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Delhi Police busts Sextortionist gang from Haryana, Rajasthan; 5 held

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police on Friday busted a sextortionist gang and apprehended five persons for allegedly extorting a huge lump sum of money from a famous businessman by posing as an Inspector of the Crime Branch.

In an official statement, the Delhi Police said that complainant and businessman Sushil Gautam had raised allegations of receiving a video call from a girl on WhatsApp, who undressed and asked him to do the same, after which he received a phone call from a person who introduced himself as Inspector Vikram Rathore from Crime Branch and extorted about Rs 5,79,500 from him by blackmailing to share the video over social media. "Later the complainant was told by the accused persons that the girl who had called the complainant had committed suicide in Rajasthan and further told the victim that the matter has now become complicated and a murder case will be registered against him," the statement read.

Sensex declines 317 points on weak global markets

MUMBAI: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed down by half a per cent on Friday following losses in IT and banking shares amid overall weak global market trends. The BSE Sensex declined 316.94 points or 0.52 per cent to settle at 61,002.57. During the day, it fell 508.84 points or 0.82 per cent to 60,810.67. The NSE Nifty went lower by 91.65 points or 0.51 per cent to end at 17,944.20.

In relief for AAP in Mayor Polls, Court says nominated members can't vote

NEW DELHI: The members of Delhi's civic body appointed by the Lieutenant Governor cannot vote in the election to choose a mayor, the Supreme Court said today, in what could possibly end the tussle between the Aam Aadmi Party and the BJP over choosing a mayor for the national capital. The mayor election had been postponed thrice in two months after the Aam Aadmi Party, or AAP, alleged the BJP tried to capture the civic body by electing a BJP leader to the mayor's post. The AAP had won far more seats than the BJP in the December election to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, or MCD.

'Shiv Sena' party name, 'Bow and Arrow' symbol to be retained by Shinde faction

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday announced that the party name "Shiv Sena" and the symbol "Bow and Arrow" will be retained by the Eknath Shinde faction.

Notably, both factions of Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde and Uddhav Thackeray) have been fighting for the bow and arrow symbol of the party since Shinde (present Maharashtra Chief Minister) revolted against Thackeray last year.

The Commission observed that the current constitution of the Shiv Sena party is undemocratic. It has been mutilated to undemocratically appoint people from a coterie as office bearers without any election at all. Such party structures fail to inspire confidence.

In a landmark decision with far-reaching implications on political parties and their conduct, ECI advised all political parties to reflect democratic ethos and principles of inner party democracy and regularly disclose on their respective websites aspects of their inner party functioning,



such as organisational details, holding of elections, the copy of Constitution and list of office bearers.

"The constitution of political parties ought to provide for free, fair and transparent elections to the posts of office bearers and a further free and fair procedure for the resolution of internal disputes. These procedures ought to be difficult to amend and

should be amendable only after ensuring larger support of the organisational members for the same," the ECI said. "The Constitution of SS amended in 2018 is not given to ECI. Amendments had undone the act of introducing democratic norms in the Party Constitution of 1999, brought by the Late Balasaheb Thackeray at the insistence of the Commission," the ECI added. The ECI observed that the undemocratic norms of the original Constitution of Shiv Sena, which was not accepted by the Commission in 1999 have been brought back in a surreptitious manner further making the party akin to a fiefdom. The Rashtriya Karyakarini is a body which is 'elected' by a largely 'appointed' Pratinidhi Sabha. The Commission conveyed to Shiv Sena in the year 1999 on the draft amendments when Bala Saheb was made leader of Sena for life: "To put in a nutshell, the party Constitution envisages the President nominating the Electoral College that is to elect him. Therefore, any reliance on the "Test of Party Constitution" for determining the present dispute case will be undemocratic and catalytic in spreading such practices across parties.

Himachal Budget Session from 14th March

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 17

Himachal Pradesh State Cabinet in its second meeting held here today, approved the guidelines of the ambitious Rs. 101 crore 'Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Ashray Yojana'.

Orphans and those staying with their relatives, especially abled children, destitute women and senior citizens have been brought under the ambit of the scheme. The orphan children, referred to as 'Children of the State' will be adopted by the state government, decided the Cabinet. The Cabinet also recommended the Governor to convene the budget session of H.P. Vidhan Sabha from 14th March to 6th April, 2023. It would have 18 sittings. Chief Minister, Thakur



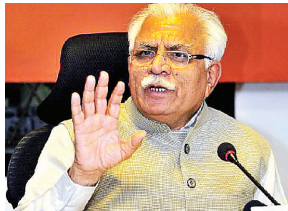
Sukhinder Singh Sukhu chaired the meeting. The Cabinet decided to refurbish the existing shelter homes, orphanages and old age homes etc, under the Yojana to provide better facilities to the inmates. Facilities like common rooms, smart classes and coaching rooms, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, music room, attached washrooms and other modern amenities will be made available for the inmates

of ashrams. Integrated complexes will be constructed in a phased manner for destitute women and senior citizens, orphans, etc with all basic amenities. These modern integrated complexes will be set up at Jwalamukhi in district Kangra and Sundernagar in Mandi district. To provide quality education for the children living in orphanages adequate coaching will be given.

International Gita Mahotsav to be organized in Australia in April: Hry CM

BUREAU
CHNADIGARH, FEB 17

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that with constant endeavours of the state government, a continuous initiative has been taken since the year 2016 to spread the knowledge of Gita globally. In this series, the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav will be organized in Australia this year in April. Notably, the International Gita Mahotsav was celebrated with much fanfare in Mauritius, England and Canada. Manohar Lal said that on the lines of Brahma Sarovar, the contiguous Sarovar will also be developed, with clean water and proper drainage arrangements. He



said that a statue of Maharishi Dadhichi would be installed on the Sarovar and Saraswati Tirtha and gate would also be constructed. The Chief Minister said that a rest house would also be constructed near the office of the Kurukshetra Development Board and by keeping the theme of the Multimedia Laser Show Musical Foundation religious; it would be developed according to the site.

Chetan Sharma resigns amid sting operation controversy

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The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) chief selector Chetan Sharma has resigned amid row over his alleged remarks in a sting operation. The BCCI secretary Jay Shah is said to have accepted his resignation.

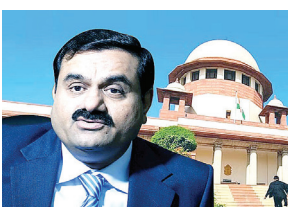
In the sting operation, Sharma had allegedly made some bizarre comments about Virat Kohli, Sourav Ganguly, Rohit Sharma, Hardik Pandya and a number of other players in the team. The BCCI didn't release any official statement on the matter and now it seems like Sharma has been relieved from his duties. In the sting operation, Sharma had allegedly revealed his internal discussions with head coach Rahul Dravid and Virat Kohli during the sting conducted by Zee News. Sharma alleged that a lot of players take injections to expedite their return to competitive cricket despite being 80 to 85 percent fit. The former India pace bowler also alleged that there was a difference of opinion between him and the team management over Bumrah's return from a stress fracture for the T20I series against Australia in September. Bumrah still continues to be out of action, and will likely miss the entire four-Test Border-Gavaskar series and the three-match ODI series after that. Sharma also alleged that there was an ego tussle between former captain Kohli and former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly. Virat had decided to step down as India's T20I captain after the T20 World Cup 2021. Subsequently, he was removed as India's ODI skipper and not long after, he decided to himself quit Test captaincy. At present, Rohit Sharma is India's designated skipper in all three formats of the game.



SC refuses to accept sealed cover suggestions from centre

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The Supreme Court on Friday said that it will not accept the sealed cover suggestion by the Centre on the appointment of the committee related to regulatory mechanisms to protect the investors in the backdrop of the Adani-Hindenburg case and said that it wants to maintain full transparency. The court was hearing various petitions related to Hindenburg Research Report. A bench led by Chief Justice of India DY



Chandrachud reserved the order on the issue and the other issue of the appointment of the committee to oversee regulatory mechanisms related to the market. One of the petitions filed by advocate Vishal Tiwari sought to Constitute a Committee

under the Monitoring of the retired Supreme Court Judge to enquire and Investigate the Hindenburg Research Report. During the hearing, CJI DY Chandrachud indicated by saying that they will not accept the sealed cover suggestion by the Centre because they want to maintain full transparency. The court said, "If they accept suggestions in sealed cover it is like they have not kept it away from other side as people will think it is a government-appointed committee."

Punjab Government

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**Chief Minister
Bhagwant Mann**

*Greets people of the State on the
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MAHA SHIVRATRI

Bhagwant Mann
Chief Minister, Punjab

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

Prabhat pheri taken out on Maha Shivratri



PARI BAJAJ

KARNAL, FEBRUARY 17: On behalf of Shri Panchmukhi Hanuman Kutiya, a morning procession of Lord Shiva was taken out in Bank Colony on the occasion of Maha Shivratri. The palanquin of God was welcomed at various places. Devotees danced to the hymns of Lord Shiva. They kept walking along with the palanquin while dancing to the beats of the drum. Devotees performed arti in front of the forms of God and asked their wishes. In the holy atmosphere, the sight of devotees praising the glory of Lord Bhole Bhandari was seen. Devotees were seen dancing to the beautiful bhajans of Lord Shiva sung by Jyoti Munjal and Tamanna Munjal. He didn't consider Bhole..., the one who worshiped Shivshankar was blessed..., Bhole Baba is decorating..., Mera Bhole Hai Bhandari..., Fate will take me to Mahakal's colony...etc. The chanting of Bam-Bam Bhole created a devotional atmosphere.

Haryana: Seven caught for taking bribe worth over Rs 1.66 lakhs in last fortnight

CHANDIGARH, FEB 17- Anti Corruption Bureau, Haryana has caught seven accused including-an ITI Principal, two police officials, two patwari, a panchayat secretary and an auction recorder –red-handed during the last fortnight while accepting bribes worth over Rs 1.66 lakhs from Karnal, Gurugram, Panipat, Kaithal, Sirsa and Bhiwani districts.

Sharing the information here today, the spokesperson of the Anti Corruption Bureau said that Anil Kumar Yadav, ITI Principal, Bhiwani was nabbed by the Bureau team on the complaint of Vikas (Sweeper engaged under the HKRNL scheme at ITI Bhiwani). The accused was demanding bribe from the employees engaged under Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam to continue in the job. The tainted money of Rs 12000 has been recovered from the accused. The complainant who did not wish to pay the bribe had approached the

bureau and after verifying the information, a team laid a trap and caught the accused.

In the second incident, the Bureau team arrested Panchayat Secretary Sunil Kumar red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000 for reducing the fine for fisheries. Complainant, a resident of



Baba Ladana village in Kaithal, informed that he was doing fish farming in his fields. For some reason he was fined. After this, the Panchayat Secretary had demanded a bribe in the name of removing his name. In another case, a ESI Subhash Chand of police station Nissing was

nabbed red-handed for accepting bribe of Rs 10,000 from an Advocate in lieu of giving evidence in an accident case registered at Sadar police station, Kaithal.

In yet another crackdown, Anti Corruption Bureau had arrested an ASI rank police officer, Sushil, posted as Reader of the Panipat Traffic DSP red-handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 1.10 lakh. The accused was demanding bribe from the complainant to remove the section of rape in a dowry case and also the names of co-accused from the FIR.

In Gurugram, the Bureau team has arrested Sanjay, Patwari of the Haryana Shahri Vikas Pradhikaran while accepting a bribe of Rs.8,000. Patwari had demanded bribe to present the report of the interest received by the complainant in lieu of the acquired land in the court. The team raided and arrested the accused Patwari red-handed while taking bribe.

Nikki's family will get justice: Arvind Sharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

JHAJJAR, FEB 17 : MP Dr Arvind Sharma today said that the family members of deceased, Nikki will get complete justice, and the government stands with the family members. He said that criminals will not be spared in any case. Nikki Yadav was killed and her body found stuffed in a refrigerator by her boyfriend in southwest Delhi sending shock waves in the country. The MP said that today due to the policies of the BJP government, Haryana is far



ahead in terms of development compared to other states in the country. Honest, qualified youths are getting jobs without any expense or slip.

On Friday, MP Arvind Sharma participated in the programs organized in several villages of Jhajjar. During this time, Sharma also met the family members of deceased Nikki and assured them that they will get complete justice.

Apart from this, while talking to the journalists, the MP said that the opposition parties have no issue today, the opposition is only trying to mislead the people of Haryana. But the people of the state will no longer fall for the false promises of the opposition. The MP said that the BJP government has taken such historic decisions, which required great courage

and visionary thinking. The MP said that during the eight-year rule, the BJP government has set an example of honesty in the country and the state, the BJP government has started many welfare schemes for the poor. The MP said that the Congress leaders are dreaming now that the next government in the state will be of the Congress, but it will remain only a dream. The people of the state are completely with the BJP and BJP will form the government in the state for forty years. Apart from this, the MP said that due to the policies of the state government, only the eligible youths have got jobs, whereas during the Congress and INLD regimes, there were bids for jobs. Chief Minister Manohar Lal has presented an example of honesty in the state. He said that in the country and in the state, there were Congress governments for a long time, but they did not give such policies to the country because of which India could never become a developed nation. The MP said that today the strong economy of the country is growing rapidly in the whole world.

Additional Deputy Commissioner reviews work of Child Welfare Committee



PULKIT YADAV

JALANDHAR: Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Varinderpal Singh Bajwa, while reviewing the functioning of the Child Welfare Committee during its quarterly review meeting on February 17, 2023 emphasized on protecting the rights of children.

Additional Deputy Commissioner asked the office bearers of the committee to ensure regular inspection of all government and non-government organizations running in the district to provide shelter, food and care to orphan, and disabled children in the age group of 0-18 years Because safe and comfortable environment is the basic right of the children. He also stressed on the need to enhance coordination between the Railway Police and the local police to provide shelter to children rescued by the Railway Police in Children's Homes. Meanwhile, District Child Protection Officer Ajay Bharti said that in the quarter ending December, he received 16 cases of 'Child in Need of Care and Protection', out of which 14 cases have been disposed of.

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Maha Shivratri Shobha Yatra taken out with religious fervor, gaiety



PAWAN KALIA KAPURTHALA: An impressive Shobha Yatra on the eve of Maha Shivratri was taken out in heritage city of Kapurthala with religious fervor and gaiety. The religious procession which commenced from Prachin Brahmikund Mandir passed through different bazaars and chowks of the heritage city including Shalimar Chowk, Amritsar Road, Shri Satya Narain Bazar, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chowk, Sadar Bazar, Jallowkhana chowk etc. before it reached at its starting point. MLA, Kapurthala Rana Gurjit Singh, Chairman Improvement Trust Gurpal Singh Indian, Kanwar Iqbal, Mayor Kulwant Kaur, Deputy Mayor Vinod Sood, Harish Kumar, Desh Bandhu, Veena Salwan, other party supporters registered his presence in this shobha yatra. Thousands of devotees in and around the heritage city was thronged in this religious shobha yatra.

E-content workshop organized at Guru Kashi University



ANIL VERMA BATHINDA: The Human Resource Development Cell organized an e-Content Development Workshop for the GKU faculty on Saturday. Inaugurating this workshop, Prof. Dr. S. K. Bawa enlightened the faculty members about their role in developing graduate attributes and higher order skills among the students. She further talked about various stages of learning, realizing aspirations and formulating agenda. Professor Dr. Vandana Punia, Dean, Faculty of Education, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar underlined the need for e-content development to overcome the barriers of space and time and to promote blended learning. She also gave hands-on-experience to the participants about the Swayam, Coursera, EDX, and Udacity. The faculty members were enriched with the nuances of e-content development. Dr. Jagtar Singh thanked the expert and participants and said that human resource is the biggest resource of any nation. Capacity building and enhancement is the biggest challenge for quality education and learning.

Verka Milk Plant Ludhiana holds meeting and announces next struggle



SHARMA LUDHIANA: Contract employees of Ludhiana held a meeting regarding their demands. Ludhiana Union leader Kulman Veer Singh said that the State Committee has decided to gherao the office and house of Cabinet Minister Shri Kuldeep Singh Dhariwal on 20 February and after that protest will be held at Verka Plant Bathinda on 23 February. If still the demands are not accepted, then a protest march will be taken out in front of the gate of Ludhiana Milk Plant on 3 March 2023 and in front of the gate of Mohali Milk Plant on 5 March 2023. Verka Contract Employees Union will join these protests along with their families. Various Kisan Union Punjab and other fraternal organizations will also participate in these protests. The struggle will be intensified until our demands are met. Raj Grewal, Surinder Singh, Nirbhaj Singh, Dalbra Singh, Ruby, Sahil, Davinder Singh, Manjinder Singh participated in the occasion.

Heroic deeds of Brigadier Chandpuri will ever inspire youth: CM

CHEET RAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR, FEB 17

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said that the heroic deeds of Brigadier Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri to safeguard the unity and integrity of the country will ever inspire youth for selfless service to country.

The Chief Minister, while addressing the gathering after unveiling the statue of Brigadier Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri, said that the war hero of 1971 Indo-Pak war had played a vanguard role in scripting the victory of the country against Pakistan. He said that Punjabis are also on forefront for making countless sacrifices to preserve the freedom of the country.

The Chief Minister said that the brave hearts perform their duty despite of scorching heat and spine chilling cold to ensure that people can sleep peacefully in their homes. He recalled that in 1971 Pakistan had con-



sidered Longewala as a soft target to intrude in India as Brigadier Chandpuri was having a company of only 120 soldiers with him. Bhagwant Mann said that though the situation was not in favour of India but despite all odds Brigadier Chandpuri led the country to path of victory through his heroism and valour.

The Chief Minister said that the state government is committed for carving out a society as envisioned by these great martyrs. He said that in consonance to it 500 Aam Aadmi clinics are providing quality health services to the people of the state. Like-

wise, Bhagwant Mann said that 'Schools of Eminence' have been set for imparting quality education to the students so that students can compete with their convent educated peers.

