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Majithia sent to judicial custody till March 8

MOHALI,: A Mohali court sent former Punjab Minister and Shiromani Akali Dal senior leader Bikram Singh Majithia in judicial custody till March 8 in a drugs case. Earlier, the SAD leader, accompanied by the senior lawyers, appeared before the court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Sandeep Kumar Singla on Thursday after expiry of his interim bail. He arrived at the court complex at 1030 hours. Majithia informed the media that he had come to the court to comply with the directions of the Supreme Court. A bench had directed the SAD leader to surrender before the trial court after the Punjab Assembly polls on February 20.

Rupee plummets 99 paise to 75.60/USD amid Ukraine crisis

MUMBAI: The rupee tanked 99 paise to close at 75.60 against the US dollar on Thursday as riskier assets took a hit after Russia launched military operations against Ukraine. Forex traders said sustained foreign fund outflows, heavy selling in domestic equities and elevated crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 75.02 against the American dollar but later dropped to a low of 75.75. The local unit finally finished at 75.60, down 99 paise from the previous close. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies.

Rapist awarded 20 yrs imprisonment and 30000 fine

RAJASTHAN: Poonam Suneja, Presiding Officer, Spl Court under SC ST Act and POCSO have sentenced a rapist 20 years imprisonment with fine of Rs. 30, 000. The convict Ranjeet@Maniara resident of village Hansumajra was booked on 10.11.2019 under section 376(3) and 506 IPC and section 4 of POCSO Act. The DDA J.B.Goel said that the victim was under the age of 15 years the court relied upon the medical reports as well as the DNA report.

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An adviser to Ukraine's president says about 40 people have been killed so far in the Russian attack on the country. Oleksii Arestovich, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Thursday that several dozen people have been wounded.

He didn't specify whether the casualties included civilians.

Zelenskyy said the Ukrainian authorities will hand weapons to all those willing to defend the country.

"The future of the Ukrainian people depends on every Ukrainian," he said, urging all those who can defend the country to come to the Interior Ministry's assembly facilities. Ankara: Ukraine's ambassador to Turkey has called on the NATO member country to close its airspace and to shut down the straits at the entrance of the Black Sea to Russian ships. "We are calling for the airspace, Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits to be closed," Ambassador Vasyl Bodnar told reporters on Thursday.



Deploying additional forces in eastern part of Alliance: NATO

BRUSSELS : The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is deploying additional defensive land and air forces to the eastern part of the Alliance, as well as additional maritime assets, the alliance's council said on Thursday. In a statement North Atlantic Council, NATO's political decision-making body, said that Russia's actions pose a serious threat to Euro-Atlantic security, and they will have geostrategic consequences. "NATO will continue to take all necessary measures to ensure the security and defence of all Allies." "We are deploying additional defensive land and air forces to the eastern part of the Alliance, as well as additional maritime assets. We have increased the readiness of our forces to respond to all contingencies," read the statement.

Modi chairs meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security

NEW DELHI: Amid the ongoing Russian military operations in Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday chaired a Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting in New Delhi. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India Hardeep Singh Puri among others were present in the meeting. Meanwhile, according to sources, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to speak to Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday night. The tensions between the two nations escalated after Putin on Monday recognized Ukraine's breakaway regions - Donetsk and Luhansk - as independent entities escalating the ongoing tensions between the two countries. Ukraine gained independence in 1991 after the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

138 litterateurs of four academies honoured on the occasion of Haryana Sahitya Parv

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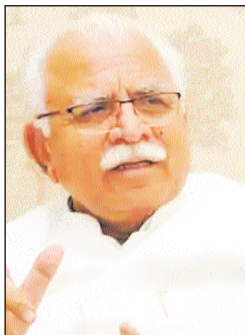
Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that litterateurs of all languages are equal, so the prize money given to them by the government should also be same. A uniform formula should be formulated regarding the prize money for the literary academies of Haryana. Till now, the prize money given by the four literary academies of Haryana in the field of literature varies. The Chief Minister was speaking on the occasion of 'Haryana Sahitya Parv' at Tagore Theatre on Thursday. The Chief Minister launched the website and mobile application of Haryana Sanskrit Academy and Punjabi Sahitya Akademi.

On this occasion, Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal honoured 138 litterateurs of Sanskrit, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu languages. This award was given through Haryana Sanskrit Academy, Haryana Granth Academy, Haryana Punjabi Sahitya Akademi, Haryana Urdu Academy. The Chief Minister is the president of all the 4 Academies. He said that Haryana has been the land of litterateurs, where litterateurs like Babu

Balmukand Gupta, Hali Panipati, Dada Lakshmichand and Baba Farid were born. There is a need to develop the birthplace of such eminent writers from literary viewpoint. In this episode, a government e-library will be built at the mansion of Babu Balmukand Gupta in Gudani, Rewari. This will give an opportunity to the youth to read substantial literature.

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that being a litterateur is an honour in itself. The Sahitya Samman given by Haryana Government could not be given due to Covid-19 pandemic. Thus, we are giving these honours by celebrating Sahitya Parv this year.

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that many people of different sections played an important role in the independence of the country, but litterateurs, poets, writers, writers and journalists made an important contribution in spreading awareness in the society in this regard. This gave impetus to the patriotic movement and brought a sense of



patriotism and public awareness.

The Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that in today's era of internet, interest of youth towards literature is declining, thus, there is an immense need to again connect them with their roots. People's inclination towards literature is being developed by going from village to village through Sahitya Academies. All the literary academies are playing an important role so that the contribution in the field of literature doesn't decline.

The Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that the Haryana government is promoting literature. Grants are being given by the Academies for the publication of books. Apart from this, good compositions are also included in the courses. Calling upon the writers, he said that literature should be propagated in a way so that the new generation develops interest in it. He added that the litterateurs should create public awareness in the society in this regard.



Air India plane departs from Delhi to bring back Indians

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An Air India plane took off for Ukraine on Thursday morning to bring back Indians from the eastern European nation, which is now facing a Russian offensive.

However, as the Ukrainian authorities on Thursday morning closed the country's airspace for civil aircraft operations, Air India and the central government are considering whether the



plane should be called back or allowed to continue on its journey, officials said. The Air India flight AI 1947 started from the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) here at around 7.30 am for Boryspil International Airport in Kyiv. The plane is expected to arrive there in nearly six hours, according to flight tracking website FlightAware. Meanwhile, a Ukraine International Airlines flight from Kyiv landed at the Delhi airport at around 7.45 am on Thursday.

36 jailed in Mandi hooch tragedy: Himachal CM

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SHIMLA, FEB 24

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said state government would deal with the perpetrators sternly in Mandi and Una tragedies which killed 13 people as the high level probe is being conducted after lodging FIRs under various sections of IPCs, Excise and Explosive act. He was issuing a statement on the issue of firecrackers tragedy on which Congress and CPM members raised concern in the house Thursday. He said so far 36 people arrested in the Mandi Hooch tragedy are behind bars as none of them got bail so far. The Government would not spare anyone who may have affiliation with any political parties including the ruling government. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said after completing the investigation in Una illegal firecracker factory with in seven

days the concerned minister would give a statement in the house and anyone found responsible would not be spared and a lesson would be taught in a way so that no one think of doing such an act in the future. Mr Thakur said six women died in industrial Area Bathu, Tahlial District Una in an incident of explosion in the firecracker factory on February 22, 2022, at 0900 hours. He said there was an explosion in the Bathri firecracker factory. He said soon after the explosion a police team under the in-charge Chowki Tahlial immediately reached the spot. Chief minister who holds the portfolio of home said the owner of the factory where the explosion took place is still at large. He said proper arrangements were not done for the maintenance

of the explosives substances stock or filled inside the firecracker factory. The owner who ran away from the spot was booked under section 286,337, 304A, IPC, and section 9C, under the Explosives Act, in the FIR registered in the police station



Haroli. In view of the seriousness of the matter, the DGP constituted SIT which was led by Sumeda Dwivedi, DIG North range and Commandant 1st IRB Bangarh Mr Vimukt Ranjan, and SP Una Mr Arjit Sen Thakur, were made members of the team. Understanding the gravity of the matter, SIT took quick action and closely inspected the spot, photographs of the spot were taken and important physical, documentary and other evidence and the spot of crime has been sealed.

Balla flays govt for turning deaf ear to Anganwadi workers' demands

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Rajendra Balla, a member of Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee and former member of Haryana Police Recruitment Board, said that women are being exploited by the BJP-JJP government which has ironically given slogans like "Save daughter, teach daughter".



The strike of Anganwadi workers and helpers, which has been going on for the last 90 days, and has now taken the form of a mass stir. But the government has turned a deaf ear to them, which is quite reprehensible. No solution has been found for this strike so far despite the fact that the Chief Minister has visited Karnal many times. All their demands should be accepted immediately. In such a severe winter in the month of January-February, if the women of our state are on the streets, then it is a matter of shame for us and now they have been on strike in Karnal for the last 9 days. He requested the Government of Haryana and especially the Chief Minister to accede to the demands of the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers and to implement the demands which were agreed between the Government of Haryana and the Central Government in the year 2018 with immediate effect.

Bring Policies of govt to people: Kabirpanthi



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GANAUUR: Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi, the former MLA of Niockheri and district in-charge of Sonapat, reached the Tridev convention in Ganaur assembly where the people welcomed him. He inspired all the workers to make their booths even more strong and informed them about the party. All the MLAs, MPs, and District Presidents sitting on the stage also played an important role in strengthening the party by informing the workers about the policies of the party through their addresses. District in-charge Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, District President Teerth Rana, MP Ramesh Kaushik, Mohan Lal Badauli MLA Rai, Legislator Ghanor Nirmal Chaudhary, Jagmohan Anand Media Coordinator, Amarnath Sodha and all the workers were present in this programme.

On this occasion Kabirpanthi said that the BJP has emerged stronger than ever in the entire state and the policies of the government now need to be taken from house to house. Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi said that the Chief Minister of the state, Manohar Lal, is developing every section and every corner of Haryana. He said that now the workers will have to work strongly even at the booth level so that the BJP can be made stronger than before in every area. He said that the schemes that the government has made for the welfare of the people are being implemented in every district which have benefited the people a lot.

First aid training programme held at Meghuwala school

R. K. KASHYAP
CHHCHHRAULI: A programme on first aid was organized on behalf of Red Cross Society at State Secondary School, Meghuwala. In the programme, Paramjit Singh on behalf of Red Cross Society gave training to the children about first aid. School in-charge Daya Kishan Shastri informed that this program was organized under Life Skill Development in which 26 girls and 28 boys from class 5 to 8 of the school participated and got to know first aid. He informed that the students were made aware of the rules of disaster management.

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Micro ATM' will be installed in every village and city : Dushyant Chautala

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CHANDIGARH, FEB 24

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Sh. Dushyant Chautala informed that the state government will install 'Micro ATM' machines in about 9,500 depots of the state so that the people of the villages can deposit and withdraw money as per their requirement. Not only this, they will also be able to check their balance in the bank through this 'Micro ATM'.

Sh. Dushyant Chautala gave this information after presiding over the meeting with the officers of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department today. He also saw a demo of a machine made by a company.

On this occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by the Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Sh. Anoop Dhanak, Director General, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Af-

fairs Department, Sh. Vijay Singh Dahiya besides other officers were also present.

The Deputy Chief Minister, who also holds the portfolio of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, said that it is the endeavour of the state government to make such arrangements in the state so that the poor people taking ration through the ration depot can avail the benefit of new system.

By making the payment of your ration through the machine itself, one can also withdraw extra money like from an ATM machine. He said that in the first phase, 'Micro ATM' machines will be installed at the depots in Gurugram, Faridabad, Hisar, Karnal and Panchkula as a pilot project, so that apart from the ration card holders, other people from nearby areas would



be able to withdraw and deposit money. He said that this step of the state government will provide convenience to the people, while the depot holders will also get commission in return by helping the bank, which will increase their income.

Sh. Dushyant Chautala said that the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department has taken ration through the ration depot about 9,500 depots in the state through which ration is provided to BPL families at affordable rates. In order to bring more transparency in this system, the state government had first started the work of distribution of ration through 'POS' machine, now people will be able to transfer money at the local level through this facility by installing 'Micro ATM' machines through such depots.

3 accused of shooting dead man arrested

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The team of CIA-2 has arrested three accused who carried out a murder by shooting. Due to old enmity, the accused had carried out the murder. Police will present the three accused in the court and take them on remand where they will be interrogated thoroughly. Virendra alias Bunty, a resident of village Uncha Samana, had given a complaint to the police that



his younger brother Sumit works in a goldsmith's shop. A day before his brother Sumit told him at home that he had a fight with Arjun, Sandeep Koki resident of village Uncha Samana and Ravindra alias Tanni alias Tarun resident of village Narukhedhi district Karnal and all three of them together vowed to kill Sumit. The next day on February 21, his brother's body was found lying in a nearby field. The investigation of the case was handed over to CIA-2. After which the CIA-2 team overpowered the main accused Anurag alias Arjun, a resident of village Uncha Samana, from the nearby railway station Gharaura and was strictly interrogated. During interrogation, the accused, along with his two other accomplices Ravinder and Sandeep, revealed to have carried out the murder. After which both the accused Ravindra alias Tanni alias Tarun and Sandeep alias Koki were arrested by G.T. Arrested from Road Kohand. The police will now present the three accused in the court. Remand will be obtained from the court and in-depth questioning will be done.

MC confiscate goods of 26 shopkeepers

MAINPAL, KASHYAP
INDRI, FEBRUARY 24

The municipality again took action against the encroachers in Indri city on Thursday. Under the leadership of Mohit Kumar, Secretary of Municipality Indri, the team confiscated the goods of 26 shopkeepers who encroached on the road by placing goods in front of shops in the city. This action caused a stir among the shopkeepers. Municipal secretary Mohit Kumar said that he was getting complaints about encroachment by shopkeepers in the city. People suffer because of this encroachment. This action has been taken after receiving the complaints. He said that the goods of about 26 shopkeepers have been confiscated in the city and this action will continue.

He warned that the encroaching

shopkeepers should rethink about encroachment, otherwise the municipality administration will take strict action. Responding to the altercation that took



place while stopping the construction of a shop without a map in the city, he said that action is being taken in this matter, no one is allowed to do illegal work. On this occasion, all the employees including Junior Engineer Prashant, Accountant Hakam Singh, Jaipal, Vikram, Litesh, Yograj etc. were present with him.

AAP to contest Sadhaura local bodies polls on party symbol: Arun Jain

PREETI RANI
SADHAURA: Aam Aadmi Party's meeting for Sadhaura municipal elections was organized in the urban area of Sadhaura assembly of Yamunanagar. The meeting was chaired by Arun Jain, District Yamunanagar Vice President, Aam Aadmi Party. Chaudhary Rajaram, SC-BC Cell

President, northern Haryana, Lalchand SC BC Cell, Northern Haryana, Dalip Dadwa, Yamunanagar, Haryana AAP leaders were present as chief guests in the meeting. Dr. J.S Saini, Aam Aadmi Party, senior leaders Gurudev Saini Sadaura, Chaudhary Rajaram said that Aam Aadmi Party will contest all municipal elections in Haryana and other block committee, Zilla Parishad elections on its party symbol, broom. Lalchand said that AAP will field its candidates in 13 wards of Sadhaura municipality.

Municipal Council chairman election will also be fought on AAP's election symbol broom. AAP candidates for elections will be selected soon. For the voice of Sadaura assembly constituency and for the development of Yamunanagar, Dalip Dadwa, AAP leader Haryana, said that AAP party is spring a surprise in Punjab. Votes in Punjab were cast on February 20. Dalip Dadwa, Yamunanagar Haryana AAP leader, said that all parties will be surprised to see the result of Punjab Assembly 2022 and the result of Punjab will further increase the graph of Aam Aadmi Party in Sadaura Assembly and Haryana State.

AAP flays govt move on development fee

PREETI RANI
SADHAURA:, talking to reporters today, Ambala Lok Sabha Speaker Ramesh Dahiya and Ambala ACBC Speaker Aam Aadmi Party Balwinder Singh Dahar today said that imposition of 5% development fee of Collectorate on the public in the name of setting a uniform rate in cities by BJP JJP government has hit the public hard. In urban areas, it has become expensive to build houses due to development charges, with the result that the dream of the common man to build a house will now remain just that – a dream. Balwinder Singh Dahar and Ramesh Dahiya said that the people of the state are already suffering from inflation due to the policies of the government. Time will now grind in the mill of inflation and unemployment with the implementation of new rates.

Political atmosphere heats up in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEBRUARY 24

The flurry of civic elections has started due to which the political atmosphere in the municipalities has heated up. It has been said that the elections will be conducted on the basis of the voter list released on January 5. Elections are to be held in Gharaura, Nissang, Tarawadi and Assandh municipalities of Karnal district. In these, along with the chairman, elections are also to be held for the councilors in a total of 62 wards. Municipal elections in the district were held on 22 June 2016 whose term also ended on 22 June 2021. After this, the administrator is handling the work of the municipality for the last eight months. Six months before the end of the term, the potential candidates in all the four municipalities had started

preparations, but during the Corona period, the enthusiasm of the candidates had cooled down as the activities slowed down. Gharaura is a big city in terms of population of more than fifty thousand. There are about 30 thousand voters. There are 17 wards in the municipality. The term of the municipality started on June 22, 2016, because instead of elections, MLA Harvinder Kalyan had made efforts to form the city government unanimously, under which ward number four councillor Subhash Gupta was unanimously elected as the chairman but after about two and a half years a no-confidence motion came against him and he was also removed. After this, Kanwaljit Singh took charge as the acting chairman, but when the turn of elections came, once again MP Sanjay Bhatia and MLA

Harvinder Kalyan made unanimous efforts and Amrik Singh was elected as the president of the municipality. He completed the remaining term. Municipal politics has heated up after the elections are possible in Taraori. The future candidates for the post of chairman and councillor have started their preparations. There are a total 15 wards in Taraori Municipality in which there are about 18750 voters. Now the new list has increased by 540 new votes. On May 16, 2016, the voting was held in 15 wards for the post of chairman in Taraori Municipality in which Rekha Rani, sister-in-law of former MLA Bhagwandas, was elected chairman and Pankaj Goyal as vice chairman. The term of Chairman Rekha Rani ended on 2 June 2021. Now this will be the seventh election after the formation of a municipality.

22nd awareness programme held by NCB in Ambala

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, FEBRUARY 24

Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief and Additional Director General of Police Ambala Division, Shrikant Jadhav Sahab, is doing the work of making Haryana drug-free. In this episode, 22nd one-day drug de-addiction workshop was organised in PKR Jain Girls Senior Secondary School today in which girl students, teachers and school staff took active part. The programme was completed under the chairmanship of Dr. Sunita Sharma, principal of the school. According to the guidelines of the Bureau Chief Shrikant Jadhav, the Sub-Inspector in charge of the awareness campaign and rehabilitation of the Bureau, Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma was present as the keynote speaker, while the office bearers of the Prayas Sanstha formed by the Bureau Chief to oppose drugs, Karan Kumar, Sanjay Rath, Manisha, Sunny and Jagdish actively participated.

Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, in-charge of the awareness campaign and rehabilitation of the Bureau, while making the girl students aware of life values as well as



against drugs, said that the consumption of drugs has a direct effect on the human mind, which can lead to death in no time. He said bureau chief Shrikant. Jadhav is also working hard to make Haryana drug-free by taking public along with him through Prayas Sanstha. According to the directions of the shahib, a helpline number 9050891508 has been issued to make Haryana free from drugs, on which people wanting to quit drugs can contact along with secret information. He said that due to the efforts of Jadhav Saheb, 17 youth have given up drug addiction in the last short time and this work will continue in future also.

Haryana will say Vande Mataram on Azad's martyrdom day: Rana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: In the Amrit Mahotsav year of independence, the saga of every sacrifice will be brought into the public domain. Every BJP worker is working day and night for this noble cause. Due to this, the holy soil of the sacrifice site of great freedom fighter Chandra Shekhar Azad

from Prayagraj was sent to the five assembly constituencies of Karnal today in the BJP office. Giving information about this, District President Yogendra Rana said that the way the whole of Haryana remembered Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on 23rd January. Similarly, on the martyrdom day of Chandra Shekhar Azad on February 27, the whole of Haryana will speak Vande Mataram. He said that under the inspiration of Haryana BJP State President Om Prakash Dhankhar and under the

leadership of Kisan Morcha State President Sukhwinder Sheoran, people of Haryana paid tribute to the great freedom fighter by applying the holy soil of Prayag, the place of martyrdom of Chandra Shekhar Azad, on his forehead on February 27. The programme will be held in all the assembly constituencies of Haryana. The Kisan Morcha of the party has been entrusted with the responsibility of successfully organising the Vande Mataram programme. The glory of martyr Chandra Shekhar Azad will be highlighted so that the young generation can take inspiration from the martyrs. BJP Kisan Morcha State General Secretary Rajinder Sandhu, Kisan Morcha District President Narendra Gors, Kisan Morcha District General Secretary Vinay Sandhu etc.

Karnal gets Rs 325 crore revenue during year



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Karnal Excise Department has been the top in filling the government's treasury. This time there has been 38 per cent more recovery than last financial year. Excise department official RK Nain said that till now revenue of Rs 325 crore has been collected by him in the form of license fee. Apart from this, Rs 11 crore to 19 lakh have been received as penalty under the breach case from L One and L 13. He said that last time when the number of sub-wands was 78, it has been increased to 182 this time due to which the department has earned an additional income of Rs 6 crores. He said that in 2019-20, around Rs 24 crore license fees were owed to the department on some firms, for the recovery of which their properties worth Rs 19 and a half crores have been attached while cash of Rs 3.30 crores has been recovered. We are charging around Rs 50 lakh from them every month. We are hopeful that there will be a lot of recovery by the month of June. If these firms do not deposit their dues, then this amount will be recovered by auctioning their property.

Students hold awareness tour against drugs

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GUHLA/KAITHAL: A one-day drug de-addiction awareness workshop was organized at Government Senior Secondary School, Guhla under the guidelines of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau chief and Additional Director General of Police, Ambala Division, Shrikant Jadhav.



The programme was held under the chairmanship of school principal Kusumlati Sharma with the help of the members of Prayas. Guhla police station in-charge, Sub-Inspector Ramesh Chand was present as a very special guest. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, Sub-Inspector in charge of awareness campaign and rehabilitation of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, was present as the keynote speaker. He told the students in detail about the tendency of drugs, the definition of intoxication, and ways to stay away from drugs. He said that a helpline number 9050891508 has been issued by the bureau chief Shri Shrikant Jadhav Sahab, on which any person can give secret information about the drug business and drug addicts can also take advantage by contacting this number. With the help of the helpline number, 17 youths are leading a normal life by giving up drugs due to the efforts of Shrikant Jadhav. He took an oath from all the students and teachers that they would not take any kind of intoxication in life. In the end, along with the students, a foot awareness march was taken out against drug abuse. On this occasion, members of Prayas Sanstha Dr. Surendra Bansal, Advocate Sukhchain Singh Thind, Amandeep, Sanjeev Jindal, Chaman Lal Gupta, Amit Bhargava, Subhash Chand, Captain Laughton Singh Shergill, Chief Constable Gurmali and Dhanpat etc. were also present.

Lawyers mourn death of Dr. Mehdi Hasan

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: A group of Lawyers headed by Advocate Ranvir Parashar former President of District Bar Association Kaithal, and President of United Federation of Indian Journalists (UFIJ) has consoled the demise of Dr. Mehdi Hasan former Chairman of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. While recalling his time spent with Prof. Hasan at Lahore based Beacon-House National University during his visit as member of Indian Jurists Delegation in 2012 Parashar said that Dr. Hasan not only served as a teacher of journalism but also he was internationally recognized for his sincere efforts in protecting humanity and human rights.

Dr. Hasan expired on February 23 at Lahore due to some ailment at the age of 84. Parashar also described him as a secular man who had the courage of his

conviction and long warned that Pakistan could not hope to become a true democracy so long as it pandered to human rights defenders and progressive



journalists across Pakistan. Parashar said that Dr. Hasan nurtured several generations of reporters and columnists emphasising the integrity of facts and evidence. He claimed that due to his noble

deeds Dr. Hasan will be remembered in future for centuries. Another Lawyer Nafe Singh Berwal, also a former President of DBA Kaithal who was also a member of the Indian delegation who visited Pakistan in 2012 said that the world has lost a fearless voice.

Mr. P.L. Bhardwaj Advocate former president said that he has learnt about the sad demise of Prof. Hasan through Social Media. He recalled the contribution of Prof. Hasan to the Society through his good behavior and efforts to save humanity in the world. Earlier tributes were paid to the departed soul in a condolence meeting held here today. Many other lawyers & Journalists including Kaushal Khetrpal, Surender Gors, Nareesh Sharma, Rajkumar, Naveen Malhotra etc. were also present during the condolence meeting.

NEWS AT A
GLANCE

Sardul colony Ram, Refinery gate removed from micro containment zone: DM

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: As per the orders issued by District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Mr. Vineet Kumar, Sardul Colony Ram, Refinery Gate was declared as Micro Containment Zone in view of covid-19. But according to the health department, no new covid

cases have been reported in the area. As per the order issued, Sardul Colony Ram, Refinery Gate has now been removed from Micro Containment Zone. In this regard, the District Magistrate said that the situation in Sardul Colony Ram has now returned to normal.

Seminar organized on 'International Mother Language Day'



RUBY VERMA
BATALA: Under the able guidance of Dr.Ekta Khosla, Principal, RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala, a seminar on 'International Mother Language Day' was organized under the direction of Punjabi Sahitya Academy Chandigarh in collaboration with the language department Gurdaspur. The topic of discussion in this seminar was 'Devinder Satyarthi - his Life, Composition and Literature'. District Education Officer S. Harpal Singh Sandhawalia was the chief guest of this seminar while District Language Officer S. Paramjit Singh Kalsi along with Sh.Nirmal Arpan ji were the special guest on this occasion. The Hon'ble guests were ceremonially welcomed by Principal, Dr.Ekta Khosla, by presenting them beautiful Planters. The ceremony started with some fond memories of Devinder Satyarthi Ji shared by Sh. Nirmal Arpan, as he discussed a lot about Satyarthi ji's simple genius personality. According to Sh. Satyarthi, 'a house without books is always a barren nest not a house'. Dr.Indra Rani also introduced the students to the great personality of Devinder Satyarthi while discussing the idea of mother language. Ms. Ranjeet Kaur Bajwa and SatinderjitButricreated an atmosphere of ecstasy by reciting a poem dedicated to the mother language. Apart from this, some students Simran Kaur, Prabhjot Kaur, Sahibjit, Ripudaman, Amandeep recited folk-lore, poetry and presented speeches. Taking the program further, District Language Officer Prof.Paramjit Singh Kalsi discussed a lot about the contribution of Devinder Satyarthi to Punjabi Literature and motivated the students to work tirelessly to achieve success in life. Dr. lucky Sharma reflected at the history of Punjabi Mother Language Day.On this occasion, prizes were distributed to the winner students in poster making competitions related to mother language day. The first prize was bagged by KumariDeepika, second by Simranjit Kaur and Manpreet Kaur, third prize byArshdeep Kaur and Akashdeep Kaur and consolation prizes were given to Ms. Saina, Bhavya Mahajan and Jashandeep Kaur.

Gol confers gold award to Punjab for mSEVA initiative of PMIDC

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, FEB 24

In recognition of 'mSeva' initiative of Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Company (PMIDC), the Government of India has conferred Gold award to the Punjab government under the Award Scheme of National Awards for e-Governance 2020-21 in the Category-I – Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation.

Disclosing this here today, an official spokesperson said that Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, GoI V. Srinivas in a communiqué to the former CEO PMIDC and currently Secretary School Education and Sports & Youth Services Ajoy Sharma complimented him for the valuable contribution with commitment and dedicated efforts towards achieving the best performance in the aforesaid category.

Notably, the Government of India has instituted the 'National Awards for e-Governance' which is presented every year to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives and encourage innovations in successful e-Governance solutions. The Scheme rewards the extraordinary

Trials for Football, Chess and Cricket on March 2

CHANDIGARH :The Central Civil Services Cultural and Sports Board is organizing All India Civil Services tournament in Football (Men's), Chess (Men's/Women's) and Cricket (Men's) category from March 10 to March 15, 2022 at different places across the country.

Disclosing this, the Director, Sports, Punjab Mr. Parminder Pal Singh said that the trials for selecting Punjab Football Men's team would be held at Government Senior Secondary Phase 3B1 S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Cricket Men's at practice ground PCA stadium, Sector-63, Mohali, and Chess (Men's and Women's) at Guru Nanak stadium in Ludhiana on March 2 at 10 AM.

Divulging further, the Director said that interested players in case they are regular Government employees can participate after obtaining NOC from their respective departments. The players have to bear the expenses of travelling, boarding and lodging themselves.

It must be pointed out that the Football Football (Men's) as well as the Chess (Men's/Women's) matches would be held at Chhatrasal stadium in New Delhi while Cricket (Men's) events would be organized at Bharat Nagar Sports Complex and Vinay Marg Sports Complex, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

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nary and innovative work done by officers of the Central and State/UT Governments, District Administration & Local Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings, Academic and Research Institutions.

In Vishwakarma Market, thieves cleaned ACs of about seven shops

DHAR KALAN (VK DOGRA): The incidents of looting and burglary in the area have increased so much that cases of looting and theft are coming to light in the coming days. Attempts were made and today in Pathankot Vishwakarma Market and Gurjeet Market a case has come to light of thieves removing compressors from AC machines on the roofs of shops where local shopkeepers said that about five shopkeepers in Vishwakarma Market were killed. The AC machines installed in the shops which were fitted on the roof from which the compressors were



taken out by the thieves and also the compressors were taken out from the AC machines installed on the roofs of two shops in the front Gurjeet Market when they found out about it today. Apparently, they reported it to the nearest police station. Local shopkeepers said that such incidents have taken place in this market many times before and no concrete steps have been taken by the administration which has led to recurrence.

Free eye check-up camps, cleaning campaigns, tree planting campaigns in memory of Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 24

In the memory of Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh Ji, Sant Nirankari Mission through spirituality connected the world with the sentiments of love, kindness, compassion, oneness and realized the idea of a wallless world.

He encouraged the devotees to perform their duties in the service of spirituality as well as humanity and nature. At present Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj is continuously promoting this series. The Sant Nirankari Mission organized free eye check-up camps in the memory of Baba Hardev Singh Ji at around 100 Nirankari Satsang Bhawans across



India from 10 am to 2 pm. Jivan Goyal, Coordinator, Barnala Branch said that in the same series free eye screening camps, corona vaccination camps, cleaning campaigns and tree planting campaigns were conducted at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan of Barnala Branch.

The patients were examined by the specialist doctors of the Civil Hospital and medicines were given to the needy patients by the mission. In addition, cataract patients

will be operated on in government hospitals. At the same time, more than 50 city dwellers were vaccinated against corona. In addition, during the Corona period, when all the hospitals in India were short of oxygen, the Mission planted about one and a half lakh saplings in about 350 places across India on August 21, 2021, under the 'Oneness Forest Project'. The resolution has been passed to adopt and to take care of them for 3 years.

Technical, Mechanical Employees' Union demands revised salaries



KULBHUSHAN GARG
GIDDERBAHA, FEB 24

A meeting of the Executive Committee of Gidderbaha Branch of Technical and Mechanical Employees Union Punjab was held under the chairmanship of Branch President Ramji Singh Bhaliana.

During the meeting State General Secretary Pawan Monga said that the salaries of the employees working at Main Water Works Gidderbaha and Sewerage Works were not being revised as per the Sixth Pay Commission by the Executive Engineer Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board Division No.2 Bathinda. Letters have been written to Divisional Office, Bathin-



ducted from time to time. He instructed the visiting medical officer and other paramedical staff that in this round no child up to 5 years of age should be deprived of two drops of life threatening polio. District Immunization Officer Dr. Varinderpal Kaur said that Pulse Polio Round is being conducted on 27th, 28th February and 1st March. She said that this time around

Six thousand cash stolen from finance company employee

TARN TARAN (YADWINDER KADGILL): Six Thousand cash being snatched from an employee of a finance company by two youths on a motorcycle at village Burj Raika in Tarn Taran district. Sadar Patti police station has registered a case and started further investigation. In a statement lodged with the police, Tarswinder Singh S/o of Baljit Singh, a resident of village Khunna, district Muktsar Sahib, said that he had been arrested by the RBL finance company works in the strip. He was returning from village Mohanpur Waring last evening after collecting loan installments from the company. When the bridge reached Sua Burj Raika, he was stopped by two youths on a motorcycle who snatched Rs 6,000 from him and fled. In this regard, ASI Darshan Lal said that the case against the unidentified persons was registered under Section 379B-IPC. Further action has been initiated by registering the case under.

District Magistrate issues various restraining orders

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHARPUR, FEB 24

District Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner Apneet Riyait has issued various restraining orders in the district. These orders were issued by the general public (adults) within the district limits to the Armed Forces, Punjab Police and BSF. The use of uniforms is prohibited. It will also prohibit the sale and purchase of uniforms to unauthorized persons. The order was issued by the Armed Forces, Punjab Police and BSF. Will not apply to authorities.

Similarly, in all the marriage palaces in the district, no one will use any weapon at weddings or any other occasion. The owners of the marriage palace will ensure that no one uses a weapon during the function at the marriage palace. Army personnel, paramilitary forces, police personnel who have the right to bear arms, these orders will not apply to them. No person or person in the rural and urban areas of



District Hoshiarpur will complete the pond without the prior written approval of the Panchayat or Municipal Council or Sub-Divisional Magistrate belonging to the Nagar Panchayat.

The District Magistrate has prohibited any kind of procession, gathering of five or more persons, chanting of slogans, carrying sticks, unlicensed firearms, carrying sharp edges etc. without the permission of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate within the district limits.

This order will not apply to government functions, conferences and meetings. Concerned SDM for holding a rally / meeting by any political party. Written approval is also required.

Students of Sarvhitkari School performed brilliantly in Science Fair



HEMANT SHARMA
RAMPURA PHUL, FEB 24

Students of Rampura Phul Sarvhitkari Vidya Mandir got a position in Science Fair and made the name of the school bright.

Students of Sarvhitkari Vidya Mandir came first in Science related exhibition competitions in Science Week being celebrated by Punjabi University TPD Malwa College. School student Tanish Singla bagged the first position by making smart dustbin and Prince

Bansal bagged the second position by making blind stick while Khushpreet Singh bagged the third position by making Samrat Lamp.

The All over School also received the All over Trophy in these competitions. Principal of Vidya Mandir S K Malik congratulated these students, science teachers Sukhpal Singh and Kanupriya and asked the children to participate in as many science competitions as possible so that they are developing in all respects.

Youth dies addicted to drugs

KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, FEB 24

Many young people have lost their lives due to drug addiction and the governments of the time have been doing politics only to stop drugs and due to sale of drugs even today young people are falling prey to drugs.

"My young son Harpal Singh who died while injecting drugs," said Virsa Singh, wife of Gurmeet Kaur, a resident of village Varpal in Atari Assembly constituency Distt Amritsar.

He said that the governments have been saying that the sale of drugs will be banned which has not been done yet due to which mothers are forced to weep over the corpses of their young sons. Only the mother can understand this pain. He said that the government was directly responsible for all the



deaths due to drug addiction due to the laxity of the government which was selling drugs. The police department is not completely unaware of this.

He lamented and appealed to the government to ban drugs and reduce politics and ban its sale completely.

Rich tributes paid to Ex MP's wife Kushal Garg

SUMER GARG
PATIALA, FEB 24

Kushal Garg, aged 95, wife of Late Ram Partap Garg, who was a member of Parliament of first Lok Sabha of India and MLA, CPS and Chairman of PUNSUP in the government of Punjab's bhog was held at S.D.K.S.bhawan, Rajpura road here today.

Kushal Garg, who was a very social, religious, cool minded and pious lady survived by her two sons, Mr. Rajiv Garg, Mr. Sanjiv Garg & one daughter Ms. Neera. Her younger son Mr. Sanjiv Garg is serving as State information commissioner to the government of Punjab.

Her bhog was largely attended by the representatives of various, social, religious,

political parties along with the other great personalities from all over Punjab. Among the prominent, Lok Sabha, MP, Maharani Praanet Kaur; Mr. Pawan Bansal, former railway minister; Brahm

Mahindra, cabinet minister to the Govt. of Punjab; State information commissioner to the government of Punjab, Nirdharak Singh Brar; Former State information commissioner to the government of Punjab, Mr. Pawan Singla; Mr. Bal Krishan Singla, President S.D.K.S.; AAP candidate, Dr Balvir Singh; Rotary President, it's members and a large number of members from all the walks of societies have attended her bhog.



SGPC writes letter to Karnataka Chief Minister on this issue

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, FEB 24

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami has strongly objected to a college in Bengaluru which asked an Amritdhari (initiated) Sikh girl to remove turban to attend the college.

The SGPC has written a letter in this regard to Karnataka Chief Minister (CM) Shri Basavaraj Bommai asking him to ensure preservation of religious freedom of Sikhs in the state and also reminded him of the contribution of Sikhs to India.

SGPC President Advocate Dhami said that it cannot be tolerated to force Sikhs to remove their turban in their own country. "It is a Nadir-shahi (unconstitutional) deci-

sion which will never be accepted. Turban is very important in Sikh faith and it is an integral part of Sikh dress. Forcing anybody to remove the dastar (turban) is in violation of Sikh traditions and principles", said Advocate Dhami. SGPC President said that the Sikh community has given more than 80 per cent sacrifices in the freedom struggle of the country and the country's culture is today alive due to Sikhs.

"The questions are being raised on the turban of Sikhs in India, where turban wearing Sikhs have served as the President, Prime Minister, Chief Justice and Army Chief. Sikhs all over the world wear turban and are working on various top positions, whereas, in their own

country India, turbans are being challenged", said Advocate Dhami, adding that the suppression of religious freedom of Sikhs can never be in the interest of the country. Meanwhile, the SGPC President has also demanded the intervention of the Prime Minister of India in this matter and issuance of instructions to every state to uphold the religious freedom of the people.

