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Rupee slips 15 paise to close at 75.95 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee declined by 15 paise to close at 75.95 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, pressured by surging crude oil prices amid intensifying conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Persistent foreign capital outflows and subdued domestic equity markets also affected market sentiment, forex dealers said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened strong at 75.76 against the American dollar but soon entered the negative territory as investors turned towards safe-haven assets.

Can I direct Putin, says CJI on Ukraine evacuation plea

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to pass any order on a matter pertaining to evacuation of Indians, especially students, stuck in Romania and other neighbouring nations of Ukraine, which is under attack by Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces. "What will the court do? Can I give directions to President of Russia to stop the war?" said Chief Justice NV Ramana. "Do I ask Vladimir Putin to stop the war? What do you want?" the chief justice asked a lawyer, who mentioned the matter before the court seeking an immediate direction to evacuate many students stuck in Romania owing to Ukrainian crisis.

Hry: Arms supplier held, 12 desi pistols & 10 cartridges seized

CHANDIGARH: In a major breakthrough, the police have arrested a suspected arms supplier and seized 12 desi pistols and 10 live cartridges from him in Nuh district. A police spokesperson informed here on Thursday that the accused identified as Bhure Khan of Dhadoli in Nuh, was arrested by a joint team of CIA and Anti-narcotic cell from his village after a secret input from an informer. On the basis of secret information, the police conducted this raid.

Court extends Nawab's custody till Mar 7

MUMBAI: A Special PMLA Court here on Thursday extended till March 7 the Enforcement Directorate custody of Maharashtra Cabinet Minister and NCP leader Nawab Malik in a money laundering case of alleged property deals with family members of fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim. Malik was arrested by ED on February 23 and was remanded by PMLA court to ED custody till today (March 3). Today afternoon he was produced before the session Judge RK Rokade with heavy police deployment, his daughter Nilofar Malik and other family members.

Russian forces seize control of Kherson, blasts continue in Kyiv

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KYIV, MAR 3

Amid the escalating Ukraine-Russia crisis, Russian forces have seized control of the key southern Ukrainian city of Kherson, its mayor said.

"Russian forces seize the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson after taking control of the local council building, Kherson's mayor, Igor Kolykhaiev, said in a Facebook post on March 2," tweeted The Kyiv Independent. As per reports bombing by Russian military continued in Kyiv and residents were advised to not to leave their places.

Indicating that the city is now under Russia's control, Kolykhaiev, in a social media post, said that the Ukrainian military is no longer in the city and that its inhabitants must now carry out instructions of "armed people who came to the city's administration". CNN reported.

Russian forces had surrounded Kherson, a strategically important city on an inlet from the Black Sea with a population of nearly 300,000, for several days, according to the media outlet.

Also on Thursday capital city Kyiv woke up to an air raid alert with its residents being advised to take



shelter in safe houses.

Air raid alerts in Kyiv and Kyiv Oblast, Mykolaiv, Lviv, Zhytomyr, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernihiv and Chernihiv Oblast, Volyn Oblast, Cherkasy Oblast, Kirovohrad Oblast, Poltava Oblast, Khmelnytskyi Oblast,

Zaporizhzhia and Odesa, The Kyiv Independent tweeted. Meanwhile, the UN General Assembly overwhelmingly voted to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Wednesday with 141 nations voting in favour of the move and five nations against it.

Germany to deliver weapons to Ukraine

MOSCOW: Germany will deliver another batch of weapons to Ukraine, Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said on Thursday. DPA news agency reported citing sources in the German economy ministry that Berlin had approved the supply of 2,700 anti-aircraft missiles to Ukraine. "Today, we received a new message from Germany that Germany will send us a new batch of weapons to strengthen our defense," Kuleba told the Rada broadcaster.

We won't surrender: Zelensky

KYIV: As the Russian invasion entered eighth day amid reports that over 2,000 Ukrainian civilians may have died, President Volodymyr Zelensky declared on Thursday that his people were not scared, cannot be broken and will not surrender. "They wanted to destroy us so many times. They couldn't. We've been through so much! And if someone thinks that having overcome all this, Ukrainians will be frightened, broken or surrender, he knows nothing about Ukraine. And he has nothing to do in Ukraine," he said in his Telegram channel. "Go home. Protect Russian-speaking people," he added. Ukraine Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said of a mass resistance underway in Energodar since Wednesday: "This is a true People's War for Ukraine." "Putin has no chance of winning it. On this photo civilians block Russian invaders in Energodar yesterday. One of hundreds of such photos and videos. We need partners to help Ukraine defend itself. Especially in the air. Close the sky now!" Kuleba said.

Govt wins 'national consensus' on Ukraine: MEA



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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday briefed in details members of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on the situation in Ukraine and said later that there was a "strong and unanimous message of support" to bring back all Indians from the war-hit country. "A good discussion on the strategic and humanitarian aspects of the issue," Jaishankar said, describing the discussion he held with nine of the 21 members of the committee attached to his Ministry as "good" on strategic and humanitarian aspects. He tweeted that there was a "national consensus on the importance of dialogue and diplomacy". Congress MPs Rahul Gandhi, Shashi Tharoor and Anand Sharma, Shiv

Sena's Priyanka Chaturvedi, YSRCP's B.V. Satyavathialso and BJP's G.V.L. Nar-simha Rao were among those who attended the meeting. Tharoor called it an "excellent meeting" and thanked Jaishankar for a comprehensive briefing. "Excellent meeting ... this morning on Ukraine.

My thanks to ?Dr. S Jaishankar and his colleagues for a comprehensive briefing and candid responses to our questions and concerns. This is the spirit in which foreign policy should be run," he said. He said the opposition had urged External Affairs Ministry to issue a more detailed statement than usual. "The meeting took place in a constructive spirit and all parties are united in their desire to see our nationals return safely home," the Congress member said.

Moderate polling in UP 6th phase



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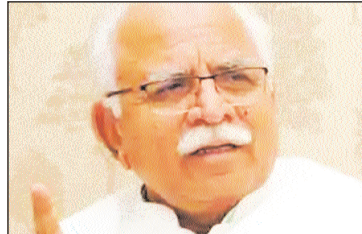
An estimated 53.31 per cent of the 2.15 crore electorate had voted till 5 pm on Thursday in the sixth and penultimate phase of the staggered Uttar Pradesh assembly elections spread across 57 constituencies in 10 districts. According to the Chief Electoral Officer, the maximum of 58.66 per cent votes were polled in Ambedkar Nagar district while Balrampur saw a voter turnout of 48.53 per cent. Among other districts,

51.81 per cent voted in Ballia, 54.24 per cent in Basti, 51.50 per cent in Deoria, 53.89 per cent in Gorakhpur, 55 per cent in Kushinagar, 57.38 per cent in Maharajganj, 51.21 per cent in Sant Kabir Nagar and 49.77 per cent in Siddharth Nagar. According to a report from Kushinagar, people demanding construction of a bridge boycotted polling for two hours at Pipraghat polling station. However polling resumed after the administrative officials gave a written assurance, sources said.

Haryana 's help desk receives nine students at Mumbai airport: CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 3:

To help the students returning to the country from Ukraine, the help desk set up by the Haryana government at the Mumbai airport received nine students of the State. The officers deputised at the help desk provided Rs. 1000 cash to all and air tickets to Delhi. The students have expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the State Government and especially to the Chief



Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal for the help received at the help desk. The names of the students who

reached Mumbai include Vaibhav from Ambala, Jatin from Rohtak, Vipul Sharma from Faridabad, Isha from Rohtak, Himanshu from Hisar, Meeraj Ahmed from Gurugram, Ajay Kumar Sharma from Mahendragarh, Garima Arora and Suman Arora from Fatehabad. As per the information received from the help desk, all the students are hale and hearty.

In view of the Ukraine crisis, Haryana Government has set up help desks at Delhi and Mumbai airports

to help the students. Through the help desk, the students are being assisted to safely reach their homes. Besides this, the government has appointed Sh. Sanjay Joon as nodal officer to help the residents and students of Haryana stuck in Ukraine. At the district level, the Deputy Commissioner will be the nodal officer. The Chief Minister is constantly taking updates from the officials regarding the children stuck in Ukraine and is giving them required directions.

4 food delivery agents killed in road crash in Gurugram

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GURUGRAM, MAR 3

Four Swiggy delivery agents were killed when a speeding car rammed into their bikes on the Golf course road here in the early hours of Thursday, police said.

The incident took place when the four men were returning home after work, they said, adding that the driver of the car, who was allegedly drunk, has been nabbed.

The deceased have been identified as Govind Patel, a native of Madhya Pradesh, Gopal from Uttarakhand, and Jitender Mondal and Rajnish Mondal, both natives of Bihar.

The families of deceased have been informed, the police said.

The police said a speeding black Skoda Rapid car rammed into the two bikes from behind and dragged one of them for some metres. According to the police, one of them died on spot while the other three succumbed to injuries during treatment at a private hospital, they said. The police has identified the accused as Harish alias Harsh (36), a resident of sector 43, they said. Station House Officer (SHO) of SHO of DLF phase-I police station Naresh Kumar, said, "We have registered a case against the car driver and taken his blood sample. We are investigating and action will be taken as per the law."

92 pc of COVID deaths in 2022 so far were among unvaccinated individuals

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NEW DELHI, MAR 3

Stating that COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness in mortality prevention has been measured, the Union Health Ministry informed on Thursday that one dose is 98.9 per cent effective and if both doses are administered then its efficacy increases to 99.3 per cent.

The Health Ministry added that unvaccinated individuals account for 92 per cent of COVID-19 deaths in 2022 so far.

Addressing a press conference today, Director General of the Indian

Council of Medical Research, Dr Balram Bhargava said, "Vaccine effectiveness in mortality prevention has been measured. The first dose is responsible for 98.9 per cent vaccine effectiveness and if both doses are given then it is 99.3 per cent effective."

The Health Ministry mentioned that India witnessed a considerably lower number of COVID-19 deaths due to vaccine development, rapid deployment, acceptance, wide



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HP GDP to grow at 8.3 pc in FY 2021-22: CM

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SHIMLA, MAR 3

Himachal Pradesh state GDP is projected to grow at 8.3 per cent during the current financial year 2021-22 after squeezing to minus 5.2 growth rate in last financial year, this was stated by the Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur who holds the portfolio of finance as well. Tabling the state economic survey of year 2021-22 in assembly on Thursday, Mr Thakur said that as per advance estimates, the state GDP would grow at the rate of 8.3 per cent in 2021-22 after freezing to minus 5.2 in FY 2020-21. GDP at current prices in the year 2021-22 is estimated at Rs 1,75,173 crore compared to the GDP of 1,56,675 Cr in the previous year. Per Capita Income at current prices is estimated at 2,01,854 compared to around Rs 183,000 of previous year. The growth in Per Capita Income during 2021-22 is estimated at 10.1 per cent. The Primary sector ie Agriculture and allied activities is estimated to grow by 8.7 per cent in 2021-22, mainly due to 11.9 per cent



increase in horticulture production. He said that industry is likely to grow at the rate of 11 pc in 2021-22 after contracting by 6.6 pc in 2020-21. The service sector is estimated to grow by 6.3 pc during 2021-22 following last year's 2.1 per cent as the sector has been the hardest hit by the pandemic. The tourism sector is likely to witness a footfall of 5637102 tourists including 5632270 Indian and 4832 foreigners in the year 2021 growing at the 75.44 pc after crumbling to minus 81 pc in the year 2020. The state recorded production of 697.96 metric ton of fruit in 2021-22 compared to the 624.49 MT during the previous year. State has 2,34,779 hectares of area under fruit production now, showing an increase of 1400 hectares.

Govt schemes not helping people: Selja

DEEPAK SHARMA
ISMALABAD: State Congress President Selja said that the state government makes announcements of many schemes every day, but no benefit is reaching the public on the ground. She was speaking among Congress workers at a farm house. Selja said that the state government has nothing even in the name of budget. The promise of increasing the income of the poor will prove to be like doubling the income of the farmers. Now the government has claimed to include those with annual income up to 1 lakh 80 thousand in Ayushman Yojana. While no effort has been made to reach such eligible families on the ground. The work is being done only on paper. Dozens of apps released in the government's two years have died. Now in the name of Antyodaya Mela, a race for the poor is being organised. People are fed up with the government. Unemployment and inflation have made life difficult for the people. On this occasion, Kurukshetra Lok Sabha in-charge Kanwarjit Singh Xpras, Praveen Kaushal, Naranjan Nain, Sahab Singh former Sarpanch Rohti etc. were present. Selja said that civic elections are going to be held. Congress is fully prepared for this. The BJP-JJP alliance, which lost two by-elections, will also get a crushing defeat in the civic polls. Selja said that youth will be fielded in large numbers in the election battle. Women's participation will also be equal. He said that the counting of votes of other states including Punjab and UP on March 10 will prove to be torrid for the BJP.

5-day Mahashivratri meditation camp held

R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHARAULI: Under the divine guidance of spiritual guru Dr Manoj Kumar Vimal, a five-day online Mahashivratri meditation was organised selflessly. The event was attended by a large number of inquisitors and devotees daily from many places all over India and the world. This spiritual camp proved to be a wonderful experience for all the seekers and a wonderful grace that frees them from disease, grief and heat of the body.

Many seekers who have chronic diseases joined online meditation for the first time. They felt hope and life energy in ideas to improve diseases. After the sadhna, everyone clearly experienced an increase in inner bliss and concentration. In this divine time period of Mahashivratri, all the participants were delighted with such an experience. Many young children who are 5 to 10 years old also do sadhna daily and their expressions show that this sadhna is not less than a boon for the all-round development of children.

600 farmers participate in Kisan Mela

JASWINDER SHARMA
KARNAL: A Kisan Mela was organised by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in Kunjipura section. Around 600 farmers participated in the Mela. The winners of the quiz in the fair were also given 5 spray pumps as prizes. On this occasion, Deputy Director Dr. Aditya Pratap Dabas said that many public welfare schemes have been started by the Haryana Government for the betterment of the farmers. Farmers should take advantage of the schemes of the government and earn more income at less cost. He informed that a huge subsidy is being given by the government on agricultural implements, fertilisers and seeds. Not only this, farmers have been made risk free by implementing Bhavatar Bharpayee Yojana. He called upon the farmers to register on Meri Fasal Mera Bima Portal and get benefit from the schemes of the government. He also said that farmer brothers must also get their crops insured so that the loss of crops damaged due to natural calamity can be compensated. He called upon the farmers to adopt crop diversification and promote organic farming.

Drug de-addiction workshop organised at Kharaudi school

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHEEKA / KAITHAL: On the direction of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief and Additional Director General of Police, Ambala Division, Shrikant Jadhav Sahab, a one-day 10th drug de-addiction awareness workshop was organized at Government Senior Secondary School, Kharaudi. The program concluded under the chairmanship of Dr. Surendra Bansal, the office-bearer of Prayas Sanstha and the principal of the school, Gurinder Singh Gill. 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. Prayas officer Dr. Surendra Bansal, while expressing his views on intoxication, said that they should ask their parents for a gift of not taking drugs on their birthday. Addressing the students, Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, Deputy Inspector, Awareness Campaign and Rehabilitation in-charge of the Bureau, said that today it is very important to make the students aware about drugs because in today's environment any person who is addicted to drugs is his closest friend, relative. And learns from relatives and most of all he gets influenced by society, friends and movies, at first he takes drugs for show but gradually he becomes addicted to it. Many times he himself wants to leave the drug but the drug does not leave him because it gets mixed in his blood. Quitting addiction requires proper medical advice and determination. 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.



HARYANA

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

Compensation will be paid by March 15, 2022: Dushyant Chautala

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 3

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister, Sh. Dushyant Chautala has informed that if crops are not sown due to waterlogging in agricultural land, then compensation will be given for it. He added that directions have been given to initiate the payment of compensation for the loss of the last Kharif-2022 by March 15, 2022. The Deputy Chief Minister, who also holds the portfolio of Revenue and Disaster Management Department, said this in the response to a question asked by an MLA during the budget session of the Vidhan Sabha today.

Sh. Dushyant Chautala further informed that due to heavy rains, water logging and insect attacks, there was damage to the crops of cotton, moong, paddy, bajra and sugarcane of Kharif 2021 for which special girdawari was done by the Haryana Government. According to the report given by the Deputy Commissioners of 12 districts including Karnal, Palwal, Nuh, Guru-



gram, Hisar, Sirsa, Fatehabad, Charkhi Dadri, Bhiwani, Rohtak, Sonapat, Jhajjar, 9,14,139 farmers were found affected for which a compensation amount of Rs. 561,11,57,044/- has been been released, payment to 24,320 farmers already initiated through direct benefit transfer. The Deputy Chief Minister, in response to another question about the villages falling under the Meham Assembly constituency, said

that Meham, Bhanii-Surjan, Seman, Bedwa, Sisar Khas, Bhaini Chanderpall, Farmana Badshahpur, Mokhra Khedi Roj, Gugaheri, Bainsi, Kharak Jatan. In total 16 villages including Behlba, Kherainti, Nindana, Bahu Akbarpur, Samar Gopalpur, reports have been sent by the Deputy Commissioner about the damage to crops of 14,180 farmers.

90 devotees leave Ladwa for Sri Mehndipur Balaji



NARESH GARG

LADWA: Gaurav Gupta, a social worker from Ladwa, took a group of about 90 devotees to Shri Mehndipur Balaji in a bus and two other vehicles, which were flagged off by Rakesh Khurana, President of Punjabi Sabha and Sumit Bansal, former President of Shri Agrawal Sabha. Social worker Gaurav Gupta informed that Swami Murari Lal of Rohtak Shamsana will conduct Jagran for two days from March 4 to March 6 at Mehndipur Bala Ji Dham. A large number of devotees will go there. He said that all the 90 devotees have been taken to Balaji Dham free of cost. The accommodation and food of all of them has also been provided free of cost. On the other hand, Rakesh Khurana, the head of the Punjabi Sabha, who arrived as the chief guest to give saffron flags, said that this kind of good deed boosts the morale of all and he congratulated Gaurav Gupta for his efforts.

Bike stolen from from house

PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA: Unknown thieves stole a bike by breaking the lock of the abandoned house from Mahmudpur. On the complaint, the police registered a case against unknown thieves. In the complaint given to the Sadhora police, Mehmoodpur, a resident of Mukesh, said that on February 25, he had gone out with his family. When they came back the next day, the lock of the house was found broken and the bike parked inside the house was missing. He also searched the bike a lot at his level but the bike could not be found anywhere. Distraught, he gave a complaint to the Sadhora police. On the complaint, the Sadhora police has started action by registering a case under sections 380 and 457 IPC.

DPS children visit Ladwa police station

NARESH GARG

LADWA: Children of DPS School of Ladwa visited Ladwa Police Station and saw how the police do their job.

The principal of the school, Deepti Vadera, said that the first and second-class students visited Ladwa police station and learned how the



also made them visit the entire Ladwa police station. Reema Garg, Shalini Jindal, Ruchi, Pinky, Sapna, Meenu, Reshma etc. were present on the occasion.

DC inspects Girdawari in Kutel and Bastara

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 3

Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav did physical verification of crop girdawari in village Kutel and Bastara of Gharanda block and inspected the work of drone mapping and marabba stone investigation under the ownership plan. He directed the officers of Survey of India to complete the work of drone mapping and marabba stone investigation at the earliest and should not be negligent in this work. On Thursday, the Deputy Commissioner first reached village Kutel for physical verification of girdawari and inspected the standing crop in fort number 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Khasra number 190, which is correct as per



the records. was found. After this, the Deputy Commissioner saw the work of drone mapping being done by the Survey of India to make the village red dora

free under the ownership scheme in Bastara village. Assistant Surveyor Gurdeep Singh Bhalla said that drone mapping is done thrice a day and at present 5 other drones are doing survey work in the district. Most of the work has been completed in the district and the remaining work will be completed in the next

one month. This work was started from Nilokheri block through Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) system and till now 510 marabba stones of 62 villages have been investigated. It's over. Patwaris have also been trained to investigate the marabba stone.