The Chief Minister said that 87% households in Punjab are getting free power due to the efforts of state government. Likewise, he said that strenuous efforts are afoot to provide employment to the youth of state. Bhagwant Mann said that the state government will ensure that pristine glory of the state by taking path breaking initiatives. The Chief Minister unequivocally said that the state government

Farewell party given to students of class X

MORINDA (SANJEEV TEJPAL): The students of Class IX Angels World School Morinda gave a grand farewell party to the students of Class X. A wonderful party was organized by the students of the ninth standard for the farewell of the students of the tenth standard. The journey of the students in the school from the beginning till now was shown through a film on the projector and students became emotional after watching the journey. Various entertaining games such as camp walk, modeling, tongue twister and many other small games were also arranged for the entertainment of the students. Prizes were also given to the students who won in the games. Titles were also given to the students. Miss Angelite, Miss Angelite, Miss Handsome, Mr. Handsome, Miss Elegant, Mr. Elegant were also selected. A dance party and lunch were also arranged for the students.



Mann govt committed to provide free, top-class education to children of Punjab: Cheema



GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, FEB 17

In consonance with the commitment of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to provide a transparent and corruption free system, the state government has sacked six government employees for their involvement in Rs 39-crore post-matric SC scholarship scam during previous government.

Addressing a press conference, Punjab Finance, Planning, Excise and Taxation Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema along with Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Dr Baljit Kaur said that after conducting an investigation in this multi-

crore scam, the department has found the involvement of six employees including four officials were from the Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities and two worked in the Finance Department.

They were dismissed from the job at once and further inquiry has been recommended to the Punjab vigilance for a thorough probe into this scam. Disclosing the further details, the Cabinet Minister Dr Baljit Kaur said that the scam took place in 2019 during Congress government and discrepancies amounting to Rs 55 were detected, of which over Rs 16 crore access payment was allocated to some colleges.

World University initiated series of competitions to hone creativity in students

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEB 17

The Department of English of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University organized an inter-departmental creative writing competition, which included short story writing, poetry writing and prose writing.

The themes for these categories were friendship, nature and usage of internet respectively. The event was organised by the students of MA English semester one under the able guidance of Assistant Professor and extra-curricular activity in-charge of the Department Ms. Simraj Kaur. The student of MA English Kiranjeet Kaur, was the con-



vener of the event. More than 50 students from the different academic departments of the University participated in the contest.

Awards were presented to the winners. In the prose writing competition Harjot Kaur of B.Sc. Maths won first place and Sumanpreet Kaur of BPT stood second. In Poetry writing competition Narinder Singh of BA B.Ed. won first place and Amanpreet Kaur of B.Sc. Honours won the second place. In Short Story writing

Competition Anjali from BA B.Ed. stood first and Prabhjot Kaur of B.Sc. Non-Medical bagged the second prize. While congratulating the winners, Head of the Department Dr. Ankdeep Kaur Attwal, also applauded the efforts of the students for organising the event. She said that although the announced winners of each event are two in numbers, but the actual winners are each and every participant, as they have the talent to write and ability to showcase it.

Police arrests 1 person with 200 intoxicating pills

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): District Ludhiana rural police had another success in its anti-drug campaign as they arrested 1 person with 200 intoxicating pills and a motorcycle. Giving detailed information about this, SI Jugraj Singh, in-charge of Kaunke Kalan chownki, police station

Sadar said that he along with the police team was present at village Kaunke Kalan to Gurusar Kaunke road when a person on a motorcycle approached them who was carrying a plastic bag on his motorcycle. "The accused tried to take a u-turn after seeing police naka but his motorcycle slipped and he fell down and the polythene he was carrying tore down and some intoxicating pills fell on the road," he said.

He also mentioned that the police team took immediate action on this and arrested the accused. "Police recovered 200 intoxicating pills from accused Sukhdeep Singh son of Jagsir Singh and seized his motorcycle as well," he added.



TLF students informed about importance of plantation in special assembly in school



SANJEEV ARORA MOGA, FEB 17

By organizing a special assembly at The Learning Field A Global (TLF) School, the city's premier educational institution, the students were told to plant more and more plants and what is the importance of plants in our lives. School Principal Binny Kaur Ahluwalia told that special activity was organized on the guidelines of Janesh Garg and

Chairperson Dr. Muskan Garg. He said that by taking the children to the school ground, they were given detailed information about different parts of the plants. They were also told about the different types of plants.

He said that plants are the basis of our life. When we plant trees, they grow and keep the environment clean, provide pure air and we get fruits and flowers from them. The teachers motivated the

children to plant more and more saplings around the houses. Chairman Eng. Janesh Garg and Chairperson Dr. Muskan Garg said that the main objective of TLF is to enhance the talents of the students along with studies and to provide necessary information. That's why this activity was organized, which will continue continuously. In the end, encouraging the students, they were honored by giving mementos.

Maidi Mela: Devotees will not be allowed to come, no problem: Komal Mittal



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal said that the pilgrims going to Maidi Mela from Punjab would not be allowed to face any problem and the district administration would ensure that special arrangements would be made for the convenience of the Sangats. Shãe was addressing the video conferencing of the Joint Coordination Committee formed for the arrangements of the fair, which includes deputy commissioners and SSPs of Hoshiarpur, Rupnagar and Una (Himachal Pradesh). During this, DSP (Operation and Security) Ravinder Singh was also present with him. The Deputy Commissioner informed that Dera Baba Badbhad Singh Holi Mela is being organized from February 27 to March 10 in village Maidi (District Una, Tehsil Amb) of Himachal Pradesh. She said that a large number of devotees from Punjab will reach this fair, for which proper arrangements are being made by the Hoshiarpur district administration.

The Deputy Commissioner said that a large number of devotees visit the fair from Punjab, hence special attention is being paid to traffic management. She directed the police department to activate their teams round the clock to restore traffic order on every route leading to Una so that the devotees do not face any problem.

Congress party's Harjinder Singh Lali Thiyara wins director's election in Agri Cooperative Bank



NAWANSHAHR (CHET RAM RATTAN): Election of Director of Sahakari Krishi Vikas Bank Balachor Harjinder Singh Lali Thiyara Congress party's only lion contested from village Bachori Zone 4. Due to the contest between the candidate of the Congress party and the candidate of the Shiromani Akali Dal, there was talk among the people that the horns were caught, and the situation was very serious. The winner in the election, Lali got 11 votes and Dhillon got 7 votes. Newly appointed and elected Director Lali Thiyara was accorded a warm welcome on her arrival in Nawanshahr. Kamaljit Chadla, Gurdavir Singh former Sarpanch, Chet Ram Ratan Koslar, Deepan Begumpur, Principal etc. are included. Significantly, in these elections, the leadership of the Congress party did not field candidates, so there was disappointment among the workers and those contesting the elections. Chaudhary Ajay Mangupur President Congress Party District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Former President Chaudhary Tarsem Lal Chandiyani, Sarpanch Malkit Singh Harjinder Singh Lali while congratulating said that even though the first 8 directors of Aam Aadmi Party were unanimously elected directors.

Jindal elected as Prez of SICC, block Sangrur



SUMER GARG SANGRUR, FEB 17

A meeting of Sangrur Industrial Chamber of Commerce (SICC), block Sangrur was held under the patronage of Mr. Balwinder Jindal, Mr. Ved Gupta and Mr. Vinod Gupta at local Industrial Focal Point (IFP). In the meeting, from Block Dhuri Branch, President, Darshan Singh; Secretary, Amrit Garg; Amit Jindal and Babla Ji were specially arrived. In the meeting, the industrialists unanimously elected eminent social worker Hari Om Jindal alias Gulab as the president of SICC, block Sangrur and Mr. Balwinder Jindal gave details of the works being done by the Chamber during the last year. The newly elected president Hari Om Jindal while thanking all the members for electing him said that he with the help of members will work round the clock and will leave no stone unturned to redress the problems of the industrialist. Among the prominent, Arun Gupta, Gorav Maghan, Rajesh Garg, Vishal Garg Vishu, Prabhjot Garg, Teerth Singh, Vidul Gupta, Sarathi Garg, Sewak Jindal, Nikhal Garg, Vijay Goyal, Banke Bihari, Doller Goyal and Rohit Goyal were present on the occasion.

Learning other languages is not a crime, but treating your mother tongue Punjabi as inferior is treachery: Mukesh Verma

VERMA GURDASPUR, FEB 17

Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada held a discussion regarding World Conferences at Khalsa College Amritsar to promote Punjabi language dedicated to World Punjabi Day. Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada Chairman Ajaib Singh Chatha was specially present as the chief guest on this occasion.

On this occasion, State President of Jagat Punjabi Sabha Mukesh Verma, Vice President Jashbir Singh Samra, Vice President Satinderjit Kaur Kahlon, poetess Parjinder Kaur Kaler, Baljit Kaur etc. were present as special speakers. On this occasion, Dr. Satinderjit Kaur Kahlon gave brief information about the history of the World Conferences. Likewise, Lecturer Baljit Kaur informed the audience about the World Confer-



ences conducted by Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada from 2009 till now. Jagat Punjabi Sabha President Mukesh Verma gave information about the current status of mother tongue Punjabi and encouraged the youth to show their love and affection towards Punjabi mother tongue. He said that learning other languages is not a crime, but treating your mother tongue Punjabi as inferior is treachery. Poet Parjinder Kaur wrote about the situation at that time through a poem about Qaida Noor during the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh. Ajaib Singh Chatha, Chairman of Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada, expressed a de-

tailed opinion on the moral subject and said that it is very important to include morality in children and youth today because it is a subject that has no legal restrictions. But a person can do this according to his conscience.

On this occasion, Head of Punjab Department and Principal Mahal Singh honored the main speakers by presenting mementos. On this occasion, Ajaib Singh Chatha, chairman of the organization, honored Principal Mahal Singh and the head of Punjab department by putting a shiropao. On this occasion, the book of Hindi poetess Mukta Sharma Tripathi was released.



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Spokesperson All India Congress Committee (AICC), Akhilesh Pratap Singh and AICC Secretary and former Minister of Punjab, Vijay Inder Singla met Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today and discussed various issues. The Chief Minister honoured them with Himachali cap and shawl on the occasion.

Awareness camp held



JOGINDRA DEV ARYA BANGANA: Panchayat level awareness camp was organized for adolescent girls and women regarding menstrual personal hygiene under “Wo Din Yojana” in Panchayat Dohgi of Bangana. Women and Child Development Department Dhundhla, Circle Dhundhla, in which Gram Panchayat Pradhan Kamlesh Kumari, Deputy Head Rajesh Kumar, Ward Panch Gurbachan, Health worker Maya Devi, workers Meena Kumari, Veena, Saroj and Soma Devi were present.

Drones to ease surveillance and monitoring in state: CM

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 17

The State Government intends to use drone technology for monitoring and carrying payloads besides supervising of various schemes under implementation, traffic management, rescue of stranded trekkers, monitor forest and wild life and surveillance of illegal mining etc. This was stated by the Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu late evening yesterday.

He said that there was a dire need to seriously consider how the services of various departments of the government can be expedited by adding modern technology. This will also benefit the people at large as the technology will also play a pivotal role in the health and other sectors. Drones can also be used to spread micronutrients in agriculture sector.

This will not only save time but will also ensure the anticipated results. The Chief



Minister said that the world at large has entered in an era of advanced technology and it was the need of the hour that the government adopts, and practice the modern technology for rapid growth and efficiency in all the sectors. The state government is committed to provide better

services to the people of the state by adding new technology in future, he said.

Chief Parliamentary Secretaries, Sanjay Awasthi and Ashish Butail, MLA, Kewal Singh Pathania, Political Advisor to Chief Minister, Sunil Sharma, Principal Advisor IT

and Innovation to Chief Minister, Gokul Butail, OSD, Gopal Sharma, Secretary IT, Dr. Abhishek Jain, Director Information and Public Relations Department, Kiran Bhadana, IPS Officer, Ilma Afroz and other officers were present amongst others.

Three IAS & 5 -HAS officer shuffled in HP

AGENCY SHIMLA, FEB 17

In a major administrative reshuffle State government on Thursday evening transferred and posted three IAS and five Himachal Pradesh Administrative Officer including Division Commissioners Kangra and Deputy Commissioners Kinnaur. Transfer orders released to Media here on Friday said. Dr. Abhishek Jain , IAS (HP : 2002) , Secretary (Education & Information Technology) , who is holding charge of the post of Secretary (Technical Education) Shimla , will also hold additional Charge of the post of Secretary to Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. A. Shainamol, IAS (HP : 2007), presently awaiting posting, as Divisional Commissioner, Kangra Division at Dharamshala , District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh , relieving Akshay Sood , IAS (HP : 2002) of this additional charge. Torul S. Raveesh , IAS (P:2016), Special Secretary (Public Works & Information Technology) Shimla , as Deputy Commissioner, Kinnaur at Reckong Peo, District Kinnaur relieving Surinder Singh Rathore , HPAS (2016), Additional District Magistrate , Pooh, District Kinnaur of this additional charge.

Dr. Madhu Chaudhary, HPAS (2006), Secretary, H.P. Board of School Education, Dharamshala District Kangra as Adl Director Medical Education & Research Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. Dr. (Maj.Retd.) Vishal Sharma, HPAS (2011), Additional Director, Medical Education & Research as Secretary, H.P. Board of School Education, Dharamshala, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. Praveen Kumar Taak, HPAS (2015), Joint Secretary (Cooperation and Forests) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, will also hold additional charge of the post of Joint Secretary (SAD & GAD) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and Director, Hospitality and Protocol, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, relieving Surjeet Singh, HPAS (2012) of this charge. Surjeet Singh, HPAS (2012), will continue to function as Secretary, State Election Commission, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, till further orders. Priya Nagta, HPAS (2019), Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) -cum - Project Director (DRDA), Keylong, District Lahaul & Spiti, as Assistant Settlement Officer, Kullu, District Kullu, vice Rajesh Bhandari, HPAS (2020), whose posting orders will be issued separately.

Prajapita Brahma Kumari give the message of harmony and peace



SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 17

On Friday, a Sadbhavna Yobha Yatra was organized by Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya Dharamshala on the occasion of 87th Shiv Jayanti. This Shobha Yatra passed through Ramnagar, Khaniyara Road, Kotwali Bazar, Depot Bazar, Kachari Adda, Post Office and returned to BK Set. All BK family members, local dignitaries and incharge sisters of Gagal, Shahpur, Udbh, Pol KV's center also participated in this procession. BK Kamlesh sister started the Shobha Yatra by showing the flag. During the yatra, the message of auspicious harmony and peace was given to the society. Shiva's flag will be hoisted on Saturday, February 18 at 11.00 am, in which SDM Dharamshala will be present as the chief guest.

Akhilesh Pratap Singh accuses Modi of surrendering before Adani

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 17

All India Congress Committee spokesperson Akhilesh Pratap Singh has accused the Modi government at the Center that it has completely surrendered to Adani. He said that this is the first time in the history of the country when a Prime Minister has been facing serious allegations in the Parliament for selling the country's wealth to one person and giving undue benefits to someone contrary to the rules, and the Prime Minister is far from answering those allegations. In a democracy, it is the responsibility of the government to answer the questions of the opposition inside the parliament, which Modi did not fulfill.Addressing a press conference at Congress Headquarters Rajiv Bhawan here today, Akhilesh Pratap



Singh said that the questions asked by senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in the Parliament regarding Adani were removed from the proceedings of the Parliament. He said that the way the country's economy has been hit after the report of the hidden class is a matter of great concern. He said that how did a person who was on the 609th rank of Amiri in 2014 become number two in seven years. He said that all this has become possible due to the connivance of Adani and Prime Minister Modi, because the central government has become a

special person Adani and not the common people. He said that before the elections, the Prime Minister changed the rules and gave 6 airports to Adani at once, in addition to this many ports and other companies were also sold to him. He said that the central government first raids a company and then Adani buys those companies.Chief Minister's media advisor Naresh Chauhan has said that the government is very serious about the lockout of ACC and Ambuja cement factories in the state and is keeping a close watch on it.

CM asks HRTC officers to hold meeting with EVs manufacturers

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 17

Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, in a review meeting held here today, asked the transport authorities to convene meetings with the Electric Vehicle (EVs) auto-manufacturers and to discuss about the modalities electric vehicles and the charging infrastructure for replacing the fleet of existing buses with electric ones. Deputy Chief Minister, Mukesh Agnihotri was also present in the meeting.

Reiterating his resolve, to phase-out the entire fleet of HRTC buses in a phased manner, Chief Minister said that the electric buses are running successfully on the local routes and by 2025, the HRTC will have the entire fleet of e-buses in the State.



"I congratulate the transport department for replacing their fleet of existing official vehicles with electric ones," said the Chief Minister, adding that Himachal will surely be the first Green Energy State in the country, once all the Government departments will run e-vehicles.

The Government also mulls to start e-taxis and will

encourage the youth for the same. Deputy Chief Minister, Mukesh Agnihotri also gave valuable inputs on the occasion. Principal Advisor (IT and Innovation) to Chief Minister, Gokul Butail, Principal Secretary Transport, R.D. Nazem, Managing Director HRTC, Sandeep Kumar and Director Transport, Anupam Kashyap were present in the meeting.

Career council programme organised

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR, FEB 17

IAS Akil Bakshi, President of Ranjit Bakshi Jankalyan Sabha, organized a career council program under the Guides Program at BTC Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Noorpur. In which the girl students of the school were told about the important information which will be useful in their studies and competition in future. The school girl said that today career council session was conducted by Akil Bakshi in our school. This career counseling session will be very beneficial for us. In this, such guides have been given that we are thinking in our future that we can do anything, they



have given us such strong intentions that we will be able to become something. strengthened our confidence. School. Principal Chandrarekha said that today Akil Bakshi had a session under the Guides Program in which he has given a direction to the plus one and plus two girl students who have come to the school with different thinking. They are not able to express

themselves and their purpose remains suppressed and they are not able to give direction from where to start their studies. Akil Bakshi has told them today which books to read and which ones. How much time to focus, to work hard day and night to make your dream come true, and to keep in mind what is your purpose, today he was told about all those things that lie ahead in his future.