SGPC President strictly demanded from the Karnataka government to take strict action against the people who committed such an act to protect religious freedom of Sikhs and hold accountability of those people who are obstructing the same. Advocate Dhami said that the Sikh community will never tolerate any act of suppression of their religious freedom and the same will be strongly opposed.



Additional Chief Electoral Officer B. Sri Nivasan visits strong rooms, took stock

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, FEB 24

Additional Chief Electoral Officer B. Sri nivasan visited various Strong Rooms set up in the district in view of the forthcoming Assembly Election-2022 and reviewed

On this occasion he directed the concerned ROs to complete the security and other necessary arrangements in the strong rooms constructed as per the instructions of the Election Commission.

Meanwhile, the Additional Chief Electoral Officer Mr. Niwasan visited Government Polytechnic College Bathinda at Assembly constituencies 90-Rampur and 93-Bathinda Rural, PESCO Assembly constituencies 91-Bhucho and 95-Maur and Similarly, I.H. M Visiting Strong Rooms for Assembly Constituency 92-Bathinda Urban and 94-Tal-



wandi Sabo Other solid arrangements were reviewed and necessary orders were issued. During the visit Additional Chief Electoral Officer Mr. B. Srinivasan directed the concerned ROs and police officers to make necessary security arrangements for the established strong rooms.

He also directed that if the political parties or independent candidates wanted to protect the strong rooms at their level, they could sit at

the distance as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission and at the prescribed distance.

On this occasion, S.P. Rajveer Singh Boparai, RO Rampura Phool Shri Navdeep Kumar, RO Bathinda Rural Dr. R.P. Singh, R.O. Bathinda Urban Mr. Kanwarjit Singh, RO Talwandi Sabo Shri Vikas Bansal, RO Madam Veerpal Kaur and ARO-2 Bhucho Mr. Gurinder Singh were present.

India-Sri Lanka
teams will remain in
biobubble realm

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: The players of both the India-Sri Lanka teams, to be held on February 26 at the International Cricket Stadium, Dharamsala, will have to stay within the bounds of the biobubble. Players will not be able to meet anyone during this tour. Apart from this, hotel staff have also been instructed to stay within the scope of biobubble. During the T20 match, arrangements have been made for the players to stay at Hotel Radisson to protect against the Covid-19 epidemic. Players of both the teams will not be welcomed in any way upon reaching Kangra Airport and Hotel. Earlier, during the matches, the players were welcomed by wearing Himachali cap and flower necklace according to the customs of Himachal culture. Cricket lovers will be able to stand and take selfies with their favorite players. Regarding the security, District SP Khushal Sharma has issued guidelines to the police personnel, including the security of the stadium, Dharamsala city, for the safety of the players and to maintain the traffic system smoothly in Dharamsala city, more than one thousand police personnel have been appointed. Troops have been deployed. SP Khushal Sharma said that the force which they got from different units regarding the organization of T20 matches, those police personnel have been deployed after telling them about their duty. He said that more than one thousand police personnel have been deployed during this T20 match. The SP said that this time the city of Dharamshala has been divided into 19 sectors to maintain security. After the end of the match, there is a riot by some people, to prevent which five anti-goonda cell teams have also been formed by the police, who will keep patrolling in their vehicles. If these teams find any mischievous element or any rioting, then immediate action will be taken against them. The India-Sri Lanka teams will arrive at Kangra Airport on February 25, from where they will be brought to Dharamsala.

Heavy hailstorm in
district Kangra

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: There was heavy hailstorm with heavy rain at many places of district Kangra on Thursday afternoon, due to which the temperature has come down and people have to face severe cold. In district Kangra, the weather has gone bad since late Tuesday night and continuous snowfall is continuing in the Dhauladhar mountains, due to which strong cold winds have also gone. The Meteorological Department has predicted bad weather for three to four days and has said that the snowfall will continue with heavy rains in the mountainous areas. On the other hand, the problems of Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association are increasing regarding the India-Sri Lanka T20 matches to be held on 26 February at International Cricket Stadium Dharamsala. While the cold weather continues in Dharamsala, both these matches will be played from 7 pm, so the players of both the teams may also have to face problems.

New academic session
with havan begins in
SSRVM Sr Sec School



UNA: New education session 2022-23 was started at SSRVM School Una with havan. School Manager Sumesh Sharma, President Satish Sharma, Executive Principal Yashpal Rana, Vice Principal Mrs. Brijbala Sharma, Coordinator, Dr. Sonakshi Sharma, Shivani Sharma, and all the staff members made a sacrifice in the havan. The manager of the school, Sumesh Sharma, told that before the beginning of any new work, the praise of God is part of our culture.

Bhanjal students
acquainted with
road safety rules



GAGRET: Rally was organized under chairmanship of Principal Lalit Mohan ji regarding road safety in Government Senior Secondary School, Bhanjal. The Principal gave information about road safety and traffic related information and traffic rules to the children. Essay writing, painting and quiz on road safety were organized on this occasion. The winners were felicitated by the Principal. Children were also administered oath to follow the traffic rules in future.

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Cold wave grips HP, snow falls

AGENCY
SHIMLA, FEB 24

A bone chilling cold wave has gripped Himachal Pradesh as the higher reaches received snowfall while other areas were lashed by light to moderate rains and thundershowers, officials said on Thursday. The Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) warned of avalanches in Lahaul Spiti, Kullu and Kinnuar districts which it said could disrupt vehicular traffic and endanger human life. The high reaches of Lahaul Spiti, Kinnuar, Kullu got a light spell of snowfall on Wednesday night. SASE issued the warning to people cautioning them to not move out in the avalanche-prone areas. Meanwhile, vehicular traffic was being restored on the Manali-Attal tunnel-Keylong NH-3, which was hit by an avalanche on Wednesday. Lahaul Spiti Deputy Commissioner Neeraj Kumar said the snowfall had closed all roads and snow was still falling on



Thursday. The weather is likely to be bad in the next two to three days as well, experts said. Gondola in Lahaul Spiti had 10 cm of snow. Manali was the wettest place, recording 23 mm rainfall. Chamba and Dalhousie had 15 mm of rain, Mandi 2.6

mm and Kangra 1.5 mm. The maximum temperature has plummeted in the state. Fresh snowfall disrupted as many as 247 link and four national and state highways besides disrupting water and power supply in many places. Keylong

(Lahaul-Spiti) was the coldest in the state at minus 4 degrees Celsius, Kufri (Shimla) 2.6, Manali (Kullu) 3, Shimla 5.6, Dalhousie (Chamba) 2.3, Solan 6.2, Dharmshala 8.2 and Mandi 9.6. The Met Office has forecast rain and snow at isolated places.

District level Public Distribution and
Vigilance Committee meeting held

ASHIMA JAIN
SOLAN, FEB 24

Quarterly meeting of District Level Public Distribution Committee and District Level Vigilance Committee was held here today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Solan Kritika Kulhari. Presiding over the meeting, Kritika Kulhari directed the officers of the Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to ensure that the quality of food items being distributed by the State Government under the Public Distribution System should be inspected so that people get proper quality food items. He directed that the officers of the department should inspect all the shops of the district from time to time in relation to displaying the price list of the items. He said that the officers should also ensure that the shopkeepers do not charge more than the prescribed dividend from the customers. He said that the use of polythene has been completely banned in view of environmental protection. In this



direction, the officers should conduct surprise inspections from time to time. DC said that regular supply of LPG being distributed by various gas agencies in the district should be ensured so that the consumers do not face any kind of problem. He directed the departmental officers to conduct surprise inspections from time to time to stop the use of domestic LPG cylinders in dhabas and restaurants. He instructed the food inspectors that after completing all the formalities after inspecting and checking the concerned areas, the matter of opening new fair price shops should be sent to the higher level.

People acquainted with coop movement

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, FEB 24

Under the aegis of Cooperative Development Federation Limited (UNCOFED) in Una district, the employees of cooperative societies, office bearers of managerial committees and members of the meeting are well acquainted with the functioning of the assembly as well as their duties, rights. For fulfillment, Uncofed is organizing training camps so that through cooperative movement, people can get knowledge in making them financially and socially strong. Under the Bagana Development Block, a training camp was organized in the campus of The Chhaproh Krishi Seva Sahakari Sabha to apprise



the officials and members of the management committees of the primary cooperative societies about the functioning of the assembly and to conduct the meeting properly with the rights and duties. Representatives of Chhaparoh Kalan, Chhaparoh Milk, Balu, Baul, Raipur Madan, Makarair, Mandali Fisheries and Paroiyan cooperative

societies participated. Assistant Registrar Co-operative Society, Una Kuldeep Sharma, District Audit Officer Sandesh Bala, Inspector Co-operative Associations Yashbir Singh were specially present and gave their guidance. Inaugurating this training camp, Rajendra Sharma, Chairman, Uncofed, while welcoming the

representatives of the meetings, said that the State Government has trained the management committees of the cooperative societies by training them well with their responsibilities, duties and managerial business. For the purpose of getting such trainings organized in the meetings. In the training session of this training camp, Cooperative Department Officer Yashveer Singh discussed their managerial arrangement in detail with the management committees of the meeting. While guiding the members of the Management Committee with reference to the Cooperative Act and Rules, he said that If managerial committees should be aware of their responsibilities as well as managerial officers.

Health department will identify active patients of TB

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 24

To rid district Kangra of TB disease, from February 24 to March 24, TB will lose, the country will win the campaign. In view of this purpose, a meeting was organized in the auditorium of the Chief Medical Officer's office today under the chairmanship of Chief Medical Officer Dr. Gurdarshan Gupta. It was discussed to make the campaign a success. He said that by 2025, the country has to be made completely free from TB disease. For this, active patients of TB will be identified by running a special campaign in the district. Dr. Gupta



exhorted that there is a need to make the campaign of elimination of TV more comprehensive and the general public will have to ensure their participation in it, only then we will be able to eradicate this disease. He said that TV is no longer an incurable disease, now its treatment is simple. With timely treatment, the patient becomes completely healthy. He

appealed to the people of district Kangra that they should not hide this disease and get themselves tested immediately if they have symptoms. TV treatment and screening is free at every health centre. Along with this, people are also given free medicines at nearby health centers so that TB patients can get easy help. On this occasion the employees of District Tuberculosis Office took

oath that they would make their family, colleagues and neighbors aware of Tuberculosis disease throughout their life time, motivating people to follow the right way of coughing. In order to spread awareness regarding prevention of TB disease, an awareness campaign will be conducted by the Health Department among the people in their areas by the employees of all Health and Wellness Centers of the district for a whole month. District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Rajesh Sood said that coughing for two consecutive weeks, coughing up blood, weight loss, evening fever, night sweats can be TV disease.

No employment for unemployed in Municipal
Corporation Dharamshala: Devendra Jaggi

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 24

Devendra Jaggi, former mayor of Dharamshala Municipal Corporation and current councillor, has warned the government that if the Chief Minister Urban Livelihood Guarantee Scheme is not started from April 1, then a front will be opened against the government along with the unemployed. Under the scheme, a meeting of registered women was organized in which former mayor and current councillor of the municipal corporation Devendra Jaggi, councillor Anurag, Savita Karki, Neenu Sharma and Swarna were involved. Jaggi said that unemployed people in Municipal Corporation Dharamshala are not getting work under the Chief Minister's Urban Livelihood Guarantee Scheme. The corporation has not been provided with the budget for the last six months, due to which the unemployed are facing difficulties in providing employment. Significantly, the main objective of the Chief Minister's Urban Livelihood Guarantee Scheme is to provide 120 days guaranteed employment to all the citizens



of the state, to fulfill their livelihood and to provide better employment opportunities to them. Under this scheme, skill training will also be provided to the beneficiaries under Deendayal Antoday Urban Livelihood Mission. Devendra Jaggi said that under the scheme, there are about 800 unemployed people in the municipal corporation, who have repeatedly requested to provide employment to the municipal corporation, but due to the closure of the scheme by the government, the budget is not available and people are not working. able to meet Jaggi said that if the government does not agree, they will start a movement with the unemployed and will hit the streets, for which the entire responsibility will be of the state government.

Group Commander Brigadier
Manoj Khanduri inspects NCC



BUREAU
UNA, FEB 24

Group Commander Brigadier Manoj khanduri VSM inspected the 6th Himachal Pradesh independent company NCC Una today. In his address, he said that there is a lot of talent in the children of Himachal Pradesh. The task of nurturing their talents should be the main duty of the NCC officers. The main objective of NCC should not be only to serve in the security forces. The Guard of Honour was given to the Group Commander for the first time by the NCC Cadets. This was followed by a welcome from the Group Commander by Commanding Officer Col MB Wankhede. All the NCC officers were introduced by the Group Commander. On this occasion all the officers of NCC office including NCC officers, PI staff and NCC cadets of NCC unit and all staff members were present.

Guleria begins investigation
of Bathu fire accident

BUREAU
HAROLI, FEB 24

Divisional Commissioner Kangra SS Guleria has started the investigation of Bathu fire accident. Today, the Divisional Commissioner sought records related to the incident from the officers of various departments and called for their answers. These include Excise and Taxation Department, Industry Department, Labour Officer, District Revenue Officer, Tehsildar Haroli, Pollution Control Board, Fire Inspector, Executive Engineer Electricity Department Gagret, BMO Haroli, SHO Haroli, Police Outpost Incharge Tahliwal, Panchayat Secretary Bathu, Patwari, Pradhan and ward members were involved. DC Raghav Sharma said that on the instructions of the State Government, Divisional Commissioner SS Guleria has started investigation and before that the Divisional Commissioner has



also inspected the spot in Bathu. He said that if any person wants to share any important information related to the Bathu accident, he can contact the disaster management toll free number 1077 or 01975-225049, 225045. After that he will be informed to join the investigation. He said that Divisional Commissioner SS Guleria is in Una to investigate the matter on Friday as well. He said that after the initiation of the investigation of the Divisional Commissioner, the orders to authorize the SDM Haroli to investigate have been withdrawn. He said that a team of Chief Controller of Explosives office has also visited Bathu and Bela Bathri.

Amit Singla Social Welfare
Society collects 165 unit blood



ANWAR HUSSAIN
BADDI, FEB 24

The 21st blood donation camp was organized by Amit Singla Social Welfare Society (Curetech Group) today. It was inaugurated by Ram Kumar Chaudhary, former MLA of BBN. International Kabaddi player Ajay Thakur was present as special guest. 165 people, including local industrialists, administrative officers, youths and women of various youth organizations donated blood with great enthusiasm. Ram Kumar Choudhary was felicitated by the Society's President Sumit Singla on this occasion. Former MLA Ram Kumar Chaudhary while praising the social work of the society, said that BBN has been engaged in social and development work in the area for years. Sumit Singla said that in view of acute shortage of blood in PGI Chandigarh Tricity, due to which the organization held camp. Sumit Singla expressed his gratitude to all blood donors.

NEWS AT A
GLANCEAwareness about
anemia and nutrition

HEMANT SHARMA RAMPURA PHUL: Awareness on Anemia and Nutrition at Aanganwari Center Phul Town as per the guidelines of CDPO Phul Madam Usha Rani and Senior Medical Officer Bhagat Bhai Ka Dr. Rajpal Singh by Women and Child Development Department and Health Department Punjab. The camp was set up for the audience. Speaking on the occasion, Multipurpose Health Supervisor Balveer Singh Sandhu Kalan said that the human body is a very complex machine that runs on food and water. Vitamins and fourteen minerals are the basic elements of the body. Meet the needs, diseases do not exist on their own, when the amount of any of these elements increases or decreases, that degenerative condition is called disease, so a balanced diet is very important for the health of humanity. Multipurpose Health Worker Malkit Singh, Aanganwari Worker Rajinder Kaur, Veerpal Kaur, Lakhveer Kaur, Raman Sally, Gurpreet Kaur and Helpers Hardeep Kaur, Sanket Kaur etc. were present on the occasion.

Lions Club Pathankot Greater
is working on various
projects: Ritesh Mahajan

R. SINGH PATHANKOT: On behalf of Lions Club Pathankot Greater, Voice District Governor One Visit was organized under the chairmanship of President Ritesh Mahajan in which District Governor Forest Lion Davinder Pal Arora was present as the chief guest. President Lion Ritesh Mahajan, Secretary General Abhishek Dogra, Treasurer Manish Chauhan, PRO Dr Manu Sharma, Former Governor Lion SK Punj, Zone Chairman Manoj Lohia, Lion Rajiv Gupta, Lion Vinay vig, Lion Ashok Gupta felicitated the chief guest by garlanding President Lion Ritesh Mahajan felicitated the dignitaries who came and said that Lions Club Pathankot Greater is working on various projects. Secretary Abhishek Dogra, while presenting the Secretary's report, provided detailed information about the projects undertaken by Lions Club Pathankot Greater. Chief Guest, Voice District Governor 1 Lion Davinder Pal Arora said that Lions Club Pathankot Greater is working on various projects. Secretary Abhishek Dogra, while presenting the Secretary's report, provided detailed information about the projects undertaken by Lions Club Pathankot Greater. Chief Guest, Voice District Governor 1 Lion Davinder Pal Arora said that Lions Club Pathankot Greater is working on various projects.

Khatri Sabha Pathankot, ground
worship done for new
renovation of Khatri Bhawan

R. SINGH PATHANKOT: On behalf of Khatri Sabha Pathankot, under the chairmanship of President Rajesh Puri, ground worship was done for the new renovation of Khatri Bhawan. During this, Bhoomi Pujan was performed on behalf of Pandit Deshbandhu of Kali Mata Temple, duly offering prayers. After this, discussions were held on behalf of the office bearers and members of the assembly regarding the construction works to be started for the expansion of Khatri Bhawan. On this occasion, President Rajesh Puri and supporter Satish Mahindru, supporter Naresh Kohli told that Khatri Bhawan in Pathankot city.

Security protocol is being followed as
per instructions of Election Commission
of India: Dr. S. Karuna RajuSHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, FEB 24

Chief Electoral Officer Punjab Dr. S. Karuna Raju on Thursday called on Checking the strong rooms constructed at S.M.D.R.S.D College Pathankot and reviewing the security arrangements.

He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Sanyam Agarwal, SSP Pathankot Surinder Lamba, Jagun Singh Grewal SDM Dharkalan-cum-Retiring Officer 001 Sujapur, Subhash Chander Additional Deputy Commissioner (or) -cum-Retiring Officer 002-Bhoa (AJ), Gursimran Singh Dhillon SDM Pathankot-cum-Retiring Officer 003 Pathankot, Lakhwinder Singh Randhawa Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Sarabjit Singh Tehsildar Election, Ram Lubhaya District Public Relations Officer-cum-Nodal Officer MCMC., Satish Kumar District Development and Panchayat Officer Pathankot were also present.

Talking to reporters at the Deputy Commissioner's Office after inspecting the Strong Room, the Chief Electoral Officer said that the three assembly constituen-



cies in the district has been set up strong rooms have been set up at the SMDRSD College Pathankot. He said that as per the instructions of Election Commission of India, security protocol was being followed at these places. He said that

Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) has been deployed here for the security of Strong Room.

He said that CCTV cameras LEDs with cameras Screens have been installed at all the strong rooms for 24 hours surveillance.

He appealed to the candidates to set up pavilions outside the strong rooms and install LED lights. Special arrangements have been made so that all the candidates can see the security arrangements from time to time.

