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EDITORIAL

“Transfer Industry” Must End in Himachal

The recently order of the Himachal Pradesh High Court to end the practice of transfers on the basis of Political DO notes is a long needed rap to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

If implemented in letter and spirit, which we hope that this strong nudge from High Court should now ensure, it will end decades of chaos, arbitrariness and a serious source of alleged political corruption in the state. The High Court has ruled that transfers of government employees on extraneous ground by abuse of “artificial empowerment” has choked the Courts as well as governance.

The High Court restrained the state government from transferring the government employees on extraneous basis.

Though the Himachal Government had been harping on its own model of “Good Governance”, the reality is that the state had been made hollow over the years by contractors of transfers, who had no other business but to get “DO notes” approved by the authorities. The small cadre of higher bureaucracy of Himachal Pradesh, that was seen crawling before the Ministers, who had little interest in governance and would spend their entire energies in transfers.

The senior bureaucracy of the state in fact spends most of its time in sorting the humongous DO notes rather than developmental programmes. This had been a bane of Himachal Pradesh that is other wise a state which can do wonders. One can just hope that now there will not be a conspiracy of silence and “you scratch my back” kind of a bonhomie and this menace will atleast be controlled. In fact the high court had gone a step further and rapped the system of the election losers who used these illegal DO notes to browbeat, intimidate and extort the small time public servants. Flaunting their closeness to the powers that be, they wrecked havoc to the ethos of the Dev Bhoomi Himachal. The entire state knows how they have operated in recent times as tyrannous unelected non state actors. Himachal would hopefully usher in a new era with the intervention of the High Court that is a sentinel of the solemn promise made to We the People.



Shashi Pal Jain
Managing Editor

Heatwave, coal shortage fuel blackouts across country

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NEW DELHI, APR 28

A potent combination of sweltering summer and acute coal shortages have triggered blackouts across many parts of the country as states struggle to manage record demand for electricity and low feedstock at power plants.

With Chandigarh recording a maximum temperature of 39 degrees Celsius on Wednesday and predicted to see a spike by two to three notches on Thursday, experts have warned that the extreme heat so early in this year is particularly dangerous. The maximum temperatures will be seen on Saturday and Sunday, which may go up to 46 degrees Celsius.

From Jammu and Kashmir to Andhra Pradesh, consumers are facing power cuts ranging from 2 hours to 8 hours. Factories are the worst hit as the industrial sector is the first port of call for regulating electricity supplies.

After the hottest March on record, a large part of the country continue to experience extreme heat in April, sending power demand to an all-time high. The total electricity shortage in the country has hit 623 million units, surpassing the total shortage in March.

At the heart of the crisis are low



inventories of coal -- the fossil fuel that produces 70 per cent of India's electricity. While the government insists that there is enough coal available to meet the demand, the reduced availability of railway rakes to transport coal has led to coal inventories being at the lowest pre-summer levels in at least nine years. Also, with international energy prices shooting up following the war in Ukraine, coal imports have dipped. Besides measures to increase coal supplies to power plants, the Union government has asked states to step up coal imports for the next three years to build up inventories.

Thermal plants across the country are grappling with coal shortages, indicating a looming power crisis in the country, All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF) said.

Peak power demand met or the highest supply in a day was 200.65 GW on April 27 while peak power shortage was 10.29 GW.

Latest data showed that 147 non-pit head plants with total capacity of over 163 GW monitored by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) had 26 per cent of the normative coal stocks on April 26. These plants had

14,172 thousand tonnes of coal against the norm of 57,033 thousand tonnes.

Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, has a 3,000 MW deficit. Against the demand of around 23,000 MW, the supply is just 20,000 MW, resulting in load shedding in rural areas and smaller towns.

According to the data made available by the state power department, at present, electricity is being supplied in rural areas on an average of 15 hours 7 minutes against the scheduled 18 hours. Similarly, electricity is being supplied on an average of 19 hours 3 minutes against the scheduled 21 hours 30 minutes in towns and 19 hours 50 minutes against 21 hours 30 minutes in tehsil headquarters. However, 24 hours of electricity is being provided at district headquarters. Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav hit out at the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh for failing to provide sufficient electricity. The government claims to provide 18 to 20 hours of power in rural areas while only 4 hours of electricity is being made available and there is a blackout all night in many places. Kashmir valley is facing one of its worst power crisis as unscheduled and prolonged cuts in supply in the holy month of Ramzan have left the people distraught.

Hry CS inaugurates Pharma Tech Expo-2022

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APR 28

Haryana Chief Secretary, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal said that Haryana is an ideal destination for new pharmaceutical businesses to flourish in Haryana and to attract Pharma sector investment, the State Government is providing various fiscal incentives through Pharmaceutical Policy.

While welcoming around 200 companies participating in the Pharma Tech Expo-2022 and Lab Tech Expo-2022, Chief Secretary said that under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, Haryana is committed to provide hassle-free business environment for the investors.

While speaking at the Pharma Tech Expo-2022 and Lab Tech Expo-2022, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal said that this expo aims to woo business opportunities for every participant. Such expos certainly give a golden opportunity to every participant to get first-hand knowledge about innovations, maximizing the potential for optimum utilization of equipment, added



Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal.

“During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pharma and Lab Sector did an outstanding job, highlighting ‘Every challenge is an opportunity. Also, despite many challenges, the Pharma sector in Haryana is flourishing at a rapid pace,” said Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal. The Chief Secretary also lauded the Trade Fair Authority Haryana for organizing expos in Chandigarh as usually the expos are organized in Gurugram and Faridabad. Earlier, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal formally inaugurated the Pharma Tech Expo-2022 and Lab Tech Expo-2022 commencing from today till April 30 at Parade Ground, Sector 17.

Delhi-Centre power row: SC to decide on referring dispute to Constitution bench

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The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its order on whether or not to refer to a five-judge Constitution bench a contentious issue of who should control administrative services in Delhi.

The Central government has sought a hearing by a five-judge bench on the matter pertaining to a legal dispute between the Delhi government and the Centre regarding the control over administrative services in the national capital.

The Aam Aadmi Party-led Delhi government strongly opposed the plea of the Central government.

A bench of Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, Justices Surya Kant and



Hima Kohli reserved orders on an application filed by the Centre seeking referral to a Constitution bench for a holistic interpretation of Article 239AA.

The bench said, “We will decide whether or not to refer it to a five-judge bench as early as possible. In case, we constitute a five-judge bench

to hear the issue, we would like the arguments to be completed before May 15.”

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta appeared for the Centre while senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi represented the Delhi government.

Delhi government filed petitions in the apex court on control over serv-

Key accused in Delhi violence arrested from WB

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police Crime Branch on Thursday arrested one of the most wanted accused of Jahangirpuri communal clashes from West Bengal, sources said.

The accused has been identified as Farid alias Neetu, they said.

“He was very actively involved in the communal riots and played a major role. Our several teams who have been deployed in West Bengal arrested him on Thursday from his aunt's house in Tamluk

village. He is being brought to New Delhi via flight today,” one of the sources said.

The accused had fled from the spot after the riots. Since then, he had been changing his locations and moving across West Bengal, sources said.

He has six cases registered against him, including that of robbery, snatching, burglary and under the Arms Act, since 2010 and he is a repeat offender in the Jahangirpuri area, they said.

AgustaWestland case: Ex-Defence Secretary Shashi Kant Sharma gets bail

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A Special Court on Thursday granted bail to ex-Defence Secretary and former Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Shashi Kant Sharma in the alleged AgustaWestland VVIP Chopper scam case.

Sharma is admitted to bail on furnishing personal bond in the sum of Rs 2 lakh with one surety in the like amount, said the court.

Special Judge Arvind Kumar, while granting the bail to Shashi Kant Sharma, noted the submission of the CBI counsel who said that the Central Bureau of Investigation has no objection if the accused is granted bail.

Advocates RK Handoo and Aditya Chaudhary, appearing for Shashi Kant Sharma, submitted that he is a retired IAS Officer and served as the Defence Secretary to the Government of India till May 2013, and thereafter from 2013 to September 2017, as the Controller and

Auditor General of India, a constitutional post of the Government of India and is presently leading a retired life.

The lawyers further submitted that the applicant is



innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case and has nothing to do with the offences alleged in the chargesheet.

“The applicant has cooperated with the investigation and has appeared before CBI. The applicant is a pensioner and an income tax payee and is 69 years of age and is suffering from old age-related ailments. The applicant suffered a heart attack and stenting has been done and is still under treatment of heart specialist,” they submitted.

MHA mulls revamping India's civil registration system

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Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has decided to introduce changes in the Civil Registration System (CRS) in India as the country has been facing challenges in terms of timelines, efficiency and uniformity leading to delayed and under-coverage of births and deaths in the country.

The plan has been mentioned in MHA's Annual Report 2020-2021, pointing out that it will be taken up to address the challenges faced by the system in providing prompt service delivery to the public.

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port said, “The Government of India has decided to introduce transformational changes in the Civil Registra-

tion System of the country through an IT-enabled backbone leading to registration of birth and death in real-time basis with minimum human interface”.

As per the report, the changes would be in terms of “automating the process delivery points so that the service delivery is time bound, uniform and free from discretion”.

“The changes would be sustainable, scalable and independent of the location. The project would be modular in nature consisting of conceptualizing the transformation roadmap, Development of IT application along with its implementation, Capacity Building and Maintenance.”

The history of CRS in India dates back to the middle of the 19th century.

In 1886, a Central Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act was promulgated to provide for voluntary registration throughout British India.

Post-independence, the Registration of Births and Death Act (RBD Act) was enacted in 1969 to promote uniformity and comparability in the registration of births and deaths across the country and compilation of vital statistics based thereon. With the enactment of the Act, registration of births, deaths and stillbirths has become mandatory in India.

The Registrar General, India (RGI) at the Central Government level coordinates and unifies the activities of registration throughout the country.



Two Al-Badr terrorists killed in Pulwama encounter

SRINAGAR: Two Al-Badr terrorists were killed during an encounter in the Mitrigam area of Pulwama, the Jammu and Kashmir Police said on Thursday. “We had received information about three terrorists in Mitrigam village of Pulwama on Wednesday and as soon as the police launched cordon and search operation, firing began from the opposite end,” said Vijay Kumar, the Inspector General of Police (IGP). According to the IGP, these two terrorists were a part of the group of four terrorists killed earlier this month, in the Shopian encounter (April 14). The police have recovered two AK 47 rifles from their possessions. Earlier on Sunday, three terrorists, including a deputy commander of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and a Pakistani terrorist, were killed in an encounter in Pulwama.

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari becomes youngest foreign minister of Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Scion of Pakistan's leading political dynasty, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, on Wednesday took oath as the foreign minister in the government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif at a crucial juncture as he faces multiple challenges such as fixing strained ties with the US and finding a way to restart the peace process with neighbouring India. President Arif Alvi administered the oath to 33-year-old Bilawal at a simple ceremony at the Aiwan-i-Sadr (President's House), where Prime Minister Shehbaz, former president Asif Ali Zardari and other officials as well as leaders of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) were present.

Gold declines by Rs 442; silver tumbles Rs 950

NEW DELHI: Gold in the national capital on Thursday fell by Rs 442 to Rs 51,010 per 10 grams in line with decline in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at Rs 51,452 per 10 grams. Silver also declined by Rs 950 to Rs 64,167 per kg from Rs 65,117 per kg in the previous trade. In the international market, gold was trading lower at USD 1,885 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 23.25 per ounce. “Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading at USD 1,885 per ounce on Thursday. Gold prices fell to a two-month low as the dollar rallied on expectations of aggressive monetary policy tightening by the US Federal Reserve,” said Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities), HDFC Securities.

Shree Ghantakarna Monthly Devotees Sangam today

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Shree Ghantakarna Monthly Devotees Sangam will be held tomorrow in presence of Shantamurti Mahasadhvi Shri Pramila Ji Maharaj and Mahasadhvi Shri Jagriti Ji Maharaj on the auspicious occasion of Shri Ghan-takarna Mahaveer Devasthan, located on Indri Road. It is being conducted with devotion. Shri Ghantakarna ji is the governing deity of Lord Mahavir Swami, the 24th Tirthankar of Jainism, and a deity with supernatural power, who makes the practice of tantra-mantra-yantra successful. The Devasthan will be open for darshan from 6 am to 7 pm. Morning aarti will be held at 8 am and evening aarti will be held at 6:30 pm. Devotional programme of satsang, bha-jan-kirtan will be held from 10 am to 1 pm on special blessings. After the pro-gramme there will be Maha Aarti. The benefit of this great aarti and the feast for all the devotees is the supreme guru Bhakt Shri Rajan Jain - Manoj Jain's son, Late Late Shri. Shri Hukamchand Jain will be on behalf of the owner firm - Arianth Agro Industries, Malerkotla. Chanting-Tapa Aradhika Vatsalyamurti Maha Sadhvi Shri Pramila Ji Maharaj will recite the great miraculous Bihatt Shri Ghantakarna Stotra.

CM to launch Nirmal Sarovar project on May 1

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal will launch the Nirmal Sarovar project from Sonapat on May 1. 111 lakes from different districts of the entire Haryana state have been identified for rejuvenation. In the programmes to be organised at the district level, the concerned ministers, MPs, MLAs will preside over.. In this episode, on May 5, the Chief Minister will also launch the Adiyagam scheme from Rohtak. Under this scheme, tabs will be distributed to the students of the school. This programme will also be implemented in the entire state of Haryana. The Chief Minister will directly connect with the students of the identified schools of the entire state and will also hold talks. The information was given by ACS Devendra Singh and ACS Amit Jha through VC. DC Pradeep Dahiya said in the meeting of officers held after the VC that the Chief Minister of the state, Manohar Lal, would start the Nirmal Sarovar Yojana from Sonapat on May 1. For this, 111 lakes of the state have been identified for revitalization, in which 4 lakes of Kaithal district have also been identified, including Bhagal from Guhla-Cheeka area, Bhaini Majra from Kaithal area, Chaushala from Kalayat area and Bakal from Pundri area. There are lakes located in the village. Under this scheme, tabs will be distributed to the students of the school. This program will also be implemented in the entire state of Haryana. The Chief Minister will directly connect with the students of the identified schools of the entire state and will also hold talks. On this occasion CEO Zip Suresh Ravish, Municipal Commissioner Gulzar Ahmed, DIO Deepak Khurana, Executive Engineer KK Bathla were present.

Power cuts in CM city irks people

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: In Haryana's CM City Karnal the common people have become upset due to the sudden power cuts. The industry of Karnal has also faltered due to the power cuts. In many areas of Karnal, there was power failure for the entire afternoon on Thursday. In many areas, there are cuts of 6 to 8 hours. Apart from this, there was power failure in Taraori town from 4 am to 11 am this morning, due to which people longed for water and bath in the morning. Two days ago there was a severe thunderstorm in the district, due to which many wires were uprooted and trees fell on the road. Several poles were also damaged. Due to the scorching heat, the electricity department could not provide full power. After the formation of Manohar Lal Government in Haryana, it is being seen for the first time that the power crisis in Karnal district has created such problems for the people. In Karnal city, the industry has completely collapsed due to frequent power cuts. It has also had a bad effect on the rice industry of Taraori. Apart from this, long power cuts continue at nights as well.

Fire of wheat husks engulfed greenery

RINKU GONDAR
NISSING, APRIL 28

Due to the burning of wheat residue, along with environmental pollution, the greenery of the trees on the roadside is getting burnt every day. Farmers did not even know from where the fire started and where it reached. Farmers come to know only in the morning when the remains of their fields are burnt. Due to this fire, the trees standing on the side of the road of the Forest Department are being damaged a lot. Due to the fire in the trees standing on the side of the road, only smoke remains on the road due to which the drivers do not see any vehicle coming from the front on the road, due to which there is always the possibility of a major accident. Although any action on the part of the forest department personnel on the farmers who set fire is a distant thing, but the department is sleeping with its eyes closed. On one hand, continuous efforts are made by the state government to maintain greenery, but they are dying only in the files.



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Chief Minister to launch Nirmal Sarovar Yojana on May 1

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 28

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal will launch Nirmal Sarovar Yojana in the state on May 1, 2022, under which 111 Nirmal Sarovars will be inaugurated across the State.

Sharing more information in this regard, spokesperson of Haryana Pond and Waste Water Management Authority said that on May 1, 2022, a State-Level Function would be organized at Sonapat and Nirmal Sarovars would be inaugurated at 111 places by the representatives of the Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies under the leadership of the Chief Minister.

The spokesperson said that under the Amrit Sarovar Yojana launched by Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, Nirmal Sarovars will be built in Haryana. In the first phase, 1650 ponds have been identified in all 22

districts of the state, which includes 115 urban and 1535 rural ponds.

The spokesperson said that the development of these ponds would be done as per the prescribed norms such as the minimum area of the pond should be one acre or more along with the proper depth of the pond and construction of embankments with proper slope etc. Besides this, trees like Bud, Peepal, Neem, etc. will be planted on the banks of these ponds ensuring a healthy environment. The wastewater flowing into the ponds will be treated so that it can be reused for drinking purposes for the animals, fish farming and irrigation. The rejuvenation of the ponds will also improve the depleting groundwater level. The spokesperson said that as per the data collected by Haryana Pond and Waste Water Management Authority as of April 27, 2022 as many as 18827 (rural 17971 and urban 856) ponds located on government land have been identified in the state

through PDMS software. The wastewater flowing into these ponds is being treated through Constructed Wetland Technology so that the water from these renovated ponds can be used for above mentioned purposes. Apart from this, groundwater recharging work is also being done.

The spokesperson informed that out of the first 18 model ponds identified in the year 2019-20, work on 9 ponds has been completed and the remaining 9 ponds are likely to be completed by December 31, 2022. Apart from this, the work of treatment of sewage water of Tributary drain no-4 in Gohana, Sonapat is also being done through Constructed Wetland Technology. The spokesperson said that as per the guidelines issued by the Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, the Authority has prepared the second and third phase action plans for the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively for the restoration.

Aged people do not have to wait for pension now: DC

JASWINDER SHARMA
KARNAL: In Karnal district, about 2 lakh people are taking benefits of pension schemes. Old people, widows and disabled people get Rs 2500 monthly allowance. Deputy Commissioner, Anish Yadav said that to take advantage of the old age honour allowance scheme, now the old people do not have to wait for the survey, but after the completion of 60 years of age with the start of the online system, message comes on the the person's mobile phone by the Haryana government intimating the pension allowance. A message comes on the number that you have become eligible for the old age honour allowance scheme and can apply online with all the necessary documents by visiting the nearest CSC centre. With the introduction of the online process, now the old people do not have to make rounds of the government offices located at the district headquarters, but are availing the benefits of the scheme by getting their applications done online at the CSC centers near the village and nearby areas. The Deputy Commissioner said that for the purpose of ensuring social security by the Haryana Government, through the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Old Age Honour Allowance, Widow Pension and Divyang Pension Rs 2500 monthly pension, Rs 2500 monthly under Ladli Social Security Allowance Scheme, destitute children. Rs 1600 per month per child, eunuch allowance Rs 2500 per month, Rs 1900 monthly allowance is being given to disabled children who do not go to school. 1 lakh 8 thousand 174 beneficiaries are getting the benefit of old age honor allowance in the district - Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav. Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav informed that the Haryana Government is providing pension amounts at the rate of Rs 2500 per month under various schemes through the Social, Justice and Empowerment Department. He said that under the old age honor allowance scheme, 1 lakh 8 thousand 174 beneficiaries in the district are getting the benefit of this scheme.