Himachal Industries Minister Harsh Vardhan visits Baddi

ANWAR HUSSAIN NALAGARH, FEB 17

Himachal Pradesh Industries Minister Harsh Vardhan made a one-day visit to Baddi today. Congress MLA Ram Kumar Choudhary along with his workers warmly welcomed the Industries Minister on his arrival in Baddi, after which the Industries Minister interacted with the office bearers of Baddi, Barotiwala, Nalagarh Industries Association. And had a meeting with the officials, reached the meeting, but the officials of the industry association welcomed the industry minister by wearing a cap and shawl. Meanwhile, Minister Harshvardhan Chauhan said that 70 percent priority



should be given to the youth of Himachal Pradesh and he said that we want investment to come in Himachal and the investment should be big. He said that the Government of Himachal Pradesh is making an Investment Bureau, a legal authority will be formed in which whatever problems are

there, the Bureau will be responsible for the collection of NOC so that the industries do not face much problems and he said That the Himachal Pradesh that is today is buried under the debt of 75 crores and about 11000 crores old employees are owed.

Kathgarh temple resounds with chants of 'Bam-Bam Bhole' on Shivratri

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR:

Shiv Mandir, Kathgarh, located at a distance of 6 kilometers from Vidhansabha Indora headquarter, has its own greatness. On the great festival of Shivratri, innumerable devotees especially from the border states, Punjab and Haryana, besides the state, come to this temple to have darshan of their Bhole. Himachal Pradesh, situated in the heart of the Himalayas, has been a favorite abode of deities since time immemorial due to its supernatural and beautiful land. Because of this Dev culture, Himachal is also known as Devbhoomi. Encompassing such historical and rich cultural glorious background of Devbhoomi, Kangra district has been important from the religious point of view since its inception. Its beliefs, concepts and traditions have maintained their existence in the public since time immemorial. According to the Shiva Mahapurana, Lord Shiva is the only deity who is both formless and gross. This is the reason why Lord Shiva is worshiped equally in both gender and idol. On Shivratri, the temple is adorned with the sound of bells and Bomb-Bomb Bhole's cheers by the devotees. This time the district level Shivratri festival is being organized here from 17 to 19 February.This place has become very important from the point of view of tourism. Before the year 1986, only Shivratri festival was celebrated here.



Workers are the backbone of the party: Kanwar

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, FEB 17

After the humiliating defeat of the Kutlehar BJP in the last election, the brainstorming meeting of the Kutlehar BJP Mandal was held on Friday under the chairmanship of District President Manohar Lal at Ambedkar Bhawan Thanakalan. In this meeting, despite the huge development in Kutlehar, the defeat in the assembly elections was also discussed. Former Kutlehar MLA and cabinet minister Kanwar said that development was given priority in Kutlehar during the previous tenure due to which



I have got less time to come among the workers. This may have been the reason for the defeat at Kutlehar. But there is still time, where new energy will be communicated by meeting the workers at the booth level, while a campaign will be launched to connect new workers with the party.

Kanwar said that the workers are the backbone of the party. Workers who have true loyalty to the party will be given a proper place in the party and every worker will have to work at the grassroots level for the strength of the party. Kanwar said that a blueprint has also been

prepared for faces with double character in the party. All that remains is to show them the way out of the party. Kanwar said that we have to move forward with loyal workers. Right now our target is to win the Lok Sabha elections to be held in 2024. For which we all have to gear up from today itself. Kanwar said that the Congress won the elections by spreading lies. Dreams were shown to benefit the public by implementing its ten guarantees, which have not been fulfilled till date. The people of the state are waiting for the guarantees to be implemented.

72 grams heroin caught

KISHORI LAL BAINS TAHLI WAL (UNA), FEB 17

As per the directions of the Superintendent of Police, District Una, the team of Police Station Haroli, on the basis of secret information, in another action dated 16.02.2023, due to the zero tolerance action against the drug peddlers in the area, a blockade was imposed in Palakwah and a car number HP89-3603 was seized along with four youths from Polian to Palakwah. Car number HP89-3603 and four youths in the car were searched in the presence of witnesses, who recovered 72.01 grams of Heroin/Chitta and Rs.52,500 drug money from the dashboard of the car during the search. While taking action by the police, four youths including Ankush Thakur, District Bilaspur, Vishal and Lakhwinder Singh, District Una and Virwal Thakur, District Mandi have been arrested by registering charges under the Narcotics Act in Police Station Haroli. The spot was also inspected by Anil Kumar, Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Haroli. Station House Officer Haroli told that this is the biggest consignment of Heroin/Chitta in district Una so far.

Lecture on current affairs organised



JOGINDRA DEV ARYA

BANGANA: A special lecture on current affairs was organized at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government College, Bangana under the auspices of the Department of Political Science and under the chairmanship of Professor Sikander Negi, Head of the Department. The topic of the special lecture was Digital India. The main speaker of the special lecture was Professor Sikander Negi, Head of the Department of Political Science, Nikita, Vice President of Political Science Society, Executive members Vishal Soni and Palak were present on the occasion.

National Education Policy to be reviews on Feb 19: Kulbhushan Sharma



CHANDIGARH: How can the quality of education be improved and how to make it more effective at national level A discussion on the national Education policy will be organised under the 'Manthan' programme of National Independent School Alliance (NISA) on February 19. Mr. Kulbhushan Sharma, President of NISA, gave this information at a press conference. He said that the discussion will be held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula. Haryana School Education Minister Kunwar Pal Gujjar will be the chief guest of the education policy review programme. Haryana Government's Additional Chief Secretary Education Mahavir Singh and Director Secondary Dr Anshaj Singh will also grace the programme as special guests. NISA President further said that educationists from all over the country and abroad will participate in the brainstorming programme. A few of the experts will include Prof. Dinesh Saklani (Director, NCRT), Prof. Geeta Gandhi Kigdon (University of London), Partha Shah (Founder President of Center for Civil Society).

Field firing to be held at Hoshiarpur Army field firing range from Feb 21 to 23: DC DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal said that the Hoshiarpur Army Field Firing Range has been allotted to the 52nd Corps of the Indian Tibetan Border Police Force from February 21 to February 23, 2023. During this period, the 52 Corps of the Indian Tibetan Border Police Force will complete its field fire for the year 2022-23. In this regard, apart from the concerned officers, she instructed Sarpanch Dada, Sherpur and Saleran to inform the villagers that they should not go to the Hoshiarpur Army Field Firing Range on the said dates.

Orange Day celebration at Adarsh Public Smart School



NEERAJ SHARMA MOHALI: Tiny tots Nursery, Junior K.G. and Senior K.G of (APS-20) Adarsh Public (smart) School, Sec-20B, Chandigarh celebrated "Orange Day" in the school premises. The purpose of the "Orange Day" was to make the students learn the color orange. Teachers and students were also in orange dresses. Classrooms were decorated with orange balloons and bunnings. Teachers made the students learn orange colour by showing them oranges and different objects., and a quiz was also organised related to the colour.

Religious ceremony Guru Darshan Day organized by Baba Milk mgt



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: A religious ceremony Guru Darshan Diwas was organized at Arora Farms located at Gali No-2 of Mohalla Vijay Nagar on Moga Road in the local city. During this ceremony organized with the special support of Vijay Arora, Ved Arora, Narinder Behr and Varinder Arora of Baba Milk Parivar, present Gaddi Nashin Mahant Sri Sri 1008 Sri Ram Sundar Das of Darbar Sri Dhyampur Dham blessed the devotees. Meanwhile Pandit Chhotu Ji, Kuldeep Ji and Pandit Daya Shankad Tripathi specially attended this religious function. Hundreds of devotees from Kotkapura, Faridkot, Jaito, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Fazilka, Guru Harshay, Jira, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Bagha Purana, Moga and Dharamkot besides surrounding areas participated in this Guru Darshan Diwas ceremony. Meanwhile, Mahant Shri Ram Sunder Das inspired the devotees to work with honesty, truth and hard work as well as fight for the Guru. Meanwhile, the famous Bhajan singer from Sri Amritsar Sahib Bhajan groups led by singer Sukhdesh Dhamaka and Vijay Dogra sang the praises of Satguru Shri Baba Lal Dayal Ji. Guru Ka Langar was also served during this religious ceremony. On this occasion, Harish Setia, Subhash Goyal, T.R. Arora, Vinod Bansal, Rajan Goyal, Rohit Sethi, Bitti Chawla, Rajan Sethi, Rinku Batra, Ashwini Jindal, Swatantra Goyal, Satish Singla, Rajinder Goyal etc.

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Guv inaugurates 51st edition of Rose Festival at Rose Garden

RN KHERA CHANDIGARH, FEB 17

The much awaited 51st Rose Festival started here at Rose Garden amid pump and show. The three days festival has been formally inaugurated by Sh. Banwarilal Purohit, Governor, Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh in the presence of Smt. Kirron Kher, Member Parliament and Sh. Anup Gupta, Mayor, Chandigarh.

Raakhi Gupta Bhandari, IAS, Principal Secretary to Governor, Sh. Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS, Secretary Local Govt., Sh. Vijay Namdeorao Zade, IAS, Finance Secretary, Ms. Anindita Mitra, IAS, Commissioner, MC Chandigarh, Sh. Kanwarjeet Singh, Senior Deputy Mayor, Sh. Saurabh Joshi, area councilor, other councilors,



prominent persons of the city and officers of Chandigarh Administration and Municipal Corporation were present during the inaugural ceremony.

While addressing the gathering, the Governor appreciated the efforts done by all the MC employees and officers to make this festival a grand success. He said that people from all walks of life

can enjoy here with the arrangements and different showcase of flowers and cultural items for all age groups would be organized. He said although all flowers have a unique character and beauty, but rose is one of the most popular flowers worldwide. It is known as the 'Queen of Flowers'. In terms of literature, the flower has been glorified as symbol of love, compas-

sion and eternal beauty. While addressing the gathering, Smt. Kirron Kher, Member Parliament said that people from all walks of life can enjoy here with the provisions and competitions of all age groups which would be organized in all three days such as Rose Prince & Princess, Mr. Rose & Miss. Rose and Rose King and Rose Queen for senior citizens.

Punjab govt is committed for development of youth: Meet Hayer

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, FEB 17

Youth is the future of our state and country, that is why the Punjab government is making maximum efforts for the development of the youth and meaningful results are also coming out. Under the series of these initiatives, camps and workshops are organised from time to time by the Youth Services Department, Punjab, for personality development of the youth.

These views were expressed by the Minister of Sports and Youth Services, Administrative Reforms, Water Resources, Mining and Geology, Science Technology and Environment, Punjab, Mr. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, here at Chandigarh University, Gharuan. He was address-



ing the gathering as the chief guest during the closing ceremony of 05 days state level youth training workshop organised by the Youth Services Department, Punjab.

Meet Hayer congratulated the departmental officials and employees for the success of the workshop and also thanked the management of the Chandigarh University. He said that such workshops contributes towards the personality of the youth significantly, when the youngsters from different regions meet each other, their knowledge about different regions also increases.

The chief guest especially encouraged the Bhangra team during the event. It is worth mentioning that this team had also won the first place at the national level. On this occasion, Mr. Meet Hayer also shared his life experiences. The Cabinet Minister said that the Punjab Government has taken the initiative to promote sports culture in the state by organising Khedan Watan Punjab dian in which 60 thousand youngsters participated at the state level. During that the youth went to different districts and got a chance to know each other.

SBI launches Amrit Kalash deposit with increased interest rate



AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA CHANDIGARH, FEB 17

Vinod Jaiswal, Chief General Manager State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Chandigarh in the presence of Senior officials has launched Amrit Kalash Deposit with increased rate to 7.10% to give the benefit to the domestic and NRI Customers.

This scheme is for 400 days tenure and valid up to 31st March 2023. Sh. Jaiswal also informed that extra benefit of 0.50% in the rate of interest will be provided to Senior Citizen customers.

SBI has offered the new Interest Rate for Fixed deposit which is higher than other rates offered. He called upon all the staff members to popularize the Amrit Kalash Scheme among the customers so that they can take benefit of it.

India's Apprenticeship Mission: Witnessed 2-fold increase in apprentices in last 5 years

AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA CHANDIGARH, FEB 17

Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSDE), Chandigarh under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India and State Apprenticeship Advisor, U.T. Chandigarh in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised an Awareness Workshop for promoting Apprenticeship Training at the CII Northern Region HQ in Chandigarh today.

Speaking at the occasion, Ms Hargunjit Kaur Secretary, Industries Chandigarh Administration shared, "Apprenticeship as a skill needs to be recognized more. It should not be considered a step towards gaining employment but should focus on enhancing theoretical skills. I exhort the policymakers and

industrialists to deliberate on apprenticeship to raise it to the level it deserves."

Emphasizing the importance of apprenticeship, Mr Amandeep Singh Bhatti, Director, Technical Education Chandigarh Administration said, "Apprentices get an opportunity to get on-the-job training and are exposed to real-life situations. By learning the best practices, apprentices become skilled workers for better jobs or skilled employment."

Sharing the Government of India's perspective, Ms Swati Sethi, Regional Director, Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (RDSDE), Haryana said, "The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India has taken the initiative of organising 250 workshops, of which 3 workshops are to be organised in Chandigarh. At present,

many reforms have been introduced which have helped achieve several 6.6 lakhs apprentices within the last year. Government of India is further aiming for 10 lakh apprentices by March 2023."

Ms Sethi also shared that India has witnessed a two-fold increase in the number of apprentices. However, their cumulative population form 0.1% of the Indian employment market, which is considerably low, compared to the global contribution of 4-5%. Of this 80% belong to the informal sector whereas the ratio in the formal sector is considerably low which needs to be improved.

Further to Ms Sethi's remarks, Mr Rajiv Kaila, Chairman, CII Chandigarh highlighted the scope of the local industry and said, "Lack of awareness, lack of clarity on progression pathways and integrated credit framework.

ing first of all, an action taken so far regarding writing Punjabi language on name plates, milestones and signboards was reviewed. The DC issued guidelines to the officials and said that following the instructions of Bhagwant Mann, Chief Minister of Punjab appropriate steps should be taken before February 21 to give more importance to Punjabi language in the district. The DC instructed that in case of non-compliance of the orders within the limits of Sangrur district, action will be taken to impose a fine as per the provisions contained in the Punjab State Language (Amendment) Act 2008 and 2021.

AAP adopted Zero tolerance policy against corruption, no one will be spared: Kang

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, FEB 17

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Friday reiterated its government's firm stand and said that the Bhagwant Mann government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption and no officer or leader will be spared, who found indulged in the malpractices.

Issuing a statement here, the state's chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang said in Punjab, the Mann government has already shown that AAP has adopted zero tolerance towards corruption by throwing out even its own party leaders, who were found indulging in corruption. He said that



whether a minister or a Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), the corrupt will not be spared at any cost. Lashing out at the opposition for raising fingers at the working of the AAP government, Kang said that Congress, SAD and BJP, had patronized corruption and mafia during their regime but the AAP party will not tolerate it and all erring people will be

dealt with iron hands. Taking a dig at SAD leader Bikram Majithia, Kang said that it is amusing that Majithia, who is facing charges of drug smuggling case, is crying foul on corruption and he has no moral ground to question clean and honest AAP.

Attacking LoP leader Par-tap Singh Bajwa, he said that Bajwa, who was sidelined in the Congress, is levelling baseless allegations against the government just to save his political career. Kang challenged the opposition to present even a single case when they had implicated their ministers or leaders during their regime as they had only patronized corruption.

2.5-year-old Inayat becomes a millionaire

ABOHAR (RAJ SADOSH): Only a 2.5-year-old girl, Inayat, has got the fortune of becoming a millionaire. She has won the first prize of Rs 10 lakh in the weekly lottery run by the Nagaland government. The winner has created an atmosphere of happiness and joy among her family members. Inayat (daughter of Preeti and Prashant Pasricha 'Tony'), a resident of Uttam Vi-har Colony here, got the ticket (No.92825) of the weekly lottery run by the Nagaland govt. from Mihir Lottery Center (Prem News Agency) run by her uncle Pradeep Pasricha.

7-day Research Methodology workshop concludes at MCM



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 17

The week-long state level workshop on 'Research Methodology: Concepts and Applications', being organised by the Postgraduate Department of Commerce at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, culminated here today. The workshop was sponsored by College Development Council, Panjab University, Chandigarh, and held under the aegis of IQAC of the college.

The valedictory session of the workshop was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India and Member, Law Commission of India, as the Chief Guest. Reminiscing his first ever visit to the college as a student of Political Science for participation in a competition and then years later accompanying the then

Deputy Prime Minister Shri L K Advani and Narendra Modi ji to the convocation at the college, Shri Jain lauded the progress made by the college over the years and the great stature attained by it. He motivated the students to strive for excellence in their respective areas of interest, adopt a positive mindset and learn time management for success in life. Shri Jain also commended the Commerce Department for having organised a highly relevant workshop to spark the research aptitude of students. The Principal of the college Dr. Nisha Bhargava appreciated the efforts of the Department, and informed that the college is promoting responsible research through provision of research seed money and by joining hands with organisations like PGIMER, Chandigarh and CCPCR for undertaking socially responsible research.

Students take out awareness rally for Punjabi



ISHWAR GARG TALWANDI SABO, FEB 17

According to the instructions of the Punjab Government, the campaign being run by the District Language Office Bathinda and the District Administration Bathinda for the promotion of Punjabi mother tongue, the students of Guru Gob-

ind Singh Public Senior Secondary School Jogewala wrote slogans and took out a rally in support of their mother tongue. In the morning session, Principal Gurpreet Singh Jogewala and Basant Singh gave information about the importance of mother tongue Punjabi. He urged all to use Punjabi while writing.