Felicitation ceremony of
Allen Chandigarh Toppers

CHANDIGARH: Once again, highest NTSE selections (36 National Scholars) by any institute in the region is from Allen Chandigarh Chandigarh, February 24, 2022: A Felicitation Ceremony was observed today by Allen Career Institute to honour its glorious proteges in the recently announced NTSE-2021 Stage-2 (Final) Result. The event was organized at Allen Career Institute, Industrial Area Ph-2, Chandigarh. The programme was initiated with a welcome speech by Mrs. Manpreet Kaur (PNCF Division Head) in the presence of Academic Heads Mr. Sadanand Wani, Mr. Arun Sharma & Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh and academic and non-academic staff.

Manpreet Kaur expressed her gratitude for the trust that the parents of the region have placed in the institution since its establishment. She appreciated the efforts and support given by parents to achieve their child such a big milestone and even motivate the students for upcoming challenges and hurdles.

New family drama produced by Sargun
Mehta and Ravi Dubey "Swaran Ghar"
on Colors Channel

CHANDIGARH (RN KHERA): "Swaran Ghar" produced by actor-turned producers couple Sargun Mehta and Ravi Dubey will be aired on Colors channel from 28th February at 8.30 pm. Interacting with the media, Swarn (Sangita Ghose) and her husband Kanwaljit (Ronit Bose Roy) said that the show will be shown on every Monday to Friday from 8.30 pm to 9 pm. Ronit Bose Roy makes a comeback with Swarn Ghar. He says "Television became repetitive and that's why I set out in the search of greener pastures in 2015."

But now the concept of Swarn Ghar is fresh and so are the producers. They are actors themselves. So I decided to join Swarn Ghar. The shooting of this show has been conducted in Chandigarh and surrounding locations. Sangita Ghose, who is playing Swarn, says, "Swaran's character is very close to my heart as after a long time I am essaying such a wonderful role. She is a devoted mother, wife and a strong individual. I am thoroughly enjoying shooting for the show in Chandigarh and working with talented actors like Ravi Dubey and Sargun Mehta".

Ravi Dubey actor and producer said, "The title of the show is significant as it is derived from Sargun's grandmother's name Swarn Bedi. It is a story of loneliness of ageing parents abandoned by their children. The idea is to create a society where we find time for each other, talk more and become better children and parents."

Joint efforts of residents to remove Garbage
dump from Nizatam Nagar Area: Vikrant RanaLK BANSAL
CHANDIGARH, FEB 24

Director Legal Punjab international human rights Organization Adv Vikrant Rana told that, the huge pile of garbage at Nizatam Nagar area of Jalandhar is already troubling people and inviting an epidemic.

Earlier also, many complaints were registered with the authorities regarding the

clearing of garbage dumps. Therefore, to get their demands fulfilled, the memorandum has given to Honble Deputy commissioner Jalandhar for the quick action to shift this garbage dump.

Deputy Commissioner Jalandhar Ganshyam thori took quick action and marked complaint to Municipal corporation Jalandhar which results to the solution of the problem. Rana further thanks the Dis-

trict administration. Residents of the area, councillor Kamlesh Grover, Vikas Sharma president of the nizatam nagar society for their support to safeguard the prime fundamental right to get clean environment of the resident of society. HMV college students honoured on this occasion for their paintings on the walls to give awareness message to the society for the protection of the environment.

Patwari charged with
harassment for last 6 months
over inheritance mutationSANJEEV TEJPAL
MORINDA, FEB 24

Almost all the political parties in Punjab have been claiming to give clean administration to the people. But the truth is far from it. Where it took a farmer 15 years to fix the record, the fault lies with the revenue department. But the farmer has to pay the price.

Amrik Singh son of Sital Singh resident of village Fatehgarh Chatoli and his close relative Avtar Singh son of Mewa Singh resident of village Kheri of district Rupnagar have filed a written complaint alleging that due to mistake of Revenue Department his fathers name changed from Sital Singh to Mittal Singh in the records. As a result, it took them 15 years to fix the record. Amrik Singh said that his father died in 2007. He had submitted

his father's will, registered will, death certificate and all other documents to the office. The Revenue Department renamed his father Mittal Singh instead of Sital Singh on half the land and On half the land he was renamed Sital Singh. Despite the submission of other documents mentioned by the department, they have been working for the last six months to get the record corrected. They accused patwari Gagandeep that he is not listening to them. They met

Tehsildar Morinda in this regard and he put pressure on patwari to prepare Fard Badar but he refused to inherit mutation in record. Gurnandar Singh, Tehsildar of Morinda, said that the mistake in Amrik Singh's revenue record in his father's name has been corrected and the mutation will be done soon.

CS JOLLY
CHANDIGARH, FEB 24

Immunotherapy is a new revolution in cancer treatment. The immune cells of our body help in fighting against malignant cells of cancer. Due to this, the patient's power to fight the disease becomes strong which can cure cancer.

Many people have benefited from Immuno-Oncology. Keeping in mind the needs of every individual, Immune Booster Therapy is given. Immune cells attack cancer cells only and do not harm healthy cells. This not only reduces the chances of recurrence of the disease, but also avoids the side effects of traditional methods of treatment. Dr Jamal A Khan, a cancer immunotherapy specialist from Delhi, said this while on a tour of the City. Dr. Khan said that he is happy that many cancer patients

District Red Cross distributes
hygienic kits, double bed seats
and sweets to needy childrenSHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, FEB 24

The District Red Cross Branch under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Isha Kalra has been carrying out public welfare works at various places in District SAS Nagar during the Covid-19 epidemic. Mrs. Isha Kalra informed that the District Red Cross Branch distributed 170 hygienic kits, 55 double bed seats and sweets to the poor and needy girls of Jyoti Saroop Kanya Asra Society, Kharar and encouraged them to read and write by talking to the girls.

She said that during the discussion, the girls said that they want to become doctors after completing their studies. Some of the girls expressed their desire to become teachers. When they were interviewed, the girls said that our education

could not have taken place without the help of Jyoti Saroop Kanya Asra Society, Kharar.

The Deputy Commissioner blessed the girls and assured them that they would always be there for them whenever any help / guidance was needed. On this occasion Mrs. Komal Mittal Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) who is also the Vice President of Red Cross Society and Mr. Himanshu Agarwal Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) interacted with the girls.

Both the officers spent a lot of time with these girls. Talking to the girls at the time, they said that it was a very difficult task to take care of about 150 girls and get them educated. Chocolates were distributed to the girls on this occasion as usually young children love to eat chocolate.

MC demolishes illegal structures
at Imperial Garden, PirmuchhallaVICKY BHABAT
ZIKARPUR, FEB 24

The Municipal Council today demolished the illegal construction taking place inside the Imperial Garden project located in Peer Muchhalla area of Zirakpur. In the Imperial Gardens, residential projects were being mapped out and commercial projects were being carried out, which caused a great deal of resentment among the people living in the colony.

Although action has been taken by the city council, people are not happy with this incomplete action. People have alleged that the city council has acted in a showy manner. It may be mentioned here that a large number of illegal con-

structions are taking place in Peer Muchhalla, Ghazipur and other areas at present. Zirakpur Municipal Council officials are sitting with their eyes closed despite seeing all this. Pretend action is taken when a complaint is made. Jack President Sukhdev Chaudhary said that after a complaint was lodged with the ADC of Mohali in this regard, they had issued instructions

to the Municipal Council to demolish the illegal structures and submit a report. When the council team arrived today, they only supplied food in the name of action, which the Imperial Garden residents rallied against and chanted slogans against the council team.

Immunotherapy is revolution in
cancer treatment: Dr Jamal A Khan

are being successfully treated with Immunotherapy. "A unique case was of Saima, a girl from Bulandshahr. Her father had given up all hope. Then I treated her, who is fine now." Saima was also with him, who said that when she reached Dr. Khan in August, 2021, she prayed to God to get well. The difference was visible in the first week itself and she is feeling great now.

Iftekhar Ahmed, the girl's father, said that Saima had poor eyesight in 2018 and had a recurring headache. He thought that his daughter would not survive. Despite spending a lot on the treatment, there was disappointment. Then Dr. Khan met him who proved to be an angel for Saima. Iftekhar's daughter is fine now and recently she has also taken her B.Ed exam.

Students bring laurels to Sacred
Heart Convent schoolSACHIN MOUDGILL
LUDHIANA, FEB 24

Two students have brought laurels to Sacred Heart Convent School, Sababha Nagar by exhibiting a spectacular performance in the International English Olympiad, (IEO) conducted by SOF organisation. This Olympiad had thousands of students participating in it from across the globe. Pratibha Sharma, a student of class 9th, has achieved an international rank 3 in the prestigious Olympiad for which she would be rewarded



with a monetary prize, an international bronze medal and a certificate of outstanding performance. Madhvi Sharma, a student of class 11 Humanities has a flair for writing. With a strong belief that education and writing can bring a positive

change in the world, she keeps voicing important concerns by regularly writing letters to the editors of National Dailies and magazines. Besides, her passion for writing helped her to win numerous awards and scholarships including UNESCO's essay competition and the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition. Recently, her poetry and blogs were selected to be published in the prestigious blog of 'Voices of Youth' by UNICEF and The United Nations.

Unidentified booked for assaulting
and injuring two students of
Chandigarh UniversitySHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, FEB 24

Kharar Sadar Police have registered a case under Sections 323, 379B and 34 IPC against three unidentified persons on the charge of assaulting two students of Chandigarh University Gharuan.

In this regard a student of Chandigarh University named Subham Kumar said

that he and his friend Inderjit who is also studying in the university went to Kharar for dinner at night. At around 12.30 am, as they were returning to their flat, three men on a motorbike followed them with their faces covered. They stopped their motorcycle near them and asked them both to take out their purses etc. The assailants had splinters in their hands. When they refused,

Inderjit was hit on the head by the assailants and they snatched Inderjit's mobile phone and another man hurled his spear at the complainant.

They both started bleeding from their heads and fell to the ground. When they made a noise, the three assailants fled on a motorcycle. They were rushed to Kharar Civil Hospital for treatment.

Poetry Anthologies- Alfaaz and
Soch te Kalam released at MCM

CHANDIGARH: Mehr Chand Mahajan Davy College for Women, Chandigarh organised a book release ceremony for the unveiling of 2 books- Alfaaz and Soch te Kalam, here today. Renowned Punjabi Writer and Poet Dr. Surjit Patar, Padma Shri Awardee, Chairman, Punjab Arts Council graced the event as the Chief Guest and, Mrs. Bhupinder Kaur Patar and Dr. Gurdip Sharma, Secretary, GGSDS College Haryana Managing Committee, Punjab and Former Senior PU Senate and Syndicate Member were the Guests of Honour. The books, conceptualised during the lockdown period, are anthologies of poetic creations of academicians and students. The books bring together poems on a wide spectrum of themes ranging from philosophical musings to culture, teachings of gurus, spirituality, environmental concerns, nature, etc.

With hard work DOP
Jasvir Singh managed to
get the great success



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: Success is always achieved through experience. Jasvir Singh was born in a simple family. Luckily, he got the support of famous faces in the field of singing. Jasvir Singh struggled and continued to do his DOP work diligently and with hard work managed to make a name for himself as a Videographer. DOP Jasvir Singh is a well known name in the world of Punjabi music today. He says that he considers himself lucky to have shot videos of famous singers who are considered as Baba Bohar of Punjabi music world. At just 22 years of age, Jasvir Singh worked hard with his team to cultivate his passion for video shooting as well as farming. Born in the house of Tarsem Kaur and father Tarsem Singh, Jasvir Singh said that my village is Mehrampur in Doaba. Jasvir Singh has so far shot videos of songs of many singers including Master Saleem, Balraj, Jassi Samana, Anita Samana, Sohan Sankar, Bansi Barnala, Bimpan Malewalia, Daljit Guran, Anmol Jas and many more. . Jasvir Singh said that I have been interested in directing videos since my childhood. I used to do wedding video shoot and photography but my goal was to shoot videos of Punjabi songs which was accepted by the grace of Baba Nanak. He said that in future he would shoot videos of leading Singers of Punjab and win the hearts of music lovers from home and abroad. Jasvir Singh is also working in Punjabi films these days which will soon be a hit in cinemas. Jasvir Singh is currently living his life with his wife Mandeep Kaur, son Ranbir Singh and daughter Sahibpreet. May God give this hardworking man double day and double night quadruple progress.

Grain market to be built in Rampur at Rs 1.97 crore: Satti



UNA: President of the 6th State Finance Commission, Satpal Singh Satti performed Bhoompujan of grain market in Rampur today and started construction work. He said that Anaj Mandi would be constructed at a cost of Rs 1.97 crore and the boundary wall work has already been completed by spending Rs 45 lakh here. He thanked Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and Agriculture Minister Virendra Kanwar for the construction of Anaj Mandi in Rampur and said that this would facilitate the farmers of Una. Satti said that Rampur Mandi would be expanded in the coming time and a flower market could also be started here.

Gram Rojgar sewak deprived of salary for last 3 months

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: Village employment servants, who are implementing MNRGA works in various panchayats of Fatehpur development block, have not received salary for the last three months, due to which they have to eat food in this era of inflation. So due to non-availability of salary, it is also becoming impossible to pay the fees of the children. Similarly, village employment servants have requested CDO Fatehpur to get them salary, so after pleading with the officer here, the head of the village employment service union, Ravindra Kumar, Rajesh Chhatralia, Ushikant, Amarjeet Singh, Sudesh, face to face with the media. Kumari and others told that each village employment servant has the responsibility of four panchayats. They have to perform the duty by their personal vehicle, so now they do not have the money to bring petrol in vehicles in case of non-payment of salary. BDO Fatehpur Ranvijay Katoch said that due to technical problem, they have not been able to get salary, for which mail has been sent to Shimla office. As soon as problem is solved, their salary will reach their account, he added.

Sub-tehsil yet to start in Raja Talab, residents show anger

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: There is anger against the state government due to the delay in the operation of the new sub-tehsil to be opened in Raja Ka Talab under Fatehpur Vidhan Sabha comprising eight Patwar circles Badi, Talada, Chhattar, Golwan, Jhadoli, Gurial, Laith and Raihan. Residents of the area have to approach Fatehpur Tehsil to get their minor revenue related works released. On April 2021, the government had also notified the opening of the sub-tehsil in Raja Ka Talab, but even after this, there is a delay in the operation of the sub-tehsil. MLA Bhavani Pathania said that the BJP government of the state has issued a notification to open the sub-tehsil in Raja Ka Talab, but the work of sub-tehsil at the ground level has not been completed.

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Budget will modernize agriculture, boost farmers' income, says Modi

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that the Budget will give a major boost to modernise agriculture and also promote natural farming, with a special focus on agri-waste management.

The Prime Minister today said that natural farming should be promoted along the banks of the Ganga river.

"In this Budget, mainly seven ways have been suggested to make agriculture modern and smart. Firstly, on the banks of the Ganga river, natural farming within the ambit of five kilometres should be promoted in a mission mode. Secondly, modern technology in agriculture and horticulture will be made available to the farmers," said PM Modi.

Moreover, the Prime Minister pointed out that transportation of agricultural products will get a boost with new logistics arrangements through the PM Gati-Shakti plan.

"Thirdly, emphasis has been



laid on empowering 'Mission Oil Palm' to reduce the import of edible oil," he said.

PM Gati Shakti is an initiative aimed at synergizing the infrastructure projects of all key infrastructure ministries, including Railways, Roadways, Waterways and Aviation, for planning and coordinated execution of nationwide infrastructure projects.

In his speech today, Prime Minister further hoped that agri-waste management will get the

boost to increase the income of farmers.

PM Modi said, "The fifth solution in the Budget calls for better agri-waste management. It will translate into better incomes for farmers by means of the promotion of waste to energy. The sixth solution is that more than one and a half lakh post offices of the country will get facilities like regular banking so that farmers do not face any problem."

The Prime Minister also

Thieves stole the battery from the inverter

R. SINGH
PATHANKOT: There has been news of theft of the inverter battery installed on the roof of the Republic of Chicken shop located on Dalhousie Road. In this regard, shopkeeper Kunal Nanda has given a complaint of theft in Division No.1. Kartick, a worker working at the shop, told that after the light went off, he tried to turn on the inverter, but it did not work. On checking the inverter installed on the roof of the shop, it was found that its battery had been stolen. He said that he has suffered a loss of about six to seven thousand rupees. A complaint has been given to the police in this regard.

School exams in Himachal to begin from March 15: Soni

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 24

For the academic session 2021-22, the term-2 examinations of the students of class IX and class one will start from March 15. In this regard, the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education has released the datesheet. Giving information, Chairman of the Board of Education Suresh Soni said that the examination of class IX students will be held from March 15 to March 29 and for class 11 students from March 15 to April 7. The timing of the exam will be from 12:45 to 4:00. Under this, Sanskrit, Urdu, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu of class IX on March 15, Arts-A, vocal music, instrumental, music, home science, commerce, economics, computer science, agriculture, healthcare, retail and other subjects on March 17. On March 19, the examination of Mathematics subject will be held. Social Science on 21, Hindi on 23, Financial Literacy on 24, English on 26, Science and Technology on 28 and Arts-B on March 29. Deposit one class on 15th March on Sociology, 16 on Public Administration, 17 on Financial Literacy, 19 on Biology and History, 21 on Psychology, 23 on Political Science, 24 on Accountancy and Chemistry, 25



on Geography, Dance and Fine Arts, Economics on 26, English on 28, Human Ecology on 29, Philosophy on 30, Mathematics on 31, French, Urdu, Sanskrit on April 1, Physics and Hindi on April 4, Business Studies on April 5, Music on 6 and Computer on April 7. Science, Physical Education, Yoga, Agriculture, Healthcare, Private Security, Telecom and other subjects will be examined. For such candidates of Class X and Deposit-2 of the academic session 2021-22, who have not been able to take the examinations of one or more subjects during the term-1 examinations due to being Covid positive or any other unavoidable reasons, only those subjects will be eligible. The special examination will be conducted in the morning session from 8:45 am to 12:00 am. He said that the special examination of class X students would be conducted from March 10 to March 17 and the special examination of class 12 students would be conducted from March 10 to March 25.

Lack of votes forces political leaders to reflect



VIKAS VERMA
DHURI, FEB 24

There it has raised concerns among political parties. They are being forced to think for themselves. A total of 127703 votes out of 165053 votes were polled in Dhuri constituency. There are various reasons given by the people and the administration for the decline in vote share. People believe that for the last 70 years, Punjab has been ruled by two or three major political parties who have turned their backs on the people for doing nothing for Punjab and the people. The second reason is believed to be that young girls and boys in every village and town of Dhuri constituency have gone abroad for their education and work. People are saying that this time more political parties are contesting elections in Punjab due to which people could not choose the party of their choice and they stayed at home instead of voting. Returning Officer Ismata Vijay Singh said that people were made aware from time to time to cast their votes. The people were also made aware of the importance of their vote and letters of appreciation were also given to the new voters so that the people could use their votes to the maximum.

