



### Officers should work keeping in mind priorities of government: Hry CM

**CHANDIGARH:** Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that the IAS and HCS officers are an important part of the policy-making and thus should work keeping in mind the priorities of the state government. The Chief Minister was interacting with the newly selected HCS officers of the state here today. Chief Secretary, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sh. V. Umashankar, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Dr. Amit Agrawal, Special Secretary, Personnel Branch, Sh. Pankaj, OSD to Chief Minister, Sh. Sudhanshu Gautam and other officers were present on the occasion. Extending good wishes to the newly selected HCS officers, the Chief Minister apprised them about the challenges and said that the way they have been selected with complete transparency, they should perform their duty with honesty and full dedication. He said that the state government is working with the spirit of Antyodaya, so that education, health and employment are easily available to the last mile person. "Haryana is making progress in every field and the officers also have an important role in this," he added. Earlier, Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Director General, Information, Public Relations, Languages and Culture Department, Dr. Amit Agrawal apprised the newly selected HCS officers about various schemes and goals of the state government.

### Knockout expands its retail footprint, adds Faridkot to the portfolio

**MOGA:** Set on redefining the retail space, Kapsons Retail is leading the league in the North with a disruptive vision; now all set to launch the latest store of its brand, KNOCKOUT, this March, at Pelican Plaza, Faridkot. Defining itself as the "Arcade of Fashion," Knockout seeks to bridge the gap in demand by providing value shopping for a wide array of both international and national brands within its sphere, all under one roof. The brand acknowledges the growing demand for global fashion trends and commits to fulfilling the same with its multi-brand format, extending to an area of approximately 8500 square ft. Just last year, the brand expanded its operations when it launched its second store in Barnala, garnering huge buzz for its trendy collection and location in the city's hotspot. With an intent to cater to the untapped market segment, KNOCKOUT keeps in focus Tier 2 and 3 cities, in this case, the culturally-charged city of Faridkot.

### Amazon joins hands with 'Womennovator' to enable 200 Indian Women Entrepreneurs 'Go Global'

**CHANDIGARH:** Amazon India today announced its association with "Womennovator" - a global incubator for women entrepreneurs and it supports them in scaling operations across India and the world - to enable 200 women entrepreneurs to launch their products on Amazon's international marketplaces/websites and create global brands from India. This includes businesses like Kidsy Winsy, Vishaala Naturals, Gems & Jewels and Bunko Jungo, among others. These entrepreneurs come from diverse products categories including Apparel, Beauty, Jewellery, Spices, Sanitation, Handicrafts, Home Décor and office products etc. Over the next 24 months, Amazon will onboard these entrepreneurs associated with Womennovator on its e-commerce exports program - Global Selling. Amazon will provide them with all the necessary support as well as tools and technologies as they take their first towards creating a robust e-commerce exports business. This includes skill development workshops on nuances of e-commerce exports as well as training on listing of products, pricing, global logistics.

# Country will become self-reliant with inclusive education: Hry CM

## Education policy should imbibe the values of life

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MARCH 11:**

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said that education is the main factor in the progress of the country and the nation will become self-reliant with inclusive education. The Chief Minister was addressing a meeting organized under the chairmanship of Governor, Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya with vice-chancellors and registrars of private universities of the state at Raj Bhavan here today.

Higher Education Minister, Sh. Mool Chand Sharma, Chairman, Haryana State Higher Education Council, Prof. BK Kuthiala, Advisor, Higher Education, Sh. Brij Kishore, vice-chairman, Higher Education, Dr. KC Sharma, Political Advisor to Chief Minister, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Bharti were also present in the meeting.

### New Education Policy imbibes values of life

The Chief Minister thanked the Governor for convening a two-day meeting organized to review the works of the Higher Education Department. He said that



private universities have an important role in implementing the new education policy. "In the new education policy, education related to life values has been included so that the collective development of the person is ensured and he becomes self-reliant," he added.

Citing the example of Swami Vivekananda, he said that education is not just a stack of knowledge but a medium to imbibe the values of life and without it, education is incomplete.

The Chief Minister said that due to Lord Macaulay's education, we could not get real life useful learning. "Life values have been given priority in the new

National Education Policy, so that we can achieve our objectives by imbibing it. The purpose of government and private universities is the same in terms of education. They should adopt the best practices not only of each other but also of universities across the world," he added.

### Universities should become self-reliant in field of resources

Sh. Manohar Lal said that the government and private universities should be self-reliant in the field of resources and for this the alumni can make a huge contribution. He said that for this, all the universities can organize Alumni-Day, once in a year and invite their alumni who have settled abroad. "Apart from Alumni funds, assistance can also be taken from CSR Funds for self-reliance," he added.

He further said that the manpower of the college students should also be utilized in various types of surveys. "With this, the universities will get revenue, while there will be intellectual development of the students. The

universities can also generate financial resources by giving their skilled consultancy to various government departments," he said, adding that Manav Rachna University and Ashoka University are working in this regard. He said that the universities should keep updating about the latest techniques and knowledge in the field of research.