DC issue guidelines to firstly write in Punjabi language in govt, other places



SUMER GARG SANGRUR, FEB 17

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sangrur, Jatindra Jorwal during a meeting with the officials at local district administrative complex issued guidelines and asked them to ensure compliance of the orders to firstly write the names of all government and semi-government offices, departments, institutions, educational institutions, boards, corporations and non-governmental organizations, public places, shops and other commercial establishments and names of streets in Sangrur district in Punjabi before February 21. On the occasion in the meet-

24 candidates selected for employment in placement camp

PULKIT YADAV JALANDHAR, FEB 17

District Employment and Business Bureau (DBEE) has selected 24 candidates for employment in the placement camp that was organised in their office on Friday. Giving information in this regard, Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Officer Ranjit Kaur said that SIS in the placement camp. Security reached and 33 candidates participated, out of which 24 candidates were selected for employment on the spot. Ranjit Kaur said that under the leadership of the district administration, DBEE is making many efforts to provide maximum employment opportunities to the youth.

She urged the youth to take advantage of the placement camps organized by the Bureau from time to time for maximum employment opportunities. She said that for more information the youth can visit the District Employment and Business Bureau located in the District Administrative Complex and helpline no. Can also be contacted on 90569-20100.



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: There is a continuous increase in robbery incidents in Punjab day by day. The robbers are fearlessly carrying out the robberies. The latest case was seen inside the office of Das Bharat Gas Agency on the circular road of Nabha, where robbers ran away after looting Rs 2.5 lakh by showing sharp-edged weapons. The third accomplice with these two robbers was waiting outside on a motorcycle and when both of his accomplices robbed the amount of two and a half lakh rupees, they rode pillion on the motorcycle and disappeared from the scene. The entire incident of the robbers was captured in the CCTV camera. Police are on the lookout for the robbers on the basis of CCTV footage. On this occasion, Kevai Krishna, the owner of Das Gas Agency, said that he was sitting in the office, when two young men entered the office with sharp weapons and robbed him of two and a half lakh rupees and locked him in the bathroom before leaving. He demanded that strict action should be taken against the robbers. On this occasion Harry Boparai, SHO of Nabha Kotwali said that the police are looking for the robbers from different angles based on the CCTV footage. "We are filing a case. Soon they will be arrested," he said.

Park Hospital holds medical camp at Sirsi village



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: CHD Park Hospital Karnal, located on GT Road, organized a medical camp in village Sirsi in which free eye check-ups were conducted for the convenience of common people. Giving information about the camp, Ramesh Kumar said that during the camp, about 200 people had their eyes checked up, in which they were also given a lot of information related to eyes. Apart from this, teeth and ECG check-up was done and eyeglasses and free medicine for 5 days were provided to the patients in the camp. Ramesh Kumar said that such camps are organized by Park Hospital in villages and rural areas. At the same time, patients are examined by doctors due to which the villagers get a lot of benefits. Medicines were also provided by the hospital. All tests are done free of cost in the camp.

Prabhat Pheri taken out in Indri to mark Shivratri



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Prabhat Pheris are being organized in the city on the occasion of Mahashivratri festival in which the city residents are participating with great devotion and praising Lord Bholenath. This information was given by Anand Jindal, the head of Mandir Reform Sabha. He said that like every year, on the occasion of Mahashivratri festival, Prabhat Pheris have been taken out in the city for the last ten days in the morning. The procession was taken out through different routes of the city. Havan Yajna was held at Devi Mandir on the last day of Prabhat Pheri today. He said that on the occasion of Shivratri, a procession will be taken out in the city, which will start from Mehta Farm and pass through various markets and culminate at Shiva temple where Bholenath will be consecrated. Various kinds of beautiful tableaux will also be displayed in this Shobha Yatra. Jindal said that the Mandir Sanatani Sabha tries its best to celebrate all Sanatani festivals so that our Sanatani tradition remains alive.

12th World Hindi Conference reflects strong cultural ties with Fiji: EAM

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 17

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said the 12th World Hindi Conference, that concluded in Nadi on Friday, clearly reflects the strong cultural and historical ties between India and Fiji.

Addressing the valedictory function of the three-day conference held in Nadi, Fiji, the EAM conveyed special thanks to the Fiji government for the successful event.

The presence of Fijian President Ratu Wiliame Katonivere, Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka and Deputy Prime Minister Biman Prasad added to the grandeur of the ceremony, he said.

In tweets in Hindi, he posted: "Honored to participate in the valedictory function of 12th #worldhindiconference held in Fiji. Thank you for joining Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister Biman Prasad ji.



"The 3-day conference clearly reflected the strong cultural and historical ties between Fiji and India."

He said participants from 31 countries added to the grandeur of the event.

"The cultural and traditional characteristics of both the countries are the strong foundation of mutual respect and cooperation.

"Fiji and India as well as participants from 31 countries added to the grandeur of the event." "During the ceremony, more than 900 scholars and Hindi lovers from all over the world had discussions on various important aspects for the wide publicity of Hindi.

"Such events are also helping strengthen the expansion of other Indian languages," he

Army recruitment training camp for the youth of districts Barnala, Patiala, Sangrur and Malerkatla
KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The pre-training for the recruitment rally of the youth of districts Barnala, Patiala, Sangrur and Malerkatla is being started on February 20, 2023. Sea Pite Camp Nabha is an institution of the Punjab Government, in which training is imparted by the Punjab Government for recruitment. Youngsters willing to undergo training should fulfil the recruitment requirements. All those youths of Patiala, Sangrur and Barnala districts, who fulfil the above-written conditions, can come for the election in person with their original certificates at 9 am at Sea Pite Camp Nabha. From 20 February 2023, C-Pite Camp Nabha has started. Free food and accommodation will be provided to the youth during the training. For more information contact 9876617258 and 9357519738.

Expansion of Kangra Airport will make air travel cheaper, Air Force will also benefit



SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 17

The process of land acquisition will be started soon for the expansion of Kangra Airport. 23 Hectares of land coming from Kangra Sub Division is private land. Similarly, out of 6.39 hectares in Shahpur area, 2.44 hectares is private land. For this, the affected will get compensation according to the circle rate. This amount has been estimated at around Rs 223 crore. With the expansion of Kangra Airport, where tourism will get a boost in Kangra district as well as in the state, this airport will also be helpful for the Air Force. It may be mentioned that the demand for expansion of Kangra airport has already been raised in full swing due to the recent attack on Pathankot Airways. Also, due to the movement of small

planes here, tourists and common citizens have to do air service at expensive rates. After the expansion of Kangra Airport, big planes will be able to land here day and night and air travel will also be cheaper. Due to the residence of Tibetan religious leader Dalai Lama in Dharamshala and the presence of an international cricket stadium here, a large number of tourists from India and abroad keep coming. The government has now decided to complete the Kangra airport expansion work soon. Under this, Rs 350 crore will be spent on the runway. In the first phase, there will be an extension of 1900 meters and in the second phase, it will be 3100 meters, in such a situation, by increasing the length of the runway, big ships will be able to land here, which will facilitate the movement of high class tourists here.

Newly appointed Himachal Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla welcomed by BJP



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 17

BJP Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur, BJP State President and MP Suresh Kashyap heartily congratulated and welcomed the newly appointed Himachal Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on his arrival at the Raj Bhavan. BJP Organization Minister Pawan Rana, Vice President Sanjeev Katwal, Secretary Pyar Singh Kanwar, Media Incharge Karn Nanda, Ganesh Dutt, Roopa Sharma were specially present on this occasion.

Awareness rally on 'Main Punjabi, Boli Punjabi' campaign organised



PARVEEN KUMAR

BHAGTA BHAI: As per the instructions issued by the District Language Office Bathinda and the District Administration Bathinda, CMS Guru Kashi Public School Bhagta Bhai taken out an effective awareness rally on the main road under the campaign "Main Punjabi, Boli Punjabi" for the prosperity of Punjabi mother tongue. This rally was organized by the Managing Director of the school Mr Jai Singh flagged off the rally. On this occasion he said in his address that we should acquire more and more linguistic knowledge in modern times. But it is our duty to keep the honour and status of our mother tongue Punjabi. Principal Raman Kumar, said that those who forget their mother tongue or hesitate to write and speak their mother tongue, are soon removed from their history, and disappear. He said that we got the Punjabi language from mother's milk. So give it motherly love and respect. After the rally, the students of the school informed the various shopkeepers in the bazaar to write the Punjabi language on the boards of their shops.

Meeting with private institutions and shopkeepers regarding the installation of name boards in Punjabi language

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 17

According to the instructions of the Punjab Government, about writing the name boards of government and semi-government institutions as well as private institutions and shops in Punjabi language (Gurmukhi script) under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur, Mr Sukhpal Singh Assistant Commissioner (j) of local private institutions and A meeting was held with the shopkeepers, which, In addition to the representatives of shopkeepers' organizations, representatives of IELTS centres also participated. Addressing the meeting, Mr Sukhpal Singh Assistant Commissioner (J)



said that according to the instructions of the state government, the task of writing the name board of all government, semi-government and private institutions and organizations in the Punjabi language (Gurmukhi script) on February 21. It is necessary to be done said that the owner of the establishment or shop can write the name on the board in any language other than the Punjabi language as per his wish but he can write it below the Punjabi language

(Gurmukhi script) in Barbar size or small size. He said that along with following the government instructions, we must respect the Punjabi language as a mother tongue. Sukhwinder Singh Gurm District Language Officer said that while installing name boards in Punjabi language (Gurmukhi script) it is also important to take care of the correctness of the language. He said that any shopkeeper or establishment owner can contact the District Language Office without hesitation.

Tight security for CBSE exam



R K KASHYAP

CHHACHHRAULI: CBSE board exams for class 10th and 12th have started. Sunrise Senior Secondary School in Pratap Nagar has been made the examination centre where the examination of the candidates of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya was completed peacefully. Giving information, the Principal of the school, Paramjit Kaur Sandhu said that in her school, the examination of class 10th and class 12th students of 4 schools will be conducted. As per the rule no one will be allowed to go to the examination centre. According to the administrative rule section 144 has been imposed which will be strictly followed and in view of the security rules, the local police have been informed for security and 112 police vehicles stand outside the school for security at the time of examination.

SDM holds meeting with factories' owners over safe effluent discharge



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

GHARAUNDA: A meeting was held with the owners of 48 registered factories (textile) located under sub-division Gharaunda on Friday under the chairmanship of SDM Aditi. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Gharaunda, RO Pollution Control Department, Karnal, participated in the meeting. In the meeting, mainly the problem of dumping of dirty/chemical water by factories through tankers on roads, fields etc. was explained. In this regard, the complaints given by the Panchayats of Jamalpur, Barsat, Gagsina, Faridpur, Alipur Khalsa etc. were also informed, in which the villagers requested to prevent the problem of pollution in their village. In the meeting, the SDM was asked to strictly follow the orders issued by the Deputy Commissioner on January 30, 2023 exercising his powers under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Rules, 1973. In the meeting, the RO Pollution Control Department, Karnal informed the owners of the factories about the instructions issued by the government. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Gharaunda said that in future if any dirty water tanker is caught then legal action will be taken against the tanker as well as the factory concerned.

Various sports competitions organised by Himalayan Group of Management



PREETI RANI

SADHORA: The efficiency of an organisation largely depends on teamwork. Human resources are so important that without them, no enterprise can progress. Sports help build sportsmanship in an individual; the spirit of never giving up is the best way to resolve differences and bring harmony in the workplace. The "Himalayan Group of Management" had taken an initiative in sports to make it a "team-building activity" to teach students the importance of working in harmony and complete coordination. There were games organised for this purpose. Tug-of-War, "Rod-Balancing with Finger," and Chain-Game (also known as "Sangli") are all popular games. Directors of all the departments were spectators at the event: Dr. Simarjit Singh Bawa, Dr. Ram Babu Sharma, Dr. Harish Mahendru, Dr. Ashwin Kumar, and Col. Guleria, accompanied by the Head of the Department of Management and Faculty, Sachin Sudan, Ms. Preeti Thakur, Ms. Simran Thakur, Aditya Sharma, and Dr. Tarun Navani (the Sports Coordinator).

IFFCO organizes a training program for fertilizer vendors

PUSHPENDER
NARAINGARH, FEB 17

IFFCO organized a one-day training program on technical aspects of Nano Urea for fertilizer vendors of Naraingarh tehsil at NaraingarhAnaj Mandi. Bahadur Godara, Marketing Manager, IFFCO Chandigarh was present as the chief guest in the program and it was presided over by MadanChanna, President NaraingarhMandi Association. More than 40 compost vendors participated in the programme. On this occasion, Praveen Kumar, Assistant Area Manager, Ambala told that unbalanced use of fertilizers is adversely affecting the fertile power of the land. Granular urea is being used more than required due to which the level of organic carbon in the soil is declining. Crops are able to use only 30% of urea and 70% of it goes waste, which is polluting the underground water and air. Even the crops can use only 20



to 25 part of DAP. By using organic fertilizers, farmers can reduce the amount of chemical fertilizers by 25%. It is a culture of bacteria which makes inactive phosphorus and potash soluble in the soil as well as stabilizes nitrogen from the air in the soil. BahadurGodara informed that Nano Urea Liquid has been developed by IFFCO which will save the land from the side effects of granular urea. It is used through spray by mixing 500 ml quantity in 125 litres of water and spraying it at the rate of per acre.

National Seminar organized at Govt. Women's College Shahzadpur

PUSHPENDER
SHAHZADPUR, FEB 17

A national seminar on the subject in the light of the National Education Policy was organized at Government Women's College, Shahzadpur. The seminar was started by lighting the lamp in front of MaaSaraswati. College Principal RajniBhalla welcomed all the guests after seeing the plant symbolizing environment and nature. The outline of the seminar was presented by the seminar coordinator Dr.NandiniMoudgil. Professor (Dr.) Anita Rani Dua, Department of Biochemistry, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, presented her statement on Holistic Education in Higher Educational Institutions - National Education Policy 2020. In the second technical session, Government Girls PG College Badalpur, G.B. NagarDr. Dinesh Chandra Sharma, Chairman and Professor of Biology Department, gave his lecture on the subject of reorganization of



the curriculum to achieve the objectives of the National Education Policy. In the third technical session, Dr.Brij Pal presented his views on the National Education Policy 2020 and talked about efforts to implement it at the government level. In the closing session of the seminar, Dr. Rama Bhargava, retired professor of IIT Roorkee, presented his statement on the topic "Why Digital Education... National Education Policy a Vision". In the fourth technical session, the welcome address was presented by the seminar coordinator Professor Monika.

Editorial
Peak apathy

At a time when the Women’s Premier League is set to usher in a brighter dawn for women cricketers in the country, the first Indian woman to scale Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen is seeking alms. The petite Piyali Basak, 31, looks like a teenager, but when she speaks, the determination is testimony to the grit that made her scale the world’s highest peaks with an enviable natural oxygen saturation level. When I met her in Calcutta this week, Piyali was excited about her forthcoming twin expeditions to Annapurna (8,091 metres or 27,000 feet) and Makalu (8,481 metres or 28,000 feet) peaks on March 7. She is aware that Annapurna is a treacherous climb and has witnessed the maximum fatalities and that Makalu has seen casualties of state mountaineers, but plans to summit both without any supplemental oxygen, the way she did Mount Everest last year. She ran into a killer blizzard while attempting to scale the world’s highest mountain, hence her feat of unfurling the Tricolour on that summit holds a special place in her heart.

Piyali (a mathematics graduate who is a primary school teacher) and her sister Tamali (an adventure sports instructor) come from an impoverished family and are coping with their father’s dementia. She has taken loans of over Rs 40 lakh to fund her Everest expedition and is optimistically awaiting assistance from the government as the lack of funds is a major hurdle. “My initial papers have been cleared by Nepal, but we need to pay in advance and that is my biggest worry,” Piyali said. When she had returned from the Everest expedition with a record to her name, there were felicitations and promises galore. In June last year, the people of her hometown, Chandannagar, Hooghly, and mountaineers had hailed the rare achievement. The state information and cultural affairs minister, Indranil Sen (the local MLA), even handed over a cheque of Rs 3 lakh to Piyali following an initiative taken by the Chandannagar Utsav Committee. He had encouraged Piyali to go ahead and fulfil her dreams to conquer the maximum number of summits without oxygen to set a world record, bringing fame to the state and the nation and asked Piyali to communicate with the state sports department to avail of help for her future expeditions. Piyali said she was to be ‘honoured’ by the state government at its annual youth festival in November last year, but the event was not organised at all. The gutsy mountaineer is running from pillar to post as the deadline approaches. Just after her Everest feat on May 22 last year, a delegation of Bharatiya Janata Party leaders had visited their humble home and told her family that the prime minister would like to meet her. Piyali is still awaiting that call; there has been no word from that team since her return.

Will deep-sea mining
affect whales

Researchers have cautioned that seabed mining in the deep ocean might begin soon, but the potential impact on creatures such as whales remains unknown.

Commercial-scale deep seabed mining in international waters could be permitted for the first time later this year. In a new paper, scientists from the University of Exeter and Greenpeace Research Laboratories say that deep seabed mining could be a “significant risk to ocean ecosystems,” with “long-lasting and irreversible” effects.

The study focuses on cetaceans (mammals such as whales, dolphins and porpoises) and says urgent research is needed to assess potential impacts.

“Like many animals, cetaceans are already facing multiple stressors including climate change,” said Dr Kirsten Thompson, of the University of Exeter.

“Very little research has examined the impact that deep-sea minerals extraction would have on cetaceans.

“Cetaceans are highly sensitive to sound, so noise from mining is a particular concern.” The sounds expected to be produced by mining operations, including from remotely operated vehicles on the seafloor, are likely to overlap with the frequencies



at which cetaceans communicate, the researchers stress.

“We searched for data on how much noise such mining would cause, but no published assessment is available,” Dr Thompson added.

“We know noise pollution in the ocean is already a problem for cetaceans and introducing another industry that is expected to operate 24/7 would inevitably add to existing anthropogenic noise

were deep seabed mining to go ahead.

