in the wicket conditions so that less 'grassy wicket' probably helps the batters," adds Nayyar.

Captain Manan Vohra, who scored a century in the last match, is in full form while his fellow opener batsman Mohammad Arsalan Khan is also looking forward to give a solid opening. "The middle order

On the board, Raj Angad Bawa and Arijit Singh played exceptionally well in their other debut matches and they hope that the players will continue this form.

On the other hand, Baroda which is being coached by former Australian Test cricketer Dave Whatmore is equally craving for a win. The team is being led by IPL veteran Kedar Deshpande. Even though Krinal Pandya has played 24 ODIs and T20 matches for India and a veteran of six IPL seasons, off to a miserable start with 6 and 10 scores in the last match against Bengal. Two other players of the team - Lukman Mariwala and Bhargava Bhatt also had a taste of IPL while Shashwat Rawat was part of the Indian team in Under-19 World Cup 2020. Chandigarh need to be cautious from the opposition's pace attack - Lukman Mariwala and Atit Sheth, who have played up Bengal for just 88 in the first inning of previous fixture.

**Baroda Squad**

Kedar Deshpande (Captain), Vishnu Solanki, Pratyush Kumar, Shivakshi Sharma, Krunal Pandya, Abhimanyu Singh Rajput, Dhruv Patel, Mitesh Patel, Lukman Mariwala, Baba Safikhan Pathan, Atit Sheth, Bhargav Bhatt, Parth Kohli, Shaswat Rawat, Sohye Supariya, Kartik Kakade, Gurjinder Singh Mann, Jyoti Singh

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The likes of Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant and Shardul Thakur have been rested for the series against Sri Lanka and hence it will give a chance to the likes of Ruturaj Gaikwad and Shreyas Iyer to show what they are capable of. The duo failed in the third T20I against West Indies, but they would hope that they impress against Sri Lanka.

Sanju Samson has also been drafted into the squad and it would be interesting to see whether the management gives him a go in the playing XI. Spinner Ravi Bishnoi also impressed in his maiden T20I series and he will look to march ahead with the momentum.

Jasprit Bumrah is also back for the series against Sri Lanka and the bowling attack will get strengthened further. Bhuvneshwar Kumar showed what he is capable of in the series against Windies and that emerged as a big positive.

However, the highlight over the last week has been Venkatesh Iyer. The way he has managed to finish off matches for India has been a big sign and if he manages to improve his bowling, the management can have a world-class all-rounder.

Talking about Sri Lanka, the side suffered a 1-4 defeat at the hands of

## Feels good to play for Team India after two months, says Jadeja

Lucknow: Ahead of the T20I and Test series against Sri Lanka, all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja expressed his excitement about playing for the Indian team. Jadeja was under rehabilitation after he sustained injuries in the Test

## Deepak Chahar, Suryakumar Yadav ruled out of T20I series

**LUCKNOW:** Fast bowler Deepak Chahar and batter Suryakumar Yadav have been ruled out of the upcoming T20I series against Sri Lanka.

Deepak sustained a right quadriceps injury during a bowling while Suryakumar suffered a hairline fracture during a fielding attempt in the third and final T20I against the West Indies in Kolkata on Sunday. "They will now head to the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for further management of their injuries," stated an official release. After clinching the T20I series against West Indies, Team India will now look to carry their form into the three-match series against Sri Lanka, beginning Thursday.

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match against New Zealand in Kanpur, in November 2021.

"Good feeling to be back in the Indian team. Really looking forward to playing the T20 series and the Test series. I am feeling so good that finally after two months, I will be play-

"I was keen to do my rehab properly and was working hard on my fitness at NCA. Today, I came here for my first practice session, it feels good," he added.

Australia and the side was let down by batting time and again. Skipper Dasun Shanaka would hope that the batting side gets the act together and is able to give a fight to Team India.

Squads: India: Rohit Sharma (Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shreyas Iyer, Surya Kumar Yadav, Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan (wicket-keeper), Venkatesh Iyer, Deepak Chahar, Deepak Hooda, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Jasprit Bumrah (vice-captain), Avesh Khan.

**Sri Lanka:** Dasun Shanaka (c), Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Charith Asalanka, Dinesh Chandimal, Danushka Gunathilaka, Kamil Mishara, Janith Liyanage, Wanindu Hasaranga, Dushmantha Chameera, Lahiru Kumara, Binura Fernando, Shiran Fernando etc.

***Your comeback from cancer will always be inspiration for people: Kohli to Yuvraj***

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Batter Virat Kohli on Wednesday responded to a heartfelt letter by the former Indian all-rounder Yuvraj Singh and said that he will always remain an inspiration for people in all walks of life, not just cricket.

