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Covid negative report mandatory for travelers from China, 5 other countries

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All international passengers travelling from China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Thailand to India will have to undergo mandatory RT-PCR tests before departure and upload a report on the Air Suvudha portal from January 1, 2023, said Union Health Ministry sources on Thursday.

This is in addition to the random 2 per cent tests of all international passengers on their arrival in India irrespective of the port of departure, stated the Union Health Ministry.

It said that the test should have been conducted within 72 hours of undertaking the journey to India.

This is being done in view of the evolving COVID-19 situation worldwide, particularly in the aforesaid countries.

Earlier on Wednesday, according to sources in the Union Health Ministry, the next 40 days will be crucial as India may see a surge in Covid cases in mid-January.

The sources further added that the assessment was made after analysing the previous trends of the Covid surge in the country.

Amid the explosion in Covid cases in some countries, the operational readiness of healthcare fa-



cilities is under review in all states and Union Territories in anticipation of another wave.

Two passengers from Dubai tested positive for Covid at the Chennai airport on Wednesday.

"Two passengers, who arrived from Dubai, tested positive at the Chennai airport today. Both hail from the Alangudi district of Tamil Nadu's Pudukkottai. Their test samples have been sent to the State Public Health Laboratory," read a statement issued by the Tamil Nadu Health department on Wednesday.

At least 39 international fliers tested positive for Covid between December 24 and 26. Taking due cognisance of the global surge in

cases, including in China, the Centre had directed random testing of international passengers.

"Passengers of as many as 498 international flights were screened in the last three days -- December 24, 25 and 26. A total of 1,780 swab samples were collected for Covid tests. The cumulative number of samples collected (from international fliers), so far, is 3,994. The cumulative number of samples testing positive for Covid is 39 and of samples sent for whole genome sequencing is 39," a source told on Tuesday. In light of the Covid surge in several countries, hospitals across the country on Tuesday conducted mock drills to assess their pandemic prepared-

ness. The same was done in compliance with a directive issued by the Centre. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya personally oversaw one such mock drill at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital. "To make sure that there is no Covid surge in the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked us to be careful. The government is also making necessary preparations in anticipation of a rise in Covid infections. Today, mock drills are being conducted across Covid hospitals in the country to make sure people receive proper treatment in the event of a rise in cases," Mandaviya told reporters at Safdarjung Hospital on Tuesday.

CBI raids 91 places across India, recovers fake certificates of FMG exam

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The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Thursday conducted raids at around 91 locations across the country which lead to the recovery of several incriminating documents, including fake Pass Certificates of the Foreign Medical Graduates (FMG) Examination. The raids were conducted at the premises of certain state Medical Councils as well as Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) which led to the recovery of the documents.

The raids were conducted in several areas of Delhi, Chandigarh, Amritsar, Guraspur, Bhatinda, Khanna, Karnal, Sawaimadhopur, Narvana, Hamirpur, Shimla, Jammu, Srinagar, Dehradun, Ghaziabad, Guwahati, Tejur, Imphal, Sikkim, Rajpur, Patna, Munger, Mumbai, Jaipur, Sikar, Vijayawada, Warangal, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Bhopal, Nagpur, Buldana, Pune, Jalgaon, Dharbhanga, Bhagalpur, Champaran, Begusarai, Bokaro, Vizag, Hajipur, Vaishali and Nalanda among others.

In a statement, CBI said that a case was registered on December 21 against unknown public servants of State Medical Councils and the MCI; 73 Foreign Medical Graduates and other un-



known public servants and persons over allegations of irregularities in the registration of Foreign Medical Graduates with Medical Councils in several states on the basis of fake certificates of qualifying Foreign Medical Graduates Examination conducted by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS).

It has been alleged that as many as 73 Foreign Medical Graduates, who failed to qualify the mandatory qualifying examination managed to get themselves registered with Medical Councils in several states.

It was further alleged that registration on the basis of fake certificates enabled the candidates to practice or secure jobs with hospitals across the country.

The Central agency is conducting further investigation into the matter.

TDP meeting stampede: PM announces Rs 2 lakhs ex-gratia

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday condoled the death of seven Telugu Desam Party workers in the stampede at TDP leader N Chandrababu Naidu's public meeting.

PM Modi announced that ex-gratia of Rs. 2 Lakhs would be given to the kin of the deceased and Rs. 50 thousand to each injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

"Pained by the mishap at a public meeting in Nellore, AP. Condolences to the bereaved families. May the injured recover soon. An ex-gratia of Rs. 2 lakh from PM-NRF would be given to the next of kin of each deceased and the injured would be given Rs. 50,000," tweeted Office of the Prime Minister on Thursday.

Seven Telugu Desam Party workers lost their lives after a scuffle broke out be-



tween party workers during a public meeting held by party leader N Chandrababu Naidu in Kandukur of Andhra Pradesh's Nellore on Wednesday, police said. The injured people were admitted to the nearby hospital. "7 people have lost their lives, injured admitted to hospital," police said. Following the incident, Naidu announced financial assistance of Rs 10 lakhs each to the families of the deceased. <Naidu also said that the children of those deceased in the incident will be educated in NTR Trust educational institutions.

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

The Odisha Revenue and Disaster Management Minister, Smt. Pramila Mallick met Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal at Sant Kabir Kutir (Chief Minister Residence) and invited him to grace the occasion of Hockey World Cup to be held in Bhubaneswar from January 13 to 29, 2023.

Smt. Pramila Mallick discussed detail of Hockey World Cup event with the Chief Minister. She also shown a brochure prepared for the players and a sample of the dress code



of the players. The Chief Minister presented a memento and Srimad Bhagavad Gita to the Revenue Minister of Odisha. Smt. Pramila felicitated the Chief Minister with a bouquet of flowers.

The Chief Minister said that or-

ganizing such a grand event of Hockey World Cup in India is a matter of pride for the entire country. The National Hockey team includes five players from Haryana. Haryana has given the slogan of "Khelega-India, Jeetega-India, Jeetegi-Hockey" to the hockey team. The Chief Minister expressed hope that with dedication and commitment, the players will win the Hockey World Cup.

The Chief Minister said that besides giving cash prizes worth crores of rupees to the medal winning players, employment opportunities are also being provided to the players of Haryana. Due to this reason, the youth

in the rural areas are showing great interest in sports and today every village is ahead in sports activities. Apart from making Astro turf at various places for hockey, better infrastructure has also been provided to the players, resulting which the players have been showing great performance and making international recognition of Haryana. Apprising the Odisha Minister about the government ambitious scheme like Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP), the Chief Minister said that through this scheme, the government is consistently making efforts for the bright and happy future of every family residing in Haryana.

CBI court sends ICICI bank fraud case accused to 14-day judicial custody

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The special court of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Thursday sent three accused -Chanda Kochhar, Deepak Kochhar and Venugopal Dhoot- in the ICICI bank-Videocon loan fraud case to 14-day judicial custody. The CBI got three-day custody of Chanda, Deepak, and Videocon Group Chairman Venugopal Dhoot, a co-accused in the ICICI Bank money

laundering case on Monday, which was eventually extended for two more days on Wednesday. The case is related to alleged irregularities and corrupt practices in the sanction of a Rs 1,875 crore loan disbursed by ICICI Bank to the Videocon Group between 2009 and 2011. During its preliminary inquiry, the CBI found that six loans worth Rs 1,875 crore were sanctioned to the Videocon Group and companies associated with it between June 2009 and October 2011.

Punjab borders on high alert ahead of New Year



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With nearly 250 drone sightings in Punjab alone in the last one year, the Border Security Force (BSF) has stepped up vigil near the India-Pakistan international border in the state amid increasing attempts by Pakistan ISI to push narcotics and weapons through drones under the cover of dense fog.

As the night falls in Amritsar, the patrolling party of BSF walks the stretch of the international border in harsh weather conditions that include extremely low temperatures and dense fog. Ahead of the New Year, the security forces are on high alert, pa-

trolling each and every inch of the land. Their eyes monitor the land and with the latest challenge of drones, they even keep a keen eye on the sky and ears to the ground.

With technology such as anti-drone still a "work in progress", the BSF is largely relying on the traditional method of patrolling and firing at the UAV once it is spotted. The night-time is critical for the BSF because drones are mostly sent under the cover of darkness and dense fog.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has praised the BSF for the efforts they are making to prevent the entry of narcotics and weapons into the country.

Indian pharma industry reliable supplier: MEA on death of 18 Uzbek children

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Indian pharmaceutical industry has been a reliable supplier to countries across the world, said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday in the wake of reports of deaths in Uzbekistan allegedly due to contaminated cough syrup Dokl Max made by Indian company Marion Biotech based in Noida.

"Indian pharmaceutical industry has been a reliable supplier to countries across the world. It continues to be in various forms of medicine and other forms of pharmaceutical prod-



ucts," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said during a week-

ly media briefing in response to a question of whether such cases are denting India's image as the pharmacy of the world.

"We take these incidents very seriously when they come up. Let's not jump the process," he added.

Bagchi said MEA is extending consular assistance to individuals facing legal action from the Uzbek government following the death of 18 children after allegedly consuming the cough syrup manufactured by a Noida-based company. "We understand that legal action has been initiated by the Uzbek authorities against some people including the local rep-

resentatives of the company there. In that context, we are extending consular assistance to those individual or individuals," the MEA spokesperson said. Bagchi said that MEA has seen media reports in this regard of the unfortunate deaths of 18 children. Citing the Uzbek authorities, he said the deaths appeared to have occurred over a period of two months. "We also understand that Uzbek authorities are investigating this case, including whether there is a possible link with the cough syrup manufactured in India. We saw a press release issued by the Ministry of Health," the MEA spokesperson added.

Adopting the right attitude can convert a negative stress into a positive one.

Hans Selye

NEW DELHI: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi with a minor stomach infection, was discharged from the institute on Wednesday, sources said. The 63-year-old minister was admitted to a private ward of the hospital around 12 pm on Monday. Sources also added she was admitted to AIIMS Delhi for a routine check-up. The union government is in the process of consultations to finalise the union budget to be presented on February 1 next year. Sitharaman has held pre-budget meetings to elicit views of various sections including representatives of chambers of commerce and industry. Next year's budget is likely to be the last full budget of the Modi government in its second term with the next Lok Sabha elections due in April-May of 2024. The formal exercise to prepare the annual Budget for the next financial year commenced on October 10.

CM presides over review meeting of UD, TCP and Municipal Corporations

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, while presiding over the review meeting of Urban Development, Town and Country Planning and Municipal Corporations, asked the officers to come up with a concrete plan to provide proper housing for slum dwellers, particularly in the Shimla town so that they can live in a better and hygienic environment by providing them affordable houses and better living conditions.

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that efforts must be made to make all the Municipalities self-sufficient and self-



sustainable. He said that for this, efforts must be made to create sources of income. He also directed the officers of

Shimla Municipal Corporation to ensure that the issue of Sanjauli Parking must be resolved immediately so that the

Corporation could earn income from this ambitious project. He also directed the officers to ensure optimum use of the Tutikandi Parking. He said that the offices which were functioning in hired private buildings must be shifted to this Parking where about six floors were lying vacant.

Chief Minister said that the State Government was also contemplating to create a few Municipal Corporations in the State particularly in growing towns such as Una, Hamirpur and Baddi-Barotiwala etc. provided they fulfill all the required norms.

India's public digital platforms like UPI have delivered social inclusion: Ashwini Vaishnaw

NEW DELHI : As part of India's G20 presidency, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday launched the "Stay Safe Online" campaign and the "G20 Digital Innovation Alliance" (G20-DIA).

Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, dignitaries from Union Ministries and Departments, representatives of Embassies and Consulates, invited guests from the Government, Industry associations, social media platforms, start-ups, and civil society organisations were among those present on the occasion.

According to an official statement, MeitY, the Nodal Ministry for the G20 Digital Economy

Working Group (DEWG), has represented India in numerous working groups and Ministerial sessions during previous presidencies.

"During India's G20 presidency, MeitY will focus on three priority areas, namely Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), Cyber Security, and Digital Skill Development, together with the Stay Safe Online campaign and DIA programme under the DEWG. MeitY aims to carry forward the vision of the digital transformation of the global digital economy for public service delivery through innovation and a future-ready digitally skilled workforce in a secure cyber environment," the statement said.

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I Harkamaljot Kaur W/o Kuljinder Singh R/o House no 53-B, Gali No. 5, New Azad Nagar Sultanwind Road, Amritsar Punjab Declear that in future My Surname will be Kaur and Given name will be Harkamaljot. Concern Note Please.

72737

I Kuljinder Singh S/o Bua Singh R/o House no 53-B, Gali No. 5, New Azad Nagar Sultanwind Road, Amritsar Punjab Declear that in future My Surname will be Singh and Given name will be Kuljinder. Concern Note Please.

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I Saanjhpreet Kaur D/o Kuljinder Singh R/o House no 53-B, Gali No. 5, New Azad Nagar Sultanwind Road, Amritsar Punjab Declear that in future My Surname will be Kaur and Given name will be Saanjhpreet. Concern Note Please.

72737

I Rajinder Kaur Alias Rajinder Kaur W/o Amanpreet Singh Sandhu R/o 10 New Tehsil Pura Near Red Cross Hostel Opp Power Station Amritsar 143001 Punjab Have Changed My Name To Rajinder Kaur

72737

I, Yadwinder Singh S/o Jagjit Singh R/o village Bajumann, P/o Jaintipur, Distt Gurdaspur Punjab Have changed My given name as Yadwinder and Surname as Singh

72737

I swinder kaur w/o kewal singh R/o vpo. Fatehabad Muhalla karam Shah data teh. Khadur sahib Disst. Tarn Taran have changed my Name from swinder Kaur to Sawinder kaur pl All concerned note it

72737

I, Arti Mehra W/o Vivek Seth R/o H.No.45, Bhullar Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar 143002 have changed my name to Arti Seth

72737

I, hitherto Known as MANPREET SINGH S/O. AMRIK SINGH R/o. VILLAGE KUTBE WALA, PO FEROZEPUR CITY, DISTT. FEROZEPUR, PUNJAB have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known MANPREET SINGH NAGPAL

72737

I, hitherto Known as RAJKANWARPREET SINGH BHATTI S/o PRITPAL SINGH R/o.35, Gali No.2, Majitha Road Moon Avenue Distt Amritsar Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as RAJKANWARPREET SINGH

72737

I, hitherto Known as PRITPAL SINGH BHATTI S/o BUTA SINGH R/o.35, Gali No.2, Majitha Road Moon Avenue Distt Amritsar Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as PRITPAL SINGH

72737

I, hitherto Known as Amneek Kaur Sanghera D/o Dilbagh Singh R/o. Vill:Muradpura Po:Bal Khurd Distt Amritsar Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Amneek Kaur

72737

I, hitherto Known as DARPINDER KAUR BHATTI W/o PRITPAL SINGH R/o.35, Gali No.2, Majitha Road Moon Avenue Distt Amritsar Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as DARPINDER KAUR

72737

I, hitherto Known as ANJALI D/O. SHAM SUNDER W/O SANJAY KUMAR R/o. H.NO. 1271, WARD NO. 4, BALMIKI MOHALLA, KANGRA, TEHSIL KANGRA, DISTT HIMACHAL PRADESH.

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176001, have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known POONAM

72737

I, No.15566626M SPR (Retd) Sukhdev Singh Unit - 116 Eng Regt S/o Mahinder Singh R/o 42, New Dashmesh Nagar Kot Khalsa Amritsar Punjab India declare that as per army record the name of my son is mentioned as Guljar Singh and his DOB is 22/02/2005 But his Correct name is Gulzar Singh and DOB is 25/02/2005 . vide affidavit N o . I N - P B 54869784900096U

72737

I, No.15566626M SPR (Retd) Sukhdev Singh Unit - 116 Eng Regt S/o Mahinder Singh R/o 42, New Dashmesh Nagar Kot Khalsa Amritsar Punjab India declare that as per army record the Date of birth of my wife Paramjit kaur is mentioned as 22/10/1982 But her Correct DOB is 22/07/1972 . vide affidavit N o . I N - P B 54869167542784U

72737

I, Rajbeer Kaur W/o Pawittar Singh R/o Village-Mehsampur Khurd Tehsil Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar declare that in my Husband's Army record my name is written as "Rajbir Kaur" & DOB is 01/01/1985 which is wrong my Correct name is Rajbeer Kaur and DOB is 04/04/1985.

72737

I, hitherto known as Resham Kumar Pabla S/O Kishan Chand residing at Mohalla Mehtian, V.P.O Hariana, Distt. Hoshiarpur - 144208, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Resham Kumar.

72778

I hitherto Known as, HARNAIK KAUR W/O BHALWINDER SINGH R/O VPO.LAROYA DISTT SBS NAGAR 144507 PUNJAB, INDIA. Have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HARNEK KAUR

72778

I, Kulwnder Kaur Dhaliwal W/o Jagpal Singh R/o Vill Rajomajra Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur Change To Kulwinder Kaur .concern Note .

98726

I, Jagpal Singh Dhaliwal S/o Hardev Singh R/o Vill Rajomajra Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur Change To Jagpal Singh . concern Note

98726

I Singh Gurdeep S/o Swaran Singh R/o Vpo.pandori Khas, tehsil Nakodar, jalandhar, punjab, india(144040).i Have Changed My Name From Singh Gurdeep To Gurdeep Singh.

72778

I Ram Saroop S/o Kabal Ram R/o Vill. Chanthu Brahmana, P.o. Kalewal Bhagtan, Tehsil Garhshankar District Hoshiarpur (punjab) Have Changed My Name From Ram Saroop To Ram Saroop Rallh.

72778

I Navjot Kumar S/o Ram Saroop R/o Vill. Chanthu Brahmana, P.o. Kalewal Bhagtan, Tehsil Garhshankar District Hoshiarpur (punjab) Have Changed My Name From Navjot Kumar To Navjot Kumar Rallh.

72778

I Amritpal Kaur Dhaliwal W/o Yadwinder Singh Dhaliwal # Pakho Kalan, Barnala Changed My Name to Amritpal Kaur.

900015

I, Roshna Wife of Ashokan Koovalakkandi (JC312496L RANK SUB) Resident of Kozhukkallur, Kozhikode, Kerala, Pin Code: 673524, India have declare that my Date of Birth in my Husband's Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as 11-06-1982 but my actual Date of Birth is 10-04-1982. Concerned note

900013

I, Poonam W/O Sanjeev Kumar R/O Vill. Pabnawa Tehsil Dhand District Kaithal , Have Changed My Name From Poonam TO Poonam Devi. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I Rajni D/O Amarjit Ram Vill.Bagoran P.O.Mokandpur Teh.Banga Distt.SBS Nagar,have changed my name to Rajni Rai.Please note .

900022

I, MOHAMMAD TALIB S/o M O H A M M A D N A S A R residing at 596, Ward No-7, Grewal Chowk, Ajit Nagar, Melerkotla (R), Punjab- 148023 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as MOHD TALIB and MOHD NASAR in my CBSE 10th, 12th class Marksheets and certificate and Voter card No-NLE2677904. The actual name of mine and my father are MOHAMMAD TALIB and MOHAMMAD NASAR.

98726

I, Kulwnder Kaur Dhaliwal W/o Jagpal Singh R/o Vill Rajomajra Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur Change To Kulwinder Kaur .concern Note .

98726

I, Jagpal Singh Dhaliwal S/o Hardev Singh R/o Vill Rajomajra Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur Change To Jagpal Singh . concern Note

98726

I, Priyanka W/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar R/o # 1694, Hargobind pura Colony, Barara, Tehsil Barara, Distt Ambala have changed my name from Priyanka to Raj Bala.

78645

I Hartej Kaur w/o Balwinder singh vpo Jaspalon(Ludhiana) have changed my Name to Baljinder Kaur.

50008

I Balkar singh Chauhan s/o Tarlok singh H.no 220 w.no.12 Kartar nagar Amloh road Khanna have changed my name to Balkar singh

50008

I, Varun Kumar son of Ashok Kumar R/O ward No.7, Street No. 9, Guru Jambheshwar Nagar, mandi Dabwali (Sirsa) have changed my name from Varun Kumar Grover to Varun Kumar.