Teachers training begins under Nipun Mission

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APRIL 28

On behalf of Nipun Haryana Mission, training of the third group of teachers of Karnal section As per the instructions of District Elementary Education Officer Rohitas Verma and Principal, District Education and Training Institute Ravindra Chaudhary, Block Education Officer Anju Sardana in Primary Model Sanskriti Pathshala-4 located on Railway Road. Started under the presidency. Nipun Haryana Mission started training of a third group of teachers of Karnal block. Initiating the training workshop, Dr. Monika and Rishikumar Uchana organised an activity through activity to strengthen the understanding of counting with numbers, in which the teachers actively participated. The teachers gave their presentations by preparing different types of posters in the groups. Dr. Monica and Rishikumar Uchana said that many figures and numbers keep revolving in the minds of children. The teacher's job is to read their mind and to associate it with academic activities. He said that parents send young children to the shop to buy goods, so giving practical knowledge to



the children deepens the trust of the parents in the teacher and instills confidence in the children. He told simple methods of counting, hills, figures, measurement, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. KRP Mohinder Singh Lalupura and Mahindra Kumar Kheda while addressing the teachers said that despite Hindi being the mother tongue, backwardness of children in Hindi creates concern. He said that even before taking admission in the school, the child has a stock of hundreds of words. It is the responsibility of the teacher to first teach him to read and write those words so that confidence can be instilled in him.



by giving former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda free hand.

The workers expressed their gratitude to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, in-charge Vivek Bansal and Bhupinder Singh Hooda and said that everyone has formed a new executive committee in Haryana in a better way. Congressmen said that Uday Bhan, who has been given the responsibility of the new state president, is a very simple and

SC people joining BJP in large numbers: Kanwar Pal



R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHARAULI: The faith of the people belonging to the Scheduled Castes is increasing in the BJP and they are joining the BJP on a large scale in the Jagadhri assembly constituency, said Education Minister Kanwar Pal. Giving information, Minister for Education, Forest and Tourism in Haryana Government, Kanwarpal said that 17 men and 14 women belonging to Scheduled Caste community of Gulab Nagar village from Jagadhri assembly constituency joined Bharatiya Janata Party along with their families. At the Jagadhri office of Education Minister Kanwarpal, the state executive member of SC Morcha along with Karm Chand and SC Morcha Jagadhri Mandal President Sunil Telipura joined the BJP party under the able leadership and guidance of Education Minister Kanwar Pal in the Haryana government. Education Minister Kanwarpal felicitated all the men and women who joined the party. All the members who joined the BJP party assured that by promoting the policies of the BJP party, the people of the scheduled society will be strengthened at the ground level by connecting them with the BJP party. He said that the BJP government is a government dedicated to the poor class, ever since the BJP government was formed at the centre and state, since then every effort is being made to improve the standard of living of the poor people by making many welfare policies. BJP is the only party which gives full respect to the people of scheduled caste category and is providing them full opportunity to move forward.



along with thorough cleaning of the garbage heap. Healthy plants were planted. Flowers were grown and the area was completely beautified. After a continuous effort of the last one year, the department converted this place, which was seen as a dumping site, into a tourist spot. The kitchen was also started at UT State Guest House Two in April 2021 by the Hospitality Department UT. Earlier, people staying in guest houses could not get food, but after the introduction of the kitchen, now such people get pure and healthy food. With this, revenue of Rs 45 lakh has been earned by the department within a year. An official of Hospitality Department UT Chandigarh said that today UT State Guest House 2 has become very beautified due to the dedicated work of the department.

Priyanka Verma becomes Judicial Magistrate in first attempt

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA, APR 28

Priyanka Verma, a gold medalist in the university in 2019, secured 22nd rank in Madhya Pradesh Judicial Services in her first attempt by taking admission in five-year BA LLB from Kurukshetra University in the year 2014. She did LLM from Panjab University, Chandigarh in the year 2020-2021. She qualified UGC NET and JRF in the first attempt. Priyanka Verma's grandfather Kali Ram Khippal was a soldier while father Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma is a sub-inspector in the Haryana Police and is now posted as in-charge of awareness programme and rehabilitation in Haryana State Narcotic Control Bureau. Her mother Sushma Verma is posted as a Special Police Officer. To congratulate Priyanka Verma, grandmother Murthy



Devi, aunt Kamlesh Verma, uncle Vinod Kumar Verma, aunt Anju and Geeta family reached her residence police line with pomp and best wishes. In conversation with Priyanka Verma, she said that the credit for the selection is God's grace, parents' blessings, teachers' guidance, siblings and friends' cooperation. The credit for the success of a person is the result of the cooperation and sacrifice of his entire family. Father Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma said in the conversation that he had told the children long ago that they can only provide simple educa-

tion and facilities. He said that he has not saved any money for them and they have to achieve their goals on their own strength. They can provide only limited material comforts and believe in living a simple life.

This is the reason why they mostly ride on bicycles. Today, the dignitaries who congratulated him reached his residence throughout the day. Many dignitaries including the judge's parents Brijesh Sharma, Dr. Bhar-tendu Harish, Dr. Arun Dhi-man, Deepak Chib were present in the congratulatory ceremony.

Farmers directed to sow paddy crop



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Divisional Agriculture Officer Dr. Ashwani Kumar called upon the farmers to direct sow the paddy crop. He said that due to the falling level of groundwater, farmers should move towards direct sowing of paddy crop, by doing this the problem of labor will also be solved and water will also be saved. Direct sowing of paddy also gets rid of the problem of lilac disease in the crop. Dr. Ashwani Kumar told that if a farmer will sow paddy directly in his field, then he will be given a lump sum amount of Rs.4000 per acre from the government as incentive. This amount will be provided on a first come-first served basis. He appealed to the farmers not to sow paddy sowing before May 15 and not to sow paddy before June 15. He said that for more information, farmers can contact the concerned Agriculture Development Officer or Block Agriculture Officer's office.

Kanwar Pal inaugurates sewerage cleaning machine



RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR: Education Minister Kanwarpal inaugurated the sewage cleaning at a cost of 42 lakh 50 thousand rupees by the Public Health Engineering Department, Jagadhri. He flagged off the vehicle of sewerage cleaning work from Manocha Hospital Jagadhri on Thursday. He said that a lot of complaints were being received from people in the cleaning work of sewerage in Jagadhri city. With the arrival of the sewerage cleaning service in Jagadhri, there will be no problem in the sewerage cleaning work and this vehicle will keep cleaning the sewerage of Jagadhri city from time to time. On this occasion, Senior Deputy Mayor of Municipal Corporation Praveen Kumar, senior BJP worker Rameshwar Chauhan, BJP Mandal President Vipul Garg, Sardar Gurmehar Singh, SDO Public Health Palvinder Singh, Councilor Jagdish Vidyarthi, Varun Batra, Tony, Nikunj Garg were present.

Even after ban straw going to other states



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, APRIL 28

Even after the ban the work of transporting straw to other states is going on indiscriminately. There are police blocks on the highway, so people doing straw business are adopting secret routes. At present, straw vehicles are going to Uttar Pradesh through a temporary road built on the Nagli Ghat of Yamuna river. Long queues of these vehicles can be seen here. The residents of the area say that the entire work is going on in connivance with officials. The residents of the area Waryam Singh, Vinod, Suraj, Rakesh and Harnam say that the administration has banned them from going out of the state on straw and green fodder. Section 144 has also been imposed on this by the DC. Despite this, straw is going from the state to Uttar Pradesh. Rows of large trolleys laden with straw can be seen on the Nagli route of the Yamuna river.

this. Valmiki said that there is no future for the workers in the Aam Aadmi Party.

The workers also expressed their gratitude to Selja for their cooperation in this new executive of Congress. Congress will definitely emerge stronger. On this occasion Congress Convenor Tarlochan Singh, former MLA Narendra Sangwan, Senior Congress leaders Raghuveer Sandhu, Krishna Bastara, Pankaj Poonia, Hariram Sabha, Ramesh Saini, Dharampal Kaushik, Praveen Sharma, Councillor Pappu Lather, Joginder Chauhan, Bhup Sangwan, Congress leaders Rani Kamboj, Santosh Tejan, Surendra Kalkhan, S. Jaswat Singh, Advocate Nippy Mann, Dr. Chandramani Narang, Usha Rajput, Anil Sharma, Prakash Veer etc.

easy-going leader and the four working presidents who have been with him are also strong soldiers of the Congress. Giving information, Congress workers said that a few days ago, Congress leader Soorna Valmiki along with his colleagues had joined the Aam Aadmi Party under the leadership of Aam Aadmi Party's Haryana in-charge and Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Gupta, but now he has returned to the Congress. Congress workers have welcomed him on

NEWS AT A
GLANCETempos risking lives
of students

RAJ SADOSH

ABOHAH : Even when the AAP govt had succumbed to the pressure mounted by political leaders and a strong lobby of unauthorized transport operators within a few hours of issuing directions on the issue but a video that went viral indicated that not only adults but minor students were also risking their lives in boarding private vehicles. In the viral video it came to fore that a three-wheeler was ferrying about forty students of a school to another village where they were directed to appear in Class VIII exam being conducted under the Punjab School Education Board. The driver of the three-wheeler (tempo) was not aware of the rules that allow such vehicles to carry seven passengers only.

Bagla Mukhi Jayanti to
be celebrated on 9th
May: Pandit Yashpal

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAHPUR: Like every year in village Nari (Himachal), this year also Bagla Mukhi Jayanti is being



celebrated with great love and reverence with the help of all sangat under the leadership of Pandit Yashpal Sharma Ji. On this occasion Pandit Yashpal ji said that the evening of May 8 Sai Sandhya Organise by the sangat. May 9 Morning the Havan will start in which the Sangat will get the blessings of Maa Bagla Mukhi. and at the same time Bhandara will be distributed for the Sangat.

Punjab and Haryana
face long power cuts

BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR: Punjab and Haryana are both facing a power shortages of about 2000 MW leading to the imposition of long power cuts for 6 to 8 hours on rural domestic consumers and of lesser duration in cities. On Wednesday there was a shortage of 282 lakh units in Punjab. The power supply was 1684 lakh units against the demand of 1966 lakh units. With the rise in day temperature, the maximum demand is around 9600 MW with a shortage of 2050 MW. The power cuts for the urban industry is of 6 hours, rural consumers power cuts are for upto 12 hours, and in cities unscheduled power cuts are imposed. The PSPCL got a big relief as one unit of 210 MW at Rupnagar thermal plant, which was under shut down due to boiler leakage is, was revived on Thursday. One unit of the thermal plant is on annual maintenance. The 660 MW unit of Talwandi Sabo, which was also shut down few days back due to boiler leakage, may also come on Friday. Rupnagar thermal plant has 8.3 days coal stock, while Lehra Mohabbat thermal plant has 4 days coal stock.

Pidilite workshop organised
in SSM CollegeJASPOONAM KOHLI
DINANAGAR, APR 28

Hobby Idea Pidilite Workshop was organized by the Post Graduate Fashion Designing Department under the leadership of Dr. RK Tuli at SSM College Dinanagar, in which Madam Meena Kumari from Hobby Idea Pidilite was present as the chief guest. According to the instructions of Prof. Nidhi Malhotra, the students of B.Sc and M.Sc participated enthusiastically in this workshop. In which they learned the art of painting, special art on bottles, clay, patch work, making toys and making various home decoration items from waste materials. Honoring Madam Meena Kumari, Dr. RK Tuli thanked her for informing them about important arts. Prof. Vishali, Prof. Navjit Kaur, Prof. Kuldeep Kaur were present at this time.

Ordinance approved by Cabinet yet
to be promulgated by Governor

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, APR 28

Two weeks back on April 13, Punjab Cabinet in a meeting presided over by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann approved the Punjab Rural Development (Amendment) Ordinance.

The aforesaid Ordinance seeks to amend Punjab Rural Development Act, 1987 in line with the revised principles laid down by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Government of India on February 24, 2020.

However, the aforesaid Ordinance is yet to be promulgated by Punjab Governor B.L. Purohit even after passage of two weeks since its approval by the State Cabinet for the reasons best known to the concerned authorities.

Meanwhile, an Advocate at Punjab & Haryana High Court, Hemant Kumar, recently raised legal (read constitutional) questions over the timing of decision of Bhagwant Mann's Cabinet pertaining to approval to the aforesaid Ordinance.



The Advocate asserts that under Article 213 of Constitution of India, any Ordinance can be promulgated by the Governor of a State only when the Legislative Assembly of that State is not in session.

He says as far as current 16th Punjab's Assembly is concerned, it got duly constituted on March 11, 2022 vide issuance of statutory notification by Election Commission of India (ECI) under Section 73 of Representation of the People Act, 1951 however its First Session was summoned via a Notification dated 16 March 2022 issued by the State Governor under Article 174(1) of

Constitution of India on March 17, 2022 i.e. a day after Bhagwant Mann took Oath of Office and Secrecy as Chief Minister of Punjab.

After administering Oath to all newly elected MLAs by Pro tem Speaker, Inderbir Singh Nijjar, AAP MLA from Amritsar South on March 17, 2022, there was election of Kultar Singh Sandhwan, AAP MLA from Kotkapura as regular Speaker of Punjab Assembly on March 21, 2022. It was followed by passage of two Bills viz. Punjab Appropriation Bill, 2022 and Punjab Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2022 in the House.

Thereafter on March 22, 2022 after the House was adjourned sine die by newly elected Speaker Sandhwan, it was however not prorogued by the Governor under Article 174(2)(a) of Constitution of India. Prorogation means formal discontinuance of meetings (Session) of House by the State Governor by issuing a formal Order which is different from adjourning the House sine-dine, which however is ordered by the Speaker, asserts Hemant. After a few days, the House was reconvened by the Speaker on

Sri Akhand Path Sahib starts at Gurdwara Sri
Manji Sahib for release of Sikh prisoners

AMRITSAR (CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA): Demanding the release of Sikh prisoners lodged in different jails from the past three decades for Sikh cause, the mini Sikh Parliament Shriromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), started Sri Akhand Path Sahib at Gurdwara Sri Manji Sahib

Diwan Hall in the Golden Temple complex here on Thursday. In a statement, SGPC President Advocate Harjinder Singh said, "SGPC has always made efforts for the release of Sikh prisoners and for the same, Sri Akhand Path Sahib has been started at historical Gurdwara Sri Manji Sahib Diwan Hall, Sri Amritsar, under the auspices of the Guru Sahib and the bhog (concluding ceremony) of the same will be held on April 30.

District Admn distributes 1 lakh
pencils to needy under 'Meri
Kalam Meri Taqat' initiative

RAJ KUMAR SHARMA
LUDHIANA, APR 28

Under the "Meri Kalam Meri Taqat" initiative of District Administration Ludhiana, around 1 lakh pencils were distributed to the needy children in various orphanages, slums etc.

After Deputy Commissioner Surabhi Malik launched this project from Red Cross Bal Bhawan, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana, the district administration officials visited various orphanages and slums where these pencils were distributed to the needy. Surabhi Malik also appreciated ADC (Rural Development) Amit Kumar Panchal and Assistant Commissioner (Under Training) Dr. Harjinder Singh Bedi for coming up with this novel idea. They also appreciated Eminent Punjabi poet Prof. Gurbhajan Gill, Jagdish

Pal Singh Grewal, Sarpanch, village Daad and other philanthropists for donating for this noble cause. On this occasion, she also interacted with the students of this institute and urged them to work hard to achieve new heights in life. She also motivated them for remaining positive despite all hardships. Dr. Harjinder Singh Bedi said that soon, more such initiatives would be launched by the District Administration Ludhiana. He also appealed to all Ludhiana residents to come forward and donate wholeheartedly for such social causes. It is pertinent to mention that on April 26, under the slogan, "Waste Wealth-Give & Take", District Administration Ludhiana launched a unique initiative under which a "Donation Corner" was set up outside the entry of DC office, here.

AAP govt making efforts to build
'Rangla Punjab': Manuke

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, APR 28

Constituency Jagraon MLA Saravjit Kaur Manuke has established a new MLA office at Hira Bagh which has been inaugurated by Nirbhay Singh, a farmer.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Manuke said that the office has been established with an aim to increase approach to common people. "AAP government is committed to provide every possible facility to people and we believe in working for the betterment of society and every step necessary in this direction shall be taken," she said. Talking about Delhi government's alleged domination over Punjab government,



Manuke called the allegation "completely baseless" and said that both the governments collaborated to exchange progressive thoughts which frightened both Akalis and congress as they fear that such steps will make people trust him CM Bhagwant Mann even more. She also stated that Punjab government wants to reform Punjab as "Rangla Punjab"

and to make every effort for betterment of the state.

She further elaborated on government's strategies to provide employment to the youth and claimed that 25,000 jobs shall be offered by Punjab government to the youth. She added that helpline numbers have been issued to stop corruption, bribery and illegal businesses.

School bags to needy children distributed

ANIL VERMA
BHATINDA, APR 28

On behalf of Indrani Hospital, in collaboration with Khalsa Nishkam Seva Dal, school bags were distributed to needy children in Government Primary School, Pratap Nagar.

On this occasion, Dr. Atin Gupta, MD of the hospital specially participated and distributed bags to the children. During this, founders of Khalsa Nishkam Seva Dal Hardeep Singh, Davinder Singh and retired bank manager MR Jindal were also present. On behalf of school principal Anju Garg and teacher Anu Gupta, Dr.

Atin Gupta, MD of Indrani Hospital and founder of Khalsa Nishkam Seva Dal, Hardeep Singh thanked for this co-operation. Administrative of-



ficer of Indrani Hospital, Mohammad Asif, HR Head Ramandeep Kaur, besides school staff Jagdish Kaur, Bhupinderjit Brar, Rajrani, Kirti Sharma, Shikha, Poonam Setia and children were present.

DC orders to complete Smart
City projects on war footing

KAPURTHALA (ASHOK KAURA): Deputy Commissioner Kapurthala Vishesh Sarangal has asked the departmental officers concerned with various projects of Smart City Sultanpur Lodhi to expedite the work of ongoing projects so as to give a further impetus to the religious tourism at Guru Ki Nagri. Deputy commissioner along with ADC General Aditya Uppal and SDM Sultanpur Lodhi Randeep Singh reviews the setting up of sewage treatment plants, solar energy projects by PEDA, Smart Schools, Anganwadi, Integrated Command Control Center, beautification of the banks of Holy Bein besides 4 lanning of roads connecting sultanpur lodhi to Kapurthala via RCF and Mundi Morh.

Deputy Commissioner asked the Additional Deputy Commissioner General and SDM sultanpur lodhi to personally monitor the progress of work for timely completion of various projects.

Nutritious dietary intake activities with
fiber conducted in Sarvahitkari School

HEMANT SHARMA
RAMPURA PHUL, APR 28

Lala Kasturi Lal Sarvahitkari Senior Secondary Vidya Mandir Rampura Phul under the supervision of Principal S K Malik said afternoon Fruit must be included in the diet Jyoti said that taking fiber rich diet also keeps the stomach healthy and also reduces the risk of obesity, constipation, heart diseases.

Fruits, vegetables and pulses are rich in fiber. Seasonal fruits like melon, watermelon, mango and bananas are rich in fiber. That is why fruits with fiber were brought from the children along with lunch. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this activity. In order to reduce the habit of fast food in children, the ac-



tivity of incorporating nutritious food in their routine is done from time to time by the school. This kind of activity helps children to know the properties of nutritious food and also strengthens the immune system in their body which is much needed in today's time. Principal SK Malik advised the children to include fruits in their routine and wished them good health.

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation signs MoU
with CUP for establishment of DACE

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, APR 28

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE), signed MoU with the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (CUPB) for the establishment of Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE) and the Dr. Ambedkar Chair at CUPB campus with the goal of uplifting marginalised communities and conducting research on bridging "socio-political and economic inequalities.