The 33-year-old batting legend Kohli took to social media and posted a photo of Yuvraj's letter, which he wrote on Tuesday.

"Yuvi Pa thank you for this lovely gesture. Your comeback from cancer will always be an inspiration for people from all walks of life, not just cricket. You have always been generous and caring for the people around you. I wish you all the happiness, God bless @YUVSTRONG12," Kohli wrote as the caption. Both the batters took the Indian team to victory

on many occasions with their impressive match-winning partnerships.

In January, Yuvraj and his wife Hazel Keech welcomed their first child, a baby boy. Wishing Yuvraj on his new journey as a parent, batting legend Kohli added: "Now we're both parents and know what a blessing that is. I wish you all the happiness, beautiful memories and blessings in this new journey." In the letter, Yuvraj had commended Kohli for his dedication and discipline towards his craft that serves as an inspiration for the future generation.

"Virat, I've seen you grow as a cricketer and as a person. From that young boy in the nets who would walk shoulder-to-shoulder with the legends of Indian cricket, you're now a legend yourself leading the way for a new generation.

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## Farhan seeks everyone's blessings as he and wife Shibani embark on a new journey

After exchanging vows with Shibani Dandekar on February 19, actor Farhan Akhtar, on Wednesday, took to Instagram to seek everyone's blessings for the new beginnings in life with his wife. "A few days ago, @shibanidandekar & I celebrated our union and we are deeply grateful to all those who did respect our need for privacy on the day. The celebration, however, is incomplete without sharing some precious moments with you and seeking your blessings as we begin our journey across the skies of time, together. With love from us to you," he wrote. Alongside the heartfelt note, Farhan shared several pictures from his wedding ceremony, which was conducted last week at Javed Akhtar and Shibani Dandekar's farmhouse in Khandala. For the wedding, Shibani wore a red and beige gown and she enhanced her look with a veil. On the other hand, Farhan donned a tuxedo for his special day. Dropping "precious moments" from the big day, Farhan wrote, "Mera gown mera lace." Shibani, too, gave her fans a sneak peek into the wedding ceremony by sharing a string of images on her Instagram account. One of the photos also has Farhan kissing his bride. Shibani and Farhan's dreamy wedding was attended by close friends including Hrithik Roshan, Rhea Chakraborty, Gaurav Kapur, Samir Kochhar, Monica Dogra, Shankar Mahadevan, and Ehsaan Noorani among others.



## Priyanka elated after US women's team reaches agreement over equal pay dispute

As US women's national soccer team (USWNT) and the governing body US Soccer have agreed to resolve the equal pay claims in litigation that has been pending since 2019, global star Priyanka Chopra took to social media to express her happiness on the same. "This is what happens when women fight for women! Thrilled to see the amazing news for Megan Rapinoe, Alex Morgan, and the US women's soccer team! Queens," Priyanka wrote on Instagram. As per the latest developments, the women's and men's national teams will receive an equal rate of pay in all friendlies and tournaments, including the World Cup. US Soccer will be paying USD 22 million to the players in the case and it will also provide an additional USD 2 million into an account to benefit the USWNT players in their post-career goals, CNN reported. In March 2019, US Women's National Team had filed a gender discrimination lawsuit against US Soccer.

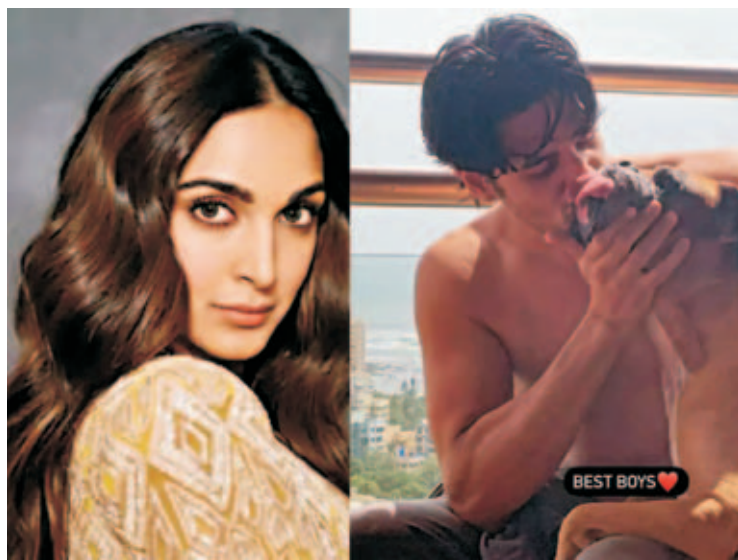
## Friendship tale 'Yaar Anmulle Returns' coming on Zee 5!