50008

I Number JC-276782Y Rank Sub (DMT) name Vipin Kumar Tiwari Unit HQ/10 FD Regt C/o 99 APO Pin-925710 resident of Village-Deodhiya, PO- Parsagarh, Akama, Tehsil-Chhapra, Distt.- Saran, (Bihar) Pin-841220 Change name of my son from Sahil Raj to Sahil Tiwari.

900023

I Number 15141908M Rank Hav (Ta) name Bipin Chandra Brijwashi Unit HQ/10 FD Regt C/o 99 APO Pin-925710 resident of Village-Vijaypur , PO-Kathgodam, Distt.-Nainital, (Uttarakhand) Pin-263126 Change name of my daughter from Bhumika to Bhumika Brijwashi vide affidavit dated 29-12-2022.

900023

I, Darshan Pal Kaur Alias Hardarshan Pal Kaur Dhanoa W/O. Late Nazar Singh R/O. House No. 55-B Village Talwandi Khurd Dist. Ludhiana. I Say to that I am knowing with the both Names.

63372

I, Anita W/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vill: Rampur Sahni Po. Pratap Nagar Teh-Nangal Dam (Ropar) changed my name to Anita Rana.

63372

I, Gurditta Singh alias Guraditta Singh S/o Jeet Singh R/o Khosa Randhir (Moga) have known by both name one and the same person.

63372

I, Rojepal Singh Brar S/o Baljit Singh Brar R/o Vpo. Machhi Bugra (Ferozepur) changed my name to Rosepal Singh Brar.

63372

I, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu S/o Kikkar Singh R/o Vill: Rajanwala Teh-Dharamkot (Moga) changed my name to Gurpreet Singh.

63372

I Sagar S/o Pargan Singh R/o Vill-Raipur Dabba Po Dosanjh Khurd, Teh-Nawanshahr, Distt SBS Nagar Punjab India- 144511 have changed my name from Sagar to Sagar Banger.

63372

I Pardeep S/o Ramesh R/o Vpo Gunachaur, Teh-Nawanshahr, Distt SBS Nagar Punjab India- 144511 have changed my name from Pardeep to Pardeep Kumar.

63372

I Harpreet S/o Sucha Singh R/o Vill-Jaggalpur, Distt Kapurthala, Punjab India- 1444403 have changed my name from Harpreet to Harpreet Chahal.

63372

I, Gagandeep Kaur Jagpal C/o Banpreet Singh R/o Garh Padhana Nawanashahr (SBS Nagar) changed my name to Gagandeep Kaur.

63372

I, Lovepreet S/o Hans Raj R/o Vpo. Urapar Teh-Nawanshahr (SBS Nagar) changed my name from Lovepreet to Lovepreet Chanderh.

63372

I, Raj Kumar Aggarwal S/o Amarjit R/o H.No. 92 Kamla Nehru Colony Bibi Wala Road (Bathinda) Punjab, changed my name to Raj Kumar.

63372

I, Rashwinder Kaur W/o Pargat Singh R/o Vill. Mauran Tehsil Suman Distt. Sangrur Declared. I have changed my name form Rashwinder Kaur to Jaswinder Kaur.

63372

I, Navdeep Singh Sarao S/O Labh Singh R/O Village Lehal Kalan, Teh.Lehra, Distt.Sangrur, I Have Changed My Name Navdeep Singh.

63372

I, Gursewak Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/o VPO Purkhali (Ropar) have change my name Gursev Singh to Gursewak Singh.

63372

I Navjot Singh Sidhu S/O Wazir Singh R/O Ghureli Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Navjot Singh.

63372

I Gurbinder Singh S/O Lakha Singh R/O Maluka Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Gurbinder Singh Dhillon.

63372

I Lakha Singh S/O Kapoor Singh R/O Maluka Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Lakha Singh Dhillon.

63372

I, Parmjit S/o Shri Prem Lal R/o Vill & Post Office Bharta T e h - G a r h s h a n k a r (Hoshiarpur) Pb, India, changed my name to Parmjit Kumar.

63372

I Darshan Dhaliwal S/o Jawala Singh R/o Jalwana Dist. Malerkotla changed my name to Darshan Singh.

63372

I, Surinder Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh Dhaliwal R/o VPO Ransih Khurd (Moga) have changed my name to Surinder Kaur.

63372

I, Mona Rawal W/o Rajiv Kumar R/o 9/68 Mandi Mullanpur, Distt Ludhiana I have change my name after marriage Bindiya Jethi to Mona Rawal.

63372

I Satnam Singh Mann S/o Chamkaur Singh R/o Sekha (Ludhiana) have Changed My Name Satnam Singh.

63372

I, Vikas S/o Parmod Kumar R/o Vpo. Bilga Patti Bhatti Teh- Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Vikas Arora.

63372

I, Asmon S/o Tarsem Lal R/o Vill: Khela Po. Bilga Teh-- Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Asmon Bhattia.

63372

I, Ranjna D/o Bagh Bahar R/o Vpo. Kariha Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name Ranjna to surname Kainth name Ranjna.

63372

I, Simarpal Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh Jassal R/o Mohalla Begona St.No. 6 Near Canal Gill (Ludhiana) changed my name to Simerpal Kaur Jassal.

63372

I, Aarti Jaggi D/o Dheeraj Jaggi R/o #33063, Street No. 7/2, Parasram Nagar, District Bathinda Have Changed My Name From Aarti Jaggi To Taniya Jaggi.

989666

I, Hans Raj Sehrawat S/o Sh. Ram Sarup R/o Village Karhans Tehsil Samalkha Distt Panipat Haryana Have Changed My Name Hans Raj Sehrawat To Hans Raj Sehrawat.

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Patwar and Kanungo Association to hold dharna

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Patwaris and Kanungo of Karnal continued their dharna., Pradhan Kashmir told that the dharna will continue until the government accepts our demands. General Secretary Ashok Kumar told that the qualification of Patwari has been graduated by the government, while the government is giving only 25500 to Patwaris equal to 10th pay scale. He told that the pay scale of JE, Godown Keeper, Market Supervisor, VLDA in other departments having the same qualification as him is Rs.35400. He told that in the conference organized in Jind in March, he had promised to give pay scale, but even after 9 months, the situation is the same. Sarv Karmachari Sangh Haryana, Numberdar Association, Revenue Association Haryana, farmers and Khap Panchayats are also supporting this strike. Patwaris of all tehsils and sub-tehsils of Karnal were present on this occasion.

Scheduled caste farmers will be eligible for a tractor purchase subsidy; apply by January 10: DC Anish Yadav

JASWINDER SHARMA
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav said that applications are being accepted for grants on tractors under the SB-89 scheme for the years 2022-2023 for scheduled caste farmers in district Karnal. In this, a maximum of 50 percent of the grant will be given to the registered farmer group (scheduled caste), farmer producer organisation (scheduled caste), and individual category. He also informed me that under this scheme, thirty tractors with more than 35 HP in Karnal district will be given a grant of Rs. 3 lakh or 50 percent of the cost, whichever is less, per tractor. However, you can apply online until January 10th. Dr. Aditya Dabas, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Karnal, said that for online applications, it is necessary for the farmer to register on the Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal, and while applying, family identity cards, PAN cards, bank account details, Aadhaar cards, a Scheduled Caste Certificate issued by the officer, and self-declaration will be required. He informed them that if more applications than the target number are received under this scheme, then the beneficiaries will be selected through an online draw. For this reason, farmers will be free to buy tractors from any tractor manufacturer authorised by the government. The entire grant process under this scheme will be conducted by the District Level Committee, whose chairman is the Deputy Commissioner, Karnal. And for more information, you can contact the Deputy Director, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, and the Assistant Agriculture Engineer in the Karnal office.

Neetu Devi to talk to Hry govt over family ID

PREETI RANI
SADHORA: Soon, Neetu Devi, the wife of Rajeev Rana Haibatpur from Block Committee Bilaspur Ward No. 18, will talk to the Haryana government and district administration about family ID. Friends, nowadays many problems are being faced regarding the family identity card. For example, the government has amended the family ID by setting up camps. Similarly, we will demand from the government that the annual income of the families be verified by setting up

camps in every village. There are many such families that earn their living by working for daily wages, but their income is shown on their family identity card as ranging from two and a half lakhs to five lakhs. Whom they are not receiving any government assistance from, neither an Ayushman card nor a BPL card. In the morning, instead of going to work, people start going to CSC centers, Atal Seva Kendras, to pick up their family IDs and their Aadhaar cards.

In the training camp, teachers should be told new ways of teaching children



NIRMAL
RADAUR: The last batch of the Basic Literacy and Numeracy training camp at Government Secondary School Chhota Bans, Radaur, concluded on Thursday. 156 teachers from Block Radaur participated in the training camp. At the conclusion of the camp, Block Education Officer Dharmendra Singh distributed certificates to the teachers. BRP Sanjeev Kumar was the chief in charge of the programme. Vijay Kumar and ABRC's Ranbir Singh played the roles of head coaches. Teacher Ratan Singh said that the teachers present in the programme were informed about new methods of teaching children from first to third grade in primary schools. Detailed information was given about the Hindi, English, and mathematics subjects. Especially at the primary level, how to teach first and second grade children through activity-based teaching and how to upgrade children's basic education were discussed in detail. Ratan Singh Kashyap, Rameshwar, Sonia Bohra, Deepika, Ranjana, Rajesh Bagga, Deepchand, Ritu ABRC, etc. were present on this occasion.

Police registered 3626 cases under NDPS Act in year 2022

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

In a target drive against drug mafia and narcotic trade, Haryana Police have seized a whopping 24 tonnes of narcotic substance worth crores of rupees during the year 2022.

The police have also attached properties worth Rs 31.45 crore of those involved in drug trafficking under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Besides, the process to attach properties worth Rs 12.23 crore of persons who are facing charges of smuggling drugs in the state is also on.

Disclosing this here today, Director General of Police (DGP), Haryana, Sh. P.K. Agrawal said that Police have filed a total of 3636 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act in 2022, as against the 2583 cases registered in 2021.

The DGP said that effective action is being taken against drug traffickers to completely eradicate the drug menace from the state and save the future generation. People involved in the drug trade will be dealt with strictly and no one will be spared.

Giving details about the drug-wise seizure, he said that over 271 kg opium, more than 196 kg charas/sulpha, over 10173 kg poppy husk, 6 kg 701-gram snack, over 13311 kg ganja and 35 kg 328 gram of heroin was seized from the possession of drug traffickers.

To prevent drug trafficking, Police have been working relentlessly to curb drug menace. It is because of our team's efforts as well as increased inter-state cooperation for exchange of information that the number of cases registered has increased this year compared to last year. "We have adopted a multi-pronged approach

that resulted in seizure of such large amount of narcotic substances. Our field units including the Special Task Force (STF) and Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) have dismantled the potential supply of almost all types of narcotics in the state. The crackdown was made in line with the government's commitment to make Haryana a drug-free state", he added.

At 587, the maximum cases under NDPS Act were registered in Sirsa, followed by 349 in Faridabad, 273 in Karnal, 240 in Fatehabad and 220 in Kurukshetra.

There is no place for drugs in our society. We will continue to speed up our operations against drug traffickers and drug cartels to save the people especially youth from drug menace. Besides, special campaigns are being organized to make the youth aware of the ill effects of drug addiction, he added.

Ignorance of traffic rules kills life: Sukhdev Bankura

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Social worker and Headmaster Sukhdev Singh Bankura said that Ignorance of traffic rules kills life. While appealing to the students and villagers, he said that the number of vehicles on the road is increasing at a rapid pace, which is not free from danger. In such a situation, it is very important to follow the traffic rules. Bankura said that carelessness while driving invites accidents.



We must wear helmets while driving two wheeler. Today's youth consider it their fault to wear helmet and seat belt, whereas helmet and seat belt are the safety shield of the driver in case of an accident. He appealed to all the students that no child below the age of 18 years should drive without a licence as it is a crime against the law. Bankura has called upon the parents not to allow their child below 18 years of age to drive a vehicle. Do not drive under the influence of alcohol, do not use mobile phones while driving, drive within the stipulated speed, while driving the driver must have the vehicle's RC, licence, pollution certificate, insurance etc. documents. Park only in the parking lot so that the public does not face any problem and the traffic is also not blocked. Giving information about the helpline numbers to the students, he told them to dial 101 for fire brigade, 108 for ambulance, 100 and 1073 for police. He called upon all the people driving the vehicle to follow the traffic rules and drive their vehicles carefully so that they themselves can be safe and others can also be safe. This is good for all of us. Due to the dense fog, it is very important to follow the traffic rules, otherwise it is natural to have an accident due to negligence.

There is no difference between the words and actions of the BJP government, says Dureja



NIRMAL
RADAUR: On which an amount of about 7.5 lakh rupees will be spent. The work of beautification was inaugurated on Thursday by the former block committee chairman Shashi Dureja and sarpanch representative Rampal by breaking coconuts. Shashi Dureja said that there is no difference between the words and actions of the BJP government. The government is getting development work done equally in every field. There is no discrimination against any region. Today, the state is on top in terms of development. Praveen Saini, Tarsem Saini, Prince, Pankaj Kamboj, Khurshid Khan, Rishipal, Rajpal, and Pawan Kamboj, etc. were present on this occasion.

December 31 is the last date for all-interest exemption on a one-time payment of outstanding property tax



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: For property tax defaulters, only 2 days are left for the exemption of all interest on a one-time payment, i.e., December 30 and 31. Defaulters should take advantage of it. Deputy Corporator Arun Bhargava said that the government's announcement to take advantage of the exemption was made in September 2022, which is going to end on December 31, 2022. The defaulters, who have not taken advantage of the exemption till now, are urged to do so in two days, December 30 and 31. He informed them that the counters of the Citizen Facilitation Center will remain open for collecting property tax in the Municipal Corporation on Saturday, December 31. On the other hand, those who cannot come to the Municipal Corporation can pay tax online by visiting the ulbhryndc.org portal as per their convenience. There will also be an additional discount of one percent on making online payments. The Deputy Commissioner stated that the government, in an act of generosity, announced the exemption of all interest on deposits of one-time arrears of outstanding property tax payers.

Accused arrested from a de-addiction centre

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA
GUHLA CHEEKA: As per the order of SP Maqsood Ahmed, the police is continuously cracking down on drug peddlers. On Wednesday, an accused was arrested by the Guhla police station from a de-addiction centre from Dera Bhag Singh Guhla. Banned drugs were recovered from his possession. Police are continuously taking strict action against drug smugglers, due to which there has been a stir among drug smugglers. A police spokesperson said that the team of SI Shamsher Singh of Police Station Guhla was standing on Khushal Majra Road via Nandgarh during the evening patrolling. There SDM Guhla, DSP Guhla Sunil Kumar, Naib Tehsildar Guhla, Ramji Lal Secretary Red Cross Society, Kuldeep Sharma Social Welfare Officer, Sandeep Goyal SMO Guhla, Rakesh Sharma Assistant Food Drug Department along with their team met the police team at Khushal Majra Road.

Balakulam Shikshan Sansthan pays respect to Guru Gobind Singh ji

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 29

Speaking at MI Store, Sector 17 as the keynote speaker on this occasion, Dr. Prashant Sharma, Professor, Government Senior Secondary School, Jatana, Yamunagar threw light on the biography of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and told how he had sacrificed his entire family for the protection of India. Senior Vice President of Balakulam Educational Institute Kurukshetra Unit Sukhdev Sharma (Ex-Serviceman) said that Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji established the Khalsa Panth on the day of Baisakhi in 1699 AD which is considered to be the most important day in the history of Sikhs. Is. Shri Guru Gobind Singh was a great warrior, thinker, poet and spiritual teacher. On this occasion,



Rohit Sharma, director of Shiv Kripa Trading Company, said that Shri Guru Govind Singh ji fought 14 wars with the Mughals to protect Hindu religion. Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji always taught to do good deeds, he said in his composition Chandi Charitra Deh shiva var mohi hai, auspicious deeds to kabahu na taroon.

Don't be afraid, when we go, let's make our victory with determination, which

means O Shiva (Shakti of Shiva) give me this boon that I should never back down from doing auspicious deeds. When I go to fight, do not be afraid of the enemy and make sure of my victory in the war. On this occasion, Prabhat Sharma and Baljit Singh, Sales promoters of Mi Store, Sandeep Bhardwaj, Director of DRP Computer World, Nitesh Sharma, Dr. Praveen Kumar etc. were present.

Thieves steal goods worth thousands from school

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: The incidents of theft are continuously increasing in the area. Now the thieves broke into the government primary



school of Ghespur village and broke the locks of the kitchen and rooms here and stole gas cylinders and other utensils. The thieves broke open the lock of the school record cupboard and searched it too. The school administration has suffered a loss of thousands of rupees due to theft. The watchman of the school has given a complaint about the matter to the Radaur police and demanded action. In the complaint given to the police, the watchman posted in the school, Ranjit Singh, said that he was on duty in the school on the night of 28 December. At about three o'clock in the night, he heard some sound. When he shouted, some youth were seen running. When he came out of his room, he saw that the locks of the kitchen and main room were broken. Utensils and other items were found missing.

Dharampal Gondar meets Chaudhary Surat Singh

DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHERI, DEC 29

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Guru Brahmaand ji, MLA Dharampal Gondar, while praising his son Praveen, in a special conversation with former market committee chairman Chaudhary Surat, said that the son is also following in the footsteps of his father and is working diligently in the service of the community and the public.

While praising MLA Dharampal, Chaudhary Surat Singh said that he has worked with almost all the MLAs, but he has the passion to work in Gondar and he has done very good work in the interest of Nilokheri, for the construction of college, substation in Nigdu. The new building of Nilokheri bus stand and civil hospital is yet



to be started. The demand for subdivision was very old, that too has been fulfilled, and the rest house has also been built.

Chaudhary Surat Singh, father of the newly elected member of the city council, Praveen Siddhpur, was associated with politics since the time of former Deputy Prime Minister Chaudhary Devi Lal. Praveen Sidpur has also learned the tricks of politics from his father. At the time of Chautala also he was in

charge of the head office. He was also the chairman of the market committee. At that time Nilokheri, Nigdu, Saman Bahu, Amin were all under the same committee. Once his ticket for MLA was offered by Chautala but after agreement with Jagjivan Ram the ticket was cut and Devi Singh had to be given a ticket. Then we worked with Devi Singh also. We had very close friendly relations with former Chief Minister Om Pkash Chautala.

2 accused of snatching gang arrested, one absconding



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI : Gaurav Kumar s/o Suresh Kumar resident of village Ban Thana Ladwa district Kurukshetra complained on December 24 in Thana Indri area that he was passing near village Ramgarh Chano of Indri, at the same time some unknown person stopped him. They snatched his motorcycle, mobile phone and money and fled. On whose complaint a case was registered in Indri police station under various sections. As soon as this matter came to the notice of Superintendent of Police Karnal, he ordered Detective Staff Incharge Karnal Sub-Inspector Anil Malik to investigate the matter and arrest the accused at the earliest. The team of detective staff, working swiftly and linking the links of the case, succeeded in arresting two accused Rohit s/o Balindra resident of Ramgarh Chano and Anil Kumar s/o Pala Ram resident of Ramgarh Chano police station, Indri district Karnal on December 27. Police team remand of one day was obtained by presenting both the accused before the court on 28th December. During this remand, snatched motorcycle and mobile phone were recovered from the possession of the accused.