“Despite this lack of information, it appears industrial-scale mining could soon begin in one of the planet’s few remaining undisturbed environments.” The Clarion-Clipperton Zone (CCZ) in the Pacific Ocean, which provides habitat for about 25 cetacean species, including dolphins and sperm whales, is of particular interest to

mining companies aiming to exploit polymetallic nodules.

In addition, mining companies are also looking to target seabed mineral resources in areas around seamounts and deep-sea hydrothermal vents. “Seamounts are now known as important offshore habitats for some cetacean populations that forage or regroup around them but we still lack basic knowledge of these fragile ecosystems,”

said Dr Solene Derville, of Oregon State University.

In this context, it is very hard to assess the magnitude of the impacts of seamount seabed mining on the animals that live and feed around these structures.” No commercial-scale seabed mining has yet occurred outside the exclusive economic zones (EEZs) of coastal nations, although 31 exploration permits have been issued for ar-

reas beyond national jurisdiction by the International Seabed Authority, a United Nations body.

However, in June 2021, the Pacific island of Nauru triggered the so-called “two-year rule” and informed the International Seabed Authority (ISA) that it plans to mine the deep sea -- meaning that mining could go ahead in June this year with whatever regulations the ISA has formulated by that time.

Nauru is working with a Canadian firm called The Metals Company, which has already begun testing mining equipment in Pacific waters.

“Commercial-scale mining is expected to operate 24 hours a day, with multiple operations extracting minerals across an area of the seabed,” Dr Thompson said.

“We don’t know how this will affect cetaceans or the vast range of other marine species. “What we do know is that it will be difficult to stop seabed mining once it has started. “Given the imminent threat that the two-year rule presents to ocean conservation, we suggest there is no time to waste.”

The paper, published in the journal Frontiers in Marine Science, is titled: Urgent assessment needed to evaluate potential impacts on cetaceans from deep seabed mining.

Literature & Health

Watching TV good for
planet: Research

According to new research published in the Annals of Botany by Oxford University Press, watching nature documentaries increases people’s interest in plants, potentially leading to involvement in botany and ecology.

40 per cent of plant species are on the verge of extinction. Plants that do not immediately benefit people are especially vulnerable. Humans sometimes fail to realise the significance of many plants due to a cognitive bias known as “plant blindness” or “plant awareness disparity.” While humans are often worried about endangered animals, problems with plants are more difficult to identify and resolve. Plants, for example, get less than 4 per cent of federal support for endangered species in the United States, although accounting for 57 per cent of the list.

Researchers here noted that in the past several natural history productions, including Planet



Earth II, Blue Planet II, Seven Worlds, and One Planet, made viewers much more aware of the animals on the shows. While scientists cannot draw a clear link between such TV shows and conservation efforts, nature documentaries provide a direct way to reach mass audiences and engage them.

Here, the researchers investigated whether nature documentaries can promote plant awareness, which may ultimately increase audience engagement with plant conservation programs. They focused on Green Planet, a 2022 BBC documentary narrated by Sir David Attenborough. The show,

watched by nearly 5 million people in the United Kingdom, featured a diversity of plant species, highlighting vegetation from tropical rainforests, aquatic environments, seasonal lands, deserts, and urban spaces. The program also addressed environmental concerns directly, examining the dangers of invasive monocultures and deforestation.

The researchers measured whether Green Planet drove interest in the plants by exploring people’s online behaviour around the time of the broadcast. First, they noted the species that appeared on the show and the time each one appeared on-screen.

Bhutan carries out its first
cochlear implant surgeries

Bhutan’s first cochlear implant surgeries have been carried out by The National Referral Hospital in the country’s capital Thimphu, The Bhutan Live reported. A cochlear implant is a small, complex electronic device that helps improve hearing for people with severe hearing loss. Three patients from about 20 adult applicants were selected to undergo the surgery. The first surgery was carried out on February 14 and the second one on February 15.

The cochlear implant surgeries were conducted by a team comprising two German doctors, a Bhutanese doctor and other medical staff. The team took about three hours to complete each of the two surgeries.

One of the patients, Ugyen Lhendup, as quoted by The Bhutan Live, said: “I am lucky to be among the three people selected for the cochlear implant. I feel that I have been given the second chance to lead a meaningful and productive life. I am thankful to the hospital and the doctors for making this possible.”

Another patient, Yeshe Tshering, said: “I have had a hearing problem since I was small. I couldn’t hear when I was in class XII when it was time to write our exams. It has been about two years since then.”

Cochlear implant surgeries are carried out for people who are born deaf as well as for those who lose their hearing over time, according to the Head of the ENT and Head Neck Surgery Department. He, however, said that the surgeries have to be carried out before a certain period of time, de-



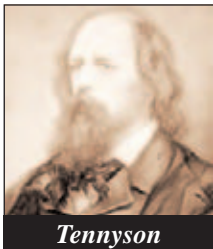
pending on the patient’s case, to ensure their success. Dr Phub Tshering, the ENT and Head Neck Surgery Department head, said: “The timing of the surgery is very important to achieve good hearing possibilities. The longer the duration of total deafness, the lesser the chance of giving back hearing. So, the earlier the better. In children, born deaf, the most ideal time to implant is around one year of age.” He said that for those born with hearing impairment, the ideal period for the surgery is within a year after birth.

Meanwhile, the three patients will undergo rehabilitation programmes for at least three months during which they will be given speech therapy, according to The Bhutan Live. “After we do the cochlear implant surgery, the next important thing is to rehabilitate the patient because the person cannot hear the next day after we have done surgical implantation, it takes time. So normally after two to three weeks of surgery we switch on the machine and there is an entire process of rehabilitation,” said Dr Phub.

POEM

Enoch Arden

Long lines of cliff breaking have left a chasm; And in the chasm are foam and yellow sands; Beyond, red roofs about a narrow wharf In cluster; then a moulder'd church; and higher A long street climbs to one tall-tower'd mill; And high in heaven behind it a gray down With Danish barrows; and a hazelwood, By autumn nutters haunted, flourishes Green in a cuplike hollow of the down. Here



Tennyson

on this beach a hundred years ago, Three children of three houses, Annie Lee, The prettiest little damsel in the port,

And Philip Ray the miller's only son, And Enoch Arden, a rough sailor's lad Made orphan by a winter shipwreck, play'd Among the waste and lumber of the shore, Hard coils of cordage, swarthy fishing-nets, Anchors of rusty fluke, and boats updrawn.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Electric vehicle battery disposal and environmental policy

Government of India increased its budget allocation for the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid and) Electric Vehicle (FAME-II) scheme by 80 percent this year, with a total allocation of INR 51.72 billion to support and encourage the use of Electric Vehicles. FAME II is a scheme launched by the Government of India to give a boost to development of clean energy vehicles. The Mines Ministry on February 09 announced that the Geological Survey of India has found lithium reserves in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir. Lithium is the key component of batteries used in electric vehicles. Meanwhile, the Chandigarh administration took a major decision to stop the registration of non-electric two-wheelers from February 10. This is an indication of the rise of electric vehicles (EVs) in recent years. It has brought about a range of benefits, from reducing greenhouse gas emissions to reducing dependence on oil. However, as the number of EVs on the roads continues to grow, so does the question of what to do with the used batteries that power them. The



disposal of these batteries is becoming a growing concern for policymakers, as the chemicals and materials used in EV batteries can have significant

environmental impacts if not properly managed. EV batteries contain a range of materials, including lithium, cobalt, nickel, and other metals. These materials can be harmful to the environment if they are not properly disposed of. Mishandling of the used batteries can lead to serious contamination of air, soil and water.

To address these concerns, many policymakers are exploring new methods of battery disposal that are safer and more sustainable. One of the most promising approaches is recycling. Recycling can help to minimize the environmental impacts of EV batteries by reclaiming the valuable metals and materials used in their construction. This can help to reduce the need for new metal extraction and production, which is often energy-intensive and can result in significant emissions. It becomes more important in India because the country has meagre deposits of Lithium and it is heavily dependent on imports from Australia. Attero Recycling, India’s biggest electronics recycling company, has announced plans to invest 6 billion rupees

(\$72.4 million) to establish a second lithium-ion battery recycling facility in the country. According to a statement from the World Bank-supported company, the new plant, located in the southern state of Telangana, will raise its battery recycling capacity to 19,500 tonnes by the end of 2023, up from its current capacity of 4,500 tonnes.

The disposal of EV batteries is becoming an increasingly important issue for policymakers around the world. The European Union has established a number of policies aimed at promoting the safe and sustainable disposal of EV batteries. These policies include mandatory collection and recycling targets, as well as regulations on the disposal of batteries that have reached the end of their useful lives. In the United States, states such as California and Vermont have taken a similar approach, enacting regulations that require the safe disposal of batteries and promote recycling.

In addition to minimizing the environmental impacts of EV batteries, proper disposal and recycling can also bring a range of other benefits. For

example, recycling can help to conserve resources and reduce the need for new metal production, which can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Recycling can also provide a source of revenue for companies and communities, as the valuable metals and materials recovered from used batteries can be sold for reuse. As the number of EVs on the roads continues to grow, the issue of battery disposal is becoming an increasingly important one for policymakers. With proper disposal and recycling methods, it is possible to minimize the environmental impacts of these batteries and promote sustainable development. By investing in safe and sustainable battery disposal and recycling programs, policymakers can help to ensure that the benefits of EVs are realized while reducing the risks to the environment and human health.

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New Holland Agriculture to display farm mechanisation solutions at Krishi Darshan Expo 2023

Ludhiana: New Holland Agriculture, a brand of CNH Industrial will be present at the 11th Krishi Darshan Expo exhibiting the farm mechanization solutions from the brand's stable. The tradeshow will be held from 18th to 20th February at the Northern Region Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute (NRFMTTI) in Hisar, Haryana. At the expo, the brand will display six of its cutting-edge tractors, including the New Holland 3600-2 TX Super, 3037 TX Super, 3600 TX Super, 3630 Super Plus, and 5620 TX TREM-4. Additionally, the brand will also showcase its high tech farming equipment including combine harvester TC 5.30 TREM-4 and round baler Roll Bar 125. On the exhibition, Mr. Gagan Pal- Director - Agriculture Brand India, CNH Industrial said, "We are excited to be back at this year's Krishi Darshan Expo and showcase our range of farming solutions. Our products are designed to meet the demands of modern farmers, providing excellent performance, efficiency, and reliability. We hope to touch base with our large network of customers in Haryana as well as enthuse a lot of visitors with our advanced machines."

Valvoline introduces India's 1st 8% fuel efficient engine oil

Chandigarh: Valvoline Cummins India introduces Champ 4T Fuel Efficient which is engineered to enhance fuel efficiency by 8%, based on test conducted by World Motorcycle Test Cycle (WMTC) at a reputed institute during the year 2021. The above innovation shall allow bikers to ride up to 2000 km more in a year translating into an additional month's ride. Champ 4T Fuel Efficient is a high quality 4-stroke engine oil that meets the requirements of all leading motorcycles up to 125CC and suitable for all generation of bikes, old or new. With the help of Fuel Efficient Formula (FEF), the engine oil resists extreme heat and oil thickening for peak engine efficiency. It provides superior protection and performance for motorcycles under all operating conditions. With the launch of this product, the brand has also made FEF technology accessible to all. Speaking on the launch of the innovative product, Mr. Sandeep Kalra, MD & CEO of Valvoline Cummins India JV, said, "150 years ago, Valvoline brought the world's first branded engine oil; we have been reinventing it ever since. Champ 4T Fuel Efficient is the result of our continuous research and innovation in bringing industry first products. We worked on this innovation based the insight of our core TG who are more demanding due to the current macro-economic conditions that are impacting their life."

Nykaa Fashion Introduces MIXT: A Freshly Baked Gen-Z Brand

Chandigarh: When it comes to finding the first in fashion Nykaa Fashion has established itself as the country's most sought out destination. Now, India's leading fashion and lifestyle platform introduces MIXT - a new Gen-Z focused label that is the latest addition to its house of brands. MIXT's bold and unapologetic style reflects that of its audience, offering them styles and silhouettes to express their unique personality to the world. From streetwear-inspired pieces to eye-catching fusion-wear, MIXT is created for fashion's rule-breakers and trendsetters. A brand born of the desire to encourage self expression, MIXT's design DNA celebrates fluidity and individuality that transcends societal definitions and encourages self love and expression. The label offers a wide choice in apparel and accessories such as footwear and bags, in designs that are youthful and high on style. The launch collection presents some standout trends with cool prints, electric colours, asymmetrical hemlines and snazzy cut outs with flared pants, mini dresses, crochet knits and tie-up tops amongst others. It also takes current trends up a notch with pastel knee-high and combat boots, rhinestone bags, beaded and chunky jewellery which has taken Gen-Z fashion by a storm. "With MIXT, we are excited to present a label that is fashion forward and offers a form expression through personal style. In a world where we're always looking out for the coolest new things, MIXT comes through and calls true with all the gram trends and gives the customer a piece of everything," says Sumant Kasiwal, Brand Head - MIXT.

Is this the end of the road for Geet Dholi once and for all?

Chandigarh: The audience is enthralled by the dramatic and intriguing plots of the Zee Punjabi show Geet Dholi. Currently, Simran and Bhairavi are plotting devastating schemes to have Geet killed, which makes the show's narrative change dramatically and suspensefully. Currently in the show, Geet is trying to put everything right, but with each step she takes, a terrible tragedy is getting closer. Amid the grand celebration of the wedding, the Mehra family is unaware of the deadly grief as Geet will suddenly disappear. The guests sent by Simran and Bhairavi successfully kidnap Geet and made her disappear within the premises of the Mehra house. Amidst all this, no one in the Mehra family knows that while they are looking for Geet, they are yet to discover the shocking encounter with her. Is this the sad end of Geet? What is going to happen to Geet in the recent plot? To know what's written in Geet's fate next, watch the dramatic episode of Geet Dholi at 8 p.m. only on Zee Punjabi.

Content is the King, proves t Blockbuster hit film, "Kali Jotta"

Punjabi cinema has had a fantastic start this year with the release of the film "Kali Jotta," which proved to be a blockbuster hit film depicting a meaningful and prominent love story with a good social message. The film is the ideal illustration of how the Punjabi audience actually wants to watch influential content rather than just romantic wit with comedic jabs. The film's greatest accomplishment was that it became the first in Punjabi cinema history to gross even more during its second week in theatres thanks to the audience's overwhelming affection and respect. Neeru Bajwa Entertainment, U&I Films, and VH Entertainment's presentation have bagged a place at the pinnacle of today's cinema, with household shows in the first week of its release as well as in the second week as well. Experimenting with such sensitive topics rightfully exposes the shallow face of society; the way the film transforms itself from a happy story to a tragic one is the most drastic turn of the movie, making it powerful. The movie is a heartbreaking cinematic work by Vijay Kumar Arora that combines his directing skills. The positive response to the film has thrilled Sarla Rani, Sunny Raj, Varun Arora, and Santosh Subhash Thile. The audience has the opportunity to view a unique and comprehensively conceived plot in Punjabi cinema by watching the movie. A movie's main goal isn't just to amuse the audience; it's also one of the best places to find inspiration. One such motivational film is "Kali Jota," which tells the tale of a girl who desires to soar over the sky like a free bird while overcoming the obstacles society throws. The film's unique story has proven that Punjabi cinema can deliver inspirational films along with comedies.

Will Find Twitter CEO by 2023 end: Elon Musk

Dubai [United Arab Emirates]: Elon Musk has revealed that he expects to find a CEO for Twitter "probably towards the end of this year." Musk stated in a video conference at the World Government Summit in Dubai that the most important thing for him is that the platform works, according to New York Post. New York Post further reports that when Musk was asked about when he'd name a CEO and he said, "I think I need to stabilize the organization and make sure it's in a financially healthy place...I'm guessing probably toward the end of this year would be good timing to find someone else to run the company." "Twitter is still somewhat a startup in reverse," he said. "There's work required here to get Twitter to sort of a stable position and to really build the engine of software engineering." Earlier this month, Musk said that the past three months have been "extremely tough" as he "had to save Twitter from bankruptcy" while also fulfilling his duties at Tesla and SpaceX. Taking to his official Twitter handle, Musk said that the microblogging site continues to have challenges.

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8 effective tips to stop overthinking today!

If you think you're the only one that overthinks, you need another think coming for this one. But for everything else, you can put your brain and mind at ease by stopping yourself from indulging in the habit of overthinking. It can be easy to live with the illusion of control, certainty or perfectionism that comes with overthinking. It's also part fun to be infatuated with someone and entertain intrusive thoughts all day. However, too much of this and you'll be affecting your health and wellbeing. So, make a conscious decision to put an end to the constant worrying. If you've tried to before and failed, here are some coping strategies that are sure to work. Don't Quit Cold Turkey Give yourself a worry period – say 30 minutes each day. Take this time to indulge in worrying, being infatuated, second-guessing everything, the works. But once you're done, no more of it for the rest of the day! Finish With A Solution For every worry that you have, think of the worst-case scenario. Imagine what you would

do if that really happened. For example, if you lose your job, you'll update your resume and apply elsewhere. Apply this thought process to all that is bothering you. Address The Problem Are you ruminating all the time about your partner and what they meant by their words or



actions? Maybe it's not as bad as you think it is, and you'll never know if you keep the thoughts to yourself. Communicate openly to get your answers and put the overthinking to an end. Find The Positives There's something good in everything, so seek

the same and focus on it. Are you obsessing over being in a relationship? Why not channel the extra time and energy you have now into doing things you love! Look At The Bigger Picture Trivial issues matter only in our head, and guess what, in a year or two or five, they won't even matter to you! Challenge Negativity Don't let negative thoughts take over. There is always an alternative possible, so think about it. Realise that failure is not final, and that each day is an opportunity to turn your life around. Distract Yourself Be mindful of when you start giving into negative thoughts. Once you realise that you're wasting your resources again, occupy your mind with something else. This could be a hobby such as reading an interesting book, colouring, gardening, spending time with animals, or simply calling up a loved one. Learn Acceptance You can't predict the future, and worrying isn't going to change anything. You can only make a difference by bettering yourself and giving your best each day. Love yourself, and don't value yourself based on external validation.