Office bearers of CHD City meet SP



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: The office bearers and residents of RWA of CHD City, met SP. Karnal today. Lalita Rana, Deputy Chief welcomed Police Commissioner Karnal Gangaram Poonia with a bouquet. On this occasion, Dr. Ramesh Sharma explained in detail about the very high rates being charged by CFM company for electricity, water and sewerage of CHD City to the SP. Dr. Ramesh said that this company is taking two and a half times more than the CHD residents on the rate fixed by UHB-VN for electricity. Sewerage, roads and water facilities are also not available. It is wrong to charge money for other facilities through prepaid meters. The Commissioner of Police assured to conduct an inquiry soon. On this occasion, Randhir Singhi, Awal Singh Rana, Surendra Tanwar, Umesh Sharma, Satyadev expressed their gratitude to Gangaram Poonia.

Yamunanagar MC launches anti-encroachment drive, goods seized

R. K. KASHYAP
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 3

The Yamunanagar Municipal Corporation on Thursday took major action against those who encroached on the roads. The team of the corporation formed under the leadership of CSI Anil Nain removed the roadside encroachment on many routes including Jagadhari Workshop Road, Laghu Secretariat Road, Model Town. During this time, the team of the corporation removed the encroachment by running the machine on the trunks and slabs made by the shopkeepers. Many shopkeepers' goods kept on the road, flex boards, counters and other goods were confiscated. Shopkeepers had been persuaded by the municipal team for several days not to encroach on the road. Now action has been taken by the corporation to confiscate the goods. After this, the challan action will be executed.



A team of Chief Sanitation Inspector Anil Nain was formed on the instructions of Municipal Executive Officer Sushil Kumar Bhukkal to remove encroachments along the city roads. ASI Sumit Bains, Devendra, Sudhir, Manjit and Home Guard personnel were included in the team. On Thursday, the team

of the corporation took action against the trespassers on the roads from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chowk (Fawwara Chowk) to Maharana Pratap Chowk, Bypass to Kanhaiya Sahib Chowk and Parashuram Chowk in Model Town on Jagadhari Workshop Road. Shopkeepers, Rehri, flea market people had kept goods up to half the road here. An anti-encroachment campaign was launched on behalf of the

Anand visits site of burnt slum

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: In the incident of arson in Sector-32 of Karnal, some slums were burnt to ashes late last night. Chief minister's Media Co-ordinator Jagmohan Anand visited the site with the SDM Gaurav and Tehsildar Rajbaksch to take stock of the situation. For the damage caused to the people living there, the administration interacted with the officials to provide all possible help.



Haryana:BPL families to get ABS benefits : Vij

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 3

Haryana Health and Family Welfare Minister Anil Vij said the process has been initiated for poor families of the state under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme (ABS), especially the BPL families whose annual income is less than or equal to Rs 1.80 lakh and land is less than 5 acres. He said Thursday that the Government of India (GoI) conceptualised Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, a public healthcare scheme with the potential to transform the healthcare landscape of our nation. Mr Vij said the AB-PMJAY has subsumed extant RSBY. AB-PMJAY, with its coverage of more than 50 crores lives, is the most ambitious scheme of its kind in the world. It seeks to cover nearly 1350 procedures through a country wide net-

Dial 112 reunites three missing children; family says "thanks to Haryana Police"

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Police 112 service has proved to be a boon for a family of Bhattukalan in Fatehabad district. With the prompt action of the police personnel posted on the emergency response vehicle (ERV), three children who were separated from family were reunited. The family members thanked the police team after finding the children safe. Three innocent children in the age group of 2, 3, and 4 years of a family living in machra mandi located in Bhattu Mandi went away from home while playing. When the family noticed that the children were missing from the house, they started searching for them. While walking, the children reached the 'kanchi chowk' in Bhattu. When a person noticed the children alone, he passed the information to the police by dialing 112.

work of empanelled hospitals in a cashless and paperless manner. Aided by a robust IT system it intends to provide seamless portability of benefits to beneficiaries from one state to another, across the country. He said an MoU was signed by the government of

Haryana on 14th August 2018 with National Health Agency of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI to implement the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in state of Haryana on assurance model with internal team of medical officers.

Subhash Chandra orders re-construction of broken roads, girdawari of damaged crops

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI / KARNAL, MAR 3

Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice Chairman, Swachh Bharat Mission, Haryana, visited Beed Badalwa, Koir and Gamdi villages in Nigdu area of the district on Thursday. Here he talked to the villagers and listened to their problems. During the public dialogue, some villagers raised the issue of bad roads in the area in front of them, on which Subhash Chandra called the Axiom Market Committee and gave instructions for reconstruction and repair of bad roads.

He also asked the authorities to fix the broken culvert on Nigdu Road from Beed Badalwa as soon as possible. Some farmers have spoken to the vice chairman about the compensation for damage to crops caused by rains in recent times, on which he asked the ADO of the agriculture department to get the girdawari of damaged crop done as soon as possible. He also instructed the agriculture officer to give the report of Girdawari to the district administration immediately.

He said that the farmers whose crops have been damaged in the rain will be compensated



as soon as possible, and they do not need to worry. Subhash Chandra said that the government of Haryana is extremely aware and sensitive towards the problems of the general public. That is why today every section of the state is completely satisfied with the work of the present government. He said that not as much development work has been done by this government in the last 40 years. Health, education and transport facilities are being expanded in the villages on the lines of cities. Villages with a population of more than 10,000 are ready to provide facilities like sewerage. Subhash Chandra said that door-to-door garbage collection work is also being started in the villages of the state to promote cleanliness.

Mandal president inspects development grant

R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHARAULI, MARCH 3

The Mandal President inspected the grant given by the Forest and Education Minister Kanwarpal from the development fund at Sherpur Mandal President Kalyan Singh and Divisional General Secretary



Dr Jagdish Dhiman and media in-charge Karm Singh Narwal were also with him. Mandal President Kalyan Singh said that the grant given by the government is our endeavor to make good use of it. The work was found to be perfect on the spot, minor defects were asked to be rectified immediately. The Mandal President informed that the Education Minister is getting the development works done in the region without any discrimination and development works are going on in the entire area. He said that the ongoing development work in the area is being done in a quality and proper manner. In future also all development work will continue in this way.

Granthi jailed for 25 years

Ranvir Parashar

KAITHAL: Additional Session Judge Poonam Suneja holding the special court for SC/ ST and Crime against women has sentenced one Jasbir a Granthi of Gurudwara for 25 years of imprisonment and Rs One Lac Fine for Committing an offence u/s 376 AB, IPC & Section 6 of POCSO registered with PS Cheeka. The court has further directed the legal services authority of the state to ensure the payment of compensation to the tune of Rs. 5.50 lacs to each victim. Disclosing the brief facts of the case J.B. Goyal Deputy District Attorney said that a criminal case on the complaint of one of the father of the child victim was registered on 06.02.2019. Both the victims were under the age of 12 years. The accused had committed the offence. On the basis of the oral, medical & documentary evidence the Hon'ble court has awarded this sentence keeping in the view of the seriousness of the offence against two girl children. The Court has further stated in its detailed judgment that children are precious human resources of a country. The Girls-child-victim aged 9 years and 10 year, respectively, at the time of incidents with efflux of time, would grow with a traumatic experience, an unforgettable shame. The court further said that the plight of child-victims and the shock suffered by them can be well visualised. Mr. K.L. Bhardwaj Advocate who also assisted the PP in prosecution said that the court also has held that the crime speaks of depravity and degradation which is of heinous character. Convict-accused Jasbir Singh a married man of 50 years of Age who was working as Granthi in Gurudwara has shown the most unfortunate and abusive facet of human conduct.

NEWS AT A
GLANCEGlorious achievement
for Blossoms' student

SUKH NAHAR

JAGRAON: Blossoms Convent School has earned a glorious feat in World Rowing Indoor Championship that was held Online in Hamburg Germany on 26th February in which Priyanshpreet Singh, student of +1 Humanities gave a chance to feel proud to his School and parents by

adding his name in first ten Top Players as a team member of Dhudike. He had won many medals earlier by demonstrating his ability. School Principal Dr. Amarjeet Kaur

Naaz and School Management congratulated Priyanshpreet's whole family by wishing good luck. Principal added that the awards made by students are a benchmark of excellence, brilliance, dedication and strong determination will surely help the students like Priyanshpreet Singh reach the pinnacle of success.

One positive patient of
Covid-19 in district today

DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIAHPUR: Giving information about the condition of Covid-19, Civil Surgeon Dr. Parminder Kaur said that today with the receipt of 1498 new samplings with suspicious symptoms like flu and 1102 samplings were reported, 01 positive patient of Covid-19 has come.

She said that the total number of positive patients so far is 37920 from the district samplings and with the receipt of 2859 positive cases from the outlying districts the total number of positive cases of Covid-19 has increased to 40779. The total number of samplings of Covid-19 taken so far in the district is 1116221 and according to lab reports, 1075947 samplings are negative. While 4162 samplings are awaiting report and the death toll so far is 1093. The number of active cases is 46, while the number of cured patients is 39640.

DST-FIST provides grant to
Bela Pharmacy College

BAHADURJEET SINGH

RUPNAGAR: Amar Shaheed Baba Ajit Singh Jujhar Singh Memorial College of Pharmacy, Bela (An

autonomous college) received a grant of Rs. 95 Lakh from the Funds for Improvement of Science and Technology (FIST), Department of Science

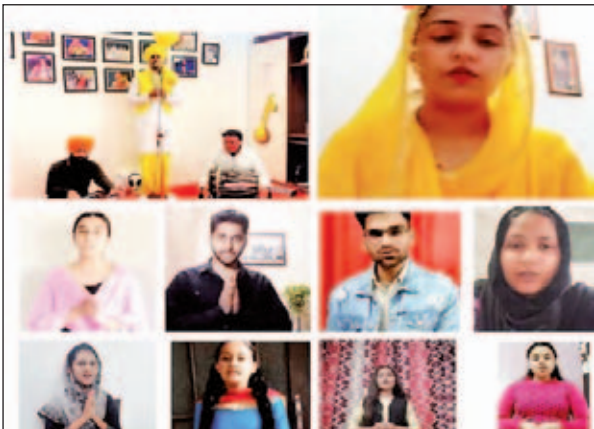
Technology (DST), Government of India, to strengthen the research facilities in the college. Director of College, Prof. (Dr.) Shailesh Sharma said that "we hope this grant will be another stepping stone in the direction of research advancements in pharmaceuticals in North India" All the management committee of the college congratulates the staff members and all stakeholders for this big achievement.

Pathankot College of Education organises an inter-college poetry recitation and folk song competition

R. SINGH,
PATHANKOT, MARCH 3

In the Pathankot College of Education, an inter-college poetry recitation and folk song competition was organized under the chairmanship of Principal Rupinder Kaur to commemorate the first death anniversary of Dr. Subhash Mahajan, the chairman of the college.

About 25 college students participated in this competition and showed their talent. Students presented poems on different subjects and presented beautiful folk songs. In poetry recitation competition, Pawan Sharma I from PG Government College, Chandigarh, Ravneet Kaur II from Khalsa College, Amritsar, Navjot Kaur III from Kapurthala and Siya from Pathankot College were given consolation prizes. In folk song, Nandita I from



Dashmesh Girls College Mukeriy, Charanjit Kaur II from Gurdaspur, Arun Kumar III from Dinanagar and Rudraksh were given consolation prizes.

Madam Uma Sharma, Rajneesh Bala and Atul Agarwal played the role of jury in the competition. Late Dr. Subhash Mahajan was re-

membered on this occasion and everyone took oath to follow the path led by him. Management members Dr. Vinod Mahajan and Prof. Ravi Shankar were also present. On this occasion Staff including Madam Uma, Rajneesh Bala, Anu, Geetanjali, Pooja, Nidhi, Atul Agarwal were present.

Withholding Punjab's Rural Development Fund
is BJP's another anti-Punjab step: CheemaGAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 3

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab Senior Leader and Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema on the issue of withholding of Punjab's Rural Development Fund by the Centre said that this move of Modi government was another proof of anti-Punjab attitude of BJP. Cheema said that this fund of Rs. 1100 crore belongs to Punjab and denying it means attacking Punjab's rights. According to Harpal Singh Cheema, for the last few days the BJP government has been constantly attacking the rights of Punjab which the people of Punjab will never tolerate.

In a statement issued from the party headquarters on Thursday, Harpal Cheema said, "This is another betrayal of Capt. Amarinder Singh with the people of Punjab to fulfil his own narrow political interests.

The Congress government used the Rural Development Fund for the loan waiver of farmers. But, in 2017 election campaign while promising the moon, Congress never mentioned in their manifesto that they'll use rural development fund for loan waiver." He said that Capt. Amarinder Singh had conspired with BJP against Punjab. The AAP leader also



held Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal responsible and asked that when Pungrain employees approached him and asked him to get funds released, then why did Channi's Congress government ignore the matter or was 'Ailanjit Singh' so busy in his announcements and propaganda to mislead the people that he

did not get a chance to solve the real issue. Harpal Cheema said that first Parkash Singh Badal and then Capt. Amarinder Singh had been misusing Punjab's public money, natural resources and funds for their own political interests. He assured that as soon as the AAP government is formed there will be an impartial inquiry into all such scams and stern actions will be taken.

Harpal Singh Cheema condemned the decision of the Union Government to withhold funds and said that the money belonged to Punjab and there was no point in punishing the people of Punjab for the mistakes of Badal and Captain.

He said that the anti-Punjab central government was just looking for excuses to violate the rights of Punjab and Akali Dal and the state Congress had been giving them these excuses for decades.

Harpal Singh Cheema said that Prime Minister Modi, who had cancelled the rally on the pretext of security and then never announced funds of 36,000 crores for the development of Punjab is now denying Punjab's 1,100 crores of rural development funds. He said that Centre government should stop their discrimination against Punjab and release Rural Development Fund immediately.

Blocking release of Bhullar reveals Kejriwal
govt anti-Sikh mentality: Advocate DhamaCHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MARCH 3

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhama strongly condemned Kejriwal government of Delhi for becoming an obstruction in the release of Prof Devinderpal Singh Bhullar and said that this has exposed the anti-Sikh face of Aam Aadmi Party.

Advocate Dhama said the deferment of the release of Prof Bhullar by the Sentence Review Board (SRB) of the Delhi government yesterday (on Wednesday) is extremely unfortunate, due to which, the Sikh Qaum (community) is in high displeasure. SGPC President questioned that the SRB did not make it clear what is the issue it has with the release of

Prof Bhullar? SGPC President appealed to the Government of India to intervene to stop the anti-Sikh activities being carried out by Kejriwal.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi should issue an order to Delhi government in this regard so that the Sikhs who are lodged in jails for decades could be released soon. In case of release of Prof Bhullar, Government of India should issue strict instructions to Delhi government", said Advocate Dhama. "On one side, during the Punjab assembly elections, Kejriwal and his party leaders kept on talking about taking a decision on the release of Prof Bhullar in the forthcoming meeting of Sentence Review Board, but on the other hand, no decision was

made in the SRB meeting. This is the truth of Kejriwal's Delhi government towards Sikhs and he will not be able to deny the same", said Advocate Dhama.



SGPC President said that Kejriwal has always remained anti-Sikh and it is evident from the fact that there is not even a single Sikh minister in the cabinet of Delhi government. SGPC President said that on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the Government of India had announced the release of Sikh prisoners who had completed their long sentences and the name of Prof Devinderpal Singh Bhullar was also on the list.

Arora urges upon Union
Home Minister, Amit ShahDALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAHPUR, MARCH 3

Ex Cabinet Minister Sunder Sham Arora, urged upon the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah to direct officials in the

home ministry to allow 22 members of the Jain faith to travel to Pakistan so as to see temple in Gujranwala & another shrine in Lahore. In a letter addressed to the Union Home Minister, Arora said that clearance required from the Home Ministry & Immigration Department to travel through Attari Wagah border to enter Pakistan be granted immediately.

Arora said that 22 members group belonging to Jain faith had already received visas for travelling to these shrines & these visas are going to expire in the beginning

of next week. Jain community had moved to India during partition in 1947 and the local police in Pakistan had been using the shrine at Lahore as office of police officer, said Mr. Arora.



He further told that Imran Khan Govt. had removed the office of local police after The Supreme Court of Pakistan directed that such shrines be reconstructed & handed over to the Pakistan Minority Welfare Board. Mr. Arora expressed hope that with timely intervention of the home minister the 22 member group may be allowed travelling to Pakistan via Attari border. It is worth mentioning that 22 members delegation intended to visit shrines in Pakistan has persons from Punjab, Delhi & Maharashtra.

Punjab won't surrender to
coercive decisions of Centre: SAD

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 3

Shiromani Akali (SAD) has always fought for rights of Punjab and will continue to do so and the Centre should understand that Punjab will never surrender to its coercive decisions. Stating this while addressing a press conference here on Thursday, Senior Vice President of Shiromani Akali Dal Prof Prem Singh Chandumajra said during last few days the central government had taken decisions which were aimed at pressurizing and humiliating Punjab.

He said the Centre wanted to abolish the federal system of the country and replace it with a unitary system of governance. "The centre is usurping the rights of States and Punjab seemed to have become the number one target. Earlier the jurisdiction of BSF was increased and now the centre had abolished the permanent membership of Punjab in BBMB." He said as if this was not enough the centre had now replaced the Punjab security at the Bhakra dam with CISF. He said this amounted to lack

of trust in Punjab. He said it was also shocking that Punjab and Himachal Pradesh would foot the bill for posting of CISF at these dams and these personnel would remain employees of the Centre Government. Chandumajra also asserted the central government was yet to refund Rs 1100 crore due to the State on account of Rural Development Fund. He said an impression was being created that the Centre wanted to teach a lesson to Punjab and this was why it was resorting to arm twisting. He said that though laying down rules and regulations for use of Central grants was the right of the central government but it should not dictate terms to states on how they should spend their own money. He said that Centre was gradually abolishing rules of Punjab Reorganisation Act in Chandigarh. He said the permanent membership of Punjab in BBMB and implementation of Punjab rules of service for Chandigarh employees were as per Punjab Reorganisation Act but Centre was now creating UT cadre.

National Lok Adalat will be held on
March 12: District and Session JudgeSURINDER DAMDAMI
FARIDKOT, MARCH 3

As per the directions of acting Chairman of Punjab State Legal Services Authority, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) National Lok Adalat is being set up on March 12 at District Courts and Sub-Divisional Jaito under the guidance of Mr. Sumit Malhotra District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Faridkot. Divulging this here today Mr. Jagdeep Singh Mehrotra, Additional District and Sessions Judge Faridkot said that in this National Lok Adalat there are negotiable criminal cases, labor disputes, marital disputes, under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, elec-



tricity and water bills (other than non-compoundable), salary, allowances and retirement matters, with the Revenue Department. Related cases (pending at district and high court level), other civil cases such as rent, easement rights, specific performance cases, etc., land acquisition cases, MACT cases, recovery cases may be filed. He further said that in this Lok Adalat, civil cases, criminal compoundable, Cheque cases, banking, electricity, water, telephone and matrimonial matters will be settled. Disputes are settled in this National Lok Adalat by mutual consent of both the parties.

One person arrested with
324 bottles illicit liquorSUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MARCH 3

District Ludhiana rural police has launched a drive against illicit liquor peddling under the guidance of SSP Patil Ketan Baliram. Police had an achievement in this drive as they arrest 1 person with 324 bottles of illicit liquor.

As per the information, ASI Parminder Kaur along with the police team was present at Adda Raikot, Jagraon for checking of suspected vehicles when he received information about

Avneet Singh alias Laddu who allegedly purchases liquor from other states and peddles it in Punjab and was allegedly on way to peddle liquor on his car (PB 25 H 4828). Police took immediate actions on this and arrested the accused with total 324 bottles of Haryana market liquor.