The announcement came when Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment and Chairman of the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation



(DAF), Dr. Virendra Kumar, launched DACE at 31 central universities and Dr. Ambedkar Chairs at 24 universities/institutions during the launch event held at Banaras Hindu University last week.

During this event, Prof. B.P. Garg, Controller of Examinations and Registrar (Officiating), signed the MoU on behalf of CUPB with Vikas Trivedi, Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, for the establishment of DACE and the Dr. Ambedkar Chair. Under this MoU, CUPB & DAF, MoSJE will

establish Dr. Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE) to provide high quality free coaching facilities to the Scheduled Caste students for the Civil Services examinations, conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and other competitive examinations.

Under the DACE Scheme, a total of 100 seats have been sanctioned for the coaching of SC students, of which 33% of seats will preferably be given to the eligible female candidates of Scheduled Castes.

District Red Cross Society distributes hygienic kits to
137 needy in free medical check up camp at Dhariwal

VERMA
GURDASPUR, APR 28

The Chairperson Red Cross Hospital Welfare Section, Gurdaspur Mrs. Shehla Qadri provided health care kits to the people living in the slum area. Participated in the free medical camp organized by the District Red Cross Society for the convenience of the people / patients living in the slum area and distributed 'Hygienic Kits' to 137 needy people. In the medical camp set up in collaboration with the health department, 63 patients were examined and free medicines were distributed.

Speaking on the occasion Chairperson Red Cross Hospital Welfare Section, Gurdaspur Mrs. Shehla Qadri said that District Red Cross Society always helps the needy people, due to which free medical camps are being organized in the slum areas



and border villages of the district. On this occasion she visited the slums of the slum area and interacted with the people and asked them to take full care of cleanliness around them and make maximum use of the medical camp.

The needy patients who came to the camp on this occasion said that the initiative taken by the Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur Janab Mohammad ishaq is very good

as it would be of great help to the needy people. On this occasion Komalpreet Kaur CDPO, Dr. Maninderjit Singh SMO, Rajiv Kumar Secretary District Red Cross Society Gurdaspur Jaspreet Singh MBBS, Supervisors Ranjit Kaur and Kulwinder Kaur, President Sanjay Chaudhary, Anganwari Worker Sahita Gupta, Suman Bala, Rita, Kashmir Kaur, Amrit and Sunita Sharma were present.

Administration to promote Shaheed Bhagat
Singh's ancestral village for boosting tourism

CHETRAM RATTAN
NAWANSHAHR, APR 28

In a bid to promote Khatkar Kalan, the ancestral village of Shaheed Bhagat Singh onto the global stage as tourism, the district administration would identify 10 farm houses under farm tourism scheme where people would be able stay and pay tributes to martyr besides having glimpse of rural Punjab.

Chairing a meeting with officials and tourism department, Deputy Commissioner said that administration would nominate Khatkar Kalan village for the Best Village Award category by United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). He said that under farm tourism village of Punjab government, 10 farm houses adjoining or amidst agricultural land would be



identified within next week where visitors would be provided home cooked food, comfortable accommodation, hygienic clean environment and would have glimpse of rural Punjab at a minimal cost.

The visitors would be taken to fields, tubewells in the village besides would be detailed about the historical importance of village by taking them to ancestral house of the Shaheed Bhagat Singh, museum and memorial complex, he said. NPS Randhawa directed the offi-

cials to identify the farm houses and enrol under the scheme. He said that adequate publicity of the farm houses would be carried out among the masses to boost the tourism. DC further asked rural development and panchayat department and MC Banga to start cleanliness drive in the pond, parks and other parts of Khatkar Kalan and carry out plantation drive. He also asked them to ensure proper awareness drive among the people against the plastic to make it plastic free village.

Subhashish Panda
inaugurates GST Advance
Master Trainer program

SHIMLA: Principal Secretary State Taxes and Excise Subhashish Panda inaugurated the three days GST Advance Master Trainer program at Shimla, today. While inaugurating the training program, the Principal Secretary said that the training program has been designed with an objective to deal with multiple challenges of GST implementation effectively. He said that the training would empower the Master Trainers for speeding up the learning of Tax Officers. The effectiveness of the training strategy being implemented by the department is evinced by excellent growth of GST revenues during the financial year 2021-22. Principal Secretary congratulated the department on exceeding the targets and hoped that the capacity building initiatives of the department will make it more effective. He said that the department will shortly establish GST training cell for ensuring continuous capacity building of Tax Officers. He also assured that the government will extend necessary support to the future initiatives of the department for maximising GST collections. Commissioner State Taxes and Excise Yunus said detailed about the various activities of the department. He informed that the department exceeded the GST annual targets by approximately Rs. 248 crore with collection of Rs. 4390 crore in the year 2021-22. Senior officers and officials of the department were also present on the occasion.

Mild quake strikes
Mandi dist

SHIMLA: Earthquake measuring 2.90 on the Richter scale jolted Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh Thursday afternoon, Indian Meteorological Department spokesperson said in a statement issued here. Earthquake was recorded at 1454 hrs having epicenter at Bhatwari area near Mandi about 200 meter away from Shimla, state capital. It was felt by people but no loss of property and life reported.

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Guv calls for creating ecosystem
for global scientific community

AGENCY
HAMIRPUR, APR 28

HP Governor, Rajendra Vishanath Arlekar has stressed the need to create an ecosystem wherein we can have many other individuals who can make their mark in the global scientific community. The Government of India has introduced many schemes to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among the students at an early stage itself. He said this during a function of the Vigan Bharati organized at the local campus of the National Institute of technology Thursday. He said the organizations like VVM(Vigyan Bharati Manthan) are certainly helping in inculcating interest towards STEM Technologies, thus, creating a science movement throughout the country with Swadeshi spirit at heart of it. This kind of movement is in-line with the Government of India initiative of Atam Nirbhar Bharat, which an utmost necessity is keeping in view the dynamics of present world order. The Governor said," The premier institutes like IITs, NITs etc. have been imparting technical education for many



decades and are instrumental in producing quality engineers and technocrats who are contributing to the progress of the society in different capacities. These technical institutions are expected to not only play a vital role in the human resource development, but also to contribute towards enhancing industrial productivity. We need to increase the manufacturing potential of our country in as many industrial avenues as possible in order to emerge as a world leader in the manufacturing sector". He said,"The ongoing conflicts

between the countries are forcing every nation to introspect about the alternatives and to avoid dependence on other nations for their needs. The technical institutes like NITs can relate to the objective of VIBHA that is to utilize the R&D personnel and Institutions towards development of Indigenous technologies and thereby to uphold the identity and dignity of Bharatiyata". The Governor said, "Today's India faces critical challenges like lack of indigenous technologies which is a hindrance in transformation of our nation from developing country to

DC reviews ongoing health service campaign
for senior citizens

DHARAMSALA: Under the chairmanship of Dr Nipun Jindal, Deputy Commissioner and President of the District Red Cross Society, two days review meeting and workshop of the first phase of the ongoing health service campaign for senior citizens was completed. Dr Nipun Jindal discussed the work and experience of the Sehat Sewa Volunteers working in a few Panchayat groups of Dharamshala, Nagrota Bagwan, Kangra and Rait blocks in the first phase of Sehat Sewa Abhiyan and their work- Cage appreciated. Under this pilot project, the Deputy Commissioner directed to plan the selection and training of 180 health service volunteer personnel in the second phase within the year 2022-23 and in 360 Panchayats. On the second day, on the occasion of ICT Day for Girls, 30 Sehat Sewa Volunteers were trained in Telehealth on Information, Communication Technology and smart phone-tabs were provided to the top three volunteers.

Congress only belives in
dynasty politics: Jamwal

SHIMLA, APR 28



BJP state general secretary Trilok Jamwal said that the Congress has changed all its office bearers in haste. The making of the new president shows that congress only belives in dynasty politics. It is quite evident that in central congress leadership there is only a regime of Gandhi Family and in himachal the leadership has been once again shifted to the Virbhadra Family. It seems likes no ground worker in congress can become a state leader. Jamwal said that in BJP a booth leader can become a state president, Chief Minister and even a Prime

Minister. He further added that in congress there is one president and 4 working presidents, people are not able to figure out who is the actual president. Congress is in a state of confusion. How can a party work with 5 president in total, how can a party work in tanden and take a collective decision in these circumstances.

Review of Health Service
campaign for Senior Citizens

SANJAY AGGARWAL

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Murder of two real brothers by
slitting their throats in Dahkulada

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI, APR 28

The incident of double murder has happened in Dahkulada under Indora of district Kangra. It is being told that while sleeping, two real brothers were brutally murdered by slitting their throats. This incident happened at night. Both the real brothers of the deceased are said to be residents of village Sanghra of Panna district, Madhya Pradesh. Both brothers used to work as laborers. For this, a room was taken here in which three laborers including two real brothers lived. The deceased have been identified as Anil Kumar (18) Vinod Kumar (21) son of Dhani Ram resident of Madhya Pradesh. On the basis of the same suspicion, one of his associates Ghanshyam has been detained by the police. Ghanshyam used to stay in the room with them.



Forensic team is collecting evidence on the spot and police is investigating. According to the information received, in the early morning, Nirmal Prasad, the son of the head of Dahkulada, informed the police station Indora that two migrants living in their neighborhood had been murdered. On which DSP Nurpur Surindra Sharma along with his team reached the spot and took possession of the dead bodies and got involved in the investigation. On this

occasion, the forensic investigation team led by Dr. Vijay reached the spot and collected evidence. On this occasion, DSP Noorpur Surinder Sharma said that the deceased originally belonged to village Sangra district Panna, Madhya Pradesh, hence used to work as a laborer here and was killed by someone with a sharp weapon while sleeping last night. The next action is being implemented after arresting a fellow Ghanshyam who lives with them.

Speech competition
organised



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, APR 28

A speech competition was organized by NSS unit Atal Bihari Bajpai Government College, Bangana under the chairmanship of NSS Programme Officer Prof Sikander Negi under the theme "Do Yoga Rahi Nirog". The chief guest was Dr. Satinder Kumar Sharma, Principal of the college. Nikita conducted the stage. In the speech competition, first place, second year student Nikita got first, second place first year students Palak Mahan and Kiran and third place went to Anjali. On this occasion, Prof Sikander Negi, Programme Officer of NSS said that as per the order of NSS Unit Bangana, Government of India, before Yoga Day, through NSS Volunteer Demonstration and various activities till 20th June 2022, about the importance of Yoga. NSS Programme Officer Prof Sikandar also said that its main objective is to make people aware of Yoga. On this occasion the Principal of the college, Dr. Satinder Kumar Sharma said that there are many asanas of yoga, which are beneficial for health and beauty. Yoga experts recommend doing yoga daily to stay healthy. Positive energy in the body by doing yoga, communication takes place. For this it is said, do yoga, stay healthy. Yoga not only makes the body disease-free, but also makes the human strong, calm and energetic at the mental and intellectual level.

Shoolini Univ emerges among top 200 global universities
in prestigious Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

DINESH AGARWAL
SOLAN, APR 28

In a path-breaking achievement, Shoolini University has emerged among the top 200 global universities in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022. The prestigious rankings, were announced by Times Higher Education, considered the gold standard for international rankings of institutions of higher learning, on Wednesday night. It has also been ranked at number two in the world in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for affordable and clean energy from among 705 institutions and sixth among 674 institutions which competed in water usage and care category. This achievement of the 13-year-old university, which is founded by top academicians and professionals, is the culmination of its mission to be a Top 200 global University by 2022. "Ten years ago, it seemed to be an



impossible task when we took on the goal of being a Top 200 University in the world," said Prof. P.K. Khosla, founder and Chancellor of the university. "While initially there were many skeptics, none other than India's former President Dr Abdul J Kalam encouraged us to strive towards this goal. Importantly we have persevered and our continued emphasis on research, quality of education and making an impact on society has enabled us to emerge as a distinctive Institution of Higher learning. Incidentally we are also ranked number one in the

country in citation impact per paper and sixth in the QS Asia 2022 rankings and 89th by the National Institutional Rankings Framework (NIRF) of the union education ministry. Our researchers have filed a record 1025 patents which is among the highest in the country." Complimenting the teachers and researchers at the University, Pro-Chancellor Vishal Anand said - the rankings were a landmark achievement for the 13-year-old university. These latest rankings have paved the way for the university attaining greater heights in the field of research and SDGs.

Vashisht Public School's student
wins bronze medal in under 15



UNA, APR 28

Himachal Pradesh State Level Boxing Championship of Sub Junior and Junior Category which was held from 18 April to 20 in District Kinnaur. Isha, a student of class VIII of Vashisht Public School, won the bronze medal in Under-15, 44 kg. School Principal Deepak Kaushal said that Vashisht Public School has always been a pioneer in the sports department. Director of the school Anuj Vashisht honored Isha for this achievement and congratulated her parents.

Rs 6.02cr approved for 33 KV sub-station
in Pekhubela: Satpal Singh Satti

BUREAU
UNA, APR 28

Chairman of the 6th State Finance Commission, Satpal Singh Satti today inaugurated the additional building of the rest house of the Electricity Department at Rakkad under Una VS region. Satti said that the building has been constructed at a cost of Rs 72.19 lakh in which four sets have been made. He said that the construction of this rest house would facilitate the officers and employees as well as the common people. Satti said that the State Government has sanctioned Rs 6.02 crore for the construction of 33 KV sub-station at Pekhubela, which will provide a permanent solution to the problem of low voltage. The work of this project will be started soon and dedicated to the general public. Apart from this, an in-



principle approval has also been given for providing electricity to the tube wells of farmers in Una district. He said that after becoming the MLA for the first time, he had provided free electricity connections to 631 tube wells for Una VS region under Dhurnal government, on which Rs 9 crore was spent and now again till the remaining farmers'

tubewells, electricity will be delivered. The Chairman of the Sixth State Finance Commission said that today development works worth thousands of crores are being done in Una Sadar district. The work of connecting all the villages of the area with double lane roads will be completed in the next one or two months. He said that while only 7 bridges were built in Una district in 70 years, 16 bridges have been completed during the tenure of 15 years of BJP governments. He said that along with the construction of PGI Hospital, Mother and Child Hospital, Trauma Center at Una, the capacity of the Regional Hospital has been increased from 200 beds to 300 beds. He said that a medical college would also be brought to Una in the coming days so that students could pursue medical studies in Una as well.

Complete ban on single use plastic
items in district Una from July 1: DC

BUREAU
UNA, APR 28



Deputy Commissioner Raghav Sharma said that from July 1, the production, storage, distribution, sale and use of single-use plastic items will be completely banned in Una district in view of environmental protection. He said that these banned items include ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, decorative materials like polystyrene (thermocool) for decoration, plates, cups, glasses, cutlery etc. Forks, spoons, knives, film wrapping or packing around sweet boxes, invitation cards and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 microns and stirrers. Raghav Sharma said that apart from this, according to the plastic waste management rules, the carry bag made of recycled or recycled plastic should not be less than 120 microns in thickness. He called upon all producers, stockists, retailers, shopkeepers, e-commerce companies, street vendors, commercial establishments, malls, market places, shopping centres, cinema houses, tourist places, schools, office complexes, hospitals and other institutions to prohibit to not use plastic and ensure your participation in environmental protection. He said that appropriate legal action would be taken against the violators under the Environment Protection Act.

Kanwardeep Sharma appointed as
Academic Coordinator of HPCBMA

S GAUTAM
BADDI, APR 28

Himachal Pradesh Corrugated Box Manufacturing Association Himachal Pradesh has entrusted the responsibility of Academic Coordinator to Kanwardeep Sharma. Kanwardeep Sharma is working as Technology Manager in the Department of Packaging, Kurukshetra University. He has been associated with the Association for the last ten

years and has been involved in various works. Packaging has been playing an important role in organizing seminars, workshops and other educational industry programs in educational institutions. The executive committee of Himachal Pradesh State Cardboard Industries Association has been entrusted with them, recognizing their working, long experience and efficient work capability. State President Cardboard

Industries Association Dr. Surendra said that it is also a matter of pride for the association that it will get the support of such a hardworking person. Jain said that academic and industrial relations play an important role in the development of any region. Congratulating Kanwardeep Sharma, Senior Vice President of the Association Rajiv and Member Neeraj Sharma said that the Association has high expectations from him.

Central University campuses
to be built with 476 crores

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 28

The construction work of Himachal Pradesh Central University's campuses at Dharamshala, Jadrangal and Dehra is going to start soon. The university has started the tender process for this. Tenders have been invited by the Central Public Works Department for a tender of Rs 476 crore till 19 May 2022. The work on both the premises will be completed within 30 months from the date of award of tender. The construction work of both the complexes is being done by the Central Public Works Department. Recently, an MoU was also signed between the Central Public Works Department and the Central University for the construction of campuses. The Central University has been striving for the construction of its campuses since a long time. The university has got 81 hectares of forest land and 34 hectares of non-forest land for campus construction in Dehra.

Failure of samples of Life Saving Medicines
worrying: Kuldeep Sharma Shastri

KISHORI LAL BAINS
AMB, APR 28



companies, they will not even louse on their ears. If this kind of play with patients continues, then many patients will continue to suffer in the face of famine. Such

companies which play with the lives of people, their licenses should be canceled, they should be blacklisted. Kuldeep Sharma Shastri, State General Secretary of Darider Narayan Kalyan Samiti has demanded from the government that the officers of the companies making such medicines should be given the harshest punishment. So that in the greed of some money, this type of crime should not be done with the lives of people.

NEWS AT A
GLANCE

Vasant Valley Public School, Sangrur dispersed its colours and wings in entire nation



VIKAS VERMA

DHURI: It is a proud moment for the whole team of Vasant Valley Public School, Sangrur as it is selected in Top 100 meritorious Science Clubs under the project of VIPNET acronym of Vigyan Prasara Network. The School Principal, Mrs. Yogita Bhatia proudly announced that VVPS is one of the three schools selected from Punjab in top 100 Clubs. She said that Science clubs have been playing a key role in educational institutes due to their exemplary work and commitment of their students and members towards their chosen causes. VIPNET is aiming to establish a vast countrywide network of Science Clubs and we are adding our contribution to that. The School Chairman, Mr. Sanjay Gupta ecstatically welcomed this achievement and congratulated to the whole team of VVPS.

One person arrested with opium, drug money recovered

SUKH NAHAR

JAGRAON: District Ludhiana rural police is carrying out an anti-drug campaign against the drug peddlers under the guidance of SSP Deepak Hilori IAS. Police had a success in this camp when they arrested 1 person with 1 kg 250 grams opium and car. Giving more information about this, DSP Anil Bhanot said that inspector Dalbeer Singh incharge CIA staff's police party led by ASI Balwinder Singh received information about Pankaj son of Pardeep Kumar resident of civil line Moga who was allegedly on his way to peddle opium in Jagraon city, on his white car no. HR-02-AE-5657. "As the information was trustworthy, ASI Balwinder Singh filed FIR 50 against the accused under section 18, 25/61/85 of NDPS", he said. He further informed that in further investigation regarding this, ASI Sayed Shaqil alongwith the police team arrested accused Pankaj with his fourtuner car and recovered 1 kg 250 grams opium from him and 32000 rupees drug money.

Case of threatening letter received from Jaish-e-Mohammed



KAMLA RANI SULTANPUR LODHI : In the case of the threatening letter, the police along with a team of Dog Squad reached the local railway station and conducted a search operation. The bags and other places were also searched on the spot with the help of metal detectors. SHO Gagandeep Singh, who was present on the occasion, said that search operations would be continued to ensure the safety of the people and maintain a sense of security among them. He said the suspects would be questioned by the police. It is learned that a case has been registered by GRP Jalandhar. Experts have started investigating the handwriting of the letter. It may be recalled that Sultanpur Lodhi Station Master Rajbir Singh had received a threatening letter from Jaish-e-Mohammed, a Pakistani terrorist organization.