### Skill education necessary for employment

The Chief Minister said that it is necessary to impart skill education to the youth to eliminate unemployment. "With more expansion of technical education, the youth will become more self-reliant and they will also get employment easily. Skill development has been given prominence in the new education policy," he said. Addressing the meeting, Higher Education Minister, Sh. Mool Chand Sharma said that the state government has set a target to increase the gross enrolment ratio in higher education from 32 percent to 40 percent by 2030. He said that a campaign is being launched to trace the zero dropout of children in the age group of 6 to 18 years.

## BJP has become a Washing Machine — you put in a politician accused of corruption and he comes out with a clean chit: Raghav Chadha



**NEW DELHI:** AAP Senior Leader and Rajya Sabha MP Shri Raghav Chadha lambasted the BJP, accusing it of wanting to turn India into an opposition-less nation. He said that BJP wants to make India an autocracy, perhaps even a one party-one leader state, highlighting the BJP's misuse of central agencies like ED-CBI against the opposition. The MP listed out names of prominent leaders like Shri Manish Sisodia of AAP, Smt K Kavitha of BRS, Shri Abhishek Banerjee of TMC among others, saying that if all these leaders joined the BJP, all charges against them would be dropped. He explained how several leaders who had numerous alleged corruption charges against them were cleared of all charges after joining the BJP. He cited the example of the current Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, who had multiple serious corruption cases registered against him while he

was in the Congress. The AAP MP further accused the BJP of becoming a "washing machine" that clears charges of corruption against any opposition leader who joins the party. He compared the case of Shri Manish Sisodia to the son of a BJP MLA in Karnataka who was caught with Rs 8 crores of unaccounted and illegal wealth but was not arrested or questioned by any agency.

In a press conference on Saturday, Shri Raghav Chadha said that if leaders like Shri Manish Sisodia, Shri Satyendar Jain, Shri Abhishek Banerjee of the TMC, Shri Sanjay Raut of Shiv Sena, Shri Farooq Abdullah of the NC, Shri DK Shivakumar of the Congress, Smt K Kavitha of the TRS, Shri Tejaswi Yadav of the RJD — leave their own political parties and join the BJP at this time, then the multiple cases registered against them by the ED and CBI will all be closed.

## 25,000 houses for EWS to be constructed across Punjab: Minister Aman Arora



**SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH:** Punjab government will construct 25,000 houses for people from economically weaker sections in a phased manner, Housing and Urban Development Minister Aman Arora informed the state assembly here on Saturday.

Replying to a question in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, the minister said nearly 15,000 dwelling units will be constructed in the first phase under the Punjab EWS Housing Policy.

The sites, where these units are to be constructed, have been identified and the tendering process will be initiated soon, he said. Arora claimed that due to the negli-

gence of previous governments, more than 14,000 unauthorised colonies mushroomed in the state, and the EWS housing was ignored. "Now, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann-led Punjab government is concerned to provide a roof to the economically weaker sections and notices have been issued by the Housing and Urban Development Department to promoters, who have not handed over the possession of the land reserved for EWS housing as per the policy," he said. To another question raised during Question Hour, Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Minister Baljit Kaur said Dr B R Ambedkar Bhavan will be constructed at Barnala.

# Silicon Valley Bank collapse leaves Indian startups worried

**AGENCY NEW DELHI:** The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) in the US has left several Indian startups worried who have exposure to its investments and their raised funds may now be stuck.

According to recent data by global software-as-a-service (SaaS)-based market intelligence platform Tracxn, SVB had exposure in at least 21 startups in India although it did not reveal the size of the investment in these startups.

Also, the beleaguered bank did not invest in any Indian startup lately. Gokul Rajaram, a board member at Pinterest and Coinbase, tweeted that "India-based founders don't know who to turn to as an alternative to SVB".



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— Gokul Rajaram (@gokulr) March 10, 2023

According to the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation that shut down the bank, all insured depositors will have full access to their insured deposits no later than Monday, March 13, 2023.

However, the palpitations can be heard among startup founders.

"Hearing of some hedge funds preying on desperate companies and trying to buy out SVB deposits at well below cash. Those who are engaging

in these predatory tactics, please remember: karma is real," Rajaram further posted. According to The New York Times, SVB was a bank to more than 2,500 venture capital firms, including Lightspeed, Bain Capital and Insight Partners. "It managed the personal wealth of many tech executives and was a stalwart sponsor of Silicon Valley tech conferences, parties, dinners and media outlets," the report said. Josh Butler, CEO of workplace safety analytics startup CompScience, was quoted as saying that he was unable to get his company's money out of the bank. "Everyone from my investors to employees to my own mother are reaching out to ask what's going on. The big question is how soon will we be able to get access to the rest of the funds, how much if at all? That's absolutely scary," he said.

