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"Need constitutional discourse": SC on Punjab govt vs Governor

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The latest stand-off between the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab and Governor Banwarilal Purohit indicates a need of constitutional discourse, the Supreme Court said today, sending a strong message to both sides. "The failure of a constitutional authority to fulfill its duty would not be a justification for another to not fulfill his distinct duty under constitution," said Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, who headed the bench hearing the case.

"We may belong to different political parties. The office of the Governor is not from a party, but we have to have a constitutional discourse," the Chief Justice added.

The case had stemmed from a face-off between the Governor and the Chief Minister over some information sought by Mr Purohit, who then delayed convening the state assembly for the budget session.

In a letter to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the Governor had also indicated that he is in no hurry to summon the session and reminded the Chief Minister about his "derogatory" response to a letter from Raj Bhavan.

The court said the Chief Minister is constitutionally bound to furnish the Governor with information and "not furnishing



the information would be against his constitutional duty". Moreover, "The tone of the Chief Minister left much to be desired... Yet on the other hand, the dereliction of the Chief Minister to do so would not allow the Governor to not do his constitutional duty to summon the budget session," Justice Chandrachud said. The Governor does not enjoy discretionary powers under the Constitution's Article 174 in summoning the assembly -- a point that has been settled in the Nabam Rebia case by a Constitution bench of the top court.

Also, the Governor, while responding, refers to the cabinet's decision and the tweet and the letter dated February

14 and spoke of seeking legal advice. These were "patently unconstitutional... There is no question of seeking legal advice on convening the house. He was duty bound," the court said. "Political differences in a democratic polity are acceptable and have to be worked out with sobriety. Unless these principles were borne in mind, the effective implementation of constitutional values is liable to be placed in jeopardy," the Chief Justice said. As the state government went to court, the Governor had convened the assembly, pointed out Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was representing the Raj Bhavan.

Manish Sisodia, Satyendar Jain resign from Cabinet

NEW DELHI: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders and Delhi ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain resigned from their posts in the state cabinet on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal accepted their resignation. Their resignations will now be sent to Delhi LG VK Saxena.

The development comes two days after Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Sisodia was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with the Delhi excise policy case. Sisodia was arrested on Sunday in an ongoing investigation of a case related to alleged irregularities in the framing and implementation of the excise policy of the Delhi government.

Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to entertain Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia's plea challenging his arrest in connection with the excise policy case.

The apex court suggested Sisodia to move to Delhi High Court. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud



said that the court is not inclined to entertain the petition at this stage and suggested Sisodia to move to Delhi High Court.

"It can not interfere in the matter as it may open the gate of people approaching the top court in every such matter," the court remarked.

Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court on Monday sent him to CBI custody for 5 days.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has quizzed Delhi's Minister Satyendar Jain in Tihar Jail in connection with the ED case related to the Excise policy. Nair was granted bail in a CBI case by the Trial court earlier.

cise Policy, Jain is presently lodged in Judicial Custody in connection with another case related to money laundering case registered by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

His name surfaced in the matter along with another cabinet Minister of Delhi as well as Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

According to the concerned lawyers, CBI has also quizzed Vijay Nair, who is also lodged in Tihar Jail in connection with the ED case related to the Excise policy. Nair was granted bail in a CBI case by the Trial court earlier.

Centre, Hry govt have taken farmer-friendly decisions: Manohar Lal

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Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that the central and state governments have always taken farmer-friendly decisions. For the last 8 years, minimum support price (MSP) is declared before the sowing season of crops; so that the farmers can choose the crop sowing as per their choice and can increase their income. Not only this, three installments of Rs 2,000 each are released every year under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi for agricultural inputs.

On behalf of the people of Haryana, the Chief Minister in a recent tweet expressed gratitude to Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi for issuing 13th installment in the accounts of farmers today. He said that the previous government used to mislead the farmers in the name of minimum support price. But now the government has fixed a permanent formula for the minimum support price and before the start of sowing season, the farmers get to know the prices of the crops to be



sold in the upcoming procurement season and accordingly can decide to sow.

The Chief Minister said that the previous governments used to deceive the farmers in the name of Swaminathan Commission. The Haryana government had started giving Rs 12,000 per acre as compensation for crop loss due to natural calamities in the year 2015 itself, while the Swaminathan Commission had talked about giving Rs 10,000 per acre in its recommendations. The state government has instead given Swaminathan Plus to the farmers and has now increased this amount to Rs 15,000 per acre; which is the highest in the country.

various shrines such as Shri Amamathji, Shri Kedarnath Ji, Char Dham, Mata Machhail, Mani Mahesh etc.

Similar operations are also undertaken round the year for a pilgrimage to shrines such as Mata Vaishno Devi.

The helicopter services are conducted under the aegis of respective Shrine Boards / District Administrations by various helicopter NSOP (Non-Scheduled Operators) holders.

Most of the shrines are located in the

Merit is sole criteria for govt jobs in Punjab: CM

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28:

Slamming previous governments for making the youth of state aimless, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday said that by handing over 26797 job letters his government has taken step forward towards to make youth gainful thereby making them an active partner in socio-economic growth of the state.

Addressing the gathering while handing over recruitment letters to Veterinary officers, the Chief Minister said that the sole criteria for selection in this entire recruitment process is merit and the entire procedure is being followed in a transparent manner. He said that now these youth have become integral part of the government adding that now they should



serve the people with missionary zeal. Bhagwant Mann said that such a whopping number of jobs in merely around 11 months reflect the commitment of the state government to ensure the well being of youth and opening new avenues of employment for them.

Kashmiri Pandit killer among 2 militants shot dead in Kashmir gunfight

SRINAGAR, FEB 28

Two militants including the alleged killer of a Kashmiri Pandit Sanjay Kumar were shot dead in a gunbattle in Awantipora sub district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said

An Army jawan was also killed in the encounter that erupted at Padgampora during a cordon and search operation, officials said. Police said two militants were

killed in the Padgampora encounter so far. Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir Vijay Kumar said the killer of Kashmiri Pandit was neutralized during the gunfight. He identified the slain as Aqib Mustaq Bhat of Pulwama who was associated with "The Resistance Front" and was an "A" category militant. "Killed terrorist initially worked for HM (Hizbul Mujahideen) terror outfit, nowadays he had been working with TRF.

Aviation Regulator issues advisory ahead of Char Dham Yatra

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) today issued a circular for the conduct of helicopter pilgrimage operation for 2023. The Char Dham Yatra begins on May 3, this year.

The circular, a copy which is with the ANI, lays down the responsibilities of the helicopter operators and also certain guidance or guidelines to respective Shrine Boards or District Administration to ensure safe and smooth helicopter operations.

Further, according to the circular, intense seasonal helicopter operations are conducted every year for religious pilgrimages to



hills and the seasonal operations especially occur in the hot and humid summer months with rapidly changing weather conditions, including sudden clouding and/or precipitation.

These operations are undertaken from various government or privately-owned helipads to shrine helipads owned or managed by the respective Shrine Board / District Administration.

Guidelines for helicopter operators include the installation of CCTV cameras (for surveillance) at their helipads covering the helipad safety area, as well as the take-off and approach funnels.

India's relations with Europe are stronger and deeper than ever before: Jaishankar

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NEW DELHI, FEB 28

Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said that India's relations with Europe are stronger and deeper than ever before.

In the inaugural session of CII India-Europe Sustainability Conclave, S Jaishankar said India's relations with Europe are stronger and deeper than ever before and this event itself is a testimony of that assertion.

The Conclave focuses on the strategic role of India-Europe partnership in changing geo-political scenario, strengthening bilateral engagements and discussions on emerging economic opportunities.

"Between us, rests the largest democratic and free market space globally. The business communities of India and Europe have a large stake and an enabling role in this transformation," Jaishankar said, add-



ing "The business communities of India and Europe have a large stake and an enabling role in this transformation." He said, "I hope your deliberations will reflect what is at stake here, not just for us but for the entire world, and how we can join hands to realize the economic dividends and democratic values that are inherent in our partnership." In the opening lines of his speech, Jaishankar said, "Businesses have a primary role in driving sustainability and that is why we are all meeting here today. The enabler, however, is the larger partnership and the understanding between India and Europe."

Students made aware to stay away from drugs

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Adolescent Health Day was celebrated by the Health and Wellness Centre Khurdi in the government school of village Bahadurpur which was presided over by SMO Naharpur Dr. Sumita. The aim was to make the students aware to stay away from drugs and to inform them about dental care. On this occasion, dentist Dr. Navindra gave detailed information to the students about the care and cleanliness of the teeth. He told the students that dental diseases occur if the teeth are not cleaned properly. That's why we should clean our teeth regularly in the morning and evening. Adolescent health advisor Sanjeev Kumar told the students that we should stay away from drugs like beedi, cigarette, tobacco, charas and ganja.

Intoxication not only spoils a person's body but also serves to humiliate him socially. This disintegrates our family as well. That's why we should stay away from this evil. Dr. Anu said that the easiest way to stay away from drugs is that students should take interest in sports. If students are interested in sports then their attention will not go towards drugs. Apart from this, he should also stay away from the company of bad people. On this occasion Dr. Anu, Dr. Munish, Asha workers Mamta and Sushma, besides staff members of the school were present.

Jindal Stainless and CII sign MoU to work together on National Mission on Corrosion Management



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
HISAR: In a bid to eradicate corrosion and create awareness about the effects of corrosion, Jindal Stainless signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Confederation of India Industry (CII) around CII's National Mission on Corrosion Management. The MoU was mutually signed by Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr Vijay Sharma and Executive Director, Confederation of Indian Industry & Head, CII – Centre of Excellence for Competitiveness, Mr Pikender Pal Singh in the presence of NITI Aayog & Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr. V K Saraswat; Additional Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Govt of India, Ms Ruchika Govil; MD, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhyuday Jindal, and Chairman, CII-Corrosion Management Committee, Dr Kamachi Mudali. Towards this MoU, Jindal Stainless has set aside an initial corpus of INR 2 crore plus.

The primary focus of this MoU is training, capacity building, and skill development with support from government bodies and educational institutes; consulting and advisory, which will include technology gap assessment; projects and research with survey and analysis of infrastructure, and lastly stakeholder engagement to create awareness on the issue. Applauding this move, MD, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhyuday Jindal, said that corrosion affects all walks of our life; from the safety of infrastructure and loss of capital investment to contamination of ingestible and pollution precipitation. As per estimates, every year, corrosion costs India about 4% of its GDP. The maintenance and replacement of assets affected by corrosion are major deterrents to the growth of our economy. Since its inception, Jindal Stainless has been working towards this cause in various capacities, from sensitizing our stakeholders, fabricators, and other industries, to enhancing awareness across various legs of the government .

SS teacher Rajpal Sagwal accorded warm farewell

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Today, SS Master Rajpal Sagwal of Government Senior Secondary School Jhinwarhedi has retired after 30 years of service with an unblemished image. A grand function was organized inside the school on his retirement. The program was well attended by staff members and students. Speaking on his retirement, Dalbir Malik, the former headmaster of Jhinwarhedi School, said that Master Rajpal Sagwal is a very experienced and well-wisher of students and staff members. He has a humble and friendly personality by nature. His style of work is commendable. Amit Malik, senior teacher of the primary wing, moderated the stage in the program. Principal of the school Manjit Punia welcomed the retired master Rajpal Sagwal and other guests with a bouquet of flowers and appreciated the work style of the retired master Rajpal Sagwal and thanked him for his cooperation. Chief teacher Balwan Singh and Sanskrit teacher Ramesh Shastri also participated in the program. In the program, former Sanskrit teachers of the school, Bajinder Shastri and Malket Singh Saini also praised the work of Master Rajpal Sagwal and wished him good luck for the future. The school staff members honored Rajpal Sagwal with a memento. Family members and school staff members Amit Malik, Mahindra Pal, Dharamveer Surendra, Sunil Machhal and other staff members were present on this occasion.



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HTET pass candidates in 2015 can also apply for new TGT recruitment

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The candidates who passed HTET in the year 2015 will also get a chance in the TGT recruitment released by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission. A notification has been issued by the commission in this regard.

Giving information, a spokesperson of the Commission said that the persons who were eligible and possessing valid HTET/STET on the last date i.e., October 26, 2022, for applying for advertisement number 02/2022; can also now apply for TGT recruitment against fresh advertisement number 02/2023 (various categories) subject to the condition that these candidates possess valid HTET/STET certificate and fulfil the age criteria mentioned in the advertisement on or before October 26, 2022.

The spokesperson said that the posts were advertised vide advertise-



ment number 02/2022 dated September 27, 2022 for recruitment on vacancies in the Education department. However, no recruitment was done on the TGT posts during the period 2015 to 2022 and the Commission withdrew the advertisement number 02/2022 without accepting any application. The opening and closing date on the

said advertisement was mentioned as October 5, 2022 and October 26, 2022 respectively. However, no applications were accepted due to administrative or technical reasons. Therefore, the candidates who passed HTET in the year 2015 became ineligible without even applying or appearing in the recruitment examination.

Batra supports hunger strike against MC

RAJNI SONI/ RK KASHYAP
YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 28

Coordinator District Congress Committee and former Chairman, Yamuna Nagar Zilla Parishad Shyam Sundar Batra came to support the two-day hunger strike of Sardar Balbir Singh, the founder of Aagaz Sanstha, who was protesting against the corruption of the Municipal Corporation. He honoured Balbir Singh by garlanding him and encouraged him and the office bearers of the organisation. In response to a question, Batra said that today, on behalf of Sardar Balbir Singh and Aagaz Sanstha, on his own behalf and on behalf of former Union Minister and National General Secretary, Selja, he has come for support. Batra said that when the surveying

agency did a wrong survey, then why the government officials or people's representatives do not give any answer why the payment was made for it. The public is being ha-



rassed in the name of correcting the property ID and along with this, Batra said that by deducting the family identity card, widow and old age pension, the poor people are being forced to be pushed from place to place, what is the answer to that?

He said that people's BPL ration cards are being abolished

through family identity cards and some economically capable people have been made BPL and the government is busy promoting the family identity card and misleading the public. On this occasion Shyam Sundar Batra Coordinator District Congress Committee and former Chairman Zilla Parishad Yamunanagar, Nirmal Chauhan former candidate, Rampal former Deputy Mayor, Raman Tyagi, Harbans Singh Bali, Dinesh Dumra, Ravinder Singh Bablu, Arvinder Singh Ghai Bindu, TP Singh, Akash Batra Youth Congress Leader, Amandeep Singh, Manpreet Singh Lovely, Vishal Sharma Youth Leader, Sardar Jamail Singh, Anmol Singh, Purnchand, Fulchand, Fakir Chand, Nirmala Yadav, Sumit Pal Singh, Ramnath Bansal, Satnarayan Sharma.

DGP Vigilance hands over probe of illegal water pump to urban local body

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

AMBALA: The difficulties of Sangeeta Agarwal, wife of Sector 1 Jail Land resident Arvind Agarwal's son Chaman Lal Agarwal, are sure to increase in the days to come. Viresh Shandilya, the National President of Anti Terrorist Front India, had complained to the DGP Vigilance about the illegal petrol pump of Sector 8 of Arvind Aggarwal, Sangeeta Aggarwal, wife of Arvind Aggarwal and his partner, in which Shandilya had accused the municipal commissioner and former DC of Ambala of corruption. Serious allegations



were made. And taking the allegations of Shandilya's complaint seriously, the DGP Vigilance sent ACS Urban Local Body to investigate the illegal petrol pump of HP in Sector 8. Shandilya said that the water kneads the dough by adding water to it. But regarding Sangeeta Agarwal and her partner's HP's illegal petrol pump, the administration tried to knead by taking a huge amount of salt and adding water. He said that the Chief Minister of Haryana is honest and has a zero tolerance policy on corruption. But in spite of that, huge transactions have taken place in running HP's illegal petrol pump in Ambala. Shandilya said that he has full hope that this illegal petrol pump of HP will be demolished and a case will be registered against Arvind Agarwal's wife and her partner, who run illegal petrol pump after taking huge amount and the officer who Departmental and legal action will be taken against those involved in this conspiracy.

Sarpanch to protest in Panchkula and gherao CM residence:Gill

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA

GUHLA CHEEKA : Sarpanchs from all over Haryana will gather in Panchkula today to protest against the right to recall law implemented to gherao the Chief Minister's residence regarding e-tendering. Giving the above information, Sarpanch representative of Mahmudpur Jagtar Singh Gill said that through e-tendering law, the government wants to abolish Panchayati Raj. He said that by implementing Right to Recall, the Haryana government is putting pressure on small village governments. He questioned Panchayati Minister Devendra Babi supporting Right to Recall, e-tendering as to why he does not apply it to MLAs and MPs first. Gill said that if the government had made a similar law on legislators, it would have been welcomed. But the government has planned to implement such laws to make the responsible representatives of the village, the Sarpanchs, dance at their behest. All of them condemn the Sarpanch only then there is a need to implement this type of system. While the reality is that through eTendering, the government wants to increase the business of its favorites by giving them contracts, as the central government at the Center is giving huge loans to big industrialists by giving protection to them and then taking advantage on the spot. It is also waiving off their loans.