Darshana Rani wins post of deputy head of Pehova Municipality

SANJAY VERMA
PEHOVA, DEC 29

Returning Officer and Sub-Divisional Officer, Citizen Sonu Ram said that the election to the post of Deputy Head of Municipality Pehova was completed peacefully. The election work was done by EVM machine which was operated by Rohtas Kumar. SDM Sonu Ram told that Pihova municipality has total 17 wards in Pihova. NAPA chairman Ashish Chakrapani has also cast his vote along with all the 17 councilors in these elections. SDM Sonu Ram said that the election work for the post of Up Pradhan of Municipality Pehova started at 11 am, nominations were taken till 11.30 minutes and the time for withdrawal of nominations was fixed till 11.45. A total of 2 people filed nominations for the post of



Nagar Palika Deputy Pradhan, in which corporator Darshana Rani from ward no.7 and Phool Singh from ward no.14 filed their nominations. After this, after the completion of the election process at 12 noon, the election was conducted for the post of deputy head of NAPA. In this election, all the 17 councilors including NAPA Pihova chairman cast their votes.

Thus total 18 votes were cast, out of which Darshana Rani got 10 votes and Phool Singh got 8 votes. In this way, Darshana Rani has won the post of deputy head by taking 10 out of 18 votes. Sub-Divisional Officer Citizen Sonu Ram declared Darshana Rani victorious and awarded her a certificate. Municipal head Ashish Chakrapani while congratulated Darshana Rani.

Children visited gurudwaras and other places



NIRMAL
RADAUR: On Thursday, the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh ji, the children of Maharajah Agrasen Senior Secondary Public School Gumthala were taken on a tour of Chhati Badshah Gurudwara. All the children and teachers up to class XII were involved in this programme. The children reached the Gurudwara and learned about the life of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The children took prasad and also enjoyed langar at the gurudwara. After this, the children also visited Bhadrakali Temple, Jindal Park, and Sheikh Chilli's tomb. The programme was completed under the supervision of teachers Vijay, Aruna, Visha, and Manoj. Staff members like Divya, Vandana, Riju, Sonia, Rajni, Archana, and Atika were also present on the occasion.

Sports festival organized at Green Valley Public School



RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI : A sports festival was organized at Green Valley Public School Khadri in which various sports competitions were organized by the school children. Yoga and Zumba dance were also participated by the children and they enthralled everyone by participating in these competitions. Avatar Chugh was present as the chief guest in the programme. The participants who came first, second and third in the sports competitions were honored with certificates and medals by the chief guest. On this occasion, the chief guest said that children must participate in any kind of competition. This brings out the talent inside us. Management Chairman and former Sarpanch Kulbir Singh, Ramesh Dutta, Hemant Bhatnagar, School Principal and other staff members were present on the occasion.

AHMEDGARH (MAHAVIR GOYAL): Rotary Club Ahmedgarh organized a blood donation camp under the leadership of Chairman Mahesh Sharma, Ex-Assistant Governor Dr. Ravi Sharma, Patron Prof. SP Sofat, President Puneet Dhawan, Cashier Ajay Jain, Secretary Bipan Sethi and Project Chairman Dr. Rajiv Bhako. On this occasion, the poster of the blood donation camp being held on Sunday 15 January 2023 was released. Former Assistant Governor Dr. Ravi Sharma said that blood donation is a great donation. Blood donation plays an important role in saving any life. On 15th January 2023, Rotary Club is organizing a massive blood donation camp at local Sri Kundan Jain Samadh in memory of Principal Mrs. Chitra Rekha Sharma, wife of journalist Mr. Mahesh Sharma. He said that this blood donation camp will be organized under the auspices of Happy Baba Ji Chappar wale.



Hoshiarpur to get a state of art vacuum cleaning machine on new year: Jimpa



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

One of the major city in Doaba, Hoshiarpur will get a state of the art vacuum cleaning machine in the New Year. The successful trial of this machine was done last evening in the presence of Cabinet Minister and Hoshiarpur MLA Bram Shanker Jimpa. Jimpa said that Hoshiarpur have taken a step forward in the direction of realizing the dream of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to make the state clean and beautiful. He said that the purchase of this machine including the truck will be around Rs. 55-60 lakh. Starting

the trial of vacuum cleaning machine from bus stand chowk Hoshiarpur, Jimpa said that this machine will soon be available for cleaning streets & roads of the city.

After the purchase of this machine, Hoshiarpur will join the selected cities of Punjab where cleanliness is being done with such modern machines. He said that this gift has been given to the residents of Hoshiarpur so that the city can be cleaned without blowing dust. Bram Shanker Jimpa said that he is trying his best to make Hoshiarpur a dust & garbage free city and efforts have been already started to achieve this target.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Bharat Jodo Yatra in Punjab will get huge response from people: Gill Kajikot



KULJEET SINGH HONEY
TARN TARAN: The Bharat Jodo Yatra started in the country by Rahul Gandhi, has received a great response in different states of the country. At the same time, Congress workers are showing great enthusiasm for the trip in Punjab as well. These words were expressed by Gurbaj Singh Gill Kajikot, former director of Punjab Water Resources Management Development Corporation Limited, Secretary of Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee and Subordinate Member of Culture Committee of Bharat Jodo Yatra while addressing a meeting. He said that to make the Bharat Jodo Yatra that will enter Punjab in the month of January a success, the party high command has prepared the entire framework and under the leadership of Punjab Pradesh Congress President Amrinder Singh Raja Waring, the Bharat Jodo Yatra will be made unprecedented. He said that the Modi government, which is in power in the country, where inflation, corruption, illiteracy and unemployment are increasing day by day, people are fighting each other in the name of religion. He said that to maintain the unity and integrity of the country and to make people aware of the anti-people policies of the Modi government, the Congress party has started Bharat Jodo Yatra.

Eight patients get knees replaced under Ayushman Yojana



RAJ SADOSH
ABOHAR: Knee replacement operations have been resumed under the Ayushman Bharat Mukh Mantri Sehat Bima Yojana in the government hospital here. Orthopedician Dr. Sanman Mazi has also heaved a sigh of relief as needy patients have been waiting for a long time due to non-availability of the facility, he was facing humiliation due to not being able to perform the operations. Dr. Mazi said that many needy persons could not afford the cost of knee replacement operation that was above Rs 75,000. Due to confusion over allocation of funds under the Ayushman Yojana, such operations were not done for a long time, due to which the patients who were in trouble, had to wait for relief. Now approval has been given to do such operations under the Ayushman Yojana and operations have been started. Eight operations have been done in two weeks and according to the infrastructure only three operations can be done in a week.

Anti-encroachment drive in Field Ganj, Shahpur road; over dozen vends confiscated



GAMBHIR
LUDHIANA: With encroachments by street vendors and shopkeepers resulting in traffic jams in Field Ganj and Shahpur road, Municipal Corporation (MC) organised an anti-encroachment drive in the respective areas. The civic body officials stated that over a dozen vends were confiscated by the MC teams during the drive, which was organised in association with the police department. The shopkeepers were also directed to stop encroaching upon the shop portions outside their shops otherwise challans will be issued against them in the coming time. Stating that anti-encroachments drives are being regularly organised to reduce congestion on city roads, Officiating MC Commissioner Aadiya Dachalwal also appealed to the shopkeepers and vendors to stop encroaching upon the road portion otherwise strict action will be taken against them.

CM greets people on 'Parkash Purb' of Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday greeted the Punjabis living in India and across the globe, on the auspicious 'Parkash Purb' of Dashmesh Pitaah Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji. In a message on the 'Parkash Purb' of the tenth Guru of the Sikhs and the founder of the 'Khalsa Panth', the Chief Minister said that Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji preached and practiced the ethos of love, oneness of mankind and universal brotherhood throughout his life. Bhagwant Mann said that the creation of the Khalsa Panth by the great Guru in 1699 had a universal relevance by which he raised a unifying force in the world ever ready to make self sacrifice for achieving the goals of justice, equality, social good and protection of human rights. He exhorted the people to follow the noble teachings and rich legacy of the great "Saint Soldier", who created the Khalsa Panth at Sri

Sandhwan pays obeisance at Takht Sri Patna Sahib

PATNA/CHANDIGARH: Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Mr. Kultar Singh Sandhwan held a meeting with Bihar Chief Minister Mr. Nitish Kumar and discussed various issues. According to a spokesperson of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, it was a courtesy meeting. Mr. Sandhwan discussed various issues of Punjabis residing in Bihar with Mr. Nitish Kumar during the meeting. Meanwhile, both the leaders also discussed agriculture, dairy farming, culture, sports, science, and technology etc issues in the meeting. Mr. Sandhwan said that his discussion with Mr. Nitish Kumar was very extensive and he got an oppor-



tunity to know many things about the Punjabis living in Bihar. After, reaching Patna, S. Sandhwan paid obeisance at Takht Sri Patna Sahib and paid homage on the Parkash

Purb of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. He called the people to follow the teachings of Sri Guru Gobind Singh for building a good society.

age-old traditions of secularism, besides safeguarding human rights and ensuring religious freedom, for which he sacrificed everything including his own family.

Anandpur Sahib, thereby promoting the undying spirit of well-being (Char-di Kala) amongst the Sikh community. The Chief Minister called upon the people to unitedly strive hard for carv-

ing out an ideal and egalitarian society by treading on the path shown by Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Bhagwant Mann reminded people of the Guru ji's unparalleled contribution to uphold the

'NRI Punjabi Nal Milni' program to be held at Amritsar on Dec 30

LK BANSAL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

The Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was committed to resolve the grievances and problems of Punjabis residing abroad as 'NRI Punjabi Nal Milni' was being organised in various districts.

Giving this information, Punjab's NRIs Affairs Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal said that 'NRI Punjabi Nal Milni' program was being organized at Amritsar on December 30, where the cases of migrant Punjabis related to districts such as Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Pathankot and Tarn Taran will be heard and resolved. He said that



NRI Punjabis could lodge their grudges or complaints online besides on the registration counters to be set up at respective venue. Dhaliwal said that the Punjab government was preparing a special policy to resolve all the problems related to the social, economic and cultural affairs of NRI Punjabis in

a timely manner. He said that in order to listen to the problems of NRI Punjabis and resolve them, the Punjab government will conduct these types of meetings twice every year, in the months of December and April. The minister further said that their government has decided to visit NRI Punjabis in their nearest districts to trim down the harassment of visiting secretariat or offices of the ministers. He said that earlier under this drive on December 16, 160 cases were taken up at Jalandhar, 74 cases were heard at SAS Nagar on December 19, 170 cases were heard at Ludhiana on December 23 and 120 others were heard at Moga on December 26.

Birth anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji celebrated with devotion at Gurdwara Damdama Sahib



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): The birth anniversary of Dasham Pita Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji was celebrated with great devotion by the Gurdwara Management Committee at Gurdwara Damdama Sahib Mirpur Colony Pathankot with the support of the devotees. Kirtan Darbar was decorated after the feast of Sri Akhand Path Sahib Ji. In which, first of all, Bhai Gurbachan Singh, Bhai Rajan Singh's ragi Jatha and Bebe Nanki's Jatha of Istri Satsang Sabha attended the kirtan. After that, Bhai Jagdeep Singh from Gurdaspur and Bhai Virsa Singh Hajuri Ragi Jatha Sachkhand Sri Darbar Sahib Amritsar performed Katha-Kirtan to the Sangat. On this occasion, Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Gulati, the chief administrator of Gurdwara Sahib, congratulated the devotees on Gurpurab and appealed to Singh Sajjan to follow the path shown by Guru Ji and drink the nectar of Khande Bate. On this occasion, Master Mohan Lal former Minister of Punjab, Satwinder Singh Walia, Satinderpal Singh, Puran Singh, Gurdial Singh, Joginder Singh, Kulwant Kaur, Master Channan Singh, Surinder Singh President, Bhupinder Kaur President Bebe Nanki Satsang Sabha, Manager Sohan Singh, Gursharan Singh etc.

FIR filed against 5 persons for obstructing police in discharge of its duties

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): District Ludhiana rural police filed FIR against 4 persons and recovered a green colored john deere tractor for allegedly attacking police team and creating hindrance in work of police. Giving detailed information regarding this, ASI Inderjeet Singh said that the police team was present near Mohalla Gandhi nagar in search of notorious elements when they saw a tractor approaching. "The tractor was being driven by a person accompanied by Harmel Singh alias Vehla and Vishal alias Locha (they are alleged drug peddlers) and on the basis of suspicion, ASI Balwinder Singh signaled them to stop but the accused did not stop so the police team chased them down," he stated. "The accused had bought the tractor to residence of Harmel Singh Vehla and police already knew about latter's residence at Mohalla Gandhi Nagar and as soon as police reached his residence they noticed the said tractor standing there. ASI Balwinder Singh and his team told Harmel Singh Vehla about the incident and instructed him to let the police team search the vehicle and interrogate the accused but he did not cooperate and started quarrelling with the police team and pushed them out of his house," ASI Inderjeet Singh added. He stated that during all this, the accused even tore uniform of police cop Harmandeep Singh and taking advantage of the situation, the accused managed to escape. "FIR no. 267 has been filed against 5 persons including Vishal alias Locha son of Hans Raj, Karamjeet Singh son of Baldev Singh, Ishar Singh son of Mahinder Singh, Harmel Singh alias Vehla son of Ishar Singh, Ranjodh Singh son of Ishar Singh under section 186, 353, 149 of IPC for misbehavior.

SARWAN
QADIAN, DEC 29

The annual prize distribution ceremony at the local AVM Senior Secondary School was organized under the leadership of Principal of the school Padam Kohli in which SP(D) Gurpreet Singh was present as the chief guest.

On reaching the school, he was warmly welcomed by the school director Yogesh Sehdev, manager Shashibala, principal Padam Kohli, Vipran Parashar, Pradeep Kumar. The best choreography dedicated to the martyrdom of the four Sahabzads was presented through choreography by the students of the school, showcasing their best art. The guests were mesmerized by the presentation of Giddha by the school girls. On this occasion, the chief guest while addressing the students said that they will find two paths in



life, one based on goodness and the other on evil, so they should choose the first path based on honesty.

He said that students are like raw clay, which a teacher plays an important role in shaping the idol by carving, so students should always respect their teachers. After this, the students who came first in the class and the social workers who performed best in social service were honored by the chief guest SPD Gurpreet Singh. School Director Yogesh Sahdev Man-

ager Shashibala Principal Padam Kohli Vipran Kumar Parashar and Pradeep Kumar were felicitated by presenting a memento to the chief guest SPD Gurpreet Singh. SHO Sukhraj Singh Bharat Vikas Parishad President Mukesh Verma, General Secretary Pawan Kumar, Relief Foundation President Ramlal, BNO Kadian Vijay Kumar, Principal Shashi Kiran, Ashok Sharma, Varinder Khosla, Ashwani Verma Com Gurmej Singh among others present on the occasion.

Prakash Parv observed at Nijrapura Toll Plaza by Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee



JANDIALA GURU (KULJIT SINGH): Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee celebrated the Prakash Parv of Guru Gobind Singh ji by organizing a kirtan gathering. Charanjit Singh Safipur, leader of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, said that we are moving forward on the path of struggle by taking lessons from the revolutionary philosophy of Guru Gobind Singh ji. He said that he too thought it appropriate to sacrifice his own comforts and struggle for the rights of the poor and today it is our duty that we too should follow the path shown by him are being taken. The central government is going back on the promises made in the Delhi front. Ajay Mishra, the main accused in the Lakhimpur Kheri case, should be sacked and put in jail. According to the report of Dr. Swaminathan, the prices of the crops according to C2 +50% Should be given along with, MSP guarantee law should be made on 23 crops, farmers and laborers' loans should be abolished, notification of bio-power allocation 2022 should be cancelled, SYL issue should be resolved according to Rai Perian law.

Not feeling insecure over Navjot Sidhu's early release from jail: Raja Warring



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, DEC 29

Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring has said that he welcome the possible early release of former Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu, who is undergoing sentence in the Patiala jail in a road rage case.

Speaking to media persons at the installation ceremony of the newly appointed District Congress Committee Rupnagar President Zaildar Satwinder Singh Cherrian at Rupnagar on

Thursday, he said that Navjot Sidhu is a respected leader of the party and it is a good thing that he would return home soon and should strengthen the party. "I would like Sidhu to be released early before January 26 and join the Bharat Jodo Yatra", he said. In response to a question, Raja Warring said that he has no insecurity from Navjot Singh Sidhu. He said that the party has given a lot to a small worker like him and made him the president of Punjab Congress which is like a bonus for him.

Consumer day celebrated at Rail Coach Factory



PAWAN KALIA
KAPURTHALA, DEC 29

Shaheed Bhagat Singh Institute, Rail Coach Factory celebrated the Consumer Day. On this occasion a "Grahak Jagrooto Raly" was organized, "Dozens of members participated in this grand rally which started from Shaheed Bhagat Institute Rail Coach Factory and passed through dozens of villager to aware the consumers.

Engineer Brij Mohan, President of the society flagged off the rally. Consumer Awareness seminars were organized in different

village including Village Bhulana, Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Koliyan etc. The highlight of this rally was that Female member of the society addressed the villagers about their rights.

Er. Brij while addressing the consumers said that consumer has the right to be aware of their rights, this is important in order to protect them against market abuses and social injustices. Supporting anti consumer's basic rights, asking that those right be reorganized and preserved and denouncing market abuses and social injustices that jeopardize those rights he added.

Images of snow
leopard caught on SLR
and Mobile camera

SHIMLA: Additional Deputy Commissioners Kaza successfully watched a snow Leopard in Chichum village under Spiti Subdivision of Lahaul-Spiti district on Wednesday. On receiving the information from local villagers ADC Abhishek Verma visited Chichum village and saw the natural habitat of a fully grown Snow Leopard in a cave. Villagers have also seen three SL last year, however a pair was seen by them this year. Public Relations Officer posted at Kaza told UNI that with freezing high altitude habitat and migration of blue sheep or ibex downward, snow leopard also shifted to new habitats. Cubs and pairs of SL were also sighted since last two years. Ibex or blue sheep are natural prey of snow leopard. A snow leopard cub (six to eight month) on May 2, 2020 as it got trapped inside a livestock pan in a Giu village of Spiti valley. The cub required immediate rescue as it's astrayed mother and it was exhausted and thus rushed to wild animal rehabilitation centre from Spiti to Himalayan nature park Kufri. After full recovery the cub was again released on May 18 to the wild near the same location at Giu village where it was found trapped. "Before releasing the cub in the wild again we have ensured to track its mother by putting the surveillance camera for two days, informed wildlife officials. As she was located the astrayed cub was released near its mother to ensure their successful union again. A snow leopard cub (six to eight month) on May 2, 2020 got trapped inside a livestock pan in a Giu village of Spiti valley. The cub required immediate rescue as it's astrayed mother and it was exhausted and thus rushed to wild animal rehabilitation centre from Spiti to Himalayan nature park Kufri. After full recovery the cub was again released on May 18 to the wild near the same location at Giu village where it was found trapped."

Samir Ranjan Dash
calls on CM



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: CM invited for Men's FIH Hockey World Cup-2023 Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Odisha for School and Mass Education Samir Ranjan Dash called on Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu here today. He handed over an invitation to Sukhinder Singh Sukhu on behalf of Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for his august presence in Men's FIH Hockey World Cup-2023 being organized at Kalinga Stadium Bhubaneswar and Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium Rourkela from 13th to 29th January, 2023. Chief Minister thanked for this invitation.

Sai Eternal Foundation
Contributes 21 lakhs
for CM Relief fund



SHIMLA, DEC 29

Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu was presented a cheque of Rs. 21 lakhs by the members of Sai Eternal Foundation, New Shimla towards Chief Minister's Relief Fund here today. Chief Minister thanked Sai Eternal Foundation for this noble gesture and said that such contributions go a long way in helping the needy during the hour of distress.

Ambuja Cement recognises safety
champion drivers at Darlaghat

DARLAGHAT, DEC 29

Following Adani Group's core philosophy of Growth with Goodness, Adani Cement conducted a Reward & Recognition programme for truck drivers at the Darlaghat cement plant this week. Adani Cement, the cement vertical of Adani Group of which Ambuja Cements and ACC Ltd are a part, cares of its people. Under the company's 'Safety Champion Drivers 2022' programme, 20 truck drivers were selected for the award and now have been recognised for their safe



driving skills. Manoj Jindal, Cluster Head- North, Adani Cement, said, "We engage with truck drivers in all our plants regularly to institutionalise the safe driving habits through Driver Management Centre (DMC)."