Police filed FIR 32 against accused under section 61-78(2)-1-14 of excise act and further investigation is being carried out. It is notable that the accused already has another FIR filed against him under excise act.

Thieves take away 350 gms of gold '
60000 rupees and F D's ATM card alsoVERMA
QADIAN, MARCH 3

While on the one hand the devotees are arranging various types of langars to welcome the sangha coming from Khandiala Sainiyar of Hoshiarpur, the thieves' took advantage of this and manage to steal people's homes.

One such information has been received from the nearby village Rampura, where both Harpal Singh and Balkar Singh had gone to arrange langar for the devotees along with the family and their hands were cleared by the thieves in their house behind.

Giving information in this regard, Balkar Singh, elder brother of Harpal Singh, said that this afternoon when he was arranging langar to welcome the company, he got a call from a young man from the village



that the gate of his house was open. Told that when he went home and saw, about 60000 ? and 35 tolas of gold kept in the house were missing, apart from that his FDs and ATM cards were also stolen. He said that in this regard, he immediately went to the branch Kadian of State Bank of India and took necessary action regarding his ATMs and FDs and went to the Kadian police station and complained about it.

Counting of votes in all 7 Assembly
constituencies of District GurdaspurVERMA
GURDASPUR, MARCH 3

District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur, Mohammad Ishfaq informed that the counting of votes for the Assembly elections on February 20 will start on March 10, 2022 at 8 am.

During a press conference held at the local Pan-chayat Bhawan, District Election Officer Gurdaspur Mr. Mohammad Ishfaq said that all the 07 Assembly constituencies of Gurdaspur, Dinanagar (reserved), Qadian, Batala, Sri Hargobindpur (reserved), Fatehgarh Churian and Dera. The counting of votes for Baba Nanak Assembly constituencies will take place on March 10, 2022 at 8 am at Sukhjinder Group of Institutes, Hardochanni Road, Gurdaspur. The District Electoral Officer further said that



a media center has been set up for the counting of votes, security and transport arrangements, parking, IT cell etc. for the convenience of the journalists.

Elaborating on the media center set up for the media, he said that Sukhjinder Group of Institutes, Gurdaspur, Engineering Wing, Gate No. 1 has been set up where all the necessary facilities including internet have been provided for the convenience of media. He said that the media partners would be able to take their

laptops, mobiles etc. to the media center only and mobile phones were not allowed in the counting center.

It may be recalled that the assembly constituency Gurdaspur (4) would be numbered in Sukhjindra Group of Institutes Gurdaspur, Engineering Wing, Gate No. 3, Room No. 103 and 104 Ground Floor. Halqa Dinanagar (Reservation-5) will be on the first floor of Sukhjindra Group of Institutes Gurdaspur, Engineering Wing, Gate No. 3, Room No. 203 and 204. Halqa Qadian (06) will be numbered on the first floor of Sukhjindra Group of Institutes Gurdaspur, Polytechnic Wing, Gate No. 1, Room No. 205 and 206. Similarly Halqa Batala (7) will be numbered in Sukhjindra Group of Institutes Gurdaspur, Polytechnic Wing, Gate No. 1, Room No. 312 and 312-A, 3rd Floor.

Union Minister of State
Prahlad Singh Patel will
visit the Food Park on
March 5

UNA: Union Minister of State for Food Processing and Jal Shakti Prahlad Singh Patel will inspect Crimea Food Park under Haroli VS area on Saturday. Giving information about this, an official spokesperson said that the Union Minister of State for Food Processing would reach the food park at 3.20 pm and inspect the industrial units here. After this Prahlad Singh Patel will leave for Chandigarh at 4.50 pm.

Khadi Board to
organize awareness
camp

UNA: Himachal Pradesh Khadi and Village Industry Board, Una is going to organize awareness camp on Friday at 11 am in Zilla Parishad Hall Una. In the camp, Chairman of the Sixth State Finance Commission, Satpal Singh Satti will attend the program as the chief guest, while the program will be presided over by Khadi Board Vice-Chairman Puroshatam Guleria. An official spokesman said that after attending the program of Khadi Board, Chairman of Sixth State Finance Commission, Satpal Singh Satti Himachal Pradesh University would inaugurate the sports competition of men's category. At 4 pm, Satpal Singh Satti will inaugurate a road in Binewal under Una VS area and will distribute Kabaddi kits to the players here.

3 more students
return to Una from
Ukraine



UNA: Three other students of Una district stranded in Ukraine have returned home safely. One is a resident of Daulatpur Chowk, another from Sansowal and one of Galua. Deputy Commissioner Una Raghav Sharma said that now out of 63 students of Una district stranded in war-torn Ukraine, 30 have returned safely and the government is making efforts to bring back others at the earliest.

Govt College turns
examination center
for MA, M.Com and
PGDCA classes

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: According to the orders of Himachal Pradesh University Shimla, PG examinations duly started from today in the postgraduate colleges of Himachal Pradesh, including Himachal Pradesh University. On this occasion, Principal of the college Dr. Satinder Kumar Sharma greeted the students and said that it is a matter of happiness for our college as it became the examination center for MA, M.Com and PGDCA classes from this session. PTA unit of the college and the students of the college thanked Rural Development, Panchayat Raj, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries Minister Virendra Kanwar.

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YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

Lahaul Spiti beat Shimla in
tourist footfall: CM



AGENCY
SHIMLA, MARCH 3

Commissioning of all weather Atal Tunnel Rohtang proved to be the boon for the hospitality industry as far-flung Lahaul Spiti district beat Raj day town Shimla and district witnessing the sudden increase in the footfall of tourists. This was stated by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur who also hold the portfolio of tourism while tabling the Economic Survey-21-22 in the state assembly on Thursday. CM stated in the

Survey that Tourism sectors which is the main stay of hill economy after agriculture and horticulture registered total 5637102 footfall of tourist in year 2021 which include 5632270 domestic and 4832 foreign tourists. The footfall of tourists witnessed sudden leap upto 960952 tourists in Lahaul Spiti district which excel the Raj Day down Shimla received only 952617 tourists arrival . The CM said Kullu dominates with footfall of tourists 164758. Kangra witnessed the arrival of 236952 tourists, Mandi- 397978,

CM inaugurates first cultural night
of International Mandi Shivratri

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur inaugurated first cultural night of the International Shivratri fair of Mandi yesterday evening by lighting the lamp. Chief Minister also released song "Asie Hamari Mandi" by Jatin Sharma on the occasion. Deputy Commissioner Mandi and Chairman Mela Committee Arindam Chaudhary presented memento to the Chief Minister on this occasion. Scintillating performance by "Hunarbaaz" fame 'Harmony of the Pines', HP Police Band was main attraction of the cultural night. Wife of Chief Minister and Chairperson State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Society Dr. Sadhna Thakur, MLAs Vinod



Kumar, Inder Singh Gandhi, Jawahar Thakur and Prakash Rana, Vice chairperson Tourism Development Board Rashim Dhar Sood, General Secretary Child Welfare Council Payal Vaidya, Chairman MILKFED Nihal Chand Sharma, Superintendent of Police Shalini Agnihotri were also present on the occasion among others.

Kinnuar 60070, Bilaspur 253510 Chamba 221888, Hamirpur 60124 Sirmour 400962, Solan 382640 and Una 61828. State registered 4832 foreign tourists including 2701 in Kangra district, 892 in Shimla and 420 in

Lahaul Spiti. Lahaul Spiti district which was landlocked for the five to six-month in the years recorded sudden surge in the footfall of tourists after commissioning of Atal tunnel, he added.

Education Department
will inspect schools
before recognition

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 3

The District Education Department will inspect the private schools on the application for re-recognition of private schools in district Kangra. The education department will start this process within two days. During the inspection, it will be seen whether the norms prescribed by the private schools have been adopted or not. Whether the school building is in good condition or not. The prescribed norms are followed by private schools while applying for accreditation. These are mentioned in the related files, now the education department officials will check them under inspection. The process of taking recognition for private schools of the district had started from February 7, this process was completed till February 25. Many schools have applied for new recognition and renewal of recognition in many schools, the data of which is still being prepared. Those private educational institutions whose recognition has completed five years, they will have to apply for new recognition. The rest apply to the office for renewal of recognition to private educational institutions. The school has to meet the standards of the Right to Education Act 2009 to be recognized. No private educational institution will admit students to its school without recognition. Many schools have applied for new recognition and renewal of recognition. whose data is being created. Will start inspection of private schools which have applied for new accreditation soon.

Sharman appeals for better environmental
protection through lakes in Himachal

KISHORI LAL BAINS
AMB, MAR 3

The well known NGO, Writer and founder of Ganpati celebrations in Himachal especially in Mandi and Una District. Rajeev Sharman appeals the state and central government for Lakes. He is struggling for Sombhadra Lake at Una and Mandvya Rishi Lake in Beas River Mandi. Rajeev Sharman who is also known for the new names of Una as Ambikanagar-Amb and Mandi as Mandvya Nagar not only but also established religious and cultural Ganpati Utsav at Una as Ambikanagar Ganeshotsav 2007 and Shri Mandvya Nagar Ganeshotsav in the year 1989. He is nowadays struggling for Lakes availability especially at Mandi and Una also. He is of the opinion that the Lakes are the only solution at Una to save Sombhadra Swan River at Una. He also added that Beas River should get its ancient status at Mandi by constructing Lake as Shri Mandvya Rishi for better environmental protection.

He regretted the present worse condition of two rivers of Mandi which is dried due to Beas Satluj water for Nangal Dam. While Sombhadra Swan River is the victims of illegal mining and dirtiness. Rajeev Sharman strongly demanded that Beas River and Sombhadra Swan River are the religious, cultural and



tourism heritage of Himachal Pradesh. Therefore, Two Lakes availability in Mandi as Mandvya Rishi and Sombhadra Swan Lake should be provided for better environmental point of view at Una in public interest. Rajeev Sharman claimed that he is of the opinion that these two Lakes availability will provide Tourism revolution in Mandi and Una.

HP assembly: Cong
protests over not allowing
to raise issue of NPS

AGENCY
SHIMLA, MAR 3

The Congress legislators Thursday trouped into the well of House protesting the issue of New Pension scheme after speaker Vipin Singh Parmar did not permit them to raise adjournment motion in the question hours in the state assembly. As soon as the house assembled for the day proceeding in the question hours Thursday morning Jagat Singh Negi tried to raise the issue. They kept on insisting to raise the issue but the speaker asked them to take the question hours first stating that the matter is pending with him and it has been sent to the Government seeking the reply. When the Members did not allow to run the question hours, the speaker said notice submitted to him on Mar 2 by Mr Jagat Singh Negi, Mukesh Agnihotri, Asha Kumar, Ram Lal Thakur, Inderdutt Lakhnawal and others under rule 67 were rejected by him. He said under rule 110(7) of the state assembly any issue which was already listed in the house for discussion could be disallowed by the speaker for discussion. He said the issue of NPS is also raised by the Cong's members Asha Kumario, Nand Lal and Inderdutt Lakhnawal and others by raising the query have already received reply to be



discussed in the house in the coming day of the session. Agitating on the rejection of their adjournment motion all the members of Congress including CPI(M)'s Rakesh Singha trouped in the well of house and started raising the slogan. In the middle of the question hours , they walked out from the house raising slogans against the government. Condemning the walkout lodged by Congress Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said it became a ritual to lodge frequent walkouts from the house. " It is their right to protest but it is also their duty to transact business" CM said. The leader of opposition Mukesh Agnihotri seemed to have lost control over his legislative party as it was not united on the issues and took assistance of CPM leader Rakesh Singha to lodge the protest, he added. Rebutting over the previous Virbhadra Singh government CM said he is not amongst today but who implemented NPS is not a hidden fact.

Researchers raise questions
on the result of NET

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 3

Researchers studying at the Central University of Himachal Pradesh have raised questions regarding the results of the UGC National Eligibility Test (NET), which were announced by the National Testing Agency (NTA) two weeks ago. Along with this, NTA has been accused that they have done their arbitrariness by not declaring the result as per the rules. In this regard, these researchers have also made written complaints to the Ministry of Education, UGC and NTA. Ashish, a researcher in the English department of CU, who complained about the NET result, said that this time one lakh seven thousand 189 people had applied for NET in English subject. When the result was declared, the net pass of only 2924 was there. According to the rules, the net of the total application and the top six percent of the candidates is considered valid, while the NTA did not implement the rule of six percent in the English subject. He said that the big thing is that in the net held this time, June 2021 and December 2021 happened simultaneously. Which meant that NTA had to accept NET for six plus six total 12 percent of the candidates, but NTA has not accepted even six percent. He said that on the contrary, NTA has accepted NET at 8 to 11 percent for the candidates of other subjects like Hindi and Political Science, being excessively kind to them. NTA is adopting double standards regarding the National Eligibility Test. He said that even during the examination the situation was such that the computer systems of the examination center were also in a bad shape. Time and again the system was hanging, so they were finding it difficult to ask questions. The candidates have demanded that the result of English subject should be declared by modifying the result of English subject and if not 12.

I believe I will remain
like this for next decade
or more: Dalai Lama

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 3

The Dalai Lama, the religious leader of Tibetans in exile, has said that I live as the physical, verbal and mental representative respectively of the sacred body, speech and mind of the Arya Avalokiteshvara. This is how I have conducted myself for many years and I am confident that I will continue to do so for the next decade or more. Since Arya Avalokiteshvara is the god of compassion, it is very important for all Tibetans to develop compassion. Please keep this in mind and do your best to be a good person. He said that all Tibetans whether we are living in exile or in other countries abroad, especially our Tibetan comrades within Tibet, we are all people of the Snow Land to be subdued by the Arya Avalokiteshvara. Let us rely on our faith in what we pray for. The Dalai Lama said this in a congratulatory message to Tibetans from his residence in Dharamsala on the 2149th Tibetan New Year (Losar) from his residence in McLeodganj, Dharamsala. The Dalmai Lama said,



Losar, our new year is coming. Perhaps in countries everywhere it is customary to congratulate each other with a Happy New Year. That's why we Tibetans are also looking forward to celebrating the new year. We shop extra for Losar. Family and friends meet wearing new clothes and jewelry. We at Losar feel refreshed and restored. He said that the New Year is now near and I hope that Losar will be a pleasant, joyous and comfortable for all of us on this occasion. For those of us in exile, but especially for our fellow Tibetans in the country's three provinces. Anyway, many changes are taking place. People from abroad also take interest in our culture and traditions. As part of the Tibetan tradition, we arrange Chemar (butter-roasted barley flour) and other offerings at the altar of Losar.

Governor presides over
meeting on Wildlife Day

SHIMLA, MAR 3

Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar said that activities like 'Bird Festival' should be organized in an effective manner to further boost tourism and economic activities in the State so as to attract international attention and also convey the message of wildlife conservation. The Governor was presiding over a meeting on Wildlife Day with the senior officers of the Forest Department here today. He said that the Bird Festival in the State has a big potential, which not only attracts the bird watchers throughout the world but also provides good prospects for them. He said that Pong Dam Lake wildlife sanctuary is the largest wetland of H.P having an area of 207 sq. km and was one of the most important bird sites of the State. He said that this site was known for the largest congregation of Bar Headed Geese in the world and 45 per cent of total world population, 40000 to 50000 Bar-headed geese reported from this sanctuary alone every year. He added that it was the best wintering ground for migratory birds and since year 2000 around 420 bird species have been recorded in Pong.



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BUREAU
UNA, MAR 3

To make online license for doing any type of food business in district Una, application can be made on www.foscos.fssai.gov.in website. This information was given by Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma while presiding over the district level meeting organized under the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 today. He said that the fee for the license can be deposited through e-challan by visiting this website. In district Una this year, 797 licenses have been granted by department, while total of 9388 shopkeepers have registered. ADC said that registration under Food Safety



and Standards Act 2006 is mandatory for mid-day meals available in schools, depot operators of ration, Anganwadi centers and liquor contracts. ADC issued instructions to departments concerned to complete process. He said that till now the office of the Food Safety Officer had taken 111 samples of food items in district Una, out of which 15 failed, 4 samples were canceled and two were found

unsafe. Acting on 90 samples prescribed under FSS, a fine of Rs 2.38 lakh was imposed. The department is also providing the facility of Mobile Testing Van. He said that it is necessary for all religious institutions providing langar or bhog and prasad to obtain a license under the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006. He said that the licenses of Mata Shri Chintpurni, Baba Badbhag Singh, Sheela Devi

Temple, Shivbari Temple, Sadashiv Temple should be made within a month. He said that the Bhog license of Dera Baba Rudranand Temple has been made. He appealed to all religious institutions to apply for license within a month. ADC said that edible oil used more than two-three times is injurious to health. In view of this, M/s Surya Enviro Company will purchase edible oil from shopkeepers at the rate of Rs 30 per liter. He said that 421 liters of old cooking oil has been collected from Una so far. He said that it is very important for every person to be aware of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, so that people should be aware of their health and adopt nutritious and pure diet.

SJVN accomplished financial closure of Luhri-1
Hydro Project and Parasan Solar Project

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 3

Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN today informed that the Financial Closure for 210 MW Luhri-1 Hydro Electric Project, Himachal Pradesh & 75 MW Parasan Solar Power Project, Uttar Pradesh has been successfully achieved. The Financial Closure of 210 MW Luhri-1 HEP has been stamped with State Bank of India. As per



the Loan Agreement, State Bank of India will provide Rs. 1537 crores at an effective interest rate of 6.90% per annum which is the debt portion of total Project cost of Rs. 1922.12 crores. Nand Lal Sharma said that another

milestone has been achieved by SJVN with the Financial Closure of 75 MW Parasan Solar Power Project having the Project cost of Rs 398.80 crores. The debt fund amounting to Rs 319.04 crores for execution of Project is in place in the form of Foreign Currency Term Loan sanctioned by Punjab National Bank, Dubai. The Bank will charge interest ranging from 1.78% to 5% after taking into account the Foreign Currency

Fluctuation. "Financial Closure is a stage of project development when all the conditions of a financing agreement are fulfilled prior to initial availability of funds by the financiers," said Sh Nand Lal Sharma. Nand Lal Sharma apprised that the Foundation Stones of 210 MW Luhri Stage-1 Hydro Electric Project located in Shimla & Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh was laid by PM Narendra Modi on 27th December, 2021.

Child dies after falling from
roof of Saprun School in Solan

ASHIMA JAIN
SOLAN, MAR 3

A heart-wrenching incident has come to light in Solan, in which there is information about the death of a small child. The incident is of Saprun School in Solan late in the evening, where Shivratri was held in temple near school premises when people of surrounding area were eating Bhandara.

Children were engaged in playing that when a group of children climbed on the roof of the school and started jumping from one roof to another. Meanwhile a small child (Gunu) also started jumping from the roof to the other and fell down. He was rushed to hospital with help of local people but doctors declared him brought dead. Police reached spot and started investigation.

NEWS AT A
GLANCE

**Nagar council office
garbage dump made of
election symbol brought
down by political parties**



**KULJEET SINGH
JANDIALA GURU:** The city council, Jandiala, is motivating people to keep the house and outside the house clean by citing the cleanliness campaign. According to the instructions issued by the Election Commission in the office of the Municipal Council, Jandiala Guru, election symbols and political hoardings of all political parties were put up in public places, they were brought down. It is so much that it now looks like a pile of garbage in the city council office. In this matter, EO Jagtar Singh of City Council Jandiala Guru was talked about, he said that it will be removed and cleaned soon.

**Youth Welfare and Sports
Club cleaned village Jeond**



**HEMANT SHARMA
RAMPURA PHUL:** Youth Welfare and Sports Club of village Jeond taking up the task of joint work of the village. Was performed. On this occasion the president of the club Manjinder Singh said that he would continue to give his due contribution in the common work of the village and social service. Gurwinder Singh Vice President of the Club, Pradeep Singh Secretary, Harpreet Singh Advisor, Manpreet Singh Treasurer besides Members Jagjit Singh, Sandeep Singh, Singara Singh, Babaljit Singh, Kuljinder Singh, Gurwinder Singh Guri, Gurpal Singh, Harjinder Singh, Lakhvir Singh A part from Gurpreet Singh Mann, other youth of the village also visited the village Assisted in cleaning.

