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Mamata apologises for Trinamool minister's comments on President

KOLKATA: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today condemned and apologised for her minister's comments on President Droupadi Murmu. Saying it is not in her party's culture to make personal comments, she added the MLA has been cautioned over his comments and her party has also apologised. "We respect the President a lot. She is a very sweet lady, I apologise for the comments," Ms Banerjee said, adding that "Akhi (Giri) has done something wrong; I condemn the comments and I apologise. "Beauty is not about how you look, it is about how you are from the inside," she added.

Kharge pays homage to Nehru, calls him champion of democracy

NEW DELHI: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday paid paid homage to former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary and called him "champion" of democracy. Taking to Twitter, Kharge wrote, "Pandit Nehru — the maker of modern India. 21st India cannot be imagined without his tremendous contribution." "A champion of Democracy, his progressive thoughts furthered India's social, political and economic development, despite the challenges. My humble homage to a true patriot," the Congress chief said. Later, Kharge along with his predecessor Sonia Gandhi paid floral tributes to Nehru at Shanti Van here.

Retail inflation falls to 6.77 pc in October: Govt data

NEW DELHI: Retail inflation dropped to 6.77 per cent in October from 7.41 per cent in the preceding month, mainly due to easing prices in the food basket, though it remained above Reserve Bank's comfort level for the 10th month in a row, according to the government data released on Monday. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation has remained above the 6 per cent target since January this year. As per the latest data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the inflation in the food basket was 7.01 per cent in October as against 8.6 per cent in September.

Gyanvapi: Court defers decision, fixes Nov 17 as next date

VARANASI: A local court here on Monday deferred its decision on a plea seeking permission for daily worship of the Shivaling-like structure found in the wazookhana inside the Gyanvapi mosque complex. Anupam Dwivedi, the counsel of the plaintiff, said that the court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) Dr Mahendra Prasad Singh has now fixed November 17 as the next date of hearing. It may be noted that in the plea Adi Visheshwara Viraajman versus State of Uttar Pradesh and others, the plaintiff Kiran Singh has sought permission for daily worship of the Shivaling-like structure. Besides, it has also sought instructions.

Religious conversion by force, allurements very serious issue: SC

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The Supreme Court on Monday observed that forced religious conversion is a "very serious issue" and may affect the "security of the country" along with the freedom of conscience of citizens as far as religion is concerned.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and Hima Kohli directed the Centre to file an affidavit on a plea seeking stringent steps to control "fraudulent and deceitful religious conversion".

"It is a very serious issue which will affect the security of the nation and freedom of religion and conscience," said the bench as it posted the next hearing on



November 28.
During Monday's hearing, the bench

observed, "It is a very dangerous thing. Everyone has the freedom of religion. What is this forceful conversion?"

"There may be a freedom of religion, but no freedom of forced conversion. What steps has the government taken in this regard? The government should make its stand clear on what action it proposes to take. Conversion is allowed under the Constitution, but not forcible conversion," Justice Shah said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told the bench that conversions are rampant in tribal areas.

"Giving rice, wheat or other things to the poor for conversion... In tribal areas, this is rampant," Mehta said.

To this, Justice Shah asked Mehta, "Then what is the government doing?"

It then directed the Centre to file an affidavit by November 22 on the plea.

Dictating the order, the bench said, "It is better that Union of India may make their stand clear and file counter on what further steps can be taken or others to curb such conversion by force, allurements or fraudulent means. At the request of SG, (the next date of hearing on the plea) is posted on November 28. Counter affidavit to be filed by November 22."

The apex court made the observation on a plea filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay claiming that fraudulent and deceitful religious conversion is

rampant across the country and that the central government has failed to contain the practice.

The plea sought directions to the Law Commission of India to prepare a report and a Bill to control "deceitful religious conversion".

It further sought a declaration from the SC that fraudulent religious conversion and conversion by intimidation, threats or through gifts and monetary benefits is in contravention of articles 14, 21 and 25 of the Constitution.

The PIL said, "There is not even one district which is free of religious conversion by hook and cook and the carrot and the stick. The Centre is obligated to enact a countrywide law for the same."

I look forward to bring China-US relations back on track: Xi to Biden

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Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday said that he is looking forward to bringing China-US relations back on track with healthy and stable growth.

"In our meeting today, I am ready to have a candid and in-depth exchange of views on issues of strategic importance in the China-US relationship. I look forward to working with you to bring China-US relations back on track with healthy and stable growth," Xi Jinping told his US counterpart, Joe Biden.

US President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping have begun bilateral talks on the sidelines of the G20 meeting in Bali, Indonesia Monday evening local time.

Both leaders gave brief opening remarks and exchanged pleasantries in front of the media before the press were swiftly ushered from the room for the start of the high-stakes talks.

"Today, we finally have this face-to-face meeting. Currently, the China-US relationship is in such a situation that we all care a lot about it. We need to find the right direction for the bilateral re-



Modi reaches Bali, to discuss key issues of global concern

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold extensive discussions with G20 Leaders on key issues of global concern such as reviving global growth, food and energy security, environment, health, and digital transformation.

The Prime Minister made an announcement in a departure statement ahead of proceeding to Bali on Monday for the 17th G20 Leaders' Summit to be chaired by Indonesia.

"During the Bali Summit, I will have extensive discussions with other G20 Leaders on key issues of global concern, such as reviving global growth, food and energy security, environment, health, and digital transformation."

lationship going forward and elevate the relationship," added Xi.

On the US side, Biden was accompanied by a team including Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, and Ambassador of the United States to the People's Republic of China Nicholas Burns.

Xi was flanked by officials including Director of the Chinese Communist Party General Office Ding Xuexiang and Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Biden and Xi sat down at their tables, flanked by officials on each side.

Punjab: 513 drug smugglers held with 42kg heroin in a fortnight

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, NOV 14:

Amid the ongoing decisive war against drugs launched on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Punjab Police have arrested 513 drug smugglers/suppliers after registering 406 first information reports (FIRs), including 42 commercial, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) act across the state in last two weeks.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Headquarters Sukhchain Singh Gill, while addressing a Press Conference here on Monday, said that the Police have also recovered 42.36Kg Heroin, 18Kg opium, 12Kg Ganja, 9 quintals of poppy husk, and 74k tablets/capsules/injections/vials of Pharma opioids besides recovering Rs

14.80 lakh drug money from their possession.

He said that with 46 more Proclaimed Offenders (POs)/Absconders in NDPS cases arrested in the last two weeks, the total number of arrests reached 429 since the special drive to arrest POs/absconders was started on July 5, 2022. Pertinently, Director General of Police (DGP), Punjab Gaurav Yadav had given strict instructions to all the CPs/SSPs to investigate backward and forward linkages minutely in each and every case, especially related to drug recoveries, even if they recover a meager amount of drugs. Meanwhile, on the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Mann to make Punjab a drug-free state, extensive anti-drug drives have been launched by the Punjab Police to combat the menace of drugs from the border State.

1.5 million deaths directly attributed to diabetes every year: WHO

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The World Health Organisation has called for increased access to quality diabetes education for healthcare workers and people living with diabetes as part of efforts to achieve access for all to quality, affordable diabetes care, on the occasion of World Diabetes Day.

According to Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia, around 422 million people have diabetes, and 1.5 million deaths are directly attributed to diabetes every year around the world.

"In the WHO South-East Asia Region, more than 96 million people are estimated to have diabetes, and another 96 million to be pre-diabetic, causing at least 600 000 deaths annually. By 2045, unless urgent action is taken, the prevalence of diabetes in the Region is expected to increase by 68 per cent," Dr Poonam Khetrapal said.

She highlighted the seriousness of Diabetes and said that if detected late, or improperly managed, can lead to serious and life-threatening damage to the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys and nerves.

She also laid down the methods to reduce



the risk of type 2 diabetes.

"The risk of type 2 diabetes can be reduced through regular and adequate physical activity, healthy eating, and by avoiding tobacco and the harmful use of alcohol. If developed, type 2 diabetes can be managed through medication, control of blood pressure and lipids, and adherence to a healthy lifestyle. Type 1 diabetes, which affects more than 250 000 children and adolescents in the Region, cannot currently be prevented but can be managed. For people living with both types of diabetes, access to affordable treatment - including insulin - is critical to their survival," Dr Khetrapal said.

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Compensation amount for acquired land

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Resentment is growing among the farmers because the compensation amount for the land acquired from 22 villages in the district for the construction of the Ring Road Eastern Bypass has not yet been released to the landowners of most of the villages. Senior advocate Chaudhary Shakti Singh, appearing for the farmers, said that last year, in 2021, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and National Highways, Government of India, through the National Highways Authority of India, for the construction of the Outer Ring Road Eastern Bypass in the city, acquired the land of 22 villages in the district. The Competent Authority (Land Acquisition) and District Revenue Officer assessed the compensation for the acquired land and declared the award on June 24, 2022. But barring a few of these 22 villages, the amount of compensation has not yet been released to the landowners of most of the remaining villages, due to which there is a lot of resentment among the farmers. Advocate Shakti Singh submitted that half the compensation for this project was to be deposited by the central government and the remaining half by the state government with the competent authority. But the Haryana government has not yet deposited half of its share of compensation with the competent authority, due to which the rest of the landowners are still not getting their compensation amount. Advocate Shakti Singh has demanded the Haryana Government to immediately deposit its share of the compensation amount with the competent authority so that the compensation amount can be released to the landowners at the earliest and also pay interest to the landowners for the period of delay.

Contests held at GGC Chika on Children's Day



KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA-CHIKA: Various competitions on the role of youth in nation building were organized on the occasion of Children's Day in Government Girls' College, Chika. College Principal Rajendra Kumar Arora participated as the Chief Guest on this occasion. Congratulating the winning students, he said that today's youth are the driving force of the nation. Therefore, the overall development of a nation depends on the potential of the youth of that country. He said that the number of youth in India is the highest, and if they are guided in the right direction then this country can become the best in the whole world. Dr. Ravi Shankar, senior professor of the college, while presenting the vote of thanks, said that the college family is responsible for the all-round development of the female students and this type of organization is a helpful tool for this goal. On this occasion, the role of the jury was performed by Dr. Bhairavi, Dr. Rajni Gupta and Prof. Manish Goyal.

Rotary Club celebrates Children's Day at village school



SANJAY VERMA PEHOWA : Children's Day was celebrated today by the Rotary Club by cutting a cake with the children at a government school in village Dera Fateh Singh of Pehowa. Shoes and socks were distributed to the children by the Rotary Club and the members of the Rotary Club sat and ate food with the children. On this occasion, school staff and village sarpanch, Dr. Avneet Wardach, Rotary Club head, Rajeev Thareja, Project Manager, Deepak Baveja, Nortan Vasan, Shivcharan Bahl, Sachin Gulati, Mohit Chawla, Rajan Sachdeva, Vinod Popli, Manoj Chawla and Dr. Jasveer were present.

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CM invites devotees from all spheres to IGM-2022

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, NOV 14

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, while inviting the people of the state and devotees from all spheres to the International Gita Mahotsav-2022 said that the faith of people is linked with this grand Mahotsav of Gita.

While addressing a press conference here today, he said that compared to previous years this time the participation of people nationally and internationally will be bigger. For this reason, several big and small social organizations are organizing different spiritual programmes during IGM-2022, added the Chief Minister.

He said that as compared to previous years when the government had started the IGM-2022, gradually the grand festival has now gained momentum not only nationally but internationally and public participation is constantly increasing for this. "IGM-2022



is an event related to society, which awakens humanity morally, and culturally but has also spread social consciousness among the people," added Sh. Manohar Lal. The Chief Minister said that Kurukshetra will become a center of attraction for national and international tourists. 'Gita Sthali' Kurukshetra is a confluence of faith and tourism. Recently, Lord Krishna's Virat Swaroop was unveiled in the holy pilgrimage Jyotisar. Soon a 3-D projection mapping show will also be seen here. Its work has almost been completed. The show will be inaugurated in the coming days", added Sh.

Manohar Lal. He further informed that six museum is also being built here at a cost of around Rs. 250 crores, where episodes related to Mahabharata and Shrimad Bhagavad Gita will be shown virtually. For this, state-of-the-art technology like Augmented Reality, Holographic Images, Robotic and Drone etc. will be used. Member Secretary, Kurukshetra Development Board, Sh. Vijay Singh Dahiya, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Dr. Amit Agrawal and other officers also remained present on this occasion.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is creator of modern India: Prof. Rajesh Vaidya

DARSHAN SHARMA

NILOKHEDI: Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, who made India one of the most powerful countries in the world, holds a special place among the great leaders of the world, and the young generation should take inspiration from his life and move forward. Prof. Rajesh validly expressed this while addressing the students in the programme organised on the birthday of Chacha Nehru at Ayan International School. Prof. Vaidya said that today there is a need to



adopt Nehru's thoughts in this country, and Nehru worked to take the country on the path of progress at a time when there was an atmosphere of sadness and sorrow all around the country and the country was suffering from poverty as well as struggling with unemployment. There was a bad condition of electricity, the army, and education in the country, but in such a situation, Nehru worked to take this country to heights and establish India's flag in the whole world. Prof. Vaidya inaugurated the programme by offering flowers on the photo of Nehru ji. Sweets were distributed to all on this occasion. On this occasion, Director of Ayan School Dr. Pooja Malhotra, Principal Padmesh Baweza, Tony Sharma, and school staff were present.

Playing is very beneficial for both the physical and mental health of children: Ms Jasbir

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Shri Jasbir Chief Magistrate and Secretary District Legal Services Authority Karnal participated in the Children's Fair organised at Adarsh School, Kunjipura Road, Karnal on the occasion of Children's Day and enjoyed the Children's Fair with the children who had come to study there. This children's fair was organised under the aegis of Mr. Simar, Managing Director, Adarsh School, and Ms. Anna Kheda, Joint Director of Adarsh School, in which Jasbir interacted with all the children present and learned about their favourite sport. On this occasion, Jasbir himself took part in candle lighting and dot shooting. In this children's



fair, various types of food stalls were set up by the children, and sports stalls were set up, in which all the children took part in their own arts and interests. We were celebrating the day as Children's Day and told the children on the occasion of Children's Day that the importance of Children's Day is celebrated on this day to make them aware of the rights of children and their education. Ms. Jasbir, Chief Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Karnal, said that children are the future of the country, and it should be ensured that they get the right kind of education and a healthy childhood. Children's Day creates awareness about the importance of access to proper education for children all over the world.

The youth are channelled in the right direction: Renu Silag

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Foundation Day and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Jayanti were created in the office of Nehru Yuva Kendra Karnal by the Autonomous Department of the Government of India. Along with District Officer Renu Silag from Nehru Yuva Kendra Karnal, former accountant Kehar Singh was also present in the program. The programme was started by the district youth officer by placing flowers on Nehru Ji's picture. Former accountant Kehar Singh told the youth that Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday is celebrated as Children's Day in the whole country. Various programmes are organised in schools and colleges on this day. He said that Nehru ji believed that children are the future of the country and that if they are given a good education, there



will be revolutionary changes and development in the society and the country. District Youth Officer Renu Silag told the youth that the Nehru Yuva Kendra was established in 1972 with the objective of providing opportunities to the rural youth to participate in the process of nation-building and, at the same time, for their personality and skill development. To oversee the work of the center, the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan

State-level ex-soldiers' meet to be held in Panipat: Gen Anil Chaudhary

DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: An important meeting of ex-servicemen was convened in Kurukshetra today under the chairmanship of District President Colonel Rajkumar Malik. The meeting was specially attended by the organization's state president General Anil Chaudhary and General Secretary Colonel Tara Chand. Addressing the meeting, General Anil Chaudhary said that all of you have served the country wholeheartedly while in the army, there is no doubt about it.



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Saraswati Public School Jagadhri wins overall trophy

VINOD DHIMAN JAGADHRI, NOV 14

On the occasion of Children's Day at Bal Bhavan, Deputy Commissioner Rahul Hooda attended the prize distribution ceremony as the chief guest and started the program by lighting the lamp. DC informed that various competitions were organized at Bal Bhavan from October 12, which lasted till October 19 at the district level and from October 27 to October 29, Mandal level competitions were organized in Panchkula and state level competitions were or-

ganized in Panchkula. He said that on the occasion of Children's Day, all the winning children have been honored by calling them to give prizes at Bal Bhavan.

beautiful attempt to groom the personality of the children. Such competitions should be organized by calling children of different schools on one platform.