Shandilya offers chadar to 300-year-old Goga Pir for people's welfare



Goyal, Sonu Rana, Pritpal Antal, Mukesh Pandit, Rajkumar Dhiman, Mohan Lal, Pradeep Rana, Harindra Gulati, Jogen-dra Lal, Dinesh Sharma, Charanjit Parashar garlanded Viresh Shandilya on reaching Adarsh Nadar Goga Mari. Shandilya said that Ambala district is the city of Pirs, Fakirs, sages, deities. And today I am fortunate that today I came to Adarsh Nagar to have darshan and bow my head at 300 years old Goga Pir. He said that even when terrorism was at its peak in Punjab and Ambala is a bor-

der area of Punjab, no harm was done to Ambala. The reason for this is the land of Pirs, Fakirs. National President of Anti Terrorist Front India Viresh Shandilya said after bowing his head that our Ambala, Haryana get happiness and prosperity. There should be work for every hand, bread for every stomach, roof for every head. No person should go die due to lack of treatment and mutual brotherhood should be strong. On this occasion, Viresh Shandilya took langar sitting among thousands of devotees.

50th awareness programme held against drugs

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

AMBALA: Under the guidelines and guidance of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief and Additional Director General of Police, Ambala Division IPS officer Srikant Jadhav, Founder and Provincial President of Prayas Foundation, a cycle awareness tour was taken out in Ambala



district under the 50th awareness programme against drugs. Bureau's sub-inspector/ awareness program and rehabilitation in-charge Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma came out riding a bicycle from two roads to make people aware against drugs on the road, giving a stern warning to the seller of tobacco products outside a school on the way. Get the tobacco products removed and instruct the headmaster and teachers of the school that in future if anyone sells tobacco products or intoxicants within 100 metres of the school, get them removed without any delay or inform the police. Dr. Verma said that if any person sells banned drugs and intoxicants, then inform them on 9050891508. Bureau's Deputy Inspector / Awareness Programme and Rehabilitation Incharge Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma told the people that the main reason for cycling is that it is beneficial for the environment as well as for the health of the person.

Canadian technology, hard work of farmers will establish new dimensions in agriculture: Jai Prakash

SANJAY VERMA

PEHOWA : Haryana's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Jai Prakash Dalal said that Canadian technology and hard work of Haryana farmers will establish a new dimension in agriculture. For this technology, the agricultural country Canada and the agricultural state Haryana will share the latest technology, machinery with each other. Demo of smart seeder machine of this agricultural country Canada has been shown in Pihova-Kurukshetra. After this demo, this modern technology machine will be used for farming through the Government of India. This will definitely benefit the farmers. Not only this, on the lines of the world's largest international markets established in countries like Paris, France, Holland, an international vegetable market will be set up on 550 acres in Ganaur, Haryana. Tenders will be allotted soon for this.

Due to this, products of the farmers reached abroad, this would not only increase the income of farmers, but would also provide employment and world class facilities would be available in mandi and traders



would also come there in large numbers.Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Jai Prakash Dalal was addressing as the chief guest in the program organized by Pehowa Vegetable Producer Company at FPO Pack House in Talheri village of Pihova on Tuesday along with Northern Farmer Technology Demonstration and

Canadian delegation. Earlier, Haryana's Agriculture Minister JP Dalal, former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Canadian Premier Scott Moi, Director General Horticulture Dr. Arjun Singh Saini, Haryana

Livestock Development Board Chairman Dharamvir Mirzapur, PVC Group Director Randhir Singh , Director of Northern NFM Anuraj Singh, CEO of PVPVC Group Harpreet Singh, SDM Sonu Ram, DDA Dr. Pradeep Meel inspected the FPO Pack House. All the guests, including Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Jai Prakash Dalal and former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, saw the demonstration of the smart seeder machine and got detailed information about it. Agriculture Minister said that a delegation from Canada has come to India from the agricultural state of Canada, Schachwan.

Guru Nanak Academy Kharkan holds National Science Day



KAITHAL (RANVIR PRASHAR):Guru Nanak Academy organized a grand programme on National Science Day in which students from classes V to XII participated.To create interest in the educational development of students and science, competition was conducted. The parents of the children reached the programme and encouraged the children and school teachers told the children that due to the discovery of the scientific Raman effect, across the country National Science Day is celebrated. School Chairman Sardar Mukhtyar Singh and Principal Kulwinder Kaur Mahrok told children that main objective of National Science Day is to attract and motivate students towards science and to make the general public aware of science and scientific achievements. There was commendable cooperation of science teachers and other teachers of school.

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GLANCERole of library in education
programme organised

AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA CHANDIGARH: The Library Outreach Society of Post Graduate Govt. College, Sector 46, Chandigarh with the objective of connecting with the college students, making them library minded and to inculcate in them love and interest for reading of good books organized Library Related Competitions (Essay Writing, Slogan Writing, Collage making and Book Cover Making) on varied topics like How library changed your life?, Library and its uses, Role of library in education, etc. Principal Dr. Abha Sudarshan congratulated the students and said that such activities help in widening the mental horizons of the students. Dr. Sudarshan congratulated the winners and applauded the efforts of Library In-charge Mrs. Pratibha Pandey. The competition was judged by Dr. Baljit Bamra and Dr. Leem Chand. The Judges congratulated the winners and praised their efforts.

Dhesi visits model
economic township
MET City

AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA CHANDIGARH: Deepender Singh Dhesi, IAS, Chief Principal Secretary to Haryana Chief Minister arrived to see the model economic township being developed by Reliance. On this occasion, Chief Executive Officer, Reliance MET, Shrivallabh Goyal and other officials welcomed him and presented a plant with a small pot as a memento. Shrivallabh Goyal, Chief Executive Officer, Reliance MET, launched the MET Project gave them detailed information about MET and highlighted the efforts being made by MET towards the economic development of Haryana. Chief Principal Secretary Dipendra Singh Dhesi, IAS appreciated the efforts being made by Reliance for economic development in NCR Jhajjar region and said that the formation of MET City will give a boost to micro, small and medium industries.

PNB, Ludhiana Circle
organized "Halla Bol Home
Loan Campaign"

LUDHIANA: 141 Proposals Worth Rs.41.50 Crore were Received Ludhiana, Country's one of the largest bank Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana Circle organized "Halla Bol Home Loan Campaign" in Ludhiana at 3 locations i.e Eastern Park, Ludhiana Heights and AIPL Dream City under the leadership of K B Mishra Circle Head Ludhiana and Deputy Circle Head Manish Kumar Verma in which ZO CAC Team/CO Team, PLP Team/Branch Heads/MCC Heads and a large number of customers participated and submitted papers for new acquisition cases. Everyone appreciated this campaign of Punjab National Bank. During this, 141 proposals worth Rs 41.50 crore were received.

Shemrock World school
takes out Kartavya rally

BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Senior Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar Vivek Sheel Soni flagged off Kartavya Rally - A walkathon which was organized by Shemrock World school in collaboration with Punjab Police, with an objective to create awareness among the young ones to follow the traffic rules. Later one variety programme was also presented by the students. Soni appreciated the spirit of the children. Speaking on the occasion, School Chairman Raghav Berry mentioned that such endeavours are the steps to lay the foundation of a society of the involved citizens who believe in "Safe roads for happy life". Principal Amardeep Kaur thanked the Punjab Police and local administration for their support.

Peroshah village of Gurdaspur
to get national award: JimpaSHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

In yet another feather to the name of the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the Peroshah village of Gurdaspur District on March 4 will be honored with the National award 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman-2023' by the President and the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, said Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Bram Shanker Jimpa.

This award will be given to village Sarpanch Harjinder Kaur for providing excellent sanitation facilities in the village. In the context of International Women's Day, this award will be given to those women, who have done extremely good work in the water supply and sanitation sectors. Jimpa has congratulated all the residents of Peroshah village for achieving this benchmark.

Jimpa said that with the support of the Punjab Government, Peroshah village has earned a reputation at the National level by properly managing waste water and solid/liquid waste. He said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's dream is that every village in Punjab should be a model village and special attention must be paid to cleanliness there and water supply and sanitation department is working diligently to achieve this aim. He said



that the Punjab Government is striving to make the state Rangla Punjab and sincere efforts are being made to fulfill this objective. Pertinently, Peroshah

village falls in Sri Hargobindpur block near Batala. The dirty water is being purified by the villagers using Thapar Technology and it is being used for irrigation. In difficult times, this water is also used for other needs of the villagers. Apart from this, compost is being prepared from the waste in the village itself.

Sarpanch of village Peroshah Harjinder Kaur has expressed happiness on receiving the National award. She said that in order to make the villages neat and clean, other villages should also come forward to establish such projects with the help of the Punjab Government. Principal Secretary of Water Supply and Sanitation Department D.K. Tiwari and Head of the Department Muhammad Ishfaq said that with Peroshah village getting

this honor at the National level, other villages of Punjab will also be encouraged for proper management of dirty water and garbage.

Students of Khalsa College Patiala
visit craft mela, Rangla PunjabRAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, FEB 28

Divinity Club, School of Commerce and Management undertook a visit "Interaction with Artisans for enhancement of Marketing Skills" to Craft Mela, Rangla Punjab 2023 on 27 Feb 2023. "Rangla Punjab Craft Mela" is being organised by the Punjab Government and the Patiala district administration in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs and the North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala. The Craft Mela was unique as it showcased the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric

of different regions. 110 national and 5 international stalls were showcasing and selling vibrant and rich handicrafts and other products.

A group of 45 students from School of Commerce & Management and 5 students from PG Department of Chemistry visited this mela. Staff members and students interacted with national and international artisans. Dilip Chorasia from Uttar Pradesh told about brass statues and about their making and

marketing process. Students also interacted with Usman from Saharanpur having wooden handicrafts. Amarjit Singh from Saharanpur was selling the material made from wrought iron. The students conversed with Tazuddin Salim Kureshi from Agra about his marble antique pieces. Salim told students about the miniature artistic work and carving on marble. Principal, Dr. Dharminder Singh Ubha, praised the effort made by Divinity club.

Dr. Preet Mahinder Singh
specially honoured by disabled
persons welfare society

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Disabled Persons Welfare Society honored civil surgeon Hoshiarpur Dr. Preet Mahinder Singh on the occasion of his retirement. While addressing the felicitation ceremony, President of Disabled Persons Welfare Society Sandeep Sharma said that Civil Surgeon Dr. Preet Mahinder Singh has done special work for the welfare of the disabled in the district.

Dr. Preet Mahinder Singh Civil Surgeon made special efforts to facilitate the disabled near their residence by setting up camps at different places of the district for making disability certificates, railway passes and UDID cards for the disabled Jaswinder Singh Sahota said that Dr. Preet Mahinder Singh provided special support in the cricket tournament organized for the blind. He said that he will always be indebted to Dr. Preet Mahendra Singh, Civil Surgeon, for his unique services rendered for the welfare of the disabled. Pawan Kumar Assistant Civil Surgeon, Sanjay Kumar Superintendent ESI Hospital, Neelam Kumari, Raj Kumar, Amritpal etc.

Harassment of SC community will
not be tolerated: Poonam KangraRAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, FEB 28

Poonam Kangra, Member, Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission, today arrived to pay obeisance at the 270th Annual Martyrdom Ceremony dedicated to the memory of the Great Five Immortal Martyrs of the Sikh Nation at Gurdwara Shaheed Baba Jai Singh Ji Khalkat village Baran.

On this occasion, she also heard the problems of the people from different villages and ordered the concerned officials to solve them immediately. Speaking to the media on this occasion, Poonam Kangra said that she had come today to pay obeisance at the annual martyrdom ceremony because the Sikh community has many martyrdoms which cannot be forgotten. It is very important to hold such

events to keep the memories of those great martyrs fresh.

Poonam Kangra said that they pay homage to the great martyrs of the Sikh community. She said that since she has been given the responsibility of the member of the Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission, she is trying to fulfill it with full responsibility. Poonam Kangra said in clear words that bullying and torture of SC category will not be tolerated. Those who harass the SC community will not be spared. Action will be taken against them as per law. Responding to the questions

asked by journalists on various incidents related to Dalits, Poonam Kangra said that legal action has been taken immediately on such incidents that have come to her notice.

SC Commission Punjab takes such incidents very seriously, she said. On this occasion, Madam Poonam Kangra was also honored by the organizers, on this occasion Karamjit Singh Lachkani, Ravinder Gagat, Devinder Kairon, Surinder Monu, Krishna Singh, Vijay Kumar, Rajesh Kumar etc. were present.

Table tennis competition hold at Paragon International
School Dehlon

AHMEDGARH (MAHAVIR GOYAL): A table tennis competition was organized at Paragon International School Dehlon in which the students participated with great enthusiasm. The competition was inaugurated by the school principal Ms. Manjit Kaur Sidhu and Mrs Suman Sofat was the guest of honour of the event. Encouraging the students through her valuable ideas, Physical instructor Karamjit Singh Khara and DPI Karamveer Singh guided the teams for this competition. Among the winning students, the first place was won by Manveer Singh, the second place by Balraj Singh and the third place by Veeranup Singh.



The winning students were awarded with medals by the school chairperson Mrs. Suman and the school principal. The other students who also qualified in this competition are Harkarnveer Singh, Manav Veer Singh, Anupjit Singh, Sukhmanpreet Singh, Harkarn Singh, Ekamjot Singh etc.

Dr. Baljit Kaur attends
two days regional
workshop at MaharastraGAURAV GOEL
PUNE / CHANDIGARH,
FEB 28

Minister of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities of Punjab Dr. Baljit Kaur participated in a two days workshop on social justice organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Pune, Maharashtra. This workshop was organized from February 28 to March 1. Ministers and top officials of different states and Union Territories of India participated in this two days workshop.

Addressing the workshop, Cabinet Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur explained that the Department of Social Justice is a department which has been providing justice to the scheduled castes, backward classes and minorities groups of the society from time to time and has been protecting their rights with continuous transparency. She told that the number of Scheduled Castes in Punjab is 32 percent.

She said that the policies made by the Central Government for the welfare of Scheduled Castes are being implemented by the Punjab Government with full transparency. With which there has been a lot of help in raising the standard of living of the Scheduled Caste people. The Minister further said that various schemes have been implemented in Punjab to raise the educational, social and living standards of the Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Minorities. She informed that the Government of India has tagged the Punjab in the first five states of the country for better implementation of the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme.

Pathankot police crackdown on
fraudulent reporters

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Uprooting Fraudulent Practices, Pathankot Police have taken decisive action against fraudulent individuals pretending to be reporters, who were taking advantage of the virtuous work done by Sarpanches in nearby villages and extorting money from them. In a swift response, the police apprehended two miscreants who had been masquerading as reporters for Punjab Focus News Paper. The arrested accused have been identified as Kulwant Singh, alias Kulwant, son of Pyara Singh, and Kulwant Singh, alias Major MP, son of Gyan Singh; both of whom are natives of Amritsar, both are native of Amritsar.



Divulging more details to press, the senior superintendent of police Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh said that a complaint had been filed at Sadar Police Station Pathankot on 23rd February 2023 regarding two individuals posing as press reporters from Punjab Focus News Paper. The duo tricked people into believing that they were sent by Reena Sharma, Punjab Focus News Paper resident of House No. 251 Mota Singh Nagar Jalandhar, to investigate the misuse of funds allocated by the Central Government for the development of village.

The victims were asked to pay Rs. 4000/- and Rs. 3000/- re-

Elected govt troubled by
Governor: Gurcharan Singh

NAWANSHAHR (CHET RAM RATTAN): The central government is starting a new cycle in the country by troubling the governments elected by the people through governors. Which is not in the interest of the country in any way and every citizen of the country does not know that the President of the country and the Governor of the states are the constitutional heads. This was disclosed by Gurcharan Singh Narve NIR while talking to reporters.

He said that the governments elected by the people are not accountable to them. It may be mentioned that the real



power rests with the Prime Minister and the Chief Ministers of the states elected by the people. Despite knowing all this, the BJP government at the center is killing democracy by suppressing the governments elected by the people through governors in the states where there are non-BJP governments. NIR Narve said that in the ongoing unconstitutional debate between Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and the Governor, Punjab's opposition parties are sometimes picking themselves by supporting the Governor's side. He strongly criticized this and said that at present the country is not doing its work according to the law but by looking at caste and religion. No action is taken against those who demand Hindu nation. If any Sikh demands Khalistan in a shameful way, the government threatens to crush him.

District Education Officer visits
schools in border areasVERMA
BATALA, FEB 28

District Education Officer Sec: / Ele. S. Amarjit Singh Bhatia today visited the schools of different blocks of the border area and checked the fifth and eighth papers being taken by the Punjab School Education Board.