**Enthusiasm among people
for blood donation
camp: DK Goyal**



**MAHAVIR GOYAL
AHMEDGARH:** A delegation led by President Suneet Hind and Chief Advisor DK Goyal on the preparations for the 15th Blood Donation Camp to be held on March 6 by State Award winning social welfare organization Ahmedgarh, officials of Shri Ram General Insurance Company Limited Rajan Kapoor and his entire team met. DK Goyal said that there was a lot of excitement in the entire area regarding the blood donation camp. He said that it was a matter of great pleasure that Shri Ram Insurance Company had promised to donate fifty units of blood. He appealed to the people to donate as much blood as possible. Rajan Kapoor AGM, Anuj Arora Senior Manager, Harshdeep Vashisht Punjab Coordinator, Gopi Kumar Marketing Manager were specially present on the occasion.

Purohit inaugurates 'Guru Nanak Dev Auditorium' at Punjab Raj Bhavan

RN KHERA
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 3

Invoking the blessing of God Almighty for the peace and prosperity of the State, the Punjab Governor and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, Shri Banwarilal Purohit inaugurated 'Guru Nanak Dev Auditorium' at Punjab Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Purohit said that the state of art multipurpose auditorium well-equipped with latest technology built in the Punjab Raj Bhavan will facilitate holding a range of high profile events in-house. He said that naming the Auditorium after Guru Nanak Dev Ji is a matter of great pride and honour since Guru Nanak Dev Ji always advocated the concept of universal brotherhood.

He said that the principles enunciated by Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji transcend time and will continue to guide the humanity, forever. The name of the auditorium, he said will be a constant reminder to all those working at Punjab Raj Bhavan to engage in selfless service, be honest and upright and strive for social justice for the benefit of humanity. Pertinently, the foundation stone of the auditorium was laid in October 2019 in order to commemorate the 550th Parkash Parv of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Auditorium covers about 48000 sq. ft of



an area and can house nearly 500 people at a time. The inauguration ceremony was marked by Akhand Path and Kirtan by Sant Teja Singh ji, Sant Kashmir Singh ji (Bhuri Sahib), Baba Banta Singh ji, Sant Aatma Ram ji, Mata Vipan preet Kaur ji and the Jatha. Speaking on the occasion, Baba Banta Singh Ji said that setting up of an Institution on the name of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

within Punjab Raj Bhavan premises is a unique initiative and is sincerely appreciated. Sant Teja Singh Ji took the opportunity to enlighten all present with the philosophy processed and preached by Sri Guru Nanank Dev Ji especially the principles of Kirat Karo, Vand Chako and Naam Japo. This was followed by langar for the staff of Punjab Raj Bhavan and their families. Mayor,

Chandigarh, Mrs Sarbjit Kaur along with the Councillors, Members of Administrator's Advisory Council, Mr. Anirudh Tewari, Chief Secretary, Punjab, Mr. Dharampal, Adviser to Administrator, Mr. J.M. Balamurugan, Principal Secretary to Punjab Governor, other senior officers of Punjab and Chandigarh and prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

26th Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh tournament starts at Adda Ladpalva



BHOA (SURESH KUMAR): A sports tournament was organized in village Lat Balma on the day of Vidhan Sabha Light Boha under the chairmanship of Sarpanch Parminder Singh and Pradhan Darshan, in which Chief Guest President Gurnam Singh chhina was present. The first match in the tournament was held in Malakpur Rana Club and Rana Club. The tournament played was inaugurated by the chief guest Gurnam Singh Chhina by cutting the ribbon and praising the club, where the club belongs and a lot of commendable work is being done in which young people are being motivated towards sports. On the occasion Principal Kapoor Singh, Ramesh Singh, Paramjit Singh, Hukam Singh, Daljit Singh, Gurbaksh Singh, Varinder Singh, Subah Singh, Babu Jandhyala etc. were present

Three day health check-up camp at Sanjeevani Ayurveda Clinic starts Shashi Pal Jain



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MARCH 3

A three day health check up camp organized by Sanjeevani Ayurveda Clinic situated on Akali Dafta Road in Kharar in celebration of Shivaratri started from today and will continue till March 5. According to the information received from the organizers, the BMD bone test will be conducted at the camp free of cost and five days of medicine and immunization kits will be provided free of cost. About 100 patients came to the camp today to get their health checked.

Three-days Mahashivratri celebration culminates with 'Bhandara'

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MARCH 3

In order to celebrate the festival of Mahashivratri, Upadhyay Dharamshala Atre Ashram Shiv Mandir near Bhargarh gate held a three-day program that culminated today with "bhandara".

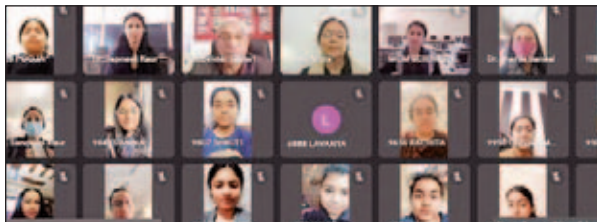
On the first day of celebration, Atre family performed "pooja" at shiv mandir and "bhajan Kirtan" was conducted at evening by Satnam Chanchal. On second day, "havan yajna" was performed followed by "bhandara" and the celebration ended on third day with another "bhandara". The priest of temple Ramesh Dev thanked people who contributed in organizing the three-day long



celebration and expressed his gratitude towards them. He also wished everybody on the occasion of Mahashivratri and prayed for well being of human race. At this occasion, Shubham Shukla, Sunil Joshi, Chetan Atre, Ramesh Prashar, Asha Atre, Meenakshi

Prashar, Sunil Singla, Sheela, Ritesh Bhatt, Amit Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, Boni Malhotra, Amro Rani, Bhajino Rani, Jandeve Beri, Dimple Sharma, Jatin Handa, Sahil Kumar, Vicky Rajpooor, Sunil Kumar, Kamal Verma and others were present.

MCM IIC holds talk on innovation development, TRL and Tech-transfer



CHANDIGARH, MARCH 3

The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised an expert talk on the topic 'Process of Innovation Development and Technology Readiness Level (TRL) and Commercialism of Lab Technologies and Tech-Transfer'.

The resource person for the talk was Prof. Rupinder Tewari, IPR-Chair Professor, Founder Chairperson, Department of Microbial Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh. A total of 127 students and faculty members attended the event.

The session was an endeavour to acquaint the participants with Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and their commercialisation. Various types of IPRs such as patents, trademarks, copyright, industrial design, geographical indication, etc., history of IPRs and their significance was explained in detail by the resource person through various examples. The role of IPRs in the innovation ecosystem, and in adding economic value and ensuring idea protection was discussed during the session. Finally, the expert elaborated on numerous leading innovative rights.

Consequences of results stopped due to school fee

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, MARCH 3

A commotion was witnessed at Holy Family School at village Nabha Sahib when the school administration withheld their results regarding annual fees of children. Due to this action taken by the school administration, the parents of the children got together and protested inside the school premises and chanted slogans against the school administration.

According to information received from the occasion, the results of the children were withheld by the Holy Family School administration today due to non-payment of annual fees of the children. The parents of the children who arrived on the scene alleged that they did not have to pay the annual fee when the online classes were running all year round. He alleged that if his child did not come to school even for one day then why should he pay annual fee. When

This time census will be digital: Dr. Abhishek Jain



SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MARCH 3

The Director Census Operations for Punjab appointed by the Government of India in view of the forthcoming Census. Abhishek Jain while reviewing the preparations for the census by meeting the officials here, said that this time the census would be in digital form for which the enumerator would have to download a specially designed app on his mobile phone.

In the meeting hall of local district administration complex Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Isha Kalia, Additional Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Komal Mittal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Agarwal, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban) Mrs. Pooja Sial and Commissioner Municipal Corporation Kamal Kumar Garg participated.

Abhishek Jain directed that timely preparation of compulsory lists should be ensured and preparations should be made for setting up of enumerator units at block level. He said that a proper

list of wards, mohallas, villages, towns and cities required for the census should be prepared and sent by the concerned authorities so that further action could be taken in time for the census. He said that new wards and colonies in cities and villages should also be included in the lists so that every area could be brought under the ambit of census.

Emphasizing on adherence to mandatory rules while preparing birth and death certificates, Dr. Abhishek Jain said that it is very important to write the cause of death while getting the death certificate whether the death took place in a hospital or at home. He said that a district level committee should also be constituted in this regard which would review the compliance of these instructions from time to time. Deputy Commissioner Isha Kalia said that the census was a very important task which would be carried out diligently as per the rules. In-charge CRM Virinder Kaur and other District Officers were also present on the occasion.

Vasant Valley Public School impart educational tour of Verka Milk Plant



VIKAS VERMA
DHURI, MARCH 3

Educational visits play a significant role in the curriculum at Vasant Valley Public School, Sangrur. These Educational visits and field trips add a lot of practical knowledge to the learning. It is interdisciplinary in nature and comes as a learning tool for all the subjects. Likewise a highly educated and knowledgeable trip to Verka Milk Plant, Sangrur was planned under the guidance of Bureau of Indian Standards

(BIS) for the students of Grade XI and XII and learnt about the nutritional value of milk, processing and packaging of the milk products. The Section Officer, Ms. Meena Kumari highlighted the importance of ISI mark on the products in the seminar held over there. The School Principal, Mrs. Yogita Bhatia said that it is an extended learning outside the classroom and added that students took great interest and asked various questions about the products prepared at the plant.

PGIMER's advanced Eye Centre to commemorate World Glaucoma Week, from March 6-12



RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 3

Advanced Eye Centre PGIMER Chandigarh plans a chain of activities to commemorate World Glaucoma Week, from March 6 -12, 2022. The main aim is to

bring public focus on glaucoma, which affects all kinds of populations. The main highlight of the event is Glaucoma Awareness Walk. It will be organized on March 6th, 2022 at 8.00 am from Rock Garden - Sukhna Lake to create more understanding and

knowledge on Glaucoma, which is seen as the leading cause of irreversible blindness in India. Detailing about the upcoming awareness activities, Dr. Surinder S. Pandav, Head, Deptt. of Ophthalmology, PGIMER stated, "We have invited many health professionals, people from various organizations, and patients from tri-city areas.

Apart from that, we are also focusing disease awareness on patients and caretakers, through various electronic media regularly."

Times B School Ranked Chandigarh Group Of Colleges, Jhanjeri among "Top Colleges" for degree programs

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MARCH 3

North India's fastest growing educational institute Chandigarh Group Of Colleges, Jhanjeri shine in the India Times B-School Survey, 2022 as it is committed to disseminate quality academic learning to its students which matches the Global Standards. CGC, Jhanjeri has got another recognitions as well like North India's Fastest Growing Educational Institute. It is also Ranked 1st by Outlook among Top 10 Engineering colleges for Best Placement Opportunities. It



is Ranked 4th by SiliconIndia Education among Top 10 group of Colleges in India. It has got 3.5/4 Star Rating by IIC, Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (Government Of India). CGC Jhanjeri is also Ranked 41st Management Institutes Amongst Pan India by Times B School, it has got 15th Regional Ranking in North Zone by Times B School. It is also Ranked 27th Amongst Top

100 Private Institutes by one and only Times B School. Rashpal Singh Dhalwal, Principal CGC said at the moment that the ranking defines the standards of an Educational Institution in the field of Quality Teaching, Industry Exposure, Research and Development that is offered to its students. The Managing Director CGC Jhanjeri, Arsh Dhalwal said that we have achieved excellent results in India B School Rankings 2022 and we owe this success to the hard work of complete CGC Jhanjeri family.



Nitika Pawar, Secretary Social Welfare visited the Senior Citizen Home, Sector 15-D, Chandigarh on today. During the visit, Secretary Social Welfare reviewed the overall functioning, living conditions, duty roster, food menu chart, medical facilities, etc. available in the Senior Citizen Home. She also interacted with the senior citizen residents who expressed their satisfaction with the facilities and service being provided at the Senior Citizen Home. The department was directed to reopen the Day Care Centre available for recreation of Senior Citizens as well as to streamline the donation mechanism for the Senior Citizen Home.

MLA inaugurates
health sub-center at
Paluhara

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: MLA Arjun Singh Thakur today inaugurated the new health sub-center, constructed at a cost of Rs 26 lakh, at Gram Panchayat Plohra of Jawali assembly constituency. Earlier, BDC member Joginderpal Shimpu Jaryal along with locals of Gram Panchayat Flora warmly welcomed MLA Arjun Singh Thakur with flower garlands. From this health sub-center, about 1800 people of Mauwa, Palauhara, Gaged, Lab, Tukari and Upli Mawa villages will benefit from this health sub-center. Public Works Department Jawali XEN Arun Vashisht, Water Power Department Jawani XEN Neeraj Bhogal, Civil Hospital Jawali SMO Aman Duve, VDC Shimpu Jaryal, Amit Sharma, Capt. Yashpal, Rakesh Sharma, Capt. Kuldeep Singh and Councillor Sushma Devi are present on this occasion.

Shobhayatra by
Kinnar samaj



PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: A grand procession taken out by the Kinnar Samaj in Sadora will be organised. Jyot was also brought from Mata Bala Sundari Temple Trilokpur and along with drums. Night Jagran is being organised for peace and happiness in the area. People from other sections of the town also participated in this procession. Mahant Vijayta of Kinnar Samaj said that the Mata Jagran will be done during the night and a huge Bhandara is also being organised at the end of the morning awakening with the help of the residents of the town. He said that this Jagran and grand procession has been taken out for the peace of the area, in this procession other sections of the town also participated.

2 Positive patients of
Covid-19 in district

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: Giving information about the condition of Covid-19, Civil Surgeon Dr. Parminder Kaur said that today with the receipt of 1689 new samplings with suspicious flu-like symptoms and receiving reports of 1350 saplings, 02 positive patients of Covid-19 have come. She said that till date the total number of positive patients in the district has been 37920 and out of 2859 positive cases received from outlying districts the total number of positive cases of Covid-19 has increased to 40779. The total number of samplings of Covid-19 taken so far in the district is 1114723 and according to lab reports, 1074845 samplings are negative. While 3766 samplings are awaiting report and the death toll so far is 1093. The number of active cases is 65, while the number of cured patients is 39621.

Chhatbir Zoo
celebrates World
Wildlife Day

VICKY BHABAY
ZIRAKPUR: Today Chhatbir Zoo celebrated World Wildlife Day. A special awareness campaign was organized in collaboration with the department of Zoology of Khalsa College for women civil lines, Ludhiana. Around 50 students of BSc. Zoology participated along with the facility in this awareness campaign. Range Officer cum Zoo Education Officer Chhatbir zoo Sh Harpal Singh started this campaign with the note of the history of this day. He explained that the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed 3 March – the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973 – as UN World Wildlife Day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants. The UNGA resolution also designated the CITES Secretariat as the facilitator for the global observance of this special day for wildlife on the UN calendar. World Wildlife Day has now become the most important global annual event dedicated to wildlife.

Dr Bhartiya visits Islamnagar School

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, MAR 3

Government Secondary School located in Islamnagar village of Indri sub-division was visited by State Award winner and nature lover Dr. Radheshyam Bhartiya and Headmaster of Government High School Nagla Megha Bijender Singh. Guests who arrived in the school were welcomed by Headmaster Satish Kumar Tusang and staff. Dr Bhartiya and Bijender Singh congratulated the headmaster and all the staff, children on winning the beautification award and appreciated the cooperation of the Gram Panchayat. During this, the guests visited the school gardens, parks, kitchen gardens, herbal parks, prayer places, sports grounds, libraries, science rooms,



classrooms etc. On this occasion, Dr. Bhartiya said that trees, plants and trees are very necessary to maintain life on this earth. Life cannot be imagined without them. Headmaster Satish Kumar said that Bijendra Singh has been working as headmaster in Islamnagar school. He is also a writer, poet who is currently working as headmaster of fundamental school in Nagla Megha High

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

Ukraine crisis: IAF's 4 evacuation flights
with 798 Indians land in Hindon airbase

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 3

The Indian Air Force said its four evacuation flights with 798 Indians from the Romanian capital Bucharest, Hungary's Budapest and Polish city Rzeszow landed at the Hindon airbase on Thursday morning.

Its first flight carrying 200 people from Bucharest landed at 1.30 am. The second flight brought back 210 Indians from Budapest on Thursday morning.

A little while after the second, the IAF's third evacuation flight arrived at the airbase from Rzeszow with 208 Indians.

"The fourth flight of the Indian Air Force C-17 from Bucharest landed at the Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad at 8:15 am. As many as 180 passengers, mostly students, were on board," the IAF noted in a statement.



All four IAF flights were conducted using C-17 military transport aircraft.

Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt was present at the tarmac to welcome back the evacuees, the statement

noted.

"Today, the IAF is operating three more flights to various locations in the neighbourhood of Ukraine towards the effort," it mentioned.

India has been evacuating its

citizens through special flights from Ukraine's western neighbours such as Romania, Hungary and Poland as the Ukrainian airspace has been shut since February 24 due to the Russian military offensive.

"The IAF C-17 heavy-lift transport aircraft have been extensively used for evacuation of stranded citizens of India in the recent past, most notably from Afghanistan.

"These aeroplanes have also been utilised to transport oxygen containers in large quantities during the COVID-19 outbreak last year," the IAF mentioned.

Four Union ministers have gone to Ukraine's western neighbours to facilitate the evacuation of Indian nationals.

Hardeep Singh Puri is in Hungary, Jyotiraditya Scindia is in Romania, Kiren Rijiju is in Slovakia and V K Singh is in Poland.

5th Heritage Conservation Heritage
and Cultural Fair on Mar 20



KARANPREET DHANDRAL
BARNALA, MAR 3

Fifth Heritage Conservation Heritage and Cultural Fair is being organized by News Punjab on March 20 in Dussehra Ground, Barnala in 22 acres! In this regard Sardar Amandeep Singh, Chahat Singla District Incharge, Chief Editor, News Punjab, while addressing the press, invited Sardar Gurmeet Singh Patiala, Senior Headquarters, Barnala City for the program. There is a wave of joy and curiosity in Barnala district regarding the Heritage and Cultural Fair! Special mention will be made by District Deputy Commissioner, Kumar Sourav Raj (IAS), SSP Madam Alka

Meena (IPS) and President of Bhartiya Kisan Union Sardar Joginder Singh Ugrahan. The main objective of the fair is a group ikk effort under the slogan * Adopt New Thoughts and Build a Drug Free Society . Singer Kanwar Grewal will entertain the audience! Police Station City One SHO Gurmeet Singh Patiala said that Police Station City One SHO Gurmeet Singh Patiala said that the police would provide protection to the organizers of the fair. Sardar Karamjit Singh USA, Mr. Rohit Garg NR, Finance Company, Mita Contractor, Mr. Chanchal Kumar JE, Star Immigration, Kevin Beauty Hub, Smart Vision Immigration are providing full support in this program.

Barnala youth dies
in Ukraine hospital



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, MAR 3

A young man from Barnala who had been studying in Ukraine for the past four years died at a Ukrainian hospital. Disclosing this, the young man's uncle Krishan Gopal said that Chandan Jindal had been studying MBBS in Ukraine for the last four years. On February 2, Chandan's father and my brother Sisan Jindal got a call saying that his son had a brain problem that led to his operation. me and my brother sisan jindal we both went to ukraine and after that war broke out in ukraine and we got stuck in ukraine. He said that he had returned to India on March 1 with the help of Government of India and Sisan Jindal remained with Chandan Jindal but this morning sad news was received that Chandan Jindal had died during the treatment. He demanded from the Government of India that the body of Chandan Jindal and Sisan Jindal should be brought to Barnala safely as soon as possible.