He said that 468 children were felicitated.

These types of competitions play a very important role in the development of children, which is a very

He told that Saraswati Public School, Jagadhri won the overall trophy. Along with studies, children should also take interest in sports.

Surgeon Dr. Anil Aggarwal honoured with a state award



RAJNI SONI

YAMUNANAGAR: Yamuna Nagar: Dr Anil Aggarwal, an eminent surgeon of the region, has been conferred the "State Award" at an interstate conference of the Association of Surgeons of India organised by its Haryana Chapter at Kurukshetra. About 300 surgeons, including professors from 20 medical colleges, including PGI Chandigarh, participated in this one-day conference, in which the latest developments in surgery, including robotic surgery and the role of artificial intelligence in surgery, were discussed. Dr. Anil Aggarwal chaired the session.

In the valedictory function held at the end of the conference, Dr Anil Aggarwal was conferred the "State Award" in recognition of the good work done by him in the field of surgery. Dr Anil Aggarwal has already been honoured by the honourable governor of Haryana eleven times. He has been honoured with a national award at surgical conferences. Recently, he was conferred with the most coveted international fellowship by the International College of Surgeons of Chicago (USA).

Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission arrived to congratulate newly appointed Sarpanch

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA NILOKHEDI/KARNAL, NOV 14

Many villages have set an example of brotherhood in panchayat elections; Bohli, which became a panchayat for the first time, is also one of them. This idea reached Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana, at the newly appointed Sarpanch's residence.

He said that Bohli has done the work of giving a message to the people of other villages in the district to conduct unopposed elections for the posts of Sarpanch and Panch in the future. Setting an example of brotherhood, the villagers have unanimously elected social worker Kanta Gurjar as Sarpanch this time. Subhash Chandra welcomed the decision of the villagers of Bohli and said



that there cannot be a bigger example of maintaining brotherhood among themselves than this. He said that the state government also provides incentives to the panchayats elected unopposed to promote brotherhood, which helps in the development of the concerned village.

An incentive amount of Rs 11 lakh will be given to the panchayat elected unanimously by the state government in the form of develop-

ment works.

On this occasion, Subhash Chandra congratulated the Sarpanch, Kanta Gurjar, and her husband, Pankaj Gurjar, with sweets on being unanimously elected as Sarpanch.

He said that the villagers also deserve congratulations on being unanimously elected as Sarpanch and Panch. He said that brotherhood is the biggest thing, and Bohli village has set this example.

Guru Nanak Academy Kharkan holds eye camp for students

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA CHIKA, NOVEMBER 14

A free eye examination camp was organized in Guru Nanak Academy Kharkan with the joint efforts of Sardar Mukhtyar Singh Tournia, the school manager in Kharkan village and Red Cross counselor Gurdeep Uurlana, a social worker.

During this time, under the leadership of Dr Karam Thakur, who was part of the team that arrived from Tri City Eye Hospital in Chika, the eyes of the school students were checked up with the help of the hospital and school staff.

During this time, Principal Kulwinder Kaur Mahrok told the children the importance of consuming nutritious food and exercising regularly to stay healthy. Dr Vikram Thakur told the children to keep their eyes clean. "Wash your eyes with clean water two-three



times a day. Use sunglasses in strong sunlight," he advised the students.

Green vegetables, seasonal fruits and milk should be consumed. While reading, special care should be taken that there is adequate light in the room. Social worker and Red Cross counselor

Gurdeep Uurlana said that the holding of eye check-up camps in schools will continue.

On this occasion, he said that people should actively participate in welfare works, so that the needy can be helped and their problems can be reduced.

St. Lawrence Jagadhri wins inter-school debate competition

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, NOVEMBER 14

The Golden Jubilee celebrations of Yamunanagar-Jagadhri Chamber of Commerce and Industry is being celebrated with great gaiety, happiness and joy.

In this context, on the occasion of Children's Day, a grand inter-school debate competition was organized at Polyplastic Industries Private Limited, Industrial Area, in which more than 50 participants from different schools of district Yamunanagar participated. The program was started by lighting the lamp at the feet of Maa Saraswati and Lord Ganesha.

The topics of the competition were social media – authentic or misguided, youth choice – Entrepreneurship or Employment. On this occasion, the District Education Officer of Yamunanagar district appreciated the competition organized by the chamber for the students on the occasion of Children's Day and expressed good wishes. During the programme, Erol Export's Chairperson Ani-



ta Saluja was the presiding president and Shari Gupta from Polyplastic was present as a special guest.

Eminent educationist Dr. MK Sehgal, President, Yamunanagar-Jagadhri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that participation in these competitions boosts the confidence of the students and hones their talent. Debate competition teaches to present your point in a logical manner. By participating in this, students can remove their hesitation by speaking in front of others

and in this way, they can excel in speech-art and logic-intellect. Due to this, his thinking power becomes so intense that he can easily get rid of the difficult problems coming in the future.

He said that the values imparted by the teachers leave a deep impression on the mind of the students. He extended his blessings to all the students, wished them a bright future. Secretary Shivam Saluja said that nature has every student with something special, only there is a need to find and carve that speciality.

NEWS AT A
GLANCEChildren's Day
celebrated at Anand
Ishar School Chhapar

MAHAVIR GOYAL AHMEDGARH: Children's Day was celebrated at Anand Ishar School, Chhapar. In which the students dressed up in beautiful and colorful clothes and presented dance sticks, fashion show and many other colorful programs. The program started with a Shabad. Primary school students mesmerized with their dance. Students gave information about Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru through their speeches. Students enjoyed the Children's Day program very much. The principal of the school congratulated the students on Children's Day and said that we too should continue to work tirelessly like the Prime Minister of the country, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. On this occasion, the school director, principal, all staff and students were present.

Lions Club Pathankot,
organized a program

BUREAU PATHANKOT: Lions Club Pathankot, organized a program Dr. Tarsem Singh of Dr. Tarsem Care Medical Hospital and Coordinator Mohinder Singh were specially honored for providing first aid to 37 school children who were injured in sports.

On the occasion, Dr. Tarsem Singh also praised his medical team and thanked them for the honor and respect given to him by Lions Club Pathankot. On this occasion PDG Satish Mahindru, Secretary Karan Kundra, PRO Maninder Singh, Cashier Amit Sahni, Vijay Passi were present.

Children's Day
celebrated with pomp
in Angels School

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the premises of Angels School. A cultural program was organized by the teachers on this occasion which included plays, songs, poetry etc. Congratulating on this occasion, Chairman Gurkirpal Singh Dhillon said that children are the golden future of this country and we should keep trying to make their future golden.

Dr. Amarjeet Kaur Naaz
awarded for "outstanding
contribution in Education"

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: Blossoms convent school's Principal Dr. Amarjeet Kaur Naaz added one more feather to her cap as she was awarded with "outstanding contribution in Education". It not only itched school's name in golden words, but also itched her unique personality on the minds of other people. She wanted to convey a message to other women that we should have high morale to compete in this world. Talking about the same, she said that she aims to give the message of equality and added that women can do anything they aim for and can achieve great heights with their dedication and excellence. She also thanked the "Blossoms family" for their constant support. School's management members including Chairman Harbhajan Singh Johal, president Manpreet Singh Brar, Ajmer Singh Rattiyar, Satveer Singh, teachers and Students congratulated Principal Dr. Amarjeet Kaur Naaz for her achievement.

Vigilance arrests two police
officials for taking bribe

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, NOV 14

Aiming to eradicate corruption in the state on the directive issued by Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann, the Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing campaign on Monday arrested a police Sub-Inspector Bisman Singh, who was earlier posted as SHO, sadar police station Nakodar, Jalandhar, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Resham Singh posted at CIA Jalandhar and a private person Surjit Singh for taking a bribe of Rs 1, 00,000.

Disclosing this here today a spokesperson of the VB said that all the above-mentioned accused have been arrested on the complaint of Harjinder Kumar resident of village Rampur Thoda, Rupnagar district. He further informed that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged that the above-mentioned sub-inspector had arrested his brother from Hoshiarpur along with his truck in a false case by showing recovery of poppy husk in the vehicle when he was SHO at Nakodar. The complainant further informed that the sub-inspector Bisman Singh through a private person Surjit Singh and ASI

40 gm of heroin seized, woman among 2 held

CHOHLA SAHIB/TARN TARAN (RAKESH NAYYAR): As part of the campaign launched by the District Police Chief against drugs, the police party of Chohla Sahib police station has arrested a young man with 40 grams of heroin and registered a case against him, while a woman has also been named in the same case and arrested. Sub-inspector Balraj Singh, head of police station Chohla Sahib, while giving information, said that a police party was patrolling along with ASI Bikar Singh when it saw a young man coming on foot. He got scared seeing the police party and turned back. On suspicion, the police party arrested the young man and searched him. Forty grams of heroin were recovered from him. The arrested youth has been identified as Kuldeep Singh alias Machha, son of Kashmir Singh, a resident of Chohla Sahib. During the interrogation conducted by the police, the arrested youth admitted that he brought this heroin from Dharam Kaur alias Dharmi, wife Dalip Singh, resident of Plot Chohla Sahib. A case has been registered against the young man arrested by the police at Chohla Sahib police station and the said woman has also been named and both of them have been arrested. Police Station Head Sub-Inspector Balraj Singh said that anti-social elements and drug sellers will be dealt with strictly.



Resham Singh had already received Rs 11,00,000 in installments to release his brother and the truck loaded from Srinagar. He further alleged that the though the accused police sub-inspector has been transferred to police lines Jalandhar but he was demanding more money through his two other middlemen to help him in

this police case. After verification of the facts in the complaint and the material evidence, a VB team have arrested the above-mentioned sub-inspector Bisman Singh, ASI Rehsam Singh and private person Surjit Singh for accepting a bribe of Rs 1,00,000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses.

DC Patiala inspires youth
for get-up-and-go spirit

PATIALA (RAWEL BHINDER): DC Patiala acted as a stimulus for creative minds and Patiala lovers. There's no better way to celebrate children's day than celebrated by District Administration Patiala. A prize distribution function was organised at MM Central State Library Patiala to acknowledge the winners of the Short Story Writing competition on the topic My District Patiala. The winners of the Mera District Patiala Subject competition namely, adult writers Nirlep Kaur Sekhon and Buta Khan Sukhi, College Category First Prize Mamta, School Category First Prize went to Paramjit Kaur and Second Prize Sahajpreet Kaur were awarded a certificate and life membership of the Central Library. DC Patiala Sakshi Sawhney showed her sincere efforts to hone the reading and writing skills of youngsters through this competition. During her speech on the occasion, she announced the setting up of a language lab at Central library Patiala. District Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney rolled out the plan for the publication of entries along with pictures showing the heritage of the Royal City. DC Patiala also showed her intentions to digitalize and improve the city library. Chief Librarian Dr. Prabhjot Kaur, DDF Priya Singh Judges Dr Harpreet Singh Rana and Gurpreet Kaur, both from education Department were also present on the occasion.

Rakhee Gupta Bhandari joins as Principal
Secretary to Punjab Governor

CHANDIGARH, NOV 14

Senior and decorated IAS officer of 1997 batch Mrs. Rakhee Gupta Bhandari today joined as Principal Secretary to Punjab Governor Mr. Banwari Lal Purohit. Mrs. Rakhee Gupta Bhandari assumed the charge of her office here at Punjab Raj Bhawan this morning.

A recipient of the prestigious "Stree Shakti Puruskar" award in 2011 under the Category of Rani Rudramma Devi Award for administrative skills, leadership quality and commendable work for the overall development of women by President of India on International Women's Day, Mrs. Rakhee Gupta Bhandari has a wide adminis-



trative experience. Apart from serving as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, she has rendered service in key Ministries like Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga, Rejuvenation, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Power and Ministry of Textiles, Director NIFT and others. She was also bestowed the President of India's Silver Medal for Census Operation in 2001, and was

also deputed by the Government of India to Bhutan for overseeing the first Parliamentary elections as a National Observer. Mrs. Rakhee Gupta Bhandari also had the privilege of representing India at the 29th & 30th Annual Human Rights Council in Geneva in 2015. She had also participated in International delegations as a member in Qatar, Pakistan, China, Syria and Dubai. A graduate from Lady Shri Ram College New Delhi, Postgraduate from Delhi School of Economics and an M. Phil in Defence and Strategic Studies from the National Defence College (NDC), New Delhi/University of Madras, Mrs. Rakhee Gupta Bhandari is an avid writer and singer.

46th annual prize distribution
function at MGN Public School

JALANDHAR (BUNNY): MGN Public School, Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar organised 46th Annual Prize Distribution Function with high passion and splendour. The Chief Guest of the Day Mr Jagdeep Saigal (SDM and Additional Commissioner (GST), Ludhiana and the Guest of Honour, Mrs Deeksha Chaudhary (MD, Ankur Kids Hospital) was given a warm welcome by Major Charanjit Singh Rai Retd Chairman, MGN Educational Trust, S Mukhtiar Singh Dahiya Secretary, MGN Educational Trust; Manager MGN Public School, Adarsh Nagar, Principal Mr Kanwaljeet Singh Randhawa, Mrs Sangeeta Bhatia Headmistress, Academic Coordinator, Mrs Sukham Incharge, Pre Primary Wing, Mrs Amardeep Kaur Coordinator, Sen Sec Wing, Mrs Inderpreet Kaur CBSE Coordinator and Mr Satwinder Singh Coordinator Sec Wing The day left a warm imprint on the hearts and minds of the audience through a beautifully presented theme 'Ant Se Aagaaz Tak' highlighting the journey through corona and mankind's victory over it. The divine beginning with the School Shabad, Live Orchestra by the students, Play which highlighted lives during Corona time period and determined comeback, zestful dance performances and vibrant Bhanga at the end did not fail to steal the attention and hearts. Principal Mr Kanwaljeet Singh Randhawa presented the School Annual Report taking the guests to the school journey.

Jimpa announces water supply projects
worth Rs 1.35 crore for Sarabha village

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Brahm Shankar Jimpa said that Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann would make Punjab of martyrs' dreams and take the state to new heights of growth and glory. Presiding over the 5-day sports event organized to commemorate Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha in his ancestral village, Jimpa said that our country would ever remain indebted to the martyrs for their supreme sacrifice. He said that Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha was the youngest martyr of the country who attained martyrdom at the age of 19 years. He said that the sacrifice made by the martyr Kartar Singh Sarabha would ever act as a beacon to inspire the youth to serve the nation. Jimpa said that the state government was committed for the development of the ancestral village of legendary hero of country who got martyrdom at such a young age. He announced to kick-start water supply projects worth Rs 1.35 crore for the village. On the demand of upgradation of the government school of village, the Cabinet Minister said that every required work would be implemented and completed in a time-bound manner and asked the officials to send the proposals. Earlier, he also paid tributes to the great martyr by visiting his statue in main village chowk, at the memorial.

Ridam stands 1st district Level
Poetry Pronunciation Competition

VERMA
GURDASPUR, NOV 14

According to instructions of Director SCERT, District Education Officer Secondary Harpal Singh Sandhawalia, and under the leadership of Deputy District Education Officer Lakhwinder Singh and Diet Principal Charan Bir Singh, DRP English Raj Kumar conducted a district level English poetry recitation competition in government schools.

Students of 11th and 12th class who stood first in 19 blocks participated in these competitions. Addressing the students on this occasion, Diet Principal Charan Bir Singh said that the efforts be-

ing made to improve the quality of English language among the students under the strict supervision of Block Mentor and the DM Narinder Singh Bisht in the district were seen directly in pronunciation competitions. He said that students should keep their interest towards English subject. The accent of the students' pronunciation was so good that the judging judges had to struggle a lot to decide. In the poetry recitation competitions conducted at the district level, Ridham, a student of Government Senior Secondary School, Gurdaspur, won the first place, Gagandeep Geetu, a student of Meritorious School, Gurdaspur.

Children spread joy, happiness in every season
as they are most beautiful creation of God

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, NOV 14

Children's Day, dedicated to the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, was celebrated with great enthusiasm at St Kabir Convent Senior Secondary School. A special assembly was organized on this occasion by the teachers. To make this day memorable, the teachers

Commenced the assembly with prayer followed by dance, drama and speech. Madam Neha Wadhwa enthralled everyone by reciting the beautiful song Bachche Man Ke Sachhe in her melodious voice. Apart from this, some activities were conducted for the children in the classes. A dance competition was organized in Kindergarten block in which

Royal School students performed brilliantly in district
level Ju Jitsu

SARDULGARH (KULWINDER KARWAL): District level Ju Jitsu matches held recently at Sirsa by ju jitsu Association Sirsa, the students of Royal Convent School Sardulgarh performed brilliantly and captured almost all the top ranks. Students won 6 gold medals, 10 silver and 33 bronze medals.