Last year, ZEE5 began its entrance into Punjabi-language content with the launch of the 'Rajj Ke Vekho' campaign, which entertained viewers with top-notch regional content. They have released various movies ranging from family drama to romance, now they decided to release the sequel of 'Yaar Anmulle Returns' and give their viewers another reason to celebrate with friendship tales. With a promise to entertain like never before, the sequel to the successful film 'Yaar Anmulle' has encapsulated all the friendship goals in one go. The film follows the story of three friends, their bond, heartbreak, and romance. The screenplay, story, and dialogues have been penned by Gurjind Mann and directed by prominent director Harry Bhatti. They promise a stellar cast of Harish

Verma, Prabh Gill, Yuvraj Hans, Navpreet Banga, Nikeet Dhillon, Jasleen Slaich, Rana Jungbahadur, and others. Director Harry Bhatti comments, "I have always yearned to tell stories that people can relate to, that bring memories together for wholesome enjoyment, and that's exactly what 'Yaar Anmulle Returns' intends to do," director Harry Bhatti says, "I'm ecstatic that people in 190+ countries will be able to view this on ZEE5, laugh their hearts out, and connect with it." Prabh Gill says, "The first chapter of Yaar Anmulle had gotten enormous love from audiences around the country. We as a team wanted to give Yaar Anmulle Returns to the audience as a gift. Yaar Anmulle Returns will be available for them to watch anytime and at any place via the OTT premiere.



## 'Best Boys': Kiara shares unseen pictures of Sidharth with his late pet dog Oscar



Actor Kiara Advani has mourned the demise of his rumoured beau Sidharth Malhotra's pet dog Oscar, who died on Tuesday. Taking to her Instagram stories Kiara shared a couple of unseen pictures featuring the Sidharth and Oscar. One of the stories shows Sidharth looking adorably at his canine friend. The other story showed Oscar sleeping amidst a gorgeous view and the third one shows Sid kissing Oscar, alongside which Kiara wrote, "Best Boys". Meanwhile, sharing a couple of pictures of Oscar on his Instagram handle, Siddharth Malhotra mourned the loss of his furry

friend with a heart-wrenching note. "Writing this With a heavy heart and moist eyes, My oscar is no longer in this world. He's left a massive void in my heart, being my family here in Mumbai for 11 plus years. I miss his energy around me, he taught me how to care and be compassionate, taught me that emotional energy is all that matters in this world whichever form of being it comes from. He was my companion through thick and thin, always greeted me with the same enthusiasm regardless of my day or his health," Sidharth wrote.

## 'Somewhere, somehow she finally learnt how

Actor Rhea Chakraborty is picking up pieces and 'renewing' her life after all the controversy that she was surrounded with during the last two years. The actor took to her Instagram handle to post lovely pictures of her in a beautiful yellow lehenga. She wrote in the caption, "Sometime or the other, somewhere somehow, She finally learnt how to live in the now. -RC #renew". She added sparkling emojis to the caption.

Rhea opted for soft, dewy makeup with a mauvy lip colour that complimented her look. She also opted for pearl-studded jhumkis and bangles as accessories. Earlier, Rhea had posted about resuming work after two years.

She wrote an inspirational message in the caption. It read, "Yesterday, I went to work after 2 years. A big thankyou to all the people who stood by me through my toughest times.

No matter what, the sun always shines NEVER GIVE UP!#renew #gratitude."

Rhea was last seen in the film, 'Chehre'.

## Aamir Khan poses for a happy picture with daughter Ira, her partner Nupur Shikhare

Superstar Aamir Khan's daughter Ira Khan on Tuesday shared an all smiles picture featuring herself with her father and beau Nupur Shikhare in matching pyjamas. Taking to her Instagram handle, Ira shared an adorable picture where Aamir could be seen posing with his daughter and her beau Nupur, all dressed in identical pyjamas and shirts as they strike a pose for the camera. Sharing the picture, Ira wrote, "Bring back sweater weather, and Christmas is always welcome."

The picture accumulated thousands of comments from the 'Dangal' actor fans. "AK getting younger," one user wrote. "Such a happy picture," a second user wrote. Aamir shares 25-year-old daughter Ira with his ex-wife Reena Dutta. Meanwhile, on the work front, the superstar will be next seen in the highly anticipated film 'Laal Singh Chaddha' that also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, Mona Singh and Naga Chaitanya in pivotal roles. The comedy-drama is slated to release in theatres on April 14, 2022.