Holy festival of Maha Shivaratri
celebrated with fervor at Cheema

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, MAR 3

At the famous Shiv Mandir in village Cheema, the Shiv Mandir Committee celebrated the festival of Sri Maha Shivaratri with devotion and enthusiasm with the invaluable support of all the villagers and donors. On this occasion where Kalash Yatra was carried out at village Cheema, during the Saptah Yag, eminent narrator Swami Ram Tirath Ji MA Vedantacharyas introduced the work done by God for the betterment of the society from the history of Sri Man Bhagwat Ramayana. He also spurred the large gathering to follow the Guru's instructions and follow his path. During Maha Shivaratri, Pandit Lachhman Sharma and his associates received invocations from Shiva disciples during Havan Yag. Present on the occasion were Harchand Kaur Ghanori Former MLA, Sant Baba Piara Singh Dera Baba Gandha Singh Wale, Sant Maghar Das Khudi Kalan Wale, Baba Pawan Kumar Solha De Math Wale, Baba Vikram Singh Dera Baba Gulab Singh, Avtar Singh Kala Bhangu, Former Sarpanch Nachhatar. Singh Claire, former Sarpanch Balwinder Singh Thind, and others. Temple Committee Patron Madan Lal, President Yoga Kumar, Manoj Gupta Secretary, Xin Kumar Secretary, Mahinderpal Treasurer, Buta Ram, Jatinder Kumar, Pawan Kumar Babbu, Seth Jagdish Rai, Ravinder Kumar Tinnu, Santosh Rani, Mohinder Kaur, Kuldeep Kaur Former Punch Apart from Pandit Din Dayal and Roop Chand, all the committee leaders were respected guests.



Special hearing camp dedicated
to World Hearing Day held

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, MAR 3

Special screening camps have been organized by the Health Department Barnala under the direction of Dr. Jasbir Singh Aulakh, Civil Surgeon, Barnala in various government health institutions in the district to mark the World Hearing Day.

Dr. Aulakh said that the health department from time to time celebrates the day on various topics to create awareness among the people so that they are more aware of their health. He said that hearing loss is also a common disease. If it is identified in time then it is possible to cure it. On this occasion District Immunization Officer Dr. During the camp conducted at Civil Hospital Barnala under the guidance of



Rajinder Singla (Eye, Nose, Ear, Throat Specialist), more than 60 patients had their ears examined. He said that everyone should pay special attention to the care of their ears. Speaking on the occasion District Mass Media Officer Kuldeep Singh Mann and District BCC Coordinator Harjit Singh Bagi said that the

Mass Media Wing of the Health Department today on the occasion of World Hearing Awareness Day has created awareness among the people through various means of communication. SMO Dr. Jyoti Kaushal, District TB Officer Dr. Monica, health workers, and others were present on the occasion.

Speed breaker near Bastali
Jhal invites mishaps

RINKU GONDAR
NISSING, MAR 3

The speed breaker built at the turn near Bastali Jhal on State Highway Karnal Kaithal Road is an invitation for accidents. The speed breaker has been made at the turn by the Public Works Department, but no white stripe has been applied on this breaker. There is no sign of any kind, due to which the breaker is not visible to the drivers in the darkness of night. On Wednesday, a car bounced off a breaker and fell into the fields. The driver, a resident of Punjab, sustained minor injuries and the vehicle was pulled out with the help of a crane. Villagers Babli, Raju Sharma, Nitu, Joginder, Krishna Kabaddi and others have demanded from the officials of Public Works Department that white stripes should be applied on this speed breaker. There is a speed breaker ahead and a turn on the road so that the drivers can know.



When contacted, Sandeep Goyal, SE, Public Works Department, Karnal, said soon white stripes will be made on the speed breaker and a sign board will be put up. So that drivers remain safe from accidents on the road. He informed that tender has been issued for installation of grill at the turn soon. Drivers will not face any problem, he assured.

Youth Congress candle march on
death of 2 Indian students in Ukraine

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 3

District Youth Congress, Karnal Urban paid tribute to Indian students Naveen and Chandan, who lost their lives in the attack in Ukraine, by taking out a candle march.

All the youth activists wished for world peace. The activists of the District Youth Congress gathered in the club market on the death of Naveen and Chandan, the students of Karnataka trapped in Ukraine in the ongoing war between Russia-Ukraine. Paying heartfelt tributes by paying floral tributes to Naveen's picture. All the officials observed a silence of 2 minutes and prayed for



the peace of the departed souls. Youth Congress urban president Maninder Singh Shanty demanded

from the government that all Indian students should be brought back to their homeland at the earliest.

Still a large number of Indian students are stuck in Ukraine. The government should work seriously to bring them back. On this occasion former Speaker Karnal Gaurav Sharma, Assembly Speaker Indri Gulab Singh, General Secretary Halka Karnal Sanjit Rai, Dhruv Wadhwa, Ballu Kashyap, Naresh Panchal, J Karan Sodhi, Gulab Singh, Ashok Duggal, Phool Singh, Rohit Sheoran, Amit Kashyap, Gaurav Jogi, Sagar Chadha, Rakesh Kumar Rao, Kunal Madan, Nitin Munjal, Ranjot Singh Tanju, Rakesh Kumar Rao, Harry Singh, Jatin, Saurav, Dr. Lalit, Pinku Yadav, Puneet Kukreja and others were present.

DLSA chairman visits
jails in Nabha

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, MAR 3

District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Patiala, Rajinder Agarwal conducted a surprise inspection of Open Air Jail and New District Jail, Nabha. Parminder Kaur, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Patiala, was also present on the occasion. On this occasion, Justice Agarwal spoke to the inmates of the jail about their problems and any grievances. The kitchen and food of the jail were inspected and the problems of the inmates were



heard. He directed the jail superintendent and other officials to pay special attention to the health of the inmates. He took stock of the medical facilities available to the inmates. Justice Agarwal said that the jails of Patiala district are inspected from

time to time so that the prisoners could be made aware of their legal rights and legal aid could be provided to them. He said that for legal assistance one can contact District Legal Services Authority Patiala on 0175-2306500.

Two daughters of Pathankot trapped
in Ukraine reach their home



R. SINGH
PATHANKOT, MAR 3

Two daughters of Pathankot trapped in Ukraine, Jiya Malhotra and Tanvi Saini reached their home in Pathankot and narrated the tragedy, where are we proud of Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi and where under his strong leadership, any Indian has a tricolor flag or a flag in the bus. Yes, the soldiers of Ukraine and the soldiers of Russia are letting them go with great respect and in the country of Romania they are providing the facility of food and drink as far as the SIM card of the mobile to talk at home. They have given Prime Minister Modi and Punjab BJP State President Ashwani Sharma was thanked from the bottom of his heart and for the same purpose, the office bearers of BJP District Pathankot reached his home in Shastri Nagar to meet his family, along with him North Mandal President Shamsheer Thakur, District General Secretary Suresh Sharma, District Vice President Naresh Vadehra, Mandal General Secretary Vishal Mahajan, Press Secretary Rajinder Ladi, District BJP Social Media Incharge Bindu Saini joined.

EDITORIAL

A new template

As someone who never lost a chance to tick off my Pakistani and Middle-Eastern friends for how they treat minorities in their countries, I find it embarrassing to see my own country being increasingly mentioned in the same breath as theirs. My tepid retort to their ‘Welcome to the club’ jibe is that we have a vigorous debate going on and that many liberal Hindus are speaking up for minority rights.

The truth, however, is that the debate has got bogged down in the larger argument over secularism being fundamental to the idea of a tolerant society. Liberals view the ‘Muslim question’ and secularism to be integral to the constitutional settlement that envisaged equal rights for all citizens irrespective of their faith. This conflation has distracted the focus from the real issue — Muslim security. Instead of helping us find a solution to the deepening sectarian divide, it has unleashed a politically charged war of words over secularism. Framing Hindu-Muslim relations as a ‘secularism versus communalism’ issue was always risky in that it allowed the so-called nationalists to call into question the very idea of secularism, dismissing it as a foreign ‘import’ imposed on the country by a Western-educated liberal elite out of touch with ‘real’ India.

The battle for secularism is ostensibly meant to protect Muslims. But they have become its victims caught between maximalist liberals, who insist that a constitutionally secular State alone can protect minority rights, and aggressive Hindu nationalists who argue that an ancient civilization like India — home to people from different cultures for centuries — doesn’t need an ‘alien’ ideology to teach it tolerance.

The nationalist rhetoric apart, the ‘secularism-or-nothing’ argument is problematic, not least because it elevates faith above other, less emotive, elements of identity — evoking memories of Hindu-Muslim conflicts ignoring centuries-old, shared cultural bonds. Recently, I got into an argument with an old (Hindu) friend on Facebook after he suggested that what was happening to Muslims in India today was simply a case of the empire striking back. Or as he put it: “A natural but belated response to militant Islam & Christianity.” After a few testy exchanges, however, he wrote: “Allahu-Akbar... Jai Sri Ram... Hindus & Muslims have centuries-old, shared heritage in India... In [the] coming years, the good old times will return. This is my prophecy.” I’m quoting this at such length to show that for all the Muslim-bashing, there’s still a grudging acknowledgement of what my friend called “centuries-old, shared heritage”.

Climate change to uproot millions, especially in Asia

The walls of Saifullah's home in northern Jakarta are lined like tree rings, marking how high the floodwaters have reached each year some more than 4 feet from the damp dirt floor.

When the water gets too high, Saifullah, who like many Indonesians only uses one name, sends his family to stay with friends. He guards the house until the water can be drained using a makeshift pump. If the pump stops working, he uses a bucket or just waits until the water recedes.

It's a normal thing here, Saifullah, 73, said. But this is our home. Where should we go?"

As the world's most rapidly sinking major city, Jakarta demonstrates how climate change is making more places uninhabitable.

With an estimated one-third of the city expected to be submerged in the coming decades in part because of the rising Java Sea the Indonesian government is planning to move its capital some 1,240 miles (2,000 kilometers) northeast to the island of Borneo, relocating as many as 1.5 million civil servants.

It's a huge undertaking and part of the mass movement of people that is expected to accelerate in the years ahead.

A staggering 143 million people will likely be uprooted over the next 30 years by rising seas, drought, searing temperatures and other climate catastrophes, according to an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report published Monday by the United Nations.

In Asia, governments are already scrambling to deal with it.

One in three migrants in the world today comes from Asia, which leads the world in the number of people being displaced by extreme weather, largely storms and flooding, according to the report. With rural villages emptying out



and megacities like Jakarta at risk, scientists predict migration flows and the need for planned relocations will only grow.

Under all global warming levels, some regions that are presently densely populated will become unsafe or uninhabitable, the report said.

By one estimate, as many as 40 million people in South Asia may be forced to move over the next 30 years because of a lack of water, crop failure, storm surges and other disasters.

Rising temperatures are of particular concern, said Stanford University environmental scientist Chris Field, who chaired the UN report in previous years.

There are relatively few places on Earth that are simply too hot to live now, he said. But it's beginning to look like in

Asia, there may be more of those in the future and we need to think really hard about the implications of that.

No nation offers asylum or other legal protections to people displaced specifically because of climate change, though the Biden administration has studied the idea.

People leave their homes for a variety of reasons including violence and poverty, but what's happening in Bangladesh demonstrates the role climate change also plays, said Amali Tower, who founded the organization Climate Refugees.

Scientists predict as many as 2 million people in the low-lying country may be displaced by rising seas by 2050.

Already, more than 2,000 migrants arrive at its capital of Dhaka every day,

many fleeing coastal towns.

You can see the actual movement of people. You can actually see the increasing disasters. It's tangible," Tower said.

The migration flows can be slowed if countries like the United States and European nations act now to drop their greenhouse gas emissions to zero, she said. Others say richer countries that produce more emissions should offer humanitarian visas to people from countries that are disproportionately impacted.

Dealing with climate migrants will become a major policy issue for Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America as well over the next few decades, according to the UN report. Most people will be moving from rural areas to cities, especially in Asia where two-thirds of the population could be urban in 30 years.

It's essentially people migrating from rural areas and then probably squatting in a slum somewhere, said Abhas Jha, a practice manager with the World Bank's Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management in South Asia.

The migration doesn't have to cause a crisis, said Vittoria Zanuso, executive director of the Mayors Migration Council, a global group of city leaders.

In the northern part of Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, for example, officials are building shelters for climate migrants and improving the water supply. They also are working with smaller cities to be designated climate havens" that welcome migrants, Zanuso said.

The influx of a new work force offers smaller cities an opportunity for economic growth, she said. And it prevents migrants who may be fleeing villages threatened by rising seas from seeking refuge in a city with scarce water supplies and basically swapping one climate risk for another.

In coming years, she said helping prepare cities for the influx of migrants will be key: They are on the frontlines.

Literature & Health

Best chance for battling menopausal weight gain is during perimenopause

The one major complaint that most women face during menopause is gaining weight. Menopause is often accompanied by accelerated adverse changes in body composition such as hot flashes and an increased risk of such chronic diseases as osteoporosis and heart disease. A new study has suggested that lifestyle interventions aimed at managing these problems are most valuable during perimenopause.

The study titled, 'Metabolic effects of menopause: a cross-sectional characterization of body composition and exercise metabolism' has been published in 'Menopause', the journal of The North American Menopause Society (NAMS). Much focus is placed on the adverse symptoms of menopause. The reality is that many of the changes associated with a decreased quality of life, productivity, and intimacy, take place in the period before menopause, known as perimenopause. Studies have documented that menopause is associated with a gain in fat mass, as well as a redistribution of fat toward the abdomen, with perimenopause being a key transition



point for these changes. Some studies have also shown that menopause can additionally cause loss of lean mass, as well as bone mass. It is well known that energy expenditure during rest and exercise is reduced with age, but few studies have evaluated the menopause transition as an independent factor that may influence metabolism. In this new study, researchers evaluated women at all stages of menopause (premenopause, perimenopause, and postmenopause) to understand changes in resting and exercise metabolism in conjunction with body composition.

Integrated development of Agroforestry and Wood-based Industries-AWay forward for Carbon Neutral Economy

1.0 Agroforestry and Private Forestry for Carbon Neutral Economy

Government of India (GOI), in the recently announced budget of 2022-23, has used 'Agroforestry and Private Forestry' as instruments to achieve the carbon neutral economy. Agroforestry covers short rotation tree crops which are generally cultivated by farmers, while the private forestry covers medium and long rotation tree crops, which are generally planted by plantation companies or individuals in their land. India has almost reached the level of self-sufficiency in producing small sized wood through agroforestry but is still heavily dependent on imported timber due to shortage of large sized wood from the forests and the farmers can not afford to produce it. The recent initiative of the GOI encouraging private forestry may serve the dual purpose of encouraging local production of large sized wood and mitigating the impact of climate change

Under Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), India has committed to create an additional CO2 sink of 2.5 to 3.0 billion tonnes by 2030 under the Paris Agreement of the UNFCCC. The plantations under agroforestry and private forestry not only sequester carbon but the wood products manufactured from their wood also store carbon during their lifetime. The focussed action on agroforestry and private forestry may help in achieving the targets under NDCs and will also provide momentum to move towards achieving the goal of having 33% of the geographical area under forest and tree cover as envisaged in National Forest Policy of 1988.

2.0 Present Status of Agroforestry

During the late seventies and eighties, some of the states have implemented self-funded as well as externally aided social forestry projects in which focus was on extension of agroforestry. The

wood-based industry started meeting its demands of raw materials by establishing a direct relationship with the farmers. Due to focus on agroforestry, the area under Trees Outside Forests (TOFs) increased from 5.6% in 2001 to 8.9% of geographical area of India in 2021 and annual wood production increased from 69 to 85 million cubic metres as per the India State of Forest Reports (ISFRs). The area under agroforestry plantations would produce wood regularly and eighty to ninety percent of these areas will always remain under green cover helping in carbon sequestration. As the availability of timber declined from the forest areas and the farm wood could not substitute for the timber from forests entirely, the Government liberalised the import of timber in nineties.

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The Judge

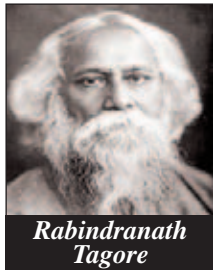
Say of him what you please, but I know my child's failings.

I do not love him because he is good, but because he is my little child.

How should you know how dear he can be when you try

to weigh his merits against his faults? When I must punish him he becomes all the more a part of my being. When I cause his tears to come my heart weeps with him. I alone have a right to blame and punish, for he only may chastise who loves."

Rabindranath Tagore



Ensuring battery storage plays its key role in India's race to climate goals

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India's historic transition to clean energy is upon us and the momentum driving the country forward to its climate goals is accelerating. Recent events show the nation is taking huge steps in its transformative shift: from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic commitment at COP26 to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil fuel installed electricity capacity by 2030 to the greenest budget a month ago and, more recently, the first phase of a Green Hydrogen policy.

The energy future is exciting but to reach it will require a strenuous and continuous multi-stakeholder effort including by renewable energy companies, policymakers, investors, the public sector, and financial institutions.

The Centre has rightly identified energy storage as a distinct and crucial link in the energy value chain. This is key as India will be looking at increasing renewable energy (RE) generation from the current 12-13% to over a third of total generation to meet its climate goals. This is an unprecedented ~300 GW addition of renewables in less than nine years.

Renewable energy depends on nature and on its vagaries and sudden changes. Therefore, to integrate this colossal amount of RE in a cost-effective, rapid and stable manner, we urgently need the unique capabilities of flexible storage systems to absorb, store and then reinject electricity as per the grid's requirements.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) in its India Energy Outlook 2021 noted: "India has a higher requirement for flexibility in its power system operation than almost any other country in the world." It further stated: "Battery storage is particularly well suited to the short-run flexibility that India needs to align its solar-led generation peak in the middle of the day with the country's early evening peak in demand." Over the past 10 years, India's renewable journey tells a very impressive tale. Looking at just solar alone, it soared from a mere 35 MW in 2011 to 35,000 MW in 2021. While industry played its part, smart, responsive and adaptive policymaking over the past decade deserves much credit. The battery storage sector looks for more of the same as RE becomes a critical part of the national grid.

Battery Storage: Jack of all trades for India

India, with one of the world's largest synchronized grids is witnessing increasing variable generation and ever-changing demand patterns and will face significant challenges in grid balancing. These imbalances in demand and supply come at both seasonal and daily level. While seasonal demands are best catered to by market forces, daily variations have to be addressed by battery storage.

Across the globe, battery is fast emerging as a 'jack-of-all trades' solution and becoming integral to grid management, as well as for planning by system operators/distribution utilities at various nodes of power sector: distribution, transmission and generation. In Australia, the 100MW Hornsdale Power Reserve is realizing its revenue from multiple applications like frequency support, market arbitrage, energy shifting, renewable smoothening and has got its payback within a short span of time.

Overall, battery storage is primarily being used to broadly address three basic applications. These are frequency response management; energy shifting or arbitrage; and mid/long duration energy storage. The good news is that, during the past decade, the cost of battery storage has declined sharply, and the trajectory is expected to continue south in the near future. There are already examples such as the US and UK

where battery storage provides an economically viable source of flexibility and reliability for grid networks.

Huge and beckoning opportunity

Indian battery storage demand will see significant opportunities coming from electrified mobility, as well as from stationery storage requirements. As per NITI Aayog, India's battery storage market is expected to reach more than 1000 GWh by 2030, translating to a cumulative market size of US\$250 billion from extremely negligible today.

Out of the 1000 GWh, power sector demand alone is expected to be close to 150GWh, translating into US\$60 billion of capital investment in projects. For the total 1000 GWh capacity deployment, we will need a manufacturing investment of around US\$16.5 billion over the next five-to-six years. This will translate into a capacity of around 150 GWh per annum, creating thousands of jobs in manufacturing and construction.

Global experience, local lessons?

The global capacity to manufacture battery storage grew sevenfold in the past decade. China holds 78% with much smaller shares with Japan and Korea. Europe is also fast emerging as a key investment destination for battery manufacturing.