Proudly stating this in front of the media, School Chair person Mr. Mohit Jain and Secretary Mr. Mukesh Mangla, Principal Pooja Sharma appreciated the teachers who trained the students. He congratulated the students, their parents and the trainer.

Decision on gun-culture will hamper
criminals to access weapons in
Punjab: Malvinder Kang

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, NOV 14

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has welcomed the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann government's decision to review arms licences and cancel non-essential licences. AAP Punjab chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang said the government's decision will hamper criminals to access the weapons in Punjab, which will ultimately end gun culture from the state. Addressing the media along with senior AAP leader Neil Garg at the Chandigarh party headquarters on Monday,

Kang said the previous Badal and Congress governments issued arms licences recklessly to a large number of non-essential people, which promoted gun culture in Punjab and vitiated the atmosphere of the society. Citing an example, he said that during the last few years, many unfortunate incidents have come to light in which people lost their lives due to celebrity fires at weddings and other functions. By conducting a review, it would be ensured that only deserving people with clean character or people in need will be able to get arms licenses.

Visionway honours honest
hardworking employees

NAWANSHAHR (CHET RAM RATTAN): The employees working in any company are bone of the department, with whose honesty and hard work the entire department achieves its set goals while achieving the milestones of the development path. The way of salary hike and progress opens for the employees as well. These views were disclosed jointly by Visionway's MD Praveen Arora and Vibha Gandhi on the occasion of Annual Meet of employees of Group 9 Branches of Visionway. He said that in Simbal Intake, more than 650 students have been successful in getting admission for pursuing education abroad. While till now the dream of more than 12000 youths to go abroad has been fulfilled. Similarly, the results of the students getting IELTS training from the department have also been excellent. On this occasion, the youth staff added charm to the program by presenting dance and choreography on various songs. On behalf of the managers, the employees who gave excellent services in the institution were specially honored by giving mementos.

BAR Association Nangal is in
favor of Vishal Saini

HARNAMAN BHATIA
NANGAL, NOV 14

Vishal Saini against whom a case has been registered by the Nangal police for extorting money from people associated with the mining business. All the members of BAR Association Nangal went on a complete strike under the leadership of President Navdeep Singh Heera in the favor of Adv Vishal Saini. On this occasion, President Navdeep Singh Heera

said that Nangal police filed a case against his fellow advocate Vishal Saini for political influence after only one audio went viral, which will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Social worker advocate Vishal Saini who is very active in the area So due to this he was marked. He said that there should be a fair investigation into this matter Along with this, he gave a warning and said that until the case registered against Vishal Saini is with-

drawn, the work will be stopped. He said that a Punjab-level shutdown will also be called from Tuesday.

On this occasion, Secretary Umesh Bains, Advocate Arish Sharma, Adv Paramjit Singh Pamma, Ad KK Verma, Ankit Sharma, Ankit Arey, Prince Rana, Arun Kaushal, Deepak Chandel, Naresh, Rossan Lal Kanojia, PK Nadda, Raman Kanojia, Hameraj, Munish Sahor, Aman Bajaj etc. were present.

DC spends quality time with kids
on the occasion of Children's Day

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, NOV 14

On the occasion of Children's Day, Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal spent quality time with the children of slum areas, students of government smart schools and distributed school bags, stationery and chocolates to them to motivate them to achieve their dreams. While distributing school bags and stationery to the children of the slums who have been receiving education for the past five months under the first of its kind School on Wheels program being run by the Sangrur administration, the DC encouraged them to make continuous efforts in the direction of achieving their goals in the future. He was impressed after the listening the poems and alphabets from the students and said that this campaign to enable the children to become a good citizen in the society will definitely bring meaningful results. He distributed Shoes, undergarments, tooth brush and paste, towel, lunch box, hair oil, water bottle etc. to these children.

Video of voting in
favor of your leader
goes viral

**SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA:** After the voting process for the assembly elections is over, the workers are giving proof of voting in favor of their respective leader on the internet media. However, carrying mobile phones in polling stations was prohibited. Despite this, people carried mobile phones inside many polling stations and also made videos while voting and these are clearly visible on the internet media. Some people started posting such stories mainly on internet media from Sunday morning. Such videos have also gone viral in district Mandi's Seraj. Apart from this, such videos have also gone viral from other districts of the state. A youth of Shahpur assembly constituency has uploaded a video in his stories from casting vote for the leader to getting confirmation in VPPAT. Similarly, a voter of Kangra assembly constituency has also put up a similar story. The Election Commission had this time prohibited carrying mobile phones inside polling stations. In this regard, instructions were given to all the polling station in-charges to make arrangements to keep the mobile phones of voters outside. Polling station in-charges had deputed volunteers of the area and the respective schools for this work. Despite the ban, accessing mobile phones inside the polling station is raising question marks on the functioning of the in-charges. District Election Officer Kangra Dr. Nipun Jindal said that carrying mobile phones inside the polling booth was prohibited. Action will be taken if such complaint is received.

HIMACHAL

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Fresh snowfall in high reaches
of Himachal Pradesh

AGENCY
SHIMLA, NOV 14

The higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh experienced fresh snowfall and light rain lashed few places in the state, the Met Department said on Monday. In Lahaul-Spiti, Kukumseri had 5.8 cm snowfall, Losar 5 cm, Keylong 4 cm, Gondla 3 cm and Kalpa 0.2 cm in Kinnaur district. The gateway of Lahaul-Spiti district Rohtang pass, lady of Keylong, Goshal hill, Kinner Kailash and Chutkula of Kinnaur also recorded moderate spell of snowfall. Tourist resort Dalhousie (Chamba) had 10 mm rain Chamba, Manali and Bhuntar in Kullu 4 mm each. It was partly to mainly



cloudy in the state. Minimum temperature remained in freezing point in the high reaches put it up by one to degrees compared to Sunday.

The minimum temperature of Keylong was minus 2.3 degrees, Dalhousie and Kalpa 2 degrees, Kufri 4.5, Shimla 8, Hamirpur 10, Una 12, Solan

HP assembly to see no Cong or BJP stalwarts
SHIMLA: In a month to declare the results of Himachal Pradesh Assembly Election but one thing is ascertained that no stalwarts now figured in the state government or Assembly. This is the first election in the last 40 years, which has been held without the activism of Virbhadra Singh, Shanta Kumar and Dhuma. After becoming the Chief Minister of the Janata Party government for the first time. Since 1977, Shanta Kumar remained active in the elections of every assembly, Lok Sabha and urban bodies of the state till 2017. Similarly, after 1985, Virbhadra Singh also remained active in all the state elections continuously till 2021, but also used to be a star campaigner. Similarly, after 1990, Dhuma was elected every year continuously till the by-elections of 2019. As polling has been completed and the results are to come on December 8, but this will be the first time in the last 45 years that the state's politics veterans Ram Lal Thakur, Virbhadra Singh, Shanta Kumar and Prem Kumar Dhuma will not be present in the 14th Assembly of the state.

EVM kept under tight
security till December 8

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, NOV 14

The security cordon of EVMs has been tightened by the district police administration. EVM machines are kept under tight security in 15 strong rooms of district Kangra. This time strong rooms have been set up at different places in 15 assembly constituencies of the district, where counting of votes will also take place on December 8. Elaborate security arrangements have been made by the Police Department for EVMs. Police personnel have been strictly guarded for EVMs. At the same time, ITBP personnel have also been deployed. Kangra SP Dr. Khushhal Sharma while giving information to the journalists said that according to the guidelines of the Hearing Commission of India, the security of EVMs has been divided into three categories. Three layer security has been deployed in the warehouse. All



the jawans deployed in security are locked. In which central security forces have been deployed in the first cordon. On the other hand, IRBN personnel have been deployed in the second cordon. Apart from this, district police personnel have been deployed for the security of the third circle of the warehouse. He told that there will be triple layer security in the warehouse till the day of counting of votes. Apart from this, CCTV cameras have also been installed in all the warehouses of the state. He told that during the elections, the police have seized more than Rs. Lahan has been destroyed.

Kavi Sammelan organized by Language
and Cultural Department on Children Day



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, NOV 14

A Multilanguage Kavi Sammelan organized by Language and Cultural Department Una in District Employment Office Hall on Children Day and Paahari Divas simultaneously today. This Kavi Sammelan was attended by well-known poets of Una and delivered their message to the society by their self composed poems. Two minutes silence was also observed for the peace of the soul of Late Balwinder Ghanani, litterateur of Una. Neelam Chandel District Language Officer while addressing to the poets said that poets should deliver a positive and awakening message for the Society. More than 15 poets from Una district participated in this Kavi Sammelan. The following poets participated in this Kavi Sammelan: Parkash Chand Mehram, Dr Yogesh Chander Sood, Kishori Lal Bains, Rachna Sharma, Madam Deepak Sharma, Shivani Thakur, Om Devi Saini, Krishan Kumar Ladakhi, Om Parkash Sharma, Manohar Lal Bhatti, Charanjeet Singh Channi, Raj Kumar Thakur, Anil Kumar Jaswal and Onkar Dang. And many other dignitaries were also present on this occasion.

Ladli Rakshak Sanstha organized a
competition of Women Skill works

KISHORI LAL BAINS
AMB, NOV 14

Ladli Rakshak Sanstha conducted a competition in Amb yesterday, courtesy of Ambota Baba Rakesh Shah, of women having skills in creative works of District Una. In which Durga, Tripta, Suman, Priyanka, Sonia, Vanshika, Ranju, Anu Bala, Akanksha, Priya Sandal, Savita, Rajni Wala, Anita, Payal, Ranjana Devi, Parika Chandel, Poonam Kumari, Sushma Bhardwaj, Poonam Saroch, Uma Thakur, Avinakshi, Rajni, Suman Kumari, Sushma Bhardwaj, Pallavi, Razia, Rajrani, Manpreet have taken part and their Handmade pots, embroidery, weaving, designer apparel, Laddu



Gopal apparel, ladies purse, handmade rubber slippers, home decor items, designer woolen apparel, handmade jewelry, ceiling macramé chandeliers, etc. were made and sold.

In this, two girls Poonam and Anu Bala got two Sewing Machines as award for best skills and all

the other participants were given container lunch boxes. Four Little Champs of District Una, including Vishwas Pandit Gagret for Tabla and classical music, Umung Sharma Amb for acting in Kisme Kitna Hai Dum and Nandini Jamwal Bangarh for best stage conducting.

Voting percentage increased
by 3 per cent: DC

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, NOV 14

In the assembly elections held in the year 2017, in the 52 polling stations of Una district where low turnout was observed, special efforts were made by the district administration under SVEEP to make voters aware, as a result of which polling stations were closed in these polling stations. An average increase of 3 percent has been registered in voting for assembly elections on November 12, 2022. Of these, polling booth number 8-Ghulun of Kutehar assembly constituency has registered the highest increase of 12.09 percent where 71.1 percent polling has been recorded in the polling held on November 12, 2022 as compared to



59.01 percent polling in the 2017 assembly elections. This information was given by District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Raghav Sharma. He informed that 1.11 percent in 10 polling stations of 41 Chintpurni assembly constituency, 2.92 percent in 9 polling stations of 42 Gagret assembly constituency, 2.32 percent in

11 polling stations of 43 Haroli assembly constituency, 0.34 percent in 10 polling stations of 44 Una assembly constituency. 45 in 12 polling stations of Kutehar assembly constituency, an average increase of 9.60 percent has been registered. Thus, in the year 2017 assembly elections, where 68.05 percent polling was held in these 52 polling stations, 71.03 percent polling has been recorded at these polling stations in the assembly elections held on November 12, 2022. He said that several efforts were made by the district administration through various mediums to make voters aware about the importance of voting in Una district, due to which polling was held on November 12.

515 EVMs kept under
three layer security

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, NOV 14

After the assembly elections, EVMs have been kept safe in strong rooms made at three places in the district. These machines will be kept in triple layer security till December 8 and will be taken out for counting on December 8. Graduate College Unna and Polytechnic College Ambota are kept in the strong room All EVMs have been delivered to the strong room till late night. EVMs will be guarded by third eye to maintain transparency. Strong room is being monitored to access all CCTVs. Along with the Election Commission, all the political parties have also been given EVMs in all the polling stations of the post graduate college assembly constituencies Unna, Haroli and Kutehar of the district



headquarters, while the strong room set up by the college is being used for Chintpurni. To keep the EVMs safe, a strong room has been set up in the Polytechnic Institute, Gagret. On December 8, the counting of votes will be done at these places only. It has been kept in security so that no disturbance can be done with EVM in any way. On one hand, Himachal Pradesh Police personnel are keeping

these strong rooms under their supervision, while on the other hand CRPF contingent has also been deployed for its security. CCTV guard has also been kept here District Election Officer and DC Raghav Sharma said that EVM has been taken to the strong room and the security there has been completely strengthened. EVM is completely safe under triple layer security.

Nand Lal Sharma awards the winners of State Level
Painting Competition on Energy Conservation

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 14

SJVN organized State Level Painting Competition under National Awareness Campaign on Energy Conservation at Corporate Headquarters, Shimla today for the students of the schools in Himachal Pradesh. Chief Guest of the occasion, Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman and Managing Director, SJVN awarded the winners of the competition. Nand Lal Sharma conferred First Prize of Rs. 50,000/- each to Ms. Amrit Kaur & Ms. Asmeeta, Second Prize of Rs. 30,000 each to Master Prithvi Chandel & Master Anadi Jain and Third Prize of Rs. 20,000 each to Ms. Vaishnavi Verma & Ms. Ananya Negi in Category A (Class 5th to 7th) and Category B (Class 8th to 10th). Ten Consolation Prizes of Rs. 7500 each for both categories were also awarded. Nand Lal Sharma appreciated the collaborative efforts of the students, teachers and parents in making the campaign successful. "This year, total 1869 students of 436 schools from various district of Himachal Pradesh participated in first phase of the competition. The overwhelming participation of schools & students, year after year has helped in widespread propagation of the energy conservation message at grassroot as well as national level," said Sh. Sharma. Appraising the award-winning paintings



displayed at SJVN Corporate Headquarters, Nand Lal Sharma congratulated the students for exhibiting excellent artistic talent and beautifully highlighting the theme through their paintings. The common theme for both the categories was 'Theme-1: We are Pro-Planet People and Theme-2: Circular Economy - Reuse, Reduce and Recycle.' As an appreciation for their efforts, all the participants were given mementoes and LED Bulbs to further the cause of energy conservation awareness. On this occasion, Ms. Geeta Kapur, Director (Personnel), A.K Singh, Director (Finance), Sh. Sushil Sharma, Director (Electrical), Sh. J.S Rao, Deputy Director (Elementary Education) DoE, GoHP, Prof. Him Chatterjee, Head of Department of Visual Arts, HPU, Dr. Pawan Kumar, Department of Visual Arts, HPU and senior officials of SJVN were also present.

Shriram Finance
gives scholarship to
50 students: Manoj



BUREAU
UNA, NOV 14

Shriram Transport Finance Company Branch Una completed the scholarship program like every year, from the program the company distributed money to the students through NEFT. This program is done every year by Shriram Transport Finance Company. In this program, Rs 3.50000 distributed to at least 100 students. In this program we received scholarship applications from local school. Shriram Finance always encourages the students who are ahead in the field of education. After distributing scholarships to 50 students today, Manoj Kumar, manager of Una branch said, said that like every time, this time also, Shri Ram Transport Finance to the meritorious areas of Una, whose numbers have come to 60% or above.