Woman gives birth to three children at the Civil Hospital Barnala



KARNPREET DHANDRAL
BARNALA, FEB 24

A 23-year-old Pakho Kalan mother has given birth at the Civil Hospital Barnala, giving birth to three children. This maternity civil surgeon Dr. Gynecologist Dr. Jasbir Aulakh This was done by Gagandeep Sidhu recently. He said that the woman has given birth to two boys and a girl and all the four are healthy. Dr. Jasbir Singh Aulakh said that the woman belongs to Kirti family and before that she has a daughter. He said that the health department Barnala was organizing special screening camps in all the districts on the 9th of every month under the Safety Maternity Campaign to provide special services to the women in childbirth. Special attention is given to high risk pregnant women in these screening camps. Dr. S.M.O Civil Hospital Barnala Tapinderjot Kaushal said that a separate Maternal and Child Wing was being run successfully at Civil Hospital Barnala where the gynecologists were treating the patients in a modern way.

Residents celebrate Kalash Yatra as Shivratri

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 24

In connection with Shivaratri at Sri Cheemswar Dham in village Cheema, a large number of women under the leadership of the temple committee took out a Kalash yatra in the village which was flagged off by Baba Ram Tirath MA Vedantacharyas. On this occasion, Swami Ram Tirath said that by celebrating every festival in the village with communal harmony, the people of the village are strengthening the bond of communal harmony which is evident in today's Kalash Yatra. During the Kalash yatra, the band also played.

On this occasion, the leaders of the temple committee informed that Swami Ram Tirath MA Vedantacharya will narrate the story of Jalal during Shri



Photo by: Kumar

Madbhagvat Saptah Gyan Yag from February 23 to March 1 at Shiv Mandir considering Shivaratri. Present on the occasion were Patron Madan Lal Sharma, President Yoga Kumar, Manoj Kumar Gupta, Mohinderpal Sharma, Treasurer, Seth Jagdish Chand, Pandit Dayal Das, Jagtar Das, Pandit Lachhman Sharma, Seth Pal Chand, Balwinder Sharma, Krishan Sharma, Seth Amar Das, Jatinder Kumar,

Ravinder Kumar Tinu, Inderjit Sharma, Nachatar Ram, Pappu Pandit, Suresh Kumar Gogi, Sukhwinder Kumar Sony, Gian Chand Gupta, Ashok Kumar Tony, Pawan Kumar Babbu, Buta Ram, Tej Ram, Happy Singla, Shingara Singh, Manoj Kumar, Nirmal Nimman, Kuldeep Kaur, Former Panch, Mahinder Kaur, Former Panch, Santosh Rani, Sukhdev Kaur, Meena Rani, etc. Leaders were present.

Stress managing exercise camp held at Radaur school

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, FEB 24

A stress managing exercise camp was organized at Globe Heritage International School, in which students and teachers were given stress relief exercises on behalf of Sahajayoga.

Center Coordinator Sunita, Dr. Satish and Pratyaksha gave detailed information to the children about the seven chakras of the body and their importance. The program was presided over by Principal Pooja Kamboj. Addressing the children, Dr. Satish said that concentration is very important for success in life and the mind can be concentrated only when there is no stress in it. So man should keep himself free from stress. For which some methods have been explained in the



scriptures as well as in scientific ways.

Directing the children and teachers to perform various stress relieving activities, he said that stress free brain not only performs its daily needs well but also performs different tasks in a creative way and accelerates on the steps to achieve success in life. Principal Pooja Kamboj said that this type of camp helps in relieving the students from stress. This allows the student to concentrate on his education.

Rajesh Bhushan visits PGIMER Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, FEB 24

Rajesh Bhushan, IAS, Secretary, (Health and Family Welfare), Government of India visited PGIMER Chandigarh today and reviewed the progress of the upcoming infrastructure projects at the Institute. During his visit, the Secretary chaired a meeting which was attended by Prof. Surjit Singh, Director PGIMER, senior faculty members and senior administrative officers including Sh. Gaurav Dhawan (IRS), Deputy Director Administration, Sh. Kumar Abhay (IAAS), Financial Advisor, Prof. G D Puri, Dean (Academics), Prof. Vipin Koushal, Medical Superintendent-cum-Head, Department of Hospital Administration, PGIMER. A detailed presentation was made before the dignitary. This included details about the institute's history, traditions and academic growth over the last 60 years. He was also apprised about the hospital structure, the advanced centres of patient care, training and research as well as upcoming new centres like the Advanced Neurosciences Centre and Advanced Mother and Child Care Centre. Sh Rajesh Bhushan was also updated about the progress on the three PGI Satellite Centres at Sangrur and Ferozepur (Punjab) and Una (Himachal Pradesh).



Cong failed to recognize contribution of freedom fighters: Gorski

MANPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, FEB 24

Kisan Morcha State President Sukhwinder Madi today handed over from Sacrifice soil Chandrasekhar Azad's collected from Albert Park Allahabad to District President BJP Kisan Morcha Master Narendra Gorski District President BJP Yogendra Rana State General Kisan Morcha Rajendra Singh State Executive Member Gulab District General Vinay Sandhu Mandal President Sopi of Rohit. On the 27th, Chandrasekhar Azad's Sacrifice Day will be commemorated in every Vidhan Sabha constituency. The



heroes rushed in large numbers to pay homage to the sacrifices. Bismillah Khan, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Rajguru, Sukhdev, Chandrasekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh were prominent among those who helped us get this freedom. It did not

come from Charkha or any one family, Gorki said. The Congress party painted them all as anti-national and made them to disappear from the pages of history. Bharatiya Janata Party state president Om Prakash Dhankhad has taken the initiative that the Bharatiya Janata Party will work to remember every great man and freedom fighter heroes who gave martyrdom for the country and gave us freedom to enable us breathe freely in the open air. Haryana will say 'Vande Mataram Bharat Mata Ki Jai,' and in these deafening slogans, the atmosphere of the entire district will be buzzing on 27th February.



Before the commencement of the proceedings of the Himachal Vidhan Sabha, Speaker Vipin Singh Parmar giving finishing touches to his work at his office room in Shimla on Thursday.

EDITORIAL

Equal powers

In India, the governor of a state is formally the head of the executive. But he or she is not part of the elected government or even elected by an electoral college as the president is. Governors are appointed by the party ruling at the Centre, often as a reward for loyalty. The expectation that they shall be above politics, as imagined by the Constitution, was thus never very realistic. The governor's leaning is often towards the Centre in Opposition-ruled states. No political party at the Centre, starting with the Congress, has been above exploiting the political potential of the governor's role, but in the Bharatiya Janata Party-led regime, the relationship of governors with the legislatures in some Opposition states has become openly acrimonious. In Kerala, for instance, the governor, Arif Mohammed Khan, and the legislature keep clashing over different issues. Kerala has now proposed that states be given the power to recall governors who violate constitutional provisions, mishandle the job of chancellor and do not discharge criminal prosecution responsibilities.

The proposal is quite startling given the Constitutional mandate retained propriety by being presented as a reply to the Centre's request for feedback on the recommendations of the Punchhi Commission report on changes to be made in Centre-state relations. Kerala may have touched a chord in a number of Opposition states, including West Bengal, which wished the Centre to recall its governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar, whose constant criticism of and clashes with the legislature are unprecedented. Resistance to and delaying of executive business are the complaints against governors whom Opposition states find unfriendly. The other suggestions of Kerala, too, touch upon issues relevant to different states, saying that the Centre should consult the state when appointing a governor, that the governor should not be chancellor of Bengal said this too and that the governor can ask for Central forces only with the state's permission. The proposals aim to lessen the Centre's power, channelled through the governor, to undermine a state's authority or raise questions about the legitimacy of an elected government. The Constitution, while attributing some powers to the office, does not seem to envisage the governor engaging in political tussles. Kerala's proposals articulate the main issues behind Opposition states' discontent. They must be addressed; the Centre has to decide on the method.

Women and sexual violence

According to the WHO, during their lifetime one in three women is subjected to physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner or sexual violence from a non-partner. Women who have ever experienced sexual violence in their lifetime are more likely to develop high blood pressure, according to study of women in the United States.

The research, funded by the National Institutes of Health and published in the 'Journal of the American Heart Association', indicated that sexual violence was a common experience, affecting more than 20 per cent of the women in the sample.

"Our results showed that women who reported experiencing both sexual assault and workplace sexual harassment had the highest risk of hypertension, suggesting potential compounding effects of multiple sexual violence exposures on women's cardiovascular health," said Rebecca B. Lawn, PhD, of the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, lead author on the study.

Lawn and colleagues analyzed associations between lifetime exposure to sexual violence and blood pressure while accounting for the possible impacts of exposure to other types of trauma. For data, the researchers used the Nurses' Health Study II (NHS II), a longitudinal study of adult women in the U.S. that began in 1989 with 115,000 nurses enrolled.

Over time, the NHS II has collected data on a wide range of socio-demographic, medical, and behavioral variables. As part of a 2008 NHS II sub-study, a subgroup of participants reported whether they had ever experienced sexual harassment at work (either physical or verbal) and whether they had ever experienced unwanted sexual contact. They also reported exposure to other traumas, such as an accident, disaster, or unexpected death of a loved one. Lawn and colleagues analyzed the NHS II sub-study data, excluding those participants who already had a diagnosis of high blood pressure or were taking medication for high blood pressure from their



analyses. They also excluded women who had a history of cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease. The final sample consisted of 33,127 women who were aged between 43 and 64 in 2008. The NHS II data indicated that experiences of sexual violence were common: about 23 per cent of the women had experienced sexual assault at some point in their life and 12 per cent had experienced workplace sexual harassment. About 6 per cent of women had experienced both. About 21 per cent of the women reported developing high blood pressure over the follow-up period, from 2008 to 2015. Compared with women who had never experienced any type of trauma, women who had experienced sexual assault at any point in their lifetime were more likely to develop high blood pressure, as were women who had experienced workplace sexual harassment. Women who had experienced both sexual assault and harassment had the highest risk of developing high blood pressure. These associations remained even after the researchers accounted for various health behaviors and condi-

tions. Across analyses, the researchers found that links between non-sexual traumatic experiences and high blood pressure were inconsistent.

The researchers noted that the risk for high blood pressure associated with lifetime sexual violence is similar in magnitude to associations with other factors that have received more attention, such as exposure to sexual abuse as a child or adolescent, sleep duration, and exposure to environmental pollutants. Previous research suggested that stressful or traumatic life experiences, including exposure to sexual violence, are associated with both mental health problems and physical health problems such as cardiovascular disease. Previous research has also shown that having high blood pressure increases a person's likelihood of cardiovascular disease. Further examining links between sexual violence and blood pressure could shed light on the broader impacts of sexual violence on health and reveal possible avenues for clinical intervention. Strengths of this study included the fact that the researchers were

able to examine multiple types of sexual violence and a range of other possible variables, including other types of trauma. However, the researchers noted some limitations of the NHS II data that should be addressed in future research, including limited self-report measures for both sexual violence and hypertension that did not capture details regarding severity and timing. They also noted that although the NHS II sample is relatively large, it consists of mostly non-Hispanic white women, all of whom share the same profession. As such, the results may not generalize to other populations. "This study highlights why it's important for health research to examine women's experiences of sexual assault and workplace sexual harassment. Future research can build on these findings to determine whether sexual violence and high blood pressure are causally linked and identify possible underlying mechanisms," said Laura Rowland, Ph.D., a program chief in the Division of Translational Research at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Literature & Health

Awareness event with the prospective Emigrants

The office of Protector of Emigrants (PoE), Chandigarh in association with NRI Affairs Department, Govt. of Punjab and Regional Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (RCED) organized an awareness event with the prospective Emigrants and registered Recruiting Agents on 24th February 2022 at PDOT (Pre-departure orientation training) Centre, Mohali, Punjab.

The awareness event was organized as part of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav (AKAM) week being celebrated by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) from 21 to 27 February 2022.

Speaking at the event, Smt. Surinder Kaur, Deputy Secretary, NRI Affairs, Govt. of Punjab, shared her views on the important role being played by the state government in addressing various issues pertaining to the overseas Indians hailing from Punjab.

Welcoming the participants, Shri NorbuNegi, Protector of Emi-

grants, Chandigarh apprised them of the various Govt. of India initiatives & schemes for the welfare & protection of Emigrants. He highlighted the benefits available for the Emigrants from eMigrate project, Pravasi Bharatiya BimaYojana (PBBY), Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) and also informed about the grievance redressal mechanism through MADAD portal and Pravasi Bhartiya Sahayata Kendra (PBSK).

During his address, Shri Paramjit Singh, Director, Regional Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (RCED) stressed upon the importance of skill development of Emigrants for better job prospects abroad. Shri Satvinder Singh, Master Trainer, gave a brief presentation on Pre-departure orientation training (PDOT) programme. A large number of prospective Emigrants and some of the registered Recruiting Agents participated in the event and they all greatly benefited from this awareness event.

Extreme heat linked to rise in mental health emergency care



Does the temperature outside decide a person's temperament inside? On extremely hot summer days, adults are at an increased risk of visiting emergency rooms for health">mental health crises related to substance use, anxiety, stress, and more.

According to a new study led by Boston University School of Public Health researchers, during periods of extreme heat, clinicians were expected to see an increase in patients requiring health">mental health services. Published in the journal 'JAMA Psychiatry', the study found that days with higher-than-normal temperatures during the summer season in the United States were associated with increased rates of emergency department (ED) visits for any health">mental health-related condition, particularly substance use, anxiety, and stress disorders, and mood disorders. The impact

of heat on physical health has been well documented, but few studies have examined the effects of extreme heat on health">mental health.

This nationwide study was the largest and most comprehensive analysis of daily ambient temperature and health">mental health-related ED visits among US adults of all ages. As days of extreme heat are expected to increase due to worsening climate change, the findings fill a critical gap in research and provide evidence-based support for proactive interventions and policy solutions that

can reduce heat-related crises. "Emergency department visits represent some of the costliest interactions within the healthcare system," said study lead author Dr. Amruta Nori-Sarma, assistant professor of environmental health">mental health at BUSPH. "Addressing the needs of the most vulnerable to pre-empt some of these visits can have a positive impact on individual health and costs, as well as preserve healthcare resources for other emergencies."

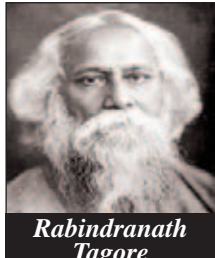
The new findings should prompt healthcare providers to prepare for an increased need in health">mental health services during times when extreme heat is predicted, Nori-Sarma said. "When heatwaves are forecasted, clinicians and public health experts may use our findings to prepare especially for outreach to patients with existing health">mental health conditions."

POEMS

Superior

Mother, your baby is silly! She is so absurdly childish!

She does not know the difference between the lights in the streets and the stars. When we play at eating with pebbles, she thinks they are real food, and tries to put them into her mouth. When I open a book before her and ask her to learn her a, b, c, she tears the leaves with her hands and roars for joy at nothing; this is your baby's way of doing her lesson.



Rabindranath Tagore

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Anytime anywhere banking: Post Office as chang agent of Rural India

Finance minister in her recent Budget speech stated that 150,000 Post Offices of the country "will come on the Core Banking System enabling financial inclusion and access to accounts through net banking, mobile banking, ATMs and also provide transfer of funds between post office accounts and bank accounts".

The declaration on inter-operability between the post office accounts and the bank accounts, has brought silver lining in the long-awaited aspiration of Anytime Anywhere Banking, particularly amongst the younger generation in rural India. Anytime Anywhere Banking facilitates the customer to carryout banking work from anywhere in the country irrespective of the location of his or her post office or bank-branch and working hours of that office. The urban India is well exposed to the concept through a host of facilities viz. ATM, instant Fund Transfer, at par cheque etc. It's almost one and a half decade now, that the concept Anytime Anywhere Banking was implemented by most of the PSU Banks in India.

We moved a stage ahead when National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), set up by the RBI, developed the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for all retail transactions. The customers of urban India can now pay by the cab-driver, settle his dues in kirana shop, make payment to Dhoobidirect from their Bank-accounts, provided they have Smart phones with them and bank accounts are linked with that phone. However, in rural India, where banking is done mostly through post office accounts, banking continued in traditional modes.

The work on Core Banking System (CBS) for nearly 25,000 departmental post offices in India, started around 2014, almost a decade after CBS was initiated by the major PSUs. By 2018, nearly 85% of post offices were brought under CBS but rest were not having internet accessibility. That year the most challenging follow-up work had started: to integrate more than 130,000 rural branch post offices with the CBS post offices. The rural branch offices work for four to five hours a day and are like

the extension counters of the nearest departmental offices located at Block or Taluka Headquarter. These offices are manned by the Grameen Dak Sevaks (GDS). SIM based handheld devices were provided to these branch offices to connect them with the remoteserver through internet. Nearly 2 lakh Grameen Dak Sevaks were trained for the operational work.

The system of integrated Core Banking covered nearly 93% of the Postal network by 2021. This facilitated disbursement of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in the account of the beneficiaries of various social schemes including payments of MG-NREGS, collection of premiums of Postal Life Insurance (PLI) and Rural PLI etc. The Grameen Dak Sevaks did wonders in last three years in promoting digital transactions amongst people who have accounts in rural branch post offices. According to Annual Report (2020-21) of India Post, 43 crores on-line transactions involving an amount of Rs. 53,584 crores took place through these handheld devices in rural

branch post offices. Though no formal impact study has been made, prima facie it appears that integration of 130,000 rural Branch Post Offices with the Core Banking System of the country has similar demonstration effect on rural India as Computerized Railway Reservation booking had in urban India in mid-1980s. Computerized Reservation about four decades back, led people in the cities and towns to appreciate the convenience of the customers that a computerized system had facilitated. Grameen Dak sevaks have that knowledge and credibility to do the handholding of the rural mass in developing the habit of digital transactions.

However, the post offices in remote islands of Andaman & Nicobar and manyin higher altitude of Himalayas could not be integrated in CBS in the first go because of non-availability stable internet connection. The situation is improving gradually. Different islands of Andaman & Nicobar have recently been connected with Chennai through Optical Fiber Cable, laid over the seabed. This has facilitat-

ed integration of offices in remote islands to with CBS. All these initiatives of last few years have led government to announce that by this year integration of all post offices with Core Banking System will be complete.

As on day post office account holders cannot transfer fund from their account to any bank account and vice-versa. Reserve Bank of India has now allowed inter-banking transaction facility viz. NEFT / RTGS for Post Office Savings Scheme Accounts. This will enable on-line transfer of funds between post office accounts and bank accounts. This interoperability will facilitate an account holder of bank to transfer fund to his PPF account or SukanyaSamridhi Account (SSA) standing at the post office. Customer expectations are changing fast even in smaller towns and in rural India. Post Office Banking system has to rise in tune with the expectations of the modern generation. A customer of post office account has no option but to go to the nearest departmental post office, to open / close savings certificate accounts or to open a PPF,

MIS or a Sr. citizen account. For a villager this meant loss of one day and transportation expenses. Even today, on opening a savings account in a post office, a customer has to ask for an ATM card or a chequebook. Such basic instruments are seldom provided to the account holder by default. Concept of at-parcheque is required to be introduced by the postal department. It is expected that upgraded Net Banking / Mobile Banking of post office will address this year all these deficiencies for implementation of Anytime Anywhere Banking in truest sense of the expression.