We recognise and reward the best set of drivers of safety parameters. We also leverage this platform to share highlights of the month including the learning of any safety related incident through the toolbox talk." The

drivers recognition programme was organized by the Plant Logistics Safety Team of Ambuja Cements. The Driver Management Centre programme is a great engagement platform wherein the plant logistics team addresses the concerns of truck drivers and also guides them on future delivery efficiency. Both ACC and Ambuja Cements have been regularly engaging with truck drivers at all their plants for institutionalizing safe driving habits through Driver Management Centre, wherein the best set of drivers are recognized and rewarded.

HIMACHAL

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022

CM pays obeisance at Shri
Gurudwara Sahib

AGENCY
SHIMLA, DEC 29

Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu on the auspicious occasion of Prakash Parv of Guru Gobind Singh Ji visited famous Shri Gurudwara Sahib Shimla and paid obeisance here today.

While addressing the devotees on the occasion, Chief Minister said that Guru Gobind Singh was saint, warrior, poet and philosopher who not only founded Khalsa Panth but also made immense contributions towards humanity.

Sukhinder Singh Sukhu said that Guru Gobind Singh Ji fought valiantly against Mughal tyranny. He said that even when he was nine years old he motivated his father Guru Teg Bahadur Ji to save the Kashmiri



pandits from the atrocities of Mughal Empire.

Chief Minister said that the State Government would

consider sympathetically the demand of charging domestic tariff on electric meters in all the religious places instead of

People are in trouble due to the
closure of health institutions by
the government : Pawan Kajal

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, DEC 29

MLA of Kangra Vidhansabha constituency Pawan Kajal said that four health institutions including the divisional office of Jal Shakti Department, which were denotified in Kangra Vidhansabha constituency, will be restored. While discussing with the delegations from various Panchayats of the area, Pawan Kajal said that they will soon meet Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu and appeal to restore the denotified health institutions in OBC-dominated and Changar panchayats of the area. Kajal said that after 75 years, Kangra assembly constituency was gifted the divisional office of Jal Shakti Department by the previous government. Due to which the residents of Ranital area, about 60 kilometers away, were relieved to go to Shahpur. Kajal said that the number of daily OPDs had increased in the health institutions of Ranital, Gahlian, Rajal and Takipur of Kangra assembly constituency. And the people of Changar area were getting relief from visiting Civil Hospital Kangra, Medical College Tanda for the treatment of Parliament. But after the formation of the Congress government, due to the closure of health institutions, the public is once again facing problems. Kajal said that she will soon meet the state government and provide relief by getting notification of denotified health institutions in Kangra assembly constituency and divisional office of Jal Shakti Department on priority basis.



Jagat Ram Sharma elected fifth time State
President of HBC, MNERGA Mazdoor Union

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, DEC 29

Comrade Jagat Ram Sharma, on becoming the President of Himachal Building Construction and MNREGA Mazdoor Union for the fifth time, said that I heartily welcome all the MNREGA building construction workers of the state, who have repeatedly trusted me. Comrade Jagat Ram Sharma further informed that Sita Ram Saini has been made Senior Vice President, Roop Singh Thakur as General Secretary, Avtar Singh Bains as Executive President and D D Kaundal as Finance Secretary in Bhawan and MNREGA Union in the state. Eight deputy heads, six organization secretaries, 11 secretaries, three publicity secretaries, and one district head each have been made. And its information has



been given to the state government and all its departments. This information also has been given to the national president Dr. G Sanjeev Ready and Baba Hardeep Singh. Comrade Jagat Ram Sharma said that the demands of the construction workers will be brought back on track. And which was closed by the state government at the behest of the Modi government. And

along with that the registration was also closed. And the old claims of the laborers have also been suppressed. Now the government is in the interest of the laborers. We will not stop fighting for the demands of the union. And people like Inder Singh, Naresh Thakur, Ramdass Jassal, Rano Devi, Anita Dhiman, Mamta Dhiman etc were present in this meeting.

Three-day training camp on
crowd control concludes



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, DEC 29

A three-day training camp organized at Chintpurni under the joint aegis of National Institute of Disaster Management, Delhi and District Disaster Management Authority, Una ended on Thursday. Deputy Commissioner Raghav Sharma attended the concluding camp as the chief guest. In this camp, officers and staff of Chintpurni Temple Administration, Police Department, Home Guard 12th Battalion and local volunteers of Chintpurni and Dera Baba Badbhag Singh Maidi were trained on crowd control management. Deputy Commissioner discussed in detail about crowd control and management with the participants participating in the camp. 58 participants took part in the three-day workshop.

CMD SJVN meets Dy. PM & Indian
Ambassador to Nepal

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 29

Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN met Deputy Prime Minister & Finance Minister Bishnu Prasad Paudel at Kathmandu during his official visit to Nepal. Nand Lal Sharma apprised the Deputy Prime Minister about the progress of 900 MW Arun-3 & associated 217 KM 400KV Double Circuit Transmission Line, 490 MW Arun-4 and 669 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Projects being implemented by SJVN in Nepal. He also briefed about the acceleration measures taken by SJVN to mitigate impact of global pandemic on construction activities of Arun-3 Project. The timely completion of the project will be an important milestone in Hydro Power



Cooperation between the two nations. Deputy Prime Minister & Finance Minister Bishnu Prasad Paudel expressed satisfaction at the progress of projects and assured all support from Government of Nepal for expeditious execution of the

projects. Matter related to development of hydro power in Nepal were also deliberated in the meeting. During the visit, Nand Lal Sharma also met His Excellency Ambassador of India to Nepal Naveen Srivastava at Kathmandu and thanked him for his morale boosting visit to Arun-3 and Lower Arun Hydro Projects in November 2022. Sharma thanked the Indian Embassy for its continual support to the projects being developed by SJVN in Nepal. The Ambassador assured that Indian Embassy will extend all its support for execution & commissioning of all projects to strengthen Indo-Nepal relations. Later, Nand Lal Sharma held a meeting with Sh. Sushil Bhatta, Chief Executive Officer, Investment Board of Nepal and discussed about allocation of more hydro projects in Nepal to SJVN.

CBK challans 7 accused for providing jobs in J&K Police

SRINAGAR: Economic Offence Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir on Thursday produced a challan in the court of judicial Magistrate Ganderbal against seven accused on the pretext of providing jobs to the victims in Jammu and Kashmir Police Department. The case had been registered upon a receipt of written complaint, wherein it was alleged that Rakesh Kumar of Ward No. 1 Kashmiri Mohalla, Akhnoor, Jammu and others in league with each other have dishonestly and fraudulently grabbed huge amounts from the complainants on the pretext of providing Government Jobs in J&K Police Department, a statement said. Subsequently, Preliminary Verification was ordered into the matter which culminated into registration of Case in Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir (New Economic Offence Wing) and investigation set into motion. During the course of the investigation, it has been established that all accused persons under a well planned criminal conspiracy with each other had lured the victims on the pretext of providing jobs in the J&K Police Department and have dishonestly and fraudulently grabbed huge amounts by cheating them.

Nitish Singla, SDM checks three night shelters



CHANDIGARH: Three night shelters in Sector 19, 20, 29 night shelters were checked by Nitish Singla, SDM (East) last night and distribution of 150 blankets to the needy persons was done with the support from beopar mandal association. 50 blankets were provided by Arhtiya Sahil Goyal from grain market sector 26, Chandigarh.

Lahore declaration issues on conclusion of 32nd Waris Shah International Conference on Peace & Literature

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA: On the third and final day of 32nd Waris Shah International Conference on Peace & Literature organized by World Punjabi Congress in Lahore, a large number of poets, writers, intellectuals, professors, journalists and scholars participated. The conference's main theme was Waris Shah and Punjabi literature in reference to promotion of peace. The three day conference continued from 27th till 29th December 2022 in Pak Heritage Hotel Lahore. On the last day Chairman World Punjabi Congress Fakhar Zaman thanked the participants and those who took part in organizing the International Conference. He announced that World Punjabi congress will organize the 33rd International Conference in March next year and he said that despite the fact that the Indian delegates were unable to participate in the conference this year, for the next conference he is hopeful that more than 100 delegates from around the world will participate. Fakhar Zaman demanded the governments of Pakistan & India to allow the intellectuals, scholars and Punjabi writers & poets to participate in such conferences across borders.

Mobile snatched from an old man

OUR CORRESPONDENT PHAGWARA: Three Unidentified motorcyclist armed robbers attacked upon a Security Guard of Shri Vishwakarma Mandir and snatched his mobile near Village Bhulairi Gate in wee hours today. The Victim was identified as Village Palahai. He was coming on his duty on a Scooter when the robbers struck and snatched his purse and mobile after attacking upon him with a datar. The Police have registered a case. In another criminal incident around half dozen unidentified young robbers looted four migrant labourers near Victoria School at shaarp-edged weapons point last night. The Labourers were returning back to their factory after taking food from a dhabha when the robbers struck and snatched their valuables including mobile and more than Rs two thousands. The Police have registered a case.

Vigilance Bureau nabs sub-inspector for taking bribe of Rs 50,000

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its anti-corruption campaign on Thursday, arrested a police Sub Inspector (SI), Baljitpal Singh, posted at police station Mour, Bathinda district for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000. Disclosing this here today, a spokesperson of the VB said the above-mentioned accused SI has been arrested for accepting this bribe money in two e installments from Rakesh Kumar, a resident of Partap Nagar, Bathinda city. Giving details he added that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged that the above said police official has demanded Rs 50,000 as a bribe and threatened to nominate him in a police complaint case that he was investigating. Besides, the accused police personnel has already taken Rs 20,000 from the complainant in the morning and demanded more money. The complainant has recorded the conversation as proof while giving him this bribe amount and falsely saying the accused to pay the remaining amount in the evening. He further informed that the accused police official was under transfer and has to join at some other police station but threatened the complainant to book him and his relatives in the police case if the bribe amount was not paid. The spokesperson added that the VB has investigated the allegations and laid a trap. The above said accused police official was nabbed red-handed for accepting the second installment of a bribe of Rs 30,000 in the presence of two official witnesses. The Bureau team has recovered Rs 50,000 from his possession which he received as a bribe.

Jan Hit Vikas Committee meets DC Mohali regarding Kharar problem

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, DEC 29

A 9 member delegation of Jan Hit Vikas Committee Kharar led by Ranjit Singh Hans and Brij Mohan Sarma met Mr. Amit Talwar Deputy Commissioner Mohali and drew his attention to the problems of Kharar. The Deputy Commissioner immediately called a meeting of the officers.



wendor zone for the street vendors. When DC Sahib was told that deaths are happening every week due to accidents near Khanpur on Kharar-Kurali Road he called the officials of NHAI at the same time and asked them to solve this serious situation. In the meeting, a demand was also made to increase the number of traf-

fic police personnel and attention was also drawn to the fact that private bus operators are causing traffic jams due to improper parking of buses in the station. Apart from this, there was a discussion on fixing the rent of three wheelers at different places and the problem caused in traffic due to them by parking

Kites featuring late singer Sidhu Moosewala on high demand in Ludhiana

LUDHIANA : Ahead of Lohri festival, the kites with the picture of late Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala bagged the top spot for the buyers in Ludhiana. The kites with pictures of PM Narendra Modi, singer Mankirt Aulakh, Babbu Maan are also in the race. But the late punjabi singer seems to exert a strong influence over the young generation of Punjab. A shopkeeper of Ludhiana Sunil Kumar Gumber says, "Sidhu Moosewala was an icon. As soon as the kites come to the shop, they are getting sold in the blink of an eye. People coming from villages especially are demanding for kites. Advance orders are being placed as well."

ECI ready to pilot remote voting for domestic migrants; migrant voter need not travel back to home state to vote

RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Prototype RVM can handle multiple constituencies from a single remote polling booth. ECI floats concept note soliciting views from Political Parties on legal, operational, administrative and technological challenges. Migration based disenfranchisement is indeed not an option in the age of technological advancement.

The voter turnout in General Elections 2019 was 67.4 % and the Election Commission of India is concerned about the issue of over 30 Crore electors not exercising their franchise and also differential voter turnout in various States/UTs. It is understood that there are multifarious reasons for a voter not opting to register in a new place of residence, thus missing out on exercising the right to vote. Inability to vote due to internal migration (domestic migrants) is one of the prominent rea-

sons to be addressed to improve voter turnout and ensure participative elections.

Although there is no central database available for migration within the country, the analysis of available data in public domain points to work, marriage and education related migration as important components of domestic migration. Out-migration is predominant among the rural population in overall domestic migration. Approximately 85% of the internal migration is within the States. Soon after assuming office as Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Kumar's learning of domestic migration issues first hand from his trek to Dumak village in Chamoli district, focused his attention on enabling the migrant voters to exercise their franchise from their current place of residence. Realising such empowerment would entail a host of legal, statutory, administrative and technological interventions, ECI team has deliberat-

ed at length to find inclusive solutions to facilitate electoral participation of migrants across all socio-economic strata and explored alternative voting methods like two-way physical transit postal ballots, proxy voting, early voting at special Early Voting Centres, one-way or two-way electronic transmission of postal ballots (ETPBS), Internet-based voting system etc.

With the objective of finding a technological solution which is credible, accessible and acceptable to all stakeholders, the Commission headed by Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar along with Election Commissioners Shri Anup Chandra Pandey and Shri Arun Goel has now explored the option of using a modified version of the time-tested model of M3 EVMS to enable voting at remote polling stations i.e., polling stations outside home constituency, for domestic migrants.

Punjab registers 24.5% increase in revenue from GST during first 8 months of FY2022-23: Cheema

CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Punjab Finance, Planning, Excise and Taxation Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema said that the Taxation Department has improved its performance month-on-month as compared to last year during the first eight months of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann led Punjab government.

He said that the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection has increased by 24.5 percent during the months of April to November as compared to the same period of fiscal year 2021-22. Disclosing this in a press statement issued here, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that the total revenue from GST during the first eight months of fiscal year 2021-22 was Rs. 9612.6 crore, whereas, the total GST collection from the month of April to



November this year was Rs 11967.76 crore and recorded an increase of Rs. 2355.6 crore.

He said that the Taxation department has achieved these results by emphasizing on the use of technology rather than harassing honest tax payers through general inspections. The finance minister said that the Punjab Government has also decided to use the services of GST Prime, the latest data analysis tool created by NIC. He said that GST Prime

would help in the creation of specific data analysis reports on various parameters, and the strictest action would be initiated as per these reports. He said that the Department has also undertaken a lot of activities to guide and facilitate genuine taxpayers so that they can do their business in a better way. He further added that the Taxation department has established a new Tax Intelligence Unit (TIU) in the State GST Commissionerate to monitor the GSTN platform for better analysis of the data available over it. He said the state government has decided to establish TIU as all services and returns of registered taxpayers are available on GSTN platform in digital mode and it is creating a lot of data. Promising to adopt more friendly initiatives by the tax department to facilitate honest taxpayers during the New Year 2023.

Police arrests one with Heroin and intoxicants

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, DEC 29

Kharar City Police have arrested one Gurpreet Singh resident of village Daun following the recovery of 5 Gram heroin and 100 intoxicant

tablets for his possession. A case under the NDPS Act has been registered against him. As per information received from SHO City Harjinder Singh the accused has been remanded in police remand of one day by a local Court.

Spl meeting by Pathankot Press Club

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): A special meeting was held by the Pathankot Press Club under the leadership of President NP Dhawan at Hotel Unite. In which group members participated. During the meeting, President NP Dhawan said that many challenges have emerged in the field of journalism at present, which can be faced only by coming together on one platform. He said that the club leader met Hoshiarpur Deputy Commissioner Madam Komal Mitra against the toll being collected from journalists at Mansar Toll Plaza and other toll plazas and put this problem before him so that the toll being collected from journalists can be stopped. He further said that along with Chandigarh, his club also participated in meetings held at Punjab level from time to time. He further said that we will be able to face problems only if we are united. Wishing all the journalists the best for the upcoming New Year, he said that after Lohri in the first month, a seminar is being organized on the subject of the challenges facing journalism in the present time.

Completion of weekly story dedicated to four Sahibzadas under Safar-e-Shahadat Shaheedi week



SUJANPUR (GURDITT RANDHAWA): In Gurdwara Sahib Sant Ashram, under the Safar-e-Shahadat Shaheedi week, a weekly story dedicated to the four Sahibzadas was organized under the chairmanship of committee head Sonu. In which the Head Granthi of Gurdwara Sahib Barath Sahib, Bhai Sukhraj Singh ji was specially present as a narrator. During this, he shed light on the lives of the sons of Sri Guru Govind Ji and gave complete information about the history related to the martyrdom of the four Sahibzadas to the Sangat present in Gurudwara Sahib daily. He told that Sahibzads sacrificed their lives for religion, today we all must be aware of this history and inspire our children to work for the welfare of others by giving them good manners. Hearing the story of the martyrdom of the four Sahibzads, the group Sangat present there filled their hearts. After the completion of this daily weekly story, Prasad was also distributed in the langar to the present Sangat.

IMA Nabha President Dr. Narula meets Health Minister

RAKESH JINDAL NABHA, DEC 29

Indian Medical Association Nabha President Dr. J. P. Narula met with the Minister of Health and Medical Education of Punjab, Chetan Singh Joda Majra. Constituency MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Mann was specially present with him. I. C. U. Narula told the health minister that while Nabha is a princely city, there is a large urban area with hundreds of villages in the Nabha sub-division.

They turn to the government hospital, but due to the lack of ICU facilities here, the patients are referred to Patiala or Chandigarh. The doctor told the health minister, Joda Majra, that there is no shortage of space in the government hospital and competent doctors are also available. If the facility is



provided, the majority of people can get relief. On the other hand, Health Minister Jason Jodamajra assured that he would consider this demand. The honourable MLA said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Health Minister Chetan Singh Jodamajra are continuously providing health facilities to the people of the state. They are committed to giving, and

they assured the president of Aryanne, Dr. Narula, that they will also do their best to meet this legitimate demand and will leave no stone unturned to bring this facility to the people of Nabha Constituency. Dr. Arpit Garg, General Secretary of the IMA, and Dr. Charanpreet Singh, Finance Secretary, were also present on this occasion.

High level meeting held under leadership of Amarjit Singh Samra, Ladi Sherowalia and Raj Kumar Chabewal

PHAGWARA (ASHOK KAURA): Punjab Congress has finalized the preparations for 'Bharat Joka Yatra' led by former President Rahul Gandhi. As preparation for making 'Bharat Joka Yatra' historic, the meeting of the workers of the Vidhan Sabha constituency Nakodar was held by former Cabinet Minister S. Amarjit Singh Samra, Dr. Raj Kumar Chabewal, who has been appointed as District Jalandhar Coordinator, Hardev Singh Ladi Sherowalia MLA Shakhkot Constituency and President Congress Jalandhar (Rural) and Dr.PPCC Spokesman Dr.Navjot Singh Dahiya in-charge Vidhan Sabha Constituency Nakodar. Addressing the meeting on this occasion, Dr. Navjot Singh Dahiya appealed to all the Congress office-bearers, youth leaders and workers to arrive in large numbers within the time limit to give a historic welcome to Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Joka Yatra' on his arrival in district Jalandhar. S. Amarjit Singh Samra former cabinet minister said that there is great enthusiasm among the workers to welcome and participate in the journey.

On this occasion, the leaders present assured that the participation of people will be seen at a record level in this yatra. He said that 'Bharat Joka Yatra' has infused new enthusiasm among the party workers and this will be seen during the almost week-long yatra in Punjab. MLA Hardev Singh Ladi Sherowalia said that this austerity being done by Rahul Gandhi is proving to be a milestone to save the Indian constitution and democracy. He said that today the Aam Aadmi Party and the BJP have put the country in the furnace of inflation, unemployment and hatred, to save which Rahul Gandhi along with his colleagues are giving love by taking to the streets.