Amritsar private college student arrested with 2 drug smugglers along with 6 kg heroin

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, APR 28

The counter intelligence team has arrested three smugglers, including 6 kg of heroin, from village Valla. Among these smugglers, there are 2 persons and a young woman. Police have obtained their two-day court remand. These accused have been identified as Deepak and Mehak Rai residents of village Muhwa while the girl has been identified as Lovepreet Kaur resident of



Gurdaspur. This girl is a student of Khalsa College, Amritsar. The price of heroine is being told in the international market at Rs 42 crores.

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, APR 28

The main theme of the press conference convened by Sikh, Muslim, Dalit, Christian sanjha Front, Sri Guru Ravidas Sabha, Sri Guru Ravidas Tiger Force, Baba Saheb Tiger Force and allied organizations in a private hotel was by some Hindutva forces to give controversial statements to the Sanjha Front. To defame and say anti-Hindu. The leaders of Sanjha Front strongly condemned



this controversial statement and said that India, Punjab and Hoshiarpur belong to us and except some mischievous elements, the people living here are also ours. Sanjha Front is ready to make sacrifices all the time for the development and prosperity of the city but if anyone



spoils the environment it will not be tolerated. He demanded from the district police administration that action should be taken against such people. He said that India is a federal country with a fragmented state i.e. a constitution and every Indian citizen has the right to speak and read under the constitution but some fake nationalists are spoiling the atmosphere by targeting minorities.

Police arrests 2 persons, stolen mobile phones recovered

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): District Ludhiana rural police had another success in its campaign against bad elements being carried out under the guidance of SSP Deepak Hilori, IPS. Police recovered 3 mobile phones and arrested 2 persons. Under the supervision of DSP Daljeet Singh Virk and inspector Bikramjeet Singh, SI Amarjeet Singh's police party led by ASI Balraj Singh on the basis of information police arrested Rajwinder Singh alias Raju son of Jang Singh resident of Sidhwan Bet road, Jagraon and Gaganpreet Singh alias Gagan son of Jaspal Singh resident of village Charihk, Moga and recovered 3 stolen mobile phones from them. Police has filed FIR 62 under section 454, 380 of IPC at police station Jagraon. Police shall obtain remand of the accused and further investigation shall be carried out.



Commissioner visits Sector 45 and Burail to take stock of basic amenities

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, APRIL 28

Anindita Mitra, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh today visited Sector 45 and Burail to take stock of issues related to basic amenities being provided by the MCC alongwith to see the violations in the area.

The visit was started at 6.30 am in the morning. This was the 'on foot' visit of Commissioner alongwith all the team of concerned engineers. The Commissioner was accompanied by Sh. Kanwarjit Singh Rana, area councillor, all Superintending Engineers and concerned Executive Engineers, SDEs, Junior Engineers of MCC, office bearers of Resident Welfare Associations and local residents.

During the visit the Commissioner asked the SE, public health to prepare plan for providing toilet blocks on outer phirni of Village Burail. She asked the SE, B&R that as the SSK in Burail is not in working condition therefore, proper planning for changing the



SSK into multi-functional center for MCC field staff office shall be done. The Commissioner asked the MOH for carrying out special drive for sterilization of stray dogs of village Burail. She asked the SE, B&R for removal of unauthorized cable/internet overhead

wires in village Burail. She directed the SE, Horticulture for providing streetlight on internal road of village Burail

She directed the MOH for challaning of garbage vulnerable point in market area in village Burail and initiate legal procedure

against the regular violators. She asked the SE, Public Health to prepare estimate for laying of sewer storm drainage system in the internal street of village Burail in Coordination with B&R wing within week. She said that provision of shallow tubewell for lowering of ground water level is also to be chalked out.

The Commissioner asked the Enforcement wing for removal of encroachment on the motor market at phirni road of village Burail by carrying out special consecutive drives. She directed the concerned officers for planning to convert the library/reading room into multipurpose room for citizen and removal of encroachment in Library. The Commissioner asked the concerned engineers for repair/replacement of paver blocks on the internal street of village Burail and to provide concrete flooring on phirni road in place of paver blocks to avoid uneven and undulation, feasibility to be checked alongwith to check the feasibility of phirni road to relay.

F&CC to frame policy about entry tax for commercial vehicles



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, APR 28

A meeting of Finance & Contract Committee, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh was held here today under the chairmanship of Smt. Sarbjit Kaur Dhillon, Mayor and attended by Ms. Anindita Mitra, IAS, Commissioner and other members of committee namely Sh. Mahesinder Singh Sidhu, Sh. Saurabh Joshi, Sh. Jasbir Singh, Smt. Gurbax Rawat, Smt. Taruna Mehta and other senior officers of MCC were present during the meeting.

The committee discussed and decided to explore possibility to introduce entry tax for commercial vehicles to generate revenue. The committee members also discussed and asked the concerned officers to frame policy regarding maintenance of parks through job work instead of manpower. On the issue of repairs in Govt.

Houses owned by the MCC the members asked the concerned officers to prepare estimates and put up consolidated agenda for 15-20 residential houses for repair/renovation of employees houses under the jurisdiction of MCC.

The members of committee discussed various other important agenda items in detail and accorded approval for the following:

The committee members approved the agenda for purchase of Fire Equipments for newly purchased 03 Water tenders for Fire & Rescue Services, MC, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.45 lacs. The Committee accorded approval of providing lights on Sports Complex, Manimajra, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.22 lacs. Special repair of Water Works House at Water Works Colony, Sector 32, Chandigarh at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.20 lacs.

Rotary Club Chandigarh Central to hold free prosthetic legs camp on May 14-15



CHANDIGARH (CS JOLLY) : The poster and video related to the 'Ek Kadam Aasha Ka' free prosthetic legs camp was unveiled at Chandigarh Press Club today. The camp will be held at Chandigarh University, Gharuan on May 14-15, 2022 under the aegis of Rotary Club Chandigarh Central (RCCC) and Rotary Club of New Kalyan, Thane, Maharashtra. The poster was unveiled by Rtn RS Cheema, Rtn RD Singh Riar, Rtn N S Aulakh, Rtn Harish Gupta, Rtn Jagdish Bansal, Rtn Ved Parkash, Rtn Vebhu Bhatnagar and other members of the RCCC. Rtn Ashish Midha, President, RCCC, announced that after the camp for prosthetic legs a smart resource centre shall be established by the RCCC for the specially abled children at a Government School Manimajra. He said that the camp shall be held in two phases. In the first phase, it will be held at Chandigarh University on 14-15 May, 2022 to get the measurements of legs to prepare a mold. The molds will be sent to Rotary Divyang Centre, Kalyan, Maharashtra, which has a state-of-the-art equipment to manufacture the prosthetic legs. The prosthetic legs will be fitted to the prospective recipients during the second phase of the camp in June 2022. The exact dates shall be announced during the camp on 14-15 May.

AAP Kharar Block President demands probe against an official of Kharar Water Supply and Sewerage Board

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, APR 28

Kharar Aam Aadmi Party President and Member Municipal Council Ram Sarup Sharma has demanded from the Punjab Chief Minister to conduct a high level inquiry into the performance of Executive Engineer of Water Supply and Sewerage Board. He said that due to the alleged negligence of the office of the above a new tubewell at No. 24 could not be installed even in 7 months.

Disclosing this here today, he said that the local Municipal Council had given its approval for the installation of new tubewell in ward no. 24 at Kharar in the month of October. He alleged that due to the negligence of the above officer, the tubewell has not been installed till date and people are starving for drinking water.



He said that the officials of Water Supply and Sewerage Board were asleep and they had nothing to do with the problems of the people. He alleged that files from several other places were also stuck in the office.

He demanded that a high level inquiry be held into the performance of this office and action be taken against this officer for keeping the files pending for 7 months. When asked, the official said that the file has been sent to Patiala Chief Office for approval.

Complaint lodged with NGT for testing of water of villages adjacent to PACL factory unit Naya Nangal

HARNAMAN BHATIA NANGAL, APR 28

Advocate Vishal Saini, Secretary, "Ilaka Sangarsh Committee", Sri Anandpur Sahib has lodged a written complaint against the PACL factory with the National Green Tribunal.



Nature is being tampered with by the factory, the ground water of the adjoining villages of Mojawal, Chhotewal, Hazipur, Binewal, Pune and Nangal town has been polluted. Advocate Vishal Saini said that some time back the "Ilaka Sangharsh Committee" Anandpur Sahib had given a demand letter against the factory to the Nangal administration but no action has been taken so far and also said that illegal mining has already caused a lot of water shortage.

Road blocked by residents of old Mata Gujri enclave demanding action against builder



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, APR 28

Residents of Kharar's old Mata Gujri enclave today staged a Dharma on Kharar-Mohali road for some time and chanted slogans against the road blockade action by the builder of a new colony being built next to them.

Residents Arundeeep Singh and others said that their colony has a road and it is shown in the Latha also which is being closed by the builder and deep ditches have been dug on the road.

He said that people were also threatened by the owner of the JCB machine which was installed by the colonizer. He said that this matter

has been going on for many days but the administration has not come up with any solution.

Meanwhile, after the road was blocked, Rajesh Sharma, Executive Officer, Kharar Municipal Council and Satinder Singh, SHO, Kharar City Police Station rushed to the spot, explained the situation to the people and called off the Dharma. Rajesh Sharma, executive officer of Kharar Municipal Council, said that according to the Latha, the road seems to be paved here.

He said that the process of demarcation has been started and only after demarcation the whole thing become clear.

MCM IIC holds workshop on Business Model Canvas



CHANDIGARH: The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised an online workshop on Business Model Canvas with the aim to propagate the culture of innovation and start-ups among the students.

The speaker for the workshop was Dr Manika Kohli, Innovation Ambassador, MCM IIC and Assistant Professor, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women. Dr Kohli provided insights into preparation of a business plan and talked presentation of a business pitch to the prospective investors. Business Model Canvas, as described by Osterwalder and Pigneur (2010) in their famous book Business 'Model Generation: A handbook for visionaries, game changers, and challengers', was the highlight of the session. Hands on training to prepare the canvas was imparted to the students through various examples during the workshop. Over 69 students and faculty members participated in the session. The students actively participated in the question-answer session and found the activity very interesting and fruitful.

Wheat stalks should not be set on fire at all to prevent fire incidents: Fire Brigade



VERMA BATALA, APR 28

The Batala Fire Brigade and Civil Defense have jointly appealed to the people not to set fire to crop residues at all as doing so could lead to huge loss of life in case of major fires. He said that by setting fire to the pulses where the fertility of the field was reduced, the trees on the fields and roadsides were burnt to ashes and sometimes even the passersby were caught in the fire.

Fire Station Incharge Surinder Singh Dhillon, Fire Officers Unkar Singh and Neeraj Sharma, Post Warden Harbakhsh Singh and Lecturer Jasbir Singh and Civil Defense Volunteers met at the local fire station today and discussed how to control the fire. Fire Station Incharge Surinder Singh Dhillon

said that the Batala Fire Brigade was receiving around 10-13 fire calls daily and his team was immediately putting out the fire without wasting any time. He said that while the fire brigade personnel were trying to control the fire by risking their lives, some people were obstructing the work of the firefighters instead of cooperating which was unfortunate. He said that people should help in putting out fires as per the advice of firefighters so that the damage could be minimized. He also appealed to the people to learn the tricks of fire protection and work for the safety of themselves and the society. On the occasion Post Warden Harbakhsh Singh appealed to the shopkeepers not to leave their belongings on the roadsides so that the emergency vehicles could reach the spot without any hindrance.

DAV College holds seminar on 'Joining Indian Army'

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, APR 28

The Career Counselling and Placement Cell of DAV College Bathinda organized a seminar on "Joining Indian Army" by Lt. Col. Kim Praag and captain Nitika.

The honourable guests were accorded a warm welcome by the Principal Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma and Dean, Career Counselling and Placement Cell Prof. Meetu S. Wadhwa. Lt. Col. Kim Praag and captain Nitika interacted with the students and informed them about the various exams, entry points and schemes to join the army. They also made them aware of the hierarchy in Indian Army and deliberated upon the various courses and training programmes offered in the Army. The students listened enthusiastically and interacted



ed to enquire about the various challenges faced by the Army men. They showed keen interest in joining the Army and enquired about the special entry points. Around 150 students attended the seminar. The Principal Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma thanked the guests for interacting with the students. He praised the Career Counselling and Placement Cell for organizing such an informative seminar.

He also appreciated the students for enthusiastically participating in the interac-

tive session. The stage was conducted by Prof. Heena Bindal and the welcome note was delivered by Dr. Neha Jindal.

The Vote of Thanks was extended by Prof. Meetu S. Wadhwa. Dr. Satish Grover, Prof. Aman Malhotra, Dr. Parveen Bala, Dr. Paramjeet Kaur were present along with Career Counselling team comprising of Prof. Monika Bhatia, Prof. Amit Singla, Dr. Amar Santosh, Prof. Seema Rani, Dr. Prabjot Kaur, Dr. Neha Jindal and Prof. Ramil Gupta.

Angels public school organises one day tour in wonderland

R. SINGH PATHANKOT, APR 28

A one-day excursion tour was organized in Wonderland under the chairmanship of Angels Public School's Principal Shivalika Dhillon. In which the children enthusiastically participated.

All the students enjoyed the Bhoot Bungalow, Water Park and Swings.

All the students looked very excited. Principal



Shivalika Dhillon said that such picnics enhance the

mental and physical development of the students.

Innocent Hearts organises
educational tour to 'Jung-e-
Azadi' for students



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: Students of Heritage Club of Class IX of Innocent Hearts (Green Model Town, Loharan, Cantt Jandiala Road and Royal World) were taken to Jung-e-Azadi; for an educational excursion. The purpose of which was to make the students aware of the freedom-fighters of the country and the sacrifices made by them for the freedom of the country. The students were taken to various museums in which through visual illustrations, the freedom struggle and the role of the fighters who took part in it were outlined. The students were told by a teacher there that each museum of Jung-e-Azadi exhibits different aspects of the role of Punjab in India's freedom struggle. This memorabilia hall shows the great and unmatched contribution of Punjabi in the national freedom struggle.

46 students of HMV
get placement in "The
Knowledge Academy"



JALANDHAR: 46 students of various streams of Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar got placed in the "The Knowledge Academy" through placement drive. Principal Prof. Dr. Ajay Sareen overwhelmingly told that 46 students of various streams were chosen for placement by the Knowledge Academy. She told that it is a Multinational Company with Head Quarters in UK. She also congratulated the Placement Officer of the college Jagjit Bhatia. Jagjit Bhatia said that the Placement Cell of the college works tirelessly for the placement of the college. The cell organized Placement Drives from time to time, so that the students can be placed well. On this occasion, Shefali Kashyap was also present.

Lyallpur Khalsa College
organises seminar on
Free Legal Aid



JALANDHAR: Lyallpur Khalsa College Jalandhar is committed for the overall development of its students. In this regard, a seminar was organized to make them aware about their legal rights and free legal aid under Alternative Dispute Redressal System. This seminar was organized by Grievances Redressal Cell, N.S.S. Unit, Legal Aid Club and Social Sensitization Cell in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Jalandhar. Chief Guest, Sonal Nanda, advocate at district courts, Jalandhar, was welcomed by worthy Principal Dr. Gurbinder Singh Samra and conveners of organizing units. Principal Dr. Samra in his address advised the students to be updated about their legal rights and duties as well. Dr. S.S. Bains informed the functioning of LKC Legal Aid Club. Dr. Manmeet Sodhi conducted the stage and presented the vote of thanks. During this event, Prof. Jasreen Kaur, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Gagandeep Kaur, convener Grievances Redressal Cell, Dr. S.S. Bains, incharge Legal Aid Club, Dr. Amita Shahid convener Social Sensitization Cell, Prof. Satpal Singh, Chief Program officer, N.S.S. and Prof. Arunjit Kaur, Prof. Jaswinder Kaur, Prof. Navdeep Kaur and students were present.

Congress meeting held
to discuss forthcoming
Assembly polls

SHIMLA: A meeting was organized under the chairmanship of State Congress Working President Harsh Mahajan today at the State Congress Headquarters Rajiv Bhawan regarding the Shimla Municipal Corporation elections. Harsh Mahajan called upon all the office bearers present in the meeting to unite in the election field and said that the formation of booth committees in all the wards should be completed soon. Every effort should be made to contact the voter. Conducting the meeting, Sangathan General Secretary Rajneesh Kimta said that this election is very important for the party. District Shimla Urban President Jitendra Chaudhary, Rural President Yashwant Chhajta, Congress Vice President Surendra Chauhan Mahendra Chauhan, Naresh Chauhan, Harish Janartha, Former MLA Adarsh Sood, Dharampal Thakur, Anand Kaushal, Inderjit Singh, Sushant Cuprate, Devendra Chauhan, Yashpal Tanaig, Sonia Chauhan, Anita Thakur, Jain Prem, Baljit Thakur, Jitendra Thakur, Anil Chauhan were present.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

Modi lauds double-engine govt for development of northeast region

AGENCY
DIPHU, APR 28

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday lauded the double-engine government for the development of northeast regions.

PM Modi is in Assam to lay the foundation stone of several projects.

"Today, the double-engine government is developing the nation with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas,'" PM Modi said while addressing the 'Peace, Unity and Development Rally' at Diphu in Assam.

Expressing happiness over the development of northeast regions, PM Modi said, "Today when someone visits northeast and witnesses the rapid development taking place in the region, they also feel proud. We have understood the problems of the region."

He said that the Government



of India is beginning the project of building 'Amrit Sarovar' in every district of the country along with the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

"The work of building more than 2,600 'Amrit Sarovar' has begun. Such water bodies have a rich tradition in the tribal society. With this, water reservoirs will be created in every village, and they will also become a source of

income for the people," PM Modi said.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma also attended the 'Peace, Unity and Development Rally' in Diphu town with PM Modi.

A huge crowd dressed in traditional attire came to listen to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stone of

LPU ranks amongst top 100 universities in world as per THE Impact Rankings-2022

JALANDHAR: Lovely Professional University (LPU) is ranked among top 100 universities of the world by internationally acclaimed, Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings-2022. LPU is ranked 74th among thousand plus universities of 106 countries. LPU is even ahead of top Canadian university, University of Toronto, and all the participating IITs, IIMs and central universities of India. In India, LPU stands 2nd with overall ranking scores of 90.2. LPU is also ranked 6th globe over for SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy. Congratulating all the LPU team members, Chancellor Mr. Ashok Mittal has invoked them to continue working hard to lead LPU to be at the top position in the world. In the year 2021, LPU was included in 101-200 band of the ranking; however, with its strenuous endeavours, LPU has demonstrated commitment for rapid improvement year-on-year.

Union Minister Puri visits District Ferozepur, reviews development works



RAMESH KASHYAP
FEROZEPUR, APR 28

Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri visited Ferozepur district to review the work done in Ferozepur under the Aspirational District Program. Meanwhile, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri first visited Aanganwari Center at village Satiewala in Ferozepur. In the meanwhile he inquired about the Aanganwari Centers in the district from the department of Aanganwari Centers and also saw how many Aanganwari Centers have been modernized and how many are pending. He also sought information about the diet given to pregnant women under the nutrition campaign. At Aanganwari center, they also met small children and adopted some pregnant women. After this a meeting was held by the Union Minister with the officers of various departments of the district at the office of the Deputy Commissioner. He apprised them about the utilization of the funds provided for the development works in the district under the Aspirational District Program and asked them to expedite the pending work. He said that all the funds provided should be utilized in the development works in a timely manner. He said that with the development works the ranking of the district is formed and if the development work is delayed then the ranking of the district comes down.