Drugs & cash seized in HP poll six
times more than previous haul: DGP

SHIMLA, NOV 14

Election Machinery and state police claimed seizure of illicit liquor cash and drugs six times more than previous Election, this was stated by Himachal Director General of police Sanjay Kundu in a press statement issued here Monday. He said since October 14, 2022, after the announcement of elections in the state till its conclusion on December 12, 2022 as many as 1,70,720 liters of illicit liquor, 33 kg charas, 1275 grams of heroin (chitta) was seized by the state police. 126 grams of Ganja, 347 grams of sawdust poppy and cash and other items of Rs.4,20,91,940/- were seized under the Mining Act, fined Rs.33,60,000/- by challaning 572 people. Total 67 proclaimed offenders arrested, across the state 88,532 licensed weapons were deposited in police stations which is 91 pc of the total issued licensed weapons, 945 persons were bound down under various Acts. In addition, 863 non-bailable warrants were also disposed of during the same period. He said as soon as the elections were announced, the model code of conduct came into force in the state to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections strict security arrangements were made by the Police Department. 232 Flying Squads and 232 Static Surveillance Teams teams were formed across the state. 108 barriers and entry points along the border with neighboring states were sealed and police force was deployed at all these places.

Glenmark Pharma distributes
Oral Hygiene Kits to children

S GAUTAM
BADDI, NOV 14

The Institute for Global Development by Glenmark Foundation distributed oral hygiene kit bags to a total of 358 children in all the four schools of Government Primary School, Rajpura, Dijhi Uparli, Dhanhi Nichi and Kanganwal on occasion of Children's Day. This distribution program was organized under the leadership of Sunil Plant Head, Ajay HR Manager, Surinder Accounts Manager and Baljinder Singh from Glenmark Pharma Company Rajpura Plant. The children



of all the four schools were made aware of personal cleanliness and hygiene especially by Dr. Abhijeet. Children were shown how we should wash our hands, what diseases we can get due to not washing hands and later on it

can take the form of fearful disease, along with this also made the child aware of oral health awareness. Sunil Soni, Plant Head, Glenmark Pharma Company, told about the activities going on under Glenmark Foundation.

Diabetes Awareness Day held

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, NOV 14

World Diabetes Awareness Day was celebrated at Atal Bihari Bajpai Government College, Bangana. A poster making competition was organized. In poster making competition, the first place went to Neha, a student of B.Sc. II year, second place went to Riya Sharma and Dilanshi and third place went to Muskan Rana. The jury was played by Dr. Ramesh Thakur, Prof Ajay Ramdev, Prof Reena and Prof Sikandar Negi. Prof Kiran Kumari, Nodal Officer, Red Ribbon Club said that World Diabetes Day (WDD) is observed every



year on November 14 and is an important healthcare event in the world. The day aims to create awareness on Diabetes and emphasize the importance of prevention.

The aim is to spread information and educate more and more people about preventive tips and the impact of diabetes on a person's health.

Children's Day celebrated with Great Pomp in premises of Modern Sandeepni School



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: Children's Day was celebrated with great pomp by the teachers in the premises of the famous school Modern Sandeepni School located in district Pathankot, Mamun. The program was inaugurated by Sandeepni Education Society under the chairmanship of Er. Pawan Mahajan, Manageress Pinky Mahajan, Principal Neeraj Mohan Puri. On behalf of the teachers, a colorful program was presented for the children on Children's Day, in which Speech, Prayer, Riddles, presentation of group songs enthralled everyone, on the other hand, teachers sang melodious songs and played flute tunes. Everyone was mesmerized. In the end, on behalf of Sandeepni Education Society, Er. Pawan Mahajan, Pinky Mahajan and Principal Neeraj Mohan Puri wished the children success in the future and congratulated them on Children's Day. The program ended successfully with the National Anthem.

Children's Day celebrated at Vasant Valley Public School



VIKAS VERMA DHURI: Children are great imitators so give them something great to imitate. The birth anniversary of India's beloved very first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru is observed as Children's Day. This year on 14 November, 2022 the teachers of Vasant Valley Public School, Sangrur made the occasion memorable for the children with a special assembly. The children were treated to a melodious medley of songs followed by a small valuable message by senior teachers. The School Principal, Mrs. Anitha R. mesmerized the children with her blessings and wished everyone beautiful and successful life ahead. The highlight of the day was a graceful dance and music performances by teachers. The day commemorated with immense joy, enthusiasm and magnificence. The teachers made Children's Day special for their children by involving them into various fun loving activities. All the children were given sweets as a token of love from their teachers and school. The students were overwhelmed and enjoyed the day and the day ended on a memorable note with love and affection by their class teachers.

Naresh Khurana installed as Arora community president



RAJ SADOH ABOHAR: The first program of the All-India Arora Khatri Punjabi Community in Abohar was held at Arorvansh Dharamshala. The community's national president Kamal Handa and former national convener Sahib Dayal Wadhwa were accorded a grand welcome. Special guests included former MLA Arun Narang, Municipal Corporation Mayor Viral Thatai, City Congress ex-president Sudhir Nagpal, councilor Vijay Nagpal ex-SDM B.L. Sikka. Vipran Nagpal, President Arorvansh Dharamshala Charitable Trust and Anil Nagpal, former Chairman of the Improvement Trust also graced the stage. The guests lit lamps before the portrait of Shri Arut Ji Maharaj and also garlanded the recently installed statue. Kamal Handa explained the glorious history of Arora Khatri fraternity and called upon everyone to work for the betterment of the society.

MCM administers oath to newly elected student council and class representatives



CHANDIGARH: The Student Council Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised the oath ceremony of the newly elected Student Council and Class Representatives of various classes. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava and the members of the Student Council Committee presided over the ceremony. Taking the oath, the Student Council and Class Representatives pledged to dedicate themselves to the service of the institution.

BBMB organises 'on the spot' state level painting competition on energy conservation

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, NOV 14

'On the spot' State Level Painting Competition on 'Energy Conservation 2022' was organized by Bhakra Beas Management Board (as the Nodal Agency for States- Punjab, Haryana & UT- Chandigarh) at Inderdhanush Auditorium, Panchkula on the eve of Children's Day i.e. 14.11.2022.

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Senior Mr. India body building championship to be held

CHANDIGARH, NOV 14

A stage that offers opportunities to amateur and professional bodybuilders to achieve their career goals is all set to be organised. Punjabi Amateur Body Building Association (PABBA), under the aegis of the Indian Body Builders Federation, announced the dates of the most sought-after event in the body building arena, the National level 'Senior Mr. India Body Building Championship.'

Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee, Mr. Prem Chand Degra (Former Mr. Universe), Mr. Navneet Singh, Assistant Secretary, Indian Body Builders Federation (IBBF), Mr. Maneet Singh, President, Punjabi Amateur Bodybuilding Association, Mr. Monu Sabharwal, General Secretary,



Punjabi Amateur Bodybuilding Association, Sukhdev Singh Sodhi, Cashier, PBBA, Suraj Bhan, General Secretary (North India), NZBBA, Pardeep Nain, Secretary, Chandigarh BBA, Anjana Ranjal, Vice Chairman, Women's Committee, PBBA, announced the details of the prestigious sporting event. The event which is scheduled to take place at Ambedkar Bhawan in Ludhiana from December 23 to 25 2022, will witness more than 700 players and 250+ officials competing against each other in various categories to clinch the top positions in the tournament. "Selection rounds have been done in some states and are already being organized across the remaining states in the country. The finals will be held in Ludhiana which will see the participants from all across the country. The association seeks maximum participation from the youngsters in Punjab and Tricity, this is why the press conference was held here," said Mr. Maneet Singh, President, Punjabi Amateur Bodybuilding Association. Maneet belongs to tricity and so wants maximum participation from tricity.

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R N KHERA CHANDIGARH, NOV 14

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'Employees urged to perform duty with determination, honesty'



CHARNIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, NOV 14

After re-election as President of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Harjinder Singh Dhami, today reached SGPC office and held first meeting with the employees of Sikh body and encouraged them to fulfill their responsibilities according to the traditions of organization and the priorities. Addressing the employees at Teja Singh Samundri Hall, the SGPC headquarters, Harjinder Singh Dhami said that the SGPC was established 102 years ago and during its century long journey, the organization managed the Gurdwara Sahibs as per Panthic conduct besides doing big works of community. He said the responsibility of the mukh sewadar (SGPC President) of this proud Sikh body is very big and important, which can be successfully performed only with the cooperation of other Sikh organizations, jathebandis and employees.

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Shri Khatu Shyam trust Jagraon disbands executive team

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Shri Khatu Shyam trust Jagraon conducted its meeting under the presidency of Davinder Jain in which the members of the trust unanimously decided to disband the executive committee including the chairman, cashier, project manager and their team for their inefficient performance and negligence towards duty.

According to the trust, new executive team shall be made pretty soon. Trust's president Davinder Jain and secretary Ashwini Sharma stated that the documents and other papers related to the trust laying with the disbanded team will not be credible any more. They also requested the devotees of Khatu Shyam Baba not to give any funds to the members of the disbanded team. It is notable that the team is already facing enquiry at court as they did not share necessary information regarding their working with the trust.

Nurmahal NC yet to implement no-vendor zone policy

PHAGWARA: More than five years after declaring 200 meters adjoining Nagar council office and teshil office as a no-vendor zone, the Nurmahal Nagar council (NC) is yet to implement the town vending committee's decision taken in its meeting held on July 17, 2015. NC executive Rajiv Oberoi said a meeting of the town vending committee would be convened within a few days week which will decide the next step.

Mining king Rakesh Chaudhary sent to 14 days judicial custody

HARNAMAN BHATIA NANGAL, NOV 14

Rakesh Chaudhary, known as mining king, was produced in the local court today where he was sent to judicial custody for fourteen days after hearing the arguments of the lawyers of both sides.

In his arguments today, counsel for the defendant Harmohan Pal Singh said that Rakesh Chaudhary is an authorized contractor and his contract was suspended after the coming of the new government which has been restored by the High Court. In the last two days of remand, no such achievement has been made, but Rakesh Chaudhary has been pressured to withdraw his contract. On the other hand, Sukhwinder Singh Saini, the lawyer of the government side, argued by bringing the order of the honorable Supreme Court and after hearing the arguments of both the parties, the honorable civil judge Jeevanjot Kaur sent Rakesh Chaudhary to judicial custody for 14 days.



It has to be mentioned that on last November 2, Nangal Police registered a case against Rakesh Chaudhary on complaint of SDO Drains cum Mining Officer Akash Aggarwal, under various sections and arrested them from Maharaja Ranjit Singh Bagh of Rupnagar. The police also got a two-day remand. Today, the police asked for another three-day remand.

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Students display eco-friendly models on Energy Conservation Day



CHANDIGARH: Maharshi Dayanand Public School, Daria Chandigarh, in collaboration with the Department of Environment, Chandigarh, on the occasion of Energy Conservation Day, Eco Friendly Models Exhibition was organized in the school premises MDAV Bhawan. In this exhibition, students displayed various models to promote eco-friendly energy. The explained through the model that the use of renewable energy has a favorable impact on natural resources. Smoke coming out of vehicles and factories causes pollution.

New technology has to be used to save the environment. The model also demonstrated the correct use of water. They said that glaciers are melting due to global warming, if this trend continues then the earth will be covered in water. In the senior category Ayush, Sakshi, and Ankita were awarded first position, Ragini and Namrata second, Khushi, Julie third and Riya, Soniya, Jaspreet were given consolation prizes. In the junior category, Honey Singh and Aarav were awarded first position, Lovepreet and Vi-vaan second, Shobhit and Himanshu third and Kajal, Ritika, Ishika and Aryan were awarded consolation prizes in the junior category. School Principal Dr. Vinod Kumar said that the main objective of this exhibition was to promote energy conservation by making people aware about eco-friendly products.

Deputy speaker attends concluding ceremony of two-days Chhinjh mela held at village Majari



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): The two-day long Chhinjh Mela (Wrestling Fair) organized at village Majari in Garhshankar concluded with grandeur on Sunday late evening. Thousands of people attended the event, where, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha Jai Krishan Singh Rauri was the Chief Guest.

Apart from Punjab, Wrestlers from adjoining states including Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan also came to participate in the Chhinjh Mela to show their wrestling skills. The Mela commenced on November 12, 2022. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Speaker Jai Krishan Singh said that the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in the state is the government of the common people. He said that CM Bhagwant Mann is committed to making Punjab a leading state in the field of sports. On the occasion, he also announced that a sports stadium will be constructed in the village with the cost of Rs 25 lakh, with an aim to keep youth connected with sports.

Showing concern about the pathetic road from Garhshankar to Nangal, Mr Rauri said that he has already been taking up the issue for the last six months.

MOHALI: Every year 14 November is celebrated as Children's Day to pay tribute to our former Prime Minister, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, for his contribution to nation building. It is a day celebrating the spirit of childhood. Children and teachers of AKSIPS-125 Smart School, Greater Mohali celebrated Children's Day with vigour and enthusiasm. The teachers made the occasion memorable for the children with a special assembly. The children were treated to a melodious medley of songs followed by a colourful dance performance by their teachers. The day ended on a memorable note with the children feeling special as they went home wearing their colourful butterfly crowns which had been made with love and affection by their class teachers. Principal Mrs Jagjit Sekhon motivated the students to make the best use of all the opportunities provided to them in school and at home to become good children now, so as to be better citizens of the country tomorrow and wished everyone a happy children's day.

Celebration of Children's Day in Guru Amar Dass Public School



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL JALANDHAR: Under the able guidance of S. Ajit Singh Sethi, President and all Committee members senior and junior wings of Guru Amar Dass Public School celebrated "Children's Day" to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. On this occasion Inter class cooking without fire competition was conducted from Grade 6 to Grade 10 in which students participated enthusiastically. Magic show was shown to the students. Various stalls of eatables were also set up and the programme concluded with Bhangra. S.Ajit Singh Sethi, President and all committee members, Dr. Aparana Mehta, Principal and Dr. Sonika Singh, Vice Principal encouraged the students to walk on the path of "Chaacha Nehru" and blessed them all.

Bank of Maharashtra tops list of PSU lenders in Q2 loan growth

CHANDIGARH: Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the top performer among the public sector lenders in terms of the loan growth in percentage terms during the Second quarter of 2022-23. The Pune-headquartered lender recorded a 28.62% increase in gross advances to Rs 1,48,216 crore at the end of September 2022, according to published quarterly numbers of the public sector banks (PSBs) leading all other PSU's in the category. The Bank topped the charts with highest growth in Retail-Agriculture-MSME (RAM) loans of 22.31%, low cost CASA deposits of 56.27% and lowest gross NPA amongst all PSU's at 3.40% of total advances. In all other relevant parameters the Bank has secured top 3 positions and has maintained its lead as of last 8 quarters.

Civil surgeon Barnala inaugurates the 34th dental fortnight



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, NOV 14

The 34th Dental Fortnight is being celebrated in Barnala district from November 14 to November 29 under the directions of the Health Department, Punjab Government. Sharing information on the opening occasion, Civil Surgeon Barnala Dr Jasbir Singh Aulakh appealed to the common people to take advantage of this fortnight. Dr Senior Medical Officer Tapinderjot Kausal said that a team of dental medical officers Dr Vandana Bhambri, Dr Dined Jindal, and Dr Gurpreet Kaur will conduct free examination and treatment at Civil Hospital Barnala. Dr Vandana Bhambri District Dental charge said that 30 sets of teeth will be installed at Civil Hospital Barnala and 10 at Mahal Kalan free of charge.

Miscreant cheats jeweller by fake onnline message to buy gold

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, NOV 14

For a long time now, a couple of jewelers in the city are being cheated. Who buy gold from the Sunoy shop and cheat the shopkeeper by sending a fake online payment message. No one doubts that the couple brings along the child as well. One such incident has come to light in Dhakoli's MS enclave, where a rogue family cheated a jeweler of Rs 34,500. The police have registered a case against the husband and wife on the complaint of the



jeweler and started searching for them. This entire incident has been captured in CCTV, the pictures of which are also

Woman alleges rape in name of halala, case registered against husband

AGENCY
SHAHJAHANPUR, NOV 14

A woman was allegedly raped in the name of halala after being given triple talaq by her husband in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur, according to a police official.

The official informed that the court had ordered the registration of the FIR following which the probe was initiated into the incident. He assured the arrest of the culprits in the incident and said that the investigation will be carried out on a scientific basis.

"A case has been registered after the order of the court and investigation has been undertaken. The medical tests of the victim woman were conducted. Her statements were recorded in court. Teams have been sent for the arrest of the culprits. Their arrests would be ensured and they will be interrogated. A transparent probe will be done. We will carry on the investigation on the basis of scientific evidence," S Anand,



Superintendent of Police, Shahjahanpur told ANI on Monday. Earlier, ASP Sanjay Kumar had said, "The court ordered the registration of a case by a woman who alleged that she was first divorced by triple talaq and was raped in the name of halala. The case has been registered, and is being probed".