MC railways dept discuss proposals to eliminate railway crossings by construction of ROB's



ANKUSH LUDHIANA, DEC 29

Working on the proposal to streamline the movement of traffic by eliminating railway crossings in different parts of the city, Municipal Corporation (MC) Commissioner (interim) Aadiya Dachalwal conducted a meeting with the railway department officials. During the meeting held between the officials of MC and railways department in MC Zone D office, discussions were held regarding the possibilities to replace the railway crossings in Giaspura, Sunet, near gill road grain market etc with railway over bridges (ROB). The officials also deliberated upon the possibility of constructing a ROB at

the railway crossing on the road leading to Gill road from Dugri phase 1. Railway department officials including Additional Divisional Engineer, Kapil Vats, Executive Engineer Ratan Singh, senior section engineer (works) Subhash Chandra participated in the meeting. The railway department officials stated that the project to construct ROB at railway crossing near Gill road grain market has already been finalised and the work is expected to begin in the coming few months. Further it was decided to conduct joint field inspections to look into the possibilities of constructing railway over bridges (ROB) to replace the railway crossings in Giaspura, Sunet among other areas.

AIVKA's State level function organized on it's foundation day

SUMER GARG SUNAM, DEC 29

All India Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (AIVKA) has completed 70 years of its service. In these 70 years, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram is doing the work of building a bridge in between the common citizens with 11 crore Vanvasis of 650 tribes of Vanvas area.

AIVKA is the biggest organization working in the society for the Vanvasis of the country more than 20016 projects are going on in 12743 places in the region including, Education, Sports, Health, Medical Camp, Shradhdha Jagran Project is running smoothly. The organization started from Chhattisgarh on 26th December.

National organization secretary of Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan ashram ad-



ressing Kalyan Ashram Atul Jog joined as the main speaker and gave information about the problems, projects and challenges of the country's forest area. Chairman of White Medical College and Hospital Pathankot Swaran Singh Salaria joined the function as the chief guest.

In his speech, he called upon the youth to unite away from drugs and stay to fight the problems of the country. He also assured all kinds of cooperation for the AIVKA. The program Chairman, industrialist

Sumesh Singla; Special guest, Iqbal Singh, Prant Sangh chalak; Punjab President of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Kailash Chand; Sangrur District Industrial Chamber's Vice Chairman, Ghanshyam Kansal; Winner Jeet Goldie, Chairman Purna Life Sciences Private Limited; Vinod Gupta, Pradhan Shamshan Bhoomi Committee and Ram Gopal Garg Lehragaga, MD, KCT Group of Institutions in their address also appreciated the services provided by AIVKA.

SGSSM expresses grief on demise of patron Dr. RC Nagar

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, DEC 29

Renowned social welfare association of the area Shri Gauri Shankar Sewa Mandal (SGSSM) expressed its grief on demise of its patron Dr. Ratan Chandar Nagar.

Association chairman Yograj Sharma and president Vivek Garg in their respective addresses stated that the association organizes "bhandara" every year during Amarnath Yatra to serve the pilgrims and Dr. Ratan Chandar Nagar helped the association in its initial years in establishing "bhandara" and had been an inseparable part of the madal since then. "His unconditional contributions towards Shri Gauri Shankar Sewa Mandal can never be forgotten as it would have been very difficult to establish "bhandara" there without his help," they stated. They mentioned that



Dr. Nagar was a renowned social activist of Udhampur and was an ayurveda practitioner by profession. He was highly respected by people for his contributions in the field of social welfare as he established an orphanage and old age home in Udhampur for welfare of underprivileged section. "His demise is a huge loss not only to the madal but to the entire society," they added. Prayer meet for Dr. Ratan Chandar Nagar will be held on 2 January at Udhampur and the members of madal shall pay tribute to him there.

Stubble stock caught fire on
Hisar Chandigarh Highway
Loss of Rs 4-5 crores



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Stubble worth crores of rupees has been burnt to ashes on the Chandigarh-Hisar Highway in Kaithal. Five vehicles of the fire brigade have reached the spot and are trying to control the fire. 5 persons had kept a stock of straw in about 3 acres, in which a sudden fire broke out, the cause of the mild fire has not yet been ascertained, but the fire was so severe that in a few minutes, the flames spread to crores of rupees. The fire brigade vehicles that reached the spot are facing a lot of difficulty in extinguishing the fire. 12 fire tenders had reached the spot but the fire has not yet been brought under control. Reasons not known, complaint has been given to the police.

BSNL offers e-auction
of landline, Bharat fiber
numbers for customer

CHANDIGARH: In a series of offering customer friendly services Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (Punjab Telecom Circle) is going to launch a digital platform to make Landline/Bharat Fiber Premium numbers available for the customers who are more fascinated towards Fancy Numbers. As the demand is extremely high, these numbers are pooled for auction so that every individual can make out a chance to grab the number of their choice by participating in Auction conducted on the website. As a whole this Website sets a transparent medium which opens a way to explore our valuable services to the Public. Auction for Premium numbers will be starting from 31.12.2022 to 09.01.2023 at website 'www.eauction.bsnl.co.in'.

Celebration of Parkash Purab
of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji in
Gurudwara Model Town



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Model Town, Jalandhar Celebrated Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Around 20,000 people paid their obeisance. Special presence was made by A.D.C.P 2 Sh. Aditya , A.C.P Model Town Randhir Kumar, Retd S.S.P S.Rajinder Singh, S. Harbans Singh Chandi , S. Surinder Singh Gwalior, S. Pritam Singh Sapra, S.H.O Sukhdev Singh, S. Kulwant Singh Manan and S. Sarabjit Singh Makkar. Present on this occasion were S.Ajit Singh Sethi, President Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Model Town and other committee members, S.Mohinderjit Singh, S.Kanwaljeet Singh Kochhar , S.Kultaran Singh Anand, S. H.S Bhasin , S. Tejdeep Singh Sethi, S. Manmeet Singh Sodhi and S.Gagandeep Singh Sethi and Dr. Aparana Mehta, Principal, Dr. Sonika Singh, Vice Principal and school staff. Langar and tea was served in the morning and milk was served in the evening from the Community kitchen. Seva of Langar was done by school staff. Gurudwara was decorated with colourful lights.

Dushyant Chautala is
working for welfare of
people: Panjeta



NARESH GARG
LADWA: Zilla Parishad Ward Seven member and JJP leader Jasbir Panjeta said that Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala is working for the welfare of the people of Haryana. He said that Haryana state is moving forward under the BJP-JJP coalition government. He said that today no person has any kind of problem. Farmers are getting full price for their crops. He said that Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala is running many schemes for the welfare of the people due to which the people of Haryana are getting benefited. He said that the people of the villages of his ward have trusted him and voted for him in the Zilla Parishad elections from ward no. We will try to get the works which have been stalled for a long time done.

Travel agent booked for
trafficking, confining
woman in Dubai

SHAHKOT: The Shahkot police have booked a travel agent on the charges of trafficking, cheating, and breach of trust. The investigating officer (IO) Balvir Chand said that the accused has been identified as Chamkaur Singh son of Pritam Singh a resident of Chak Bahmanni Khurd village. Chindar Singh a resident of Gurra village under Goraya police station complained to the police that the accused has sent his wife to Dubai for working and confined her there and demanded money for releasing her.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022

MeT predicts snowfall as minimum
temperature improves in Kashmir

AGENCY
SRINAGAR, DEC 29

Meteorological Centre forecast of scattered to fairly widespread light rain and snow during the next 24 hours even as minimum temperature improved but still remained below freezing point in Kashmir valley on Thursday. Currently the weather is cloudy throughout J&K with forecast of Intermittent Light to Moderate Rain (in plains of Jammu) /Snow in Kashmir at many places (75 per cent chance) from evening of December 29 to 30 Forenoon. Thereafter there would be colder days & warmer nights.

The weather will mainly remain dry from December 31 to January 5 with no forecast of any major snowfall.

Although, there's no forecast of any major snowfall but even



light Snowfall & below freezing temperature may lead to temporary disruption of surface transportation on Sonmarg-Zojila, Gurez-Bandipora, Mughal road, Sadnatop etc. on December 30, the MeT said. Srinagar, the summer capital

of Jammu and Kashmir, had a low of minus 3.2 degree Celsius against last night's minus 5.6 degree Celsius. It was still minus 1.1 degree Celsius below normal for this period of the season. Pahalgam in south Kashmir, which experienced the season's

coldest night at minus 7.4 degree Celsius a day ago, recorded minus 4.5 degree Celsius on Thursday. It was minus 0.7 degree Celsius below normal during this period of the season for the valley of shepherds.

Ski resort of Gulmarg had a low of minus 4.8 degree Celsius against minus 6.0 degree Celsius against which was 1.4 degree Celsius above normal during this time of the season for the valley of meadow in north Kashmir.

Qazigund on Srinagar Jammu national highway recorded a low of minus 3.2 degree Celsius against minus 5.0 degree Celsius while Kukernag had a low of minus 2.3 degree Celsius on Thursday. Frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara had a low of minus 3.3 degree Celsius against , MeT office said.

5 lakhs looted by unidentified youths by
shooting at sheller owner's father and son

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 29

There is news of two armed robbers near Kanchian from the town, firing the sheller owner, father and son and robbing them of cash worth 5 lakh rupees. In the statements given to the police, Inderjit Garg's son Nihal Singh Wala of Gurdwara Sevasar Wali Street near Suraj Bhan said that He was coming from Barnala with his son Balram Garg in a twenty car with a sum of five lakh rupees calculated from Jaswant Rai, son of Ajay Garg.

He was coming from Barnala with his son Balram Garg in a twenty car with a sum of five lakh rupees calculated from Jaswant Rai, son of Ajay Garg. So when they stopped to drink tea in the langar near the scissors from the toll plaza, two young men, who had their chests made of clay and had

hair tied on their heads, called us the attendants of the langar to take us to the village. As requested, we put them in the carriage, when the side scissors through the bridge while going to Moga side when the light in the car that dropped them turned on, both the youths took out their pistols and asked us to get out of the vehicle. A young man opened fire on the road and ran away on foot after snatching 5 lakh rupees from him.

The police have registered a case against the unidentified youth on the above statements. Apart from the cameras installed at the toll plaza, the cameras of the industrial units of scissors are also being checked by the police. According to the information, the police have also found the shell of a country pistol. Shehna police party, CIA staff Handiarya and DSP Tapa Ravinder Singh Randhawa also reached the spot after some time.

Employee Defense Committee announced its
support for the struggle of outsourced workers

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 29

The meeting of the leaders of the Employees Defense Committee Barnala was held in the waterworks park of the DC Complex under the leadership of Karamjit Bihla, Rajeev Kumar, Tarsem Bhathal, and Ramesh Kumar Hamdard. The leaders said through a press statement that since the formation of the district in Barnala district, including the DC office, around 24 employees have been working through outsourcing for the past 12-13 years. These employees have worked tirelessly to run the newly formed district. Now that these workers have



become overage, preparations are being made to send them home on recruitment of regular workers. The Employee Defense Committee will not tolerate injustice to these employees. The leaders said that the present Punjab government has come to the seat of power by cheating the hardworking people of Punjab. The new Punjab government has

defeated the former governments in serving the corporate houses and betraying the entire working people of Punjab. Because at the time of the elections, this government had promised to regularize all the outsourced employees working in different government departments by bringing them into the departments. In connection with which the

Chief Minister of Punjab has been insisting on going to the courts, today these imperial servants, hiding in the guise of Bhagat Singh, have crossed all limits of treachery with the people. The talk of regularizing the outsourcing employees by bringing them into the departments is far away, the attack of retrenchment of the outsourced employees who have been serving in the departments for a long period by recruiting them from outside has been stopped. DC through this attack. Preparations for the retrenchment of outsourced employees posted at the Barnala office have been completed.

Garg starts work of interlocking tiles
in ground of ancient Hanuman
temple by breaking coconut



NARESH GARG
LADWA: The work of installing interlocking tiles was started by breaking coconuts on Thursday by Stalwart Foundation Chairman and social worker Sandeep Garg in the ground of ancient Hanuman temple located on Ladwa-Indri road.Secretary of Shri Sanatan Dharma Mahabir Dal Pawan Bansal told that a huge ground of the ancient Hanuman temple was lying raw in which the work of installing interlocking tiles was started by social worker Sandeep Garg from Thursday. Garg said that Shri Sanatan Dharma Mahabir Dal is doing a very noble work and after the installation of interlocking tiles in this ground, those who come here in large numbers to the temple will be benefited and the Saraswati Satsang Bhawan built in the temple will be benefited.

'Char Sahibzade' film based on martyrdom
day screened by social worker Sandeep Garg



NARESH GARG
LADWA, DEC 29

Screen for showing the movie Char Sahibzade based on the Prakash Parv of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and the martyrdom day of the four Sahibzads by the chairman of Stalwart Foundation and social worker Sandeep Garg at Nagar Khede of Ladwa. Social worker Sandeep Garg said that the main purpose of getting his screen installed is so that the young generation and children can know about the sacrifice given by the four Sahibzads and how they were martyred. He said that our roots should be strong so that the young generation should also know about our history. No religion teaches anyone to torture anyone, yet when Aurangzeb's atrocities on Hindus increased and Kashmiri Pandits were also tortured for conversion, Sikhism came forward and gave sacrifices and protected this country and religion. In today's modern era, the new generation does not have knowledge about this history. He said that Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh, showing indomitable courage and fearlessness in the short life of just seven and five years, refused to accept Islam and sacrificed themselves for their religion. In fact, we can never forget the sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, Guru Gobind Singh Ji and their entire family and will always be indebted to them.

Govt holiday calendar released on Parshuram
Jayanti: Surendra Sharma Barota

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29

On the release of official notification of Chief Minister Manohar Lal's announcements in Lord Parshuram Mahakumbh, the Brahmin Sabha celebrated by distributing laddoos.On Wednesday, December 28, Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal released the calendar of gazetted holidays for Parshuram Jayanti. The government calendar for the year 2023 was released on December 9, 2022, and now the calendar for 2023 has been released again. Surendra Sharma Barota, President of the Brahmin Sabha, expressed happiness by distributing laddoos while thanking Chief Minister Manohar Lal.He said that he is proud and happy that announcements were made in the interest of Brahmins from



the land of Karnal, due to which the Brahmin community of the entire state will be happy. According to the new calendar, now Parshuram Jayanti, Akshaya Tritiya, Eid ul-Fitr on April 22, Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti on May 24, Guru Arjun Dev Martyrdom Day on May 23, and Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day on December 17 have been gazetted holidays. Brahmin Sabha Vice President Sushil Gautam, General Secretary Ramkaran Sharma, Secretary Roshan Lal Sharma, Treasurer Mukesh Sharma, Executive Members Satpal Shastri,

Aurangabad to host Maharashtra's 56th Annual Nirankari
Sant Samagam in January 2023 Voluntary Sewa begins

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, DEC 29

The 56th Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam of Maharashtra has been scheduled to be held at Bidkin Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor in Aurangabad on 27, 28 and 29 January, 2023 in the Divine presence of Her Holiness Nirankari Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj. The Voluntary Services (Selfless Seva) for the event was inaugurated by Rev. Mohan Chhabra Ji, Member Incharge (Branches), Sant Nirankari Mandal, at the Venue of the Samagam. The ceremony began with a prayer to seek blessings of Her Holiness for the success of the event in the presence Rev Joginder Manchanda, Member In-charge Finance & Accounts, Chairman, Co-ordinator and other Members of the Samagam Committee, Sewadal



Adhikaris and thousands of Nirankari devotees, hailing from Aurangabad and adjoining Districts as well as Mumbai and other parts of Maharashtra. While inaugurating Rev Mohan Chhabra, spelled out the role of the Mission to Foster Peace, Love, Humanity and promote Universal Brotherhood by Spreading The Ultimate Truth of God Knowledge. To spread this message the Mission is organizing such Samagams. Through the Samagam, Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj,

reiterates the Message of the Saints and sages of bygone era of Universal Brotherhood by blending Spirituality with Humanity.The Samagam is aimed to spread the Mission's Message of Spirituality and Humanity Hand in Hand. To recap, the 52 Samagams were organized in Mumbai Metropolitan area and the 53rd Samagam was organized in Nashik City, in January 2020. After that two Samagams were organized through Virtual Platform due to Covid-19 pandemic and this 56th Samagam is organized in Aurangabad District. Recently, the Nirankari Fraternity witnessed the auspicious 75th Annual Sant Nirankari Samagam in Samalkha, Haryana with fervor and passion and since then eagerly awaited the for the Similar event in Maharashtra, likewise.

IGNOU is now accepting applications
for Jan 2023 session: Dr. Dharam Pal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29

Dr. Dharam Pal, Regional Director in Charge of IGNOU, informed us that Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is India's most famous and renowned central university for online as well as open and distance learning. Forms are filled out twice a year for admission to IGNOU. The first will be for the January session, and the second will be for the July session. The admission process for the January 2023 session is still going on. He informs us that IGNOU is the best university for those seeking skill-based and knowledge-based education. The objective of IGNOU is to enhance the knowledge of the students and provide equal opportunities for their upliftment. IGNOU is working to provide quality higher education to the students of remote areas, villages, and rural areas. He stated that such students who are unable to attend regular colleges and universities due to merit or for any other reason can easily obtain degrees by studying at IGNOU. People with a job can easily continue their higher education through distance education and enrol in any course at IGNOU. He said that various types of certificate, diploma, postgraduate diploma, graduation, and postgraduate graduation courses can be enrolled at IGNOU. The list and information about all IGNOU courses are available on the IGNOU website, www.ignou.ac.in.



EDITORIAL

The gaping holes

At this time of the year, looking back is not unusual, particularly when one has fewer years ahead than behind. When I look back at the time spent on this planet, I see a boatload of people, all of humanity in it. I can't help the analogy; part of my childhood was spent in the Andaman Islands, and most of my working life has been spent in the Sundarbans. My imagination is limited to watercrafts and water.

The boat has holes aplenty, and almost all of humanity is engaged in a gigantic struggle to sink the boat from within. Should not the normal response be to plug the holes, as fast as possible and as many as them? Apathy and reluctance to plug the holes are what I see. On the surface though, there is a sense of achievement and optimism.

Of the Rio triplets, the climate and the biodiversity conventions this year have seen landmark agreements. A Loss and Damage Fund in the former, and a target within the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to bring at least 30% of terrestrial, inland water and coastal and marine areas under effective conservation and management by 2030 in the latter. Globally, about 17% of terrestrial and 8% of marine areas are within documented protected and conserved areas. For India, the figures stand at 5.26% and 0.24%, respectively. Less than 10% of terrestrial protected areas in the world are both protected and connected. Protected areas without connectivity for movement of species and for ecological processes to function are of little significance. Over time, disconnected protected areas will lose species and will be unable to sustain ecological processes, more so on a warming planet because of range shifts of species due to the impacts of climate change.

Money is expected to flow from developed to developing countries to implement the GBF, at least \$20 billion per year by 2025, and \$30 billion per year by 2030. A trust fund under the Global Environment Facility is expected to be established next year for this purpose. It is another matter that the Global North has been poor in meeting its commitments to financial support for climate and biodiversity initiatives.

The Living Planet Report 2022, a comprehensive study of trends in global biodiversity and the health of the planet, revealed an average decline of 69% in species populations since 1970. During this period, we have lost half of the world's corals and are losing forest areas the size of 27 football fields every minute. A million plant and animal species are threatened with extinction.

Minorities continue to live in fear in Pakistan

The surge in the cases of forced conversions and marriages in Pakistan has put the Hindu and Christian families in constant fear of their daughters being snatched away, the International Forum for Rights and Society (IFFRAS) reported.

This month, the UK government imposed sanctions on its Muslim cleric Mian Abdul Haq for forced conversions and marriages of girls and women from religious minorities but such cases also don't appear to impact the Pakistan government.

The cases of forced marriage and conversions come out regularly and are ultimately dumped.

Recently, on December 10, of Justice (VoJ) released a report which stated that a hundred cases of abduction, rape, and forced conversion to Islam of Christian girls have taken place between 2019 and 2022. But, this report does not mention the cases of Hindu and Sikh girls which are reported almost every month. In Sindh, even the parents of young boys fear their kidnapping for forced conversion, according to IFFRAS.