Sharda Welfare Foundation & NPCL conducted SCHOOL MEGA Health Drive with 2600 Government school children in Greater Noida

Noida: Sharda Welfare Foundation, the charitable arm of the Sharda Group with the CSR assistance of Noida Power Company Ltd. (NPCL), successfully conducted a Mega Health Drive for over 2600 students attending government schools in Greater Noida. The campaign was supported by a special medical team of pediatric, dental, and eye experts from Sharda Hospital and School of Dental Sciences, Sharda University that screened and treated the children who had problems with their nutrition levels, eyesight, and hearing. The campaign concentrated on three fundamental yet significant aspects of child health: growth, anaemia, and early indicators of any inherited or chronic disorders. The medical team provided children with a complete assessment and a follow-up program that focused on a balanced diet and other healthy practices in their daily lives. During the drive the team found that among the children, 60-70% had dental problems and bad oral hygiene, more than 30% suffered from poor eyesight and needed eye care, and more than 50% required a more healthy and balanced diet. These data points will help the foundation plan future extension of the campaign and analyse the need gap in healthcare of children in underprivileged communities. Underlining the objective of the drive, Desh Raj Singh, Assistant Registrar, of Sharda Welfare Foundation said, "With a dedicated team of healthcare professionals, we successfully treated over 2600 government school children in a medical camp, providing them with the necessary care and resources to improve their health and well-being."

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Edvoy and Trent University launch a joint venture



Chandigarh: Edvoy, a tech platform supporting and enabling international study abroad, and Trent University, Canada, have joined hands to launch a new joint venture, TEXP Advanced Learning Centre. Mr. Sadiq Basha, Founder and CEO of Edvoy, and Dr. Leo Groatke, President of Trent University, signed the agreement on 5th February, 2023. The jointly owned campus of TEXP Advanced Learning Centre will be based in Oshawa, Canada - nearby Trent University's Durham and Peterborough campuses in the Greater Toronto Area. The center will provide Postgraduate Certificates, English Language, and Pathway Courses. Edvoy will support students in their application process, including fast-tracking applications that meet all requirements offered in just two weeks. Whereas Trent University will continue its legacy of providing world-class learning. Applications for this year, starting in the May intake, are now open. Postgraduate Certificate Courses available: May & September 2023 Human Resources Management - One Year Marketing & Entrepreneurship - One Year Human Resources, Marketing & Entrepreneurship (Dual) - Two Years Business Communications & Human Resources Management (Dual) - Two Years Business Communications - One Year September 2023 intake Finance - One Year Financial Analytics - One Year Finance & Financial Analytics (Dual) - Two Years Trent University has been the number one undergraduate university in Ontario since 2010 and the number one Canadian university for scholarships and bursaries, a massive advantage for International students.

Orchids The International School opens its first branch in Delhi at Dwarka 19

New Delhi: Orchids The International School (OIS), the leading K12 school chain in India, has announced the launch of its first branch in Delhi at Dwarka 19. To be known as Orchids The International School, the institute is built on a vast area of 2.65 acres and has a student strength of 1000+. A residential school with hostel facilities for both girls and boys, the school comes with the best-in-class amenities where students can explore and hone their skills in various activities, including Arts & Crafts, Music, Dance, Instruments, Theatre, Public Speaking, Personality Development, and many more. The school has classes from Nursery to Grade XII and will follow the CBSE curriculum. Orchids The International School, Dwarka 19, will focus on experiential learning, STEAM, and multiple intelligence pedagogy, with a significant focus on project-based learning and physical education. The school will also provide special attention for children with special needs with the help of shadow teachers for them. "We are focused on providing Indian education with an international approach. With the continuous evolution of the education sector, it becomes important to ensure that children are future-ready. Orchids The International School offers a unique curriculum that includes Horticulture, Public Speaking, Robotics, Financial Literacy Program, and Astronomy, along with being the best in class infrastructure."

Chitkara International School marks the culmination of CineMaestro : Shaping Future Filmmakers Take 4

Chandigarh: The awe-inspiring awards ceremony of "CineMaestro: Shaping Future Filmmakers-Take 4" was a glittering affair marking the conclusion of an inspiring three-day workshop aimed at nurturing the creative skills of young students. This year, a total of 16 schools and 250 students participated in a three-day workshop hosted by Chitkara International School, under the banner of CineMaestro. Cine-maestro stands as a grandiose inter-school workshop and film festival, crafted with the purpose of igniting and nurturing the film making prowess and ingenuity of young students through the social enterprise, Cinevidya. Initiative spearheaded by the renowned cinematographer and producer, Mr Amitabha Singh, who envisioned a platform that would discover young cinematic geniuses and foster the production of children's cinema across the nation. Cine-maestro provided a platform for budding filmmakers to showcase their cinematic creations and was a celebration of talent, hard work, and creativity. The ceremony was graced by the presence of eminent Indian film and theatre actress Ms Samvedna Suwalka who attended the event as Chief Guest. Ms Suwalka recently was seen performing the role of an Advocate 'Gayatri Mohan' in the Bollywood's Blockbuster Multi - Starrer film Drishyam 2. She has also worked across mediums with acclaimed feature films, plays, ads, short films, and web series. Not to mention, In her address, Ms Samvedna praised the students' creativity and the unique stories they had brought to the screen. She highlighted the importance of such initiatives in nurturing young talent and encouraging them to explore their creative potential. She also appreciated the efforts of Chitkara International School and Cinevidya, who had provided a unique platform for students to explore their talents and learn from some of the leading figures in the film industry. She encouraged the students to continue pursuing their passion for film-making and to use their art as a tool for social change. Dr Niyati Chitkara, the director of Chitkara International School, expressed her admiration for the student's creativity and their dedication to their craft. She said, "The art of film-making is a beautiful medium to express one's thoughts and creativity. I am proud to see that the students were able to showcase their exceptional talent and skill through this initiative." Dr Chitkara's words echoed the sentiment of the entire school community, which was proud of the student's achievements and excited to see what the future holds for these budding filmmakers.



More than one lakh Indian mothers trust premium baby skincare brand Sanosan

Chandigarh: Sanosan, Made in Germany premium baby care brand has become the most popular choice for the Indian mothers due to its exclusive natural-ingredients-based-products portfolio. It has successfully captured the premium baby care products markets with more than 1 lakh satisfied customers in less than a year of its launch in India by Glowderma, one of the leading skincare companies in India. Every Sanosan product contains combination of substances developed especially for babies. Natural ingredients such as Organic Olive Oil and Milk Proteins with their protective, soothing properties form the basis of the premium Sanosan baby skin care products. Glowderma Director - Sales & Marketing Rajendra Mehta said, "We are elated that Sanosan has received a great response not only in metros but also in tier-II cities in such a short span of time. The brand has arguably surpassed the expectations of Indian mothers and we are moving ahead with a great pace to capture the dominant share of premium baby skincare market in small towns as well."

Ludhiana student shines at SIP Abacus Arithmetic Genius Contest

Ludhiana: Tarandeep Singh from DAV Public School was adjudged as 2nd Runner up of Class 4th at 7th edition of the SIP Arithmetic Genius Contest 2022. The contest was free for participation and open for students of classes 1 to 5. It was held in 4 rounds - School, Locality, State and National. Total 253 students reached the National Round. 15 National winners were chosen - 3 from each class (Champion, First Runner Up and Second Runner Up). Performance awards were given to high scoring students. This year saw a record-breaking participation by 5.57 lakh students across India. Covering 980+ schools in 20 states, the event was a mega success with a mammoth participation by over half a million students across the country. Presiding over the National Final winner announcement function, Dinesh Victor, Managing Director, SIP India and International said that the objective of the SIP Abacus Arithmetic Genius Contest is to get children interested in arithmetic. He mentioned that such competitions -through the process of preparation and winning - motivate children to take greater interest in arithmetic. He added that it is critical since arithmetic is a key skill which all children need to possess, even if they pursue a non-engineering / Math related career.

Celebrity Cricket League from today

Chandigarh: India's latest Web3 integrated social media platform ReelStar, today announced its collaboration with the 9th season of Celebrity Cricket League as the official powered by sponsors of 'Punjab De Sher' which is all set to begin from 18th February 2023. The Punjab team will be represented by the likes of Sonu Sood, Hardy Sandhu, Amy Virk, Navraj Hans. Teams from eight different regions of India will compete in this season of CCL. Nineteen games will be held in six locations, including Bangalore, Jodhpur, Jaipur and Raipur. Among the teams in the competition are Punjab De Sher, Mumbai Heroes, Chennai Rhinos, Telugu Warriors, Bhojpuri Dabangs, Kerala Strikers, Bengal Tigers, Karnataka Bulldozers. Tight security for CBSE exam. Puneet Singh, Owner, Punjab De Sher, said, "On behalf of Punjab De Sher, I am very excited to welcome on board ReelStar as our 'Powered by' partner."

Skill based online gaming platform Zupee ropes in Salman Khan as brand ambassador

Chandigarh: Zupee, one of India's fastest growing online skill-based gaming platforms, today announced the biggest superstar Salman Khan, as its brand ambassador. With this association, Zupee aims to expand its presence in the growing skill based online gaming space and pave the way to establish skill based gaming as the most preferred form of meaningful entertainment. As part of this partnership, Zupee launched a brand campaign, '10 minute mein game ho jayeگا', which aims at driving awareness around Zupee's unique proposition of fun byte sized games such as Ludo Supreme, Trump cards Mania and Snakes & Ladders Plus amongst others, which players can enjoy in short and convenient playtimes

of just 10 minutes. The campaign features Salman in his effortless and larger than life avatar playing a host of different games on Zupee. Speaking on the partnership, Zupee's founder and CEO, Mr Dilsher Singh Mahi, said that they are thrilled to have Salman Khan on board as our brand ambassador. Zupee's portfolio of skill based casual and board games are enjoyed by a diverse set of audiences. His mass appeal cuts across borders, demographics and cultures, as one of the most loved and iconic stars in the country. We are certain that this association will help in deepening consumer connect and propelling Zupee's vision of bringing joy to players lives through meaningful entertainment even further."

Kishwer Merchant is all praises for her co-actor Niyati Fatnani

Chandigarh : Jo pyaar likhta hai, kya pyaar karne ke kaabil hai? Disney+ Hotstar recently launched its latest romantic drama, 'Dear Ishq' to answer this. Set against the backdrop of an Indian publishing house, the platform brings to masses a tale of love, a journey with complex emotions, and at the crux of it, a story of two completely opposite personalities, who walk this simple journey of life, unknowingly falling for each other. Directed by Atif Khan and Produced by Yash Patnaik and Mamta Patnaik, Beyond Dreams Entertainment Private Limited, streaming now exclusively on Disney+ Hotstar.



We have heard endless stories about catfights when leading actresses work together. But the sets of Dear Ishq have known quite an opposite story with Kishwer Merchant and Niyati Fatnani as they share a great friendship! Kishwer Merchant spills the beans on her bond with Niyati, while working on Dear Ishq. Talking about Niyati Fatnani, Kishwer Merchant says, "Niyati is fun to work with. Right from the first day and first meeting only we clicked! Her vibe is very good, she is a very bubbly and chirpy girl so she brings a lot of energy with her on set."

Google redesigns its Gboard app, brings revamped toolbar

Washington : American tech giant Google's keyboard app for Android, Gboard, which has been the staple for messaging and typing on millions if not billions of devices out there, is now getting a redesign. According to GSM Arena, a tech news-related website, Android Police has found out that the app is being redesigned, and beta testers already got to see where the changes are. The major visual improvement is a revamped toolbar, allowing users to customize it with more than four options, and the voice search button can finally be removed. The circle and arrow in the present version only reveal or hide four customizable features. A fourth shortcut will be added due to the button's shift to a four-square design and the removal of the three-dot menu, reported GSM Arena. The micro-menu of features is also redesigned, leaving room for more customizations to arrive in the future. Instead of six circles taking up all the place, we will have rectangles. Google is also working on a new Privacy menu within Gboard's settings. It is mostly featured from the Advanced menu, but is now under a new tab, making it easier to navigate and control the privacy features of the keyboard app. As per GSM Arena, the Beta program is open for everyone through Google Play, and the new version is 12.6.06.491625702.

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Meta to introduce Telegram-like channels on Instagram

Washington : American tech conglomerate Meta is set to introduce its own take on Telegram channels with broadcast channels on Instagram. According to The Verge, an American technology news website, the announcement was made by Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Thursday via one of the new channels. The channels feature currently only works on the mobile app. Creators can now broadcast messages and updates to a large audience of followers who have opted in to follow the channel. Followers will be unable to post in the channels, but they will be able to emoji reply to posts and vote in polls. Zuckerberg's channel, called Meta Channel will be a place where he shares "news and updates on all the products and tech we're building at Meta," reported The Verge. He says down the line channels will "support collabs with guest appearances, AMAs and more. Channels are initially exclusively available on Instagram, but will be available on Messenger and Facebook "in the coming months." Currently, the feature is in testing with a select group of creators, including snowboarder Chloe Kim and streamer Valkyrae, who will be starting their broadcast channels over the course of Thursday.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Small children in Early Step Preschool celebrates Mahashivaratri



NARESH GARG LADWA: Small children from the Early Step Preschool of Ladwa went to the Kheda temple located in Mahavir Colony and offered prayers to Lord Shiva and celebrated the Mahashivaratri festival. School Principal Sonia Goyal, while addressing the children, said that it is a big festival in Hinduism, and on the occasion of Mahashivaratri, people worship Lord Shiva and bathe him in Ganges water, milk, etc. At the same time, he said that some devotees go to their respective places on foot from Haridwar and anoint Bholenath by bringing water from the Ganges. On the same day, everyone observes a fast and worships Lord Bholenath. On this day, all the temples of Lord Shiva that are in the cities go there and offer prayers to Lord Bholenath. Lord Bholenath was bathed by the small children of the school, and they also worshipped him. School staff were present on the occasion.

199th awareness programme held against drugs



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KURUKSHETRA: Head of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau and Additional Director General of Police, Ambala Division, and under the guidelines, guidance, inspiration and leadership of Shrikant Jadhav Bhapuse founder and provincial president of Prayas Foundation, walked in Basti under the 199th awareness programme against drugs in Government Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar. An awareness tour was taken out. Bureau's awareness programme and rehabilitation in-charge Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, sub-inspector Rajendra Kumar and effort member Karm Chand taught the students a lesson to stay away from drugs while making them aware of the side effects of drugs and took out a walking awareness tour in the township. Tobacco products were removed by giving a stern warning to the sellers of tobacco products near the school. Raising awareness among the women of the township to cooperate in building a drug-free society, Dr. Verma said that the side effects of drugs mostly fall on their own children, who later become drug addicts. Addressing the youth, Karm Chand, who is helping in the awareness walk, said that many crimes are committed due to intoxication.

Fourth pillar of democracy is continuously performing its duty, even in difficult circumstances: Somnath

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: District Jail Superintendent Somnath Jagat said that the media, the fourth pillar of democracy, is continuously performing its duties, even in difficult circumstances. It is because of this fourth pillar that the voice of the common man is reaching the government. When the issue of the common man reaches the government, the government must work for the common man's benefit. As a result, the media is the most effective medium for performing social service. Jail Superintendent Somnath Jagat was speaking in a programme organised by Journalist Club Thanesar in the auditorium of a private hotel located on Pipli Road last evening. Earlier, Jail Superintendent Somnath Jagat, District Information and Public Relations Officer Dr. Narendra Singh, President of Journalist Club Thanesar Krishna Dhaniya, Deputy President Pankaj Arora, Secretary Rakesh Narula, Joint Secretary Darshan Kait, and Treasurer Rajkumar Walia duly met with the press. During this, Pradhan Krishna Kumar Dhaniya, Deputy Pradhan Pankaj Arora, and Rajeev Arora introduced the chief guest to all the media personnel and highlighted in detail the objectives of Journalist Club Thanesar and all the activities to come.

Kin demand justice in granthi assault case as new Muktsar SSP takes over

GURPREET RATTAN MUKATSAR: After the important post of District Police Chief was vacant for 15 days, on Wednesday late evening, the Punjab government appointed SSP in Shi Muktsar Sahib. For this, IPS Officer Hamanbir Singh Gill's name was given a green light. With the appointment of Hamanbir Singh Gill, the discussions started that SSP will not view favourably the pending and half-finished departmental and public works in the police department. Sources from the districts where Hamanbir Singh Gill has served as District Police Chief said that now the officials and employees who are fond of procrastination in the local district will face transfers. Sources say that SSP Hamanbir Singh Gill strongly hates departmental laziness. On the first day of Hambr Singh Gill's reception, the cases were complicated and pending action, in which the case of granthi assault in village Marad Kalan was incomplete even after going through a period of sit-ins and demonstrations in the hope of police action since February 12.

Vande Bharat Express Trains: A new Dawn of luxurious Train Travel Experience!

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Speed! Thrill! Adventurous train journey! A perfect example of Aatmanirbhar Bharat! A new Dawn in the history of comfortable and safer train journey experience! Well! No words can describe the aura of the majestically beautiful all new Vande Bharat Express Trains.

However, the train journeys are one of the most memorable journeys in a person's life! They are the ones which are cherished lifelong by anyone. Providing the rail passengers with a class apart train travel experience has always been the utmost aim and vision of the Railways. In this direction, the introduction of Vande Bharat Express Trains is a perfect example of the Ministry's concern. With the introduction of the New Vande Bharat Express Trains, the Railways have achieved a leap towards taking the train journeys to the newer heights. The Trains well-equipped with the latest and advanced technologies, provide you with one of the best in class train travel experiences. They are



indeed a new Dawn in the history of the best in class train journeys. They have completely changed the way people used to travel in the trains in the earlier times. Taking a step forward and going some extra miles for the rail passengers' convenience, the Northern Railway also initiated the all new Vande Bharat Express Train between Himachal Pradesh's Amb Andaura - New Delhi. It is indeed set as a trademark for the Zone that always strives to serve the rail

passengers with a world class train travel experience. However, the initiation of the Vande Bharat Express Trains between the two States is a clear reflection of the Zone's Tagline also that states - "Serving the Customers with a Smile". Having the capacity of achieving the speed of 160 Kms. per hour in just 0 to 52 Seconds, the Train has taken the train journey experience to a newer height. Cutting down train travel time between the two States to

around 5:30 hours only, the Trains are here to write a new chapter of best in class train travel in the history of Railways.