Speaking to ANI, the victim woman alleged that she was forced to get married to her husband's brother-in-law after he gave her triple talaq in anger. She alleged that she was thrashed by her husband and no action was

taken against him when she complained about him to her mother-in-law.

"I got married in 2017 to a man named Salman. He established a forceful relationship with me on the first night. He did not have the right intention. When I complained to my mother-in-law, she did not listen. Whenever I used to get angry, he thrashed me and broke my hand," she alleged.

"He gave me triple talaq in anger. When I started packing my stuff, he said that he would call the cleric. I was sent to the village for the halala with Irfan. He kept me for 10 days for halala. Salman went there in anger and brought me back. My brother-in-law established relations with me forcefully," the victim woman added.

Expressing discontent against the police, she claimed that her case was not registered at the police stations, because of which she had to knock the door of the courts.

"My complaint was not

KPT bags Bronze Award for outstanding performance in eradicating TB

ASHOK KAURA

KAPURTHALA: In a rare feat, Kapurthala district has bagged the Bronze award for outstanding performance in reducing the cases of Tuberculosis (TB) under the Punjab Government and National health mission to eradicate TB till 2025. Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Sarangal while hailing the efforts of health officials and administration, said that Kapurthala has played a significant role by reducing nearly 20 % cases of TB with an aim to achieve the target set by the Punjab government for the eradication of TB by 2025. He informed that Kapurthala district has been awarded by the Punjab government with Bronze medal, trophy and certificate under "Bronze Award", which was a matter of pride for the entire district. It is worth mentioning here that the performance of Kapurthala district has been described as outstanding by the Central TB Division at the national level for the efforts of Kapurthala administration in reducing TB cases by 20 percent.

CCF Haryana organizes state level workshop on Juvenile Justice & Welfare of children



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, NOV.14

Child Conservation Foundation of India (CCF) Haryana Chapter organized a state level workshop for the stake holders including Chairpersons and members of Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards at Indira Gandhi(PG) Mahila Mahavilaya Kaithal. Dr. Kripa Shankar Choubey, Secretary General CCF India addressed the gathering as Chief Guest and called upon them to work for the welfare of the children and protection of child rights. Dr. Choubey further said that CCF is the only NGO in the country which has been awarded a NAME in Guinness Book of World Records, Asia Book of Records and India

Book of Records for conducting more than hundred International Webinars on the child related issues. He maintained that the today will be the 124th Webinar and every Sunday CCF organizes such Webinars and the Child Welfare Social workers from all over the world participate in these Webinars and discuss the issues with the experts. On this occasion Rakesh Aggarwal National Treasurer CCF also spoke and said that CCF has set up its state chapters in 25 states so far and today is the first state level program organized by Mr. Arvind Khurania Coordinator of Haryana Chapter. Dr. K.K.Dixit National Legal Head of the Foundation appreciated the sincere efforts of Mr. Khurania and his team to the program a grand success.

Foundation Day of Nehru Yuva Kendra Organization celebrated



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, NOV 14

Nehru Yuva Kendra Barnala celebrated 50 years of Nehru Yuva Kendra Organization Foundation Day at Mata Sahib Kaur Girls College Gahal On this occasion, it was informed that under the Intensive Volunteer Enrollment Program, volunteers can participate in social welfare activities such as cleanliness drives, blood donation camps, disaster management, etc. through Nehru Yuva Kendra Barnala. On this occasion, Principal Harbans Kaur thanked the team of Nehru Yuva Kendra Barnala for the program organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Barnala and for motivating the children. Jeevan Singh, Raghvveer Singh, Dr. Janmeet Singh, Dr. Gurdeep Kaur, Prof. Sandeep Kaur, Prof. Pawandeep Kaur, Prof. Charanjit Kaur, Prof. Amandeep Kaur, Prof. Dimpy etc. were present on this occasion.

Hostage man saved from gang, 5 arrested

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL, NOV 14

Nowadays there is a craze among the youth to go abroad, due to which many times they get themselves in trouble by coming in contact with fake agents. In one such case, in addition to arresting 5 accused by the CIA-1 police in the case of taking a young man hostage in the name of sending him to Canada, the young man who was taken hostage was freed safely. During the press conference held in the office of Superintendent of Police on Monday, SP Maqsood Ahmed told that the district police is committed to maintain the safety of the life and property of the common man. Disclosing this success, the SP said that according to the complaint of Amrit Pal, a resident of Bakal



village, his brother Vikram wanted to go to Canada. Devendra resident of Rudrapur and Gurudev Singh resident of Rithoda UP took his brother to Canada on October 28 through the conversation of Avtar Singh of his own village but they first took his brother to Calcutta. There they took his brother hostage and snatched the dollars from him. The accused made his brother talk to him through video call and audio call. In which he was feeling scared, the accused

thrashed his brother and demanded Rs 13 lakh more from him. Regarding which under various sections in Thana PundriThe case was registered and the investigation of the case was handed over to the CIA-1 police and while investigating the case by the team of ASI Rajbir Singh, one of the accused, Gurdev alias Dev, resident of Rithoda Kalan district Meerut UP, was arrested and obtained 10 days police remand from the court.

Hindi poetry book 'Ankahi' written by Shivani Rajat Sharma released



CHANDIGARH, NOV 14

At Punjab Kala Bhawan, Chandigarh a book launch function was organised by Sahit Vigyan Kendar (Regd), Chandigarh to promote Hindi Poetry. Hindi Poetry Book "Ankahi" was launched by Vivek Atray, Ex IAS, TEDx Speaker and well-known author was the Chief Guest. The other special guests on the stage were Prem Vij, Senior Litterateur, Sevi Rayat (President) Subhash Bhaskar (Eminent Writer) and Dr. Vinod Sharma (Eminent Writer). Ankahi' carries much love and sentiments for the family, society, and the country. Through the experience called life, Shivani has written every emotion she could feel and live in a simple language but straight from her heart. As a poetess, it is her dream to offer content that touches hearts and intrigues one's soul. Shortly she will be launching the audio format of her book and carries a dream to make this available in Braille as well. A full-time Banker and a Postgraduate in Management, Shivani has over 13+ years of banking experience, where she has not only performed as a banker but contributed with her writing skillsto her organisation and its esteemed customers.

Bhagwant Mann's wife assures contract teachers regularty

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, NOV 14

Today, the protest of contractual techers of various institutions of punjabi university, patiala continued for 5th day, at this time Dr. Gurpreet kaur Maan, wife of honorable Chief Minister of Punjab Mr. Bhagvant Maan is the chief guest at the annual youth fair at Punjabi university patiala, she met with contractual teacher and got information about their demands, at this time dr. Rajmohinder kaur told that they had performed their service on contract base a long time, and she told that all the contract teachers fulfill all the condition of UGC and punjab Government , at this time Dr. Dalbir singh said that the previous governments did



not pay any attention to their demands, even though they fulfill all the condition and they are still forced to work on contract base and helps them ready for strike, at this Doctor Gurpreet kaur assured

them that the government of punjab and chief minister of punjab Bhagwant maan ji seriously considering their demands and soon a concrete policy will be made to regulate their services.

Children are like blank paper they must be given strong value: DC

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL, NOV 14

DC Dr. Sangeeta Tatarwal said that children are like blank paper, whatever we write they will become. Whatever we speak for the future of the children, that itself becomes the voice of their inner soul, so they work hard in that direction and achieve success. Children are the future not only of India, but of the world. The more we give strong values, education and good environment to these children, the stronger will be the future of the world. Children are the heritage of our country. The development of the country depends on the development of the children. DC Dr. Sangeeta Tatarwal was addressing the attendees as the chief guest at the district level prize distribution ceremony organized by the District Child Welfare Council on the



occasion of Children's Day at the local Bal Bhavan. He started the program by lighting the lamp in front of the oil painting of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He said that we also have a collective responsibility that we will unite and strengthen the weak link by lifting it up. Haryana Bal Parishad is doing excellent work by providing its services. This council is for children up to 18 yearsIt works to enhance the talent of children through educational programs such as Computer Center, Craft Center, Model Day Care Center, Child Care Center,

Children's Library, Talent Search Program etc. Residential facilities are also provided to orphan children.

DC said that through Red Cross and social service organizations, special schools have been started for MR children near Kaithal Padma City Mall and Pundri Sweta Royal School. We have to work together in such work, so that we can become a prosperous society. He called upon the parents to keep striving for the all-round development of the children, because children are the heritage of our society as well as the country.

Cultural event organized at Government Primary School Barnala

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, NOV 14

A cultural event dedicated to Children's Day was organized at Government Primary School Hostel Barnala on the instructions of the Punjab Government. In which small children danced, sang, and played Gidha and Bhangra.

On this occasion, the head of the centre Ramandeep Singh while talking to the media said that where the students of the school showed their talent on the occasion of Children's Day, sports competitions were held for the students and an exhibition of the students' hand-made goods was also organized.

He said that the students of the school are doing well in every field and prizes were also distributed to the stu-



dents who won in the games including dance and food and they were also made aware to stay away from drugs.

On the occasion of the children's fair, the children's magazine Niknir Paedar was released. District Coordinator 'Padao

Punjab, Pdao Punjab' Kuldeep Singh Bhullar, Block Master Trainer Rajinder Kumar, Center Head Randeep Singh, Neetu, Baljit Kaur, Amritpal Kaur, Kirtan Singh, Kulwinder Kaur, Sama, Ritu, Lalit and Neeraj Mangala were present.

EDITORIAL

A long life

The Indian plastic industry has been operating since 1957. Yet it took more than six decades to legislate a blanket ban on single-use or disposable plastics despite a vast array of alternatives available in India's rapidly growing consumer market. As issues surrounding the recycling and mismanagement of plastic use remain largely unaddressed, it is likely that the recent blanket ban might just overpromise and underdeliver.

Plastic manufacturing giants like Parle Agro and Dabur as well as organisations such as the All India Plastic Manufacturers Association had sought an extension to the ban for a duration of six-twelve months as a result of which the plastic ban's original deadline that was to be August 2021 had to be extended to July 1, 2022. They cited issues such as the lack of time and alternatives and a demand-supply gap, culminating in increased costs in product packaging. To this end, the Indian government must incentivise the industry to adopt alternative packaging and encourage the taking up of eco-friendly, innovative measures that are not only cost-effective but also ensure economic feasibility apart from promptly meeting the growing demand. The government must take into account the livelihood concerns of segments of the population, such as waste-pickers, that are dependent on the single-use plastics industry and provide crisis support via incentives for redeployment.

The blanket ban has targeted those single-use plastic items that are seen to have low utility and carry high littering potential. Plastic manufacturing giants have shown their discontentment with the list and asked for certain items to be exempted from the ban. They have also struggled to find eco-friendly options. However, on the bright side, there exists better and low-cost alternatives to these items that could, in turn, empower small enterprises in the country and fulfil rising demands in India's fast-growing consumer markets. The list also fails to bring under its purview several plastic items that pollute terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. The lion's share of India's plastic waste comes from the plastic packaging material used for fast-moving consumer goods like chips and biscuits, which the ban fails to exclude. In a study conducted by the National Centre for Coastal Research, higher concentrations of microplastics were discovered ten kilometres into the Bay of Bengal waters as compared to three kilometres from the Indian coast. The plastic waste found mostly included particles like polyethylene and polypropylene that are used widely for packaging.

How Singapore tech layoffs are impacting Indians

Meta, the parent company of Facebook, has announced that it was laying off about 11,000 employees, or 13 per cent of its global workforce. It's the first mass redundancy exercise for the 18-year-old social media behemoth.

Its Asia-Pacific headquarters in Singapore was not spared. Media reports speculated that out of the estimated 1,000 employees here, perhaps up to 100, have been affected, majority of whom are tech workers including software engineers.

Based on 2021 Singapore Ministry of Manpower figures, about a quarter of the 177,100 employment pass holders or around 45,000, are from India. Employment pass holders are the highest qualified foreign professionals that are allowed to work in the country and must earn at least SGD 5,000 (USD 3,700) per month. No doubt many of these are impacted by not only Meta's layoffs but also other redundancies happening in the tech sector.

Technology companies around the world and in Singapore, a major tech hub where many of the tech giants host their regional headquarters, are freezing hiring or downsizing in the face of sluggish consumer spending, higher interest rates and inflation.

Singapore-based gaming and e-commerce powerhouse Sea Limited, the parent company of Garena, (publisher of games like League of Legends and Free Fire), and Shopee, made two rounds of cuts in June and September and rescinded job offers. Sea had 67,300 employees as at the end of 2021, double its headcount the year before, according to the company's most recent annual report.

Following a net loss of USD931 million in the second quarter of this year, and amidst mounting cost of borrowing and a slowing global economy, the company



scaled back its overseas footprint and periphery businesses with the aim to boost profitability by consolidating its position in its key markets and core products.

The company did not reveal the number of job cuts but the job losses in Singapore and in its offices around the world is estimated to be in the hundreds.

"Last year, a lot of what happened was a lot of cheap capital in the market flooded the market (which) allowed companies to grow really at any cost," said Jessica Huang Pouleur, a partner at venture capital firm Openspace, to CNBC in June. "What happened was people hired very rapidly. You have a problem; you just throw people

at it. I think we'll likely see more of it to come over the course of the next few months."

Among the Southeast Asian companies that downsized in the middle of the year are Singapore-based digital wealth manager, StashAway which laid off 31 employees, or 14 per cent of its headcount, and currency exchange Crypto.com which let go 260, or 5 per cent of its workforce in Singapore. Meanwhile, Malaysian online shopping platform iPrice also retrenched 250 workers or 25 per cent of its employees, and Indonesian education tech company Zenius made more than 200 employees redundant. In November, digital payments

startup Stripe and social media network Twitter were among the companies that reduce jobs in their Singapore offices.

On November 3, Stripe announced said it would cut its global workforce by 1,000 or 14 per cent. After the job cuts, Stripe will have about 7,000 employees. Some Singapore-based jobs were impacted. A day later, Twitter chopped off half its global headcount or about 3,700 employees a week after Elon Musk's takeover. Those in the Singapore office were also affected. Singapore's Straits Times reported that the among those impacted were staff from its engineering, sales and marketing teams.

UK Govt issues advisory for its nationals in Afghanistan

United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) issued an advisory for British nationals against travelling to Afghanistan as the situation in the country is "extremely volatile", Khaama Press reported. The FCDO said that there are no British consular officials present in Afghanistan, and their capacity to offer consular assistance is severely constrained and cannot be provided in person within Afghanistan.

If British nationals still choose to travel or remain in Afghanistan despite the "heightened," they should maintain a low profile and exercise caution, according to the FCDO.

British citizens may access consular services at the British embassies in neighboring nations, the FCDO stated. This comes as many countries in the international community are concerned about the resurgence of terrorism and the threats of terrorist groups emanating from Afghanistan, reported Khaama Press. Terrorist attacks continue to be a serious threat throughout Afghanistan, including in the area of the airport. Tensions have risen as a result of incidents like the



death of Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in July 2022. Recently, in Kabul, the Afghanis witnessed several attacks on educational institutions. In September, there was an attack at the Kaaj Educational Center in Afghanistan's capital Kabul. This series of blasts come as the Taliban completed one year of its rule in Afghanistan following the ouster of the US-backed civilian government last year. Rights groups said the Taliban had broken multiple pledges to respect human and women's rights. In a recent Human Rights Watch (HRW) report, the Islamic State of Khorasan Province (ISKP) repeatedly attacked Hazaras and other religious minorities at their mosques, schools, and workplaces.

China's surveillance campaigns targeting Uyghurs

Cybersecurity researchers uncovered two new surveillance campaigns that are targeting Uyghurs in China and abroad including messaging services, prayer time apps and dictionaries, according to Lookout report citing its Threat Lab.

The two new surveillance campaigns are named as BadBazaar and MOONSHINE by the researchers on Thursday. The other employs a previously disclosed tool, MOONSHINE, which was discovered by Citizen Lab and observed targeting Tibetan activists in 2019.

The surveillance and detainment campaigns against Uyghurs and other Turkic ethnic minorities have been operational for years but it got the highlight when the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner, Michelle Bachelet released her report in August which stated that China has committed "serious human rights violations" against the Uyghur and "other predominantly Muslim communities" in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR).