Recently, a minor Hindu girl, aged 13, was abducted from her home by a man named Arshad Ali from Karachi, Sindh.

An FIR has been registered with the Karachi police, however, no arrest has so far been made in the incident. According to the minor girl's family, Arshad Ali has been harassing her for the past year and a half and they have filed complaints with the police several times. The family is apprehensive that the girl will be forcibly converted to Islam and will be married to Arshad Ali, according to local media.

The report entitled "Conversion Without Consent" talks about an increase in violence against non-Muslim women while the state remains indifferent and the judicial system denies timely justice in most cases. The report examined 100 reported cases involving abductions, forced faith



conversions, and forced and child marriage of girls and women from the Christian community across Pakistan, as per IFFRAS report. The highest number of such cases are seen in the Punjab province with 86 per cent, 11 per cent in Sindh, 2 per cent in Islamabad, 1 per cent in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and none in Baluchistan.

Chairperson of VoJ Joseph Jansen said forced conversions were linked to the State's abject failure to implement and enforce existing laws against abduction, child marriage, and forced marriages. In a statement, he further said that the offense of sexual violence against minor minority girls goes unchecked under the guise of faith conversion and marriage.

He observed that forced conversions are linked with the state's abject failure to implement and enforce existing laws that

aim to stymie abduction, child marriage, and forced marriage, especially where the victims are from religious minority communities. The VoJ report took note of mob violence against minorities in the name of religion. Most terrorizing among them is the use of Blasphemy Laws against them. Leaders of human rights organizations protest the misuse of these Laws and demand their review. The executive director of the Jubilee Campaign, Annigie Buwalda said the report presents an analysis and findings about the confluence of intersecting vulnerabilities of minority girls and their families, exploitable legal loopholes, and irreconcilable court verdicts that make it so difficult for susceptible faith minority communities to protect themselves, according to IFFRAS. She added that the report will serve as a vital tool to further gal-

vanize action to eradicate forced conversions and child marriages in Pakistan and advance children's rights. According to the VFJ report, many cases are reported in Pakistan in which predominantly juvenile girls from religious minority communities are kidnapped, forcibly converted to Islam, and married off to Muslim men, usually the very same perpetrators of their abductions.

The report stated that there is a strong correlation between reports of forced conversion and child marriage.

"The perpetrators mostly manipulate the law and justice system to get away with their crimes due to the absence of legislation which deals with forced faith conversions, and the lack of enforcement of existing domestic law; this remains a key impediment in preventing such harmful and inhumane practices," the report said.

Iranian Chess player competes at tournament without hijab

Iranian Chess player Sara Khadem, also known as Sarasadat Khademalsharieh, recently took part in a tournament without wearing a hijab, CNN reported on Wednesday citing Iranian news agency Jamaran.

Since the start of anti-government protests in September, Khadem is the most recent athlete to compete without a hijab. The protests in Iran were triggered by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini after she was detained by the police force.

According to reports in the local media, Khadem was photographed competing in the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan, without wearing the headscarf, which is required by Iranian law.

According to the International Chess Federation, the chess player was born in 1997 and is currently ranked number 10 in Iran among active players worldwide (804th overall), as per CNN.

Iranian climber Elnaz Rekabi competed in South Korea earlier in October without wearing the required



hijab, later explaining that it had fallen off inadvertently. It's not clear, though, whether Rekabi was coerced into saying what she did.

According to CNN, Iran's deputy sports minister Maryam Kazempour, in a statement said earlier that athletes who violated Islamic principles afterwards "regretted" their behaviour and "are searching for a chance to make up for their error."

According to Amnesty International, as of November, Iranian authorities are seeking the death penalty for at least 21 people in connection with the protests.

Last year, in Iran, at least 333 people were executed, according to the Iran Human Rights.

Construction of Diamer-Bhasha Dam alarms residents of Gilgit-Baltistan

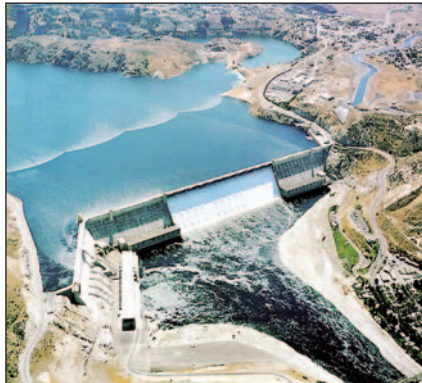
The construction of the Diamer-Bhasha Dam in Pakistan, the largest roller compact concrete dam in the world on the river Indus has alarmed the residents of Gilgit-Baltistan, once again raising the issue of environmental degradation, according to a report by the International Forum for Rights and Security (IFFRAS).

The report says that Pakistan's big dam model has come under the scanner in view of the recent floods in the country. "The country needs to look for alternative models which could be both economically viable as well environmentally safe and do not cause as much displacement and destitution."

The dam is located in a highly seismic zone and thus is a source of great concern for the citizens as they will have to face the consequences of its construction while its benefits will go to the people living in Punjab and Sindh, the report said.

Though Islamabad has been pushing for the dam's development, the recent floods in Pakistan have created a need to review the project and to construct it in a more scientific way which minimises its adverse effects like loss of livelihood.

The dam's construction affects the citizens of Gilgit Baltistan. The government



has, however, neglected the opinion of the locals and has also failed to compensate them for the land's acquisition.

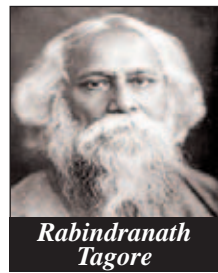
"It is estimated that Bhasha Diamar mega dam's reservoir, located in Diamar, would submerge 110 km of the Karakoram Highway and around 80,000 people would be displaced initially. After the dam's further extension, about 300,000 more local indigenous people will be displaced and over 200 km of area up to Gilgit town will be submerged. This may also result in a great loss to the region's wildlife.

POEM

Distant Time

I know not from what distant time thou art ever coming nearer to meet me. Thy sun and stars can never keep thee hidden from me for aye. In many a morning and eve thy footsteps have been heard and thy messenger has come within my heart and called me in secret. I know not only why today my life is all astir.

Rabindranath Tagore



Rabindranath Tagore

Stress does not lead to loss of self-control in eating disorders

A unique residential study has concluded that, contrary to perceived wisdom, people with eating disorders do not lose self-control, leading to binge-eating, in response to stress. The findings of the Cambridge-led research are published today in the Journal of Neuroscience.

People who experience bulimia nervosa and a subset of those affected by anorexia nervosa share certain key symptoms, namely recurrent binge eating and compensatory behaviours, such as vomiting. The two disorders are largely differentiated by body mass index (BMI): adults affected by anorexia nervosa tend to have BMI of less than 18.5 kg/m². More than 1.6 million people in the UK are thought to have an eating disorder, three-quarters of whom are women.

One prominent theory of binge-eating is that it is a result of stress, which causes individuals to experience difficulties with self-control. However, until now, this theory has not been directly tested in patients. To examine



this theory, researchers at the University of Cambridge, working with clinicians at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust, invited 85 women -- 22 with anorexia nervosa, 33 with bulimia nervosa and 30 healthy controls -- to attend a two-day stay at Wellcome Trust-MRC Institute of Metabolic Science Translational Research Facility (TRF). The facility, which includes an Eating Be-

haviour Unit, is designed so that a volunteer's diet and environment can be strictly controlled and their metabolic status studied in detail during a residential stay. The setting is intended to be as naturalistic as possible.

During their stay, each morning the women would receive controlled meals provided by a nutritionist. The women then underwent a fasting period during which they were taken to the

next door Wolfson Brain Imaging Centre, where they performed tasks while their brain activity was monitored using a functional MRI scanner.

The first tasks involved stopping the progression of a bar rising up a computer screen by pressing a key. The main task involved stopping the moving bar as it reached the middle line. On a minority of trials, stop-signals were presented, where the moving bar stopped automatically before reaching the middle line; participants were instructed to withhold their response in the event of a stop-signal.

The women then performed a task aimed at raising their stress levels. They were asked to carry out a series of mental arithmetic tests while receiving mild but unpredictable electric shocks, and were told that if they failed to meet the performance criterion, their data would be dismissed from the study. They were given feedback throughout the task, such as 'Your performance is below average'. The women then repeated the stop-signal task again. Once the tasks

had been completed -- but while the volunteers might still be expected to be in a heightened state of stress -- they returned to the Eating Behaviour Unit, where they were offered an 'all you can eat' buffet in its relaxing lounge and were told they could eat as much or as little as they would like.

On the second day of their study, the volunteers carried out the same tasks, but without the added stress of unpleasant electric shocks and pressure to perform. (For some participants, the order of the days was reversed.)

Dr Margaret Westwater, who led the research while a PhD student at Cambridge's Department of Psychiatry, said: "The idea was to see what happened when these women were stressed. Did it affect key regions of the brain important for self-control, and did that in turn lead to increases in food intake? What we found surprised us and goes counter to the prevailing theory."

The team found that even when they were not stressed, those women with bulimia nervosa performed worse on the

main task, where they had to stop the rising bar as it reached the middle bar -- but this was not the case for those women affected by anorexia nervosa. This impairment occurred alongside increased activity in a region in the prefrontal cortex, which the team say could mean these particular women were unable to recruit some other regions required by the brain to perform the task optimally.

Interestingly -- and contrary to the theory -- stress did not affect the actual performance in any way for either of the patient groups or the controls. However, the patient groups showed some differences in brain activity when they were stressed -- and this activity differed between women with anorexia and those with bulimia.

While the researchers observed that the patients in general ate less in the buffet than the controls, the amount that they ate did not differ between the stress and control days. However, activity levels in two key brain regions were associated with the amount of calories consumed in

all three groups, suggesting that these regions are important for dietary control.

Dr Westwater added: "Even though these two eating disorders are similar in many respects, there are clear differences at the level of the brain. In particular, women with bulimia seem to have a problem with pre-emptively slowing down in response to changes in their environment, which we think might lead them to make hasty decisions, leaving them vulnerable to binge-eating in some way."

"The theory suggests that these women should have eaten more when they were stressed, but that's actually not what we found. Clearly, when we're thinking about eating behaviour in these disorders, we need to take a more nuanced approach."

In findings published last year, the team took blood samples from the women as they performed their tasks, to look at metabolic markers that are important for our sense of feeling hungry or feeling full. They found that levels of these hormones are affected by stress.

iQoo Neo 7 Racing Edition With Snapdragon 8+ Gen 1 SoC, 120W Fast Charging Launched

iQoo Neo 7 Racing Edition has been launched in China on Thursday. The new smartphone by the Vivo sub-brand is powered by a Snapdragon 8+ Gen 1 SoC and offers similar specifications as the vanilla iQoo Neo 7. There are, however, some differences. The iQoo Neo 7 Racing Edition features a hole-punch display with up to 120Hz refresh rate. The new variant comes in three colour options and is up for sale in four RAM and storage configurations. It has a triple rear camera setup led by a 50-megapixel primary sensor. The phone offers a cooling feature that uses a 4,013mm square vapour chamber (VC) cooling area for thermal management during gaming. The iQoo Neo 7 Racing Edition packs a 5,000mAh battery with support for 120W flash charging. iQoo Neo 7 Racing Edition price, availability The newly launched iQoo Neo 7 Racing Edition price has been set at CNY 2,799 (roughly Rs. 32,000) for the base 8GB RAM + 256GB storage model. The 12GB + 256GB storage variant costs CNY 2,999 (roughly Rs. 34,000), while the 16GB + 256GB storage model is priced at CNY 3,299 (roughly Rs. 37,000). The top-end model with 16GB + 512GB storage costs CNY 3,599 (roughly Rs. 42,800).

OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite Gets Android 13-based OxygenOS 13 Update in India

OnePlus is rolling out the Android 13-based OxygenOS 13 update for the OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite smartphones in India. The latest update is currently rolling out to selected users only. A wider roll out will be done in a phased manner. The beta programme of the OxygenOS 13 for the OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite was started back in November and now the company has released the stable OS update for those participated in the beta. The OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite was launched in India back in April 2022 with Android 12. According to a post shared by OnePlus on its Community page, the Android 13-based OxygenOS 13 update for OnePlus Nord CE 2 Lite smartphones in India is first made available to the users who participated in the Open Beta Programme. The update comes with the latest security patches, firmware version, and new features. It will also bring new design themes, customization features including vibrant theme colours, and optimised task management tools as well as enhanced security and privacy.

Prime Gaming relaunches in India

CHANDIGARH- Amazon.in relaunches Prime Gaming in India, a benefit especially curated for gaming enthusiasts. Prime members in India can now unlock instant access to monthly free games and exclusive in-game content like power-ups, skins, collectibles and more from https://gaming.amazon.com/ across their favorite titles. Prime Gaming comes with a host of new perks, as compared to the earlier version which was limited to only FREE access to in-game content on mobile games. Prime is designed to make your life better every single day with enormous convenience, entertainment and savings that comes with a Prime membership and the rebranded launch of Prime Gaming reiterates these core values of a Prime membership. To claim any in-game content, Prime members can sign in to their Amazon account on https://gaming.amazon.com/. Post that, Prime members can search for their favorite games and claim the available in-game content. Claims can happen in two ways - members can link their Prime Gaming account with the game app as a onetime effort, post which the claimed content will be automatically available or by redeeming the promo code on their gaming account manually. For customers without Prime membership, they will be requested to sign up for Prime membership and follow the same steps as above.

Nexus Amritsar welcomes holiday season with festivities, assured prizes in Amritsar



Amritsar: With Christmas and New Year festivities around the corner, Nexus Amritsar announced the End of Season Sale with around 60 plus brands. Brands include Shoppers Stop, Pantalons, Max, Trends, Trends Footprint, Reliance Smart, Forever 21, Red Tape and many more. The bigger you shop, the better will be your gratification from Nexus Amritsar. Nexus Amritsar has also brought to Amritsar, larger than life décor with a purple Christmas tree, a unique set up which has never been seen before in the city. To make you experience the real feels, The Mall is also showcasing the façade lighting.

Sedans witnessed maximum sales in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: Spinnly, a full stack used-car platform, witnessed 52 per cent first time buyers from Chandigarh. The brand saw demand from 22 per cent of women in the city. Honda City, Baleno and Grand i10 were the most in demand cars in Chandigarh. The most popular brands were Maruti, Hyundai and Honda with white, silver and grey color variants witnessing maximum sales in volume terms. With Spinnly's entire process curated to be an online-first experience with all details about a specific car along with a 360-degree view of the vehicle, the platform saw 57 per cent online sales in 2022. Commenting on the growth, Priyush Jaiswal, City Head, Chandigarh, said, "The used car market in Chandigarh has proven to be highly promising.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor announces prices of new Innova HyCross

Karnal: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the much-awaited prices of its new Innova HyCross. The new vehicle from Toyota is available in the price range of Rs 18,30,000 to Rs 28,97,000 (ex-showroom). The brand-new offering from Toyota was unveiled in November 2022 along with the commencement of bookings. Based on Toyota New Global Architecture, the latest offering celebrates Toyota's globally recognized Quality, Durability and Reliability backed by advanced technology. The versatile Innova HyCross is a vehicle for every occasion owing to its glamour quotient, advanced technology, comfort along with safety and thrill to drive, thus aptly suited for travelling solo or with friends and family. With a self-charging strong hybrid electric technology providing best in the segment fuel efficiency, makes the Innova HyCross a wise choice for a greener tomorrow. Atul Sood, AVP, Sales, and Strategic Marketing, TKM, said, "The launch of the Innova HyCross is a significant milestone for us in India and we are truly humbled by the overwhelming response received from across the country. This feature-packed vehicle demonstrates the spaciousness of an MPV and is perfectly crafted to meet the aspirations of customers. We are certain that the pricing of the new Innova HyCross will strengthen the legacy of brand Innova while boosting Toyota's quest for promoting sustainable mobility. This versatile vehicle provides powerful performance, quick acceleration which along with its comfort and safety, is sure to provide exceptional driving experience."

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Pregnancy guide: get a healthy start with these pre & neonatal screenings

While pregnant, celebrations are always in order, but a trip to the gynaecologist and proper follow-up on all recommended tests are critical and must begin immediately after pregnancy confirmation. Prenatal screening looks for genetic and congenital defects. Once the baby is born, the hospital ensures that the baby receives all of the WHO-recommended newborn or neonatal screening, which detects any illness that could be fatal if not detected early. We speak to experts who share more about the importance of prenatal and neonatal screenings. "Prenatal testing generally includes screening and diagnostic tests to determine the health of the baby. Prenatal screening tests can tell you whether your baby is more likely or less likely to have chromosomal abnormalities or genetic disorders. These tests, which are performed during the first or second trimester, include blood tests, a specific type of ultrasound, and prenatal cell-free DNA screening. The couple must decide whether or not to participate. However, following the doctor's advice is a good idea. Furthermore, during prenatal screening, doctors can use a simple blood test to check for rare chromosomal, genetic, hormone-related, and metabolic conditions that can cause serious health problems. Measures can be taken in time to avoid the development of serious health problems," explains Dr Priya Deshpande, Consultant Maternal Foetal Medicine, Motherhood Hospital, Kharghar, who says pregnancies identified as high risk during screening are subjected to diagnostic tests such as placental biopsy or amniocentesis. The samples are tested in the lab for chromosomal and genetic abnormalities. Newborn screening is performed immediately after the baby is born. If your baby was not born in a hospital, consult your doctor about newborn screening. "Results of newborn screening for hearing loss and heart disease or any other issues are available as soon as the test is done, and you will be able to get to know about the status of the baby's health. "The baby will be treated with a special formula, dietary restrictions, supplements,



medicines, and close monitoring," says Dr Priya.

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Utkarsh Classes offers discounts up-to 90% on IIT-JEE, NEET, (CUET) and Defence exams

HISAR : The New Year is a time of reflection and hope for a better future. To fulfil the dream of offering accessible and quality education to all, Jodhpur-headquartered Utkarsh classes is offering a New Year discount on a clutch of courses, via the Utkarsh App. A discount of up to 90% is available on multiple courses such as Central and state govt. exams, nursing, engineering and judicial services exams. Utkarsh offers end-to-end education solutions starting with online tuition from Class 6 onwards, coaching for engineering & medical exams such as IIT-JEE, NEET, Common University Entrance Test (CUET) and Defence exams. The offer is available from December 29 to 31 on the Utkarsh app. "Utkarsh has always seen itself as a medium to offer quality and affordable education to students from all spheres. The discounts will ensure that deserving aspirants can study from top teachers using the best teaching methods. This is our way of giving back to society," said Dr Nirmal Gehlot, Founder and CEO of Utkarsh classes. He adds, "As an educational platform, we offer solutions to make learning easy for students. Our goal is to provide value- end-to-end value guidance across entrance exams after class 12. Holistic education solutions are the need of the hour and we are thrilled to help students in their education journey." Utkarsh has been providing result-oriented education for govt. test prep exams since the past 20 years. The company has offline coaching classes in Jodhpur & Jaipur and recently made a foray Utkarsh recently made a foray into Prayagraj, where the firm launched three offline centres, with one centre dedicated to the civil services exams. Utkarsh has been providing result-oriented education for govt. test prep exams for two decades. It has offline coaching classes in Jodhpur & Jaipur and recently made a foray into UP. The Utkarsh app is intuitive and user-friendly and crossed 1 crore downloads in September 2022. Utkarsh offers a mix of offline and online courses, with state-of-the-art teaching aids and professional assistance at all levels of a student's journey.