Gautam Bhattacharya - Former Civil Servant who at the time of superannuation was in the grade of Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India. Sh. Bhattacharya studied Economics in Presidency College, University of Calcutta and in Indian Statistical Institute and had professional Trainings at EPFL Lausanne and at International Anti-Corruption Academy, Vienna. Before joining higher Civil Services of the Govt. of India, he taught post-graduate students of Economics in two Universities.

'Tech Goes Bold' Global Premier of Maruti Suzuki New Age Baleno

Jalandhar/Ludhiana:-India, 2022: Maruti Suzuki India Limited today announced the launch of its much-awaited technologically superior premium hatchback - the New Age Baleno. Equipped with a host of class leading technology, safety, comfort & convenience features and NEXA's new signature Crafted Futurism design language, the New Age Baleno will provide an unparalleled driving experience to customers.Introducing the New Age Baleno to the world,

Mr. Kenichi Ayukawa, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "Baleno is amongst the top five best-selling cars in the industry since launch. Over 1 million delighted Baleno customers in India and across 100+ countries of the world have appreciated it for design and performance. The New Age Baleno is our new approach towards the future. With focus on technology and innovation, the New Age Baleno is set to re-energise the premium hatchback segment with several first-in- segment features.

Himalaya MEN Launches New Campaign Addressing Pimple Concern Among Boys

Amritsar/Ludhiana:- 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 nature and science. With the offering of "Ladkon ke pimples ka sahi solution", the campaign prompts young boys to choose the right solution for solving their pimples problems, instead of experimenting with weird suggestions. The commercial opens with a group of friends 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.

Airtel Payments Bank and AirJaldi Networks announce partnership to enhance customer convenience

Shimla: Airtel Payments Bank and AirJaldi Networks today announced a partnership under which AirJaldi customers can now pay their broadband bills at more than 3000 neighbourhood banking points of Airtel Payments Bank. With this partnership, customers of AirJaldi Networks will now have much wider and more convenient access to these additional bill payment points spread across Himachal Pradesh. This will enable customers to save on time by accessing the option to pay their bill at the nearest Airtel Payments Bank outlet. Manned by local entrepreneurs, banking points of Airtel Payments Bank even operate during the weekends, which will add to customer convenience. Airtel Payments Bank customers can also pay their AirJaldi broadband bill digitally through the banking section of the Airtel Thanks app. Ganesh Ananthanarayanan, Chief Operating Officer, Airtel Payments Bank, said, "We are delighted to partner with AirJaldi Networks to enable direct bill payments at our neighbourhood banking points.

Royal Enfield concludes ArtOfMotorcycling Season II campaign in India

Chandigarh/Ludhiana: Royal Enfield, the oldest motorcycle brand in continuous production, has concluded the second edition of its designing platform – ArtOfMotorcycling. The creative platform was launched in 2020 to fuel creativity amongst the artists, creators and motorcycling enthusiasts by bringing out their love for motorcycling. With more than 15K registrations, a 50% jump from the first year, the brand has seen phenomenal traction towards the initiative. The winners have been hand-picked by the renowned jury members- Leading fashion designers Shantanu and Nikhil, Celebrated Illustrator Virral Chandraan and Ace Photographer Bobby Joshi and Royal Enfield's community. This year's top 3 winners are Harsh Namdeo (Bina, Madhya Pradesh), Ekant Singh (Noida) and Gautam Gajbar (Mumbai), and have won a fabulous opportunity to co-create a capsule range with Royal Enfield. Also, the next 3 winners bagged an opportunity to intern with Royal Enfield design teams; Prashant Singh (New Delhi), Abhirath NC (Kerala) and Prathamesh Rumanji Shedge (Mumbai). Abhirath and Prathamesh also won the brand's choice award, chosen through a poll conducted on the brand's Instagram page, Royal Enfield.

Nuvoco Launches Zero M Epoxy Tile Grout

Panipat: Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., launched Zero M Epoxy Tile Grout. Zero M Epoxy Tile Grout is solvent free 2 component epoxy grout that offers unique features like high compression, flexural, shear adhesion strength, resistant to acids and corrosive agents. It is available in a wide range of colors for applications in residential and commercial spaces. Zero M Epoxy Tile Grout is made of epoxy resins combined with a filler powder. It is not only easy to apply but is completely water resistant and uniform in color. It also maintains an excellent resistance to a wide range of chemical acids, solvents and stains. The ready-to-use tile grout, consisting of cement, polymers, fillers and special additives provides high-quality joint filling for filling the tile joints up to 20mm creating long-lasting tile joints. It is available in a 5 kg can, recommended for kitchen, bathroom, swimming pool, terraces & balconies, food processing plants, dairies & laboratories and high trafficable areas. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Sunil Mahajan, Chief Modern Building Materials Officer said, "The Zero M Epoxy Tile Grout is a worthy addition to Nuvoco's extensive catalogue of Modern Building Materials. These value-added products have been developed after extensive research and development to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

WhatsApp launches dedicated 'Safety in India' resource hub

Chandigarh: WhatsApp today launched a dedicated 'Safety in India' resource hub highlighting a host of safety measures and processes on WhatsApp that help people stay safe, smart and secure - online. The launch of the resource hub comes after WhatsApp's week long campaign, #TakeCharge to promote safe use of the internet. The resource hub explores several important topics around online safety, privacy and security, debunks common myths, in addition to creating awareness on how users can safeguard themselves from potential cyber scams in today's digitally connected world. The page is available on: https://faq.whatsapp.com/general/safety-in-india/?lang=en Through the 'Safety in India' hub WhatsApp's goal is to build awareness about the various safety measures and in-built product features that empower users to take control of their safety while using the service. The resource hub also highlights advanced technology that WhatsApp deploys along with India specific processes that help prevent the spread of misinformation and any form of abuse.

NEWS/BUSINESS

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Using agri waste to drive additional income benefits for farmers

DELHI: Farm activities produce a huge amount of waste and residues, which create environmental problems. Waste is generated during crop harvesting, crop processing, product synthesis etc. In India, burning of stubble on farms is a major problem as farmers tend to get rid of it fast and in a cheaper way. This results in air pollution in north India especially in the national capital region of Delhi every year. There is an urgent need to find long term solutions to dispose off agricultural waste and residue in environment-friendly ways. Some companies are working on various technologies to use agriculture waste and residue, mainly, as fuel. Such initiatives will not only make the environment clean but will also enable farmers to have an additional source of income.

An Indian power generation company procures biomass pellets made from farm stubble for fuelling its power stations to generate electricity.It incentivizes farmers to turn stubbles into pallets and sell them for money rather than just burning it. Also, a big cement company has decided to use agricultural waste as fuel. It will procure agricultural waste and residue to manufacture

grey cement, white cement and ready-mix concrete. The move has several benefits -It helps the company boost its efforts to decarbonise its operations, prevent open burning of stubbles, provide farmers additional income, and more importantly, reduce dependence on coal.

Conventionally, agriculture residue were used as fodder for cattle or as raw material for bio-fertiliser or biofuel. However, stalk, stubbles, leaves, husks and seed pods cannot be used in many cases. This demands we devise more functional, practical and efficient ways of recycling the crop residues. Indian Institute of Petroleum, a part of the government agency

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has come up with studies that show agricultural waste and residue can be a renewable carbon resource and can be turned into energy products, biofuels and biofertilizer. The innovation involved use of Pyroformers, in which thermal degradation of agriculture waste and the residue is carried out in the absence of oxygen under high temperatures. It releases biofuel while leaving carbon-enriched char behind.

There has been a change in the overall

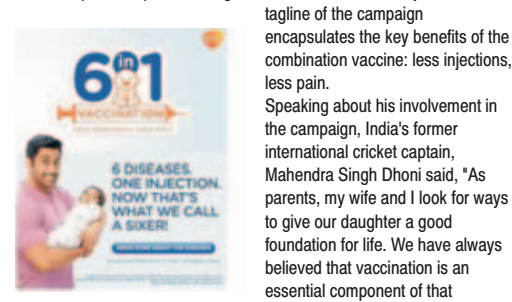
approach of looking at agricultural waste and residue globally. The previous focus on it being animal feed or material for compost has given way to its transformation into base material for obtaining biofuel and bioenergy. This widens the scope of innovation and greater technological development, which now finds space in the framework of global governance on sustainable development.

The Indian government too is making serious efforts to get rid of agriculture residue. The Finance Minister of India while presenting the union budget said five to seven per cent of biomass pellets will be co-fired in thermal power plants. It would mean CO2 savings of 38 million tonnes annually. She said it will create job opportunities for locals and help transition to a carbon-neutral economy. Now, many agri start-ups are coming up with novel ideas related to farm production and protection, marketing and value-addition. Recovery of biofuel and bioenergy can be another interesting and lucrative area, where successful innovations and application is possible. We do need newer, advanced techniques for guaranteed resource efficiency, sustainable production and consumption and the reduction of negative environmental impact.

Dr Shivendra Bajaj, Executive Director, Federation of Seed Industry of India and Alliance for Agri Innovation

GSK and MS Dhoni team up for 6 in 1 vaccination awareness campaign

Chandigarh:Mahendra Singh Dhoni, India's legendary former cricket captain and a devoted father, now teams up with GSK to raise awareness about the need for 6 in 1 vaccination. As part of the campaign, MS Dhoni features in a newly released video which draws a parallel with hitting a six in cricket and explains how the 6 in 1 vaccination for infants provides protection against six diseases in one injection. The



daughter go through the pain due to multiple injections during infancy was difficult for us both. I was eager to join GSK in raising awareness about 6 in 1 vaccination. Combination vaccination means that infants get the same kind of protection but with fewer injections. Less pain for them. And I am sure all parents would agree - less pain for us too! Speaking about his involvement in the campaign, India's former international cricket captain, Mahendra Singh Dhoni said, "As parents, my wife and I look for ways to give our daughter a good foundation for life. We have always believed that vaccination is an essential component of that foundation. However, watching my

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Aamna Sharif and Shrenu Parikh star in new Season 3 of Damaged

Ludhiana:Hungama Play, a leading video on demand platform owned by Hungama Digital Media, launched the third season of its blockbuster Hungama Original, 'Damaged'. Like the first two seasons, Damaged 3 is a psychological crime drama with a strong female character at the helm of the story. This season features a new story with Aamna Sharif and Shrenu Parikh in the lead. Damaged 3 also stars PulkitBangia, Yash Bhatia, VibhutiUpadhaya and AmanVerma. The show is directed by EkantBabani and produced by Endemol Shine India. The show will now be available to stream onHungama Play and partner networks. The season follows Rashmi (Aamna Sharif) as a headstrong cop renowned for her courage. As being a cop is known to be a male-dominated profession, Rashmi has broken the glass ceiling to rise the ladder of success to be in a position of power amongst colleagues and people. On the other hand, Shanaya (Shrenu Parikh) is a rookie journalist whose search for a path-breaking story leads her to cross paths with Rashmi. With her story on the female super cop becoming a hit, Shanaya is now ready to go to any lengths to get the next big breaking news. Luckily for her, a spate of serial killings takes place in the town which gives her the sensational news items she needs for her website. From here, what follows is a story filled with twists and turns and an outcome no one thought.

Speaking about the show, Siddhartha Roy, COO, Hungama Digital Media said, "Hungama Original's Damaged was the very-first original show that we launched, and its innovative storytelling and strong characters were appreciated by the audiences, receiving over a million episodic views. The success of the last two seasons testifies that audiences have enjoyed the show led by an exceptional and new cast. We are certain that the audience will give even more love to both our lead ladies Aamna Sharif and Shrenu Parikh."

Portl: revolutionizing fitness in India



Chandigarh: Launched in March 2021, Portl is a Smart Mirror based personalized fitness & wellness device that fits seamlessly within your home with no extra space that's needed. Portl affords people the flexibility to choose their workout time, the autonomy to actively adopt healthier practices around their lifestyle and helps constantly improve overall health. It's a home gym with an in-built personal trainer so customers can exercise anytime in the comfort of their home. Each individual gets programs customized to them, that ensure highly relevant and engaging content from the instructors' on-demand and via live classes. With Portl, one gets access to hundreds of workouts on-demand and live across HIIT, Strength, Dance Fitness, Endurance, Yoga,

Mindfulness and Nutrition Coaching i.e. various forms of exercises to suit one's mood and need. One can now get their own comprehensive fitness programs, telemedicine, form correction and postural analysis for a personalised health and wellness experience all in one place. The device is also equipped with bio-sensors that measure a user's Blood pressure, Glucose, ECG, Respiratory rate and much more, which helps to personalize routines keeping the users' overall health status in perspective. Within the Portl system, there is a use of subtle gamification and engagement mechanisms to help users stay consistent, and focused on efforts while delivering personalization at a granular level. The AI engine enables customers to dynamically adjust programs based on the proprietary Portl movement metrics; the real-time form-feedback mechanisms help to perform activities with the correct technique. The fitness & wellness content caters to multiple age-groups and different experience levels to ensure that no matter what life-stage one is at, they will always receive a variety of relevant and engaging fitness programming, nutrition coaching, mental wellness and general health improvement services. The company believes in a holistic approach to fitness - it isn't just about the physical activity, but also the nutritional and mental well-being aspects that need attention.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Recognized by Ministry of New, Renewable Energy

CHANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) was recently felicitated with the Certificate of Recognition for the submission of Energy Compact (EC) goals and continued commitment to enhance its energy efficiency initiatives, by The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) in collaboration with CEEW- Council on Energy, Environment and Water, as a part of the ongoing celebration for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the eve of India's 75th year of Independence in Delhi. The Energy Compact submitted by TKM served as an input to present India's Energy Transition at UN High Level Dialogue on Energy

and at COP26. This recognition, which stands as a testament to the efforts of the company to embrace sustainability in all Toyota initiatives towards achieving a net positive impact on society, was presented to Mr. Raju B Ketkale, Executive Vice President (EVP) - Manufacturing and Mr. Vikram Gulati, Country Head & Executive Vice President (EVP) – Corporate Affairs & Governance at TKM by Shri R.K. Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Govt. of India. Climate change is one of the environmental risks before us. TKM has adopted various risk mitigating measures through Toyota Environment Challenge 2050 towards creating a net positive impact on the planet and society.

Regional brands continue their success journey with Flipkart Wholesale

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 get 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. Adarsh Menon, Senior Vice President and Head, Flipkart Wholesale, said, "At Flipkart Wholesale, our primary focus is to offer a seamless buying and selling experience to kiranas and MSMEs by leveraging our home-grown technology and deep expertise in supply-chain. So far, we have joined hands with many smaller businesses across categories to place them at par with larger brands and help break regional barriers for a much wider reach. As we branch out in other markets, we will continue to digitally transform kiranas and MSMEs by helping them grow faster, retain their customers, and increase their profitability." Gaiinda is a popular homeware brand with a strong footprint in north India. In their 3-year long association with Flipkart Wholesale, Gaiinda has been able to clock a 40 percent increase in their overall sales turnover with expansion in several other regions such as west and south India. Soon after their entry into new markets, the brand recorded a significant spike in their overall demand, market share and brand recall. "Our partnership with Flipkart Wholesale has benefited us immensely. Ever since we came together, we have been successful in penetrating into tier 2 and tier 3 markets that were earlier difficult for us to tap into with traditional methods.

Migration of talent from the country is not in national interest: Mewa Singh

Chandigarh, There is no dearth of talent among the youth of the country. In the present circumstances, there is a need to nurture them in our own country, for which all efforts should be made to prepare the country in a developed form like the western countries. Expressing concern over the 'brain drain' that is arising in the country, senior social thinker Mewa Singh Purkhali, during a press conference organized at Chandigarh Press Club, brainstormed with the journalists on the solution of this problem. Mewa Singh, who retired from the post of Under Secretary from a department in the Punjab Secretariat, called upon the government and private institutions and groups to make education not a mere market and put it in front of the students as a mission. He emphasized to create India as an international brand in the world which helps to country to regain the lost pride.

Hair stylist Sunny Ali organizes seminar on hair treatment and healthy stylist look

Chandigarh, hairstylists of Affinity Salon organizes seminars for their valued clients for smooth , silky, healthy and glowing hairs and hair maintenance . In which he demonstrated by demoing various practices for hair maintenance. Due to which all the hairs can easily be given an attractive look without any damage or ill effects of treatments . Sunny Ali often organizes such seminars and keep on sensitizing her valued customers about beauty and décor . He also give information about hair treatment and damage repair according to different hair types in the seminars. Trained at Saason Academy , London, Sunny has provided hair stylist look to countless movie celebrities over the last 21 years and keep himself updated with new trends and is always keen to serve his clients in the best possible manner.

An awareness workshop for waste collectors

Bathinda,: Punjab Plastic Waste Management Society (PPWMS) with Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA) has conducted an awareness workshop for waste collectors at Kaala Singh Sidhu Colony, Bathinda, Punjab on 24th February 2022, Thursday. The programme was graced by the presence of Mrs.INDERJEET KAUR DHILLON, Community Facilitator Cum Programme Coordinator under



Swachh Bharat Mission, Municipal Corporation Bathinda. In the programme, the usage of safety kits was demonstrated and afterwards the kits were also distributed among waste collectors. More than 40 waste collectors participated in the event. Punjab Plastic Waste Management Society (PPWMS), which is a consortium of 48 Multinational and Indian Companies, signed MoU with IPCA as to fulfill their EPR liabilities for plastic waste management in the state of Punjab.

PPWMS & IPCA have developed an action plan for effective plastic waste management in Punjab that includes education, training, capacity building and awareness of different stakeholders along with the collection, segregation and recycling/co-processing of plastic waste. As per the action plan, PPWMS and IPCA are organizing workshops for waste collectors, awareness for the residents, and capacity building for various stakeholders to strengthen the basic needs of plastic waste management in the state of Punjab.

COLORS launches a new family drama - 'Swaran Ghar'

Chandigarh: It is said that parenting is the most divine act of love and selflessness. Without expecting anything in return, parents nurture their kids from the moment they are born into the world and along the way, make innumerable sacrifices that are beyond comprehension. But what happens when these kids, raised with utmost love and care, push away their parents in their golden years when they need them the most. As heart-breaking as it may sound, it is a reality of many households around us and depicting such endearing story of love and parenthood is COLORS' new family drama, 'Swaran Ghar'. Set in Chandigarh, it chronicles the life of a middle-aged woman Swaran (played by Sangita Ghosh) and her husband Kanwaljeet (played by Ronit Bose Roy) whose lives are shattered as they get unceremoniously abandoned by their children. How she alone gathers the strength to lead a fulfilling life forms the crux of the story. Produced by Sargun Mehta and Ravi Dubey, 'Swaran Ghar' will premiere on 28th February 2022 at 8:30 pm and air every Monday to Friday, only on COLORS! Nina Elavia Jaipuria, Head, Hindi Mass Entertainment and Kids TV Network, Viacom18 shares her thoughts on this show saying, "COLORS has remained ardently committed to bringing the best of fiction and non-fiction concepts on Indian television. With a promise to keep the audiences engaged and entertained, we are pleased to launch a new heart-warming family drama 'Swaran Ghar'.



Desho and Ajooni are In trouble again!