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Entire grant for developmental work will be used: ZP chairman



ASHOK GUPTA PANIPAT, FEB 17

The general meeting of the district council was held on Friday in the auditorium located on the second floor of the small secretariat. In the meeting, information was given about the progress report of the development works of the area being carried out by the Zilla Parishad. In the meeting, mainly the income-expenditure and property status of Zilla Parishad and other matters were discussed. Jyoti Sharma, the newly elected president of the Zilla Parishad, said that they are

serious about the development of the area. She said that they will spend the budget received from the government for the development of the area together with all the members. He also demanded that the administration set up a camp in the village in the context of government schemes, to which all the council members agreed. The newly elected chairman of Zilla Parishad said that the officials of all 28 departments should be present in the meeting so that people's problems can be solved on the spot in addition to information about the government's plans. In the

general meeting of Zilla Parishad, Additional Deputy Commissioner Veena Hooda said that the first general meeting was held in a very positive and open atmosphere. The suggestions and problems given by the Zilla Parishad members in the meeting will be taken seriously and implemented. He said that the way the Zilla Parishad members have put their problems will give a new direction to development. In the meeting, Zilla Parishad Vice President Arya Suresh Malik, Council Member Priyanka, Zilla Parishad Member Jagveer put their demands.

Defence Ministry reduces restricted area to 50 Mtrs from 100 Mtrs around various Defence: Sanjeev Arora

SHARMA

LUDHIANA: The Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt has stated that no compensation case regarding the land acquisition at village Baddowal, Ayali Kalan and Jhande in Ludhiana is pending. He gave this reply to a question asked by AAP's MP (Rajya Rajya) Sanjiv Arora in Rajya Sabha on February 13. Giving this information in a statement here on Friday, Arora said he had put a question about compensation to landowners in Baddowal in the Rajya Sabha. He had asked about the steps government is taking to clear the dues of landowners of Baddowal, Ludhiana, pending since 1983 for the land acquired for Defence purpose. In reply, the Minister of State for Defence replied that land measuring 696.5251 acres in respect of ammunition sub depot situated at village Baddowal, Ayali Kalan and Jhande in Ludhiana was acquired in the year 1966-67 and 1980-81 on payment of Rs.35,13,129 as compensation to the landowners whose lands were acquired. In addition to this, enhanced compensation to the tune of Rs.18,87,896 was paid by MoD to the landowners. As reported by DGDE, no compensation case regarding the said land acquisition is pending with the office of Defence Estates Officer, Jalandhar Circle.



Funds for ZP should be routed through gram panchayats: Cong



R K KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, FEB 17

The members of Congress Party Zilla Parishad and some members of Aam Aadmi Party, Independents and BSP unanimously said that all funds of Zila Parishad should be channelled through Gram Panchayat. On Friday, the meeting was held under the chairmanship of Zilla Parishad Chairman Ramesh Thasaka in Secretariat Room No. 203, in which Zilla Parishad member Bhanu Batra, wife of Akash Batra from Opposition Ward No. 7, said Panchayati Raj would be strengthened by doing this. She said that the National General Secretary and former

Union Minister Kumari Selja also supported the Sarpanch's point of view of giving more powers to the Gram Panchayat. Speaking on this occasion, former Zilla Parishad Chairman Dharmapal Tigra raised the issue of accidents occurring due to the reduced width and deterioration of the canal department road from Hamida Head to Panjpur. Zilla Parishad members Shamim Khan and Narwail Singh Lopy demanded making arrangements of drinking water by installing taps in the Ghar area. Narwail Singh said that the grant should be distributed equally in all the wards and the bus should be run from Nagali via Bilaspur.

Improvement Trust Chairman Sarma felicitated



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA, FEB 17

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Chairman Surinderpal Sarma, who was appointed by Punjab Government the previous day, Ram Krishna Bhalla, Political Secretary, Cabinet Minister Kaka Randeep Singh specially honored the Chairman of Improvement Trust Nabha by rising above party politics. Ramakrishna Bhalla while talking to the media said that the newly appointed chairman Surinderpal Sharma is being honored by the leaders and office bearers of the Aam Aadmi Party. There it is our duty to rise above party politics and honor an honest, spotless and hardworking leader. He said that there is a wave of happiness in Nabha constituency on the appointment of chairman by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. After being honored, Chairman Surinderpal Sharma thanked Ram Kishan Bhalla deeply and said that the Aam Aadmi Party has always given great responsibility to hardworking leaders and volunteers. Surinder Pal Sarma thanked Aam Aadmi Party supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Constituency MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Mann and former MLAs and senior leaders Ramesh Singla on being appointed Chairman of the Improvement Trust.

Ensure safety of Shandilya and his family: Chandramohan to CM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, FEB 17

National President of Anti Terrorist Front India Viresh Shandilya who is fighting against terrorism and Khalistani campaign in the whole country including Punjab and the only Viresh Shandilya is fighting for Khalistani campaign in Haryana. And the attack on him with the intention of plotting his murder is a very serious matter. The above words were said by Chandramohan, son of former Haryana Deputy CM and former Chief Minister Bhajan Lal, today at Viresh Shandilya's residence. Om Shukla and Advocate Puneet Kapoor were also with him on this occasion. He said that Shandilya should be given Z category security. If the government does not show seriousness about Shandilya's safety, he will also write a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah. He urged Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Home Minister Anil Vij that they should ensure the safety of Shandilya and his family. Former Deputy CM Chandramohan first



visited the incident site and was surprised to see the CCTV cameras of the incident that the masked assailants had come to kill Shandilya. He said that his father, former CM Bhajan Lal, when he was the CM, terrorism was at its peak in Punjab and together with the former Chief Minister of Punjab, Beant Singh, had wiped out terrorism, due to which Babbar Khalsa terrorists plotted to kill Bhajan Lal in America as well. And not only this, twice they conspired to kill Bhajan Lal by planting RDX. Once, they plotted to blow up Bhajan Lal by putting RDX on him near Matedi on the Ambala-Hisar road, on which a case was also registered in Ambala Sadar police station.

Cong govts surrendered land to China by calling it barren land, today every inch of land is being protected: Dhankhar

SATISH SETH KALAYAT, FEB 17

Earlier, in the Congress governments, the names of airport roads and intersections were kept only after their names, but in the BJP government, the names of freedom fighters and great men like Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh Veer Chhatrapati Shivaji and other great men are being given to such places. Omprakash Dhankhar said these words while addressing the people while installing the statue of Maharaja Surajmal at Chaushala village on Friday, during which Minister of State for Women and Child Welfare Kamlesh Dhanda was also present. State President Omprakash Dhankhar said that the land was handed over to China by the congress govts saying that it was a barren land and nothing grows there, whereas today in the BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, every inch of the country's land is being protected. He said that many great men lost their lives for the freedom of the country, in the same way Maharaja Surajmal of Bharatpur fought with



the Mughals, everyone remembers him today. People of all sections of the society should respect them. Sarpanchs handed over memorandum to BJP state president regarding right to recall and e-tendering: A memorandum was also handed over to Om Prakash Dhankhar by a delegation of sarpanches regarding their demands in Chaushala village. Implementation of right to recall MP and MLA by sarpanches, withdrawal of e-tendering system, restoration of 29 rights of sarpanches enshrined in 11th list of 73rd amendment to the constitution, wages of MGNREGA laborers to Rs.600 and sarpanches to Rs.30,000 And to give honorarium of five thousand per month to the Panch and to the family IDShutdown was demanded.

Warm welcome accorded to Governor

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Governor (designate) Shiv Pratap Shukla was given a rousing reception on his arrival at Shimla on Friday evening. He will take oath as the 29th Governor of Himachal Pradesh on 18th February, 2023 at 2 PM. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Deputy Chief Minister, Mukesh Agnihotri, Speaker, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Former Chief Minister and Leader of opposition, Jai Ram Thakur, Health & Family Welfare Minister, Dr. (Col) Dhani Ram Shandil, Horticulture Minister, Jagat Singh Negi, Education Minister, Rohit Thakur, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister, Anirudh Singh, PWD Minister, Vikramaditya Singh, CPS, Sunder Singh, MP & Incharge State Congress Rajeev Shukla, Congress Leader Tajinder Singh Bittu, MP & State President BJP Suresh Kashyap, Political Advisor to CM Sunil Sharma, Principal Advisor, IT & Innovation to CM, Gokul Butail, Principal Advisor Media to CM, Sanjay Kundu, Vice Chancellors and other senior Civil and Police officers of state government and prominent persons welcomed him at Raj Bhavan.



Route plan prepared for 'Parivartan Yatra Aapke Dwar' from Feb 24 to April 5

RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: The "Parivartan Yatra Aapke Dwar" proposed by INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala from February 24, starting from Singar village in Punhana constituency, will pass through all 90 constituencies of the state. This yatra will cover a distance of about 4200 km, and its route plan has been prepared from February 24 to April 5. The Holi festival has been declared a holiday for March 7 and 8. Starting from Singaar village in Nuh district on the first day, a total of 16 km of the journey will be covered, and the overnight stay will be at Pingwan. will start from Pingwan on February 25 and cover a total of 20 km. After travelling for the night, the stay will be at Sakras. On February 26, 18 kilometres will begin from Sakras. After the journey, the night's rest will be at Kankarkhed. On February 27, a total of 16 km will be covered. We'll be staying in Nuh after walking through the night. This yatra will enter Palwal district from Mewat district on the fifth day and cover a distance of 21 kilometers. Mindkaula will be reached after a 20-kilometer journey. The journey will be covered, and the night's stay will be at Hathin.

Two key questions related to Guhla Assembly to be raised in first Assembly session

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA

GUHLA CHIKA: Where there is interest among the people regarding the budget to be presented in the Haryana Vidhansabha session starting from 20th February, the people of Guhla Vidhansabha constituency are aware of the issues to be raised in the first session of the Vidhansabha itself. There is a lot of curiosity about two important questions. According to reliable sources related to the Vidhan Sabha, for the first session which will continue till February 23, the Secretariat has received 328 starred questions from 51 MLAs, 184 unstarred questions from 20 MLAs. Apart from this, 30 calling attention notices, 2 adjournments, 2 private proposals and 2 short term proposals have also been kept. According to the information, under these proposals, Guhla JJP MLA Ishwar Singh has also put two attention-grabbing questions, under which various illegal colonies of the city falling under Cheeka municipality, including Ishwar Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Sanjay Basti, Bega Drawing attention to the permanent settlement of Basti and Dhanak Basti, the Minister has been asked whether the government has prepared any plan to make the said settlements permanent and to give ownership rights to the residents living in it or not.

SHORT TALKS

IND vs AUS, 2nd Test: India dominate visitors on Day 1

Temba Bavuma replaces Dean Elgar as South Africa Test skipper

India pacer Prasidh Krishna slated to miss IPL 2023 due to stress fracture

BENGALURU: India pacer Prashidh Krishna is set to miss IPL 2023 with a lumbar stress fracture that will require the Rajasthan Royals bowling spearhead to go under the knife.

The injury dampens the pacer's prospects of representing India at the ICC World Cup set to be played in the country in October-November 2023. Prashidh will be celebrating his 27th birthday on Sunday and hasn't played competitive cricket since India's ODI tour of Zimbabwe in August. He was selected for India A's white-ball series against New Zealand A in September. He suffered an injury after being named for the series. On further examination of the injury, it surfaced that the bowler had a stress fracture. Prashidh has been undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru since then and was initially anticipated to have fully recovered in time for the Ranji Trophy knockouts in January-February. Unfortunately, the injury has not healed adequately, prompting the NCA and Royals' medical team, who have been working closely together, to advocate surgery.

Barcelona play spoilsport to Rashford's heroics, salvage 2-2 draw with Manchester United

BARCELONA : Barcelona's fightback played a spoilsport, ruining striker Marcus Rashford's second-half performance to salvage a 2-2 draw against Manchester United at Camp Nou in their UEFA Europa League knockout round first-leg match on Thursday.

The striker arrived at Camp Nou with praises from manager Josep Guardiola. Rashford justified his boss's words by helping his side level scores with Barca two minutes after Marcos Alonso had helped the home side gain a 50-minute lead. Just two minutes later, Rashford smashed a shot past Marc-Andre ter Stegen to equal the scores. Just seven minutes later, Rashford helped his side

complete a change of fortunes as he skipped to the byline, drilled a tempting cross along the six-yard box that Jules Kounde sent into his own goal. United was leading 2-1 in 59th minute.

Manchester United could have won another famous game at Camp Nou, but a strike from Raphinha in the

76th minutes crashed these hopes. His inswing cross found its way inside David de Gea's far post to set up an exciting second-leg match at Old Trafford next week.

United manager ten Hag was impressed with his team's performance against La Liga leaders, but admitted that it was a missed opportunity to take a lead ahead of leg two.

"If you face No 1 of Spain in an away game and you are that dominant, you can see it as a positive," said the manager as quoted by Sky Sports.

"We should have won this game so we have steps to go. Two good teams on a high level and I think it was really enjoyable to watch. I think everyone agrees it was a really high-performance level from both teams.

Handscornb from stealing singles and boundaries at regular intervals to keep the scoreboard ticking.

Nathan Lyon then shifted gears as he slammed Mohammed Shami for two excellent fours. In the 75th over of the innings, Shami removed Lyon for just 10 runs.

The left-handed batter Matthew Kuhnemann came out to bat. Shami then delivered a stunning ball, removing Kuhnemann to bundle out Australia for 263. Handscomb returned unbeaten after playing a vigilant knock of 72 off 142. In the second innings, Rohit Sharma got off the mark on the second ball of the innings with a fine four off Australia skipper Pat Cummins's delivery.

Rohit and Rahul ended India's innings on Day 1 on a high note as they gathered 21 runs in 9 overs.

Brief Scores: Australia 263 (Usman Khawaja 81, Peter Handscomb 72*, Mohammed Shami 4/60) vs India 21/0 (Rohit Sharma 13* KL Rahul 4*, Matthew Kuhnemann 0-6).

excellent fifty in 110 balls. Ravindra Jadeja then struck twice in an over and provided his team with two wickets. Jadeja removed dangerous player Cummins for 33 and a new batter Todd Murphy for a duck.

Indian bowler put Australia under pressure but it did not stop

Jadeja becomes second fastest player to bring up 250 wickets

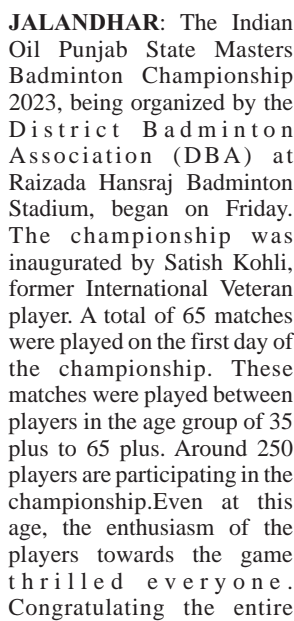
NEW DELHI: India's star all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja on Friday became the second fastest player and fastest India to bring 250 wickets, 2500 Test runs milestone. Jadeja achieved this feat in the 46th over of Australia's innings during the second Test match when KL Rahul took a one-handed stunner to remove batter Usman Khawaja to bag his 250th Test wicket. Jadeja was able to reach the milestone in his 62nd Test match - three matches ahead of India legend Kapil Dev who did it in 65 games. Overall, Jadeja bagged the second spot just behind England's legendary all-rounder Ian Botham who achieved this milestone feat in just 55 matches. The 34-year-old is the fourth India to reach the dual statistic milestone, joining Ravichandran Ashwin, Anil Kumble, and Kapil Dev on the list. He ranks as the 14th player overall with 250 Test wickets and more than 2500 Test runs. Coming to the second Test, India bowlers put on a disciplined show as the hosts earned a commanding position against visitors at the end of the second session of the second Test against Australia of the four-match series at Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi on Friday. At Tea, Australia's score read 199/6 with Peter Handscomb (36*) and Pat Cummins (23*) holding fort for the visitors

We have nothing to lose: NorthEast United FC's Vincenzo Annese

GUWAHATI: NorthEast United FC head coach Vincenzo Annese aims to get the three points in the last home game of the season as the Highlanders welcome Odisha FC in the latest fixture of the Indian Super League (ISL) at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, Guwahati on Friday. The Highlanders sit at the bottom in the ISL points table with only one victory in 18 matches. Meanwhile, Odisha FC are still in the race for the playoffs and a victory can take them to fifth place in the points table. As the penultimate match of the season approaches, NorthEast United FC would be looking to give their home fans something to cheer for with the Highlanders ending their season away to Chennaiyin FC.

Annese expressed how the team wants to close off the home games with a win and the players are performing well at this point of the season. "For us it's everything, we are at a point where all the players are performing well. It's been two months and we need to close our home game with a good result. We want to add a positive result after we got one against East Bengal FC in the last game. I hope we can make a good impact in the match. Every single supporter is important to us and we are looking forward to the match," Annese said in the official pre-match press conference. In the reverse fixture, the Juggernauts came out winners with a 2-1 victory.


Indian Oil Punjab State Masters Badminton Championship begins



team of DBA, Satish Kohli said that it is very important to keep yourself fit in this stage of age and such events provide an opportunity to the players to stay fit. He said that this event is a symbol of the fact that DBA is serious about maintaining the fitness and

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enthusiasm of the player of all ages. On this occasion, Secretary DBA and former national players Ritin Khanna, Vineet Juneja, Punjab Masih, Ram Lakhna, Dheeraj Sharma, Sudhakar Sharma and others were present. Varun Kumar is playing the role of chief referee and Shahzan Khan is playing the role of deputy chief referee in the tournament. The quarterfinal and semi-final matches of the championship will be played on Saturday. Special arrangements have been made for food and drinks for the players in the tournament.