This new year Ariel urges everyone #CelebrateEqual

GURUGRAM : Over the past 7 years, Ariel India has continued to spark conversations around unequal division of household chores and urging more men to share the load. In 2014, before Ariel's movement, 79% men thought household chores are a women's job. However, over the years, millions of men have come forward to do their part, bringing this number down steadily to 41%. This represents men of today who are open to change and are starting to do more and share everyday chores and take up their share of responsibility. Celebrations have returned with family dinners, festivals, gatherings being held in all glory. However, it is often unnoticed that household chores like laundry, cleaning, or cooking, significantly increase during celebrations and the burden of these tasks are not equal. A new study by an independent third party revealed a startling fact that only 27% * women feel that their husbands shared the load equally with them during these times. This prevents women for participating equally in celebrations. Ariel has tried to capture the sentiment of women in its new #CelebrateEqual film that raises a pertinent question – 'is it truly a celebration if it's not equal?'. The film depicts a post family dinner scenario wherein the man is seen sitting browsing through his phone, while the woman is clearing the table and attending to the baby.



'An Ode to Mothers': Annual Day Function held at Mind Tree School

Mohali / Kharar: Mother's love is the most pure and selfless love that exists on earth and to respect the same Annual day celebrations at Mind Tree School were held today. The program was based on the theme An Ode to Mothers'. Students from classes 5th, 6th & 10th participated in the performances today. The program began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by school principal, Ms. Harveen Kaur and Director, Dr. Sanjay Kumar and was attended by the proud parents. The first performance was an excellent portrayal of the 9 Goddesses through a religious sthuthi. The students depicted mother's love through different kinds of acts – mime, dance, song, skit etc. Soothing and soul touching renditions and graceful dances held the audience captive and spell bound. With the belief that mother is not a word confined to one perspective, the students paid tributes to mothers through a special performance on mother nature, a poignant and heart touching act on Bharat Mata and patriotism, an illuminating act on the love between Yashoda Maiyya and Lord Krishna and a skit to bring about the realisation of the significance and importance of mothers in our life and how much they are taken for granted in our day to day lives. Each and every act carried a life lesson which prompted the audience to introspect and contemplate. As no event in the state is complete without its folk dance, the students of grade 10 tapped their feet to the tunes of peppy and energetic Punjabi songs to charge up the audience before they called it a day. The school Principal was all praises for the students who had not only made the school proud but also their parents by hosting such a spectacular function.



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Eye-Q, a leading hospital eye care chain inaugurates its new facility in Yamunanagar



Hospital is located in the prime location of Basant Nagar, Yamunanagar near Sapphire Hotel. On a regular basis, the new facility will be able to handle four times as many patients as the previous facility with approx 1.5 lakh patients handled till now and more than 10000 surgeries done. This facility of Eye-Q is empanelled with majority of TPAs and ECHS, and is looking forward for Haryana Government scheme renewal with NABH standards being enforced and also Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme.

Globe Toyota Launches the All-New Innova HyCross

Mohali: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) ushered a new era in Innova's journey by unveiling the Innova HyCross, a Self-Charging Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicle at Globe Toyota in Mohali. Latest 5th Generation Self-Charging Strong Hybrid Electric System built on Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA) platform providing best-in-class fuel efficiency of 23.24 km/l (Hybrid) / 16.13 km/l (Gasoline) and quick acceleration, easy maneuverability, and high ride quality as part of Toyota's multi-pathway offering towards its diverse customers in India. Sharing his thoughts Mr. V Wiseline Sigamani, General Manager – Strategic Business Unit, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said "We are truly humbled and honoured with the overwhelming response to the Innova HyCross, Innova is a flagship Toyota offering and an iconic vehicle in India's mobility journey.

Super Value Days on Amazon Fresh

CHANDIGARH: Ring in the new year on a delicious note and fulfil your grocery needs during the 'Super Value Days' on Amazon Fresh until 8th January. Enjoy the ongoing winter season and fill your cart with season's favourites including strawberries, mulberries, carrots, spinach, fenugreek, and everyday essentials among others. Customers can avail up to 45% off on grocery, household essentials, packaged foods, snacks & beverages, staples etc by shopping on Amazon Fresh. Try out your favourite winter recipes with some exciting offers from popular brands such as Daawat, Himalaya, Fortune, Godrej, and Dabur among others from their favourite online shopping destination. Customers can avail an instant discount of 10% ICICI Credit & Debit Card from 4th - 7th January 2023 with a minimum transaction of INR 2,500, and discounts up to INR 300.

One lakh job opportunities in India as Manipal Global Skills Academy launch National Sales Academy

Gurugram : Manipal Global Skills Academy, India's premier skill training enterprise, enable over one lakh job opportunities in India creating employable skilled professionals across sales roles under its new portfolio of programs launching National Sales Academy. Through the program, Manipal Global Skills Academy will hire certified professionals for partner BFSI, Pharmaceutical, and Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) companies looking to strengthen their sales and customer management teams. The National Sales Academy (NSA) has two professional certification modules – NSA Excellence and NSA Advanced. NSA Excellence is a short-term course (15-days), and NSA Advanced is a two-month online program. At the end of the course, the learner will be certified with a Manipal Global Skills Academy certificate. Post-completion, learners can aspire to join

lucrative roles like Sales Associates, Assistant Managers, Relationship Managers, Sales Leads, and others. The advanced certification path is offered to enable existing sales professionals looking for a growth path to upskill for senior roles like Sr. Relationship Managers, Regional Sales Lead, Sales Leaders, Senior Business Managers and more. Commenting on the collaboration, Mr Robin Bhowmik, Chief Business Officer, Manipal Global Education Services Pvt. Ltd., said, "Through the National Sales Academy, we look to support scalable growth with skilled human acquisition across capital markets, trading, securities, and wealth creation in the Indian mass market. Our certified sales professionals will be equipped with the right tools and skills to grow and scale business opportunities across BFSI, Pharmaceuticals, CPG, FMCG, Retail and more."

Kotak Mahindra Bank taps Gen-Next @ premier B-Schools to envision The Future of Banking

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBI/Kotak) today announced that it has collaborated with India's premier B-Schools to launch the inaugural edition of a case study competition titled 'ExpLORe - Experience Learning Opportunities in Retail Lending'. With this program, Kotak Mahindra Bank intends to tap into Gen-Next for innovative solutions to real business challenges in Retail Lending products such as Credit Cards, Personal Loans, Consumer Finance, and Housing Finance, among others. Kotak Mahindra Bank has partnered with 9 premier B-schools for this initiative - IIM Lucknow, IIM Indore, IIM Kozhikode, XLRI Jamshedpur, JAMNALAL Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Management Development Institute Gurugram and Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi. The competition follows a case studies based approach. These case studies have been designed with focus on technology-first approach to solve customer problems. "We are delighted to launch 'ExpLORe' - an initiative to not only explore bright young minds at B-Schools in the country but also tap them.

Langar held by Hair Garden Salon in memory of little Sahibzadas



Zirakpur: Hair Garden Salon & Academy located at Global Business Park, Zirakpur organized a langar in memory of the little Sahibzads here today. A large number of people around took advantage of the langar. Salon co-founder, Mr Rajneesh said, "We organized the langar in memory of the supreme sacrifice made by the children of 10th Sikh Guru Gobind Singh Ji. In 1704, the four Sahibzadas were killed in the events sparked by the attack on Anandpur Sahib by the Mughal forces. Ms. Reet Kahlon, Director of Hair Garden Salon said, "We have hair professionals who provide the best hair treatment services. Our entire team is well-trained and provides best-in-class service. The salon uses only plant-based products and is themed around eco-friendly practices. The salon is spread over a vast floor area, which is the largest in Tricity and even Punjab.

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Showering money during bhajans have become fashion: Gujarat Folk Singer

NAVSARI: Nearly Rs 40-50 lakh rupees was showered at a bhajan programme of Gujarati folk singer Kirtidaan Gadhvi held at a village of Navsari in Gujarat recently. "People are showering 10, 20, 50 and 100 rupee notes amounting to lakhs of rupees every day at Bhajan programmes," said Gadhvi. On Wednesday, the Swami Vivekananda Eye Temple Trust organised a bhajan programme to collect funds for a new eye hospital. The Programme was held at Supa village of Navsari. This is where Kirtidaan Gadhvi and another folk singer Urvashi Raddiya's performed. "The program received donations of around Rs 40-50 lakh," said the singer. Hundreds of people arrived at the Supa Village to listen to the programme and showered notes of 10, 20, 50, 100 and 500 rupees in the Bhajan programme. This also included children and young people apart from the elders. The total value of the showered notes has amounted to more than 50 lakh rupees, said the folk singer.

OBC reservation in urban polls: Yogi govt files SLP in SC

NEW DELHI: The Uttar Pradesh government on Thursday filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court, opposing the Allahabad High Court's Lucknow bench order to hold the urban body elections without reservations for Other Backward Classes. On Tuesday, the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court ordered the government to conduct urban body elections in UP without implementing the OBC quota. As per the court order, all the seats reserved for OBCs will now be considered general. High Court also gave instructions to conduct the elections immediately. Earlier on Wednesday, the Yogi Adityanath government constituted a Backward Classes Commission in the state to look into the matter. The commission, which has five members, will be chaired by retired Judge Ram Avtar Singh. "On the basis of the commission's report, the backward class reservation will be decided for UP's municipal body elections," an official statement said on Wednesday. Former IAS officers CS Verma and Mahendra Kumar, former legal advisor Santosh Kumar Vishwakarma and former additional legal advisor and additional district judge Brijesh Kumar Soni are other members of the commission. However, even after the High Court order, the government said that urban body elections in Uttar Pradesh would be held without backward class reservation.

E-Vidhan Sabha successful, 98 per cent paper saved: Gian Chand Gupta

**BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 29**

The experiment of paperless Vidhan Sabha started by the Speaker of Haryana Vidhan Sabha Gian Chand Gupta was very successful. The winter session of the Vidhan Sabha concluded with excellence in legislative business as well as saving government money, environmental protection and a record number of spectators. Proceedings under the National e-Vidhan Application (Neva) saved 98 per cent paper. The total proceedings of the 3 sittings of the session lasted for 16 hours 25 minutes. About 772 spectators, including students and teachers of 8 educational institutions attended the proceedings. Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta shared the statistics related to the proceedings of the session with the journalists in a press conference on Thursday.

Three meetings were held during the winter session of the Haryana Legislative Assembly held from December 26 to 28. Vidhan



Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta said that a total of 16 bills were passed during this period. 12 calling attention motions were discussed in detail and out of 60 starred questions tabled, 35 were answered by the concerned ministers in detail. Starred questions for the winter session were sent on behalf of 54 MLAs, including 24 MLAs from Congress, 20 from BJP, 5 from JJP, 1 from INLD, 1 from Halopa and 4 Independent MLAs. Answers to 110 unstarred questions of 22 MLAs were also laid on the floor of the House. A short duration discussion motion also formed part of the legislative business. The Legislative Assembly Secretariat had received 2 short duration

discussion motions, one of which was converted into a calling attention notice. There was a discussion in the House for 3 hours and 18 minutes under Zero Hour, in which 47 MLAs got an opportunity to present their views. In these, 20 MLAs of Congress, 18 of BJP, 5 of JJP and 4 independents were included. The Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha gave Congress an opportunity to speak for 1 hour 24 minutes, BJP 1 hour 15 minutes, JJP 23 minutes and Independent MLAs 16 minutes during the Zero Hour. Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta said that the work productivity of the winter session was 91.2 percent. In the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee

held before the session on December 26, it was decided to run for 6 hours daily for 3 days, but on the first day the proceedings lasted for 4 hours 10 minutes, on the second day 6 hours 25 minutes and on the third day 5 hours 50 minutes. Addressing the reporters, Speaker Gupta said that he is committed to follow parliamentary traditions and rules in letter and spirit. No MLA or Minister can be allowed to give wrong information in the House. In response to the questions of journalists, he said that the concerned departments have taken action against those who gave wrong information. He has thanked all the members for making the proceedings of the session successful and smooth. He also thanked the media for taking the proceedings of the House to the public in a positive manner. Legislative Assembly Secretary Rajendra Nandal, Additional Secretary Dr. Purushottam Dutt, OSD Dr. Satish Kumar were also present in the press conference.

Hooda holds meeting in connection with Bharat Jodo yatra

**RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL, DEC 29**

The Congress is continuously making preparations to make the second phase of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra a success in Haryana. In this series, former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda and State President Chaudhary Udaybhan took a meeting of workers in Kaithal today. In the meeting, the responsibilities of all the workers regarding the yatra and Panipat rally were fixed. Addressing the press conference, Hooda and Udaybhan gave detailed information about the second phase of the yatra to the media. He told that the second phase of the yatra in Haryana would start from January 5. Rahul Gandhi will enter Haryana via Sanauli (Panipat) from UP. There will be a big public meeting in Panipat on January 6, in which thousands of people will participate. This rally will prove to be record breaking in terms of crowd. The yatra will reach Karnal on January 7 and Kurukshetra on January 8. 10th will be break day. After this, the yatra will enter Punjab from



Ambala on 11th. Hooda said that the purpose of the yatra is not political purpose and vote-getting, but its purpose is Issues like unemployment and inflation have to be raised. Yatra is a public awareness campaign against the politics of division in the name of caste and religion and making people fight. Chaudhary Udaybhan said that Rahul Gandhi got overwhelming support in the first leg of the yatra in Haryana despite the severe winter. A big rally took place at the entry of Haryana at 6 am. This in itself was the first rally to be held so early in the morning. It is clear from this that there is a trend among the people towards the objectives for which Rahul Gandhi has started this yatra. Today inflation and unemployment is at its peak.

Prakash Utsav of Guru Gobind Singh ji celebrated



**DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHERI, DEC 29**

Prakash Utsav of Guru Gobind Singh ji was celebrated with great enthusiasm by Bannu Dharamshah Kisan Basti and Shri Gurudwara Singh Sabha Railway Road in Nilokheri and Guru's langar was served with great devotion. On this occasion, Lakshya Janhit Society Regd. held The service of water in both the Gurudwaras. A very commendable work has been done by the Lakshya Janhit Society, which is always ready to do social and religious works. On this occasion, Bhupesh Juneja, Pankaj Bakshi, Ish Chopra, Prem Munjal, Harvinder Sharma, Ashok Ahuja, Rajiv Kataria, Pankaj Sharma, etc. Many members of the organisation were present.

JJP spokesperson extends his hand and distributed blankets



**RINKU GONDER
NISSING, DEC 29**

In view of the severe cold in the winter season, Jannayak Janata Party's District Spokesperson Yashkaran Rana on Thursday distributed blankets to the cow devotees working as labourers at Shri Krishna Gausdala on Martyrdom Day. Yashkaran Rana, district spokesperson of the Jannayak Janata Party, stated while distributing blankets that Narayan service is only performed by men. In view of the winter season, a campaign has been launched to help the needy. Under this, blankets are being distributed to labourers working in cowsheds and on brick kilns in the bitter cold. In view of the severe cold, the work of distributing blankets will continue. In the cold winter, the blanket is a godsend for the poor, who lack adequate clothing to cover their bodies. Rana has appealed to all the responsible citizens of society to come forward and help such people. Rana said that there is no scope for social service, and you can play the role of a social worker by distributing warm clothes and blankets to the poor and needy around you in the winter season.

Donating warm clothes to protect from the cold is the biggest charity: Gautam Jain

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 29**

Agarwal Mahila Sangathan, Karnal distributed sweaters, coats, and socks to the needy students in two schools to protect them from the cold wave. They worked to protect children from the cold by giving socks, sweaters, and coats to about 62 students at the government school in Sheikhpura Sohna and 80 students at the Arya Samaj Second School, Karnal. On this occasion, educationist Gautam Jain said that the Agarwal community is at the forefront of charity work. May those children grow up to be good and capable citizens. While presiding over the programme, Gautam Jain said that children should imbibe humanity through values. Many such programmes are being



organised under the chairmanship of Mrs. Jain. On this occasion, Mrs. Anita Gupta, Anju Goyal, Sunita Bansal, Alita Garg, Sheenu Anamika Jain, Kalpana Jain, Neelam Garg, Deepa, and a large number of other enlightened women of the society were present.

Delhi reports 11 new Covid cases in last 24 hours

NEW DELHI, DEC 29

The national capital recorded 11 new Covid cases in the last 24 hours, with a case positivity rate of 0.29 per cent, stated a bulletin issued by the Delhi Health Department on Thursday.

According to the bulletin, 11 Covid patients recovered from the virus in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of recoveries to 1,98,0643.

However, no death from Covid was reported over the last 24 hours. As part of the country's ongoing vaccination drive, 1,319 Covid vaccine shots were administered in the city in the last 24 hours, taking the cumulative tally to 3,73,56,959.

As many as 2,482 Covid samples were tested in the last 24 hours taking the total number of samples tested in the national capital to 40,59,5680. The bulletin further informed that the national capital has, so far,

not reported any cases of Omicron BF.7 sub-variant, the new Covid strain blamed for the explosion in cases in neighbouring China, Japan and several other countries.

It added that the Centre had instructed the Delhi government to ensure genome sequencing of every reported case. Earlier on Wednesday, Dr Suresh, MD, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital said the hospital authorities are awake to the global Covid surge and arrangements are being made to augment infrastructure, including more ICU beds. "BF.7 cases have gone up exponentially in some countries, including China, South Korea, Japan, Brazil and the US, over the last week. Four cases of BF.7 were detected in India -- in Odisha and Gujarat in the previous month. However, no such case has been reported here so far. We are, nonetheless, vigilant. The Centre has instructed us to conduct genome sequencing of every case," Dr Suresh told ANI.

Birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh celebrated at Vidyapeeth

**RINKU GONDER
NISSING, DEC 29**

The village of Bastali is home to Arya Sese. The birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh was celebrated with great pomp at the Vidyapeeth, which was presided over by directors Krishna Karya and Seema Arya. School children presented cultural programmes. The children shed light on the teachings of Guru Gobind Singh through poetry. School directors Krishna Arya and Seemta Arya did the work of Guru Govind Singh to give the message of peace, harmony, and service to the world. Guru Gobind Singh was a



great warrior and religious person. Mughal ruler Aurangzeb forced his father Guru Tegh Bahadur to accept Islam, but he did not bow down to the Mughals and refused to accept Islam. Principal Baljeet told the children that Guru Gobind Singh will always guide us, and his life will continue to do welfare for humanity. School Professor Vikram Jeet

delivered a message to the students, encouraging them to apply the lessons he learned in his life. After that, the schoolchildren reached the chic Nanaksar Singhada Gurdwara and listened to the Guru Vani. The children took the prasad of langar in the gurudwara. DPE Sanjay Chaudhary and other staff members were present on this occasion.

Mann Govt lived up to its promise with Farmers, Labourers, Millers and Arhtiyas; 182.11 LMT paddy procured

CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

The Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann led State Government had made a firm commitment to all the stakeholders viz. Farmers, Labourers, Millers and Arhtiyas before the start of paddy procurement season about ensuring the uninterrupted procurement. That the Government fully lived up to its commitment is proved by the fact that during the current season, 182.11 Lakh Metric Tonne (LMT) paddy stood procured out of the target of 184.45 LMT. The procurement was made at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs. 2060 per quintal fixed by the Government of India.

Guided by the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Mr. Lal Chand Katarachak, this time no problem was encountered by the farmers in the



mandis and procurement as well as lifting was done on time. Within mere 4 hours of the procurement, the payments were credited into the bank accounts of the farmers.

The State Government had set up 1806 traditional purchase centres in the mandis besides declaring as many

as 583 public places and 37 rice mills as interim purchase centers for the facilitation of farmers and then the allotments were made. Government procurement agencies including FCI have credited Rs. 37,514 crore into the accounts of the nearly 8 lakh farmers for the paddy procured by the agencies of the State.

The department has played yeoman's role apart from the Mandi Board in ensuring hassle free procurement. Besides, the contribution of the Punjab Police in effectively stonewalling the illegal paddy coming from the other States by putting up Nakas at the interstate barriers has also come for appreciation.

The custom milling policy of the State Government has garnered praise from the Government of India which has asked the State Government to share its expertise with the other States.

CM Mann releases poster of 'Khedan Halqa Sunam Diyan' in memory of Babu Bhagwan Dass: Arora

CHANDIGARH, DEC 29

Punjab Chief Minister S Bhagwant Mann released a poster of 'Khedan Halqa Sunam Diyan' to be organised in the memory of Late Punjab Minister Babu Bhagwan Dass Arora, the father of Mr. Aman Arora, Minister of Information and Public Relations, Punjab.