Published on Bachelet's final day of her four-year term in office, the report said that the violations have taken place in the context of the Chinese Government's assertion that it is targeting terrorists among the Uyghur minority with a counter-extremism strategy that involves the use of so-called Vocational Educational and Training Centres (VETCs), or re-education camps. On October 31, 2022, about 50 countries sub-



mitted a joint statement to the UN General Assembly condemning the Chinese government's oppression of Uyghurs and other Turkic peoples in East Turkistan.

The joint statement was issued on Monday and is the largest group of states publicly condemning China's ongoing atrocities in East Turkistan, reported East Turkistan Government in Exile (ETGE).

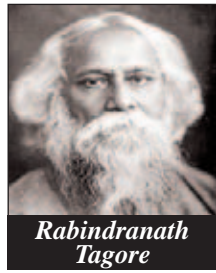
Mobile surveillance tools like BadBazaar and MOONSHINE can be used to track many of the "pre-criminal" activities, actions considered indicative of religious extremism or separatism by the authorities in Xinjiang.

Some activities that may result in a user being detained include using a VPN, communicating with practicing Muslims abroad, using religious apps, and using certain messaging apps like WhatsApp that are popular outside of China, the report by the San Francisco-based cloud security firm reads.

POEM

The Kiss

Lips' language to lips' ears.
Two drinking each other's
heart, it seems. Two roving



loves who have
left home,
pilgrims to the
confluence of
lips. Two

waves rise by
the law of love to break and
die on two sets of lips. Two
wild desires craving each
other meet at last at the
body's limits.

Rabindranath Tagore

Tribal Empowerment for a Glorious India

SHRI ARJUN MUNDA

Under the charismatic leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the Government of India declared that 15th of November, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, will be celebrated as Jan Jatiya Gaurav Divas every year. This decision was a historic moment for the entire nation as JanJatiya Gaurav Divas symbolises the glorious tribal legacy, heritage, culture, and achievements of India, fuelled by the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and strengthening India's position in the global forum. "In this Amrit Kaal of Independence, the country has resolved that it would provide a more significant and majestic identity to the tribal legacy traditions of India and its heroism stories,"

our Prime Minister has remarked. India is home to about 25% of the world's ethnic population, making it a country with a diversified and rich cultural heritage and a large number of youthful tribal people.

They are actively utilising the opportunities that are opening for them in fields like education, sports; with their dedication and commitment, they are also winning the renowned Padma Awards, and international recognition. Though endowed with natural talent, the tribals had to struggle for a long time because of sheer neglect and apathy towards them. But now things have finally changed for good under the leadership of our dynamic Prime Minister. It is pertinent to note that Smt. Droupadi Murmu, the nation's first tribal president is a wonderful illustration of the enormous poten-

tial of the nation's Scheduled Tribes, and her appointment to this distinguished position demonstrates our government's commitment to the tribal people. The issues facing tribal people are being dealt with one by one during the eight years of Sushasan (good governance) of this government in a multifaceted manner. This has demonstrated the true meaning of the motto "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas." India has seen a paradigm shift towards a government that has a people-centric approach. The Prime Minister's call for "Reform, Perform, Transform" has served as the guiding principle for the last eight years of the Government. To ensure the last-mile distribution of benefits and improve development results across the nation, pro-people policies and initiatives have

been put into place. The programmes have placed a priority on enhancing infrastructure, expanding healthcare facilities, safeguarding farmers' welfare, and defending the vulnerable. Additionally, India has made significant progress in growth, that is driven by youth and technology. Speaking from personal experience, when I think about our glorious motherland at hundred years of Independence, I realise that it is vital to fully develop the tribal society, raise the living standards of all tribal people, address their pressing institutional issues, and integrate them into the mainstream of the society by valuing their cultural heritage. The most crucial strategy for development advocated by our Prime Minister is holistic education, a potent tool that enables any community, class, or country to advance

positively, make necessary reforms, and realise a successful future vision. The foundation of this

administration's policies is more focused on education while conserving traditional and cultural customs in order to preserve tribal heritage. In tribal societies, it is necessary to encourage the tradition of educational advancement, particularly for young girls. Additionally, there have been challenges in affected areas by left-wing extremism to establish educational infrastructure. Our goal is to address these problems at the block level by providing tribal students with quality education so that they can attend the best Eklavya Model Residential Schools and take advantage of the five scholarship programmes we offer: Pre/Post Matric, National Fellowship, Top Class

Scholarship, and National Overseas Scholarship. Our Ministry has kept up with the most recent technologies, as the globe has transitioned to a digital era, in order to speed up tribal welfare and practise good governance. These efforts are becoming the cornerstone for advancing our tribal development programmes. They range from empowering tribal people digitally and upskilling them even in distant locations to helping them produce and sell their manufactured goods. In addition, our State Tribal Research Institutes, NGOs, Centers of Excellence, and other affiliated groups are concentrating on both the advancement of tribal life and culture as well as the anthropological components of it.

These organisations have a crucial role to perform, and their research helps in the for-

mulation of development plans. The Vision for India@2047 is to achieve new heights of economic welfare, provide the greatest amenities in both cities and villages, and construct the most advanced infrastructure in the world. Giving momentum to this core element of Vision 2047, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has prioritised sustainable livelihoods, income generation, education, health and the promotion of varied ethnic cultures of tribal people. As a result of our flagship programmes and initiatives, tribal people today feel more integrated into society. This Ministry is also attempting to preserve and nurture several tribal languages in India, and has been working with academic institutions and experts to develop primers in tribal languages. I can say with pride that the Ministry's work en-

compasses both the tangible and intangible aspects of life of tribal communities. Furthermore, in coordination with local governing entities, our programmes and policies are carried out locally with a national outlook. In the long run, I see my country, India, as a leader in sustainable development, with a solid socio-economic foundation that offers a wide range of possibilities to all inhabitants. India is now slowly moving towards the goal of becoming a powerhouse where its voice will be heard clearly and where it will be a partner on an equal footing. Through a variety of development measures, we are embarking on this journey together to unlock India's potential and build a prosperous, people-led nation.

(Shri Arjun Munda is Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India)

SHIMLA, India's Leading Furniture E-commerce Brand, WoodenStreet, enters in Himachal Pradesh with the launch of its first store in Shimla. With entering the state, the company has planned for an aggressive spread in Himachal Pradesh, under its expansion drive of Tier-2 & Tier-3 cities. The new studio, launched in the capital of Himachal Pradesh, is situated at one of the prime locations at Amber Ville, in Shimla (Chandigarh-Shimla Highway), spanning across a carpet area of 3000 Sq. Ft. With this store, Woodenstreet's offline stores footprint currently spans across 90+ experience stores, including all the major cities of the country. Lokendra Singh Ranawat, CEO, WoodenStreet says, "The very reason behind entering into Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) is to create a strong connection with the people living there. Their love for luxury and traditional furniture is deep rooted. And, we want to give Shimlites a one-of-a-kind experience through the premium quality of furniture that we offer." "Making a huge leap post-pandemic, these cities (targeting Tier-2 & Tier-3) show a tremendous scope of the aesthetically pleasing, practical and functional designs in furniture & decor and are going to be the next hub for this industry", he added further. The newly launched offers customers a first-hand experience with an exclusive catalogue of home-furniture and decor products.

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KFC popcorn bowl made with Maggi

Chandigarh: Bhook Lagi[Toh 'Let's KFC'] Because for the first time, in what undoubtedly is the most epic collaboration of 2022, KFC India partners with Nestle to delight fans with the KFC Popcorn Bowl made with Maggi. The two iconic brands have joined hands to create the one, the only, the crunchiest and slurpest combo of KFC's signature Chicken Popcorn & Maggi noodles in one perfect bowl! Bringing together hot, steaming, deliciously masalaedar and so so slurpy Maggi noodles, with flavorful Chicken Popcorn, tender on the inside but unbelievably crispy on the outside, this limited time bowl of happiness is sure to add much crispiness to your undying love for Maggi noodles & KFC Chicken. Talking about this iconic partnership, Moksh Chopra, GM, KFC India said, "Both Maggi and KFC are iconic brands that consumers love and truly enjoy. The coming together of this epic collab was therefore very much on the cards, and perhaps something that our fans always hoped for. And what a delicious recipe this partnership has resulted in! We are thrilled to offer KFC & Maggi fans the limited-edition KFC Popcorn Bowl Made with Maggi; that is sure to offer a finger lickin' good time, with a slurpy twist!" The bowl comes in two distinct much-loved flavours – with Chicken Popcorn & Veg Patty - and is sure to get your slurping & crunching. The Chicken popcorn bowl starting at INR 159/- while the Veg patty bowl starting at INR 129/-. This crunchy masala packed innovation will be available across all 600+ KFC restaurants in the country. You can get your bowl of happiness in a completely contactless & safe manner - through delivery, takeaway, KFC to your Car/Bike and during dine-in. All KFC favorites can also be easily ordered on the all-new convenient KFC app, available on Google Play and the App Store.

Ziqitza Healthcare Limited distributes winter wear!

Ropar: As winter approaches, temperatures plummet, days become shorter, and much of the north is plunged into chilly weather, the conditions pose a unique set of challenges for the crew to operate through winter months and work round the clock to serve patients in need. Keeping in mind the safety of their crew staff, Ziqitza Healthcare Limited shows a token of duty and care to their Ropar staff crew by distributing winter wear! Encouraging outdoor workers to wear layers with their everyday clothing, Ziqitza Healthcare distributed wind cheaters and warm shoes to a staff of members. Operation Manager Pankaj Sharma and Cluster Leader Shakeel Khan handed over the winterwear in the presence of the hospital staff. Sharing his views, Mr. Manish Batra, Project Head, 108 Ambulance said, "Our duty of care includes protecting staff from the risks of working in cold conditions and bad weather. It is our responsibility to provide a healthy work environment, equipment as needed and safe systems of work. All of these factors are relevant when considering winter working conditions and the control measures to put in place. So ensuring that our outdoor warriors are warm on the go is very important for us!

Canara Robeco Mutual Fund launches Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund NFO

Panaji: Canara Robeco Mutual Fund, one of the leading asset management companies in India, today announced the launch of Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund, an open-ended equity scheme which would predominantly invest in equity and equity-related instruments of mid cap companies, with the objective of generating capital appreciation over a longer term of five years and above. Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund's New Fund Offer (NFO) opens today, November 11, 2022, and closes on Friday, November 25, 2022. As a fund house, while Canara Robeco Mutual Fund's ethos is to invest in robust growth-oriented businesses, with competent management and a reasonable valuation, Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund aims to invest in mid cap companies that are at the confluence of industry growth, company growth and management pedigree. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Rajnish Narula, MD & CEO, said: "Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund would offer an attractive opportunity to create wealth over the long term through both the lumpsum and SIP mode of investment. Mutual Fund investors who are comfortable displaying patience to ride market volatility, keeping an investment horizon of over five years, may benefit from risk adjusted returns." Mr. Shridatta Bhandwadar, Head – Equities & Fund Manager, said: The rising number of earnings growth leaders in the last few years within the midcap segment, with dominant 75 per cent of these businesses depending on domestic factors, offering better risk-adjusted returns from under-researched companies in the emerging themes and sectors, make for an attractive investment proposition in the Midcap segment"

Vi Expands Retail Footprint With 300 New Vi Shops in Rural Markets Across 5 Circles

Ludhiana: India's leading telecom operator, Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi) has rolled out 300 new format 'Vi Shops' across multiple towns in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and UP West. Vi plans to further strengthen its local presence and enhance engagement with mobile users by expanding its retail footprint to cover more rural markets in the coming few years. Vi customers in Maharashtra; Hapur in Western UP; Basirhat in West Bengal; Usluipatti in Tamil Nadu; Payyoli in Kerala; and hundreds of other such towns will now get access to quick, efficient, face-to-face service from Vi, along with a range of differentiated products and offerings for the new age mobile users. Speaking on the new retail initiative, Abhijit Kishore, COO, Vodafone Idea Limited, said, "There is still a large segment of customers in Rural India, who prefer the comfort and familiarity of face-to-face service through the physical Retail format. Further, rural has been driving the growth of mobile Internet usage in India. To cater to this demand, we are taking a renewed approach to our rural retail strategy, through our Vi Shop concept, which will enable millions of Indians to digitally connect for a better future. Vi customers in several Tier 3 towns across 5 circles can now walk into the neighborhood Vi shop with assured ease and simplicity in accessing service through trained personnel in welcoming surroundings."

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IDFC Mutual Fund launches Two New Target Maturity Funds



Chandigarh: ☐ Unhealthy food habits, stress and sedentary lifestyles have led to a surge in non-communicable metabolic disorders. Over the years, Diabetes has been a major concern in India. As per a WHO report, 8.7% of the diabetic population in India is in the age group of 20 to 70 years which accounts for a majority of the country's populace. Type 2 Diabetes is a lifestyle disease that can be managed with positive attitudinal changes, exercise, and a healthy diet. While government bodies and medical practitioners have been endorsing the idea of a good lifestyle for decades now, good health is equally an individual pursuit. In addition to good food and exercise, the right nutritional supplements can boost our efforts to achieve desired health goals.

On World Diabetes Day, QNET presents an optimal range of health supplements that aid the management of Diabetes. **1. Nutriplus DiabHealth:** DiabHealth is a 100% natural supplement made of a variety of herbs and plant extracts that have been successful in controlling blood sugar. The product's composition includes a proprietary blend of ten ingredients. The primary compound in the active ingredient Kino (Malabar kino) is epicatechin, which is known to be a natural insulin mimetic (NAISUMI). It is an Ayurvedic proprietary medicine with no side effects or preservatives. As a result, Nutriplus DiabHealth controls blood sugar levels and safeguards you from the negative effects of sugar. Just two capsules per

day, one before each meal, is the recommended dosage. Learn more about this popular health supplement and how to manage health blood sugar at early stages. **2. Nutriplus FibreFit:**FibreFit possesses one of the highest concentrations of soluble fibre from a natural plant source - Gum Acacia. It is suitable for diabetics due to its low glycaemic index. Combining it with cooked food promotes healthy digestive functions, and also assists in the reduction of bad cholesterol levels in the body. Being heat stable, it can be mixed into a beverage or sprinkled on top of any food to increase the fibre content of any meal. Know more how to consume FibreFit to improve your diet plan. **3.Nutriplus DailyHealth:** DailyHealth is a dietary supplement comprising wild Aphanizomenon flos-aquae extract, popularly known as AFA blue-green algae. It is nature's superfood sourced from Lake Klamath in the United States, which has a high concentration of naturally available vitamins, minerals, trace elements, antioxidants, phytonutrients, and plant pigments. In addition to its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, it is hypoglycemic, which means that it can bring down blood sugar levels. DailyHealth reduces oxidative stress, stimulates optimal nervous system function, boosts stem cells, and assists the body in healing and repair. Know more about the numerous health benefits of DailyHealth.

Escon Primera Tricity Bankers League (TBL) gets a good response

Chandigarh: In the second match of Escon Primera Tricity Bankers League (TBL) Tournament edition-1, being held here with the support of SportSaga, the IndusInd Bank won today by 32 runs against the Bank of India (BOI) team. Batting first, IndusInd scored 168 runs in 20 overs and in reply BOI could only manage to score 136 runs. Rohit Khatana from IndusInd was declared as the Player of the Match for taking 3 wickets in 4 overs. Similarly, Raj Pandit Galve of IndusInd Bank was declared as the Best Bowler for taking 3 wickets in just 2.2 overs, Davinder Singh (BOI) as the Best Batsman for scoring 43 runs in 39 balls, and Chani as the Game Changer of the Match for scoring 53 runs in 45 balls. In Group A, Punjab National Bank (PNB) is leading the group with 2 out of 2 wins followed by Yes Bank with 1 win out of 2. In Group B, the State Bank of India (SBI) and IndusInd Bank both started their campaign with a win. Gaurav Kohli, Founder, SportSaga, said, "We are excited to host the first edition of the Tricity Bankers League (TBL) in Chandigarh. The endeavour is to bring the bankers on a common platform. The matches are being played on weekends."