In the tale of twists and turns, Armaan's lover Minnie claims to be the mother of Desho and Ranveer's child in the ongoing Zee Punjabi drama 'Khasma Nu Khani, but Minnie looks unconcerned in the unexpected turn of events. To avenge Desho and Ranveer for separating Minnie from her true love, Armaan, Minnie pays the surrogate mother not to give birth to their child, and she also decides to carry the baby for them, harming the unborn baby in the process. Minnie's schemes have prompted everyone to contemplate how they might keep their joy from fading. If you don't want to miss out on Minnie's diabolical plots and machinations, stay connected to the show and watch Khasma Nu Khani from Monday to Friday at 7 p.m. Meanwhile, in another episode of 'Chhoti Jathani', where Savreen is enjoying her blood pregnancy, Ajooni is certain that Savreen is lying about her pregnancy, but she is fighting to find proof against her to persuade the rest of the family. The dramatic twists have seemed to have us glued to our screens, and indeed the show has piqued our interest. Now it'll be intriguing to see if Ajooni can prove Savreen's fake pregnancy and expose every one of her nefarious intentions. To find out if Ajooni will succeed, watch 'Chhoti Jathani' on Zee Punjabi from Monday to Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Vi and ASG Networks partner to enable Industry 4.0, Smart Cities, and Smart Mobile Edge network

Gurugram / Hisar : Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL), India's leading telecom operator, today announced its collaboration with ASG Networks, Inc. to enable industry 4.0 and smart mobile edge computing in India. Vi and ASG Networks have together set up a pilot private network in Mumbai utilising existing 4G spectrum. Vi's association with ASG Networks is in line with its commitment to realize Digital India dreams with the latter's differentiated and unique 4G, 5G, and Wi-Fi autonomous software for distributed Networks. ASG Networks software is fully cloud-native containerized software built for hybrid and multi-cloud infrastructure. Through this engagement, Vi has already set up an end-to-end private network using ASG Networks' autonomous core software and while box RAN elements in Mumbai, showcasing industrial automation use cases, enterprise applications, and low latency scenarios - all while seamlessly interconnecting with the operator network. "Vi is committed to providing superior services to digital enterprises and consumers to enhance user experiences, empowered by an autonomous network," said Jagbir Singh, Chief Technology Officer, Vodafone Idea Ltd.

Myprotein launches three fitness focused gift boxes

Chandigarh : Aiming to help people boost their performance to achieve their fitness goals, leading sports nutrition brand Myprotein, has unveiled three 'Fuel Your Ambition' gift boxes. Each box has been carefully curated to include Myprotein's best supplements and snack alternatives to support the consumer's fitness goals. Myprotein's Fuel Your Ambition Gift Box features the mango-flavored Impact Whey Protein pack (25g) a stainless steel metal shaker for all protein shakes and drinks a pair of Resistance Bands (2-16 kg) to boost any exercise Orange-flavoured Energy Elite Gel containing maltodextrin and fructose for instant energy and finally, a chocolate coconut-flavored High Protein Bar packed with 30g protein. The Whey Gift Box comes with the mango-flavored Impact Whey Protein pack (500g), a metal shaker, and a chocolate coconut-flavored High Protein Bar providing 30 grams of high-quality protein. And for vegan fitness enthusiasts, Myprotein's Vegan Gift Box contains the brand's best-selling vegan supplements. The box includes a peanut-flavored Vegan Carb Crusher (60g), a Vegan L-Leucine Powder (250g) sourced from plant-based ingredients using a microbial fermentation process, and an orange and mango-flavored Clear Vegan Protein pack (320g) – a fully-dissolvable plant protein helping you to stay hydrated throughout the day.



Maruti Suzuki Launches All New Premium Hatchback Baleno

SHIMLA: Maruti Suzuki India Limited today announced the launch of its much-awaited technologically superior premium hatchback - the New Age Baleno. Equipped with a host of class leading technology, safety, comfort & convenience features and NEXA's new signature Crafted Futurism design language, the New Age Baleno will provide an unparalleled driving experience to customers. Kenichi Ayukawa, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "Baleno is amongst the top five best-selling cars in the industry since launch. Over 1 million delighted Baleno customers in India and across 100+ countries of the world have appreciated it for design and performance. The New Age Baleno is our new approach towards the future. With focus on technology and innovation, the New Age Baleno is set to re-energise the premium hatchback segment with several first-in- segment features. The new age technology and features along with fresh look, premium interiors and special focus on safety will take the customer experience to a new high."He further added, "With our suppliers, Maruti Suzuki has invested over Rs1,150 Crores on this full model change. We are confident that the New Age Baleno will continue to win more hearts and scale even greater heights."



NEWS AT A GLANCE

More than 350 students Participated in Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyata Fair 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 Pujyate Festival of Scope for all, "Science Communication, Popularization & Its Extension". College is celebrating this event in association with Ministry of Culture, PSA Govt. of India and Vigyan Prasar, to mark 75th "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". This programme is organized under State Nodal Agency of Punjab State Council for Science & Technology, Chandigarh. The theme of 3rd day of National Science Week celebrations was "Milestones from world of Indian Science and Technology". 3rd day of this festival started with lighting of lamp by chief guest of the day Dr. Ravinder Singh, Senior Scientist, Indian Council of Medical Research, followed by formal welcome by Principal Prof. Dr. (Mrs.) Ajay Sareen, Mrs. Meenakshi Syal, Convener, Dr. Neelam Sharma, Dr. Seema Marwaha and Dr. Anjana Bhatia, Coordinators of the event. On this occasion Principal Prof. Dr. (Mrs.) Ajay Sareen appreciated the great contribution made by Dr. Ravinder Singh in the field of Medical Science. She also thanked the Govt. of India for giving opportunity to college to organize seven days National Science Festival and to interact with great scientists. The aim of this Science Festival is to inculcate scientific aptitude among people. She also appreciated the sincere efforts of students and faculty to make this event successful.

Webinar held at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Govt College

NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: A webinar on personality development was organized at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Government College on behalf of Women Cell and English Department, in which Samarg Shiksha working in Kurukshetra, Dr. Sanyaj Kaushik participated as the keynote speaker. The keynote speaker told the students how anyone can develop his personality. Senior Professor of English Dr. Sanjeev Gandhi duly welcomed the keynote speaker and said that such programmes enhance the personality of the students. Therefore students must take part in such programmes. The programme was chaired by Principal Dr. Rajendra Kumar.

GST Investigation wing holds Survey on reputed sweet shop

ANKUSH

LUDHIANA: Goods and Service Tax Department (GST) investigation wing today conduct survey on two premises of reputed Sweet Shop on Gokul Road and Model Town here. During this investigation 6-7 officers came in two vehicles and start survey on reputed sweet shop of city. Source said that during inquiry the official have taken some documents of payments allegedly into their custody and also inquired the dealings of firm. Confirming this action of Department DETC Randhir Kaur said that official team was Ludhiana based and department has conduct inquiry on two premises of Loyalpur sweets i.e. model town and gokul road and further said that inquiry is under process.

Principal of RRMK Arya Mahila College participates in workshop



R. SINGH

PATHANKOT: Principal of RRMK Arya Mahila College, Dr. Gurmeet Kaur and Dr. Tarun Mahajan participated in the workshop Quality Assessment and Accreditation NAAC organized by the Punjab Higher Education Department at Riyat Bahara University, Mohali. Principal Secretary Higher Education Krishan Kumar reached the chief guest in the workshop. NAAC Deputy Adviser Dr. Pratibha Singh gave details of all the criteria of NAAC in his presentation. At the end the questions asked by the participants were sorted out. After this, Dr. Ajay, Principal of HMV College, Jalandhar, in his presentation, discussed the marks and important topics of all the NAAC Criteria and made all the participants aware that the NAAC marks are higher than which criteria and due to which mistakes are decreased. The objective of this workshop was to make the participants aware about NAAC so that they can get the college accreditation from NAAC in future.

Drug Case: Cheema welcomes court's decision to send Bikram Majithia to jail

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 24

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab Senior Leader and Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema while welcoming the decision of Hon'ble court to send Akali Dal Badal leader Bikram Singh Majithia to jail in drug case said, "Court's decision is very much welcomed. Hon'ble court did what Punjab and Central government should have done years ago." Cheema said that the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab would work to root out drug mafia from Punjab. It may be recalled that a Mohali court remanded Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia to jail till March 8, who was granted bail by the Supreme Court till February 23 in a drug related case.

Harpal Singh Cheema said



that like the previous SAD-BJP government, the present Congress government has been openly protecting the drug lords and their notorious political leaders. He alleged that the Congress's Channi government and Majithia had been using new tactics to dismiss the drug case with the help of each other.

That is why the Congress government did not make public the STF report constituted by the Hon'ble High Court in the drug case and they were protecting drug mafia.

Harpal Singh Cheema said that Capt. Amarinder Singh, Congress government, Bharatiya Janata Party and Akali Dal Badal had been working together to bring down the law. The man (Bikram Majithia) who should have been in jail many years ago in the drug case, had to be thrown in jail by the Hon'ble court due to poor performance of previous governments and Punjab Police. He said that drug case against Majithia had been pending for a long time as Congress and BJP governments had not presented concrete evidence in the court.

AAP leader said that Punjab police had not even sought

Majithia's police remand from the court in the drug case, hence people no longer believed in the police investigation. It is now imperative that Majithia be questioned under the supervision of the Hon'ble High Court.

Cheema said that drug menace had been rampant in the 10 years rule of Badals and then in Congress rule and millions of youth had died due to drugs. Therefore, sending Bikram Majithia to jail will not solve the issue completely. Instead, the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab would take appropriate legal action against the political patrons of the drug mafia so that it can be rooted out for good. He said that the AAP government would not spare any politician or official who was involved in the drug mafia, even if he was a leader or MLA of Aam Aadmi Party.

Ankush adjudged first in solo singing at Y'nagar district cultural meet

PREETI RANI SADHORA, FEB 24



Under the auspices of Nehru Youth Center, Yamunanagar, Ministry of Youth Programs and Sports, Government of India, as part of the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, District Cultural Program was organized in the District Office Auditorium under the chairmanship of District Youth Officer, Pritesh Kumar Zaveri. Ankush in first place, Pallavi in second place, Vineet in third place in solo singing and Subhana and Sania in first place in group singing. Shalu in second place, Ekta in third place, Dipal and Payal in first place and Kajal and Muskan in first place in group dance. Happiness team in third place Janvi and in solo dance Mehtan on Prathan, Khushboo in second place has been Khushi in third place Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Ashok Agrawal, Usha Nagi, Poonam Jayani, four speakers were

present as keynote speakers in the program, out of which Ashok Agrawal gave detailed information about maintaining his culture. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar increased the enthusiasm of the participants presenting culture music! The president of Poonam Jayani (his heritage) became self-reliant and inspired the society to create a different identity by making hand-made objects of its culture. On the occasion, the District Youth Officer honored all the participating youths by giving medals to the winning teams and players and all the participants were awarded medals and certificates by the Government of India.

Motorcycle found burnt

DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI, FEB 24

On the way to Sherpur from village Butana of section Nilokheri, a burnt motorcycle was found near the fields under suspicious circumstances which is being reported as CD deluxe.



The bike was completely burnt. Smoke was still rising in it on arrival. So far, we have not received any application nor have we come to know about the motorcycle, where it belongs to, who owns it and what is the case.

Nothing could be found about it. Kanwar Singh, in-charge of Butana police station, said that information was received that a motorcycle on its way from Butana village to Sherpur was in a burnt condition. When we reached the spot with our team, we saw that

Flyover will be insult to Valmiki Chowk: Tarlochan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 24

District Congress convener Tarlochan Singh has written a letter to Chief Minister Manohar Lal demanding reconsideration of the flyover to be built in Karnal.

He said that the sentiments of Valmiki Samaj would be hurt by its formation because Adi Srishti Chowk will come under it. He said that the construction of a flyover under the Smart City project in Karnal would hurt the sentiments of the shopkeepers as well as the sentiments of the people.

The chowk dedicated to Maharishi Valmiki built on the committee chowk and the mark of the creator of the original would come down on it. The sentiments of 36 fraternity along with the society will be hurt.



Due to the bridge it will be covered. At the same time the Ghanta Ghar clock tower will also be hidden. At the same time, due to the flyover, pollution will increase in every way. He said that without taking the shopkeepers and Valmiki Samaj in the trust, this construction should not be taken forward.

Relatives worried about stranded students

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 24

Reaching CM Manohar Lal's residence in Karnal, the families of students trapped in Ukraine are requesting to be called to India every day. It was said that out of 6300 people trapped in Ukraine, about 650 youth are from Karnal alone. Those who are locked in the room due to the emergency in Ukraine. The only concern of the family remains whether their children will be able to return. Amarjeet says that his son has gone to Ukraine for 3 years. They had a meeting with the university two days ago. When the information came to them they tried for tickets for two days. We got tickets for February 27. An emergency has been imposed in Ukraine. Our appeal to the Prime Minister is to bring back our children. There is an emergency there. Everyone is locked in the room. My child is 50-60 kms away from Poland. Such children should be shifted to other countries. Akansha's father said that we have a request to the central and state government. All the children trapped there should be rescued. His daughter had gone to Ukraine two months



ago to do MBBS. Talking to the children trapped there is going on continuously. Tickets are not available. The airport is closed. Parents are worried. There is a request to the government to rescue the children trapped there. The CM representative Sanjay Bathla said that the family members of children who have gone to Ukraine from Karnal are coming to us. Information is being sent to CM Manohar Lal to bring back the children. The government is working at its level to bring back the children.

Taraori police challan youth violating traffic rules

ROHIT LAMSAR TARAORI, FEB 24

As per the instructions of SP Gangaram Poonia, on behalf of Police Post Nilokheri, a campaign was launched for checking vehicles on GT Road. Invoiced. Chowki in-charge Sandeep Kumar launched a campaign against youth and cut off invoices of many motorcycles. During the campaign, invoices of bike riders running without documents and without helmets were deducted.

A.S.I. Sandeep Kumar said that the younger generation should also use helmets while riding motorcycles. During this, he warned youth that if they do not improve themselves, the police administration will take strict action. While cutting the challan, when some boys were going on a motorcycle with silencers with firecrackers, Sandeep Kumar, in-charge of the outpost, stopped them and called a mechanic at the police station and



removed the silencers with firecrackers from the bullet motorcycles. He requested the parents to send their children with helmets and all the necessary documents while riding the bike. Do not allow children under the age of 18 to drive any vehicle and do not allow the number plates of the vehicles to be written.

Seminar dedicated to mother tongue to be held today

ISHWAR GARG TALWANDI SABO, FEB 24

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 is the common mother tongue of the people of a region which unites the people of the region.

Mother Tongue Day is a gift from our neighboring country Bangladesh. East Bengal which was called East Pakistan.

There the West Pakistanis wanted to



introduce Urdu and Persian but their mother tongue was Bengali and they started protesting strongly against this. On February 21, 1952, security forces opened fire on a group of mother tongue protesters, killing several students.

The spark of revolt continued to burn among the mother tongue lovers and in 1971 it became Bhambar 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 worldwide in every region as a mark of devotion and respect for one's 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 and at the same time made the students

aware of the importance of mother tongue.

He said that all the subjects have their own significance in the process of learning of the students. The keynote speakers in this seminar are 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 the students would be made aware about the importance of mother tongue in the future.

Mansukh Mandvia takes stock of facilities at AIIMS Jhajjar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA JHAJJAR, FEB 24

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandvia inspected the India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Barsa. During this, MP Dr. Arvind Sharma also stayed with him and the expansion of many health services was also discussed. The MP demanded the Union Minister to start a medical college in AIIMS as soon as possible, as well as to start a general OPD, which was closed due to corona. Apart from this, the MP also gave feedback regarding the evacuation of nearly two thousand students from the state trapped in Ukraine. The MP said that the Prime Minister and the entire government are keeping a close eye on the Ukraine issue and the Prime Minister has also convened a high



level meeting. On Thursday, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandvia visited the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Barsa and inspected it. Meanwhile, the AIIMS management briefed the Health Minister in detail about several schemes, which are being worked on expeditiously and will be completed soon. At the same time, the MP made several demands to the Union Minister. The MP asked the Union Minister to complete the

stock of expensive medicines available at the generic medical store and said that the availability of these medicines at the generic store is necessary so that the poor man could benefit from it. At the same time, the MP also discussed with the Union Minister regarding the expansion of AIIMS rest house. The Union Minister assured the MP that all the demands would be seriously considered. Later, while talking to reporters, MP Arvind Sharma said that the central government is fully alert regarding the Ukraine crisis and he himself is in touch with the students and their families. Indian students will not be allowed to come in any kind of trouble, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also called a high level meeting in this regard and is keeping an eye on the whole matter.

Guj students stranded in Ukraine appeal for evacuation

AHMEDABAD, FEB 24

Several students from Gujarat who are studying in Ukraine have made a desperate appeal that they be evacuated, as Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a military operation in the east European country on Thursday.

While the Gujarat government has not specified the exact number of students from the state still stuck in Ukraine, Gujarat Education Minister Jitu Vaghani gave an assurance on Thursday that the Centre as well as the Indian Embassy in Ukraine were doing everything possible to ensure the safe return of the students.

"All Indian citizens, including these students, were already given emergency contact numbers. The students must remain in touch with the Embassy in Ukraine," Vaghani, who is also the state government's spokesperson, told reporters.

Recently, several stranded Indians, including Gujarati students, were brought

back in a flight, he said.

"But, some Gujaratis could not board the flight at that time. Now, the situation is worsening there," the minister noted. "I want to assure the students that their safety is the priority of the Indian government. Our government had evacuated stranded Indians in the past and we will do it this time too," he said.

The parents of four such students contacted Vadodara MP Ranjan Bhatt and sought her help.

"Four students from Vadodara were supposed to board a flight from Ukraine to Turkey. But, the flight got cancelled at the last moment and the airport was also sealed. These students were also asked to leave the airport. I have contacted the External Affairs Ministry and given details about these stranded students," Bhatt said. Two other students - Bhavesh Vanzara, hailing from Arvali district, and Harsh Soni, from Rajkot - are also stuck in Ukraine and they sent video messages seeking immediate help.

SHORT TALKS

Rishabh Pant joins D2H as its Brand Ambassador



CHANDIGARH: D2H, the leading DTH brand of Dish TV India Limited, today announced the signing of Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant as the new brand ambassador. Rishabh Pant will feature in 360-degree brand communication for the next two years. Commenting on the association, Mr. Anil Dua, Executive Director & Group CEO, Dish TV India Ltd, "We are delighted to have Rishabh Pant as brand ambassador for our D2H brand. Our brands are our biggest strength. This investment in the D2H brand is going to make it even stronger. The close affinity between D2H brand and Rishabh Pant as brand ambassador will enable deeper engagement of D2H with its TG. Speaking on the partnership, Rishabh Pant said, "D2H is a large DTH brand with a long record of disruptive innovation in the industry. It is wonderful to be associated with D2H and looking forward to working closely with the team to take it to greater heights." Commenting on the new brand ambassador, Mr. Sugato Banerji, Corporate Head - Marketing, D2H, Dish TV India Ltd, said, "Rishabh has quickly developed into a distinctive entertainer on the cricket field, with his boundless energy behind the stumps and innovation in shot-making. He brings a spark each time he enters the field and appeals to the huge 18-35 age group across the country, our core audience."