Giving information in this regard, DEO Bhatia said that under the special campaign launched by Harjit Singh Bains to conduct the examinations in a transparent manner by making the examinations free from copying, today he has visited Government Primary School Shukrpura, Government Middle School Shukrpura, Government Primary School Gokhuwal, Government High School: Sec. School Taragarh, Government Girls High School: Sec. : School

Bhagawal, Government High School: Sec: School Wadala Bangar, Government High School: Sec: School Kalanore, Government Adarsh High School: Sec: School Bhikharwal, Hindu Daughter Pathshala High School Dhariwal, Sahibzada Jorawar Singh Fateh Singh Khalsa School Secondary School Dhariwal etc. And reviewed the ongoing examination of class VIII, XII and motivated the children for copyless examination.

Meanwhile, he instructed the supervising staff to en-

Kindergarten children of TLF school
show great enthusiasm in activity

MOGA (SANJEEV ARORA): In order to enhance the art hidden inside the children of the kindergarten wing of the city's leading educational institution, activity was organized on the guidelines of Janesh Garg and Chairperson Dr. Muskan Garg. The children of UKGA section participated in this activity with great enthusiasm. School Principal Binny Kaur Ahluwalia said that the Kindergarten wing of the school organizes activities from time to time with the aim of bringing out the hidden talent inside the children along with studies, so that their knowledge can increase.

Under this, the expert teachers in the school today gave detailed information about the topic 'Uses of it' in English. Expert teachers enlightened the children about the importance of learning English words from a young age and the importance of the English subject in larger classes. On behalf of TLF school, school organizes workshops, interactive activities and games related activities in the playground to enhance the hidden talent of the children by enthusiastically participating in them.

Senior Citizen Kulwant Singh
honored by State Bank branchVERMA
GURDASPUR, FEB 28

Super Senior Citizen Day was celebrated today by Qadian branch manager Mr Varun and Vinod Gupta. On this occasion, senior citizen Kulwant Singh and his two sons Parvandan Singh and Harnandan Singh were honored by Manager Mr Varun Kumar by presenting with a souvenir and shawls.

On this occasion, Branch Manager Varun Kumar said that it is the duty of every good citizen to show respect to senior citizens. State Bank of India honors senior citizens through this tradition so as to motivate the younger generation of today to follow moral values to correct the disorder in the society. Manager Varun honoring Senior Citizen Kulwant Singh in caption photo number one

Pay power bill by
March 2

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: All the electricity consumers who have not yet paid their electricity bills under the Electricity sub-division Bangana are informed that by 02.03.2023 they are pleased to submit their electricity bills to the Electricity Sub-division Bangana or through online mode. Otherwise, orders will be issued to disconnect their electric connection without any additional information. The liability of such electricity consumers has reached a lot, so the department is being forced to take this step. Consumers are also informed that once the connection is cut off due to shortage of departmental staff, it may take time to restore the power supply again, so to avoid any kind of inconvenience, pay your bills before 02.03.2023.

DC inspected the
Shitla Mata temple
to be built in Ispur



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Deputy Commissioner Una Raghav Sharma inspected the Shitla Mata temple to be built in Ispur. The Deputy Commissioner said that all the formalities have been completed after assessing the various works to be done in Sheetla Mata Temple, which have been sent to the higher level for further action. During this, officials of various departments, including the local Panchayat Pradhan Baksho Devi, Executive Engineer PWD, JE PWD Ashish, Kanungo Vipin Kumar, and Patwari Mohit, were present.

HIMACHAL

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

HIPA extends date for departmental examination till 3rd March

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 28

Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) has extended the date of departmental examinations from eligible officers/ officials of the various categories like IAS/HAS and other Gazetted Officers serving on regular basis under H.P. Government upto 3rd March, 2023, till 5 PM. It was stated by Secretary HP Board of Departmental Examinations, here today.

He said that the last date for forwarding applications by the Heads of Departments to BODE has also been extended upto 7th March 2023. The other dates and terms & conditions contained in notification dated 12th January, 2023 would remain unchanged. He said that applicants who



have filled up the application form and paid the fee but have not submitted the application to HOD can submit the application to HOD during this period on Manav Sampada Portal which would be open from 28th February to 3rd March 2023, till 5 PM. The other eligible candidates who intend to appear in the Departmental Examinations may also submit

Board of education will get evaluation done at 43 centers

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: Himachal Pradesh School Education Board will get the answer sheets of term-2 examinations evaluated at 43 different centres. The board has set up these centers for evaluation of answer sheets of class 10th and 12th regular and SOS examinations. School Education Board Secretary Dr. Vishal Sharma said that from March 10, the annual examinations of matriculation, plus two class regular and middle, matriculation and plus two of the state open school are starting. For the evaluation work of the answer sheets of these examinations, the board has set up 43 evaluation centers at various places across the state. He informed that the list of these evaluation centers is available on the board website and school UG ID.

Pvt schools directed to fill 25 percent seats, as reserved: Abhishekh Jain



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 28

Education department is ensuring strict compliance of the instructions of the state government to provide inclusive, equal and quality education to all the children and the department is successfully implementing universalization of education in the state, stated Secretary Education, Dr. Abhishek Jain while chairing a meeting with the stakeholders to discuss in length the provisions of the Right to Education Act, here today. The Act provides the right to free and compulsory elementary education to children in the age group of 6-14 years so that no child is deprived of it. As per the Act, the private schools should ensure filling of 25 percent reserved seats for children from economically weak and deprived

sections of the society and people should also be made aware of it, he said. The secretary also sought information about the current academic session fee waive-off, of those children, who have lost both their parents or were dependant on single parent because of COVID pandemic. Private schools were also informed about the compliance of the instructions for waiving off the fee for such children. Directions were issued to the schools to regularly organize parent teachers meetings besides, meetings of various school committees formulated for road safety, anti drug etc. Meetings should also be conducted at regular intervals to ensure physical, mental and moral well being of the students, said he, adding that the schools should also evolve innovative strategies to make students aware of the ill-effects of drugs.

Jairam Thakur should correct his policy intentions: Puneet Malhi

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 28

Himachal Pradesh Congress Party Secretary Puneet Malhi said in a statement issued to the press that former Chief Minister Jairam Thakur is forgetting that in the name of development for five years he had fooled the public and to save his chair only Narendra Praised Modi. He said that Jairam Thakur should not worry that for how many years the Congress government will continue in the state, he should now worry about how long his politics will continue. Puneet Malhi said that the condition of the BJP is such that on the contrary, the thief scolds the Kotbal. The Chief Minister of the state Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu is fulfilling the promises made by the Congress party to the public during the elections. He said that as far as the closure of Hamirpur Staff Selection Commission is concerned, then Jairam Thakur should tell why the black deeds happened there during his tenure. Why Jairam Thakur did not take action against the culprits. Now that the state Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has started exposing the dark deeds of the previous BJP government in front of the public, then the BJP leaders are scared who will come under the scanner. He said that Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has already made it clear that the culprits will not be punished. He said that for five years Jairam Thakur kept shouting that there is a double engine government in the state.



Congress's graph dropped in the state within three months: Jairam Thakur

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 28

Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister Jairam Thakur said during a press conference in Dharamshala on Tuesday that the three-month term of the Congress government in the state is nearing completion and the decline of the Congress government in these three months has happened for the first time in history. Attacking Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, he said that his Congress government would be known for taking anti-people decisions in the state. He said that during the BJP tenure, there was never a lockout anywhere for an hour and the cement factory remained closed for more than two months as soon as the Congress government was



formed. Jairam Thakur said that Congress did not come to power through popularity. The Congress has formed the government with false guarantees and after forming the government, the Congress has been reneging on its guarantees. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu is saying one thing and his ministers are saying something else. Emphasizing that the Congress government in the state is not going to last for five years, whenever the BJP

government is formed in the state after six months or one year, we will again take a decision in the public interest. Jairam Thakur said that we had said that if the Congress government takes a decision in public interest, then our support will be with them. He said that the Chief Minister of the state Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has been repeatedly saying that we have come to change the system, but today there is an atmosphere of chaos in the state. The

system is not within the Congress. He said that by closing the Hamirpur Staff Selection Commission, the government is making hue and cry that we will take action against the culprits. Whoever is the culprit, the government should take action, don't create hue and cry. We are not in support of what has been done wrong, but the Congress government should do justice to the youths who had applied there and who had come to get jobs. He said that the BJP opened institutions according to the demands and arrangements. Congress should not try to teach us. Kangra, the biggest district of the state, which made the biggest contribution in forming the government by giving 10 seats to the Congress, gave a minister to that district.

'P&G Shiksha Betiyan Scholarship' to 60 women pursuing STEM courses at ITIs in Himachal Pradesh



CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

Procter and Gamble India (P&G India) today recognized and awarded 'P&G Shiksha Betiyan Scholarships' to 60 girls pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) courses at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh. Shri. Ram Kumar Chaudhary, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Doon & Chief Parliamentary Secretary, Town & Country Planning, Industries and Revenue, Government of Himachal Pradesh handed over the scholarships to the students, along with senior leaders from P&G India's plant at Baddi. The ceremony was organized by P&G India and Centre For Civil Society on National Science Day, at Model ITI in Nalagarh. During the event, the students at the ITI also engaged in a workshop on career opportunities for women in STEM and used art and craft to creatively showcase their vision of a dream career in STEM. Female leaders from P&G's plant at Baddi also came forward to share their inspirational journeys and encourage the girls.

Settle forest clearance cases within 15 days: Raghav Sharma

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, FEB 28

Under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Una, a meeting was organised to review the cases pending for the approval of the Forest Department under the Forest Conservation Act in the construction of various development projects in district Una. In the meeting, discussions were held with the Forest Department about the construction projects being implemented by various departments, including Public Works, Jal Shakti, Industry, Electricity, and Education, which have not yet started due to forest clearance. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the



concerned departments that whatever projects are pending for the approval of the Forest Department, within 15 days, coordinate with the Forest Department and ensure that the pending cases are settled by completing all the formalities. Apart from this, before preparing the DPR of any project to be built on forest land in the future, apply for the approval of the Forest Department on time. He

instructed the officers to contact the DFO regarding the uploading of the website regarding the application process and the removal of objections so that the cases could be approved quickly. Officers of concerned departments, including DFO Sushil Kumar, Axion Vidyut Megha Rana, Axion Public Works Amb., Bangana, and Industries Pankaj Kumar, participated in the meeting.

Food registration and license awareness camp organized



DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI, FEB 28

A food registration and license awareness camp was organized by the Food and Supplies Department at Jawali today. Assistant Commissioner, Food Supplies Department, Savita Thakur specially participated. Assistant Commissioner Food Supplies Department Savita Thakur said that it is mandatory for every shopkeeper to have a license. She informed the shopkeepers about the process of making a food license and the documents and fees involved in it. She said that no shopkeeper can open a shop without a license. He said that it is mandatory to renew the license on time. He said that it is mandatory for hotel and restaurant owners to get license. He said that if any shopkeeper is found running a shop without license, strict action will be taken by the department under the Food Safety Act.

Bhoranj MLA Suresh Kumar will represent the state government along with the minister at Mumbai Pharma Investor Meet

BUREAU
HAMIRPUR, FEB 28

In the Pharma Investor Meet to be held at Goregaon, Mumbai from March 1 to 3, a delegation of the Himachal government will meet investors to strengthen the pharma industry in the state. Suresh Kumar, a close aide of Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu and MLA from Bhoranj assembly, will be especially present in this state government delegation as an aide to Industry Minister Hashvardhan Chauhan. In this three-day investor meeting, especially for the upliftment of Una Drug Park, the investors will be made aware of the policies and plans of the Congress party-led HP government.



Talking about the proposed meeting before leaving for Mumbai today, Bhoranj MLA Suresh Kumar said that the Sukhu government was taking the right decisions for all-round the development in the state. He said that the presence of investors for the strengthening of the Drug

Park in Una will not only strengthen the economy of the state but also provide employment opportunities here. He said that due to the efforts of the state government, an amount of 225 crores has also been made available for the Una Drug Park, due to which the possibilities of development of this scheme have also become strong here. Bhoranj MLA Suresh Kumar told that in this pharma investor meeting to be organized by Mumbai, industrialists associated with the pharma industry in Himachal would be motivated to invest here. MLA Suresh Kumar said that the draft for the development of the Bhoranj assembly constituency has been prepared, and will be implemented soon.

Chief Secretary gives Youth Science Award to 63 students of Himachal

BUREAU
SHIMLA, FEB 28

State Science & Technology and Environment Council organised National Science Day today at Gaiety Theatre, Shimla. Young Science Award winners were also awarded in this programme. Chief Secretary Himachal Pradesh Prabodh Saxena IAS attended the programme as the chief guest.

Lalit Jain, Director Environment, Science and Technology Department and Member Secretary HIMCOSTE were also present on the occasion along with Satpal

Dhiman, Additional Secretary, Department of Environment, Science and Technology and Joint Member Secretary, HIMCOST.

A lecture on modern physics was presented by Prof. Mahavir Singh, Head, Department of Physics, Himachal Pradesh University. Prabodh Saxena visited the science exhibition and appreciated the efforts of the children and congratulated them for being the winners of the 30th state level children's science competition.

The chief guest inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. In his presidential



address, he encouraged the 63 winners of the Young Science Awards and congratulated their parents.

The chief guest also gave away prizes to all the 63 winners of the Youth Science competition and released the prize money and certificates to the students participating in the science exhibition.

Kshitij Sharma from the district Hamirpur, Shagun Rana from district Kangra and Akshita Sharma- district Bilaspur got the first position among the young science award winners.

Aryan Puri from Una district

got the second position in this category. Yuva Vigyan Puraskar Yojana was launched by the state government in 2018. Under this scheme, money is given to the students who get top 10 positions.

An amount of Rs 1 lakh is given to the first position holder in the state, Rs ninety thousand to the second position student and Rs ten thousand to the tenth position student.

About two hundred children from local schools of Shimla participated in the programme. All the District Science Supervisors also participated in the function.

Workshop organised by HAREDA in association with ASSOCHAM and DHBVN



CHANDIGARH: Department New and Renewable Energy (DNRE), Haryana, Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HAREDA) in association with The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) organized a one day Workshop on the Demand Side Management(DSM) prospectives, for Distribution Companies(DISCOS) with the objective of strengthening the capacity of DISCOMs, thereby enabling them to carry out effective DSM measures in their respective areas. Sh Niraj, IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hisar was the chief guest for the program. Officials from DNRE, HAREDA, Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam(DHBVN).

42-year-old woman with cancer of abdomen treated through CRS HIPEC Surgery

R N KHERA
CHANDIGARH: The Department of Surgical Oncology, Fortis Mohali, successfully treated a 42-year-old woman suffering from Pseudomyxoma Peritonei (PMP) cancer Cancer of the abdomen through Cytoreductive Surgery (CRS) and HIPEC Surgery (Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy). The case attains significance as PMP cancer is extremely rare with an incidence rate of approximately 1-2 per million a year. The team of doctors led by Dr Jitender Rohila, Consultant, Surgical Oncology and Robotic surgeon, Fortis Hospital Mohali, treated the Patient. CRS HIPEC has been established as the gold standard surgical treatment for PMP cancer. It is a combination of complex surgery and intra abdominal chemotherapy to eradicate advanced abdominal tumors. Cytoreductive Surgery (CRS) includes removal of all sites of cancer within the abdominal cavity, while HIPEC Surgery involves administering heated chemotherapy in the abdomen inside the operation theatre after ensuring complete CRS.

Bachpan Playway School celebrates 9th Annual Function



CHANDIGARH: Bachpan Playway School, Zirakpur celebrated its 9th Annual Function at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Sector 26, Chandigarh. Famous lead Television and Bollywood actor Sharhaan Singh was the chief guest of the programme and Laughter Challenge-fame Standup Comedian Rajeev Goldy was the Guest of Honour. It was a fun-filled event on the theme of Unity in Diversity and Save the Girl Child. Kids presented interesting performances including retro style and contemporary dances. Kids danced to the beats of Venga Boys. Sports medals were given to the best performers. The martial art was the other highlight of the day. In the end, Dr. Mukta Verma, Director, spoke about the new technology available at the Bachpan School i.e. Virtual Relativity, 360° App, and also about the new 'achpan branch being opened on the VIP Road, Zirakpur. She appreciated the students for their efforts. A Vote of thanks was given to the parents, teachers, and distinguished guests, who took out their precious time for the event. The event came to an end after the national anthem.

MCM holds online lecture on domestic violence and immigration policy for Asian Indian Marriage Immigrants in US

CHANDIGARH: The Postgraduate Department of Sociology at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised an online lecture titled 'Domestic Violence and Immigration Policy for Asian Indian Marriage Migrants in US'. The resource person was Dr. Sonia Kapur, Associate Professor, International Studies, University of North Carolina, Asheville. Dr Kapur remarked that the federal as well as state policy in the US have created critical barriers to justice for immigrant women. She suggested that Indian migrant married women, in order to keep intact the cultural stereotypes of functional family, never come out and discuss domestic violence perpetrated by their husbands. She added that for the financially dependent spouse, the conditions may be even more severe. Dr. Kapur also highlighted cultural and linguistic barriers as a deterrent to reporting cases of assault. Citing high rates of domestic violence among Indian diaspora, Dr. Kapur concluded that gaps between laws, policy,

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Deputy Commissioner reviews rural development works

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, FEB 28

While reviewing the rural development works of the district, Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Aashika Jain directed the officers to expedite the various projects.