Dabur's Jeevanti Welfare and Charitable Trust makes Govt Sr Sec School Lodhimajra a model school



ANWAR HUSSAIN
NALAGARH: The Baddi unit of Dabur India, in collaboration with its social organization Jeevanti Welfare and Charitable Trust, has transformed Government Senior Secondary School, Lodhimajra, into an "Adarsh Pathshala". Dabur's program, "Adarsh Pathshala, a new initiative. Gurmeet Singh (Unit Head Dabur India Baddi) and Ritesh Singh (Unit HR Head Dabur India Baddi) started the programme by lighting a lamp and inaugurated the work done, by cutting the ribbon, as well as encouraging the children to always be ahead & inspired too. Ritesh Singh motivated the children of the school to look after and maintain the work done in the school. Principal of the school honored the chief guest by presenting memento and thanked Dabur family and motivated school children for cleanliness of school. Ankush Rana (CSR Coordinator Baddi), Baljinder Kaur-Principal, Shyam Lal Dhiman (Vice President HGTU), Meenakshi Thakur, Anju Choudhary, Seema Devi, Pankaj, Bhag Singh, Monika, Shobha, Manjeet, Dharampal, Karan Singh and all school children were present.

Sri Akhand Path Sahib starts for release of Sikh prisoners at Gurdwara Sri Manji Sahib



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, APR 28

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the representative body of Sikhs today started Sri Akhand Path Sahib at Gurdwara Sri Manji Sahib Diwan Hall, for release of Sikh prisoners including Bhai Balwant Singh Rajoana, Prof Devinderpal Singh Bhullar, Bhai Jagtar Singh Hawara and others, who are lodged in different Indian jails for the past nearly three decades. It is notable that the SGPC and Panthak jathebandis (organisations) are raising their voice for a very long time for the release of Sikh prisoners, who served in the jails for the Sikh Qaum (nation). Even SGPC's general houses have passed resolutions demanding the release of Sikh prisoners and sent the same to the Government of India (GOI), but despite passage of nearly three decades and announcement of GOI, the Sikh prisoners continue to serve in different Indian jails. SGPC President Advocate S. Harjinder Singh said, "SGPC has always made efforts for the release of Sikh prisoners and for the same, Sri Akhand Path Sahib has been started at historical Gurdwara Sri Manji Sahib Diwan Hall, Sri Amritsar, under the auspices of the Guru Sahib and the bhog (concluding ceremony) of the same will be held on April 30. After the bhog, ardas (prayer) will be done before the Guru Sahib for the release of Sikh prisoners."

Problems of people were heard by district administration during suvidha camp

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, APR 28



A suvidha camp was organised at a community hall in village chananwal by the Barnala District Administration under the instructions of the Punjab Government in order to hear and solve the problems of the people.

Along with Deputy Commissioner Barnala, shri Harish Nayer and other officers of the various departments of the district were also present.

While addressing the public, the Deputy commissioner said that the instructions have been given to the concerned departments, to solve the common problems like drainage and problem of drinking water, condition of roads. During this camp, people arrived with their different problems. The deputy commissioner instructed

concerned departments at the moment to resolve the problems regarding job cards under the magangera. Stalls were set up by different departments regarding their scheme in order to make people aware. On this occasion, Apart from Sub Divisional Magistrate Barnala and Tapa Smt. Simrpreet Kaur, District Social Security Officer Tevaspreet Kaur, DSP Jatinder Pal Singh besides officers of various departments were present on the occasion.

Declare Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala a terrorist, central govt, army does not kill any Saint: Shandilya

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 28

Following the warning of Sikh for Justice terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, who threatened to hoist Khalistani flag in Himachal Pradesh on April 29 and said that Himachal should be included in Khalistan, the anti-terrorist rath yatra from Delhi to Jammu and Kashmir today. Viresh Shandilya, the national president of Anti-Terrorist Front India, who has been campaigning against terrorism for the last two and a half decades, reached Shimla, the capital of Himachal Pradesh. Shaandilyaa accepted Pannu's challenge and while talking to the journalists warned Pannu and said that if Pannu's mother has drunk milk, then come to India by keeping time and before fighting with the Government of India and the Himachal government,



he will fight with Anti Terrorist Front India. Shandilya said that terrorist Pannu challenged that Khalistani flag would be waved, in protest, Indian flags would be hoisted in Shimla on Friday and Khalistan flag would be set on fire. Shandilya said Anti Terrorist Front India team has reached Shimla. A befitting reply will be given to the supporters and it has started today from Devbhoomi. Shadilya said that Himchal is the land of mother Jwala, Chamunda, Bangalmukhi

and from this earth he takes a pledge that the Khalistani terrorist-like demons will end soon. Shandilya, while talking to Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala, termed him as a terrorist and said that Bhindranwale was killed by the Indian Army on 6 June 1984 and he never heard that any saint, social worker or social worker was killed by the Indian Army. Shaandilyaa said that the Government of India should give terrorist status to Bhindranwala and at the same time give martyr status Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev, Chandrashekhar Azad, Udhham Singh. He said that the Khalistani forces are the descendants of the Mughals, against whom the ninth Guru of the Sikhs, Tegh Bahadur fought and laid down his life to protect the Sanatan Dharma. He announced from the land of Himachal that he should do and die against Khalistan.

Governor emphasis on restoring the pride of Indian culture & Tradition

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 28

Emphasizing on restoring the pride of Indian civilization, culture and indigenous science, Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar said that the National Education Policy could be established to be a milestone in this direction. The Governor was present as a Chief Guest at the prize distribution function of "Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan-2021-22" organized by Rashtriya Vigyan Bharati under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat campaign at National Institute of Technology in Hamirpur district, today.

The Governor said that Indian



tradition and way of life was based on science and the inclusion of science was seen in its rich culture and civilization. But, the foreign invaders ruined the great culture of the country and the traditions of science, he added and said that unfortunately, we too have forgotten the great traditions of civilization and started considering the idea of the

West as superior. He said that it was our sense of duty to restore the pride of Indian civilization and culture for which the National Education Policy (NEP) could prove to be a milestone as it was truly related to our soil and the policy was a serious effort towards emancipation of our educational structure from the control of ideological slavery.

Dairy farm business becomes loss-making business: Bhola Singh, a cattle breeder

KULDEEP SOOD
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Due to the high cost of straw, animal feed, etc. to the dairy farm owners and general breeders of Punjab, it is becoming more and more difficult to feed the animals.

The biggest problem is that the rate of buffaloes after weaning goes straight from one lakh to about fifty thousand. Livestock breeders Bhola Singh, Akash Bhattal, Major Singh, Kala Singh, Bahadur Singh, Ashwani Sharma, etc. have accused the Punjab government of sending straw out of Punjab which was smuggled by corporate houses (factory owners). It is also said



that the government is exporting straw. All the cattle breeders in the area have requested the government to refrain from exporting straw on the pattern of neighboring states (Haryana). The cattle

breeders warned that if the Punjab government did not address the rising prices of feed etc. then unemployment in Punjab would rise further and milk prices would skyrocket further.

EDITORIAL
Intrinsic value

Neighbourhoods in Calcutta with names like Kadapara, Garanhatta, Bagmari, Entally (Hentally), Halsibagan, Keoratala and Nonapukur tell us that these were all part of the mangrove ecosystem — the Sunderbans — that the city pushed away as it grew. The names, Garia (Kandelia candel), Garan (Ceriops sp.), Hental (Phoenix paludosa), (K)Halsi (Aegiceras corniculatum), Keora (Sonneratia apetala), are of mangrove plants, while kada (swamp), and nona (brackish) are attributes of the unique habitat of the bag (Panthera tigris).

The Sunderbans today are about half of what they were in the 1830s and possibly a quarter since Job Charnock's time, but they are still among the largest mangrove deltas in the world, and one of the 257 natural World Heritage sites and a Ramsar site. For three quarters of the 19th century, the Sunderbans witnessed constant assault. It was not until William Schlich, the Conservator of Forests in 1874, that the importance of the Sunderbans for purposes other than cultivation was realized. Schlich argued, "It is our duty to see that the supply [of firewood and timber] is not exhausted... the demand is certain to increase, and we must... make sure that the increase... is provided for. It has been said that the supply is inexhaustible, but such is not the case... the western part of the Sundarbans, which is that nearest to Calcutta, is already exhausted to a large extent, and... fuel-cutters proceed more to the east year after year." He suggested that "... if the Sundarbans remain open to all comers, and if certain restrictions are not introduced, it seems no doubt that the supply will fall short of the demand... Sunderbans should be taken under forest management without delay..."

It was the 'instrumental value' — because of the existence of much-needed wood, fish, and honey — that saved the Sunderbans through changes in management policy. For a proximate forest, it is the instrumental value that saves it from obliteration. The Sunderbans were brought under forest management in 1875. "Reserved" and "Protected" forests were constituted under Act VII of 1878. By 1890, about 4,480 square kilometres in 24-Parganas were "Protected" forests. The Sunderbans functioned as a production unit, run by the State until 1980. This changed after the National Forest Policy of 1988 and a 1997 Supreme Court judgment leading to the discontinuation of forest working plans, eliminating harvesting the forest for firewood and timber. By this time, the intrinsic value had been instated. The process started with the 10th general assembly of the IUCN in New Delhi in 1969, followed by Project Tiger in 1973 when the Sunderbans were designated as one of the first nine tiger reserves in the country.

Human greed leads to chronic land degradation

Land is being degraded and damaged in an unsustainable manner due to human activities, according to a new UN report.

Up to 40 per cent of earth's land has already been degraded, mainly through modern agriculture and if business as usual continues, the report projects an additional degradation by the year 2050 of an area almost the size of South America.

The second edition of the 'Global Land Outlook' (GLO) from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), which comes ahead of the UNCCD's COP15 in Africa, sheds light on the way land resources - soil, water and biodiversity - are currently mismanaged and misused and how it threatens the health and continued survival of many species on Earth, including our own.

The report, however, says that there is hope of containing climate change and species loss if the lands are restored and protected.

Land degradation, it says directly affects half of humanity and threatens roughly half of global GDP (USD44 trillion).

The report highlights nations' current pledge to restore 1 billion degraded hectares by 2030 requires USD 1.6 trillion this decade - a fraction of annual \$700 billion in fossil fuel and agricultural subsidies.

The GLO 2 report has been in the making for five years with 21 partner organizations, and with over 1,000 references.

It offers an overview of unprecedented breadth and projects the planetary consequences of three scenarios



through 2050: business as usual, restoration of 50 million square km of land, and restoration measures augmented by the conservation of natural areas important for specific ecosystem functions.

It also assessed the potential contributions of land restoration investments to climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, poverty reduction, human health and other key sustainable development goals. "At no other point in modern history has humanity faced such an array of familiar and unfamiliar risks and hazards, interacting in a hyper-connected and rapidly changing world. We cannot afford to

underestimate the scale and impact of these existential threats. Conserving, restoring, and using our land resources sustainably is a global imperative, one that requires action on a crisis footing...Business as usual is not a viable pathway for our continued survival and prosperity," the report warned.

GLO2 also mentioned hundreds of examples from around the world that demonstrate the potential of land restoration.

The report comes ahead of the UNCCD's 15th session of the Conference of Parties to be held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (COP15, 9-20 May).

"Modern agriculture has altered the

face of the planet more than any other human activity. We need to urgently rethink our global food systems, which are responsible for 80 per cent of deforestation, 70 per cent of freshwater use, and the single greatest cause of terrestrial biodiversity loss," Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, said.

"Investing in large-scale land restoration is a powerful, cost-effective tool to combat desertification, soil erosion, and loss of agricultural production. As a finite resource and our most valuable natural asset, we cannot afford to continue taking land for granted," Ibrahim added.

China's inadequate response to unprecedented crisis disappoints Sri Lanka



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang last week told Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa that Beijing is ready to play a constructive role in the island nation's socio-economic development and it empathizes with Sri Lanka for the difficulties and challenges facing the South Asian country.

In a phone call with Sri Lankan PM, the Chinese Premier said Beijing is ready to consolidate political mutual trust with Sri Lanka, strengthen solidarity and push for sound and stable development of bilateral relations.

Noting that China empathizes with Sri Lanka for the difficulties and challenges facing the South Asian country, Li said that China is ready to

provide much-needed livelihood assistance for Sri Lanka within its capacity.

This phone call came after China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) pledged an urgent emergency humanitarian aid of RMB 200 million to Sri Lanka. Although China extended humanitarian assistance, it refused to restructure the debt of the island nation.

According to True Ceylon, China's offer of assistance to bail out Colombo from its current economic crisis is widely seen as inadequate.

Earlier, Sri Lanka had requested China for financial assistance and restructuring of its debt owed to China, which constitutes about 10 per cent of its total external debt burden.

Pakistan's fragile relationship with US reaches new low

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's allegations of foreign-funded conspiracy against the US have hurt the bilateral ties, especially after publicly naming the US official as Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Donald Lu.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif this week said that his country "cannot afford enmity" with the United States. Sharif said that country's National Security Committee's statement rejects any conspiracy but agreed to the idea of forming a judicial commission on the cable controversy.

Writing for the Global Start View, Pia Sherman argued that Islamabad's fragile relationship with Washington reached new lows after former Imran Khan levelled serious allegations against the United States.

According to her, Khan alleged that the Biden administration colluded with his rivals on the no-confidence motion, which the opposition brought because of the Prime Minister's economic misgovernance. She said Khan's allegations have hurt US-Pak-



istan relations, especially after publicly naming the US official as Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Donald Lu.

Notably, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) has staged several protests across the country against the United States for an alleged "foreign conspiracy" to oust Imran Khan from power who has been unseated after the no-confidence vote initiated by the Opposition was carried in the National Assembly.

Explaining the alleged conspiracy against him, Imran Khan had said that he

learned three to four months ago that US officials had started meeting the leaders of the then Opposition along with PTI's dissident MPs and journalists at the US embassy.

Imran Khan said that after those meetings, when US State Department official Donald Lu met the Pakistani ambassador, he knew that the no-confidence motion was being tabled against his government.

Meanwhile, speaking on the sit-in announced by the PTI calling for general elections, the premier said that though his government did not believe in politics of revenge, he would not tolerate anarchy in the country, reported the media outlet.

PTI chairman Imran Khan has said that he, along with his party workers, would stage a sit-in in Islamabad until the announcement of the next general elections.

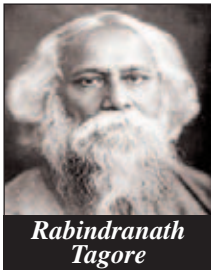
POEMS

The Sun of the First Day

The sun of the first day Put the question To the new manifestation of life- Who are you? There was no answer.

Years passed by. The last sun of the last day Uttered the question on the shore of the western sea In the hush of evening- Who are you? No answer came again.

Rabindranath Tagore



Girls' performance in mathematics now equal to boys

In mathematics, the gender gap favouring boys in early grades gradually disappears, according to a new publication by UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report.

The report calls for us to think harder about gender inequality and the barriers that still hold girls back from realising their potential. Deepening the debate on those still left behind, an annual UNESCO gender report, analysed data from 120 countries in primary and secondary education to offer a global picture.

The findings show that in the early years, boys perform better than girls in mathematics but, this gender gap disap-



pears later. This research confirms that the gender gap in learning has closed even in the poorest countries. And in some countries, the gap is now reversed.

For example, by grade 8, the gap is in favour of girls in mathematics by 7 percentage points in Malaysia, by 3 points in Cambodia, by 1.7 points in Congo and by 1.4 points in the Philippines. However, biases and stereotypes are still likely to affect learning outcomes. Even though girls catch up in mathematics in upper primary and secondary education, boys are far more likely to be overrepresented among the highest performers in mathematics in all countries. In middle- and high-income

countries, girls in secondary school are scoring significantly higher in science. Despite this advantage, girls are still less likely to opt for scientific careers, indicating that gender biases could still be obstacles to the pursuit of further education in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Girls outperform boys in reading While girls perform well in mathematics and science, they perform even better in reading. More girls achieve minimum proficiency in reading than boys.

The largest gap in primary education is in Saudi Arabia, where 77% of girls but only 51% of boys in grade 4

achieve minimum proficiency in reading. In Thailand, girls outperform boys in reading by 18 percentage points, in the Dominican Republic by 11 points and in Morocco by 10 points. Even in countries where girls and boys are at the same level in reading in the early grades, as in Lithuania and Norway, the gap in favour of girls rises to roughly 15 percentage points by age 15.

"Although more data is needed, recent releases have helped paint an almost global picture of gender gaps in learning outcomes right before the pandemic. Girls are doing better than boys in reading and in science and are catching up in mathematics. But they are still

far less likely to be top performers in mathematics because of continuing biases and stereotypes. We need gender equality in learning and ensure that every learner fulfils their potential," said Manos Antoninis, Director of UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report.

The researchers examined studies by the Latin-American Laboratory for Assessment of the Quality of Education (LLECE), Programme D'Analyse Des Systemes Educatifs de la CONFEMEN (PASEC), Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics (SEA-PLM) and Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) surveys.

The Luxury Collection now on the stands

Chandigarh - The Luxury Collection, India's most preferred luxury lifestyle magazine, with multinational readership, has just released the first issue of its Volume 8. This issue features a list of things to do or buy this summer: Luxurious staycations at JW Marriott and GIR national park, Summer vacation destinations, summer skin care, brands you need to look out for, luxury automobiles and yachts A key objective for The Luxury Collection in 2022 is to make the magazine available digitally, given the changed paradigm due to the pandemic, as well as exploring co-branding initiatives with luxury brands and cover stories based on readers' interests. Ms Uzma Irfan, Founder & Editor in Chief, The Luxury Collection, said "As the beacon for luxury in India, we have the responsibility to take the lead in keeping the luxury publishing arena state of the art, and The Luxury Collection is now available for subscription in both print & digital formats. We are also constantly reinventing ourselves to stay ahead of the luxury curve and have ongoing initiatives to understand our customers' interests better and align our content more closely with them."

Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance leads the private insurance sector

LUdhIANA: Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited continued to clock impressive growth on individual rated new business (IRNB) premium by registering a 49.4% growth in FY2022. The company recorded the highest growth (among the top 10 private players) of 39.3% in the month of March 2022 alone, at the back of its comprehensive range of products, innovative digital services and a robust sales network. Tarun Chugh, MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz Life, commented, "Happy to have wrapped the previous financial year with a strong growth of 49% in individual rated new business premium (the highest amongst the top-10 private market players on IRNB basis). It's a reflection of our consolidated efforts across business parameters - including quality of the business we write, persistency that we are focusing on and working towards being a preferred partner when it comes to investing towards any long-term financial goals.

Gold remains resilient amid heightened global uncertainty

Chandigarh: The global gold market saw a solid start to 2022, with first quarter demand (excluding OTC) up 34% year-on-year, thanks to strong ETF flows, reflecting gold's status as a safe haven investment during times of geopolitical and economic uncertainty. Louise Street, Senior Analyst EMEA at the World Gold Council commented: "The first quarter of 2022 has been a turbulent one, marked by geopolitical crises, supply chain difficulties and surging inflation. These global events and market conditions have solidified gold's status as a safe haven holding, not just for investors but also for retail consumers thanks to its unique position as a dual-natured asset class. Geopolitical crises weighed heavily on the global economy and reinvigorated investor interest, pushing the gold price briefly to US\$2,070/oz in March, just shy of its all-time high. The World Gold Council's latest Gold Demand Trends Report reveals gold ETFs had their strongest quarterly inflows of 269t since Q3 2020, more than reversing the 17t annual net outflow from 2021 and driven in part by the rising gold price.