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“Smart Plywood Buying Guide” is a must reference Book for those planning to do their interiors

New Delhi– “Smart Plywood Buying Guide”, a book authored by Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, is a must read for those planning to get interiors done for their home or office. Since Plywood is at the core of home interiors and decides its life span, Mr. Chitlangia recommends Indians to spend more time researching to buy plywood. “You spend maximum time, much more than even with your close family members, with your home or office interiors. Therefore, please do get to know the plywood more intricately,” exclaims Mr. Chitlangia. After completing his education from the Boston University, USA, Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia joined his family legacy plywood business. He was shocked to see that consumers, who invest crores in buying a house and lakhs in its interiors, do not invest any time to finalise the right plywood. “The incremental cost if you go for a branded plywood is just 1% of your interior cost. So, it makes economic sense to invest a little time in buying the right plywood,” recommends Mr. Chitlangia. Announcing the launch of Hindi language of the book, author Mr. Akhilesh Chitlangia, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Durply, said, “My mission is to see that Indians start focussing on buying the right plywood for their interiors as interiors last generations. This is only possible when one buys the right plywood. I decided to author this book by putting together all the industry insights and hidden secrets I could gather from my family's 65+ years legacy business. I have also provided readers with comparisons of different products, and how to identify the correct product for you. I hope that our consumers will start paying due attention to this aspect that will end up benefiting them in multiple ways.”



Organ Donation Camp held by Kidney Care Centre Panchkula

Panchkula : On successful completion of two years of services, an organ donation camp was organized at Kidney Care Centre, Sector 14, Panchkula. A team from ROTTO, PGI, Chandigarh was also present at the venue to motivate people for the noble cause. A total of 122 people pledged their organs at the event.



of 2 lakh people requiring kidney transplant, only a few thousand get it. Rest of the patients either stay on dialysis or lose their lives due to kidney failure. In india almost 1.5 lakh people suffer brain death every year. Each person can save upto 8 lives by donating organs after brain death. So organs from such people who die with healthy organs can be retrieved and transplanted to save many lives." People who pledged their organs were issued donor cards by NOTTO, a government organization which regulates the organ retrieval and allocation in india. Dr Goyal further said, "On the occasion of our centre's third foundation day we decided to celebrate in a unique way by working towards a social cause and motivate people to pledge their organs to save lives."

Natural water blended BrooknPines Micro MicroBrewery launched in Kasauli Hills

Chandigarh: Kasauli hills has continued to be a popular tourist destination since the British Raj and even with the changing times the hospitality sector here has attracted people from across the country and overseas. Another new dimension has been added to this hosting with the advent of microbrewery, the first of its own kind in the region. This newly launched microbrewery at Kharog on the Garhkhah-Kanda road near Kasauli is becoming the first choice for fresh beer enthusiasts. Varun Aggarwal, Managing Director, Kasauli Hills Resorts launched BrooknPines micro brewery in the presence of distinguished guests in the midst of a cultural event in the resort premises

very recently. He informed that the water available in the natural sources has its own medicinal values that could be probably one of the reasons that Britshers



preferred to stay here for a longer time. He said that cashing on this natural water in mind, this micro-brewery was conceptualized here with a massive

investment. The ingredients used in this microbrewery are imported from abroad while the base of beer is the natural water available here, which is further processed to serve in the form of beer on the guest's table. The beers served in the cafe are available in three variants – American Lager, Irish Isle and Belgian Wheat. Transparent glass décor allows guests seated inside the lounge to appreciate the picturesque serene valley and just outside the café, one can enjoy a wonderful silence amidst the smell of pine greenery. Aggarwal ensures that the cafe will surely live up to the expectations of guests.

“Fancy Dress Competition” organised by Adarsh Public School

Chandigarh : Students and staff of Adarsh Public School (APS-20) Sector 20B, Chandigarh organized a “Fancy Dress Competition” to celebrate the birthday of our first Prime Minister 'Chacha Nehru' as Children's Day. The main purpose of conducting events was to develop the confidence in students. Tiny- tots were well dressed up as Army officers, soldiers, Kashmiri girl, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, fairy, Chacha Nehru , Butterfly,Apple, Carrot, Mouse, Rabbit, Spiderman etc. The winners are Yashvi Mahajan, Vedanshi, Sanna, Palakshi, Mankirat, Sukhan, Aaravy Sharma, Rudra, Aarav sharma.



Binance CEO Changpeng Zhao Announces Launch of Industry Recovery Fund

Binance CEO Changpeng Zhao aka CZ has revealed that his company will form an industry recovery group in a bid to reduce the negative effects associated with the fallout of FTX. Sam Bankman-Fried's FTX filed for bankruptcy on Friday after a week of seeing customers pull assets and Binance abandoning a rescue offer. Bankman-Fried and his company are under investigation by the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission. CZ also welcomed other industry participants who would want to co-invest. "To reduce further cascading negative effects of FTX, Binance is forming an industry recovery fund, to help projects who are otherwise strong, but in a liquidity crisis. More details to come soon. In the meantime, please contact Binance Labs if you think you qualify," tweeted Zhao. Tron founder Justin Sun looks to support and participate in Binance CEO's initiative to recover the market. He believes it will help good builders and developers to recover from the crisis.

Drive 'meditation' to get rid of 'medication': Motivator Monica

Panchkula, Yoga and Meditation are the complete lifestyle in itself. The best and simplest way to lead a stress free, healthy and joyful life is to try to keep yourself calm and focused during stressful times. These



sentiments were expressed by the founder of Hari Om Smiles and well-known life coach & motivational speaker Monica Singhal to a massive gathering including Chief Guests Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal and AIG, Haryana Police Kamaldeep Goyal (IPS) during the Smiles Samagam held at Indradhanush Auditorium on

Sunday. During the session she emphasized that meditation is the solution to most of the physical and mental problems of all and it promises to give us a life free from medicines, worries and despair. Industrialists, housewives, intellectuals, doctors, lawyers, teachers, students and all walks of the society took advantage of this session which almost lasted for two hours. She emphasized that positive thinking always shows better results and teaches us a lot to deal with different types of miserable situations. She stressed upon the fact that by understanding the powers within, with the belief within oneself, one can get rid of diseases and worries. Hence, we should start our day with a positive note. In his address, Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal also underlined that people should take refuge in yoga and meditation for their physical and mental growth in this competitive era, which will definitely be beneficial for a longer period. Emphasizing on the significance of such events, he said that people must take advantage of such events from their running life.

Priyanka Chopra comes home with Nykaa & Anomaly!

Chandigarh/ Amritsar : After a stellar national launch on Nykaa in August 2022, Anomaly founder Priyanka Chopra Jonas visited the country to celebrate her haircare brand and win the love of Indian consumers. Founded, in partnership with global beauty incubator Maesa; Anomaly has disrupted the haircare aisles globally with its clean, performance-driven formulas, eco-conscious packaging, and brings its powerful hair solutions to Priyanka's home country. Anomaly, as the name suggests, is built upon Chopra Jonas' belief that we are all unique as individuals and our hair reflects that. Priyanka was motivated to channel her passion for the environment into her brand. Anomaly introduces Indian consumers to choices that empower them without costing them the earth. The collection consists of end-to-end hair care solutions via shampoos & conditioners for different hair needs, a high-performance hair & scalp oil, a dry shampoo, and bonding mask. All products are gender neutral, priced starting INR 750, and are housed in bottles made from 100% plastic trash and infinitely recyclable cans. With high-performance products, affordable pricing, clean formulations & sustainable packaging; Anomaly's vision is to be Accessible to all genders & every hair type/ via Nykaa's unparalleled e-com presence, wide distribution of retail doors & through Nykaa's distribution channel, Nykaa Super Store."I'm so proud that Anomaly haircare is now in India. It's been an amazing 3 months since we launched, and the response has been phenomenal.

Tribute paid to Padambhushan Ela Bhatt



Panchkula: A Memorial was held at SEWA Saketiri office in Panchkula to pay tribute to the Padambhushan Ela Bhatt. SEWA founder and leader of SEWA movement. Ex Presidents of Rotary Club of Chandigarh, Dr Neenu Vij and Mr Jaspal Singh, and current President Mr Vinod Kapoor and Dr Rita Kalra Rotarian and Senior Doctor at Civil Hospital attended the memorial service. Also present were Anuradha Sharma, ex President, Hamari Kaksha Board and Current secretary, Hamari Kaksha, Mr. Pushruttam Sharma. A renowned Gandhian, Ela ben founded SEWA in 1972. She lived closely by the value of simplicity and the four pillars of Swaraj, tying these to the SEWA vichar and imbibing these values into the SEWA movement catered towards the upliftment of informal sector women. She said, "Simplicity for me is a very clear ideal, a gem. Out of all virtues, simplicity is my most favorite. So much so that I tend to believe that simplicity can solve most of the problems, personal as well as the world problems." The growth of SEWA and its grassroots work have been in response to the needs of the women members of the informal sector. Today it is a national federation of SEWA social enterprises and women led cooperatives and present in over 12 states promoting the socio-economic development of women workers with nearly 2 million members.

500 attend Diabetes Health Mela at Bathinda



Bathinda, : As many as 500 patients were screened during a Diabetes Health Mela at Max Hospital, Bathinda on Monday. Shaukat Ahmed Parray DC inaugurated the mela which was organized in association with C-DOT Forum to mark World Diabetes Day. Among others, Dr. Tejwanti Singh Dhillion civil surgeon and Sandeep Singh GM operation Max were also present during the occasion. Dr. Sushil Kotru head endocrine diabetes and obesity care center said that during mela the tests including HbA1C, blood sugar, diabetes foot checkup, obesity checkup and TSH were offered free of cost. The free insulin cards were also distributed to 30 type 1 diabetic children.

Canara Robeco Mutual Fund launches Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund NFO

Ludhiana : Canara Robeco Mutual Fund, one of the leading asset management companies in India, today announced the launch of Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund, an open-ended equity scheme which would predominantly invest in equity and equity-related instruments of mid cap companies, with the objective of generating capital appreciation over a longer term of five years and above. Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund's New Fund Offer (NFO) opens today, November 11, 2022, and closes on Friday, November 25, 2022. As a fund house, while Canara Robeco Mutual Fund's ethos is to invest in robust growth-oriented businesses, with competent management and a reasonable valuation, Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund aims to invest in mid cap companies that are at the confluence of industry growth, company growth and management pedigree. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Rajnish Narula, MD & CEO, said: "Canara Robeco Mid Cap Fund would offer an attractive opportunity to create wealth over the long term through both the lumpsum and SIP mode of investment. Mutual Fund investors who are comfortable displaying patience to ride market volatility, keeping an investment horizon of over five years, may benefit from risk adjusted returns." Mr. Shridatta Bhandwadar, Head – Equities & Fund Manager, said: The rising number of earnings growth leaders in the last few years within the midcap segment, with dominant 75 per cent of these businesses depending on domestic factors, offering better risk-adjusted returns from under-researched companies in the emerging themes and sectors, make for an attractive investment proposition in the Midcap segment"

MG Ranks Highest in India Sales Satisfaction

CHANDIGARH– In an era of digitalization, with more than 73% of vehicle shoppers in India knowing the exact model to be purchased and 88% researching online, product discovery at a showroom remains an important driver of customer experience, according to the J.D. Power 2022 India Sales Satisfaction Index Study (SSI), released. Since 2021, J.D. Power has re-launched the India Sales Satisfaction Index Study in partnership with NielsenIQ. The study finds that customers with a seamless product discovery engagement have an increase of 28 index points (on a 1,000-point scale) over those who do not (872 vs. 844, respectively). However, more than one-third (36%) of customers in India mention that the product discovery engagement was not seamless. MG ranks highest for a second consecutive year, with a score of 881. Toyota (878) ranks second and Hyundai (872) ranks third. "Even in an era of instant information availability, the importance of sales consultant-led product discovery continues to drive purchase experience," said Sandeep Pandey, lead of the automotive practice India at NielsenIQ. "With customers returning to the showrooms for their purchase, a seamless product discovery will aid satisfaction and will drive dealer referrals." Commercial engagement issues affect overall satisfaction: Nearly one-third (27%) of customers mention that they faced one or more issues during their commercial engagement with the dealers. Satisfaction of these customers drops 26 points compared with those who do not experience any such issues.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

School magazine 'Taleem' released on Children's Day



KAHAL KALAN: An impressive ceremony was organized under the leadership of School Incharge Sandeep Kumar at Government Middle Smart School, Kahal Kalan. On this occasion, the school magazine 'Taleem', dedicated to Children's Day, expressing the emotions of children's minds, was released by the chief guest, Chairman of the School Management Committee, Sarabjit Kaur. School Head Sandeep Kumar said that through the school magazine, there was an increase in artistry and creativity among the students. Master Harnek Singh performed the responsibility of stage manager well. During the ceremony, the head teacher, Harjinder Singh mesmerised the audience with cultural songs. Sunita Devi, Rajwant Kaur, Davinder Kaur, Kanta Devi, Paramjit Kaur, Asha and members of the school management committee were present on this occasion.

Village Mohdi will continue to get health services at low cost: Dr. Gill



GOLDY CHUGH SHAHABAD: Newly elected Sarpanch Sukhdeep Singh from Mohadi village met Dr. H.S. Gill. Dr. H.S. Gill welcomed newly elected second time in a row Sarpanch Sukhdeep Singh and assured that Mohadi village will continue to get medical facilities at low cost as before from Adesh Hospital. He inspired Sukhdeep Singh to develop the village equally by maintaining an atmosphere of peace and harmony in the village.

Children's Day celebrated



RADAUR (NIRMAL): Children's day was celebrated in Maharaja Agrasen Senior Secondary Public School, Gumthala. The children cut the cake in their respective classes. Chocolates were distributed to young children. Children also presented colorful and cultural programmes, which enthralled everyone. Winners were felicitated with prizes by school manager. School Manager Dr Sudesh Bansal congratulated all the children on Children's Day.

I draw strength from villagers' support: Jitendra Singh



RINKU GONDAR NISSING, NOV 14

Social worker Jitendra Singh Govindgarh said that politics is not the main purpose of his life. He said that his family has been engaged in public service for many years. On Monday, Jitendra Singh was addressing the villagers under the chairmanship of village sarpanch Rajwinder Kaur. Jitendra Singh Virk said that he was getting a lot of cooperation and support from the people of the area and village. The love and support people have given is my real strength. Jitendra Singh Virk assured the people of the village and said that he would never let them down. He said that his political life is like an open book. Virk said that development work will be done in the village according to the demand of the people with the help of the villagers.

District level workshop vocational camp held



KARANPREET DHANDRAL BARNALA: A one-day district level workshop was organized at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Arya Mahila College Barnala as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Education, Government of India to promote vocational education. The purpose of this one-day workshop organized by Mahatma Gandhi Rashtriya Gramin Shiksha Parishad was to encourage vocational education among students. On this occasion, Sukhpal Singh Assistant Commissioner (J) Barnala and Sampath Sharma Consultancy, Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India attended as chief guests. Welcoming the guests, the principal of the college Dr. Neelam Sharma said that vocational education is an important need of the present time, so that students can stand on their own feet.

GM Northern Railway reviews projects in Lucknow

NEW DELHI, NOV 14

Holds meeting with Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha of Lucknow & Moradabad Divisions jurisdiction) and also reviews progress of works and projects at Alamnagar Station.

Ashutosh Gangal, General Manager, Northern Railway held a meeting in Lucknow today on 14.11.2022, with Hon'ble Ministers/MPs of constituencies falling under the jurisdiction of Lucknow and Moradabad Divisions of Northern Railway. The programme was inaugurated with a welcome address by the Deputy General Manager (General), Shri Satya Prakash Singh wherein the Officers present were also introduced to the Hon'ble MPs. Presenting a comprehensive picture of Northern Railway, Shri Gangal apprised the House about completion of various important works, developmental activities and projects being done by Northern Railway in the



jurisdiction of Lucknow and Moradabad Divisions of Northern Railway. The programme was inaugurated with a welcome address by the Deputy General Manager (General), Shri Satya Prakash Singh wherein the Officers present were also introduced to the Hon'ble MPs. Presenting a comprehensive picture of Northern Railway, Shri Gangal apprised the House about completion of various important works, developmental activities and projects being done by Northern Railway in the

jurisdiction of Lucknow and Moradabad Divisions. Later, he also updated those present with details about new initiatives being undertaken. "Northern Railway is moving forward on the path of continuous progress. The guidance and advice provided by the Hon'ble public representatives remains very relevant and inspiring for us", Shri Gangal said. On this occasion, Divisional Railway Manager, Lucknow Division, Shri Suresh Kumar Sapra and Divisional Railway Manager, Moradabad Division,

Shri Ajay Nandan also made presentations related to developmental activities in their respective Divisions. MPs and their representatives also put forward demands like additional stoppages of trains, running of new trains, increase in passenger facilities, development of facilities at stations and proper cleanliness. They also put forward their assurance about completing ongoing development works and projects as per quality stipulations and timelines given along with secure, safe and punctual train operations. All major department heads, divisional officers and other concerned officers were present on the occasion. The meeting was held in a very cordial and healthy environment. All Hon'ble MPs and representatives appreciated the initiative to organize the meeting and said that this initiative will prove to be very effective in the development of the region with active contribution of Railways.