During a meeting with officers of various departments in the District administrative complex, She said that any kind of laxity in the ongoing works will not be tolerated and strict action will be taken against the officials who will adopt casual behaviour. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the various developments such as playgrounds, toilets, sanitation, cleaning of ponds,



solid waste management, drinking water projects, and removal of illegal encroachments. The Deputy Commissioner has directed to carry out various works under the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) such as construction of school buildings, cattle sheds, Solid waste management projects and so on. She said that MGNREGA not only pro-

vides employment to people but also played an important role in the development of infrastructure in rural areas besides, economic level of people is also improving. Mrs. Aashika Jain has directed to engage the MGNREGA workers to develop mini forests, ponds, develop structures for rainwater harvesting in schools, playgrounds and cleaning ponds. She also ordered to speed up

the projects started under MGNREGA. She also instructed the officers to go to the field and monitor the on-going projects themselves. Aashika Jain said that the cleanliness of the villages is their main purpose for which the BDPOs of the district should conduct inspections themselves so that the villages can be converted into model villages. She directed all the departments to complete the ongoing development works in the district as soon as possible. She directed the officials of all the departments to submit timely progress reports of the works so that all the works can be completed properly and timely.

DC directs to expedite process of allotment of space for SPCA



PULKIT YADAV
JALANDHAR, FEB 28

Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Jaspreet Singh today directed the officials to check the process of allotment of space for the newly formed society.

During a meeting with SPCA office bearers, members and officers of concerned departments at the local district administrative complex, the Deputy Commissioner said that the

process of allotment of space to the society should be expedited so that all necessary facilities for the maintenance of stray and sick animals are provided order can be ensured.

He directed to ensure regular meetings of the SPCA considering various issues related to the welfare of animals so that problems faced by animals could be resolved immediately.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the objective of forming the Society is to ensure the rights, freedom,

welfare and safety of animals and also to prevent cruelty towards them.

Emphasizing on creating awareness among the people to promote compassion and welfare of animals, Jaspreet Singh urged the organizations working for the welfare of animals to play an active role in this process. During this, he also inquired about the ongoing process regarding the registration of the society.

In this meeting, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Varinderpal Singh Bajwa, SDMs Balbir Raj Singh and Randeep Singh Heer, Assistant Director Animal Husbandry Department, Jalandhar Dr. Anil Kapoor, officials of concerned departments and members of NGO were also present.

CA Vishal Puri Elected as New Chairman of Chandigarh Branch of NIRC of ICAI



AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA
CHANDIGARH, FEB 28

CA Vishal Puri has been elected as Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

(ICAI), Chandigarh Chapter, for 2023-24. CA. Abhishek Singh Chauhan elected as Vice-Chairman; CA. Parmod Kumar Vats Secretary; and CA. Vincy

Chadda Treasurer. Meanwhile, CA. Rachit Goyal has been elected Chairman of Northern India Chartered Accountants Student Association for 2023-24.

Tickets available at five places for 'Satinder Sartaj Night' to be held on March 5

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Tickets can be purchased from five places for the Satinder Sartaj Night to be held at Lajwanti Stadium Hoshiarpur on March 5 at 7 pm under the 'Virsas Hoshiarpur da' mela being organized by District Administration Hoshiarpur in collaboration with Tourism Department Punjab from March 3 to 7.

196305 people served in last one year by 108 Ambulance



LUDHIANA (ANKUSH): Ziqitza Healthcare Limited responsible for 108 ambulance services across the state of Punjab has provided immediate assistance to over 196305 people from February 2022 to January 2023 of which 32794 were accidental, 6775 cardiac, 61665 pregnancy patients and 90214 emergency patients. Ambulances managed by capable staff continue to ensure that each case was handled well by timely admission to the hospital by ensuring service in the golden hour and thereby saving precious lives. 108 Ambulance aims to give every patient the best possible emergency support.

In line with the prime objective of serving people in distress, 108 centralized call center play a significant role by promptly assisting all the cases with strong support. According to the request call received by 108 Emergency Ambulance services, Ludhiana reported the highest number of cases i.e. 32623 of which Accidental patients served were 4182, Cardiac arrest patients served were 869, Pregnancy patients served were 11594 and other emergency patients served were 7263. It was followed by Mohali i.e. 15597 of which Accidental patients served were 2356, Cardiac arrest patients served were 680, Pregnancy patients served were 4649.

ITBP celebrates Kirti Chakra winner Ajay Pathania's 51st birthday

SHARANJEET,
PATHANKOT, FEB 28

51st birthday of Kanwan resident Havildar Ajay Pathania, Kirti Chakra winner of IPBP's 9th Battalion, who drank the jam of martyrdom by thwarting the fideayan attack on the Indian Embassy in Afghanistan, ITB.

The team from Amritsar led by Deputy Commandant Manoranjan Kumar of PK's 52 Battalion celebrated by reaching his residence in Abrol Nagar. On this occasion, a tribute ceremony was organized under the chairmanship of Colonel Sagar Singh Salaria, President of Martyr Sainik Family Security Council and father of Martyr Lieutenant Gurdeep Salaria Shaurya Chakra. In



which martyr's mother Sudarshana Pathania, wife Poonam Pathania, daughter Ridima Pathania, sister-in-law Shobha Pathania, nephew Dr. Nitish Pathania, father of martyr Sepoy Makkhan Singh Hans Raj etc. specially participated and paid heartfelt tribute to this brave warrior. The program was started by Sudarshana Pathania, mother of Martyr Ajay Pathania, by lighting the lamp and paying floral tributes in front of the picture of the

martyr son. After this, Martyr's daughter Ridima Pathania cut the cake brought by the ITBP team in her father's name and offered it to her father.

Army only respects its martyrs in true sense: Kunwar Vicky Parishad General Secretary Kunwar Ravinder Vicky said that today ITBP jawans celebrated the birthday of Martyr Havildar Ajay Pathania by reaching his home along with his family members.

CM's mother attended 59th Jod Mela at Dera Baba Haktala



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, FEB 28

The annual Jod Mela was celebrated with great fanfare at Dera Baba Haktala. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan's mother Harpal Kaur and Constituency Sardulgarh MLA Gurpreet Singh Banawali specially attended this Jod Mela. While Mata Harpal Kaur was happy to have darshan of Dera Baba Haktala, Sant Baba Kewal Das, chief of dera baba haktala demanded a definite solution to some of the demands of the Dera and the dirty water of the Ghaggar river

passing by. On this the Chief Minister's mother Harpal Kaur assured that she would try to fulfill the demands of the Dera and the people of the area soon. After this, CM's Mother Harpal Kaur also reached the house of Aam Aadmi Party senior leader Nem Chand Choudhary.

After spending about four hours with Chowdhury's family, they also went to their school. Jas Sarpanch Bhallanwada was also present with them on this occasion. The people of the city reached there and put their problems to the CM's mother.

Police solve double murder case, person arrest from Haridwar



Many pending applications are still waiting for justice

Today where commissioner of police announced about recommendation of reward to the succeed police officials, but on the other hand various application for justice are still awaiting for action in Police stations pending and in many other FIRs, challans has not been presented in court, so what action shall be taken by Commissioner of police in such matters.

from said person. He added that the names of the police

officials shall be recommended for reward.

PNB donates chairs to the old age home



BATHINDA, FEB 28

On Tuesday, Panjab National Bank Divisional Office Bathinda donated chairs to Trust Mandir Shri Ramchandra Ji (Vridha Ashram) located on Amrit Singh Road here. Jatinder Mankoti, Divisional Head of Punjab National Bank, specially participated in the event. He said that from time to time, PNB

Bank also provides support in social sphere. Officials of Punjab National Bank were welcomed on behalf of the old age home committee and thanked for this cooperation.

Zilla Parishad Branch Manager Ashish Jindal, Manager Harsh Bansal, Secretary of Old Age Home Committee Pawan Mittal, Ram Ji Das Garg etc. were present on this occasion.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan(NYKS), is organizing "YUVA SAMVAD- India @2047"

TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, FEB 28

Under the inspiration and guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, India is celebrating and commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- the 75th year of Independence and the glorious history of her people, culture and achievements. Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day Address had also announced the mantra of PanchPran; a vision of India@2047 in the age of Amrit Kaal.In this context, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and its autonomous organization Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan(NYKS), is organizing "YUVA SAMVAD- India @2047" program through Community Based Organizations (CBOs)in all districts across the countryfrom 1st April to 31st May, 2023.Giving a brief detail about a program Deputy Director,Nehru Yuva Kendra, S.A.S Nagar told that The program is planned to be organized at district level with the cooperation and support of various CBOs (Community Based Organizations) of the district who shall join hands with district

NYKs to generate a positive discourse on the future of the country in line with the PanchPrans as envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.The program shall be conducted in a town hall format, with experts/knowledgeable person leading a discussion on PanchPran followed by Q & Session with the participation of minimum 500 youth participants.

The organizing CBOs shall be reimbursed up to 20,000 for the organization of the program.The CBOs who wish to apply shall be Non-Political, Non-Partisan with an untainted history and sufficient organizational strength to conduct the YuvaSamvad Program.

The organizations shall not have any criminal cases pending against them. Up to 3 CBOs per district shall be selected for the organization of the programs.Interested CBOs meeting the criteria may submit their applications in the prescribed application proforma that may be obtained from the district Nehru Yuva Kendra. For further Details contact Deputy Director,NehruYuva Kendra, S.A.S Nagar Mobile No.9855111034.

Singer Surjit Khan's new song 'Jor Jatt Da' is very popular with the audience



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, FEB 28

Popular Punjabi folk singer Surjit Khan's new song 'Jor Jatt Da' is being liked by the audience. Don't sing this songGiving information about the song, folk singer Surjit Khan said that the offer of Headliner Record Company is the product of the pen of King Grewal, the lyrics of this song.Which has been adapted into music by the musician 'The Big Bird'And the video of the song has been produced by Harmeet Kalra, Sunny Nagra from Mohali district Famous vil-

lage at Basauli and all this The project has come under the supervision of Seema Khan.

He said that the wedding season is going on, so in such an environment, the audience will definitely like this beat song. He said that this song can be heard on all musical sites and the video of the song can be seen on YouTube channel of Headliner Record Company.And soon it will be available on Punjabi channels too Giving information about the future activities, he said that he will soon release more new songs in the lap of the audience very soon.

Natl symposium marks Science Day at RBU



NEERAJ SHARMA
MOHALI, FEB 28

Prof Jagdeep Singh, Registrar, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), has said that neuroscience has created new and advanced ways for scientists to assess the biological processes that underpin behavior, which in turn enables professionals to make more informed decisions about mental interventions and treatments. He was speaking at the National Symposium on 'Global Science for Global Well-being' to observe National Science Day was organized by the Rayat Bahra University catalyzed by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, National Council for Science and Technology Communication, Union Department of Science and Technology under the patronage of Chancellor Gurvinder Singh Bahra and Vice-Chancellor Prof Parvinder Singh and convener-ship of Prof Simerjit Kaur, Dean of Students Welfare.



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: Lovely Professional University (LPU) recently celebrated National Science Day-2023 with great enthusiasm. The celebration was held at the Shanti Devi Mittal Auditorium, where students, faculty members of the School of Chemical Engineering & Physical Sciences, and NSS volunteers participated in the event. The theme of the day was 'Global Science for Global Wellbeing'. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Ramkrishna Gupta, the Assistant Vice President & Head (New Product development) at Patanjali Ayurved Limited, who chaired the occasion. While welcoming the guest at the celebration, LPU Vice Chancellor Dr Preet Bajaj also awakened students on the latest happenings in the sciences domains of India. Dr Bajaj advised students to convert basic knowledge of science into practical utility. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof Dr Lovi RJ Gupta eulogized Nobel Laureate Dr CV Raman of the country and shared how he as an individual transformed minute happenings of a 'photon' into a world acclaimed phenomenon. HoD Dr Kailash Juglan shared that the student also participated in a science quiz, skits, debate, painting, poster-making competition, 'Nukkad Natak' and allied activities of common awakening towards realities of sciences for day to day such occurrences in common lives. Near 350 students from other schools and colleges of India had also participated in the event.

ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO: Constituency MLA Prof. Baljinder Kaur Chief Whip at village Shergarh laying the foundation stone of the government school building. On this occasion Aam Aadmi Party woman wing block president Sukhwinder Kaur Shergarh, Sarpanch Nahar Singh, Bahadur Singh, Nachhatar Singh, Gurtej Singh studied with them. Officials and AAP workers were present.



NMCG on mission to keep holy rivers pollution-free

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 28

Prayagraj - a holy city situated at the confluence of Ganga, Yamuna, and the invisible Saraswati. For centuries, it has remained a revered site for millions of Hindu devotees who come to Prayagraj to take a holy dip and wash away their sins at the Triveni Sangam. A continued expansion of the city over time coupled with the exponential rise in the number of tourists has resulted in the generation of massive amounts of sewerage, which was directly falling into the river. Director General of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) said G. Asok Kumar, "We have taken up many STPs in Prayagraj under the 'one city one operator' initiative. We have also upgraded many of the existing STPs and we have sanctioned other STPs, so the total capacity for sewage treatment is more than the calculated sewage generated there". To keep the Ganga and



the Yamuna clean and to maintain a continuous flow of water, the National Mission for Clean Ganga undertook the rigorous task of cleaning the river under its flagship Namami Gange project. The objective was to plug the 350 MLD to 400 MLD sewage discharge of the city, which was earlier falling directly into the river. The NMCG, with the support of state administration, laid down sewerage networks in the city, set up intersections and diversion

of sewage networks, and sewage pumping stations, and constructed several Sewage Treatment Plants. The NMCG also took charge of rehabilitation, operations, and maintenance of existing sewage treatment infrastructure. At present, seven Sewage Treatment Plants in Prayagraj are treating 268 MLD of sewage water. They include 80 MLD Naini-1, 60 MLD Rajapur, 29 MLD Salori, 50 MLD Numayadahi, 25 MLD Kodra, 10 MLD Ponghat and 14

MLD Salori. Apart from 14 MLD Salori STP, other six plants are running under One City-One Operator Scheme. The Hybrid Annuity based PPP mode includes operations and maintenance of the sewerage infrastructure for 15 years in the city. Major city drains like the Chachar Nullah have been tapped and the sewage water has been diverted into STPs. Three new STPs of a total capacity of 72 MLD at Naini, Phaphamau, and Jhusi are in the process of getting completed. Once operationalized, no untreated sewage will flow directly into the Ganga and Yamuna rivers. The devotees at Triveni Sangam have witnessed the difference and have hailed the authorities for making the holy river clean. Prayagraj is famous for its historic Kumbh Mela which is held after every 12 years. Kumbh Mela has a significance all over the world as it is considered the largest one and millions of devotees come here to take a holy dip in the Sangam.

Science Festival Celebrations at Punjabi University



RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, FEB 28

Science Festival-2023 was organized on 28 February, 2023 under the leadership of Prof. Arvind, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala. During his presiding address on National Science Day, he stressed on the need to change of lifestyle to save environment. Dr. Balwinder Singh Sooch, Head, Department of Biotechnology and Food Technology, said that in this festival, students from different schools, colleges and various departments of the university have actively participated in workshops, special lecture series, science exhibitions, quiz competitions, poster competitions and essay/slogan writing competitions. The chief guest of this event, Prof. Sudeshna Sinha, Deputy Director, IISER, Mohali inspired

the students and teachers to pursue their interest in science to make useful innovations. Prof. Kulinder Pal Singh, former professor, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, in his keynote speech gave a rich insight into the discoveries and innovations in astronomy and space science. He explained the journey of discoveries of 400 years from Galileo to James Webb and the accelerated pace of innovations in this era. He said that India is setting new milestones in the field of space science. He answered the questions asked by the students in a very interesting manner. Dr. Gurpreet Singh, Coordinator, Vigyan Utsav, on this occasion gave information about this year's theme "Global Science for Global Health". Prof. Manjit Singh Patterh, Dean Research thanked the guests and participants.

Various programmes will be organised in view of water conservation in district

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, FEB 28

Jal Shakti Abhiyan was organised at the IICT Institute Una under the chairmanship of Deputy Director Nehru Yuva Kendra Una, Dr. Lal Singh. In the campaign, he called upon the youth representatives to properly maintain the nearby water sources. He said that four percent of the water on earth is drinkable. He said that in view of the potential for a future water crisis, Jal Shakti Abhiyan is being conducted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti under the National Water Mission. Dr. Lal Singh said that district units of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan have to make a commitment to ensure proper storage of water, along with making youth organisations and youth volunteers aware. He said



that in the year 2023, many activities will be organised in the district until the month of May under Jal Shakti Abhiyan. Block Coordinator Ambedika from the Jal Shakti Department made the youth aware of the various schemes of the Jal Shakti Department. He said that water conservation cannot be imagined until people are aware. He informed them that

the Jal Shakti Department has formed Jal Samiti at every panchayat level so that people's participation can be ensured. Bindu Mahajan, Director, IICT NILETS Institute, requested that the participants take advantage of the schemes of the department. Program Officer Vijay Bhardwaj, volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra Una Rajat, Aarti, Rishabh, and others were present on the occasion.