As per Bloomberg, the total manufacturing capacity as on date stands at approximately 1,500 GWh. This is expected to increase to around 4,700 GWh by 2030. Currently, China alone constitutes nearly 75% (1,100 GWh) of total manufacturing capacity and it will continue to have the lion's share going forward, even though its share is expected to fall to around 64% by the start of the new decade. Strategic tie-ups with companies owning critical mineral mines in countries such as Chile, Peru, and Bolivia has helped China gain this competitive advantage over the rest of the world.

Project to remove plastic in HP

Shimla: Ambuja Cements and ACC Limited, through its in-house waste management arm, Geocycle continues to remove plastic waste by commissioning its second phase of bubble barrier technology in BBMB Lake located in Sunder Nagar, Himachal Pradesh. Bubble Barrier is a smart and non-invasive technology that is used to remove plastic from the water bodies, reducing the problem of marine plastic pollution in our country. The Company has received a NOC from BBMB to install this innovative technology which wills remove approximately 1500 tonnes per year of waste from the lake. The BBMB Lake has been floating with light organic material which has been accumulated over the years resulting in choking at the discharge point of the lake. The Company's Geocycle Bubble Barrier technology will not only collect plastic but also lighter materials like floating debris, organic wastes, etc. from the lake, thus, reducing the chances of choking. This technology has been installed in Himachal Pradesh with ACC Gagal Plant, which will serve as the co-processing center for the plastic recovered from the lake.

Cairn Oil & Gas completes 10 years of Bhagyam field operations

CHANDIGARH: Cairn Oil & Gas, India's largest private oil and gas exploration and production company, has completed 10 years of prolific operations from its Bhagyam field situated in the Barmer district of western Rajasthan. Discovered in 2004 and put into production in 2012, Bhagyam is part of the MBA (Mangala Bhagyam Aishwarya) trinity and is the company's second-largest oilfield after Mangala. The combined Rajasthan block today contributes over a quarter to India's domestic production. Cairn has also recently joined hands with international technology provider Baker Hughes to enhance recovery from Bhagyam field and increase its recoverable reserve to 250 million barrels of oil equivalent (mboe). Speaking on the occasion, Prachur Sah, Deputy CEO, Cairn Oil & Gas, said, "Currently 90% of the country's domestic production is coming from old and ageing oil fields. For this, there is a need to lay greater emphasis on increasing recovery and production from existing fields by encouraging investment in the most advanced technologies.

Visa application services in India: Visa Application Centre status update

VFS Global continues to resume services in a phased manner for its client governments. Reopened Visa Application Centres are operating in keeping with health and safety guidelines, local government directives and mission requirements. Information about Visa Application Centres offering visa services listed in the below table is as of 02nd March 2022. As this information is fluid and being updated regularly, please visit the country-specific websites on www.vfsglobal.com or Embassy / Consulate websites for the most updated information. Real time updates are also posted on our social media channels and the COVID-19 Customer Advisories page. Please note:

- Customers are advised to beware of fraudulent entities who charge fees from customers for scheduling appointments, using VFS Global's name or independently. We do not accept any payment for scheduling appointments
- Visa type and category terminologies may vary for different missions. Please visit the relevant Embassy/Consulate website for details

Quiklyz extends vehicle leasing and subscription services to 5 additional cities

GURUGRAM / FARIDABAD: Quiklyz, the vehicle leasing and subscription platform of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (Mahindra Finance/ MFMFS), today announced expansion of its services in 5 additional cities. With this announcement, Quiklyz will be now available across 13 citiespan India. The cities in which Quiklyz have started the service include Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Manesar, Faridabad and Ghaziabad. The company is planning to expand its presence in 30 cities over the next 3 months. Quiklyz earlier had launched its services in 8 metro cities including Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Noida, and Pune in November 2021. Speaking on expansion in new geographies, Turra Mohammed, SVP & Business Head – Quiklyz commented, "We have seen very good traction since our launch both with our Retail subscription product through Quiklyz.com and our Corporate lease products.

Orientbell Tiles extends its reach with a new OBTB store in Jalandhar, Punjab.

Jalandhar : As one of the most professionally-run tile brands in the country, Orientbell Tiles is proud to expand its wings with the launch of a new Orientbell Tiles Boutique store, in Punjab. With the latest launch of this OBTB in Jalandhar (at Anil Sales Corporation), the brand has now extended its already existing reach across Punjab. With a shelf area of 7250 sq ft, the store brings together the brand's signature tiles to suit every space in your office, residential and commercial property. The store is now operational for customer visits and offers a variety of patterns in wall and floor tiles, along with the best suited technology to ensure a smooth experience for all the customers. "We promise to come up with the best tiling solution for your dream house or commercial space as it's our motive to fulfil our customers' best interests by providing quality and premium tiles, with innovative and creative designs." - Mr Vivek Arora Enabled with the latest OBL digital tools, the store promotes technologies to help customers find a similar-looking tile just by uploading a picture from Instagram or a photo they have clicked.

Shoot of Zindagi's Fawad Khan & Sanam Saeed starrer series wraps up on an adventurous note!

The final schedule of Zindagi's most anticipated original series featuring Fawad Khan and Sanam Saeed came to an end recently. The yet to be titled series is a blend of magical realism and supernatural fantasy with a family reunion. Directed by the critically acclaimed Asim Abbasi, the series was shot in the heart of Karachi and the serene valley of Hunza. Taking to Instagram, Asim Abbasi announced the wrap up of the shoot and thanked his team for their support. "This is a very personal project for me. The shoot which spanned over 5 months has been the most challenging experience of my life but also the most rewarding. The ensemble have done a beautiful job, and given some career best performances. While we have had many eventful days shooting for the series, the last day of the shoot was particularly action-packed. I remember the car we were supposed to shoot didn't work, so we used my personal car instead. During the shot, Fawad really had to burn the rubber, as he had to do a u-turn on a single lane road.

NEWS/BUSINESS

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Your guide on how to lose armpit fat

Extra fat around the chests and underarms can occur in people of all weights, ages, and sizes. Tight clothing can also cause the skin to protrude from the chest, creating the appearance of armpit fat. Armpit fat is completely normal, regardless of its cause. Continue reading to learn about the causes of underarm fat and what you can do to reduce its appearance if it bothers you.

Armpit fat can occur in either gender. It appears to affect more women than men. Tops or bras that are too tight can cause the skin between the breasts and armpits to spill out. However, armpit fat can be caused by a variety of factors other than clothing. Here are a few of the most common reasons.

- Genetics
Heredity and genetic factors play a large role in determining body fat distribution. Several studies have found that a variety of genetic factors may influence where you store fat. This study also discovered that fat accumulation and distribution are more likely to be influenced by genetics in women than in men. You are more likely to have armpit fat if you have a family history of it.
- Body Weight
Fat may accumulate in or under your armpits if you are overweight. Where excess fat is stored is largely determined by genetics. Fat may accumulate in your underarm area if you are overweight. Weight gain can also cause your breasts and armpits to swell. A healthy diet and exercise routine can assist you in managing and reducing armpit fat.
- Hormonal Imbalances
Hormonal Imbalances Causes Armpit Fat
Breast tissue is extremely sensitive to hormonal

changes that occur during puberty, pregnancy, menstruation, and menopause. Breasts can swell as a result of changes in the production of estrogen and progesterone. Another hormone, prolactin, enlarges the breasts during pregnancy as they prepare to produce milk. These hormonal changes can



accentuate the appearance of excess skin or fat in the area between the breast and the underarm.

- Bad Posture
Poor posture does not cause armpit fat, but it can make it more visible. Standing up straight may help reduce the appearance of extra armpit skin if you have a Forward-rolling shoulder posture.
How to Get Rid of Armpit Fat
Even the most active, nutritionally dedicated

individuals experience stubborn and seemingly permanent fat in this region. Women, in particular, may struggle with this area due to the presence of breast tissue in this area. Having said that, it is possible to reduce the amount of body fat that accumulates in that area by following an effective weight-training routine and eating a well-balanced diet. When it comes to training and exercise, keep in mind that there is no such thing as "spot reduction." However, working the muscles in the area you want to tone, in this case, your shoulders and chest, can help tone this area while you work on reducing overall body fat. Here are some exercises to reduce armpit fat.

- Push-ups
This exercise engages multiple muscles at the same time, including those in your upper arms, shoulders, and chest.
Begin on the floor. Adjust your hands to be slightly wider than your shoulders.
Adjust your head so that you're looking down. Extend your feet behind you, so you're on your toes.
Lower your body to the floor and then raise it back up using your arms.
Rep several times more.
For a low-impact version, you can put your knees on the ground while doing this exercise.
- Cat-cow
On a yoga mat, get down on all fours. Your hands should be stacked beneath your shoulders, and your knees should be stacked beneath your hips. Exhale a sigh of relief and arch your spine (cat position). To align with your spine, lower your head.

H&M India launches H&M Home in the country

CHANDIGARH: H&M India is delighted to launch H&M HOME with a digital store on hm.com and through the e-commerce platform Myntra. Furthermore, H&M HOME will soon be introduced via H&M India's existing store. "We are very excited to finally launch in India. At H&M HOME, we are driven by our desire to make great design available to everyone in a sustainable way and offer products that enable people to be inspired and to express their own personal style in their homes. We simply can't wait to introduce Indian interior lovers to the world of H&M HOME", says Evelina Kravayeva - Söderberg, Head of Design and Creative, H&M HOME. H&M HOME is a design-driven interior and lifestyle destination, offering fashion-forward decor and accessories for every room and style, with quality and attention to detail at its core. H&M HOME has launched in India with concepts which are divided into different rooms of the home: Livingroom, Bedroom, Bathroom, Kitchen and Kid's room. The assortment ranges from timeless dinnerware and high-quality bed linen to modern textiles and stylish storage solutions.



Shopsy expands its customer base across India with latest ad campaign: Rolls out attractive offers

SONIPAT / HISAR : Shopsy, a social commerce platform from Flipkart, has witnessed strong growth of over 60% since its launch in July 2021. At Shopsy, the aim is to offer quality and engaging products for customers by providing access to a wide range at affordable prices, while being a value-based



and reliable platform. Today, Shopsy has over 2.5 lakh sellers with products across 250+ categories and is on track to enable over 25 million online entrepreneurs by 2023. Shopsy aims at boosting local entrepreneurship and powering e-commerce especially in communities and third-party

channels. By providing a simplified social media interface, Shopsy is able to overcome user apprehension concerned with trust and authenticity issues while shopping online. Leveraging their local network, Shopsy users are able to share catalogues of a wide selection of over 150 million products offered by Flipkart sellers over social media and communication apps. It has received an overwhelming response from consumer cohorts including students, women and kiranas hopping onto the platform for their 'shop & earn' needs. Shopsy also unveiled its first ever ad campaign 'It happens only on Shopsy'. Featuring the Bollywood diva, Sara Ali Khan alongside bubbly Ayesha Raza Mishra, the ad aims to create a unique connection with e-commerce shoppers and inspire them to look at Shopsy as a value destination for all their lifestyle needs starting at attractive prices.

Amazon.in announces 'Home Shopping Spree'

CHANDIGARH: Get ready for the summer season with Amazon.in 'Home Shopping Spree' starting today with a host of exciting offers and deals on home essentials including home appliances, kitchen appliances, cookware & dining, furniture, toys and much more. Customers can go on a shopping spree and avail top deals from the comfort of their homes with coupons offering cashback, affordable no-cost EMI, exchange offers, and free delivery on first orders anywhere in India. During the 'Home Shopping Spree' on Amazon.in, customers can look forward to savings on some of the best brands such as Samsung, LG, Wipro, Home Centre, Duroflex, Ferns & Petal and much more. Customers can also get an additional 10% instant discount on a minimum transaction of INR 5000 using Kotak credit and debit cards. The offers and deals during the 'Home Shopping Spree' will be available till March 6, 2022.

Tata Motors goes #Hyperlocal for its passenger vehicle buyers

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's leading automotive brand, today introduced 'Anubhav,' showroom on wheels, a door step car buying experience for the rural customers. In line with its rural marketing strategy, this initiative will help increase reach in Tehsils and Talukas, which have high potential in terms of rural population, and economy. A total of 103 mobile showrooms are being deployed across the country, to enhance the Tata Motors brand awareness in rural India. These mobile showrooms will help existing dealerships to offer a doorstep sales experience to customers and assist them with information about the New Forever range of cars & SUVs, accessories, avail finance schemes, book a test drive and evaluate existing cars for exchange. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Rajan Amba, Vice President, Sales, Marketing and Customer Care, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. said, "We are delighted to commence the Anubhav Initiative. This is a significant step towards taking the brand to the hinterland and making our New Forever range of cars & SUVs more accessible while reducing our dependability on the traditionally followed model of a brick-and-mortar facility. These mobile showrooms will be a one stop solution for rural customers seeking information about our cars, finance schemes, exchange offers etc. They will also derive important consumer insights and data for us to further improve our customer outreach. Rural India sales contributes around 40% to the total passenger vehicles sold in India and with this concept we are confident of expanding our reach, and increasing our customer base in these markets." With the expertise of Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Fully Built Vehicles (FBV) Division, the Anubhav – Showroom on Wheels has been developed on the very reliable, Tata Intra V10. These mobile showrooms will be operated by dealerships under Tata Motors' supervision and guidance. All the dealerships will define monthly routes for these vans on which they will ply and cover the targeted village or tehsil.



Fusion Finance distributes 40 water wheels among rural women in Punjab

Fusion Micro Finance organised Water Wheel Distribution programs organised in Narayanpura village of Malout and distributed 40 water wheels among rural women to reduce their tribulations related to collecting water for families. The programs witnessed participation from people residing in nearby areas. Social distancing norms and other precautionary measures such as the use of masks and sanitisers were strictly followed during the entire program. From the organisation, Amardeep Singh, Vikas Katiyar, Johra Singh, Pankaj and Kulvir Singh were present on the occasion. Senior official from Fusion Micro Finance said, "The organisation firmly believes in giving back to society to enhance lifestyle. These programs are in line with this responsibility and vision. Women in India face myriad difficulties and water shortages and storage issues are among them. The water wheels offered by us will ease their problem while saving huge time that can be used for other productive purposes." Fusion has not limited its responsibilities to financial inclusion, but it is also contributing to Social Welfare through its corporate social responsibility. Guests and villagers praised the organisation for providing these water wheels, especially to the rural women as they always face many health-related issues such as tiredness while carrying heavy water containers on their heads from distant locations.



Toyota Teases Glimpses of its most Affordable Offering: all-new Toyota Glanza

CHANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor today shared a sneak peek into its newest and most affordable offering from its stable- the Cool New Toyota Glanza. Scheduled to be launched this month, the new Glanza boasts of a plethora of new & unique design features, exclusively created by designers at Toyota. Moreover, the new Glanza is also equipped with a technologically advanced connected feature, making it an irresistible choice for the Indian Market and helping Toyota reach far more value seekers in the segment. For more details, log onto the Toyota Bharat website: https://www.toyotabharat.com/showroom/glanza/



Retail business owners from Punjab partner with Eko

LUDHIANA: Eko, India's fastest-growing fintech platform, takes another step towards fulfilling the financial ambitions of MSMEs and others in the country. The company has recently empowered the offline retail community in Punjab to instill digitalization in their operations. The Punjab-based sellers who partnered with Eko, have now turned into banking & finance agents offering a one-stop shop for banking and other services including bill payments; collecting cash from their customers and paying their utility bills using Eko wallet. This transformation has enabled them to earn lucrative commissions and achieve the best success rate for every payment. Mr Raj Kumar (Eko's seller), a small grocery store owner in Ludhiana (district) of Punjab, conducted his operations offline. Limited income and fewer customers were a constant worry for him, which restricted the expansion of his business. But after leveraging the Eko-enabled opportunity of scaling up his business operations digitally, he has achieved a total Gross Transaction Value (GTV) of over 75 lakhs, a significant 80% jump from his previous sales.

Atulaya Healthcare has started its operations in Jalandhar

Jalandhar: Atulaya Healthcare Pvt Ltd, North India's largest chain of integrated pathology and imaging services, launches its centre in Jalandhar. Atulaya Healthcare has a Fully Automated Robotic and NABL Accredited Lab The new facility is well equipped with latest MRI, CT Scan, Digital X Ray, Digital Mammography and CT Coronary Angiography. For the residents of Jalandhar Atulaya Healthcare is also offering Health packages up-to 70% off and special packages for senior citizens. Atulaya Healthcare has the capacity to handle 40000 tests per day. The lab provides all diagnostic test reports within a quick turnaround time of 8 to 12 hours post receiving the samples. Home collection is also available which offers convenience alongside affordability at Atulaya. Atulaya Healthcare provides all kinds of health screening services with same-day test results with assurance of accuracy in all it's reports.



You can't stop grooving to the fun-tastic beat of Seniorita by rising sensation Pav Dharia

CHANDIGARH: Australia-based, Punjabi singer – song writer Pav Dharia drops his latest single Seniorita today, in association with Sony Music India. Seniorita is a refreshing, urban, Punjabi – English track with Latino influences. The party starter boasts of a hook-line that you won't be able to get out of your head, a catchy beat that leaves you moving and grooving, and a truly entertaining music video unlike anything you've seen recently. Seniorita is dedicated to the one who stole Pav's heart on the tennis ground. The unconventional, yet quirky video, features the rapidly rising Punjabi pop-star and artist, lyricist and composer Pav Dharia in 3 roles where he plays 'The Good Guy', 'Coach Jalebi' and 'That Kutta'. The Good Guy doesn't just win the match but wins his Seniorita's heart by being a gentleman and a fair player. The video showcases a colourful, peppy, retro vibe with funny looks and a unique set of. On the launch of the song, the singer-songwriter, PavDharia said, "I am very excited for the release of Seniorita. Since I can't stop moving my feet every time I listen to it, I'm feeling this is going to be a hell of a dance track! The song has a cheeky cheerful vibe and will definitely uplift your mood instantly. It gets you grooving that's for sure! My tracks have always conveyed a story in some form or another that my fans across the globe have loved. Wanting to bring in the element of fun and love together, I have left the ball in my Seniorita's court, quite literally :) I look forward to the song topping the music charts in the days to come with all my peeps vibing to it and listening to it on repeat!"



Audi India announces price hike across model range



A6, Audi A8 L, Audi Q2, Audi Q5, the recently launched Audi Q7, Audi Q8, Audi S5 Sportback, Audi RS 5 Sportback, Audi RS 7 Sportback and the terrific Audi RS Q8. The electric vehicle portfolio under the e-tron brand, comprises of a wide range including the Audi e-tron 50, Audi e-tron 55, Audi e-tron Sportback 55 and India's first electric supercars, the Audi e-tron GT and Audi RS e-tron GT.

DIZO, by realme Techlife, launches DIZO Watch 2 Sports

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA – Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today announced a price hike of up to 3% across its model range in India. The price hike is a result of rising input costs and will come into effect from April 01, 2022. Ex-showroom price of the Audi model range in India will increase by up to 3% starting April 01, 2022. Result of rising input costs. Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India, said, "At Audi India, we are committed to operating a sustainable business model. With rising input costs and changing Forex rates, we are required to take a price hike of up to 3% across our model range." Audi India's current line-up includes the petrol powered Audi A4, Audi A6, Audi A8 L, Audi Q2, Audi Q5, the recently launched Audi Q7, Audi Q8, Audi S5 Sportback, Audi RS 5 Sportback, Audi RS 7 Sportback and the terrific Audi RS Q8. The electric vehicle portfolio under the e-tron brand, comprises of a wide range including the Audi e-tron 50, Audi e-tron 55, Audi e-tron Sportback 55 and India's first electric supercars, the Audi e-tron GT and Audi RS e-tron GT.