Tata AIG General Insurance announces the launch of "Tata AIG Criti-Medicare"

Chandigarh: Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited announced the launch of Tata AIG Criti-Medicare, a health insurance plan offering coverage up to 100 critical illnesses and hospital cash benefits. The distinctive feature of this product is that customers can choose multiple sections to fit one's own requirement. Looking at the high probability of falling into the trap of lifestyle diseases today and the hardship individuals undergo, Tata AIG General Insurance has conceptualised and launched Tata AIG Criti-Medicare to offer extensive financial protection in times of unexpected and serious medical ailments. Tata AIG Criti-Medicare's Critical Illness offers two plans, i.e Smart-Smart Premier Plan (100 Critical Illness) and Smart Half Century Plan (50 Critical Illness), which pay a lump sum amount if the insured person is diagnosed with any of the listed critical illnesses. With the option of Do It Yourself, the policyholder can choose from Critical Illness and Cancer 360 Degree under one policy. The insured gets an option to choose survival period from 0/715 days, in case of critical illness.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Clocks Two Million Cumulative Wholesales in India

CHANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced that the company has achieved a significant milestone of two million cumulative wholesale units, ever since its inception in India. The company registered this feat in April 2022, while handing over the Cool New Glanza as the 2 millionth vehicle from its dealership, Nippon Toyota at Trichur, Kerala. Expressing his gratitude, Mr. Atul Sood, Associate Vice President, Sales, and Strategic Marketing, TKM said, "We are thrilled that 2 million customers trust Toyota for their mobility needs. In this journey towards 2 million happy customers, we have come a long way. Over the last two decades, Toyota has developed a solid foundation of renowned Quality, Durability, and Reliability (QDR) and we hope we will be able to cater to more segments as well as newer markets in 2022 and beyond, helping us achieve our ultimate goal of delivering 'Mass Happiness to All'. Over the years TKM has continued to expand its world-class lineup to provide a wide range of options, tailored to meet the evolving needs of Indian customers. While cult offerings like the Innova Crysta and the Fortuner have fortified the brand's dominance in the MPV & SUV segments, new launches like the Urban Cruiser and the Glanza have further reinforced Toyota's commitment.

INDUS HEALTH PLUS LAUNCHES MEDNAwise, a genetic solution in precision medicine

Chandigarh: Indus Health Plus, a pioneer in the preventive healthcare sector, is expanding its genetic testing portfolio by launching MEDNAwise, a genetic solution in precision medicine. MEDNAwise testing helps to understand which drug suits you best, manage your treatment and increase its effectiveness. MEDNAwise can also be used as predictive personalized medication guide for those who like to be one step ahead. The MEDNAwise testing is based on Pharmacogenomics, a study that uses your genetic information to predict your response to certain drugs/medicines. This can help the doctors prescribe safer & more effective medication. Genes influence your drug metabolism and sensitivity towards the drug. Hence, for any given drug, there are two types of people - those who respond to standard medication at a standard dose and those who don't. For those who do not respond, there will be a requirement of either an alternate medication or a change of dosage. A person will metabolize the medicine in the following ways for any drug. Speaking around the launch Mr. Arno Naikawadi, Joint Managing Director, Indus Health Plus said "With the advancement in the field of genetics, individuals are now equipped to make better decisions for their health and well-being.

NEWS/BUSINESS

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

Ray of hope for cancer patients

Chandigarh: After dealing with a worldwide pandemic, people started to understand the worth of Ayurveda and implement the holistic and natural way to deal with diseases because somewhere we all want to heal naturally without any side effects from various kinds of health issues. So the question arises here what is that one thing in our body, on which all kinds of treatments depend. As you know everything depends on the power of our body to fight against diseases and that power is called immunity. The immune system is the key to fight every kind of disease. This is the demand of the time that there should be something magnificent that would directly strengthen our immune system. Scientist and inventor Mr. Munir Khan dedicated his valuable experience and knowledge to invent a solution for spreading well-being. The purpose behind every invention should be noble and Mr. Munir Khan had a

passion and mission that aimed at the eradication of ailments and human sufferings. The pursuit of this mission gave birth to his passion. His noble work towards his passion was appreciated and he received awards like the 6th Bharat Ratna DR Ambedkar Award, all India

After inventing Body Revival Mr. Khan has finally found his way and he started his mission to heal patients of deadly diseases like cancer. Body Revival prolonged life to so many cancer patients thus Body Revival became the greatest achievement of his life.

Body Revival is a liquid suspension formula based on immunotherapy and cell regeneration. Body Revival is an innovative formula based on the principle of immunotherapy and cell regeneration with its roots deep in the science of Ayurveda. It aims at strengthening the self-healing abilities of the body's immune system to fight even diseases like cancer.

The most amazing thing about Body Revival is that it has the power to heal diseases like cancer and it successfully alleviates patients for the last 25 years. Body Revival has positively affected one lakh patients till today; you must be wondering that how it is possible that an Ayurveda-based formulation can heal cancer.



Veet launches its new campaign with Katrina



GURUGRAM : Veet®, the world leader in depilatory products, launched its new campaign with brand ambassador Katrina Kaif. The campaign focuses on equipping and catering to the needs of the modern, multifaceted, young women of today with Veet's Cold Wax Strips. Directed by popular filmmaker Punit Malhotra, the campaign 'The Better Way to Wax' speaks to women seeking quick and effective hair removal solutions during peak summer months. Veet Cold Wax Strips have quickly become popular with women due to the ease of use and great results at home. Cold waxing offers better results than the more common hot sugar waxing, minus the discomfort, mess, and loss of time that is important for women who are on the go and looking for a quick fix for hair removal, without compromising on results. Speaking about the campaign, Mr. Dilen Gandhi, Regional Marketing Director, South Asia – Health & Nutrition, Reckitt, said, "We understand that the multifaceted woman of today is looking to make her life simpler with innovative, easy to use solutions without compromising results.

Manju is among Top 10 Finalist for inaugural Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award

Chandigarh: Chandigarh based nurse Manju Dhandapani is among the Top 10 Finalists for the inaugural Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award initiated by Aster DM Healthcare. The winner will be announced on 12th May 2022, celebrated as International Nurses Day in Dubai, and will win a cash prize of \$250,000. The city's residents have added to the pride not only of Chandigarh but to the entire nation with the nomination, which underscores her outstanding and selfless contribution over the years. Manju is a faculty member at the National Institute of Nursing Education, Chandigarh and is the Secretary of the Society of Indian Neuroscience Nurses. She holds a Postgraduate degree from the Institute of Medical Education and Research- Chandigarh. She has been bestowed with the Society of Indian Neuroscience Nurse's "Best Neuro Nurse Award" and PGIMER's "Best Publication Award." The nomination to the inaugural Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award underlines her dedicated efforts as it was chosen from over 24,000 nurses from more than 184 countries. As many as 181 applications were shortlisted and put forward, from which The Grand Jury reviewed the final 41 and declared the top 10. Speaking on the top 10 finalists and the



upcoming award ceremony to be held on 12th May – International Nurses Day, at The Atlantis, Dubai, Dr Azad Moopen, Founder, Chairman and Managing Director of Aster DM Healthcare, said, "With over 7000 nurses as the main pillar of our organization, we at Aster witness their commitment and compassion every single day. During this pandemic, their critical contribution with dedication and sacrifice, putting their safety and lives at risk, was brought to the forefront globally."

Airtel Partners Cisco, Apollo Hospitals to Demonstrate 5G Connected Ambulance

Chandigarh : Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), India's premier communications solutions provider, partnered with Apollo Hospitals and Cisco to create a 5G Connected Ambulance that transforms access to healthcare and save lives in emergency situations. The demonstration was conducted in Bengaluru over the 5G trial spectrum allotted to Airtel by the Department of Telecom. The custom-designed state-of-the-art 5G Connected Ambulance is equipped with the latest medical equipment, patient monitoring applications, and telemetry devices that transmit the patient health data to the hospital in real-time. In addition, it is also equipped with onboard cameras, camera-based Headgear, and Bodycams for paramedic staff – all connected to the ultra-fast & low latency Airtel 5G network.

Microtek International meets ambitious 26% growth in FY 2021-22 with new verticals

New Delhi : Microtek – One of India's most trusted brands continued to surge ahead with its impressive success, clocking 26% growth in the fiscal year 2021-2022. The company recorded a turnover of Rs. 1700cr in FY 2021-22. Banking on the overwhelming success of the past few years coupled with the expansion of its product lines, Microtek has set a growth target of more than 50% for FY 2022-23. "I am very proud to say that in spite of the challenges induced by the pandemic, we have expanded our business and taken care of all of our employees who continue to remain the backbone of our entity. We are the number one UPS and inverter brand in the country. While we will continue to build on these categories to further enhance our position in the market, our focus would be on our newer categories including solar, electrical, and healthcare to serve consumer needs in these categories as well" said Mr. Subodh Gupta, CMD, Microtek International Private Limited. Whilst, the last two years have seen almost every industry in the world suffer setbacks, due to severe disruptions in manufacturing and supply-chain activities due to the several measures such as lockdowns and other limitations imposed by governments all over the world. However, Microtek has forayed into new segments like healthcare and solar power and expanded its footprint in India as well as an exporter to 20+ countries.

Wipro GE Healthcare Launches 'Made in India' CT System

CHANDIGARH: Wipro GE Healthcare, a leading global medical technology and digital solutions innovator, today, announced the launch of its next-generation Revolution Aspire CT (Computed Tomography) scanner. Revolution Aspire is an advanced imaging solution designed and manufactured end-to-end in India, at the newly launched Wipro GE Medical Devices Manufacturing plant, in line with 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative. The CT system is equipped with higher imaging intelligence to improve clinical confidence when diagnosing diseases and anomalies. Dr. Shrawan Subramanyam, Managing Director, Wipro GE Healthcare said, "We at Wipro GE Healthcare are committed to India's vision of self-reliance. With Revolution Aspire CT system we aim to cater to the underserved markets and bridge the access gap to quality healthcare. We look forward to aligning closely with the government and will continue to invest medical devices 'made in India, for India and for the world'; and advance our mission of enabling 'healthcare for all.' India faces a dual challenge of urban-rural divide and disease burden. Even though a major proportion of the population lives in rural areas, the majority of health facilities are concentrated in select large cities. India also depends on imports for higher-end medical products such as cancer diagnostics, medical imaging tools, amongst others. With the Government emphasizing early diagnosis of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and self-reliance, through Ayushman Bharat, there is an increased demand for advanced medical devices. The Revolution Aspire CT aims to address this need and enable access to quality medical equipment across India, including tier 2 and tier 3 cities.

ICICI Bank launches India's first comprehensive, open-for-all digital ecosystem for MSMEs

GURUGRAM : ICICI Bank today announced that it has launched India's first comprehensive digital ecosystem for all Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, including customers of other banks. The ecosystem has three pillars: i) enhanced banking services for existing customers, ii) a bouquet of banking services to MSMEs, who are customers of other banks, iii) a whole range of value-added services for all. The ecosystem, which offers an array of industry-first solutions, brings forth a significant shift from the existing industry practice where banks offer services only to their customers. Anyone can avail of the benefits of ICICI Bank's digital solutions by simply downloading the new version of the InstaBiz app, a super app for businesses, from Google Play Store or Apple App Store, or at the Bank's Corporate Internet Banking (CIB) platform.



Omaxe secures Rs 440 cr funding from VårdePartners

LUdhiana : Omaxe, one of India's leading real estate development companies, today said it has raised Rs 440 crore from VårdePartners, a leading global alternative investment firm. The company said it will deploy the funds for expediting construction and delivery of its projects as well as for expansion. Omaxe Group is developing integrated townships in New Chandigarh, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Indore and Faridabad. It is also developing a multilevel parking cum commercial project in PPP model with North Delhi Municipal Corporation in Chandni Chowk, Delhi scheduled for delivery in this fiscal. The Group has so far delivered approx. 127.89 million sq. ft. (till December 2021) in real estate and construction contracting. Commenting on the development, Atul Banshal, Director Finance, Omaxe Ltd. said: "Over the last three decades, Omaxe has built a reputation among homebuyers, investors and financial institutions based on strong fundamentals & financial discipline, quality construction, consistent delivery and a healthy return on investment. We will double down on investments in the cities driving our growth to develop new-age and world-class residential, commercial and retail destinations. We are not doing just this one transaction with Vårdebut looking to create a long-term partnership across projects". In the last two financial years, Omaxe has repaid net Rs. 550 Crores to lenders as principal payment and reduced its debt from Rs. 1400 Crores to Rs. 850 Crores.

108 Ambulance witnesses 64% Rise in Emergency Cases

Punjab, 28 April 2022: Ziqitza Healthcare Limited responsible for handling 108 Ambulance emergency lifesaving service across the state of Punjab saw a steep rise in the emergency with almost 64% rise. An immediate assistance to over 15,618 people from February 2022 to April 2022, as compared to i.e., 9,524 for the same period previous year was served on ground. A fleet of 299 well equipped 108 Ambulance, manned by capable staff continues to ensure that each case was managed well, by timely admission to the hospital by clocking on time service in the golden hour and thereby saving precious lives. 108 Ambulance aims to give every patient the best possible emergency support. Of the 15,618 emergencies, 8,115 were accidental cases while 7,503 were medical emergencies. In line with the prime objective of serving people in distress, 108 centralized call centre played significant role by promptly assisting the cases with strong support. According to the data, almost every city saw rise in the cases in terms of Accident and Medical Emergencies. Ludhiana saw 2514 cases vs 1760 last year, Jalandhar saw 1192 cases vs 965 last year, SAS Nagar saw 966 cases vs 822 last year. 108 Ambulance is playing an active role in serving the people in need by increasing its emergency services and helping people get timely medical assistance.

Snap Inc. Announces New Augmented Reality Tools and Camera Features

CHANDIGARH: Camera company, Snap Inc. today announced at its annual Snap Partner Summit an array of new features across its platform and demonstrated how the AR experiences it has built alongside its partners seamlessly weave into our daily lives, improving the way we live, learn, communicate, and even shop. What was once a vision for a future with computing overlaid on the world around you, is now reality, and available through the Snap Camera, today. Alongside new features, Snap announced that Snapchat now reaches over 600 million monthly and more than 332 million daily active users around the world. Snap also now works with over half a million partners, creators, and developers to provide its community with innovative products and services. Over the past year, Snapchatters have shared content from partners' apps, like songs from Spotify or tweets from Twitter, over 6 billion times on Snapchat. And finally, Snapchat is ranked the #1 happiest platform when compared to other apps. Snap's AR community is building real businesses using Snap's technology. These developers represent almost every country in the world and have built over 2.5 million Lenses that have been viewed over 5 trillion times. To help support further AR innovation, Snap today introduced features including Lens Cloud. Lens Cloud is a freely available collection of backend services that vastly expands what developers can build in AR. Storage Services, Location Services, and Multi-User Services will unlock more dynamic, useful, and interactive AR. Camera Kit has lots of momentum with brands like Samsung, Disney, and Microsoft's Flipgrid, to developers making an app for the very first time.

Hindware expands into the tiles segment with Hindware Italian Tiles



Chandigarh: The iconic bathware brand 'Hindware', today announced its expansion into tiles segment with Hindware Italian Tiles. With this, the company inaugurated a depot in Rajpura (Punjab) and announced that it will open 18 such depots across India. Currently, the company holds the largest network spread amongst any bathware company, with its presence in 259 cities. Catering to the North Market, the depot at Rajpura is expected to serve distributors & retailers across Punjab, Himachal, Jammu & Kashmir and parts of Haryana. Sudhanshu Pokhriyal, Chief Executive Officer, Bath & Tiles Business, Brilloca Limited said, "Hindware is a household name, and has been at the forefront of industry-first designs and innovations. Today as we inaugurate our first tiles depot for Hindware Italian Tiles in Rajpura, Punjab, we anticipate a stronger relationship with our retailers to easily address customers across the northern region." Charu Malhotra Bhatia, Vice - President, Marketing, Brilloca Limited said, "With this launch, we aim to tap consumers that are looking at a trusted brand to offer a myriad of bathware solutions under one umbrella.

Philips Domestic Appliances aims to make life more convenient with its new Juicer Mixer Grinder

Jalandhar :-- Who said juicing at home was a hassle? Philips Domestic Appliances India Ltd., a leading player in small appliances, today launched a breakthrough juicer mixer grinder – HL7568/00 designed for convenience and efficiency. With the promise to maximize a stress-free juicing experience, this new range of JMGs give a power-packed performance riding on its innovative design which saves time associated with assembling, juicing, and cleaning. With the adoption of healthier lifestyles and increasing awareness among consumers, juicer mixer grinders (JMGs) have become an even more essential part of today's Indian kitchen. While it is meant to reduce time and effort in the kitchen, the biggest pain point for consumers are issues related to multiple parts, steps related to assembling and cleaning. At Philips Domestic Appliances, we understand that consumers are looking for simpler and quicker solutions to meet their day-to-day needs and the new Philips JMG ensures that, along with helping them to stay fit & healthy. Commenting on the launch, Dipranjan Chakraborty, Director Consumer Marketing, Philips Domestic Appliances, said, "Given the pandemic, health has become more important than ever and adopting mindful eating and drinking habits, including juicing is the key. While healthy living is of utmost priority, we are living a fast-paced life and want to adopt products that also make life more convenient.



Astaberry names Mouni Roy as its brand ambassador

Shimla/Karnal : Gurgaon-based, personal care home grown manufacturing company Ivia Beaute Pvt Ltd with their flagship brands 'Astaberry' and 'Ikin' recently launched their new product range of Hair Removal Creams and Wine Facial Kits. Inspired by Ayurveda and formulated with Science, the move is to create a one-stop solution for all personal care needs and also to expand their ever-growing cruelty free, vegan & eco-friendly product range comprising of Hair removal creams, Face Wash, Sunscreen, Home Facial Kits, Onion Oil and Shampoo. Popular actress and model Mouni Roy has been signed as the face of the brand 'Ikin Hair Remover Cream'. Ivia Beaute Pvt. Ltd., a venture from the house of BHIMSAINI, a pioneer in the Kajal Industry & a leading manufacturer & distributor of Natural Skincare, Healthcare & Eyecare products since 1950 catering to Indian as well as global market.



skin is a daily ritual and it needs to be pampered with the goodness of nature and that's what the essence of this campaign is with the face of our brand, Mouni Roy. Astaberry products are enriched with the goodness of Ayurveda, the age-old Indian science based on active natural ingredients, blended with modern formulations & distinct fragrances. The newly launched Astaberry Wine Facial Kit and Wine Face Wash are becoming popular with millennials and salon owners alike."

Alok Bansal of Visionet Systems India discusses how companies can foster psychological safety at work

Chandigarh: Alok Bansal, Visionet Systems India's MD and Global Head of BFSI Business, says companies need to adopt flexible and compassionate policies especially during the pandemic. On World Day for Safety and Health at Work (28 April) Mr. Alok Bansal, Visionet Systems India's MD and Global Head of BFSI Business says, "Feeling safe also includes knowing that you can share your concerns with your team leaders without being silenced. That in a medical crisis, your company will stand by you. That it will provide you help if you are dealing with psychological issues." These are some of the steps his company Visionet Systems has taken to ensure workplace safety at many levels. Gender inclusive spaces: Alok Bansal says, gender diversity is at the heart of Visionet Systems and adds, "A workplace where women are in leadership positions, and are encouraged to reskill themselves to grow further, all female employees feel safe and empowered. We are also encouraging women to join our skilling program, 'Unnati for India' so that the company can benefit from more diverse perspectives." Sensitive HR policies: Alok Bansal says, "During the toughest days of the pandemic, we took care of medical emergencies with insurance coverage, facilitated vaccinations and offered paid leave to those facing a health crisis or dealing with care-giving. We also offered flexible work options and provided a mental health helpline." For women employees, HR policies at Visionet include adequate maternity and period leave, equal pay, growth and mentorship opportunities. Open communication channels : Says Alok Bansal, "We made sure to connect with teams and individuals over a virtual coffee hour at a time when physical interaction was impossible. It is important to make your team members feel that they are not just cogs in the wheel but individuals who are appreciated for their contribution to the company." Recognition and rewards : Says Alok Bansal, "At Visionet, we know that just words are not enough and so incentivising achievements is part of our work culture.