19th All India BSNL Athletics meet held

PATIALA, FEB 28

The 19th All India BSNL Athletics, Tournament is inaugurated by Shri Sandeep Diwan, Chief General Manager, Punjab Telecom Circle, President (PCSCB) on 27th Feb' 2023, 9:30 AM at NIS, Patiala. This event is organised every year as part of Sports and Cultural activity for the welfare of Employees of BSNL. 19 BSNL Teams of different states have participated. Players from each state are selected through State level Selection Trials. Each Team consists of Players, Manager and Coach. The tournament is being held from 27th Feb to 1st March, 2023 at NIS, Patiala. Dr. Padmakumar Nair, Director, Thapar Institute of Engg. & Technology, Patiala was the Chief Guest. Sh. Shakti Singh, Olympian and Arjun Awardee was the Guest of Honour. GM (HR), A. K. Singh and other High Level Dignitaries from BSNL also



graced the program with their presence. Chief Guest, Dr. Padmakumar Nair, took the salute of the March Past conducted by all the BSNL teams from 19 different participating states of India. In the opening remarks, Shri Sukhbir Singh, GM, Patiala BA welcomed all the players, Manager and coaches and appreciated the efforts put in by everyone for successful conduct of the tournament. He also mentioned that Participation is more important as Winning and Losing is the part of the game. Followed by lamp lighting Ceremony,

Welcome Song and Oath Taking Ceremony. In his speech, Padmakumar Nair emphasized on the three main aspects of sports i.e. Channelizing Energy, Seeking Excellence and being Empathetic. Sh. Shakti Singh, Guest of Honour, in his speech mentioned 3 Mantras of Success i.e. Discipline, Devotion and Dedication. Sandeep Diwan, CGM, Punjab Circle thanked corporate office for showing faith on BSNL Punjab Circle for organising the tournament. He then unfurled the flag of the Sports Board and declared the meet open.

CIA-1 accused arrested by police for smuggling Doda poppy from MP

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL, FEB 28

Superintendent of Police Maqsood Ahmed, ASI of CIA-1 Police in the matter of getting Doda Post from Madhya Pradesh for smuggling from drug peddlers during the year 2022. Accused Mandwal resident Gurdeep was arrested by Rajbir Singh. Giving information, police spokesperson Pradeep Nain said that on the night of March 21/22, the team of the then CIA-1 in-charge Amit Kumar was present at Rajound Aleva Road, where the blockade on Jind Aleva Road was carried out by the police party on the basis of information received from intelligence sources. By doing a truck no. By controlling HR 64A-8831, both Mandwal residents Gurdev Singh and Avtar Singh were controlled from the truck. The spokesman said that during the investigation, a total of 140 kg 918 grams of doda post was recovered from 14 boxes kept in the triangular cabin built above the sleeping seat built behind the driver's seat inside the truck's cabin. Regarding which a case was registered in Rajound police station. During that time, the arrested accused Gurdev and Avtar Singh had revealed that this truck belongs to Ranjit Singh of their village and he used to bring drugs on his request. Out of which 10 kg doda post Gurdeep by above was ordered. The case has already arrested 4 accused. The accused Gurdeep was produced in the court on Tuesday, from where the accused was sent to judicial custody as per the orders of the court.



Govt, which talks about distributing rations to people from house to house, has forced the poor to eat for free wheat of the centre: Sidhu

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 28

Poor people are getting disturbed at the ration depots to get 6 months of free wheat sent by the central government. Due to the 30 per cent cut, people are forced to sleep at depots at night to get wheat. The state government is failing miserably. Releasing this information in the name of the press, senior BJP leader and state president of Sainik Wing, Eng. Gurjinder Singh Sidhu said that there are two main issues due to which the poor people are becoming helpless, one state government has introduced NSFA. Vali has cut 30 per cent on wheat and sent it to the ration depots. The department has also kept silent, no one is telling why and for whom this cut has been made. Sidhu has demanded from the Union Food Supply Minister that there should be a high-level investigation because the poor people are being harassed and the poor who do not get it, harass the depot holder. The second major reason is the wheat distribution machines, there are 18 thousand depots in Punjab and there are 1800 machines, with each machine, wheat has to be distributed at 100 depots. If a machine is installed at each depot, then people can avoid the hassle. Sidhu strongly demanded from the Food Supply Minister of Punjab that each depot should be equipped with a wheat distribution machine so that people can get wheat from the depots near their homes at the same time.



The problem of storage will be solved by straw dump on about 78 acres at Handiyaya: Poonamdeep Kaur



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 28

It is very important to motivate the farmers of Barnala district for environmentally friendly disposal of paddy straw and to provide them with suitable solutions, this was expressed by the Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mrs Poonamdeep Kaur at the Zallia administrative complex here to the Department of Agriculture, baler owners and straw users. Bringing in the industries during the meeting with the representatives. He said that the biggest problem in the

Barnala district was straw storage, which will be solved this year. He said that straw will be dumped on about 78 acres at Handiyaya and 20 acres at Aspal Kalan, from where it will go to the relevant industry. A target of around one lakh metric tons of straw storage has been set here. Apart from this, Trident Company, which had taken 15,000 metric tons of straw during the year 2022, has agreed to take 30,000 metric tons of straw in the year 2023. Apart from this, tie-ups have been made with Panjgari Company, Sukhbir Agro Jaito,

Sukhbir Agro Kaithal etc. so that a maximum number of straw bales can be given to the industries. He asked the company owners to contact the owners of their capacity, area and baler to make an agreement with them and make an action plan for it. He told the baler owners of Barnala that now baler owners will not have to go outside the district to make straw bales. Chief Agriculture Officer Barnala Dr Jagdish Singh said that currently there are 21 balers and the period has been extended to buy 9 balers on subsidy.

Why didn't Beadbi Insaaf Morcha take out March when charge sheets were filed in sacrilege cases: SAD

BUREAU
FARIDKOT, FEB 28

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) general secretary Parambans Singh Romana today asked why the Beadbi Insaaf Morcha did not take out a 'thanksgiving' march after charge sheets were filed in the three cases of sacrileges of 2015 even as he accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of politicizing the Kotkapura firing case. Addressing a press conference here, Mr Parambans Romana said it was strange that the Insaaf Morcha had not taken out any marches to Sri Akal Takht Sahib, as it wanted to do now on March 5, when final charge sheets had been filed in the sacrilege cases. "This indicates that the Morcha is being used to settle political scores by the



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and is politicizing the unfortunate case of police firing at Kotkapura in 2015". Romana said it was condemnable that Sukhraj Singh, the son of Krishan Bhagwan Singh, who had been martyred at Behlal Kalan, had become a pawn of the AAP government. "He and the Morcha will be soon exposed by their own deeds". Explaining the entire issue,

Mr Parambans Romana said challans had been presented in all three cases of sacrilege of 2015 including theft of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib from the Burj Jawahar Singh gurdwara, pasting of derogatory posters at Bargari village and subsequent discovery of torn pages from the holy book in the same village. "In all three cases no SAD leader or worker has been charged with any wrong doing".

Industry association expands executive body

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, FEB 28

Archana, president of the industry association, expanded her executive body. She gave priority to every industrial area, while entrepreneurs associated with every product as well as the service sector have also been included in it. After addressing the organization meeting at Hotel Gyan Complex, Nalagarh, Archana appointed Ravi and Varun as advisors, Harpreet Singh as Executive President, Anil Kumar Sharma, VK Joshi, Sahil Sunil, BS Thakur, SK, Manoj And Ranesh Rana Himalaya and Anjani Sharma were assigned the responsibility of Vice President. Similarly, new General Secretary, Parmal Singh was given the charge of organization minister and Rajneesh



Kumar as treasurer. Rameshwar Singh, Sahil, Harbans were awarded the post of secretary. Dr. Ashima Jain, Vinod Kumar Sharma, JS Sal were made Joint Secretaries. Apart from this, Harish, Vinod, Sanjeev Subodh Ram Gopal and Vinad were declared as guardians. Karanjeet, Himanshu, Kamlesh Shukla, Shamsheer Singh, Naval Sharma, Kuldeep, Rajeshar, Arvind Kumar and Rakesh have been included in the executive members.

CPS Ram Kumar Chaudhary gives scholarship to 60 girl students of Women ITI



ANWAR HUSSAIN

NALAGARH: A programme was organized in Nalagarh Government Model ITI under Scholarship Award Program. CPS Ramkumar Choudhary attended as chief guest. It was sponsored by P&G Company. Admission of girls in trade training in ITI Institute should be maximum so that daughters also stand on their own feet by doing trades like engineering, science, maths, technical. CPS Rajkumar Chaudhary also honored the girl students of Women ITI who have come in the merit list in the first year by giving them scholarship. CPS Ramkumar Chowdhary told that about 60 girl students have been honored by the P&G company by giving them scholarship and he will also make efforts by meeting with the industries so that girls and boys can get maximum employment in the BBN area, he said.



Padma Shri Dr B V R Mohan Reddy, founder chairman & board member of Cyeint unveiled The National Science Day at VIT-AP campus.

Editorial

Fractured grouping

Later this week, New Delhi will simultaneously host guests who would rather not be seen in the same room: the US secretary of state, Antony Blinken, his Western counterparts, and the Russian foreign minister, Sergey Lavrov. They will be attending a meeting of foreign ministers of the G20, which India is chairing this year. The gathering is likely to be tense, with a sharp divide among the grouping's members over Russia's war in Ukraine. Yet the meeting will offer only a glimpse of the crisis that the conflict has thrust upon the G20 and the challenge India, as current president, will face in the coming months.

That it would be difficult to bring all of these nations to any agreement was evident last weekend when G20 finance ministers met in Bengaluru but failed to agree to a joint statement. The US and European nations insisted on the language used in a G20 summit in Bali last year which criticised the war and nuclear threats. Russia and China refused to accept that wording. India attempted to find a middle ground — referring to the challenges posed by the 'crisis' in Ukraine without mentioning the word, 'war'. The Western nations refused to budge and the meeting ended without a consensus document, with India — as chair — outlining the fact that there had been divisions over Ukraine.

They will only deepen, starting with the foreign ministers' meeting. While Russia has accused the West of turning a primarily economic platform into a strategic and security-related battleground, the reality is that the war has had serious economic consequences for the world.

So serious that they raise questions about the viability of the G20.

After all, the grouping came together in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis when it became apparent that global economic rules could no longer work if developing world economies like China, India, Brazil, Indonesia, Nigeria and South Africa were ignored. The G20, which also includes Russia, replaced the G7 as the premier forum for international economic policymaking.

In many ways, the G20 has represented the pinnacle of a post-Cold War world, one in which globalisation trumped national barriers to trade and where ideological blocs were for the most part history. That world is now in tatters and there are many guilty parties. Russia's war has divided the world and contributed to the food and energy crises that have affected billions of people. But the West's weaponisation of economic sanctions — which preceded the war but escalated dramatically this past year — is, arguably, as much to blame for the current fracture in the global economy.

Defaulting Pakistan takes the steam out of CPEC

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project that was commenced a decade ago was held as a harbinger of prosperity for Pakistan. However, seven years later, many projects under the CPEC still remain non-starters while some of those being operational have become liabilities and are incurring losses.

China's ambitious CPEC project launched in 2013 was flawed from the beginning when it was assumed that it would be able to generate jobs and growth in Pakistan.

While China had its own agenda of resolving its energy needs through the CPEC project by bypassing the existing route from the Straits of Malacca between Malaysia and Indonesia, Pakistan was constantly grappling with its internal horrors like blasphemy-related lynching and over-expressive "jihadi" groups.

Ever since the CPEC project came into existence few local groups started opposing it and the project itself faced a lack of a "skilled" workforce. The education system of Pakistan is in shambles and it offered low-grade human capital. Corruption has been a bedrock of CPEC dealings in Pakistan. Officials and companies involved received kickbacks and everything was overlooked in the name of national security with no opacity. The constant face-offs be-



tween the locals and the Chinese workers get highlighted in the media on a daily basis. A special force of 10,000 has been deployed to protect Chinese workers in Pakistan, while the locals live in fear.

Pakistan declared itself bankrupt and this has totally taken the steam out of the CPEC project. China is aware that Pakistan is going Sri Lanka's way and anytime the public can explode due to the volatile conditions.

Petrol, cooking gas, and even basic amenities like wheat have become elusive to the common man in Pakistan. The infamous 'wheat crisis of Pakistan' has been mostly the result of Ukraine-Russia war, poor distribution, and the

smuggling of wheat to Afghanistan.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revealed that China holds roughly USD 30 billion of Pakistan's USD 126 billion in total external foreign debt, which is thrice the amount of IMF's debt (USD 7.8 billion) and exceeds it borrowings from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank combined.

When Islamabad urged Beijing to forgive its debt liabilities worth USD 3 billion owed by it to China-funded energy projects established under the CPEC the clear response was a no. Earlier China was able to lure struggling Pakistan into its debt trap as it has done to many other small-

er countries. Pakistan has a debt of more than USD 19 billion invested in the plants is owed largely for the building of independent power producers (IPPs) on take-or-pay power generation contracts.

Pakistan's all-weathered ally China refused to budge on Islamabad's request to renegotiate the power purchase agreements worth USD 3 billion on the pretext that its prominent banks, including China Development Bank and the Export-Import Bank of China, were not in a position to revise any of the clauses of the agreement reached earlier with the government. Dejected by the unfriendly response Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator and industrialist Nau-

man Wazir stated that "First, the tariff determined by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) at the time of allowing power generation in the private sector was on the very high side."

Moreover, he said, "Then, the IPPs submitted erroneous declarations concerning capital, financial assets and operational cost of the company, which became obvious when the balance sheets of the IPPs were made public." Pakistan is reeling under immense pressure and has entered troubled water with debt liabilities of USD 294 billion, which ironically represents 109 per cent of the GDP. Beijing itself is facing an economic crisis at home and cannot afford infrastructure loans.

When Pakistan's PM Shehbaz Sharif visited Beijing to meet and requested a rollover of USD 6.3 billion in debt, China had allegedly given affirmation after which Sharif openly announced that over USD 4 billion debt would be revised, but all these were mere talks as nothing concrete ever came into existence.

On the other hand, it is not just CPEC that has taken a hit even the ties between China and Pakistan are on a decline. A very recent observation is China's silence against India's move to exclude Pakistan from a high-level meeting on the sidelines of a virtual so-called BRICS

summit, including other developing nations.

Experts believe that China now is wary of Pakistan's instability which has put the chances of its CPEC project moving ahead in danger.

China, being a capitalistic nation, has directed its companies to invest in Pakistan with the pure aim to earn profit and build on its CPEC project. But there are many recent attacks on Chinese nationals in Pakistan that have irked China. President Xi Jinping too expressed his great concern about the safety of Chinese nationals in Pakistan when he last met his Pakistani counterpart.

China is keeping a close watch on Pakistan deteriorating situation and is aware that a recent round of talks with the International Monetary Fund to release new funds had failed. Pakistan is a country with a history of military coups and extremists having a say in key policy decisions. This often resulted in major CPEC dealings being stalled that were found to be corrupt in nature.

The only thing that is working for China-Pakistan relations and keeping the CPEC dream alive is growing US-India security ties. China is in the middle of an intense trade war with the US and in the same breadth it is about to extend military assistance to Russia, arch-rival to the US.

Literature & Health

Canadian govt blocks TikTok from official devices

The Canadian government has blocked the short-form video app TikTok from official electronic devices. This makes the government the latest to announce restrictions on the short-form video app in light of cybersecurity concerns, CNN reported.

According to CNN, The ban is set to take effect on Tuesday. Government-issued devices will be blocked from downloading TikTok, and existing installations of the app will be removed, according to a statement by the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

The statement said: "Following a review of TikTok, the Chief Information Officer of Canada determined that it presents an unacceptable level of risk to privacy and security."

The statement by Treasury Board President Mona Fortier said the decision is consistent with those of "our international partners." The US federal government, along with more than half of US



states and the European Commission, have all announced similar TikTok restrictions on devices they manage or permit on official networks, according to CNN.

Twitter in response to the ban said it was "curious" that Canada had announced the move "only after similar bans" in the EU and the United States, and without contacting TikTok about the concerns.

A TikTok spokesperson said: "We are always available to meet with our government officials to discuss how we protect the privacy and security of Canadians, but singling

out TikTok in this way does nothing to achieve that shared goal. All it does is prevent officials from reaching the public on a platform loved by millions of Canadians."

Concerns have been expressed by US and allied officials that TikTok or its Chinese parent, ByteDance, could be forced by the Chinese government to hand over the personal information of TikTok users. According to a Canadian government statement: "While the risks of using this application are clear, we have no evidence at this point that government information has been compromised."