DC orders to take serious steps to eliminate measles and rubella



SUMER GARG SANGRUR, NOV 14

Deputy Commissioner(DC), Sangrur, Mr. Jatindra Jorwal has issued guidelines to the officials of the health department for the complete elimination of measles and rubella(M&R) in district Sangrur by December 2023. During the meeting of the District Task Force(DTF), the DC, directed the health officials to collect the details, related to the children between the age of nine months and five years. He said that the data of children of this age group enrolled in Anganwadi centers and schools should be collected, so that M&R camps can be organized in schools by establishing contact with the school principals. He also instructed that a survey be conducted through ASHA workers, so that no child of this age group is to be deprived of

vaccination. While addressing the meeting, the DC said that the Govt of India(GoI) is striving to eliminate M&R by 2023. He said that systematic work should be done to eliminate M&R. He directed the health officials to vaccinate children up to 5 years of age in slum areas, brick kilns and said that no child should be deprived of vaccination. The Deputy Commissioner directed the DTF to take appropriate action to speed up vaccination and its monitoring activities. Among the prominent, Civil Surgeon, Dr. Parminder Kaur; SMO of WHO, Nivedita; DMC, Dr. Vikas Dhirzilla; Epidemiologist, Dr. Upasana Bindra; Pediatrician, Dr. Paramveer Kaler; Dr. Simran Kaur, District immunization officer, Dr. Anju Singla, Program officers and senior medical officers of the health department were present in the meeting.

Development work in Karnal continues at an unprecedented pace: Mayor



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, NOV 14

The Mayor of Karnal Municipal Corporation, Renu Vala Gupta, has said that the development works are going on at a fast pace in Karnal. The wheel of development is turning at a fast pace in villages that were included in the municipal corporation. He said that under the guidance of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, no area of Karnal has remained untouched by development. Today, she was inaugurating the work of

the backward class chaupal, the Brahmin chaupal, the Harijan chaupal, and the street and high-mass lighting in Ward No. 20 Uchana by the Municipal Corporation. He was welcomed by the local residents. During this councillor brother gathering, Monu, Rampal Sharma, Madan Sharma, Mohan Lal Sharma, Prem Pal, Satpal Prajapat, Virbhan Jogi, Subhash Prajapat, Hukum Singh Jogi, Ramesh Pal, Rajesh Pal, Rajinder Valmiki, Rajbir Harijan, Babu Ram, and other dignitaries and municipal officials were present.

Playing is beneficial for both the physical and mental health of children: Jasbir



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, NOV 14

On the occasion of Children's Day, Jasbir Chief Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Karnal, participated in the children's fair organised at Adarsh School, Kunjpura Road, Karnal, and enjoyed the fair with the children who study there. The fair was organised under the auspices of Mr. Simar, Managing Director of Adarsh School, and Ms. Anna Kheda, Joint Director of Adarsh School, in which Jasbir interacted with all the children present and learned about their favourite sport. On this occasion, Jasbir himself took part in candle lighting and dot shooting. In this children's fair, various types of food stalls were set up by the children, and sports stalls were set up, in which all the children took part in their own arts and interests. We were celebrating the day as Children's Day and told the children that this day is celebrated to make them aware of the rights of children and their education. Ms. Jasbir, Chief Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Karnal, said that children are the future of the country, and it should be ensured that they get the right kind of education and a healthy childhood.

Children Day celebrated with honour of 562 winning students of various competitions

SD SHARMA PANCHKULA, NOV 14

The Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Sh Gian Chand Gupta said that with a view to ensure the overall development of children, various competitions are being organized by the State Government. This not only helps in inculcating the spirit of competition among the students but also increases their morale. Gupta said this while speaking as Chief Guest in the Prize Distribution Function -2022 organized by the District Child Welfare Council, Panchkula at Government Girls College, Sector-14, on the occasion of Children's Day today. Honorary General Secretary, Haryana State Child Welfare Council, Chandigarh, Ranjeeta Mehta presided over the function. On this occasion, Sh Gian Chand Gupta honored 562 students of 54 government and private schools of the district for achieving first, second and their positions in various competitions organized on the occasion of Children's Day. Twenty competitions including painting, dance, clay modeling and Rangoli were organized by District Child Welfare Council in which 1550 students of upto class 12th from 80 schools participated. Gupta said that every year on the occasion of Children's Day, various competitions are organized by the District Child Welfare Council to encourage the children towards studies and other curricular activities to enhance their morale so that they could become a responsible citizen and contribute in building a new Nation. Sh Gupta congratulated the winning students and inspired the others to work hard for the next competition.

Children's Day celebrated at SPS Kalalwala



ISHWAR GARG TALWANDI SABO, NOV 14

Children's Day was celebrated at Satguru Public School, Kalalwala, under the leadership of school principal Madhu Bansal. On this occasion, Gulshan Arora and Dr. Meenakshi Agarwal, President of Inner Wheel Club Kalalwala, specially participated. Sports competitions were organized dedicated to this day in which students participated with great enthusiasm. School Principal Madhu Bansal informed the students about this day during her speech. Dr. Meenakshi Agarwal gave information about health care to the students. The guests were honored by the school principal and the staff. School students, staff members and other dignitaries were present on this occasion.

DM Group School players win gold medal in tug-of-war

HEMANT KUMAR SHARMA RAMPURA PHUL, NOV 14

District Primary School Games dedicated to the 75th Amrut Mahatsav of Azadi, which was held at Muar Kalan, in the wrestling competition, the players of DM Group Karadwala have won the first place in District Bathinda. Apart from this, the girls' under-11 football team won the silver medal by securing the second position. On this occasion, of the organization Chairman Eng Avtar Singh Dhillon, while feeling proud of the achievement of the players, gave them motivational blessings to move forward and also congratulated the concerned teachers and the parents of the players.

Children should participate in sports along with studies: Garg



NARESH GARG LADWA, NOV 14

Stalwart Foundation Chairman Sandeep Garg said that on occasion of Children's Day, children should celebrate this festival with pomp. He was celebrating Children's Day with children in village Ban of Ladwa on Monday. He told the children that on Children's Day, all the children should take a vow that they should study diligently and show their interest in sports along with studies so that they can progress in the coming times. He said that all children are the form of God and he is always attached to children. He said that five sports nurseries are also being run by him to make children sportspersons.

Sports competitions held on Children Day



NIRMAL RADAUR: Children's day was celebrated with gaiety at Janata Public School, Alahar. Along with cultural programs, sports competitions were also organized on this occasion, in which children displayed their talents. School Manager Mukesh Shastri inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp and said that this day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in view of his love for his children. This day has special significance for us because students are the key to the development and success of any country. The Principal Ruby Kamboj wished the students good luck and motivated them to work hard in their life.

Children's Day celebrated with pomp



NIRMAL RADAUR: Children's day was celebrated with great pomp at SVVM Public School, Alahar. Children enthralled everyone by presenting a colorful and cultural programme. Children also participated in kho-kho, running, kabaddi and volleyball competitions. The winners were felicitated with prizes by the school principal Swaran Sharma and wished the children a very Happy Children's Day. At the same time, the meritorious students of the school were also rewarded in the program organized by Kumar Humanity Charitable Trust in the government school of the village.



Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh's 4th wedding anniversary, die-hard fans pour wishes

One of the most loved celebrity couples, Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone, on Monday, completed 4 years of their marriage. To mark this occasion, DeepVeer fan clubs took to their social media handles and dropped heartfelt wishes for the 'Ram-Leela' couple.

Deepika and Ranveer tied the knot on November 14, 2018, at Italy's Lake Como after dating for six long years and the duo never fail to shower on each other on social media. The duo first met on the sets of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's romantic drama film 'Goliyon ki raasleela: Ram Leela.'

The two-day wedding ceremony was attended by family members and close friends only.

On the first day, the couple tied the knot in a traditional south Indian manner and followed a Hindu ritual on the second day. Their dreamy wedding pictures are still new to their fans.

Meanwhile, talking about Deepika's work front, she will be next seen sharing screen space with Shah Rukh Khan in 'Pathaan', which also stars John Abraham. The action drama is set to hit the theatres on January 25, 2023.

She will be also seen in 'The Intern' alongside Amitabh Bachchan and in a Pan-India film 'Proiect-K' along with south actor Prabhas. She also has 'Fighter' with Hrithik Roshan in her kitty.

Ranveer, on the other hand, will be next seen in director Rohit Shetty's upcoming comedy film 'Cirkus' alongside Jacqueline Fernandez and Pooja Hegde. The film is all set to hit the theatres on the occasion of Christmas 2022.

Apart from that, he also has director Karan Johar's next 'Rocky aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' alongside Alia Bhatt, Jaya Bachchan, Dharmendra and Shabana Azmi, which is all set to hit the theatres on April 28, 2022.

Wishing the couple a very happy wedding anniversary.

"It's heart breaking, demoralizing": Rashmika on receiving hate

Rashmika Mandanna, who is currently shooting for her upcoming movie 'Pushpa: The Rise' sequel, penned down a note after receiving hate on social media. On Tuesday, taking to her Instagram account, she posted a picture along with a long note. She wrote, "Hi so.. A couple of things have been troubling me these last few days or weeks or months or maybe even years now and I think it's time I address it. I am only speaking for myself - something I should have done years ago.

I have been on the receiving end of a lot of hate ever since I started my career. Quite literally a punching bag for a lot of trolls and negativity out there.. I know that the life I've chosen comes with a price- I understand that I'm not everyone's cup of tea and certainly don't expect to be loved by every single person out there. That doesn't mean because you don't approve of me you can spew negativity instead." Said she welcomes constructive criticism but is upset by the way she is ridiculed and mocked by the internet, especially for things that I HAVE NOT SAID. Rashmika added, "Only I know the kind of work I put in, day in and day out to make you all happy. The happiness you feel from the work I put out is what I care about most. I really am trying the best I can to put out things that both you and I are proud of. It's heart breaking and frankly quite

demoralising when I'm being ridiculed and mocked by the internet especially for things that I HAVE NOT SAID. I've found that bits of things I've said in interviews are being turned against me. False narratives being spread across the internet that can be very harmful to me and the relationships I have in or outside the industry. I welcome constructive criticism because that's only going to push me to improve and do better. But what's with the vile negativity and hate?"

"For the longest time I've been told to ignore it. But it has only gotten worse. By addressing it, I'm not trying to win anyone over. I don't want to feel closeted and forced to change as a human being because of this hate I keep receiving," she further said. The 'GoodBye' actor also acknowledged the love and support that she is getting. "That being said, I do recognise and acknowledge all the love I've been receiving from the rest of you. Your constant love and support is what has kept me going and given me the courage to come out and say this. I only have love for everyone around me, the people I've worked with so far, all of whom I've always admired. I will continue to work hard and do better for you. Because like I said, making you happy -makes me happy. Be kind everyone. We're all trying to do our best. Thank you."



It's a myth when people say eat for two during pregnancy: Sonam

New mommy Sonam Kapoor, who welcomed her son Vayu on August 20, has opened up about her diet which she followed during her pregnancy

From carrots, sweet potatoes in vegetables to mangoes, bananas in fruits, diet. Here's the list of food items shared by Sonam Vegetables: carrots, spinach, cooked greens, tomatoes and red and potassium)

honeydew, mangoes, prunes, bananas, red or pink grapefruit (for potassium)

fat yogurt, oat milk, soy milk, coconut milk I'm lactose intolerant) buttermilk, paneer

Grains: ready-to-eat cereals/cooked acid) and I'm gluten free as well. I found

Proteins: beans dals and peas; nuts and trout, herring, sardines and pollock etc. Liquids water. "It's important to source clean organic

cook it well," Sonam wrote on Instagram Story. Sonam also stated that "it's a myth when people say eat for two." "It's a myth when people say eat for two."



Shakira to move to Miami with both sons after split with Gerard Pique

Miami : Shakira and her longtime boyfriend Gerard Pique have reached a new custody agreement for their kids, according to TMZ. Shakira will be moving to Miami with her sons. The couple issued a joint statement to TMZ, "We have signed a custody agreement. Our sole objective is to provide our children with the utmost security and protection and hope that they can continue with their lives in a safe and calm environment."

After a 12-hour discussion, the legal team for the Colombian pop sensation apparently reached a settlement with Gerard's representatives. Shakira will relocate from Barcelona to Miami the following year. A source close to the singer told TMZ that the two "signed an agreement that is best for the kids -- which is their main focus and after 8 years of living in Barcelona, she and the kids will now move back to her longtime home of Miami, where all the maternal family is."

Shakira and Gerard announced their 11-year-long split in June this year. "We regret to confirm that we are parting ways," they said in a joint statement to E! News on June 4, adding, "For the well-being of our children, who are our highest priority, we ask that you respect their privacy. Thank you for your understanding."

Last month, Shakira expressed her pain by posting a cryptic video of a human heart getting walked over, claiming she "knew this would happen." "I never said anything but it hurt. I knew this would happen," read the social media post's caption.

Though Shakira did not specify what or who had hurt her, however, the post came hot on the heels of her split from her husband Gerard Pique. Shakira later opened up about the difficulty of going through a public breakup, mainly the task of trying to shield her children from the negativity.

Anushka Sharma starts shooting last schedule of 'Chakda Xpress'

Actor Anushka Sharma has started shooting the last schedule of her next film Chakda Xpress. A source close to the film informed that Anushka is now shooting for the film in Mumbai. "Yes, it is true that Anushka has started shooting the last schedule of Chakda Xpress. She has been shooting non-stop for Chakda Xpress for the past few months. As we all know that she has always strived to be a perfectionist and she has left no stones unturned for this film. Anushka has put in months of preparation to get into the skin of the celebrated fast bowler. She now has a gruelling schedule in Mumbai," the source said.

Prior to Mumbai, Anushka was in Kolkata for the film's shoot. Directed by Prosit Roy, 'Chakda Xpress' is a sports biopic film based on the life of former Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami, which will stream exclusively on Netflix.



Ali Fazal to star in Bill Guttentag's next 'Afghan Dreamers'

After 'Death on the Nile' and 'Kandahar', actor Ali Fazal has been roped in for a new Hollywood movie 'Afghan Dreamers', which is being directed by two-time Oscar-winning director Bill Guttentag for his shorts 'You Don't Have To Die' and 'Twin Towers.'

Just last year it was announced that the actor has been roped in to play one of the leads alongside Gerard Butler in the action-packed film 'Kandahar', which is set to release in 2023. Now he will next be seen in 'Afghan Dreamers'.

The 'Fukrey' actor is set to essay one of the leads in the film based on the inspiring true story of the all girls robotics team from Afghanistan.

The shoot for 'Afghan Dreamers' recently began in

Morocco and will be a 50 days schedule, with majority of the film being shot across Morocco and Budapest.

The film is the true story about the program that was started by Afghan tech entrepreneur, Roya Mahboob in 2017 as a way to help young women develop their skills in the field of science and technology, despite a heavily patriarchal society in the country they hail from.

The film throws light on chaotic, sometimes dangerous backdrop of the country's politics. The story tells the tale of the team of the Afghan girls who traveled across the world and participated in competitions, garnered global media attention and even met leading politicians from across the globe. The role of Roya will be essayed by The Bold Type famed Nikohl

Boosheri.

Ali gathered immense appreciation for his role in the Hollywood film 'Death on the Nile'. The film which also starred Gal Gadot, Kenneth Branagh, Armie Hammer, Tom Bateman, Letitia Wright, Annette Bening, Russell Brand, Emma Mackey, and Rose Leslie, was released worldwide on February 11 2022.

Speaking about 'Afghan Dreamers', Ali said, "Excited and humbled to be sharing notes and being directed by Bill who has an impeccable body of work. Afghan Dreamers is a very important story to be told and I'm happy to be part of its cinematic retelling".

The film is being produced by Laura Overdeck, Samudrika Arora and Bill Guttentag.