Bonn Group ropes in Sonam Bajwa as brand ambassador

CHANDIGARH : Leading FMCG player Bonn Group, well known for manufacturing world-class bread and bakery products in India, has on-boarded award-winning actress Sonam Bajwa as brand ambassador for its Americana biscuit range of premium biscuits. As a part of this association, Sonam will be promoting the Americana biscuit range on several multimedia platforms. Mr. Amrinder Singh, Director, Bonn Group of Industries said "We are exhilarated to welcome Sonam Bajwa into the Americana family. She is a brilliant actor and has recently built a strong fanbase with her amazing talent and back-to-back hit movies. Sonam has associated with us when we are aggressively expanding our manifestation and operations. I believe her charm and vibrant personality will certainly add more value to our Brand. Reflecting further, Mr. Amrinder Singh said that Americana's premium digestive range of biscuits is made up of whole wheat for easy digestion and a happy gut. The Brand also has a whole wheat multigrain cracker in its healthy product range. He proudly states that Americana is also the market leader in the coconut biscuit segment in North India. Americana has become a leading brand with the joint efforts of the stakeholders including all the valued customers. Asked about the availability of Americana brand biscuits in the market, Mr. Singh said that the products are available in more than 1,50,000 outlets in North India, including Punjab, Haryana, and NCR Delhi.



Gold remains resilient amid heightened global uncertainty

GURUGRAM : The global gold market saw a solid start to 2022, with first quarter demand (excluding OTC) up 34% year-on-year, thanks to strong ETF flows, reflecting gold's status as a safe haven investment during times of geopolitical and economic uncertainty. Geopolitical crises weighed heavily on the global economy and reinvigorated investor interest, pushing the gold price briefly to US\$2,070/oz in March, just shy of its all-time high. The World Gold Council's latest Gold Demand Trends Report reveals gold ETFs had their strongest quarterly inflows of 269t since Q3 2020, more than reversing the 173t annual net outflow from 2021 and driven in part by the rising gold price. Meanwhile, gold bar and coin demand was 11% above its five-year average at 282t. However renewed lockdowns in China and high prices in Turkey contributed to a 20% year-on-year decline, compared to the very strong Q1 2021. Turning to the jewellery sector, global gold demand fell 7% year-on-year to 474t, driven primarily by softer demand in China and India. Despite a strong performance in China over the Lunar New Year period, this was later dampened by Covid outbreaks in February and March leading to strict lockdowns as China continues to follow its zero-covid policy.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Alumni Meet held at LR DAV College



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: Under the patronage and able guidance of Principal (Dr.) Anuj Kumar Sharma, Alumni Meet was held at Lajpat Rai D.A.V.College, Jagraon on April, 28, 2022. Principal, Dr. Anuj Kumar Sharma, delivered warm welcome to the alumnus and shared his views about the glorious history of the institution and the institution feels proud on seeing its successful alumni. During their meet, the alumni community also shared their experience of the outside world, which they faced after stepping out of the institution. The meet also created a platform to forge a strong bond with the alma mater. Around 50 alumnus of this college took part in the meet, and expressed their college experiences. It gives a sense of elation in mentioning that some of our students have made a mark in variegated walks of life both at the state, national and International levels.

Distressed by long and undeclared cuts of electricity, shopkeepers Vyapar mandal raise slogans against Powercom



R. SINGH PATHANKOT: Distressed by the long and unannounced power cuts of several hours for the last several days, members and shopkeepers of the Pathankot Vyapar Mandal, under the chairmanship of President Amit Nayyar, expressed their anger by raising slogans against the power work. It seems that the work of the shopkeepers is being affected continuously. Unhappy with the frequent power cuts, the trade board demonstrated that the traders allege that even after all the complaints, no solution is being given to the problem at the departmental level, only repair and the shopkeepers have warned that if the power cuts are not curbed soon, then they will be forced to hit the streets, on this occasion President Amit Nayyar, Punjab Secretary LR Sodhi, Punjab Joint Secretary Sunil Mahajan, District Chairman Chacha Ved Prakash, District Incharge Bharat Mahajan, Senior Vice Principal Incharge Rajesh Puri, Pattern Rajesh Sharma, Journal Secretary Arun Gupta, PRO Narinder Walia said that the business has reached the verge of stagnation due to the cuts which take several hours, the industry is also affected. It is true that the goods are not reaching the shops of traders on time, the common people are also facing a lot of trouble, but he said that the government and powercom management should take appropriate steps soon, closing the power cuts and providing adequate electricity to the people.

Mahan kirtan darbar on 1st May at Gurdwara Model Town Pathankot- Sahni

R. SINGH PATHANKOT: Disclosing this here today Manpreet Singh Sahni President of Gurdwara Singh Sabha Model Town Pathankot said that Mahan Kirtan Darbar dedicated to the 400th birth anniversary of Sahib Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji would be held at Gurdwara Sahib on Sunday 1st May in association with the Sangat. He said that Sri Akhand Path Sahib would be inaugurated on April 29 and kirtan would be held on May 1 after the bhog of the recitation which would end at 2 pm. In which Bhai Sahib Bhai Gurkirat Singh Hazuri Ragi Jatha Sri Darbar Sahib Amritsar Sahib, Bhai Jagdeep Singh Gurdaspur Vale, Bhai Rashpal Singh, Bhai Guribal Singh Hazuri Ragi Gurdwara Sahib Sri Guru Singh Sabha Model Town Pathankot Kirtan will entertain the sangat. During this time the Guru's langar will be distributed in full. He appealed to the sangat to arrive on time for the function.

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Electricity and Water Supply Position in City Very Grim

SD SHARMA PANCHKULA: The supply position of Electricity and water in Panchkula has turned from bad to worst for the last over a week. The citizens are left to reel under scorching heat with highest number of cuts in electricity power supply invariably affecting the water supply. The UHBVN has imposed as many as six power-cut today till 6.00pm today itself while the rest of the day is remaining and the citizens are a worried lot in view of the unprecedented discomfort due to unscheduled cuts. The President Senior Citizens Welfare association SK Nayyar reiterated that the department has declared maximum one cut of 40 minutes subject to adjustment due emergencies. But the affected power-cut timings from start to restoration of power-cut in Panchkula today, given below, exceed the limit of 40 minutes claimed Nayyar. Rest more period is still left to impose further more cuts during peak hours and night as well for residents to face the tune during peak summer of temperature crossed 41°C today.

Special drive launched to vacate illegal encroachments from panchayat lands in Pb



SHASHI JAIN KHARAR, APR 28

In order to remove the illegal encroachments from panchayat lands across the state, the Department of Rural development and Panchayats has launched a special drive on Thursday and freed 29 acres of panchayat land worth crores of value at Abhipur village under Block Majri, near New Chandigarh. The officials took the possession of panchayat land in the presence of the Rural Development and Panchayat

Minister Kuldeep Dhaliwal, senior officials of the Revenue Department and the Rural Development and Panchayat Department. Divulging the details, cabinet minister Dhaliwal said that Bikram Singh encroached this panchayat land since 2007 even Collector of S.A.S. Nagar had issued orders for removal of encroachments in 2014, but panchayat department couldn't take over the possession due to some trivial legal hurdles. The panchayat minister informed that following directions of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Mann, he



had set a target for the officials to vacate illegal encroachments from 5,000 acres of panchayat land by 31st May, 2022 under a special drive across the state in the first phase. Commencing this special drive today, officials removed illegal encroachment from Mohali, he added. Answering a media query over Justice Kuldip Singh's report, Dhaliwal said that the report will be examined and appropriate action will be taken against perpetrators soon. The Minister for Rural Development and Panchayats also said that the

Punjab government is committed to remove encroachments from all panchayat lands in the state and these encroachments will be removed without any discrimination and the lands of the panchayats will be handed over to the panchayats. Director of Panchayat Department Gurpreet Singh Khaira, Deputy Director Joginder Kumar, Naib Tehsildar Majri Deepak Bhardwaj, DDPO SAS Nagar Jaswinder Singh Grewal, BDO Majri Block Jaspreet Kaur and Sarpanch village Abhipur Jaspal Kaur were also present on the occasion.

Sports Karate Association Punjab organises Advanced Karate Training Camp



R. SINGH PATHANKOT, APR 28

Punjab State Advanced Karate Training Camp was organized by Sports Karate Association Punjab under the leadership of District General Secretary Sensai Arjun Mashal at Neelkanth Sports Stadium, Pathankot. In which Karate Association of India General Secretary Rajneesh Chaudhary, State President Gaurav Sachdeva and District President Anirudh Sharma specially reached. During this, advance training of karate was given to all the players associated with the state. During this, Rajneesh Chaudhary appreciated the players of Punjab and said that the players of Punjab have also won medals in National, University and Khelo India. He said that the Sports Karate Association is doing a good job.

Sale Tax Lawyers hold meeting on GST issues



ANKUSH SHARMA LUDHIANA, APR 28

District Sale Tax Bar Association hold one meeting today at Bar Office, at Mini Secretariat under the leadership of Varinder Sharma President. In which many Advocates were present. In this meeting issue of checking of goods and vehicle by Department officials was discussed. On this occasion President Varinder Sharma said that some officials are harassing on the name of checking to tax payers, whereas when the government introduce the said tax, had assured that said tax system will provide easy system to them. But the situation is different and various tax payers are facing problems at the hands of officials. While addressing to meeting, Senior Advocate Sandeep Goyal and Harish Rai Dhanda suggested to tax payers to knock the door of High Court in these matters.

Students upset with power cuts during exam days

SARWAN QADIAN, APR 28

While the examinations of class X and class XII students have started, the students are looking very upset due to continuous unannounced power cuts in Punjab. Expressing deep concern on this matter, famous social worker Baldev Raj Gaurav Khosla, Vijay Kumar, Robin and Qadir etc. said that due to non-availability of physical classes in schools during continuous corona epidemic for the last two years, the studies of students was affected. Their knowledge was assessed through questions, but this time suddenly after the subjective question paper, the students are in a very confused state, they have to work hard day and night to complete their affected studies, but these days. Due to the shutdown of 800 MW power plant in Punjab, power supply is getting disrupted for hours due to which students are not able to prepare for their examinations properly. The newly formed Aam Aadmi Party government has announced to provide free electricity to the people of 300 units per month. But after the announcement, now the situation is that most of the rich people in the state are demanding that the government should reduce the rates of units instead of the free haphazard power supply, so that the public can get relief and the government also took off the 3 lakh crore debt that had been owed to Punjab. It is noteworthy that 75 years have passed since the independence of the country and despite being a developing country, we have not yet been able to meet the supply of electricity through thermal plants in our country, which is unfortunate in itself.



'Ukraine-Russia war may alter global order drastically

CHANDIGARH, APR 28

"Russian war in Ukraine may not be confined to Eurasia in terms of its implications for the world. It will affect the nature of bipolar world which at present is marked by US hegemony" argued experts participating in one-day seminar on "Ukraine Crisis, Emerging World Order & Implications for India" organized by Department of Defence and National Security Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh today that is 28th April, 2022. Dr Jaskaran Singh Waraich, Chairperson of the department, welcomed the guests present for the event and also highlighted the significance of the theme, while also giving the details of the objectives and the programme of the seminar.



While inaugurating the seminar Vice Chancellor Professor Raj Kumar emphasized on the changing nature of geo-political scenario of the world in the context of the ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict. He also highlighted the issues concerning India's foreign policy in this context. The inaugural speaker Admiral Sunil Lanba (ret.) former chief of Indian Navy, also, highlighted the historical perspective of the ongoing conflict and geopolitical trends. In his keynote address Lt Gen Raj Shukla (ret.)

delved on the major implications of Ukraine-Russia conflict and the change which may result in the aftermath of war. In the first technical session, Dr Meena Singh Roy, former senior researcher with IDSA discussed the genesis of the Ukrainian Crises. She highlighted the historical seeds of discontent and power balance emerging out of various alliances. Maj Gen Amarjit Singh (ret.) pointed out the trends unfolding in various parts of the world specifically in West Asia and their linkages with India.

SGPC delegation meets Uttarakhand Governor to discuss issue of Gurdwara Gian Godrhi, Haridwar

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, APR 28

A high-level delegation of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) today met Uttarakhand Governor Lt. Gen. (Retd) S. Gurmit Singh to discuss the issue of Gurdwara Gian Godrhi Sahib, Haridwar and submitted a memorandum demanding an early resolution to the long-pending issue. The SGPC delegation included Senior Vice-President S. Raghuji Singh, General Secretary S. Karnail Singh, SGPC member S. Rajinder Singh, SGPC's Sikh Mission Raipur, Chhattisgarh in-charge S. Gurmit Singh, and Sikh leader from Vishakhapatnam S. Dilshah Singh. The delegation leaders appealed to Uttarakhand Governor to intervene for resolving the issue of Gurdwara Gian Godrhi Sahib. Giving information in this regard, S. Raghuji Singh said, "SGPC is serious about the issue of Gurdwara Gian Godrhi Sahib and making constant efforts for the resolution of this issue. We met Uttarakhand Governor and demanded from him that Gurdwara Gian Godrhi Sahib at Har Ki Paurhi, Haridwar should be established again, so that, the issue of this historical shrine of Sikh Qaum (nation) could be resolved as per Sikh sentiments."



DC urges entrepreneurs to promote agro based industries in India

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Ben Stokes appointed as England Test team captain

AGENCY LONDON, APRIL 28

England Cricket Board on Thursday announced the appointment of all-rounder Ben Stokes as the men's Test team captain.

Stokes succeeded Joe Root in becoming the 81st captain of the England men's Test team. The ECB Interim Chair and Chief Executive Officer approved the appointment on Tuesday evening following the recommendation by the Managing Director of England Men's Cricket, Rob Key.

"I had no hesitation in offering the role of Test captain to Ben. He epitomises the mentality and approach we want to take this team forward into the next era of red-ball cricket. I am delighted that he has accepted, and he is ready for the added responsibility and the honour. He thoroughly deserves the opportunity," said Rob Key in an official statement.

Meanwhile, the newly appointed captain Stokes said, "I am honoured to be given the chance to lead the England Test team. This is a real privilege, and I'm excited about getting started this summer."

"I want to thank Joe (Root) for



everything he has done for English Cricket and for always being a great ambassador for the sport all across the world. He has been a massive part of my development as a leader in the dressing room, and he will continue to be a key ally for me in this role," he added.

Stokes made his Test debut in

December 2013 and has represented his country on 79 occasions at this level. He was named vice-captain in February 2017 and also stood in as captain when Root was absent for the birth of his second child in the summer of 2020.

The Durham star currently has 5,061 Test runs at an average of

Jayawardene backs him

MUMBAI: Former Sri Lanka great Mahela Jayawardene believes star all-rounder Ben Stokes will be a "brilliant" Test captain for England if he improves his performances in red-ball cricket. Stokes is likely to be formally introduced as England's new Test skipper in the near future, with the upcoming home series against New Zealand and India in June. "I think he (Stokes) will be a brilliant captain. He has been around for a while and shown again and again that he is a brilliant competitor and he is a different beast altogether when he is on the field. England haven't seen an all-rounder captaining their Test team for a long time and I think he is the ideal candidate. Having his type of character (as captain) might create a culture which they have had with white-ball cricket recently, but now need to find that same kind of culture with red-ball cricket," Mahela Jayawardene said on The ICC Review.

35.89. He has taken 174 wickets with the ball and is amongst the best all-rounders in the world.

Nehal Wadhwa sets new world record of 578

LUDHIANA,(RAJ KUMAR SHARMA)

Merely seven months back, Nehal was named the highest ever scorer in the 26 year history of JP Atray Memorial national ODI tournament. That day, he had beaten Lalit Yadav's 168 & Shikhar Dhawan's 161.

Today, his batting magic touched a new high. In the ongoing Punjab State U-23 tournament semifinals, the swash-buckling southpaw scored elegant 578 against Bathinda at Ludhiana. Ludhiana declared at 880 for 6.



The high points of this achievement include fastest 200, fastest 300, fastest 400 and fastest 500 ever.

Although this is not first class cricket but in his score of 578, 37 are 6s & 42 are 4s. Till today, Brian Lara was holding record for the highest individual score in first-class cricket, with 501 not out for Warwickshire against Durham at Edgbaston in 1994. This score included 72 boundaries (10 sixes, 62 fours). So, with Nehal's 79 boundaries, not only is this record broken but he also has maximum 6s to his credit in a single innings of cricket history. For IPL scouts, watching this innings would have been a feast. India B B Nimbalkar held highest individual score of 443 not out. Don Bradman's highest score in domestic cricket is 452 not out. It is worth mentioning that If it were not an outright win against Kapurthala with 7-0 points, Ludhiana won't be in the semifinals. Nehal's unbeaten 151 in the preceding match definitely put the team in a commanding situation but in the end, the opposite batters seemed all set and almost went towards a draw. Then Nehal took the ball in his hand and unseated three set batsmen in quick succession thereby taking his team to semifinals. When it comes to bowling he can bowl off break, leg break, pace & googly; all of them with ease. Nehal was not selected in this ongoing IPL season. Although he was a part of the Punjab's Mushtaq Ali Squad but didn't get a chance in playing 11; so he didn't have national T-20 stats to show. However, today's number & speed of boundaries would put any T-20 stats also to shame. Nehal says," Rajasthan Royals' Sangakara Sir & Zubin Bharucha Sir were both very encouraging at their facility at Nagpur. They spent quality time with me.

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NOTICE INVITING OFFERS FOR LEASING OF OFFICE PREMISES

Indian Bank invites offers in two bid system (technical & financial) to engage premises of 1200-1500 Sq Ft. carpet area with frontage not less than 20 ft. at ground floor with good parking facility, Preferably ready to move Building, for minimum lease period of 15 years for following locations for Shifting of Existing Branches.

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(2) Chaura Bazaar Ludhiana(1200 sq ft): Near Khushiram & Sons, Ludhiana

The details may be collected from Bank's Zonal Office, Ludhiana: SCF 88 Urban Estate Phase -1 Dugri Ludhiana-141013 or can be downloaded from Bank's websites www.indianbank.in. The last date of submission of offers at the above address in sealed cover superscripting Technical Bid and Financial Bid on prescribed format is 16/05/2022.

Offers from agents/brokers will not be accepted.

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E-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 03/UMB-2022-23 DATED 28.04.2022

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of dosing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1.	Provision of Shunter room at SRE station in c/w DFCCIL works in the section of SSE/W/L/SRE underADEN/SRE	2319604	46400	03 Months	20.05.2022
2.	Supply of 4820 Cum 65 mm gauge Machine crushed stone ballast on KALKA- SHIMLA Section in the section ofADEN/SML	5751251	115000	08 Months	20.05.2022
3.	Protection of slopes and track against rock/boulder falling etc. at Km. 6/0-1,13/14-15, 22/4-5, 37/10-13, 50/2-3, 64/4-5, 65/12-13, 70/11-12 on KLK-SML Section underADEN/SML.	4432676	88700	06 Months	20.05.2022
4.	Construction of 8 units staff quarters (Type-II & III) railway residential buildings at village Dolag near Kandaghat Railway station in lieu of quarters to be demolished coming in the NHAI's four laning alignment in the section of SSE/W/SML underADEN/SML.	15033901	225200	05 Months	20.05.2022
5.	Replacement of steel girder of bridge of Br.No: 61-A (2X3.66m) at Km 16/13-14 with PSC slab between NGWN-NMDA on SIR-DLPC section underADEN/SIR.	5232576	104700	03 Months	20.05.2022

NOTE : 1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Earnest Money will be as acceptable on-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 15.00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in 4. GST will be levied as per GSTAct. 2017.