CHANDIGARH: DIZO, by realme Techlife Ecosystem, today announced the launch of DIZO Watch 2 Sports, which is a successor of their bestselling DIZO Watch 2, with the biggest displays for its price segment, 20% lighter than former one, multi-sport tracking functionality and more smart features for its consumers. Designed for the fashionists of today's era, it comes in six cool and trendy colour options along with 150+ watch faces and personalization option. For the sports and fitness enthusiasts and consumers, they can choose their favourite from among plethora of activities, which include standard ones like running, walking, cycling, gymnastics, elliptical, yoga, etc. to even specific ones climbing, hockey, football, horse riding, high/ long jump, several dance forms, Tai Chi, martial arts, trampolines and so much more. The supremely lightweight and comfortable straps ensure that you can wear them for days and sleep with it, without even feeling the load. Contributing to the growth of the smartwatch market in India, DIZO kicked off to a good start by successfully reaching the top 10 list according to latest research commissioned by Counterpoint Technology Market Research in their smartwatch shipment report in India.



Mithali Raj on board as Usha International's brand ambassador

CHANDIGARH: Usha International today announced Mithali Raj – India's greatest female batter and currently the Test and ODI Captain of the Indian women's national cricket team – as its brand ambassador across all product categories. With a career spanning over two decades, Mithali is the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket and the recipient of several coveted awards, including the Wisden Leading Woman Cricketer in the World (2017), Arjuna Award (2003), the Padma Shri (2015) and the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna (2021). This association by the brand resonates perfectly with Usha's 'play' ethos, which is aimed at promoting an active and healthy lifestyle amongst audiences. "Having Mithali Raj onboard is our salute to the millions of Indian women who actively challenge the status quo with their new thinking and determination, and don multiple hats. Mithali's determination to stay the path is inspirational to all the women out there who are following their dreams and breaking conventional stereotypes to shatter the glass ceiling. At Usha, we celebrate the resilient spirit women embrace to play pivotal roles in nurturing future women achievers across domains – sports stadiums and boardrooms alike," said Komal Mehra.



NEWS AT A GLANCE

Lecture on World Hearing Day at PCM SD College held



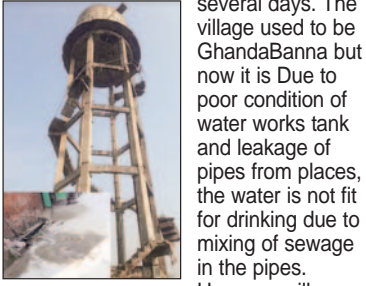
HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: The Youth Club of PCM S.D. College for Women, Jalandhar organized a lecture on World Hearing. As the whole world is facing the outbreak of Covid-19 epidemic and all the schools and colleges are almost closed for almost two years. In such times, the use of mobiles and laptops have increased the work of eyes and ears. To sensitize the students about the bad effects of ear phones, Ananya Gera, a student from All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (Mysore, Karnataka) explained the appropriate use of ear phones through two interesting activities. She also enlightened the students that the use of earphones for more than 60 minutes is harmful for everyone. The honorable members of the Managing Committee and the worthy Principal Dr. Pooja Prashar congratulated the endeavors of the Youth Club for organizing such constructive lectures. It proved a beneficial session for the students.

Term end exam Dec 2021 of IGNOU commencing from Mar 4

SHIMLA: Term end exam December, 2021 of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) are commencing from 4th March, 2022 and will conclude on 11th April, 2022. The University has established 800 exam centres including 89 centres in Jails for Jail inmates and 19 overseas centres. A total 6,76,790 students will appear in TEE December 2021. More than 26 thousand students will appear in 29 exam centres established in different districts of Himachal Pradesh. The University has been issued Hall Tickets to all the eligible students. Students can download their Hall Tickets, available in the University website: www.ignou.ac.in and appear in the exam. Students are advised to have valid Identity Card issued by the University/Govt. during the exam. Mobile Phones are not allowed in the examination hall. For more information, students may contact IGNOU exam centre/Study Centre or IGNOU Regional Centre Phone No. 0177-2624612.

Villagers of Ghanda Banna forced to drink dirty water in dilapidated condition

HEMANT SHARMA
RAMPURA PHUL: Due to poor condition of water works of GhandaBanna village near the city, the supply of drinking water to the people of the village has been cut off for



several days. The village used to be GhandaBanna but now it is Due to poor condition of water works tank and leakage of pipes from places, the water is not fit for drinking due to mixing of sewage in the pipes. However, villagers are forced to drink dirty water Due to this, there is a constant fear of spreading the disease. A few months ago, when the journalists spoke to the present Sarpanch of the village about this, he said that the work of this water works would be started as soon as possible. The dilapidated condition of the tank of this waterworks is due to JiuCan fall anytime due to being. In this regard the villagers have demanded that this water works should be restarted and clean drinking water should be provided to them so that they can protect their families and children from diseases.

National Science Day organised



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: A Seminar on "Scientific outlook and attitude" was organized by the College of Basic Sciences and Humanities on the National Science Day. The seminar was presided over by College Dean Dr. Satnam Singh Jassal & the stage was conducted by Dr. R. K. Gupta, the Coordinator of the event. Among those present included Dr. Madhu, Dr. J. K Sharma, Dr. Gyani Devi and Lavlin Sachdeva.

Ukraine returned students say 'Thank you Modi ji'

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK, MAR 3

Ukraine returned students thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that India's status abroad has increased a lot. They spoke about the situation in Ukraine that seeing the tricolor, they got full respect everywhere. Even the armies of Ukraine and Russia did not stop any vehicle bearing the tricolor and they were respected on the border. The students understood how difficult it was to get out of there in such a condition, it is the seriousness of the central government and the hard work of the Indian embassy officials that they managed to return to their homeland today. Students and their families thanked MP Arvind Sharma and said that the MP kept in touch with them from the very beginning and kept their spirits up. The family members of



student Bhavna, a resident of Sampla, who returned from Ukraine, expressed their gratitude to the central government and thanked the Prime Minister. Bhavna's father Anil Kumar said that when his daughter was trapped in Ukraine, MP Arvind Sharma had contacted her and after getting all the information, got a conversation with the Indian

Embassy officials. Later the Indian Embassy officials also contacted her and found out about the daughter. Student Bhavna said that in such a situation, it is a big success for Indian students to return to their home country. The strategy of the Central Government and the hard work of the officials of the Indian Embassy has worked. Bhavna said that there were many students of the state trapped in Ukraine, with whom Union Ministers and embassy officials were in touch. Apart from this, the girl's father Anil Kumar said that MP Arvind Sharma kept her spirits during this time, which has given her a lot of courage. The family members of Anil Kumar expressed their gratitude to the MP and said that many students from Ukraine also kept in touch with the MP Arvind Sharma. For the safe return of Umesh, a resident of Rajepur Indri, his

family members expressed their gratitude to the MP. Similarly, Gaurav and Sahil, residents of village Rohad, have not yet returned from Ukraine, but have reached a safe place due to the efforts of the government. Sahil and Gaurav's father Rajesh said that he had contacted the MP regarding this and after that the officer of the embassy took information about both the sons and every effort is being made to bring them back. MP Arvind Sharma said that the Prime Minister himself was concerned about the Indian students and due to the seriousness of the Central Government, such a large number of Indian students have been successful in getting back. Seeing the situation, an advisory was issued by the central government earlier as well, and Union Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi is taking reports everyday.

Dr. Inderjeet VC of Vet Varsity acknowledges coffee table book

RAJ KUMAR SHARMA
LUDHIANA, MAR 3

Harpreet Sandhu, Chairman Punjab Infotech and Nature Artist presented Coffee Table Book titled, "Sadda Sohna Punjab" to Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana in the presence of officers and faculty members of GADVASU. The coffee table book depicts mesmerizing unseen natural locations of Punjab. Dr. Inderjeet Singh stated that it was indeed a great endeavour by Sandhu to highlight these rich but lesser known places in the state of Punjab. He said that this book will play an immense role in educating the young generation about the richness of Punjab as it revives forgotten tracks, spots and locations of the state. It will definitely acquaint them



with romanticizing locations, meadows and mountains of different terrain. He congratulated the author for beautifully amalgamating the philosophy of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the glimpses of nature of Punjab, which emphasize that almighty prevails in this whole creation. This Coffee table book has been acknowledged by different dignitaries and several eminent Intellectuals of the nation.

Oncoplastic services starts for cancer patients at AIIMS Bathinda

ANIL VERMA

BATHINDA: AIIMS Bathinda is the first to start the reconstruction of oncosurgery patients. In a recent case a retid BSF employee was admitted in Surgical Oncology dept with diagnosis of Carcinoma mouth. The patient underwent surgery for the removal of the tumor. The whole of the tumor was successfully removed. Following removal of the tumor, reconstruction of the defect was done by the Plastic Surgery department. A free flap was taken and placed over the defect with microvascular technique.



Himachal Assembly Speaker Vipin Singh Parmar felicitates Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti and Food Processing Industries Prahlad Singh Patel with a shawl and a Himachali cap in his office in Shimla on Thursday.

Saini seeks residents' cooperation in keeping Radaur clean

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, MAR 3

Under the chairmanship of Dhanpat Saini, the brand ambassador appointed by MC for the sanitation survey, the cleaning staff of MC carried out a cleanliness campaign behind Bubka Road and behind the Tehsil premises. During this time, Saini also made people aware of cleanliness. The shopkeepers of Bubka Road put a problem in front of him that the garbage truck has not been coming for many days. Which is why they are facing the problem. Dhanpat Saini assured that MC vehicle will arrive from Friday to collect garbage. Dhanpat Saini said that cleanliness is of special importance in our life. In the absence of hygiene, where dirt increases, diseases are also invited. For the last several years, continuous efforts are being made by the municipality to keep the city clean and tidy, for which many kinds of work have been done. But it also becomes our obligation that we also cooperate in this work of the municipality and



fulfill our moral responsibility. We should try our best to keep our surroundings clean and motivate others to do the same. He said that we do not have to throw the garbage of houses and shops in the open. It has to be collected and put in MC vehicle. Wet and dry garbage should be collected separately, for which dustbins have also been provided in front of houses and shops on behalf of MC. If a person is deliberately spreading dirt, report it to the MC office immediately. If the city is clean and tidy then we will also be at the forefront in the hygiene category so that the name of the city will shine at the state and national level, Saini said.

DMC Hospital organises World Hearing Day

RAJ KUMAR SHARMA
LUDHIANA, MAR 3

3rd of March is Global Hearing Day. To observe this day Department of ENT (Ear Nose Throat & Neck), DMCH conducted a special training session on 'Hearing' for the MBBS students. The theme for World Hearing Day in 2022 is "To hear for life, listen with care." The main purpose of this day is to promote ear and hearing care among general public. This training session consist of various hearing techniques for all age group. Hearing assessment using simple outpatient clinical procedures as well as latest Audiometry Screening and Interpretation was demonstration during the session. In his message Prem Kumar Gupta, Secretary DMCH Managing Society said that Department of ENT at DMCH has state of the art facilities and provides the highest level of hearing care facilities.



'Listen carefully for lifetime' awareness program organized by health department

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAR 3

Under the theme "Listen carefully for a lifetime" under the guidance of Dr. Parminder Kaur, Civil Surgeon, a seminar was organized by the Health Department at Civil Hospital, Hoshiarpur under the theme "Awareness Activities". The seminar was attended by Dr. Jaswinder Singh SMO, Civil Hospital, Dr. Swati SMO, Dr. Kamlesh Kumari Nodal Officer, Dr. Rajwant Kaur and Dr. Gagandeep Kaur. Addressing the audience in his inaugural address, Dr. Pawan Kumar said that March 03 is celebrated all over the world as Hearing Day, which is aimed at curbing public speaking and giving due respect to deaf people in the society. Awareness is needed while respecting their feelings.



Loss of hearing can be caused by congenital, ear infections or congestion, excessive noise, ear and ear injuries or accidents. In addition, hearing loss due to advancing age, meningitis, measles, mumps, etc. To prevent this, information and timely ear examination should be done. Dr. Swati apprised the audience about the proper care of ears, prevention of diseases and treatment of school children and children suffering from congenital diseases under the National Child Health Program. Dr. Rajwant Kaur also shared his views in the seminar.

All India Terrorist Front Chairman Bitta pays tribute to martyr soldier Akshay Pathania in village Chakkad

R SINGH
PATHANKOT, MAR 3

All India Terrorist Front chairman Maninderjit Singh Bitta after paying tribute to martyr soldier Akshay Pathania in Chakkad village on Thursday lashed out at those demanding Khalistan and conspiring to damage the country's integrity. He said that only those who grew up on the pieces of China and Pakistan are conspiring against the integrity of the country and talk about Khalistan. Maninderjit Singh Bitta first reached Shani Mandir in Pathankot. Former Union Minister Master Mohan Lal and others were also present with him here. After this Maninderjit Singh Bitta reached the house of martyr Jawan Akshay Pathania located in Chakkad village and paid tribute to him. Akshay Pathania was martyred on February 6 after being hit by an avalanche on the China border in Tamang, Arunachal. The martyr's mother



and grandmother were honored by Bitta with a shawl and father with a memento. Bitta, who reached the martyr's house, said that on the one hand, slogans of Akshay Tera Naam Rahega were reverberated in Chakkad village, while on the other hand, slogans of Khalistan Zidabad were being raised in the rites of Deep Sidhu, who died in a road accident. Slogans were being raised there that Geeta will have to be forgotten, Khalistan will have to be created. Bitta said that he wants to ask the supporters of Khalistan which Khalistan they want to create. He said that those who grew up on the pieces of Pakistan and China are talking like this.



Himachal Pradesh Director General of Police Sanjay Kundu meets Himachal Vidhan Sabha Speaker Vipin Singh Parmar at the latter's office in Shimla Thursday.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH PH: 0172-4601826

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for the transfer of allotment of the below said Dwelling Unit under the **Blood Relation Transfer Policy** in their names under Regulation 16 of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

Sr. No.	NAME OF THE APPLICANT (PROPOSED TRANSFEREE)	NAME OF ALLOTTEE/ TRANSFEREE (PROPOSED TRANSFEROR)	D.U. No.	CAT.	SECTOR
1.	(i) Sh. Hari Krishan Paul S/o Late Sh. Payare Lal Paul (ii) Sh. Harminder Paul S/o Late Sh. Payare Lal Paul (All having 50% Share)	(i) Smt. Sanesh Lata W/o Late Sh. Payare Lal Paul (ii) Smt. Anita Paul W/o Sh. Gulvinder Singh (All having 50% Share)	2718	MIG	40-C Chd.

In case anybody has any objection in respect of transfer of the allotment of the above said Dwelling Units, he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 15 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned alongwith documentary evidence, if any.

Secretary,

Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Allotment of small flat under Chandigarh Small Flat Scheme 2006 in lieu of Jhuggi No.584, Block-F, Colony No. 4, Ind-Area, Phase-1, Chandigarh (Form No. 32797) in the name of Sh. Govind Kumar S/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar, on the demise of original both parent applicants (Applicant & Co-Applicant) namely **Late Sh. Pramod Kumar S/o Late Sh. Brij Lal and Late Smt. Reshmi Devi D/o Sh. Shgudre & W/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar.** It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **Late Sh. Pramod Kumar S/o Late Sh. Brij Lal and Late Smt. Reshmi Devi D/o Sh. Shgudre & W/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar**, who were original applicant for allotment of small flat under Chandigarh Small Flat Scheme 2006 in lieu of **Jhuggi No. 584, Block-F, Colony No. 4, Ind-Area, Phase-1, Chandigarh (Form No.32797)** expired on 08/01/2014 at Chandigarh and 12.11.1996 at Jaipur, Boxser, Bihar respectively as informed by his son of Sh. Govind Kumar S/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar and requested for allotment of small flat in his/her name. Further, claimant(s) has stated that **Smt. Rupa Kumari D/o Late Sh. Pramod Kumar & W/o Sh. Upendar Kumar**, and him self are the only legal heirs of above said deceased original applicant and no other legal heir has been left out. In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the above said allotment being made in favour of **Sh. Govind Kumar (Son)** he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the allotment against above said Jhuggi shall be considered in favour of **Sh. Govind Kumar.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 2132-1 (First floor) of LIG Category in Sector 40-C, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of (i) **Sh. Suresh Singh Bisht S/o Sh. Madan Singh Bisht** and (ii) **Smt. Visheshwari Devi Bisht W/o Sh. Suresh Singh Bisht** from the name of allottee/transferer **Smt. Salochna Devi Sharma W/o Sh. Kishori Lal Sharma.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 2132-1 (First floor) of LIG Category in Sector 40C, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferer **Smt. Salochna Devi W/o Sh. Kishori Lal.** Now, **Smt. Salochna Devi Sharma W/o Sh. Kishori Lal Sharma** has sold the above said dwelling unit to (i) **Sh. Suresh Singh Bisht S/o Sh. Madan Singh Bisht** and (ii) **Smt. Visheshwari Devi Bisht W/o Sh. Suresh Singh Bisht** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on **10-02-2022** (i) **Sh. Suresh Singh Bisht S/o Sh. Madan Singh Bisht** and (ii) **Smt. Visheshwari Devi Bisht W/o Sh. Suresh Singh Bisht** have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their names on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,

Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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SHORT TALKS

Ranji Trophy completes 5000 matches

CHENNAI: A landmark moment in the history of Indian domestic cricket came on Thursday as Railways and J&K walked out to the field to play the 5000th game of the Ranji Trophy. The teams are playing an Elite Group C match here at the Chemplast Ground, Chennai. BCCI took to Twitter and said, "5000 reasons to celebrate! A landmark moment in the history of #RanjiTrophy!" On February 17, the tournament returned after a hiatus of two years. It was scheduled to begin in January this year, but was postponed due to the rising Covid-19 cases in the country. The tournament is named after Ranjitsinhji, the first Indian cricketer who played international cricket. Ranji Trophy was launched in July 1934 with the first match held on November 4 between Madras and Mysore at the Chepuk ground.

Bengal (6/329) inching up for a mammoth total against Chandigarh at Ranji match

CHANDIGARH: A magnificent ton by captain Abhimanyu Easwaran helped Bengal to recover from initial blows and finally piled up 329/6 against UT boys on the opening day of the ongoing Ranji trophy match being played at Barabati Stadium, Cuttack (Odisha) on Thursday. Earlier, Chandigarh won the toss and opted to field first which went in Captain Manan Vohra's favour. Opener Sudip Kumar paid the price for being out for duck against the speedster Jagjeet Singh Sandhu on the fourth ball of the day. Jaskarandeep Singh, at the other end, clean bowled Ritwik Roy (12) with 42 for two on the board. Captain Easwaran along with new batter Anustup Majumdar stitched a 193 runs partnership to get the team out of trouble. Post lunch witnessed the dismissal of Easwaran (114) with a fine catch by Arslan Khan off Jagjeet Singh Sandhu leaving the scorecard at 235 for three. Eleven runs later, the team fumbled when set batter Majumbar (95) was clean bowled by vice captain Gurinder Singh. Thereafter, Sandhu claimed his third victim and fifth of the inning in the form of Abhishek Parol (0). Later in the 71st over, Gaurav Gambhir dismissed Shahbaz Ahmed (6) to reduce the side at 268 for six. But in the final session of the day, unbeaten batters - Sayan Shekhar Mandol (33) and Manoj Tiwari (42), both put on a 61-run partnership in 86 balls to steer the inning for 329/6 before the stumps were drawn. Sandhu (3/53) was the pick of the bowlers with three wickets while Gaurav Gambhir (2/66) took two. Jaskarandeep (1/69) consoled with single.

I-League: RoundGlass Punjab FC 'confident' ahead of Churchill Brothers fixtures on-field action resumes



KOLKATA, MARCH 3:

RoundGlass Punjab FC is all set to resume its Hero I-League 2021-22 season against Churchill Brothers FC Goa on March 4 (Friday). The match will be held at the Naitahi Stadium, with kick-off slated for 7.30 PM. Currently, at the top of the points table, RoundGlass Punjab FC began their I-League campaign with a 2-0 win over Rajasthan United in December 2021, after which the league got postponed due to a COVID outbreak. The Club resumed on-field training in Kolkata last month, and will now go up against the side from Goa in its second match of the league. Addressing the media at the official

Credit goes to Virat for where we stand in Test cricket: Rohit

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India captain Rohit Sharma on Thursday lauded former skipper and batting mainstay Virat Kohli ahead of his landmark 100th Test, saying he deserves all the credit for putting the team in a good position in the format.