China's demographic retreat and its implications



The changing population dynamics will affect the Asian giant's economy in the years ahead, reported Europe-Asia Foundation. The biggest problem which China would face in future is a declining workforce, which is likely to drop to 700 million by 2050 from a peak of 925 million in 2011. A glut of the labour force is already visible in the country both in the rural and urban areas. The fall in the supply of labour force from rural areas has been pushing up the wages in the country which may eventually erode the competitiveness of Chinese products. Further, the shortage of labour, rising wages and the Chinese government's policy of forced technology transfer may accelerate the already visible trend of exit of foreign companies from the country. Already some of them have shifted to south-east Asian countries and some of them are visualizing India as a preferred destination to set up their business, reported Europe-Asia

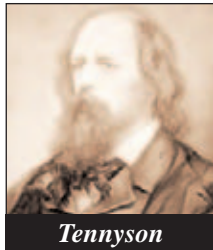
Foundation. China's National Bureau of Statistics announced on January 17, 2023, that the country's population had fallen by 8,50,000 in the year 2022. This marked the first decline since 1961 when the country was in the midst of a four-year famine following the failed "Great Leap Forward" policy.

China is already facing a decline in its working population impinging on labour supply often distorting the labour market by causing labour shortages and pushing up the wage rate. China's population of 16-59 age groups was 875 million, or 62 per cent of the total population. It was around 75 million less than it was in 2010. This demographic retreat of the working-age population is a matter of concern for China while the proportion of the ageing population of the above 60 age group described in demography as a "dependence ratio" has been increasing, reported Europe-Asia Foundation.

POEM

The Two Voices

A still small voice spake unto me, 'Thou art so full of misery, Were it not better not to be?' Then to the still small voice I said; 'Let me not cast in endless shade What is so



wonderfully made.' To which the voice did urge reply; 'To-day I saw the dragon-fly

Come from the wells where he did lie. 'An inner impulse rent the veil Of his old husk: from head to tail Came out clear plates of sapphire mail. 'He dried his wings: like gauze they grew; Thro' crofts and pastures wet with dew A living flash of light he flew.'

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Study shows negative emotions can spark success but at a cost

Tapping into the dark side and using anxiety and anger can spark more success than fun and relaxation - but at the cost of your health. The multinational research led by The University of Essex has uncovered how the mind processes 'achievement emotions'.

The paper - published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology - scientifically identified the 12 emotions that fuel and impact success. Despite being seen as negative feelings, anxiety and anger were discovered to be energisers much like enjoyment and hope.

However, these darker feelings are linked with a lack of strategic thinking and poor health, including stress-related psychosomatic symptoms such as headaches, nausea, back pain, and lack of sleep.

Overall hope is the most powerful emotion - with the study discovering positive perceptions and feelings of control lead to enjoyment of learning, desire for suc-



cess, and pride in accomplishment. It discovered that if two students of equal ability took a test the hopeful stu-

dent would achieve one grade higher than their negative-minded peer. This can mean the less optimistic person would get a failing D whereas the positive student will take home a C. Study leader Professor Reinhard Pekrun, from Essex's Department of Psychology, said: "This is the first study that has developed a 3D model for success emotions.

"Although the model might seem abstract at first sight, it shows how achievement emotions relate to critically important parts of our lives and can define how we perform in job interviews, tests and other stressful situations.

"Interestingly we found feelings like anxiety and anger can sometimes motivate us more than enjoyment or relaxation.

"However, despite its energising powers, the knife edge of anxiety can lead to mental health issues, undermine the functioning of the immune system, and lead to a drop in performance in the long run. "Overall

hope was the healthiest and best way to spark success and promote long-term happiness. "Failure and struggle as such don't define one's future, it is the perception of failures that has a strong effect on emotional responses." The psychological study involved students from several universities and the general adult population. It took place across four different countries - Britain, Germany, America and Canada. It looked at more than 1,000 people and assessed them across different challenging situations at university and the workplace.

It is now hoped the research will influence how coaches, teachers and managers inspire achievement.

The paper found that promoting the value, meaning, and interestingness of tasks rather than emphasising success leads to better results.

The findings show that it may be important for leaders to display enthusiasm to spark excitement and hope in colleagues, students and athletes.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Partners with Indian Bank to Offer Attractive Financing Scheme

Karnal: In its pursuit to enhance customer experience and enable easy ownership process, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Indian Bank, one of India's leading nationalised banks, to offer exciting vehicle financing options to all. The new tie-up will offer innovative solutions that match the evolving expectations of customers, with up to 90% on-road funding, with no processing fee, foreclosure, and part-payment charges. This development will now enable customers, especially in the rural and semi-urban markets, to access easier funding options to buy their favourite Toyota vehicle with ease. The tie-up that comes at a time when TKM is expanding its product portfolio with models like the Innova Hycross, Urban Cruiser Hyrider, New Innova Crysta and Hilux in addition to the existing models namely Fortuner and Legender, Toyota Glanza, Camry Hybrid and Vellfire, thus catering to customer requirements across the length and breadth of the country. Elaborating on the tie-up, Atul Sood, VP-Sales & Strategic Marketing, TKM said, "We are delighted to join hands with Indian Bank in line with our commitment of providing an awesome Toyota experience to all our customers."

Tata Motors launches Re.Wi.Re, its first Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's leading automobile manufacturer, today, took a significant leap forward in its commitment towards sustainable mobility with the launch of Re.Wi.Re – Recycle with Respect, its first Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF) in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari, this state-of-the-art facility has a capacity of 15,000 vehicles per annum and follows world-class, eco-friendly processes for safe and sustainable dismantling of end-of-life vehicles. It is developed and operated by Tata Motors' partner Ganganganar Vaahan Udyog Pvt. Ltd. to scrap end-of-life passenger and commercial vehicles of all brands. Inaugurating Tata Motors' maiden Re.Wi.Re RVSF, Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, Shri Nitin Gadkari said, "The National Vehicle Scrapping Policy was introduced with the aim to promote circular economy by creating an ecosystem for phasing out unfit and polluting vehicles and to achieve a lower carbon footprint in the country by replacing them with greener and more fuel efficient vehicles."

Disney+ Hotstar and comedy king Farhad Samji bring together an unlimited dose of entertainment with Pop Kaun

Chandigarh : Get ready for the ultimate comedy experience as Disney+ Hotstar and the ace filmmaker and creator Farhad Samji team up to present the comedy series of the year - Pop Kaun. Produced by Yam Productions, this series promises to bring together the best in comedy for a riotous, entertaining watch. With a legendary cast and side-splitting humor, Pop Kaun will be an ultimate streaming experience soon coming on Disney+ Hotstar.Creator and Director Farhad Samji added, "After creating multiple movies in the comedy space, I wanted to explore a different format with this genre and bring all the legends of comedy together. With Pop Kaun coming soon on Disney+ Hotstar, the idea was to create a fun family binge watch show for audiences across generations."Announcement: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y28k_y5li3o .Tickle your funny bones with the release of Hotstar Specials presents Pop Kaun, streaming soon only on Disney+ Hotstar .

Manipal Hospitals, Patiala to conduct IVF OPD in Cheeka for people suffering from fertility problems

Kathial: In its effort to provide best IVF treatment to the people of Cheeka, Manipal Hospitals, Patiala will be organizing an IVF OPD on Wednesday, 1st March. Dr. Rashmi Vohra, Consultant-Reproductive Medicine and IVF from Manipal Hospitals Patiala will be providing expert consultation and treatment at Chanaana Hospital, Cheeka between 11 AM to 1 PM. With the help of this OPD, patients can get expert consultation. In recent years, it has been seen that the rate of infertility is drastically increasing every year. With the change in lifestyle, even young couples are facing trouble in conceiving a child that is further affecting their psychological and emotional wellbeing. Fertility issues are not limited to women, but the social stigma doesn't allow open communication about infertility in men. It is time for an open dialogue and proper consultation with a fertility expert to avoid major complications and build a happy family. Addressing the problem of infertility, Dr. Rashmi Vohra, Consultant-Reproductive Medicine, and IVF, Manipal Hospitals, Patiala, said, "Due to a lack of awareness and delayed treatment."

One of Europe's largest marketplace Joom enters India, begins platform operations for SMEs and Exporters

Chandigarh: Joom, a leading European marketplace, has launched its operations in India. Recently, a team from the company visited eight Indian cities—including New Delhi, Eastern, Roorkee, Ludhiana, Jaipur, Mumbai and Surat—to present cross-border trade opportunities to local businesses. Following the meetings, more than 350 merchants joined the platform, which offers space to the most popular categories—Fashion, Jewellery, Crystal Healing, Health & Beauty, Health Supplements, Skin Care, Hair Care and Women's Fashionand accessories. Indian businesses that connected with Joom in early-2022 are already well-versed with the Joom platform and have become among the Top-5 among origins. The platform has lately become a one-stop shop for Indian exporters, small and medium businesses to gain entry into European and CIS markets. Nearly 50% of these SMEs, Exporters and D2C businesses never sold their products in the global market earlier and were able to reach international markets for the first time with Joom.

Samsung's Galaxy S23 Series with 200 MP Camera, Custom-Designed Chipset Goes on Sale in India

Jalandhar – February, 28—Galaxy S23 series, Samsung's latest flagship smartphone series, goes on sale from February 24, 2023. Galaxy S23 Ultra, Galaxy S23+ and Galaxy S23 devices are a generational leap, with best in class innovation that have significantly less environmental impact.Customers looking to buy the new Galaxy S23 series smartphones can buy them from Samsung.com and select retail outlets, starting today. Galaxy S23 Ultra comes with all-new 200MP sensor with adaptive pixels which can capture images with epic details. With the Super Quad Pixel AF, the rear camera can focus on subjects 50% faster. The front camera on Galaxy S23 series now come with Dual Pixel auto focus technology along with Nightography, which allows shooting from the front camera even in low lighting conditions. The Dual Pixel auto focus technology also ensures 60% faster focus from the front camera. Videos on Galaxy S23 series get more cinematic with Super HDR, Enhanced Noise control algorithm and 2K wider OIS for smoother & sharper output during the night. Galaxy S23 series comes with custom designed Snapdragon® 8 Gen 2 Mobile Platform for Galaxy to deliver the world's fastest mobile graphics. Galaxy S23 series comes with up to 2.7x larger vapor cooling chamber for reliable gaming performance. Galaxy S23 Ultra supports real-time ray tracing as it comes to mainstream mobile gaming. Users will be able to see noticeably more lifelike renderings of scenes, with technology that simulates and tracks every ray of light.

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Go back to sleep and other ways to kick your food cravings

Always end up eating sweets and fast food, even though you've resolved not to? Cravings are common. And a single person can have different kinds of cravings. It might be something you saw, smelled or heard that sets off a craving - like when you see an ad for chocolate and you just have to have it.

Dietician and Nutritionist Anisha V Ranjan decides the factors responsible for cravings... Say Hello To Hormonal Changes Hormonal changes, especially during menstruation, play a major role in triggering junk food cravings in women. When a woman is about to start her menstrual period, the levels of oestrogen and serotonin in her body drop. Serotonin is a chemical in the brain that is responsible for keeping a person calm and relaxed. When its level drops, cravings for carbohydrates and fat-rich foods such as cakes, chocolates, potato chips and cookies are triggered.

Go Back To Sleep Sleep deprivation increases our hunger levels, and especially our cravings for sweets and snacks. It triggers ghrelin, the hunger control hormone that causes you to eat more. A sleepless night can leave you feeling irritable, fatigued and groggy. Lack of sleep also suppresses leptin, a hormone that regulates fat storage. The longer you are sleep deprived, the worse the cravings get.

Stay Away From Stress In this fast-paced, chaotic world, your body produces high levels of the stress hormone cortisol, which triggers cravings for salty, sweet and fried foods - foods that will give you a burst of energy and pleasure. However, not all stress is the same, and our body responds differently to different types of stress. Stress increases appetite too. You can prevent stress by finding healthier options that fit into your lifestyle.

Say 'No' To Nutrient Deficiencies Sugar drops, or a deficiency of chromium or phosphorus,

can also lead to sugar cravings. Similarly, a basic deficiency of sodium will make you crave salty foods such as chips. An iron deficiency will leave you with very



low energy and you will find yourself beset with cravings, because the body needs quick energy to boost itself up. Don't Ignore Dehydration

Dehydration makes it difficult for your body to metabolise glycogen for energy. Glycogen is the converted form of glucose that is stored by the muscles and liver. Without enough glycogen, the body will crave sugar for an energy boost. So, the next time you crave sugar and sweets, drink a glass of water. It will help you not give in to your sugar cravings. Be A Protein Pro Though it might seem like a good idea to limit yourself to carrot sticks for lunch, this can deprive your body of protein and lead to low energy levels. Healthy foods such as fruits, nuts and vegetables are healthy snacks but aren't always hearty enough to keep you feeling alert and energetic for hours.

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Phoenix Business Advisory Launches USA Business Migration Program In India



Ludhiana: Phoenix Business Advisory, a leading business consultancy firm, has launched its USA Business Migration Program along with its existing Australia Business Migration Program. The event was held in Ludhiana, India and witnessed the participation of over 200 business owners from various industries. The newly launched program aims to assist business owners and investors in exploring opportunities in the United States and acquiring business visas, permits, and licenses to establish a presence in the country. The program offers end-to-end services, including business plan development, market research, and financial planning, to ensure a smooth transition for businesses and investors. Mr. Kartikay Chauhan, the COO of Phoenix Business Advisory, said, "We are thrilled to launch our USA Business Migration Program and expand our offerings to business owners and investors. Our team of experts is committed to providing comprehensive solutions to help businesses thrive in new markets. We believe that the United States presents a tremendous opportunity for growth and expansion, and we are excited to partner with our clients on this journey." Phoenix Business Advisory, the most trusted name in Business Migration in India, has established itself as a leading business consultancy firm, providing a wide range of services including Business Migration to Australia.

Utkarsh Classes enters into joint venture with PhysicsWallah

HISAR: India's one of the most affordable and leading edtech platform PW (PhysicsWallah) has entered into a long-term agreement to form a joint venture with Jodhpur-headquartered Utkarsh Classes, which has been preparing aspirants for various government test preparation exams since 2002. With this venture, the companies plan on leveraging each other's core competencies to deliver value-adding education across all examinations and jointly foray into new exam categories.



Utkarsh Classes primarily provides offline and online learning courses for government exams, and in the past 2 years has ventured into various exams categories like defence, NEEF/JEE, CLAT, CUET online tuitions for students of classes 6th-12th. The company runs multiple offline coaching centres in Rajasthan's Jodhpur, and Jaipur, and has recently forayed into Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj with the launch of offline centres. PhysicsWallah Founder and CEO Alakh Pandey, said, "Both PW and Utkarsh Classes are an emotion for students. The founding teams have a solid vision of providing result-oriented quality education to every student in the country at an affordable fee. Utkarsh Classes Founder Nirmal Gehlot sir has an extensive experience of over 20 years in the field. Our collaboration will help us better serve students across India and make their learning experience more enriching."

Nisha Lamba's Salon launched in Chandigarh

Chandigarh: Nisha Lamba's Salon was opened at SCO 264, Sector 44 C, Chandigarh today. The outlet is in the name of Sparsh Beauty Care & Hair Treatment by Nisha Lamba. It was inaugurated by Nisha Lamba herself. Haryana actor Indu Phogat, Fitness influencers Ishita Malik and Sandy Kaliraman also graced the launch event. Ms Anu Chaudhary, Director, Sparsh Beauty Care & Hair Treatment by Nisha Lamba, said "We provide the best services in Tricity. Nisha Lamba is an expert in makeup by profession. She was born in 1987 in Delhi. The address of her salon is



Sector 18, Dwarka, New Delhi- 110075. She is 36 years of age and is a famous makeup artist." Anu said that that training course in makeup, hair extensions, hair patch, nail extensions, eye lashes and hydra facial will also be provided at the institute. Chief guest Nisha Lamba said that this is a franchise outlet managed by trained and experienced staff. She felt the need of a quality salon in Chandigarh, hence decided to open one here. Contact numbers for the salon are 9653569001 and 9653569002. The services available at the salon include - Hydra Facial, Hair Patch, BB Glow Treatment, Skin & Body Whitening, Vampire Facial, Microbleaching, Lip Blushing, Tattoos, Make up, Eyelashes, Nail Art, PRP, Permanent lip Blushing, Eye Lashes Extensions, Celebrity Make Up, Party Makeup, Korean Skin Treatment, Water Shine Skin Treatment, Dermalplaning, etc. The salon has announced attractive offers including 50% off on Nail Art Per Finger at Rs 99, special offer on Hydra Facial at Rs 1999, and family packages -- pay Rs 10,000 get Rs 20,000 services, pay Rs 20,000 get Rs 35,000 services, and pay Rs 30,000 get Rs 50,000 services.