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बनाम

(1) उधो राम पुत्र घुंघर (2) महंती पत्नी स्वर्गीय चेत राम (3) भुंजी पुत्री स्वर्गीय चेत राम (4) चिन्ती देवी पुत्री घुंघर (5) सुख राम पुत्र घुंघर (6) वीना नाथ पुत्र घुंघर सभी निवासी कुलेड़ा उप तहसील भोटा तहसील बड़सर जिला हमीरपुर हिमाचल प्रदेश।

विषय: -प्रार्थना पत्र दस्तूरी इंद्राज रेहान गैर मोससी अराजी खाता नंबर 410,412,407,411 खतोनी नंबर 465,467,456,466 स्थित महाल कुलेड़ा उप तहसील भोटा तहसील बड़सर जिला हमीरपुर हिमाचल प्रदेश प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र भोटा के नाम भूमि की राजस्व रिकॉर्ड दस्तूरी बारे प्रार्थना पत्र इस न्यायालय में दायर कर रखा है। जिसमें प्रतिवादिगन (1) उधो राम पुत्र घुंघर (2) महंती पत्नी स्वर्गीय चेत राम (3) भुंजी पुत्री स्वर्गीय चेत राम (4) चिन्ती देवी पुत्री घुंघर (5) सुख राम पुत्र घुंघर (6) वीना नाथ पुत्र घुंघर को इस न्यायालय द्वारा दवा दमस्ती कि पैरवी हेतु समन भेजे गये परन्तु रिपोर्ट तामील कुनिंयन से पाया कि वह इलाका से बाहर रहते है, जिस कारण उन्हें साधारण तरीके से समन तामील होना असंभव है। अतः प्रतिवादिगन नंबर 1 ता 6 को इस इस्तहार द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि वह दिनांक 03-03-2023 को प्रातः 10:00 बजे तहसीलदार भू-व्यवस्था वृत्त बड़सर तहसील बड़सर जिला हमीरपुर हिमाचल प्रदेश में असातन या बकालतन उपस्थित हो कर पैरवी मुकदमा करें, अन्यथा उनके विरुद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही अमल में लाई जाकर दस्तूरी स्वीकार कर दी जाएगी।

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A total of 47 crops now included in Bhavantar Bharpayee and the Chief Minister's Horticulture Insurance Scheme

PARI BAJAJ KARNAL: District Horticulture Officer Dr. Madan said that the Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana and Chief Minister Horticulture Insurance Scheme are being implemented by the state government in the interest of horticulture farmers. Under the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, the government has included 9 varieties of vegetables and 17 varieties of fruits in the Chief Minister's Horticulture Insurance Scheme. Now a total of 47 crops have been included in the scheme.

The District Horticulture Officer stated that crop damage insurance will be paid only after registering in the Chief Minister's Horticulture Insurance Scheme within the time frame specified. Vegetable crops included in this scheme include muskmelon, watermelon, long watermelon, round melon, zucchini, pumpkin, cucumber, summer squash, and pigeon pea. The fruits include dragon fruit, fig, date, pomegranate, malta, grapefruit, lemon, orange, peach, pears, ber, amla, chiku, jamun, grapes, strawberry, and litchi. For the welfare of box farmers, the Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana is being implemented.

The District Horticulture Officer said that the Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana and Chief Minister Horticulture Insurance Scheme are being implemented by the state government in the interest of horticulture farmers. To take advantage of these schemes, registration on the Meri Fasal-Mera Byora portal is mandatory. No separate registration is required for the Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana. In order to take advantage of the Chief Minister's Horticulture Insurance Scheme, along with registration, get the crop insured by paying the premium on the portal of the Chief Minister's Horticulture Insurance Scheme (<https://mbby.hortharyana.gov.in>). For more information in this context, contact the District Horticulture Officer at the toll-free number 1800-180-2021.

Newly elected president, VP take oath



NIRMAL RADAUR: An oath taking programme was organised in the Panchayat Samiti office in which SDM Radaur Amit Kumar administered the oath of office and secrecy to the newly elected chairman of the committee Vipin Kamboj and vice-chairman Ritu Pundir. While congratulating the newly appointed President and Vice President, he said that Panchayat Samiti is an integral part of democracy. That's why all the members of the committee should jointly play their important role in the development of rural areas. The committee members should get the works done under the Panchayat Samiti completed with honesty and integrity. BJP leader Vikas Kamboj, Mandal President Harpal Marupur, Surendra Topra, Ravindra Gurjar, Ranbir Singh, Neeraj Rana Unhedhi etc were present on this occasion.

Havan performed on Mahashivaratri



NIRMAL RADAUR: Havan was organised on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivaratri at Maharaja Agrasen Senior Secondary Public School Gumthala. During the annual examination of 10th and 12th standard, good wishes were given to the children for their bright future. Staff members also participated in the Havan along with the children and offered oblations. The program was completed under the supervision of Aditya Agarwal. Competitions related to Mahashivaratri were also organised on this occasion. In which the children participated enthusiastically. The winners were honoured with prizes. School Principal Dr. Sudesh Bansal wished the children for a bright future and congratulated them on the occasion of Mahashivaratri. Surendra Singla, Aruna Sharma, Visha Kamboj, Nitish, Vijay, Divya and Atika etc were present on the occasion.

HARYANA

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Formulate better plans to develop Kurukshetra grandly on global map: Guv

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 17:

Haryana Governor and Chairman, Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB), Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya said that better plans should be formulated to develop Kurukshetra grandly on the world map; so that people could get more information about its importance. "Maintaining the dignity, an action plan should be chalked out for Kurukshetra on the lines of Varanasi, in which the illustration of the idols of Mahabharata war characters can be seen around Brahma Sarovar," he said. Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya was presiding over the 81st meeting of the Kurukshetra Development Board management at Haryana Raj Bhavan. Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, Deputy Chief Minister, Sh. Dushyant Chautala, MP Nayab Singh Saini, MLA Subhash Sudha, along with senior officers and board members were present in the meeting. A total of 20 agenda items were placed in the meeting on



which decisions were taken unanimously. The grand booklet of 'International Gita Mahotsav-2022' was also released; which comprises the detailed highlights and activities of the programmes conducted during the Gita Mahotsav.

The Governor directed that a booklet should also be prepared on the role of 134 pilgrimage centres of 48-

kos of Kurukshetra and structural infrastructure should also be developed in these areas; to provide benefits to the maximum number of people. He said that the meeting of the Kurukshetra Development Board would be organized every year to take time to time decisions regarding the development of the board.

Fraud detected in purchasing mining material

PREETI SAINI

SADHAURA: A case of fraud has been registered for purchasing mining material from Charkhi Dadri at Shri Ram Screening Plot located in Nizampur village of Sadhora, whereas there is no mining material in Charkhi Dadri. This is not the first case in the district and in this way the game of buying mining material from hundreds of kilometres away by cutting fake e-mails is going on. In



Charkhi Dadri, when the firm from which purchase has been shown, it was found that there is no mining material on that firm. A complaint was given to the police. Assistant Mining Officer Aman Kumar said in a complaint to the Sadhaura police that Shri Ram Screening Plot in Nizampur was investigated, in which the firm operator asked to buy 40492 MT mining material from Charkhi Dadri KSR Buildcon from January 25 to February 8. It was said in the complaint that the purchase of mining material from such a distance is a deal of loss. In the investigation, it was found that the operator of the firm had fraudulently shown purchase of illegal mining tax in the e-departure system. On his behalf, a letter was written to the mining officer of Charkhi Dadri and an investigation was conducted at SR Buildcon, and it was found that there was no mining material there.

An essay competition was organised on Mahashivaratri

GUHLA CHEEKA (KULBHUSHAN SHARMA): Today, on the eve of Mahashivaratri, an essay writing competition was organised at the Government Primary School Taranwali, village Taranwali, and sub-division Guhla, in which all the students participated. According to teacher Gurdeep Urlana, the purpose of the competition is to raise student awareness of the Mahashivaratri festival, to give information about and develop the spirit of competition among the students. He told me that the festival of Mahashivaratri is celebrated on the Chaturdashi of Krishna Paksha in the month of Phalgun. On this day, devotees of Shiva and people who have faith in



Shiva keep fasts and especially worship Lord Shiva. On this occasion, teacher Manjit Polad also told the students that Mahashivaratri is a holy festival, and people celebrate this festival with great devotion and purity. Kumar, Surendra Kumar, Manjeet Singh, Gurdeep Singh, and Chhatragan were present.

Anti-Khalistani Rath Yatra from Delhi

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, FEBRUARY 17

National and state units of Anti-Terrorist Front India have been dissolved with immediate effect. This information was given by National President of Anti-Terrorist Front India Viresh Shandilya while talking to journalists at his residence. Shandilya said that on August 1 an anti-Khalistan Rath Yatra would be taken out from Delhi Parliament House to Jallianwala Bagh. Pictures of martyrs Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru Sukhdev, Ashfaq Ullah Khan, Udhham Singh, Madan Lal Dhillon, Khudi Ram Bose, Lala Lajpat Rai, martyrs of 26/11, Kargil martyrs, martyrs of Parliament House, martyrs of Pulwama attack including Rani Jhansi, Veer Hakikat Rai will be carried.

ATFI chief Shandilya said that Anti-Terrorist Front India is such an organisation that has taken an anti-terrorist



Rath Yatra from Delhi to Jammu and Kashmir in 2002 as well. He said that today the national, state and state executive of the front has been cancelled and the state presidents will be announced in four phases and after that the national executive will be formed. Shandilya said before that he would visit other states including Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Himachal, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and join the front with youths who have the spirit of revolutionaries and who can openly chal-

Millet are very beneficial for our health, include them in daily diet:DC

PARI BAJAJ

KARNAL : Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav has called upon the residents of the district to include coarse cereals in their daily diet. He said that coarse grains are very beneficial for our health, so we should include it in our daily diet. He said that we should eat dishes made of coarse grains as much as possible. Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav said that coarse grains are also called super food. Nutrients are present in abundance in it. This grain includes grains like jowar, bajra, ragi, maize, barley. He said that on India's proposal, the United Nations has decided to celebrate the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets. This is a big deal for us as India is one of the leading millet growing countries in the world. DC said that coarse grains are beneficial for health. Its continuous consumption is better for our health. Coarse grains like millet and ragi are very beneficial for bones.

The administration and the farmers face to face in acquisition of land

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI : As soon as the administration reached the Hansu Majra village of Indri to acquire the land for the Green Field Express Highway to be built from Shamli to Ambala, the farmers started opposing it. The administration and the farmers came face-to-face. Gone Farmers say that the government has not given the money that was to be given for the land acquisition, even for the value of the farmer's farm adjacent to the road, etc. This land is in Surat; they will not give possession until they get the full amount of money. In view of the tense situation, the DSP of Karnal reached the spot with the entire police force, while the officials of the Express Highway also reached out to the Indri administration to convince the farmers. Efforts have been made to ensure that some amount has been given to them, and whatever



else becomes due to them will also reach their accounts soon. But when the farmers started hesitating to give possession of the land under any circumstances, the administration, after talking to the higher officials, formed a committee and sent it to the Karnal Deputy Commissioner.

Farmer leader Manjit Singh and farmer Karmbir say that the government had to acquire the land for the Green Field Express Highway to be built from Shamli to Ambala. wherein the land that is far

away will be given to the farmers at the rate of Rs 23 lakhs, but instead of giving Rs 33 lakhs, the government has given money to those farmers only at the rate of Rs 23 lakhs. He said that he will not allow possession to be taken until he gets the full amount, because of which there is tension between the administration and the farmers, while Indri Block Development and Panchayat Officer Saheb Singh say that the land of this express highway has reached the spot to take possession.

Devotees are dear to Lord Shiva



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

TARAORI: Devotees are always dear to Lord Shiva. Giving the message in the bright thoughts of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha, narrator Swami Mukta Bharti today said on the premises of Sanatan Dharma Mandir located at (Taraori) the human message of devotion to Shiva to the listeners through his discourses. Shiva is our idol in Sanatan Dharma, today on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivaratri, in the powerful thoughts of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha, Vyas Swami Mukta Bharti gave a message to the general public. He said that as long as there is consciousness in the human body, we all People should follow it because it is the representation of our religion. The principles in the bright thoughts of life give new inspiration to our life, this gives us the vision of the path of creation of experience including knowledge, quietness and devotion. One who is eager to read and meditate becomes free because devotion to Shiva always removes the sufferings of man. Devotion and emotion are the source of inspiration, so we should always be dedicated to the worship of Shiva.

Sarpanch inspects Mid-Day Meal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

NANHERA : Sarpanch Shashi Kamboj inspected the mid-day meal system and gave necessary instructions at Government Model Culture Primary School located in Nanhera village of the sub-division. Giving information, school head Mahindra Kumar said that Nanhera sarpanch Shashi Kamboj inspected the morning assembly, milk distribution and mid-day meal distribution. Sarpanch Shashi Kamboj said that he got detailed information from the children about the facilities being provided in the school and assured the school administration to cooperate with the panchayat. Sarpanch Shashi Kamboj said that the cleaning work of Shaheed Udhham Singh Park was done by the Panchayat. He said that he is proud of the village school. The school of his village is the number one in Haryana, in which different kinds of attractive flowers and fruits are planted. Common citizens also keep coming to school and park. On this occasion, senior teachers Udhham Singh Tusang, Sunil Siwach, mid-day-meal worker Raj, Santoro, Sunita and gardener Sudarshan Lal welcomed the sarpanch.

Wrestling and Dangal are pride of Haryana: Bathla

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 17

On the occasion of Mahashivaratri at Ramliha Maidan Shri Jagdamba Devi Pankha Dangal Committee has organised a huge wrestling contest tomorrow. On this occasion, Chief Minister's representative Sanjay Bathla arrived as the chief guest and boosted the morale of the wrestlers and said that wrestling and Dangal are the pride of our Haryana and all games should be played with the spirit of sportsmanship. He said that such events inspire the wrestlers of the region. Due to this, the youth automatically get attracted towards wrestling and apart from this, wrestling not only builds the body but also in-



creases self-confidence along with mental development.

He said that there is no importance of winning or losing in sports, but the spirit of games must be preserved. This wrestling game is a game related to our ancient tradition and culture and only

after learning from the local level competition, will we get a chance to move forward. While giving advice to the youth, he said that at this time the youth is moving towards drugs, which is not right. Wrestling and Dangal are the pride of Haryana.

Ajay Chautala to hold JJP meeting on Feb 20

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Jannayak Janata Party meeting was held at PWD Rest House. District head Gurdev Ramba presided over the meeting. All the pradhans reached the meeting. On February 20, JJP National President Dr. Ajay Chautala will hold a meeting of workers in Karnal. This meeting will start at 3 pm at Jat Dharamshala. JJP leaders assigned duties to ensure maximum participation of workers. On this occasion, district head Gurdev Ramba said that the preparations for the upcoming assembly elections and Lok Sabha elections have started. The party high command is trying to strengthen the organisation of JJP. National President Dr. Ajay Chautala will tour the entire Haryana. In this episode, he will come to Karnal on February

20 to hold a meeting of the workers. He said that workers are the backbone of the party. Every worker of JJP should consider himself as Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala and work for the public. We have to strengthen the organisation only then JJP will win with a majority in the next elections. Former MLA Ramesh Khatak also guided the workers. In the meeting, District Spokesperson Yashkaran Rana, State Vice President Nafe Singh Mann, State Secretary Prem Singh Shahpur, Office Secretary Rakesh Sandhu, Intellectual Cell Head JP Duhan, Business Cell Head Subhash Gupta, Nilokhedhi Halka Pradhan Vinod Rairpur, Assandh Pradhan Satish Balhara, Kamal Pradhan Amandeep Chawla, Youth State General Secretary Rahul Tomar, Mukhtyar Singh, Farmer Cell Head Hari Singh Dachar, Panchayati Raj Cell Head Naresh Rana, Minority Cell Head Hazur Singh Chakda, Manoj Sarpanch, Charan Singh Malik, Jagpal Singh Malik, Ankur Taya, Prashant Murare, Baldev Singh, Kashmir Singh Sandhu, Abhishek and Kartar Singh Dhillon were present.



ZP meeting held under Ramesh Chandra

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, FEBR 17

The Zilla Parishad meeting was held under the chairmanship of Zilla Parishad Chairman Ramesh Chandra and Deputy Chairman Agri Vijay Singh, Zilla Parishad CEO Naveen Ahuja and DDPO Shankar Lal Goyal in the assembly hall of the District Secretariat. Chairman Ramesh Chandra said that all the development works to be done under various schemes were placed before the committee. He said that all the works will be completed soon by forming a committee to get the development works done in the district and the concerned officers were informed about the development works. He informed that a fund of Rs 5 crore has been received in the Zilla Parishad to get the development works done. He



thanked all the members of the House and told that development work will be done through Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas.

All the properties of the Zilla Parishad in the district will be surveyed and consent of the members of the house has been taken to get all the development works done. He informed that the e-library would be built in some vil-

lages of Block Jagadhri, Block Radaur, Block Bilaspur and Block Sadhaura as per the e-tender. Similarly, according to the e-tender, Women's Cultural Center will be built in some villages of Saraswati Nagar, block Pratapnagar, block Chhachhraul. Similarly, according to the e-tender, gymnasiums will be built in Pratap Nagar block, Radaur

block and Saraswati Nagar block. Street lights will be installed in five villages of each block. He said that the e-library, district cultural centre and gym should be inaugurated by the concerned Zilla Parishad members. He directed the XEN of Public Health to solve the problem of water drainage in those villages where there is no drainage. Deputy Chairman Agri Vijay Singh said that Haryana Roadways bus should be run from Yamunanagar to Delhi via Gumthala so that the people of nearby areas do not have to go to Radaur to go to Delhi. On this occasion, CMO Manjit Singh, BDPO of the district, XEN and SDO of Public Health and other people and officers were present.