Harmanpreet gets much needed runs as India avoid whitewash against NZ

AGENCY
QUEENSTOWN, FEB 24

Harmanpreet Kaur struck a much-needed half-century to get back among the runs as the Indian women's cricket team finally managed to beat New Zealand in the series-ending fifth ODI for a consolatory six-wicket win here on Thursday.

The Indian bowlers, who under-performed prior to the game, finally got their act together to limit New Zealand to 251 for nine in 50 overs.

India chased the down the target in 46 overs courtesy Harmanpreet's 63 off 66 balls and Smriti Mandhana's 71 off 84 balls. Skipper Mithali Raj remained unbeaten on 57 off 66 balls.

Having lost the one off T20 and first four ODIs, India badly needed a win to gain some momentum going into the ODI World Cup next month.

The spinners, who struggled to provide the breakthroughs, shared seven wickets among themselves on Thursday.

Deepti Sharma, Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Sneha Rana took two wickets each while pacer Meghna Singh too was impressive in the five overs she bowled.

Star batter Mandhana, who had missed the first three ODIs and the T20 due to an extended stay in quarantine, also got some valuable time in the middle.

The ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year collected nine fours in her 84-ball effort.

Harmanpreet must be relieved after scoring her first fifty in close to 12 months.

She was dropped from the previous game after a prolonged lean patch and came under heavy criticism from former players including ex captain Diana Edulji.

She used the sweep shot effectively to collect a bunch of boundaries before using a pull shot to reach the half-century.

The Indian team needs to be consistent with performances like they put on Thursday if it is to challenge for the world title.

"We have improved over the last few games we have played, that's a good sign before the World Cup. Was important to have the right preparation before the big tournament. Unfortunately we couldn't get the camps in India due to the rising Omicron cases," said Mithali in the post-match presentation. "The wicket seemed batting friendly, but the bowlers did well today."



Happy to be back in form before World Cup, says Smriti Mandhana

QUEENSTOWN, FEB 24

India batter Smriti Mandhana expressed happiness after her performance helped her side in defeating New Zealand in the fifth and final ODI here at the John Davies Oval, Queenstown on Thursday.

Smriti Mandhana, Mithali Raj and Harmanpreet Kaur starred with the bat as India defeated New Zealand by six wickets in the fifth and final ODI.

"I think our bowlers did a fantastic job by restricting them to 250. The wicket was a good one to bat one, so all the batters contributed as we got a good win. I am happy that I am back to form before the World Cup. I think this series was a big advantage for the whole team before the World Cup," said Smriti Mandhana after the game. "We have had quite close matches, and all the girls are confident going into the World Cup. This win will help us and hopefully, we will take the confidence and momentum into the World Cup," she added. New Zealand started the innings with their mercurial opening pair of Sophie Devine and Suzie Bates. However, Bates lost her wicket early. Amelia Kerr continued her amazing performances in this series with a 66-run outing, but Devine and Amy Satterthwaite couldn't establish long partnerships with Kerr.



Chandigarh bundled out for 168 against Baroda in Ranji match

CHANDIGARH: UT lads fell cheaply at 168 against the formidable Baroda at the opening day of Ranji Trophy being played at Vikash Cricket Ground, Bhubaneswar on Thursday. Baroda, in reply scored 80 for one before the stumps were drawn.

Earlier, Baroda won the toss and decided to field first followed by the dismal start for Chandigarh. Making his debut, Harnoor Singh Pannu (8) opened the inning with Arslan Khan but lost his wicket in the 14th over at the team score of 30. Twenty runs later, looking good by smashing five boundaries, Arslan Khan (22) was dismissed by Atit Sheth.

Thereafter, captain Manan Vohra handled the inning with debutant Amrit Lal Lubana and stitched a 38-run partnership. In 26th over, Lubana (10) was trapped lbw by Bhargava Bhatt, with 88 for three on the board. Captain Manan's heroic also came to end on the same score. He scored 43 runs off 45 balls credited with four boundaries.

Chandigarh's troubles began to escalate after lunch when Shafikhan Pathan cheaply dismissed Ankit Kaushik (6) and Arjit Singh (2) in his successive overs as the team struggled for 117 for six.

Later Vice Captain Gurinder Singh and Raj Angad Bawa stood tall against this col-

Mohali Cricket Association announces trails for Under 23 Cricket Team on Feb 26

MOHALI : The trials for the selection of Under 23 Cricket Team for Mohali Cricket Association would be held on Saturday the 26th February, 2022 at 10:00 am in the C-Ground, Mohali. The team would take part in the Inter District Tournament for the year 2022, being Organised by Punjab Cricket Association. The Players born on 1st of September, 1999 or after are eligible to participate.

The players born, residing and studying continuously for the one year prior to the year of the tournament in the district of Mohali are eligible for the trials. Note: The players should carry documents. i.e. Digital Birth certificate (Mandatory) School Bonafide certificate from the educational institute/ school in which players study and Passport or Voter ID, any one of the two is mandatory as proof of residence.

HP.P.W.D.TENDER Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed item rate tender on PWD form Number 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Jawali Division H.P.P.W.D. Jawali on behalf of the Governor of H.P. for the following work from the approved and eligible contractors C&D enlisted in H.P.P.W.D. so as to reach in this office in the waxed sealed cover on or before **14.3.2022** up to 11:00 (AM) and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 (A.M.) in the presence of the intending contractors or their authorized representative who may like to be present. The application for purchase of tender will be received up to 4.00 P.M on dated **10.03.2022**. The tender form can be obtained from this office 11.00A.M to 4.30 P.M on dated **11.03.2022**.

The amount of earnest money in shape of FDR of any nationalized Bank in HP duly pledged in the name of the Executive Engineer, Jawali Division H.P.P.W.D. Jawali should be deposited first with the application then the tender documents will be issued. Conditional tender and tender application without earnest money will be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 75 days. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason.

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Time Limit	Cost of Form Rs.
1.	Construction of link road from Hawal to Chakwan road Km. 0/0 to 1/200 under SCSP (SH)- Construction of Edge wall with Drain at RD. 0/0 to 0/110	371527/-	7400/-	One Month	350/-

Conditions:-

- The contractor should be registered as a dealer under HPST Act 1968 (GST number) from the Excise and Taxation Department.
- The Cess charges@ 1%(One percent) will be deducted from gross amount of work done by the contractor.
- The contractors are required to be produce copy of their PAN No. at time of application.
- The contractor should produce a copy of enlistment/ renewal letter at time of application.
- The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/cancel any tender without assigning any reason at any stage.
- Telegraphically/ Fax tenders are not acceptable.
- Special care should be taken to write the rates both in figures and in words, failing which tender likely to be rejected to be circumstances.
- If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

Sd/-

Executive Engineer
Jawali Divn. HP PWD, Jawali,
For on behalf of Governor of H.P.

DPR-HP-7154/2021-2022

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CHANDIGARH DISTRICT - MANIMAJRA-CHANDIGARH: F10364, F13652, F14149, F15088, F15255, F15467, F15537, F15544, F15550, F15551, F15570, F15574, F15581, F15591, F15596, F15657, F15664, F15722, F15772, F15848, F15892, F15939, F16808, F17564, F17598, F17602, F17615, F17620, F17623, F17624, F17635, F17636, F17643, F17659, F17694, F17701, F17705, F17721, F17754, F17761, F17763, F17771, F17806, F17857, F17859, F17883, F17895, F17897, F17906, **CHANDIGARH - SECTOR 38C:** F1248, F1444, F1486, F1626, F1643, F1764, F1767, F1803, F1964, F2013, F2022, F2023, F2026, F2027, F2036, F2045, F2059, F2060, F2061, F2063, F2084, F2089, F2090, F2092, F2100, F2102, F975, **CHANDIGARH:** F12251, F13847, F14003, F14152, F14621, F14625, F14648, F14704, F14818, F15080, F15088, F15113, F15357, F15365, F15457, F16012, F16013, F16099, F16167, F16196, F16240, F16244, F16286, F16287, F16290, F16321, F16322, F16323, F16325, F16345, F16348, F16355, F16356, F16357, F16363, F16364, F16366, F16369, GL/CD/GOLD/65, **MANSI DISTRICT - BUDHLADA-PUNJAB:** F485, F495, F510, F511, F525, F527, F538, **MANSI-PUNJAB:** F1607, F5449, F5494, F5514, F5522, F5580, F5585, F5586, F5594, F6653, F6660, F6665, F6668, F6693, F6694, F6695, F6696, F6697, F6700, F6708, F6718, F6730, F6746, F6749, F6759, F6763, F6772, F6779, F6805, F6828, **MOHALI DISTRICT - KHARAR-PUNJAB:** F11173, F12034, F12920, F12921, F13030, F13035, F13179, F13196, F13223, F13230, F13272, F13280, F13281, F13288, F13308, F13320, F13324, F13324, F13325, F13333, F13339, F13351, F13357, F13377, F13381, F13384, F13390, F13393, **DERABASSI:** F5674, F7461, F7936, F7951, F7967, F7975, F9024, F9029, F9070, F9088, F9093, F9116, F9136, F9143, F9146, F9156, F9157, F9162, F9172, F9173, F9189, **ZIRAKPUR-PUNJAB:** F5180, F5770, F5798, F5991, F7776, F7777, F7861, F7959, F7966, F8293, F8482, F8630, F8821, F9106, F9444, F9669, F9676, F9677, F9685, F9710, F9711, F9719, F9728, F9734, F9746, F9750, F9758, F9766, F9773, F9779, F9800, F9823, F9827, F9844, F9862, F9868, F9879, F9893, **MOHALI:** F1102, F1391, F1888, F1902, F1921, F1922, F1924, F1936, F1944, F1945, F1946, F1950, F1963, F1967, F1968, F1997, F197, **FATEHGARH SAHIB DISTRICT - AMLOH:** F28, F42, F45, F58, F62, F79, F80, **SANGRUR DISTRICT - SUNAM-PUNJAB:** F10617, F10633, F10725, F10773, F13111, F15187, F15584, F16164, F16175, F1628, F1629, F1634, F1634, F1646, F1655, F1665, F1681, F1684, F1687, F1688, F1689, F1700, F1702, F12435, F12704, F12707, F12737, F12748, F12759, F12772, F12778, F12786, F12799, F12802, F12818, F12823, F12827, F12845, **SANGRUR-SEKHUPURA BASTI:** F13168, F14010, F14011, F14052, F14063, F14074, F14092, F14126, F14135, F14157, F14163, F14167, F14170, F14202, F14297, F14330, F14433, F14467, F14828, F15170, F15448, F15535, F15569, F15581, F15600, F15604, F15605, F15621, F15625, F15626, F15628, F15641, F15647, F15653, F15662, F15669, F15690, F15752, F15767, **BHAWANIGARH:** F1129, F1136, F1143, F1158, F1167, F1169, F1170, F1171, F1175, F1177, F1484, F1578, F1607, F1619, F1637, F1650, F677, F888, F902, **SANGRUR:** F19447, F22553, F23099, F23100, F23173, F23175, F23225, F23226, F23231, F23233, F23240, F23258, F23268, F23284, F23323, F24912, F24921, F24925, F24926, F24953, F24961, F24988, F25005, F25013, F25022, F25033, F25042, F25047, F25064, F25074, F25083, F25086, F25091, F25095, F25107, F25111, F25123, F25126, F25140, F25158, F25166, F25167, F25171, F25175, F25177, F25183, **DHURI:** F588, F614, F615, F634, F655, F680, **MALARKOTLA:** F1034, F1038, F1040, F1045, F1059, F1066, F1079.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 16.03.2022 at 10.00 am at **CHANDIGARH DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, SCO-2902, Sector-22C, Opposite JW Marriott Hotel Chandigarh, Punjab, Chandigarh - 160022. **MANSI DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Door No.82020, Gausahala Road, Punjab, Mansi - 151505. **MOHALI DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Upper Ground Floor, Khalsala Complex, Derabassi, Punjab - 140507. **FATEHGARH SAHIB DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, Door No: B0080040001, Amloh, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab - 147203. **SANGRUR DISTRICT:** Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., Ground Floor, SCF 13, Kaula Park, Near Hotel Harman, Sangrur, Punjab - 148001. The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS. **Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.**

Mayank Agarwal set to captain Punjab Kings in IPL 2022

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India batter Mayank Agarwal is set to captain Punjab Kings in the upcoming Indian Premier League.

Agarwal, who is part of the Indian Test team, was one of the two players retained by Punjab Kings alongside young pacer Arshdeep Singh ahead of the mega auction earlier this month.

A formal announcement is expected soon.

"In all likelihood, Mayank will captain the side. The announcement is expected later this week," an IPL source told a news agency.

Punjab, who went into the auction with the maximum purse, made good use of the money by getting the likes of Shikhar Dhawan, Jonny Bairstow, Liam Livingstone, Kagiso Rabada and buying back left-arm



spinner Harpreet Brar and explosive Tamil Nadu batter Shahrul Khan.

Dhawan's name as captain was

also doing the rounds but the management was keen on Agarwal as the leader even before the auction.

"Dhawan is a welcome addition to the side and was always on the radar at the auction. He is a champion player but it seems Punjab were keen on Mayank as captain ever since K L Rahul left the team," the source added.

Agarwal and Rahul formed one of the most prolific opening pairs in the IPL over the past couple of years. Rahul will lead Lucknow Super Giants this season. Agarwal had captained the team briefly last year when Rahul was injured. Agarwal aggregated 400-plus runs in the past two seasons. He had made his IPL debut in 2011 and has so far played 100 games. The 31-year-old has also played 19 Tests and five ODIs for India. With a strong squad at their disposal, Punjab Kings are aiming to end their title drought in the IPL. Their only final appearance came way back in 2014.

Punjab scores 368 runs on first day

CHANDIGARH:

PUNJAB VS HARYANA

match started today at

Arun Jaitley Stadium, New

Delhi. Haryana won the toss

and elected to field first.

Batting first Punjab Team

scored 368 runs losing their

5 wickets in 88 over's in the

first innings before the

stumps for day 1. For Pun-

jab batsmen Anmol Malho-

tra scored 100 runs of 128

balls with help of 14 bound-

aries and 2 Sixes, Mandeep

Singh was at the crease un-

beaten at 130 runs in 222

balls with help of 13 bound-

aries and 2 Sixes, he was

accompanied by Sanvir

Singh on the other end at 23

runs in 31 balls before the

day's play ended. For

Haryana bowlers Anshul

Kamboj claimed 2 wickets

giving away 83 runs, AK

Chahal took 2 wickets giv-

ing away 55 runs and HJ

Rana took 1 wicket.

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Kartik Aaryan celebrates 4 years of 'Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety' with cancer survivors

Actor Kartik Aaryan is celebrating four years of his 2018 hit romantic-comedy film 'Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety' on Wednesday. Taking to his Instagram handle, Kartik shared a video of him dancing with a group of cancer survivor ladies on the movie's hit song 'Dil Chori', at a private event. The video also features Kartik's mother dancing along with the group. Sharing the clip, Kartik wrote, "Couldn't ask for a better 4 year anniversary for #SonuKeTituKiSweety Overwhelmed to have spent time with these Strong souls #CancerSurvivors." The post garnered more than one lakh likes after being shared on the photo-sharing application. Fans and fellow celebrities including his upcoming film 'Freddy's' producer Ekta Kapoor, chimed into the comments section and left heart emoticons. The comedy flick, which revolves around the lifelong war between friendship and love, is helmed by Luv Ranjan and also stars Nushratt Bharuccha and Sunny Singh in the lead roles.



Sonakshi Sinha struggles with 'eyeliner anxiety'

Have you ever heard of 'eyeliner anxiety'? If not, then right away scroll actor Sonakshi Sinha's Instagram to know about it. Taking to the social media application, Sonakshi shared a video of her struggling to get perfect winged eyeliner. "Eyeliner anxiety. It's a thing. Raise your hands if you agree," she captioned the clip. As soon as Sonakshi shared the video, fans and followers chimed into

the comment section to share their views about 'eyeliner anxiety'. "Hahahha.. eyeliner anxiety is for real. I, too, deal with it," a netizen commented. "I need a class in person ..love the way your liner is," another one wrote. Meanwhile, on the work front, Sonakshi will be seen sharing screen space with Huma Qureshi in 'Double XL', which revolves around body weight stereotypes.



Vicky Kaushal is 'absolutely shook' after watching 'Gangubai Kathiawadi'

Actor Vicky Kaushal is heaping praises for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's directorial 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', starring Alia Bhatt in the lead role. Taking to his Instagram handle on Thursday, he shared the film's poster and wrote, "Absolutely shook by the sheer brilliance at display in this Film. SLB Sir you are a master! And @aliaabhatt don't even know what to say about you...breathhtakingly amazing as Gangu! Hats off." Vicky shared screen space with Alia in their film 'Raazi' (2018). 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' revolves around a maiden sold by a suitor into prostitution and how she becomes a prominent, celebrated figure in the underworld and Kamathipua red-light district. The film, which also stars Ajay Devgn, is scheduled to release in theatres on February 25, 2022.

Ajay Devgn pens a special message for Kajol on their 23rd wedding anniversary



One of the most popular celebrity pairs whose love story transcended from reel to real life is Ajay Devgn and Kajol. The two, who got married in 1999, are celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary today. Marking the special day, Ajay took to Instagram and penned a heartfelt message for his wife. "1999 - Pyaar toh hona hi tha..2022 - Pyaar toh always hai!Happy Anniversary @kajol," he wrote. Alongside the note, Ajay posted a throwback video from one of the couple's interviews. In the clip, Ajay can be seen saying, "I am surprised that she is still with me." Ajay's statement left Kajol saying "aww" and that too with a big smile on her face. Ajay and Kajol first met on the sets of 'Hulchul' (1995), four years before they tied the knot.

Shibani Dandekar shares happy moments from her boho-themed Mehendi ceremony

Shibani Dandekar, who got hitched to longtime boyfriend Farhan Akhtar on February 19, has shared glimpses of her fun-filled boho Mehendi ceremony.

Taking to her Instagram handle on Thursday, the actor posted lots of pictures from her Mehendi, hosted by her best friends -- Payal Singhal and Nehali Kotian.

Shibani looked stunning, wearing a boho-chic multicoloured blouse-and-sharara set with matching floral accessories.

Penning a thank you note in the caption, she wrote, "Two of best friends, my sisters, my protectors, my lifers, threw me the most incredible mehendi! I felt the love and energy hard in the room that might! For standing by me through my wedding and through my life @payalsinghal @nehalikotian the love is beyond deep! You both have wanted this for me for as long as I know so I guess your dreams came true! No words to describe your love and loyalty, only happy tears thank you for this! I'll cherish the memory forever!"

The happy pictures also feature the then groom-to-be Farhan, striking goofy poses and flaunting his Mehendi. Anusha Dandekar, Shabana Azmi and Rhea Chakraborty can be seen having a gala time, dressed in traditional yellow outfits.

For the unversed, Farhan and Shibani tied the knot at Farhan's family farmhouse in Khandala.

The daytime wedding was attended by several celebrities including Farah Khan, Rhea Chakraborty, Satish Shah, Ashutosh Gowariker and Ritesh Sidwani. Hrithik Roshan also attended the wedding with his parents, Rakesh and Pinkie Roshan.