Rohit will start his Test captaincy journey when he steps out to lead India against Sri Lanka in the opening game here starting Friday.

"As a Test team, we stand in a very good position. The whole credit goes to Virat for where we stand in this format. What he has done with the Test team over the years was brilliant to see," Rohit said in the pre-match press conference, his first as Test skipper.

"I have to just take it from where he has left. I just have to do the right thing with right players," he added.

Although India's chances of making it to World Test Championship final look dim at present, Rohit insisted that the team has been moving in the right direction.

"The team stands in good position. Yes, we are mid-position in the WTC table but I don't think we have done anything wrong in the last two to three years," Rohit added.

The mutual respect was there to see when he paid rich tributes to his contemporary ahead of his landmark game.

"It's been a brilliant journey for him and a long one since he made his debut. Now to go and play his 100th game, it's been a wonderful one. He has done exceedingly well in this format, changed so many things in the way team is moving forward, it's been brilliant to watch that."

"It's been one hell of a ride for him, and



we definitely want to make it special for him. We are all prepared for that and let's hope, we have good five days of cricket. The crowd is coming to see Virat play and that's a great thing."

For Rohit, the best phase under Kohli was the 2018 Australia series which they won 2-1. "As a team, the series we won in Australia in 2018 and it was a big series, and Virat was our captain."

The best knock of Kohli among his 27 Test hundreds, according to Rohit, is the one he hit in South Africa on his first tour in 2013. "As a batter, I remember his hundred (in Johannesburg) against South Africa in 2013. The pitch on which we played was a challenging one and we had bowlers like Dale Steyn, Morne Morkel, Vernon Philander and Jacques Kallis to face which wasn't easy," Rohit recollected.

"It was a bouncy track and we all were playing Test cricket in South Africa for the first time. He scored a hundred in first innings and 90 odd in the second innings."

"That hundred for me is his best. Then there is Perth 2018 but 2013 South Africa beats Perth," he added.

After doing a clean sweep over Sri Lanka in the T20 series, Team India will look forward to continuing their dominance in the two-match Test series against the Lankan Lions.

Both teams will square off on Friday in the opening match of the two-Test series which will be played at the PCA IS Bindra Stadium in Mohali. In this match, all eyes will be on Virat Kohli who will be playing his 100th Test. Kohli will be eager to get back in the runs on this special occasion.

The 33-year-old has amassed 7,962 runs in 99 Tests at an average of 50.39 with 27 tons to his name. However, the batter has not been able to register a century in international cricket since 2019 and the entire nation is waiting for his 71st international ton.

Rohit Sharma will also share some spotlight with Kohli as the clash in Mohali will be his first match as an Indian Test captain. India will be keen to bounce back after their series loss of 2-1 against South Africa away earlier this year. While, in Sri Lanka's last Test series, they defeated West Indies, taking the series 2-0.

Rawalpindi Test: Australia to play first Test in Pakistan after 24 years

RAWALPINDI: Australia will face Pakistan in the three-match Test series, beginning Friday at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium in Rawalpindi. This historic event will be seen by a huge crowd as tickets for the match have been sold out.

Pakistan vs Australia Test series is named the Benaud-Qadir series, after legendary Australia all-rounder Richie Benaud and Pakistani leg-spinner Abdul Qadir. This will be the first visit by Australia since 1998. This time, Kangaroos will play three Tests, three ODIs, and one T20I match against the hosts. Only three Test matches have been played in Rawalpindi since Pakistan started hosting international matches after a hiatus. After winning the T20I World Cup and retaining Ashes with a 4-0 margin, Australia captain Pat Cummins and his team are in great form. But Australia has not clinched any Test series away home since their tour of New Zealand in 2016. The side is equipped with fast bowlers, but they would be required to adapt to turning wickets in Pakistan and this way requires the visitors to play two or more spinners in their lineup. Australia has a tried and tested batting lineup, but lack of games in sub-continent conditions will throw a different challenge to the likes of David Warner, Marcus Labuschagne, Steve Smith.

Tripura all out for 127 in first innings, Punjab lose 7 wickets for 79 runs

NEW DELHI : PUNJAB VS TRIPURA match started today at Arun Jaitley Stadium, New Delhi. Punjab won the toss and elected to field first. Batting first Tripura Team scored 127 runs all out in 54.4 over's in the first innings. Batting order for Tripura today collapsed badly specially the lower order against some fine bowling of Punjab. For Tripura Captain & Wicket-keeper Pawan was the highest scorer, he scored 59 runs in 128 balls with help of 10 boundaries. 4 of the batsmen returned to pavilion without



opening their score and 2 others could not enter into double digits.

For Punjab bowler Baltej claimed 5/33, Vinay Choud-

hary 2/22, Siddarth Kaul 2/50, and Sanvir 1/4. For Punjab too the batsmen didn't have a good day today, both the openers returned to pavilion when the score was just 10 runs. Bowling attack from Tripura was sharp and wickets kept falling at regular intervals. From one point when the match seemed totally in favor of Punjab, Tripura's bowlers changed the scenario and Punjab was struggling at 79 runs after losing 7 wickets in 26.3 Overs and were trailing by 48 runs at the end of first day's play.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed item rate tender are hereby invited in form No. 688 by the Executive Engineer B&R Division, HPPWD, Sarkaghat HP, on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh for the following works from the instruction and are also registered contractor of appropriate class enlisted in HPPWD whose registration stood renewed as per revised instruction and are also registered dealers under the Himachal Pradesh General sales Tax Act, 1968. The important dates of tender are as under:-

The last date and time of receipt of application for tender form 16.03.2022 up to 4.00 PM.

The last date for sale of tender is up to 11:00 AM on 19.03.2022 at 4.00 PM.

The tender shall be received up to 11:00 AM on 19.03.2022 to be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM in presence of the intending contractors or their authorized representative who may like to be present. The tender form can be had from this office against cash payment as shown below (Non refundable) during the working hours on 19.03.2022. The earnest money in the shape of National saving certificate, time deposit account in any post office/bank in HP, duly pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer B&R Division HPPWD, Sarkaghat must accompany with each tender Conditional & in complete tenders and the tender received without earnest money will be summarily rejected. The offer of tender shall be kept open for 90 days. The Executive Engineer, reserved the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of form	Time allowed
1.	A/R & M/O various Roads under Sarkaghat Sub- Division HPPWD Sarkaghat (SH- Repair of Pot holes WBM G-III in Pot holes) Section Pounta	249760	5000	350	One month
2.	Restoration of Rain Damages on Thona to Gehra Road Km. 0/0 to 4/0 (SH- Repair of pot holes between Km. 0/0 to 3/100) Deposit	358715	7000	350	One month
3.	Restoration of Rain Damages on Durgapur Kathogan Thona Rissa Road Km. 0/0 to 24/0 (SH- Repair of Pot holes between Km. 10/0 to 14/0) Deposit	240431	4800	350	One month
4.	A/R & M/O Rissa Beri Road Km. 0/0 to 9/0 (SH- Providing and laying CC Pavement in 1:1.5:3 at Km. 5/872 to 5/893)	498759	10000	350	One month
5.	R/R Damages on Sarkaghat Maseran to Baggi Road Km. 0/0 to 24/0 (SH- Construction of R/Wall in wire crate at RD 12/820 to 12/832.5)	98278	2000	350	One month

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

Following documents should accompany with the application for tenders.

1. The contractor/firms should be registered as contractor/dealer under HP Sales Tax Act, 1968/GST
2. The intending contractors/firms shall have to produce the copy of latest enlistment in HPPWD.
3. The contractor is required to submit an affidavit for not having more than two works in hand in the shape of affidavit duly attested by the competent authority.
4. If any of the date mentioned above happened to be Gazette Holiday the same shall be processed on next working day.
5. The contractor should quote the rate of all the items in the tender both in figures and in words failing which tender is likely to be rejected.
6. The copy of Employees Provident Funds (EPF Number) GST, Pan Number, should be attached with application.
7. Minimum one similar work done of amount not less than 40% (Forty percent) of the estimated cost (without liquidated Damage or compensation) in last five years)
8. The earnest money for the above works should be attached with application forms.
9. Cost of tender for the above works may be deposited in cash with application.
10. All the required documents should be submitted with the application others wise single application may be rejected.
11. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept / reject any tender / application or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Sarkaghat Division
HPPWD, Sarkaghat

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Tendulkar congratulates Kohli on his milestone

AGENCY
MUMBAI, MARCH 3

Master blaster Sachin Tendulkar paid glowing tributes to Virat Kohli on the eve of his 100th Test match, saying that although this feat is a "terrific achievement", his real strength is "being able to motivate a whole generation" of cricketers. Tendulkar's message is part of a tribute video shared by BCCI on social media. "What a terrific achievement. I remember the first time I heard about you was when we were in Australia in 2007-08," said Tendulkar. "You guys were playing U-19 WC in Malaysia and there were certain players in the team who were dis-

cussing about you, this is one player to watch out for, acchi batting kar leta hai. (he bats well). "After that we played cricket together for India and not for long but whatever time we spent together, it was evident that you were keen on learning things. You kept working on your game and continued getting better." Kohli, who is considered as one of the greatest batters of all time, has scored 7962 runs, including 27 centuries and 28 half-centuries in 99 Tests at an average of 50.39. "It's been fantastic to watch you over the years. Numbers will have their roles and but your real strength is being able to motivate the whole generation."

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Policyholder(s) of the Company that our office at Second Floor, SCO 145-146, Sector-9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh- 160009 will be shifted to **First Floor, Plot No- SCO 149-150, Sector- 9-C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh-160009**, w.e.f 18th April 2022. For any assistance write to us on care@libertyinsurance.in or call us on our Toll-Free number 1800 266 5844 (between 8:00am to 8:00pm, 7 days of the week).

All are requested to take note of the above information.

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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH PH: 0172-4601827

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. **5478-3** of **Category II** in **M.H.C. Ph-I, Manimajra, Chandigarh** on the basis of Sale Deed in the names of **Sh. Sunil Dutt Attrey S/o Sh. Jagdish Chander Attrey and Smt. Devina W/o Sh. Sunil Dutt Attrey** from the name of allottee/transferee **Sh. Atul Kumar Soni S/o Sh. S.P. Soni**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 5478-3 of Category II in M.H.C. Ph-I, Manimajra, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **Sh. Atul Kumar Soni S/o Sh. S.P. Soni**. Now **Sh. Atul Kumar Soni S/o Sh. S.P. Soni** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **Sh. Sunil Dutt Attrey S/o Sh. Jagdish Chander Attrey and Smt. Devina W/o Sh. Sunil Dutt Attrey** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on **02-09-2021**. **Sh. Sunil Dutt Attrey S/o Sh. Jagdish Chander Attrey and Smt. Devina W/o Sh. Sunil Dutt Attrey** have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their names on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,

Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. **3084-A** of **Category LIG in Sector 52**, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **Smt. Sapna Gupta W/o Sh. Rajeev Kumar** from the name of allottee/transferee **Sh. Vishal Sharma S/o Sh. Purushottam Lal Sharma**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. **3084-A** of Category LIG in **Sector 52**, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **Sh. Vishal Sharma S/o Sh. Purushottam Lal Sharma**. Now **Sh. Vishal Sharma S/o Sh. Purushottam Lal Sharma** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **Smt. Sapna Gupta W/o Sh. Rajeev Kumar** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on **25-02-2022**. **Smt. Sapna Gupta W/o Sh. Rajeev Kumar** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Subject: Mutation/Transfer of ownership in respect of D.U. No. 2724, of MIG-1 Category in **Sector 40-C**, Chandigarh in the name of **Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o Late Sh. Kewal Krishan Sachdeva**, from the name of allottee/Transfree **Sh. Kewal Krishan Sachdeva S/o Sh. Milkhi Ram Sachdeva**, on the basis of Registered WILL.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that **Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o Late Sh. Kewal Krishan Sachdeva**, has applied after death of its allottee/transferee of Sh. Kewal Krishan Sachdeva S/o Sh. Milkhi Ram Sachdeva, to the Chandigarh Housing Board for transfer of the dwelling unit No. **2724, of MIG-1, Category in Sector 40-C, Chandigarh** in his name **Sh. Kewal Krishan Sachdeva S/o Sh. Milkhi Ram Sachdeva**, expired on **28.02.2019** at Chandigarh, and had left behind a WILL which was registered with Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated **05.04.2010** in his favour. He has further stated that the WILL of the deceased allottee/transferee is the last WILL executed by him which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimants.

Secretary,

Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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Karan Johar to launch Shanaya Kapoor in **Bedhadak**

Filmmaker Karan Johar on Thursday announced the Bollywood debut of actor Sanjay Kapoor's daughter Shanaya Kapoor with his upcoming home production film *Bedhadak*. The movie is written and directed by Johar's long-time collaborator Shashank Khaitan. In a Twitter post, Johar's banner Dharma Productions announced the casting of their new film, which also stars upcoming actors Lakshya Lalwani and Gurfateh Pirzada. The Dharma family continues to grow! Watch Shanaya enchant her way into your hearts with *#Bedhadak* - directed by Shashank Khaitan, the tweet read. In the past, Johar has launched a host of newcomers including Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan, Sidharth Malhotra, Janhvi Kapoor and Ananya Panday, among others. Khaitan, who directed the Bollywood launch vehicle of Janhvi Kapoor and Ishaan Khatter titled *Dhadak*, will also produce *Bedhadak* via his Mentor Disciple Films. In a subsequent post, the production house introduced Lalwani, who is part of Johar's other home production film *Dostana 2*. He's charming, he's dashing & he's on his way to rock your world! Meet Karan aka Lakshya, the tweet read. Pirzada was previously seen in the 2020 Netflix original film *Guilty*, also backed by Dharma Productions. His brooding vibe will make hearts skip a beat. Meet Angad aka Gurfateh in *#Bedhadak*, the banner tweeted as they announced his casting. On Wednesday, Johar had said he will soon introduce three new members into the Dharma family.



On wedding anniversary, Urmila Matondkar recalls visiting Amritsar with husband

Actor Urmila Matondkar and her husband Mohsin Akhtar Mir are celebrating their sixth wedding anniversary today. Marking the special occasion, Urmila took to Twitter and shared a throwback love-filled picture with Mohsin from their visit to Punjab. "Picture of day after our wedding 6yrs ago when we visited the place we both find extremely spiritual n soulful Harmandir Sahib, Golden temple to seek blessings (Pic from local dhaba: stopover for kulche-chhole n lassi) Happy Anniversary my love. #marriageanniversary," she captioned the image. Urmila's husband, too, penned a heartfelt post to celebrate their wedding anniversary. "Today as we celebrate our 6th wedding anniversary, I just want to 'Thank You' for everything you did to make our marriage happy. Love you so much," he wrote on Instagram.



Mohsin Akhtar Mir is a Kashmir-based businessman. The two got married in 2016 in a low-key ceremony.

Karan Kundrra enters Kangana Ranaut's show **'Lock Upp'** as a new jailor

After enthralling his fans in 'Bigg Boss 15', actor Karan Kundrra is back in action. He is the new jailor of the ongoing reality show 'Lock Upp', which is being hosted by Kangana Ranaut. On Wednesday night, Karan shared a new promo of the show, in which he can be seen dressed up as the jailor. "When the queens call upon, you suit up and arrive! Iss bada** jail mein aane waala hai ek badass toofan, aap bhi aana," he captioned the post. Speaking of the promo, it opened with Karan announcing, "Sharaff kie chidiya ka naaam hai, lagta hai ye sab bhool gae hain, yaad dilane ka waqt aa gaya hai (It seems these people have forgotten what courtesy and good manners are, it is time to remind them)." 'Lock Upp' is live-streamed on digital platforms MX Player and ALTBalaji. Comedian Munawar Faruqui, model Poonam Pandey, actor Nisha Rawal, Sara Khan, Kaaranvir Bohra, Payal Rohatgi, Shivam Sharma, Siddharth Sharma, political analyst Tehseen Poonawala, fashion designer Saisha Shinde, self-styled godman Swami Chakrapani, social media influencer Anjali Arora, and wrestler Babita Phogat among others are the contestants of the controversial show.

Radhika Madan bags new film **'Sanaa'**

Radhika Madan has added a new film 'Sanaa' to her kitty. According to Variety, 'Sanaa' is filmmaker Sudhanshu Saria's directorial, which is touted as a social drama. The film will revolve around a headstrong and ambitious girl who is raging against an internal battle that is rooted in unhealed trauma. Excited to be a part of 'Sanaa', Radhika said, "As an actor, I'm always looking to play impactful characters that make a difference. 'Sanaa' follows the journey of a strong and ambitious woman, set in today's Mumbai. She's a fascinating protagonist, complex and relatable, and the film's ideologies very much reflect my own. It's the easiest yes I've uttered." Saria, too, opened up about the movie, which is produced by Four Line Entertainment. "I've always believed in making films that are ambitious in quality and rich in story and messaging. I've nurtured this dream for seven years and I couldn't be more excited that Radhika Madan agreed to bring my titular character to life. The film is a powerful conversation starter and I hope it resonates with audiences worldwide. I hope the film makes it harder for people to judge women," he shared. Apart from 'Sanaa', Radhika will also be seen in 'Kuttee', and 'Saas Bahu Aur Cocaine' among others.

Comedy series starring Zelenskyy gets boost in popularity

Countries are snapping up the rights to *Servant of the People* - a comedy series starring the Ukrainian President, as the Ukrainian President. Back in 2015, former actor and comedian Volodymyr Zelenskyy played Vasily Petrovich Goloborodko, a high school teacher propelled to the presidency after a student's video of him denouncing official corruption in Ukraine goes viral. Goloborodko sets about running the country while eschewing the perks of being leader by keeping hold of his normal life. A hit in Ukraine, where it ran for three seasons and a spin-off movie, interest in the show has peaked since Zelenskyy became the face of the nation as it endures attacks from Russia. Ecco Rights has distributed the programme, made by Zelenskyy's Studio Kvarter 95, since it launched. The company's managing partner, Nicola S derlund, said sales have increased dramatically in the last few days, calling interest in the program remarkable. It's quite an old show already, he explains. But, of course, very interesting for everybody. Channel 4 has announced it has the rights plans to broadcast an episode on Sunday, alongside a current affairs Ecco Rights also reported deals with MBC in the Middle East, Romania, as well as broadcasters in Bulgaria, Moldova, Estonia, was not immediately clear who, if anyone, had US rights. People can be a politician, but he was, says S derlund. His skills in getting people, which is what to do if you're a TV host, has helped him a Zelenskyy's profile has skyrocketed during the invasion as he a Ukraine, appearing with countrymen and on near-constant video offer to escape the country and instead pleading for help made him Ecco Rights has donated 50,000 Euros to the Ukrainian Red should offset the money they've made from selling the show. The any Russian or Russian produced TV shows from its catalog. S when they distributed one of his comedy shows called Crack Them to make comedians laugh. The premise of *Servant of the People* Zelenskyy mined the humour of an ordinary man in a corrupt society riding palace, forgoing a pay raise and living at home with his mom. That was derlund said, "and I loved it. Servant of the People won the best feature series award Teletrium Awards in Ukraine and also the Gold Remi Award for Television Comedy at the 2016 WorldFest in Houston.



given the circumstances, it's become very, very, to *Servant of the People* in the UK and show about Zelenskyy. Greece's ANT 1 and PRO TV in France, Finland and Georgia. It get surprised that a comedian compelling messages to the lot becoming a politician. tireless advocates for addresses. Turning down an a hero to many watching. Cross, which S derlund says company has also removed derlund met Zelenskyy in 2012 Up, where ordinary people have appealed to him right away. his bike to the presidential kind of the idea, S

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