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INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Barsar on behalf of Governor of H.P invited/Re-invited the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1.	C/O Link Road Bara Mahina Da Paron to Village Sakroha Via Jaral Km. 0/0 to 2/0. (SH:- P/L Soling in Km. 0/500 to 0/750 and M/T in Km. 0/0 to 0/500 (Under O.T.M.N.P Head) Time:- Two Months, Cost of Tender Forms:- Rs. 350.00 only, Eligible of Class:- D.	Rs. 5,46,545.00 only.	05-05-2022 From 10.30 A.M	Rs. 11,000.00 only.	12-05-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M
2.	C/O Link Road to Village Cheli Km. 0/0 to 1/0. (SH:- P/L G.S.B., W.M.M. and Tarring in Km. 0/0 to 0/500) (Under O.T.M.N.P Head). Time:- Two Months, Cost of Tender Forms:-Rs. 350.00 only, Eligible of Class:- D.	Rs. 5,75,856.00 only.	05-05-2022 From 10.30 A.M	Rs. 11,600.00 only.	12-05-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M
3.	C/O Saraswati Vidya Mandir School to Harizan Basti Ghumarth Km. 0/0 to 0/500. (SH:- P/L G.S.B., W.M.M. and Tarring in Km. 0/0 to 0/500) (Under S.C.S.P. Head). Time:- Two Months, Cost of Tender Forms:-Rs. 350.00 only, Eligible of Class:- D.	Rs. 5,53,280.00 only	05-05-2022 From 10.30 A.M	Rs. 11,100.00 only.	12-05-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M
4.	C/O Mata Vaishnoo Devi Mandir Chowk to Harizan Basti Suglani Dhangota Km. 0/0 to 3/500. (SH:- P/L G.S.B., W.M.M. and P/L Tarring in Km. 3/0 to 3/500) (Under S.C.S.P. Head). Time:- Two Months, Cost of Tender Forms:-Rs. 350.00 only, Eligible of Class:- D.	Rs. 5,53,280.00 only	05-05-2022 From 10.30 A.M	Rs. 11,100.00 only.	12-05-2022 Up to 10:30 A.M

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in

Sd/-

Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Division Barsar Distrit Hamirpur H.P Pin.174305

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

DPR-HP-0609/2022-2023

I will bowl above 155kmph one day: Umran Malik

AGENCY MUMBAI, APR 28

Young pace sensation Umran Malik says he would want to cross the 155kmph speed mark one day but his main focus remains on bowling at the right areas as he claimed his maiden five-wicket haul in the IPL here.

The 22-year-old from Jammu took Sun-risers Hyderabad on the verge of a win with figures of 5/25 before Rahul Tewatia and Rashid Khan pulled off a heist for Gujarat Titans by hitting four sixes in the final over to win the match by five wickets.

Though his efforts went for a losing cause, Umran was rightly adjudged the player of the match for his fiery spell of fast bowling, one of the finest in IPL history.

"The idea was to bowl fast and maintain length and plan the wickets. Like I dismissed Hardik bhai with a bouncer and shuffled up (Wriddhiman) Saha and bowled him out with a yorker," Malik said after the match on

Wednesday night.

"I tried to mix my bowling, and target the wickets as it is a small ground. Otherwise our bowling has done well."

Asked if he still fancies touching the 155kmph mark, he said: "I just want to bowl at the right areas and good wickets and if I have to bowl above 155mph, God willing, I will do one day."

Malik has been clocking in excess of 150 kmph consistently throughout the season and has picked up 15 wickets in eight matches at 15.93 average.

Introduced into the attack as late as the eighth over, Malik bowled devastatingly quick deliveries to scythe through the Gujarat Titans top-order, becoming the first IPL bowler to pick up all the first five wickets of an innings.

He rattled Shubman Gill's off stump for his first wicket, before removing Hardik Pandya with a combination of pace and bounce.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed item rate tender on from No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer Banjar Division, HP,PWD, Banjar on behalf of Governor of H.P. from the eligible contractors enlisted in HP,PWD for the following works, so as to reach in this office on or before 11.05.2022 up to 11.00 AM and the tender will be opened on the same day at 11.30AM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender forms can be had from this office against cash payment (non-refundable) up to 10.05.2022 at 4.00 PM. The application for issue of tender forms shall be received upto 3.00 PM on 09.05.2022.

The Earnest money in the shape of National Certificate/Time deposit/Saving Account in any of the post office/Saving Bank Account of Nationalized Bank in H.P. duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Banjar Division HP, PWD, Banjar must be accompany each tender. Conditional tender and the tender received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The offer of tender shall remain open for 90 days from the date of opening. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

All the contractors will have to bring with them attested copy of enlistment/ renewal/ exemption in earnest money. Contractor will be issued the tender forms only when they fulfill the terms and condition of form No.6 & 8. Contractors should be registered under HP, Sales TaxAct. 1968/GST.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time	Cost of form
1	Construction of Tharthach to Dalwar road Km.0/0 to 3/165 under SCSP. (SH:- Formation Cutting at RD-2/555 to 2/690)	490105	10000	Two months	350/-
2	Construction of Tharthach to Dalwar road Km.0/0 to 3/165 under SCSP. (SH:- Formation Cutting at RD-2/030 to 2/150)	491196	10000	Two months	350/-
3	Construction of Tharthach to Dalwar road Km.0/0 to 3/165 under SCSP. (SH:- Formation Cutting at RD-2/300 to 2/435)	485751	10000	Two months	350/-
4	C/O Bahu to Nagdhar, Dachahera, Dhardi, Chalehar Kamach & Bagi Km.0/0 to 4/100. (SH:- Formation Cutting at RD-3/390 to 3/540).	497002	10000	Two months	350/-
5	C/O Bahu to Nagdhar, Dachahera, Dhardi, Chalehar Kamach & Bagi Km.0/0 to 4/100. (SH:- Formation Cutting at RD-3/540 to 3/705).	489468	10000	Two months	350/-
6	Improvement of Black Spot on Bhainkapul to Kotla road Km. 0/0 to 10/800. (SH:- Providing and fixing "W" metal beam crash barrier at RD-3/750 to 3/900)	467479	9500	Two months	350/-
7	Restoration of rain damages on Bhainkapul to Kotla road Km. 0/0 to 10/800. (SH:- Construction of Retaining wall in cement concrete 1:4:8 at RD-7/845 to 7/852)	335803	6800	Two months	350/-
8	Improvement of Siund to Raila road Km. 0/0 to 19/0. (SH:- Construction of R/wall at RD-8/528 to 8/535) (Deposit)	485959	9800	Two months	350/-
9	Improvement of Siund to Raila road Km. 0/0 to 19/0. (SH:- Construction of R/wall at RD-15/040 to 15/054)(Deposit)	468550	9400	Two months	350/-
10	Improvement of Siund to Raila road Km. 0/0 to 19/0. (SH:- Construction of R/wall at RD-15/054 to 15/068)(Deposit)	468550	9400	Two months	350/-
11	Improvement of Siund to Raila road Km. 0/0 to 19/0. (SH:- Construction of R/wall at RD-15/068 to 15/082)(Deposit)	468550	9400	Two months	350/-
12	Improvement of Siund to Raila road Km. 0/0 to 19/0. (SH:- Construction of R/wall at RD-15/082 to 15/096)(Deposit)	468550	9400	Two months	350/-
13	Stock and storage. (SH:- Providing 2 Nos. blaster and 2 Nos. Chowkidar/Security Guards and hiring of explosive van w.e.f. 01.10.2021 to 30.04.2022 (7Months)	458608	9200	Seven months	350/-
14	Annual repair and Maintenance of Bhuiin Diyar road 0/0 to 12/500. (SH:- C/O 600mm dia Hume Pipe culvert at RD-1/990, Down stream catch pit & C/O RCC pipe drain (channelization of water from HP culvert to nearby Nallah)	409214	8150	Two months	350/-
15	Annual repair and Maintenance of Hurla Tharas Sachani road 0/0 to 10/500. (SH:- ROFD in various reaches at RD-5/280 to 5/300 and 5/490 to 5/520)	357295	7150	One month	350/-
16	Annual repair and Maintenance of Hurla Tharas Sachani road 0/0 to 10/500. (SH:- ROFD in various reaches at RD-6/0 to 6/030 and 6/140 to 6/155)	354698	7100	One month	350/-
17	C/O Bhadeuli Mathogi to Rahtar road Km.0/0 to 0/900. (SH:- Construction of Retaining wall at RD-0/522 to 0/530) (Under SCSP).	295791	5950	One Month	350/-
18	Link road from Paras Ram house to Balkameshwar temple Km.0/0 to 0/350. (SH:- P/L Kharanja soling L=100 mtr. & CC pavement at RD-0/0 to 0/350)	499960	10000	15 Days	350/-
19	A/R&M/O Luhari Aut Manikaran road Km.6/0 to 11/0. (SH:- C/O Retaining wall at RD-10/040 to 10/055)	484986	9700	Two months	350/-
20	C/O Bagar Nallah to Prohdhar- Sheglihdar-Mashu road Km.4/105 to 5/020. (SH:- ROFD at Km.4/105 to 4/405)	499498	10000	One Month	350/-
21	RRD on Garsa Hawai Gharat road Km. 0/0 to 7/215. (SH:- C/O Retaining wall at RD-2/670 to 2/685 with toe wall)	336566	6750	Two Months	350/-
22	RRD on Hurla Tharas Sachani road 0/0 to 10/500. (SH:- Construction of R/wall at Km.8/595 to 8/610 L=15 mtr.)	498321	10000	Two months	350/-
23	Construction of Govt. Degree College at Sainj Distt. Kullu (HP). (SH:- C/O Dumping site for construction work)	411438	8300	Two months	350/-
24	Construction of road from Chilyani to Naghar via Buhara Km.0/0 to 3/500. (SH:- Formation Cutting in RD-2/795 to 2/945)	483900	9700	Two months	350/-
25	Construction of road from Chilyani to Naghar via Buhara Km.0/0 to 3/500. (SH:- Formation Cutting in RD-2/600 to 2/795)	480561	9700	Two Months	350/-
26	Construction of I.T.I building at Sainj Distt. Kullu (HP). (SH:- Preparation of estimate of whole project as architectural drawing)	99900	2000	One month	350/-
27	C/O Khundan to Satyauagi road Km.0/0 to 7/600. (SH:- C/O Super Structure of 2 metre span slab culvert at RD-4/240) under SCSP.	110011	2200	Two Months	350/-
28	C/O Konsha to Devgarh road Km. 0/0 to 2/500. (SH:- Formation Cutting from Km.0/450 to 0/525)(Under MMSY)	450224	9000	Two months	350/-
29	C/O Konsha to Devgarh road Km.0/0 to 2/500. (SH:- Formation Cutting from Km.0/525 to 0/600) (Under MMSY)	460634	9200	Two months	350/-
30	Construction Garahon Dalwar road Km.0/0 to 2/700. (SH:- Construction of PCC R/wall at RD-0/930 to 0/940)	166759	3335	Two months	350/-
31	Removal of Formation Deficiency on Banjar Khabal Dimerchhari road Km.0/0 to 13/500. (SH:- Formation Cutting at RD-7/620 to 7/685)	489914	9800	Two months	350/-
32	Construction of Dimerchahri to Gashini Seraj road Km. 0/0 to 6/500. (SH:- Providing and laying filter media at RD-1/900 to 1/990)	499590	10000	Two months	350/-
33	RRD on Banjar Bathad road Km.0/0 to 20/0. (SH:- Construction of Retaining wall at RD-0/750 to 0/765)	265167	5400	Two months	350/-
34	Construction of Talara Panvi road Km.0/0 to 8/240. (SH:- Construction of R/wall at Km.1/050 to 1/070)	332726	6700	Two months	350/-
35	Construction of Helipad with approach road to Dhameuli (Banjar) Tehsil Banjar Distt. Kullu (HP). (SH:- Construction of R/wall at RD-0/022 to 0/033)	416428	8400	Two months	350/-
36	Construction of Helipad with approach road to Dhameuli (Banjar) Tehsil Banjar Distt. Kullu (HP). (SH:- Construction of R/wall at RD-1/0 to 0/011)	421920	8500	Two months	350/-
37	RRD on Challain Devgarh road Km.0/0 to 7/0. (SH:- C/O R/wall at RD-1/668 to 1/690)	302157	6100	Two months	350/-
38	C/O Deotha Jawali road Km.0/0 to 6/0. (SH:- C/O Breast wall at RD-4/460 to 4/488)	460367	9300	Two Months	350/-
39	Removal of Formation Deficiency Sainj Fagla Railla road Km.0/0 to 7/500. (SH:- C/O Retaining wall at RD-0/290 to 0/300)	320384	6500	Two Months	350/-
40	A/R&M/O Ruar Gharat Naroj Palgi road Km.0/0 to 4/300.9 (SH:- Metalling and Tarring in Km.0/0 to 0/230)	433194	8700	One Month	350/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

The contractors/Bidders must quote their PAN/Income Tax Number/GST No. on the tender along with the copy of the same be attached with the application. The contractor/Firms should attach copy of registration/Renewal with the application. Contractor/Bidder are advised to visit and examine the site where the work are to be carrying out and its surrounding. The contractors/Bidders should quote his rates Both in figure and words. Where there is any discrepancy between the rates in figure and in words. The rates in words will be governed. Contractors/Bidders must inspect the site to ascertain/familiar the site condition accessibility etc. before quoting the bid/tender. Conditional and telegraphic tenders shall not be accepted and rejected straightway. Tenders received after due date and time will be rejected. Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Executive Engineer Banjar Division, HP,PWD, Banjar.

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Aayush joins Salman Khan in 'Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali'

After 'Antim: The Final Truth', actor Salman Khan will once again share screen space with his brother-in-law Aayush Sharma in the film 'Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali'. Confirming the update, Aayush said, "Yes, I am a part of the film and I'm looking forward to experimenting with my cinematic aptitude with this project. From a romantic drama to an action film and now a family drama, I'm grateful for how my innings in the film industry have panned out. I've never wanted to limit my creative aesthetics within one genre and my creative aptitude has always been a reflection of versatility and diversity. Going forward I'd love to explore newer genres and newer formats that leverage my innate authenticity and passion for the performing arts."

Ajay Devgn, Kichcha Sudeepa engage in war of words

Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn, who's awaiting the release of his upcoming film, 'Runway 34', on Thursday, got into a war of words with South star Kichcha Sudeepa after the latter's comment on Hindi no longer being India's national language.

As per media reports, during an event, Sudeepa stated that "Hindi is no more a national language." Following this, Devgn took to his Twitter handle and expressed his views on Sudeepa's comment.

In Hindi, he wrote, "Kiccha Sudeep, my brother, according to you, if Hindi is not our national language then why do you release your native language [mother tongue] films by dubbing them in Hindi? Hindi was, is and always will be our mother tongue and national language. Jan Gan Man."

Soon after this tweet from the 'Shivaay' actor, Sudeepa responded by writing, "Hello @ajaydevgn sir.. the context to why i said tat line is entirely different to the way I guess it has reached you. Probably wil emphasis on why the statement was made when I see you in person. It wasn't to hurt, Provoke or to start any debate. Why would I sir."

"I love and respect every language of our country sir. I would want this topic to rest,,, as I said the line in a totally different context. Much love and wishes to you always. Hoping to seeing you soon," he added.

Explaining further, Sudeepa continued, "And sir Ajay Devgn sir, I did understand the txt you sent in hindi. Tats only coz we all have respected,

loved and learnt hindi. No offense sir,,,but was wondering what'd the situation be if my response was typed in kannada.!! Don't we too belong to India sir."

On hearing out Sudeepa's side of the argument, Devgn thanked him for "clearing up the misunderstanding."

He tweeted, "Hi @KicchaSudeep, You are a friend. thanks for clearing up the misunderstanding. I've always thought of the film industry as one. We respect all languages and we expect

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everyone to respect our language as well. Perhaps, something was lost in translation "

"Translation & interpretations are perspectives sir. Tats the reason not reacting without knowing the complete matter,,,matters. :) I don't blame you @ajaydevgn sir. Perhaps it would have been a happy moment if i had received a tweet from u for a creative reason. Luv&Regards," responded Sudeepa, as he concluded this Twitter conversation.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Ajay had recently announced his next venture 'Bholaa' a Hindi remake of the hit Tamil film 'Kaithi'. It will release on March 30, 2023, and also stars Tabu in a pivotal role of a super-cop.



It's a fan girl moment for Mouni Roy

There might not be a single Bollywood actor who doesn't adore Hrithik Roshan, and this time it's Mouni Roy who's fawning over him in a new social media post she uploaded on Wednesday. The 'Gold' actor took to her Instagram handle and shared a lovely photo from Amsterdam, where they have gone for a brand shoot. In the picture, the duo could be seen standing beside each other as Hrithik held up a victory sign. Mouni captioned the post, "From an amazing shoot day with this wonderful human."

Both of them were dressed in black and looked really wonderful as they posed against the beautiful European city backdrop. They exuded fantastic chemistry together. Fire and heart emoticons flooded the comment section, including actor Aashka Goradia, who commented with fire emoticons. Meanwhile, on the work front, Mouni will be seen in the upcoming multi starrer movie 'Brahmastra' which will be released on September 9 and Hrithik's 'Vikram Vedha' will be hitting the silver screen on September 30.



Andrew Garfield to take a brief break from acting

After working nonstop last year, actor Andrew Garfield is ready to take a break. "I'm going to rest for a little bit. I need to recalibrate and reconsider what I want to do next and who I want to be and just be a bit of a person for a while," Andrew told Variety. He added, "I need to just be a bit ordinary for a while." The 'Tick, tick...BOOM' star has decided to take a bit of rest after finishing work on FX's 'Under the Banner of Heaven', which is an adaptation of Jon Krakauer's 2003 true-crime book of the same name. He will be seen essaying a Mormon detective, who investigates the brutal murder of a mother (Daisy Edgar-Jones) and her baby daughter by fundamentalist followers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



It's a wrap for Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam, Boman Irani's 'Uunchai'

Shooting for the Amitabh Bachchan, Bomar Irani and Anupam Kher-starrer 'Uunchai' has come to a close. On Tuesday night, Kher took to Instagram and bid emotional adieu to his team, penning a heartfelt note.

"It is a WRAP. THANK YOU #SoorajBarjatya for your love, warmth, brilliance and compassion during the shooting of #Uunchai! This little jump action we all did was Soorajji's signature step when we did a good shot. We all did it for him as a tribute to his noble and humble royal direction during #Uunchai . This little skip is our little way of saying we love you. @uunchaithemovie #BestExperience #4thFilmWithSooraj," he wrote.

He also dropped a video from the sets, in which the whole team including actor Neena Gupta and director Sooraj Barjatya can be seen jumping in joy after wrapping up the final shoot. Big B, too, became emotional after the wrap and took to his blog and expressed his gratitude.

"The morning Chapel at assembly in Sherwood .. and the Head Prefect of the School read a portion of the Bible and after .. said .. 'and here endeth the lesson' ..the film UUNCHAI is over and the last works ended today .. farewell speeches emotions gratitude cheers and .. 'till we meet again,' he wrote.