After release of the poster at CMR here, Mr. Aman Arora said that Babu Bhagwan Dass Arora Memorial Sunam Super League under the banner of 'Khedan Halqa Sunam Diyan' will be organised and sponsored by Babu Bhagwan Dass Arora Memorial Foundation at Shaheed Bhai Mati Dass Senior Secondary School, Longowal from February 4 to February 5,



2023. Pertinently, Babu Bhagwan Dass Arora Memorial Foundation has been organising medical camps and carrying out other social works for the welfare of public for over a decade. Revealing more details about the 'Khedan Halqa Sunam Diyan', the

Cabinet Minister said that three categories of sports—Volleyball, Shooting, Volleyball Smashing and Tug of War, will be organised to promote sports culture at the ground level as per the commitment of Chief Minister S Bhagwant Mann, who is

ardent sports lover and himself a good player of volleyball shooting. Recently, Mann Government had also organised the three-month long sports gala "Khedan Watan Punjab Diyan" to identify hidden talent and thereafter hone that talent to produce international level sportspersons from the state. The Cabinet Minister said that winner teams of these three events will be bestowed with cash prizes along with trophies. Aman Arora informed that Padma Shri heavyweight International Boxer Kaur Singh, Gold medal winner of Asian Games and Padma Shri Sunita Rani, Gold Medalist Athlete of Asian Games, will be felicitated at the tournament.

Gujarat consolidates with 292-run lead as UT boys struggles at 46/2

CHANDIGARH: Hosts Gujarat has consolidated its position with 292 runs lead against Chandigarh at the on-going Ranji Trophy match being played at Motera (Ahmedabad) on Thursday. In reply to Chandigarh's 304, Gujarat continued to dominate visitors throughout the day as the team declared their innings at 596 for four from their overnight score of 249/3. Jagjeet Singh Sandhu consoled with the single wicket of Het (59) while unbeaten batters Captain PK Panchal (257) and MA Hingrajia (151) helped in a massive total. In reply, Chandigarh got off to a dismal start when opener Mohd Arslan Khan (1) was caught and bowled by CT Gaja. Later, Arijt Singh (9) fell short of his crease with 33 for two on the board.

SHORT TALKS

Zimbabwe announce squad for U-19 Women's T20 World Cup

HARARE: Zimbabwe Cricket announced the squad for the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup to be held in South Africa from January 14 to 29, 2023. The side will be captained by all-rounder Kelis Ndhlovu who already boasts international experience at the senior level. Ndhlovu finished with the most wickets at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier 2022 held in the United Arab Emirates in September, while her batting talent was on show during her maiden tour with the seniors when she was involved in an unbeaten opening stand worth 158 runs against Namibia in April. The Zimbabwe Under-19 Women's side, coached by Trevor Phiri, also includes another player with a senior cap in pace bowler Michelle Mavunga. The Ndiraya twins, Kay and Kelly, are also part of the 15-member squad that is travelling to South Africa for the inaugural tournament. The ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023 features 16 teams that are divided into groups of four, with the top three in each group progressing to the Super Six stage which will have two pools. The top two sides from each of the Super Six leagues will progress to the semi-finals, with the final taking place on January 29.

Boxing Champion Nikhat Zareen, Shooter Esha Singh meet Kavitha in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD: Boxing Champion Nikhat Zareen met Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC K Kavitha at the latter's residence here on Thursday. Kavitha later tweeted 'Met and honoured the Golden Girl of Telangana and India, Boxing Champion @nikhat_zareen. We are so proud of her accomplishments and achievements. Wishing her all the very best for her future endeavours'. Telangana Boxing star and reigning world champion, Nikhat Zareen won a gold medal in the finals of the Elite Women's National Boxing Championships held in Bhopal recently. Indian amateur shooter and Telangana's Esha Singh also met BRS MLC at her residence. Kavitha, daughter of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrababhai Rao, taking to twitter said 'It was lovely meeting Telangana's pride World Champion @Singhesha10 in Hyderabad, today, who recently clinched silver in the junior women's 10m 65th National Shooting Championship in Madhya Pradesh. My best wishes for her upcoming tournaments and journey ahead', she said.

Aus wrap up SA series on high note, close in on WTC final



AGENCY
MELBOURNE, DEC 29

Australia have boosted their chances of appearing at next year's ICC World Test Championship final and put a big dent in South Africa's hopes with a dominant victory over the Proteas in the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne.

Pat Cummins' side wrapped up the innings-and-182-run victory midway through the fourth day of the Test, with experienced spinner Nathan Lyon (3/58) and seamer Scott Boland (2/49) doing the majority of the damage on Thursday to complete the MCG rout.

The victory sees Australia open up an insurmountable 2-0 series lead on the Proteas and helps them extend their lead at the top of the World Test Championship standings.

The 12 points Australia receives for the win takes them to 132 points from 14 matches this period, with their win-percentage boosted to an impressive 78.57% following the victory.

It means Australia are well placed for a maiden appearance at the World Test Championship final at The Oval next year, with five Tests remaining this period (one against South Africa in Syd-

Committed to play 2023 WC, will quit if team management says it's time: Warner

MELBOURNE: After hitting a match-winning double hundred in his 100th Test against South Africa, veteran Australian opener David Warner said that his knock is right up there with his best ones and said that he is committed to play in ICC Cricket World Cup next year in India, though he will quit if team management decides to move on from him. David Warner, Cameron Green and Nathan Lyon were the stars for an all-round Australia, helping their side crush a helpless South Africa side by an innings and 182 runs in the second Test of the three-match series at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Thursday. "Phenomenal achievement from the boys to get the job done. We saw some crazy stuff from Green and Starc, also a fantastic hundred by Carey. 100th Test in front of a packed MCG, what a match it turned out to be. The knock will be right up there for me. I always knew I had it in me to perform on the big stage," said Warner in a post-match presentation on his and his team's performance.

"I'm committed to playing next year's World Cup (50-over tournament in India), I will keep myself fit, try and keep scoring, but if they do (the team management) tap me on the back and say it's time, I am ready (to quit)," added the opener on his future.

ney and four in India during February and March) before the finalists are known.

The top two teams qualify for the World Test Championship decider and South Africa's chances of earning one of those two spots are further diminished following a second consecutive disappointing performance on Australian shores.

The Proteas arrived in Australia in second place on the standings and with expectations high, but back-to-back losses has seen Dean Elgar's side slip to fourth on the updated table.

India hold on to second spot on the standings with a 58.93% win-percentage and Sri Lanka (53.33%) rise to third and in front of South Africa (50%) after the Proteas' efforts in Melbourne.

BCCI's new selection committee likely to be formed in January

AGENCY
MUMBAI, DEC 29

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) new selection committee is likely to be formed in January next year, as per sources.

The sources said that the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) of the board, which comprises former player Ashok Malhotra, Jatin Paranjpe and Sulakshana Mail is expected to meet on December 30 to start the process of picking up the members of the new selection committee.

Back in November, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) sacked the National Selection Committee headed by Chetan Sharma and invited fresh applications.

Apart from chief selector Sharma, the selection committee also comprised Sunil Joshi, Harvinder Singh and Debashish Mohanty.

A release by cricket's apex governing body in the country mentioned the criteria for those who wish to apply for the positions.

"Should have played a minimum of 7 Test matches or 30 First Class matches, or 10 ODI and 20 First Class



matches," read the official BCCI statement. "Should have retired from the game at least 5 years ago and no person who has been a member of any Cricket Committee (as defined in the rules and regulations of BCCI) for a total of 5 years shall be eligible to be a member of the Men's Selection Committee," the release added.

The last date for the submission of applications was November 28, 2022.

The decision came after India's humiliating ten-wicket loss to England in the semifinal of the ICC T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia.

Chandigarh team departs for Ahmedabad for Col CK Nayudu Trophy



CHANDIGARH: A team of 15 players from Chandigarh departed for Ahmedabad on Thursday for the upcoming Col CK Nayudu Trophy which is scheduled from January 1. The team will play league matches against Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Goa in about a one and half month long tour.. The team will begin its campaign from January 1 against hosts Gujarat.

The team is as follows - Arjun Azad (Captain), Harman Singh Pannu, Aman, Ayush Sikka, Taranpreet Singh, Paras, Chiragveer Singh, Pradeep Yadav, Mayank Sidhu, Neel Dhaliwal, Mandeep Singh, Mohammad Ashad, Arjun Sharma, Arshnoor Singh, Pannu, Yuvraj Chaudhary

ICC nominates Suryakumar Yadav for Men's T20I Cricketer of Year award

AGENCY
DUBAI, DEC 29

India's star batter Suryakumar Yadav has been nominated for the Men's T20I Cricketer of 2022 award as announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Friday.

The swashbuckling batter has been nominated along with three other players for the award. Sam Curran, Sikandar Raza and Mohammad Rizwan are also in contention for the coveted award.

Suryakumar Yadav had a sensational 2022 in the shortest format of the game, becoming just the second batter to score more than 1000 runs in a year in the format. He ended the year as the highest run-getter, scoring 1164 runs at a ridiculous strike rate of 187.43.

His tally of 68 sixes in the calendar year in T20Is is the highest anyone has recorded in the format in a year by a fair distance. Yadav's incredible consistency in the format is reflected in his average which stood in the mid-40s. With two hundreds and nine half-centuries in the year, Yadav was the standout men's T20I batter.

In the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia, Yadav recorded three fifties in six innings, averaging nearly 60 in the tournament while going at a strike rate of 189.68.

He continued his stellar year after the tournament too, recording his second hundred in T20Is in the year in the bilateral series in New Zealand. The year also saw Yadav become the top-ranked ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings, achieving a career-high 890 rating points.

Sikandar Raza had a stellar year with the bat and also contributed significantly with the ball in T20Is. A remarkable showing in the T20



World Cup in Australia capped off a memorable year for the Zimbabwe all-rounder.

With 735 runs in the year at a strike rate of over 150, Raza scored more than 250 runs over the next-best Zimbabwe batter in T20Is. He also led the wickets chart for them, taking 25 wickets at an excellent economy rate of 6.13.

While Raza's year with the bat was truly remarkable, his standout performance came in a game where he made a little contribution with the bat. He played a massive role in Zimbabwe's win over Pakistan in the T20 World Cup, taking 3/25 with the ball before inflicting the run out of the final ball to give Zimbabwe the one-run victory.

The Player of the Tournament at the 2022 T20 World Cup, Sam Curran's bowling stocks in T20s rose in the year with his death bowling, in particular, earning plaudits.

With England missing key fast bowlers at the tournament, Curran stepped up admirably to finish the World Cup with 13 wickets to his name, second only to Wanindu Hasaranga of Sri Lanka.

His best of 5/10 against Afghanistan in the tournament was the first time any England bowler took a five-wicket haul in men's T20Is. The left-arm quick made up for missing the 2021 edition of the tournament through injury with his impressive showing in Australia with the ball.

Curran's exploits, including a

three-wicket haul in the final, proved to be crucial in England winning their second T20 World Cup title.

Curran's remarkable T20 World Cup was the highlight of his year in this format, and his best showing came in the final against Pakistan in Melbourne, where he conceded just 12 runs in his four overs while taking three wickets.

His victims included Mohammad Rizwan, Shan Masood and Mohammad Nawaz as Pakistan put up just 137 runs on board, a total that England overcame with an over to spare.

Rizwan amassed 996 runs in the year, continuing on from his record-breaking year in T20Is in 2021. Only Suryakumar Yadav made more runs in the year in men's T20Is.

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Or

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Or

"Wiring/rewiring, lighting arrangement in buildings with associated electrical works."

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Amit Rana H.No. 409 Sainik Vihar Pitam Pura Main Road Delhi-110034	Sheetal Rana	10 NOV 2022	16th Dec. 2022	Rs. 1,58,61,298/- AS on 12th December, 2022 Against loan Account No. RHHLCHA 000018902	Rs. 1,70,28,000/-	"All The Piece and Parcel of Property Situated at" Villa No. 10061-10062-10063,Comprising in Khata No.62/82 Under Khaska No. 25/23(1/7-11) Part 20/453 Share 0 Kanal 6/23 Marla, Vaskia No.2564 Sale Deed Dated 17.07.2014, and, Vaskia No.2565 Sale Deed Dated 17.07.2014 and Vaskia No.2563 Sale Deed Dated 17.07.2014 Situated at Sunny Enclave Residential Township, Sector125, Jhunjung, Hadbast No.29, Tehsil Kharar,distt Sas Nagar Mohali Each Measuring 200 Sq.yds.(Hereinafter Referred To As The Property In Question)

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Twinkle shares throwback picture on 'shared birthday' with dad **Rajesh Khanna**

Actor-turned-author Twinkle Khanna took everyone down the memory lane as she shared a picture with her late father, legendary actor Rajesh Khanna on his birthday. The 'Mela' actor, who shares a common birth date with her dad, took to Instagram to mark the day with a throwback snap. "A bittersweet shared birthday and a lifetime of memories," she wrote in the caption. The black and white image features a young Twinkle smiling with the 'Anand' actor. Fans and colleagues of the 'International Khiladi' actor took to the comment section to express their appreciation and extend their birthday wishes. Bollywood actors Bobby Deol and Malaika Arora left heart emojis in the comments for the actor. "Happy birthday both of u mam," a user wrote. "#TheStarThatTwinkled," another user wrote. Earlier this year, Twinkle shared an unseen picture on her social

media account on the 10th death anniversary of her father. Rajesh Khanna, fondly referred to as Kaka, made the world record of having 17 successive super-hits in three years from 1969-71, including 15 consecutive solo super-hit films. The actor won the Filmfare Best Actor Award on three occasions and was nominated 14 times. The actor-turned-politician was posthumously awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian honour. Meanwhile, Twinkle quit acting in 2001 after starring in a string of films. She ventured into writing in 2015, releasing her first book 'Mrs Funnybones'. Twinkle wrote another book comprising an anthology of stories titled 'The Legend Of Lakshmi Prasad' in 2017. She followed it with another book titled 'Pyjamas Are Forgiving', which came out the following year.



Varun Dhawan flaunts muscular physique as he bids "goodbye to 2022 on a good note"

Bollywood actor Varun Dhawan on Wednesday shared a video bidding goodbye to the year 2022 on a "good note". Taking to Instagram, Varun treated fans with his muscular physique. In the video, Varun could be seen flaunting his washboard abs in a shirtless look. Not only he treated fans with his toned body but also with his killer moves. Sharing the video, he wrote, "Goodbye to 2022 on a good note #jugjuggjeeyo sab log." As soon as the video was posted, the actor's fans and industry friend dropped their comments. Varun's 'Jug Jugg Jeeyo' co-star Prajakta Koli wrote, "Kukkoo bhaiyya for president!!!" One of the

fans wrote, "Uffff I'm dead." Meanwhile, Varun was recently seen in the horror comedy film 'Bhediya' opposite Kriti Sanon which received decent responses from the audience. The creature-comedy drama 'Bhediya' marks Varun and Kriti's second collaboration after sharing screen spaces in the 2015 rom-com 'Dilwale'. The film is bringing together the dynamic duo of producer Dinesh Vijan and director Amar Kaushik, who also helmed the 2018 blockbuster movie 'Stree'. He will be next seen in director Nitesh Tiwari's upcoming social drama film 'Bawaal' opposite Janhvi Kapoor and will also be making his OTT debut with Amazon Prime Video's upcoming web series which is an Indian instalment of spy series 'Citadel'.



Cameron Diaz shares wellness tips for new year

Hollywood actor Cameron Diaz recently shared her motivations for 2023 and also some wellness tips which included dancing naked. According to Fox News, an American entertainment news outlet, during an interview with E! News she advised setting manageable goals rather than aiming for impossible and discouraging ones. "Your motivation is just that it's got to get done. You just gotta get s— done. It's your choice. There's not much else to do other than the task at hand. There's nothing you can do other than just starting toward the goal you have in mind. That's how I look at it. There are no real tricks," Diaz said. Diaz explained that sticking to fitness goals in the new year doesn't have to be complicated and can be as simple as dancing around your house if you don't have time. to go to the gym. One of her favorite ways to sneak in a workout is to "look up yoga and stretching videos on YouTube" and to search through other fitness apps to find those that work for her. "I don't think enough people realise there are a lot of things you can do in a small space to just keep your body moving," Diaz said, reported Fox News. In her opinion, everyone should create "a little short playlist" filled with "six of your favorite songs" that "make you want to move like you can't stop dancing". Diaz made working out sound even easier, saying, "You don't even need to have workout clothes."

'Besharam Rang' row: CBFC asks 'Pathaan' makers to make changes in film

The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has advised makers of Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone's upcoming film 'Pathaan' to implement certain changes in the film, including in its songs, and submit a revised version, chairperson Prasoon Joshi has said. The film recently reached the CBFC examination committee for certification and went through the due and thorough examination process as per the board's guidelines. Helmed by Siddharth Anand 'Pathaan' which also stars John Abraham is scheduled for theatrical release in January 2023, in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. One of its songs 'Besharam Rang' courted controversy over the orange-coloured bikini sported by Deepika Padukone. CBFC chairperson, Prasoon Joshi said, "Pathaan went through the due and through examining

process as per the CBFC guidelines. The committee has guided the makers to implement the advised changes in the film including the songs and submit the revised version prior to theatrical release. Joshi said that "CBFC is always committed to find the right balance between creative expression and sensibility of the audience and believe that we can always find solution through meaningful dialogue between all stakeholders." "Whilst the process is getting duly followed and implemented I must reiterate that our culture and faith is glorious, intricate and nuanced. And we have to be careful that it does not get defined by trivia which takes the focus away from the real and the true. And like I have said earlier as well, that the trust between creators and audience is most important to protect and the creators should keep working towards it."



2022 gave me one of biggest highs of my career: **Tahir Raj**

As the year 2022 is coming to an end, actor Tahir Raj Bhasin take a stroll down memory lane and recalled working in hit films 'Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein' and 'Loop Lapeta'. Ecstatic about the year gone by, Tahir said, "It's been a year filled with gratitude for me. I think I have found my groove and footing as an artist this year, having three back to back releases - Ranjish Hi Sahi, Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhein and Loop Lapeta in 2022. I have been fortunate to have had big hits and I would like to thank everyone for their love and appreciation for my performances. 2022 has given me one of the biggest highs of my career and it has been an unforgettable year filled with many successes." He added, "Audiences are thirsty for clutter-breaking content and powerful performances and I couldn't be more thankful to my producers and directors for giving me the opportunity to deliver the goods on screen with these three projects. I believe that 2023 will turn out to be a bigger and a better year for me, given the exciting projects that I'm currently shooting. I hope to live up to the expectations that the industry has on me, do good work and further cement my place in this industry with my acting."

Mandeep Singh inclined towards music since childhood

Producer Mandeep Singh revealed in an interview that his inclination towards music is from his childhood, so he used to participate in colourful programmes in school and college. Born in small village Gunia majri district Fatehgarh Sahib in October 1983, Mandeep Singh decided to try his luck in the music industry after graduating from MG college Fatehgarh Sahib. He started working with a producer of Punjab and got the knowledge of making a Punjabi music video. Mandeep Singh produced the very famous singer Jitinder Dhimans song 'All Genius, singer Babbi Deol's song, Lafzan 'singer Lavi Dhaliwal song 'One Sided Love' female singer Jashan Heer song 'Chunni Da Gulab' and singer Jatinder dhiman religious song 'Rabb Dashmesh' singer Jas Vee religious song 'Laal Gobind Singh De' was released on 'Cheema Film Productions' My new projects are ready to release in couple of weeks a popular voice Jatinder dhiman and jashan Heer duet song 'Black Thar, further Jashan Heer full EP named 'Folk Beauty' has total 4 tracks, Then Well known lyricist Singhjeet Chankoi coming with his own melodious single track 'Gaane Tere etc all projects are finalised with videos nicely.