Solis Tractors acquires Germany-based Thaler GmbH & Co. KG



Chandigarh: Solis Tractors & Agricultural Machinery, the flagship company of International Tractors Ltd in Netherlands Europe has announced the acquisition of Thaler GmbH & CO. KG that specialises in wheel loader manufacturing. Taking its supreme legacy and expansion drive forward in FY '23, the latest acquisition by Solis will entail an investment of Rs 200 crores and complement ITL advanced portfolio with high-quality wheel loaders in 19-75 HP range. Wheel loader market offers a huge growth potential with annual sales of more than 80,000 units and Thaler GmbH & Co KG is a well-established player in Europe. Post-acquisition, Thaler will continue to operate with an unchanged brand identity. It will be led by Mr Manfred Thaler, as the Managing Director, who is also the son of company founder Mr Johann Thaler. The move will allow ITL to maximize its production capacities & network in Europe which will add to its growth trajectory in the region. In India, Solis has collaborated with Japanese agri-tech expert Yanmar to develop premium technology powered tractors. Solis Yanmar has a dynamic presence in India with a fast growing dealership network and offers a unique proposition of 'Solis Promise' which includes 5-year warranty and 500 hours of oil change interval. Commenting on the latest acquisition, Dr. Deepak Mittal, Managing Director, International Tractors Limited said, "Being the largest tractor export brand from India, wheel loaders will be an advantage for our portfolio as they have enormous potential for agriculture, dairy & construction work across EU & USA markets."

Tata AIA Launches its First Hindi Website

SHIMLA: Tata AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (Tata AIA), one of India's leading life insurers, has launched its very first Hindi website. With this initiative, Tata AIA aims to enhance its virtual footprint across Bharat, and provide consumers with a website that conveys benefits of life insurance solutions in their preferred language. Commenting on the occasion, Girish Kalra, Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) of Tata AIA, said, "India's Internet usage base has grown exponentially in the last few years with the surge in smart phone usage. Our in-house research highlights the growing preference among Indians for consuming content in vernacular language. This inspired us to create a Hindi version of our website that is desi in spirit while offering our consumers the right experience, ease, and convenience powered by the latest web technologies. For us, this is yet another step in our endeavor to connect with Bharat in the true sense". Tata AIA's Hindi interface (https://www.tataaia.com/hi-in/homepage.html) is a comprehensive website providing information about the company, its solutions, content in the form of blogs etc. It also empowers consumers to make premium payments, complete purchase of products, and have their queries resolved conveniently from the comfort of their homes, simply at the click of a button.

Marengo Asia Healthcare acquires 100% stake in W Pratiksha Hospital, a 250-bed hospital facility in Gurugram

GURUGRAM/AMRITSAR : Marengo Asia Hospitals has expanded its footprint in Delhi NCR by acquiring 100% stake in W Pratiksha Hospital, a 250-bed hospital facility in Gurugram. Marengo Asia Healthcare acquires or partners with accredited, clinically sound hospitals to integrate them to function under the chain of Marengo Asia Hospital. The hospital network focuses on providing tertiary and quaternary care, creating 'centres of excellence' across medical specialties, and adopting a 'patient first' approach.



W Pratiksha Hospital is a multi-specialty hospital situated in Sector 56 of Gurugram which is easily accessible to all parts of Gurugram and Delhi as well. The hospital is NABH certified and besides catering to the local population, also attracts international patients. Dr Raajiv Singhal, Managing Director & Group CEO, Marengo Asia Hospitals said, "The acquisition of W

Pratiksha Hospital further reinforces our commitment towards offering best medical facilities and treatments to the patients of Delhi NCR and its nearby areas. With the recent expansion of over 100 beds at this hospital facility, we will now be able to offer more sub-specialties and advanced treatments which is a hallmark of Marengo Asia Hospitals group." Marengo Asia Healthcare operates an existing 550 bed hospital in Faridabad. With approximately two and a half lakhs population traveling between Gurugram and Faridabad every day, the two Marengo Asia Hospitals will now serve as a nodal point to offer quality medical services to the local population.

Tata Motors launches Re.Wi.Re, its first Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility



Speaking on the launch of Re.Wi.Re., Mr. Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors, said, "At Tata Motors, we are committed to delve into every aspect of mobility to make it greener and sustainable. The inauguration of this RVSF (Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility) heralds a new beginning in responsible scrapping of end-of-life vehicles. With globally benchmarked and optimised recycling processes, we intend to yield maximum value from the scrap for future use and minimise waste for the overall betterment."

Pepsi announced a blockbuster association with Ranveer Singh

CHANDIGARH : PEPSI brings to life the catchphrase that is set to define 2023 - 'RISE UP BABY!' with none other than Bollywood superstar Ranveer Singh. Culture Curator Pepsi announced a blockbuster association with Ranveer Singh, welcoming the Superstar as its brand ambassador. Crowned by the youth of India as the ultimate superstar, Ranveer Singh has charmed his fans time and again, be it through his powerful performances, fashion statements, musical forays, or his free-spirited personality. Pepsi has always been synonymous with the voice of the youth and believes in empowering them with self-expression, self-confidence, and self-belief. This dynamic match between Pepsi and Ranveer is sure to enthrall audiences across the country.

Excited about this new campaign, Saumya Rathor, Category Lead, Pepsi Cola, PepsiCo India, commented that PEPSI is a brand which has always resonated with the voice of today's generation. We stand by the youth of India in their journey to the top against the odds and encourage them to be authentic, be bold, be themselves. This summer, Pepsi will empower them to break free and rise above and own who they are. We are absolutely thrilled to partner with Ranveer Singh who's personality and irrepressible spirit embodies Pepsi's core philosophy. We have entered the year with exciting developments and are confident that our consumers will grow a strong resonance with the 'Rise Up Baby' campaign. Pepsi today in its 125th year, marks yet another milestone in its journey in India as it announces its new brand campaign, 'Rise Up, Baby!'. This campaign aims to empower the youth of India that owns who they are without seeking validation through society. It is a celebration of being your true self despite the odds. This new brand positioning is the pairing of Pepsi and the youth that marches to the beat of its own drum with Pepsi encouraging this rhythm.

Orient Electric launches India's first cloud cooling fan

Chandigarh : Orient Electric Limited, part of the diversified USD 2.4 billion CK Birla Group, has announced the launch of Cloud 3 fan, a first-of-its-kind cooling fan powered by Cloudchill technology. Orient Cloud 3 not only delivers cool air, but cools the space as well, making it a great choice for Indian households given the year-round hot temperatures. Flaunting a distinctive design, Orient Cloud 3 cooling fan comes with a 4.5-litre water tank that lasts up to 8 hours, thereby ensuring uninterrupted and effective cooling. The fan is capable of bringing down the air temperature by up to 12 degrees Celsius. With the launch of this lifestyle cooling solution, Orient Electric aims to reinforce its thought leadership in the category while meeting aspirational needs of the consumers. Speaking on the launch of Cloud 3 fan, Rakesh Khanna, MD & CEO, Orient Electric said, "It is our unrelenting focus on customer-insight led innovation that enables us to continuously come up with differentiated and first-to-market products with class-leading features. With the launch of Cloud 3 fan with the unique Cloudchill technology, we have created a new category altogether. Fans usually become less effective as temperatures go beyond 34 degrees Celsius, and thus the idea of developing a cooling fan was born. Cloud 3 fan is capable of bringing down the temperature by up to 12 degrees Celsius."

Road safety campaign held

Chandigarh, February 28, 2023: Sunday, February 26, saw the culmination of a unique week-long Where's The Helmet campaign to promote helmet adoption and road safety among college students in Chandigarh. The campaign by Helmets for India, which is a Royal Enfield initiative, was conducted in collaboration with the city's most popular radio network 94.3 MyFM, and concluded with a spectacular motorcycle ride through the city involving more than 119 riders who came together to ride for the cause of helmet adoption and road safety. Leading this cavalcade of bikers riding for a cause was RJ Shonali, who had been visiting seven college campuses through the week and galvanizing the youth into a movement for safety by bringing together the world of art and safety.



Over the course of the week, starting from February 20, the campaign engaged over 3,800 students from the city bringing them one step closer to safer riding by bringing home the fact that helmet adoption and road safety, when seen through the lens of art, is cool too. The on-ground programme of the 'Where's The Helmet' campaign kicked off with live interactions with RJs and on-air rapid-fire question-and-answer rounds with the aim of promoting the message of helmet adoption and road safety. To make helmets more aspirational for the youth, Royal Enfield integrated elements of art and fashion into the campaign with fun activities such as artwork on helmets and creative ramp walks wearing helmets to deliver the important message of helmet safety. Additionally, a giant helmet was painted by artists and installed at Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies to promote the idea of safety through art.

Systango Technologies SME IPO scheduled to open on 2nd March

Ludhiana : With focus on data and analytics, Systango Technologies Ltd is getting ready to launch its initial public offering (IPO) with an issue size of Rs 32.88-34.82 Cr. The company is in the business of providing software solutions that allows businesses to design, implement, and manage their own customised digital platforms, including Web2, Web3, and mobile applications. The Company has served Clients across Sectors like FinTech, Fantasy Sports, Hospitality etc. The issue includes a fresh Issue of upto 38,68,800 equity shares of the company, with 1,96,800 equity shares reserved for market makers and 36,72,000 equity shares reserved for a net issue to the public. Systango Technologies IPO comes with a price band of Rs 85-90/share at a face value of Rs 10 per share, and the issue is scheduled to open on 02nd March 2023 and will close on 06th March 2023. The Systango

Technologies IPO allotment status will be made public on March 10, 2023, and the company is expected to get listed on NSE EMERGE on March 15, 2023. Systango Technologies is launching its IPO with an aim for strategic investment and acquisitions, investment in subsidiaries and to meet working capital requirements and the IPO comes with a bid lot of 1600. Systango Technologies IPO is lead managed by Hem Securities and Bigshare Services Private Limited will be the registrar to the issue. According to the terms of the offer, qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) are entitled to 50% of the net offer, HNIs and NIs to 15%, and retail investors to the remaining 35%. During FY20 to FY22, the company's topline increased at a CAGR of 51%, while EBITDA grew at a CAGR of 56%. The bottom line of the company saw a CAGR of 68% between FY20 and FY22. In FY22, the company's ROE was 49.83% and its ROCE was 47.62%.

Ananya Birla releases brand new track Dil Karda

Chandigarh: With over 500 Million streams, India's biggest selling English language global popstar, Ananya Birla, has scaled the charts at home in India and abroad. The Meant to Be,



Better and Hold On star has gone on record to say that her music is very personal to her and each song has a limelight in a way, suggesting a period of her life - through love, heartbreak and a lot more. This multi-platinum selling artist began her musical journey at the age of 9 with the santoor. A skilled musician, Ananya incorporates her drumming, piano and guitar skills into live performances. Her latest single is called 'Dil Karda' - it is composed and produced by Rahul Sathu, lyrics are by Kumar and mastering is by Shadab Rayeen. In a world fraught with stress, Dil Karda is a song about fortitude. It talks about the journey of freeing oneself from the shackles of negative self-talk, ego, and thoughts of what others may think; by finding strength in God and one's self. The melodic track takes you on an inward journey of self-discovery where this newfound strength fuels the fire of determination to power through adversity and be liberated.

CREDAI joins hands with NIPUN to bring a transformational change by Upskilling Construction Workers

Chandigarh: The Union Budget 2023 pushed for a focus on upskilling programmes as the central government announced that PMKUY 4.0 will be launched to skill lakhs of youth and set up 30 Skill India International centres across different states to train youth for international opportunities. Initiatives such as this can be fruitful for a country like India as labour intensive sectors like real estate contribute around 7% of the country's GDP. Skilled labour force is imperative for the real estate industry to grow and CREDAI has enrolled more than 7000 workers under the NIPUN (National Initiative for Promotion of Upskilling of Nirman workers) Initiative, a unique upskilling program for construction workforce under Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India. The Government and MoHUA through implementing agencies have identified skill shortages in the current construction workforce and have taken an initiative to train them in content that is specially developed with worker's individual needs in mind. A nationally recognised certificate is awarded by NSDC following an 80-hour training programme and a third-party assessment conducted by the construction skill council. This certificate gives the labour force, who has never received any official training or stilling—a sense of pride and confidence. Initiatives like NIPUN can be deemed as the need of the hour and the real estate industry stands to benefit from such initiatives of the Government of India. "The Government echoed CREDAI's sentiment towards the need for upskilling as they announced the budget for FY 23-24. The welfare of construction workers has been at the core of CREDAI's values, and we have been working continuously towards their empowerment. It gives me immense pleasure to announce that more than 2 lakh construction workers have benefited from our skill initiatives since 2011 and under the NIPUN initiative, we plan to upskill 20,000 workers."

MIA by Tanishq opens its First brand new store In Jalandhar

Jalandhar, 28th February 2023: Mia by Tanishq, one of India's most fashionable jewellery brands, launched its first brand new store in Jalandhar, Punjab. The store was inaugurated at 4:00 PM by Mr. Munish Chawla, Regional Business Manager, North 1, Tanishq, Titan Company Limited and Mr. Rajiv Chandrasekhar Menon, Sales & Retail Head, Mia by Tanishq. Speaking on the inauguration, Mr. Rajiv Chandrasekhar Menon, Sales & Retail Head, Mia by Tanishq said, "We are thrilled to launch our first ever Mia store in Jalandhar today. We hope that by offering this exclusive retail space, we will be able to give our consumers a one-stop shop for stylish and contemporary jewellery pieces. Mia by Tanishq offers an alluring range of fine jewellery pieces designed to cater to the style quotient of today's women with unique, minimal, and tasteful designs. Our goal with this store will be to provide customers with a memorable jewellery shopping experience." . The store caters to jewellery for everyday wear and for special occasions dazzling gold, sparkling diamonds, shining silver and brilliant coloured stones. Mia by Tanishq's new store features trendy and exquisite designs across stunning categories of earrings, rings, pendants, necklaces, bangles, and bracelets, all crafted with a touch of elegance. The time meticulously crafted jewellery complements diversified preferences and style sensibilities.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

**MP Nayab Saini
blessed the newlywed
couple**



NIRMAL RADAUR: Kurukshetra MP Nayab Saini reached the residence of Sushil Batra, District Co-Convenor of the BJP Business Cell, where he blessed Sushil Batra's son Garvit Batra's daughter-in-law Neha Mahajan and wished her all the best for her new married life. On reaching home, the family members honoured Naib Saini with a bouquet of flowers. During this, he also invited the MP to the Shri Shyam Sankirtan programme to be held on March 1 in the New Grain Market. Former ministers Karandeve Kamboj, Dhanpat Saini, Ashok Gumber, Bhagwat Dayal Kataria, etc. were present along with the MP.

**Door to door collection and source segregation
should be ensured 100 percent: ADC**



PULKIT YADAV JALANDHAR: Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Varinderpal Singh Bajwa today reviewed the progress of works assigned to various partner departments under the District Environment Plan as per the directions of the National Green Tribunal and directed to ensure 100 percent door-to-door collection and source segregation. During the meeting, the Additional Deputy Commissioner also reviewed other environment friendly activities including old garbage management, CC&C waste management, bio medical waste management, sewerage treatment plant, common effluent treatment plant, Variana dump site, ETP at Jansher Dairy Plant and Bio Gas Plant. The recent status of He said that according to the action plan under the district environment plan, it should be ensured that the targets are met as per the time limit so that the environmental projects can be completed within the time fixed by the monitoring committee of the National Green Tribunal. Daljit Singh, Exxion of Punjab Pollution Control Board and officers of concerned departments were present on the occasion.

**Second Ladwa Marathon of 10 km
will be organised on March 12**



NAREESH GARG LADWA: A meeting of Ladwa's Rotary and Rotract Clubs was organised at the city's Rotary Bhawan. Rotary Club Secretary Deepak Singhal said that a joint meeting of both organisations was held. In the meeting in which the marathon to be organised by the club on March 12 was discussed, all the members were told about the preparations for the marathon and their responsibilities were laid out. It is noteworthy that the marathon was organised by the club last year as well, in which about 550 runners participated, and that this year also, information has been sent by the club to all the runners. Marathon co-chairman Ankur Gupta said that the marathon organised by Rotary, Rotract, and Innerwheel Club on March 12 is not only the club's biggest project of the year, in which runners come from far and wide to participate, but rather it is like a festival for the entire city and region. The marathon will start from Anaj Mandi, pass through Indri Chowk, Ramkundi, and the bus stand, turn around at Brahman Mor, reach Brahman Village, and return from there by the same route, for which all preparations have been completed.

Annual sport competition held



PARI BAJAJ KARNAL: Today, the annual sports competition was organized in Samrak School located in Sector-6, in which the school children showed their hidden talent by taking part. Children participated in Biscuit Run, Frog Run, Boora Run and Three Leg Run. Megha Bhandari, councillor from ward eight participated in the program as the chief guest. Director of the school, Seema Chauhan and Councillor Megha Bhandari awarded medals to the first, second and third placed children in the competition. Chief guest Megha Bhandari while encouraging the children to play sports said that along with studies, sports are also very important for children. Physical and mental development of children is done through games. Sports competition in schools is an essential step for the overall development of students.

Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train on “Garvi Gujarat” flagged off

NEW DELHI, FEB 28

Train flagged off by Ashwini Vaishnaw along with Parshottam Rupala, Darshana Vikram Jardosh (online) and Devusinh Chauhan in the Bharat Gaurav AC Tourist Trains 8 days' special tour railways tied up with payment gateways for providing EMI payment option to the customers. Visit of Statue of Unity, Champaner, Somnath, Dwarka, Nageshwar, Beyt Dwarka, Ahmedabad, Modhera and Patan will be the major attraction in the tour itinerary. The tourist train is fitted with two well-equipped rail restaurant, Infotainment system, CCTV camera. Bharat Gaurav Deluxe A.C.Tourist Train “Garvi Gujarat Yatra Train” flagged off from Delhi Safdarjung Railway Station today on its auspicious tour by Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology along with Shri Parshottam Rupala, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Smt.



Darshana Vikram Jardosh, MoS Textiles and Railways and Shri Devusinh Chauhan, MoS Communications. Chairman cum CEO, Railway Board, Sh. Anil Kumar Lahoti, General Manager Northern Railway, Shri Ashutosh Gangal, and other senior officials were also present on the occasion. Indian Railways is running this Garvi Gujarat Yatra Train under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Yojna. Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat programme aims to enhance

interaction & promote mutual understanding between people of different states which is based on integration of a united Nation, the vision of great freedom fighter, Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel. This Garvi Gujarat Yatra Train envisages the historic, religious and other tourism important places of Gujarat State. Gujarat is a flourishing State with cultural diversity. It is vibrant with its true colours of rich heritage and cultural traditions. Bharat Gaurav

Tourist “Garvi Gujarat Yatra Train” started on its very special tour of Gujrat today will cover some of the very prominent monuments, pilgrimage and world heritage sites of Gujarat. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vaishnaw said that such pilgrim trains give us an opportunity to the believers to expose themselves to Indian culture and this train is the 17th train in this circuit.

Garvi Gujraat Yatra train after departure from Delhi will arrive the next day at Kevadia/ Vadodara. On the next day, tourists will proceed to Champaner archaeological site. On day 03, tourists will visit the Statue of Unity, the tallest statue in the world. On the fourth day, tourists will visit Temple, BhalkaTirth, Somnath Temple and Somnath Beach. On the fifth day, tourists will visit Dwarkadheesh Temple, Nageshwar Jyotirling and Beyt Dwarka. On the next halt at Ahmedabad, a visit to Sabarmati Ashram, Adhlaj Stepwell, Dandi Kutir and Akshardham Temple has been arranged for tourists.

**Competitions organised at Byana
school to mark National Science Day**



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, FEB 28

National Science Day was celebrated with great pomp in the Government Model Culture Senior Secondary School located in village Byana. On this occasion, a science-based quiz competition was organized under the leadership of Chemistry Professor Anil Pal, Sandeep Kumar, Physics Professor Vivek Kumar and Vinod Kumar. In the competition, Bharti, a student of eighth grade, Safia of seventh grade and Kritika of sixth grade in the Aryabhat team scored 45 points and won the competition. Executive Principal Arun Kumar Kaiharba awarded the winning team and the students who answered the questions correctly. Among the students who answered the questions

correctly were Rahul, Hardev, Krish, Heena from the eighth standard, Sushant, Simran from the seventh standard and Natic, Harsh and Sneha from the sixth standard. CV Raman, Albert Einstein, APJ Abdul Kalam, Newton and Aryabhata teams took part in Prashrottari. In various rounds of questioning, professors Vivek Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Sandeep Kumar, Anil Pal discussed their various dimensions in detail along with asking questions. In the round to identify the scientist by looking at the picture, the professors highlighted in detail the discoveries of various scientists, including the Raman effect of CV Raman. Principal Arun Kumar Kaiharba said in his address that the development of science has made human life civilized, logical and rational.

**Moonak selected as best
police station in Pb: SSP**

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, FEB 28

During the survey conducted by the ministry of home affairs of the Government of India for the evaluation of the police stations of the entire country, Police Station(PS), Moonak of district Sangrur has been selected as the best police station in Punjab. While giving this information, SSP Sangrur Surendra Lamba said that the New Delhi-based Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI has conducted an annual survey to select and rank the best police stations in the country for evaluation of police stations and the names of the top 10 selected police stations have been announced. He said that the survey of the year 2022 was conducted by the MS Trans Ruler Agri Consulting Services Private Limited firm, on the basis of which the 10 best police stations in India have been selected.

SSP Sangrur said that according to the certificate issued by the Government of India, Moonak police station of district Sangrur has been selected as the best police station of Punjab among the total 10 best police stations selected all over India.



**Apprenticeship awareness
workshop organised**

VINOD DHIMAN
JAGADHARI, FEB 28

An apprenticeship awareness workshop was jointly organised by the Regional Director of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Haryana and the Skill Development and Industrial Training Department of Haryana at the Hotel Sapphire. The workshop was attended by Ashok Kumar HCS Nagar Adesh Yamunanagar as the chief guest and Smt. Swati Sethi, Director, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Haryana, who chaired it. The main objective of this workshop was to provide employment to more and more establishments under the National Apprenticeship Scheme by connecting them with pass-out students from ITIs. Informed about the reforms done and other information, Pranav Chowdhary, Deputy Director, RDSDE, and Sandeep Kalia, Assistant Director, RDSDE, Haryana, were present as the keynote speakers in this program, along with the Principal of Government ITI Yamuna Nagar, Bhupendra Singh Sangwan, all The guests were thanked for participating in this workshop. Sudhir Chandra Chandrapur Industry, Bhardwaj ji, and SK Mishra, MK Kalda Yamunanagar Jagadhri Chamber of Commerce, Madam Sameera Saluja, etc. were mainly present among the representatives of yogic establishments.



**SDM Devendra makes surprise inspection of
municipal committee, Market Committee offices**



SATISH SETHI KALAYAT: SDM Devendra Sharma made a surprise inspection of the municipal and market committee office on Tuesday morning. The surprise inspection of the SDM created a stir in the offices. The SDM, who reached the municipal office, first checked the attendance register and on asking about the absence of many employees, the present employees told that they had gone to the Kaithal meeting. The SDM inspected the works going on in different rooms in the office premises and instructed the employees to do the work related to Property ID, Family ID, Marriage Certificate and House Tax etc. on time. He also interacted with the people who reached the municipal office. He said that if any person is facing any problem related to work in the municipal office, he can contact him at any time. After that he reached the market committee office at Anaj Mandi, where he gave instructions to keep complete preparations in the mandi in view of the upcoming wheat season. Later SDM reached the garbage dump near the 40 feet wide road between Government Women's College bus stand.

**Kindling entrepreneurship
among students**



KARANPREET DHANDRAL BARNALA: At Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Arya Mahila College, a shopping center was organized under the leadership of Neelam Sharma. In this shopping center, various departments of the college, Home Science, Beauty and Wellness, Fashion Designing and Fine Arts prepared goods and brought them to the buyers. Its main objective was to motivate the students for entrepreneurship so that they are able to set up ventures through their own capacity and resourcefulness. On this occasion, the vice principal of the college, Dr. Sushil Bala, encouraged the students. On this occasion, Monica Bansal, Department of Commerce, Neer Jethi, Amandeep Kaur, Harjinder Kaur, Parminder Kaur, Rajveer Kaur, Monica Bansal and Jasveer Kaur were present.

**Person who went to buy drugs killed, police
registered case against 4 people including woman**

KULJEET SINGH

JANDIALA GURU: In the complaint given to the police, the deceased's wife Gurpreet Kaur, a resident of Balia Manjpur, said that on February 18, her husband Harpreet Singh, who had left the house without informing her, tried hard to find him but could not find him. When Jaspal Singh alias Jassa went to inquire about the house, no one was found at his house. She came back to her house because the said person is in the business of selling drugs in the village and her husband often used to go to her house to consume drugs. Then after some time in the night, Jaspal Singh and his son Gurjot Singh came to their house and her husband Harpreet Singh alias Happy asked about Happy's whereabouts, to which she replied that she did not know where he was. Then Jaspal Singh said that he himself would find it. Then after some time Jaspal Singh and his son Gurjot Singh came to his house. They told that his dead body was lying near Badhib mobile tower. On which her mother-in-law Manjit Kaur went with the said persons and brought her husband's dead body home. The said person started saying that he has been vaccinated against intoxication. The next day, on February 19, at around 11 am, the dead body was cremated at the crematorium.



**Science Day
celebrated at GGC**



DARSHAN SHARMA

NILOKHARI: National Science Day was celebrated with pomp at the Government Girls' College. On this occasion, Professor of Physics Dr. Rajeev Kumar highlighted the importance of Science Day by highlighting the life and scientific contribution of Dr. Raman. After this, the students were shown a documentary on "Increasing Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Daily Life" under the direction of Abha Narwal, Professor of Computer Science. Poster making and debate competition was also organized on this occasion. In physics subject-based poster making, BSC third year student Preeti got first, Neha got second and BSC first year students Deepika and Udit jointly got third place. In the poster-making competition based on the subject of psychology, Rajini of BA first year stood first, Bharti Sharma of BA second year stood second and Manu of BA first year stood third.

**Staffer accorded
a warm farewell**



PARI BAJAJ

KARNAL: Divisional Commissioner Dr. Saket Kumar on Tuesday wished Superintendent of Office Ramesh Kumar for his future life on the occasion of his retirement after nearly 40 years of successful government service. He said that in the same way as the work of serving the common man has been done in the government service, in the coming time also give importance to the work of social service. On this occasion, Mandalayukta said that Ramesh Kumar did good work while serving as superintendent. He said that he was a very simple, honest and hardworking officer. He was always serious about office work. Mandalayukta said that Ramesh Kumar never gave a chance to complain while serving as Superintendent. On this occasion, a farewell party was organized by the staff of the Divisional Commissioner's office.

**Health check-of employees
and officers held**



ASHOK GUPTA

PANIPAT: A health check-up camp was organised by the doctors of Ujala Cygnus Maharaja Agrasen Hospital on Tuesday at the Mini Secretariat. Health check-up of hundreds of employees and officers was done in the camp and they were made aware about the routine check-up by the doctors. This health check-up camp was presided over by Dr. Bandhan Bahal and Dr. Nishant, who came from the hospital. After this health check-up camp, Dr. Bandhan Behl said that blood pressure, sugar, ECG will be checked in the check-up camp. For the diagnosis of diseases etc., the health of the employees and officers was examined under the supervision of experts. He said that these camps are organised from time to time by the hospital to check the health of the people and make them health conscious. He said that the way the environment and environment is getting polluted at present, the risk of diseases is increasing among the people. To avoid these, all people must get their health check-up done every 6 months.

How MRUNAL THAKUR reacted to fan's marriage proposal

Actress Mrunal Thakur recently had a funny banter with one of her fans on Instagram. On Sunday, Mrunal dropped a video in which she is seen flaunting her jewellery. Mrunal looks beautiful as Tamil film Pachaikili Muthucharam's song "Unnakul Naane" plays in the background. The video also saw the actor brushing aside her hair and smiling looking into the camera. Mrunal captioned the post, "Felt cute might delete later (two hearts, thought balloon and lightning emojis)." Reacting to the video, a fan commented, "Meri taraf se rishta pakka." Mrunal took notice of the fan's comment and quipped, "Meri taaraf se na hain (It is a no from my end) (face with stuck-out tongue and winking eye emoji)." Meanwhile, on the work front, Mrunal was recently seen in a cameo in Akshay Kumar and Emraan hASMI-STARRED 'Selfie'. Helmed by Raj Mehta, Selfiee also stars Diana Penty, Emraan Hashmi and Nushratt Bharuccha. It released in the theatres on February 24. Prior to it, fans saw Mrunal sharing screen space with Dulquer Salmaan in 'Sita Ramam'. In the upcoming months, she will be seen in a war drama titled 'Pipaa', which is headlined by Ishaan Khatter. She also has the crime thriller Gumraah with Aditya Roy Kapur. She also has a Telugu drama with Nani in her kitty.



MERI TAARAF SE NA HAIN (IT IS A NO FROM MY END) (FACE WITH STUCK-OUT TONGUE AND WINKING EYE EMOJI)."

GLAMOUR

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023



Amit Trivedi shares a FANBOY MOMENT with Gurdas Maan

Akshay Kumar's New Jersey show reportedly cancelled over non-payment to promoter

Is Akshay Kumar facing a tough time? The New Jersey tour featuring Akshay Kumar, Mouni Roy, Nora Fatehi, Sonam Bajwa and Disha Patni has been cancelled. There are different claims as to why the show was cancelled. While Amit Jaitley, the concert's promoter, put up an Instagram post stating it was because of 'extremely slow sales of tickets', however, another source close to the tour refuted the claim. According to that source, it has been cancelled due to the non-payment to the promoter. The source said, "The New Jersey show" show, which is a part of Entertainers Tour, called off because the local promoter Amit Jaitley of Sai USA INC failed to pay the national promoter.

Madonna pays tribute to brother Anthony Ciccone after his demise



Singer Madonna has poured out her love for her brother Anthony Ciccone who recently left for the heavenly abode. Taking to Instagram Story, Madonna thanked her brother Ciccone for "blowing (her) mind" as a young girl. "Thank you for blowing my mind as a young girl and introducing me to (jazz musicians) Charlie Parker (and) Miles Davis," the "Vogue" singer, 64, wrote on her Instagram Story Monday alongside a group photo featuring her late sibling. She continued by shouting out other things her

brother taught her, including religions Buddhism and Taoism, and writers Charles Bukowski, Richard Brautigan and Jack Kerouac. "You planted many important seeds," Madonna concluded the tribute.

Ciccone died on Feb 24. He was 66

The news of Ciccone's demise was shared by his relative Joe Henry on social media. In his emotional post, Henry described Ciccone as a "complex character." "My brother-in-law, Anthony Gerard Ciccone, exited this earthly plane last evening," Henry wrote alongside a youthful photograph of his brother-in-law. "I've known him since I was 15, in the spring of our lives in Michigan so many years now gone. As brother Dave Henry (who took this photograph) notes here, Anthony was a complex character, and god knows: we tangled in moments, as true brothers can." Henry continued, "But I loved him, and understood him better than I was sometimes willing to let on. But trouble fades; and family remains -- with hands reached across the table. Farewell, then, brother Anthony. I want to think the god your blessed mother (and mine) believed in has her there, waiting to receive you. At least for today, no one shall dissuade me from this vision." Ciccone had reportedly struggled with alcoholism and was homeless for several years. In 2013, he needed nine stitches to his forehead after resisting arrest in a public bathroom in Michigan, The Hollywood Reporter informed. Years prior, Anthony previously spoke out against Madonna.



"Vast difference between cinema and TV", says Subhash Ghai

Subhash Ghai, who has directed and produced some iconic films in the 80s and 90s such as 'Vishwanath', 'Karz', 'Hero', 'Vidhaata', 'Ram Lakhan', and 'Khalnayak' among others, is all set to enthrall the audiences with his television series, 'Jaanaaki'. His company Mukta Arts has joined hands with Doordarshan for the daily series. Talking about this project, Subhash Ghai said, "What I have learnt the most during the pandemic period sitting at home, was to observe the vast difference between cinema and television medium specially when the content on television is further divided into three platforms like OTT series, television series, and mobile shows. I did watch most of the shows on every

small screen during the pandemic and interacted with most of the profound writers for TV who taught me the right approach to keep the viewers glued on television screen." He added, "So, I decided to experiment with content in 2021 and produced an interesting pocket comedy play titled 36 FARMHOUSE for Zee5 which went very well with the viewers and also celebrated a silver jubilee week on the small screen. It was an exciting challenge and was a kind of re-learning for me knowing, and understanding viewers and their consumption pattern on the small screen. Its success encouraged my company Mukta Arts to go for other challenging experiments by making a daily series for Doordarshan when we were approached.

KAREENA ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO ENSURE TIMELY VACCINATION



CHANDIGARH: GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited announced that the acclaimed actress and mother of two, Kareena Kapoor Khan will be the face of their latest digital campaign, "Faisla Sahi, Zindagi Sahi". Through this campaign, GSK calls on parents to comply with the vaccination card for their children as recommended by their paediatrician, not only through infancy, but also 1 year and beyond. In the digital films, Kareena talks about the 'moments' a child may miss because of 'missed vaccination'. Speaking about the campaign, Kareena Kapoor Khan said, "I am happy to be raising awareness around childhood vaccination with a trusted company like GSK. As a mother, I want to see my children healthy and happy. In today's day & age, it is important to be cautious about our children's well-being as they are exposed to different germs at other public places. When I get them vaccinated on time, as recommended by their paediatrician, I am doing my bit to keep them protected from multiple diseases." Childhood infections such as flu, meningitis, chicken pox, and hepatitis A can be dangerous for children, and in some cases may require hospitalisation and can negatively impact their crucial developmental milestones. Vaccination can help provide protection against these harmful infections and enable them to lead a healthy life. The Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) recommends a vaccination schedule for children till 18 years of age. Parents often diligently follow the required vaccination card for the first year - after which vaccination can sometimes take a backseat, and children may miss some vaccinations. The campaign, "Faisla Sahi, Zindagi Sahi" encourages parents to comply with the vaccination card for their children, even beyond the first year of life, in consulta-