## Punjab Health Deptt to observe glaucoma week from March 12

**CHANDIGARH, MARCH 11:** Taking forward the vision of Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Mann to provide world-class healthcare facilities to the general public, Punjab Health Department will observe 'World Glaucoma Week' from March 12 to March 18, said Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh here on Saturday.

He said that prevention and early treat-

ment is the key to prevent glaucoma related blindness.

As part of this campaign, free Glaucoma check-up camps will be organised by the Punjab Health Department in all the district and sub-divisional hospitals and government medical colleges to identify the people suffering from glaucoma, so that they can be treated in a timely manner.

## Rahul Gandhi wants rule with the help of foreigners: Subhash

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** The Executive Vice

Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana, Subhash Chandra issued a statement strongly criticizing the statements of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi that Rahul Gandhi is not only bent on defaming India with the help of foreigners, but also with their help in India. Mungerilal is dreaming of getting power which will never be fulfilled. He said that Rahul Gandhi is currently on UK tour by pretending to be on Bharat Jodo Yatra, who gave a statement in England that democracy is not safe in India. This is an insult to 130 crore Indians.

Subhash Chandra said whether Rahul Gandhi wants to gain Indian power with the help of foreigners. Af-



ter all, why do they repeatedly go to foreign lands and do bad things about India. He gave a statement in the University of England that from 2014 till today he was not called to speak in any university, while before 2014 it was his government, then big Congress leaders went to the university but Rahul was not called. Who will they blame for this? Subhash Chandra said that Rahul's sometimes praising China on foreign soil and sometimes attacking Indian democracy is not only worrying but also conspiratorial. He has not only insulted crores of patriots by comparing RSS, the world's largest voluntary patriot organization on the soil of England, with Muslim Brothers hood, but has also put a question mark on those big leaders of

Congress who have termed RSS as a patriotic organization many times. given.

The Vice Chairman said that Indira Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri have praised RSS from time to time. He said that Rahul Gandhi's statement on RSS is condemnable. RSS is such a self-serving organization that works day and night for India's self-respect and respect. Subhash Chandra said that the people of India now consider Rahul as a failed leader. It seems that Rahul Gandhi has lost faith in the people and democracy of India and with the help of foreigners, he wants to be able to take over the power of India, which the people of India will never accept.

## 66 per cent of total income of 7 national parties in 2021-22 came from electoral bonds, other 'unknown' sources: ADR

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAR 11**

More than 66 per cent of the total income of seven national parties in 2021-22 came from "unknown sources" like electoral bonds, which accounted for a whopping 83 per cent, according to the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The seven parties—BJP, Congress, TMC, NCP, CPI, CPI(M) and the National People's Party—collected Rs 2,172 crore from unknown sources in 2021-22, the NGO working for electoral reforms said, citing official data.

The income from unknown sources was 66.04 per cent of their total income. And, Rs 1,811.94 crore or 83.41 per cent of the income from unknown sources came through electoral bonds, it said.

The "unknown" sources are income declared in the annual audit report by these parties but without

giving the source of income, according to the ADR.

At present, political parties are not required to reveal the name of individuals or organisations giving less than Rs 20,000 and those who donated via electoral bonds.

The ADR stated such unknown sources include donations via electoral bonds, sale of coupons, relief fund, miscellaneous income, voluntary contributions, and contribution from meetings/morchas.

During the financial year 2021-22, the BJP declared Rs 1,161 crore as income from unknown sources which is 53.45 per cent of the total income of national parties from unknown sources, it said.

"This income of BJP is Rs 149.86 crore more than the aggregate of income from unknown sources declared by the other six national parties (Rs 1,011.18 crore)," the ADR said.



AAP praises Punjab government's budget, calls it a pro-farmers govt

**CHANDIGARH:** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) lauded the Punjab government's budget 2023-24 and said that the budget reflects the vision of the Mann Government to take Punjab forward for all-round progress. This budget has set the motion for the progress and further development of Punjab.

Addressing a press conference along with party spokespersons Govinder Mittal and Advocate Ravinder at the party headquarters on Saturday, AAP Punjab chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang said as Punjab is an Agrarian state, the budget has made provisions especially for Punjab's farmers, to further improve the condition of farming in the state.

Kang said that this time the budget for agriculture has been increased by 20 percent compared to the previous budget. This shows that Mann government is committed to the development of farmers. Along with increasing the agriculture budget, the Mann government emphasized on crop diversification in the budget and allocated Rs 1000 crore for this. Last year, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had boosted the morale of Punjab farmers by giving MSP on direct paddy sowing and moong crop, which yielded much better results. Lamenting the previous governments, Kang said the condition of sugarcane farmers was pitiable during the Congress and Akali-BJP governments. They could not even get the MSP on time. The Mann government not only paid the dues of sugarcane farmers but also increased the MSP of sugarcane to Rs 380 per quintal, the highest in the country.

YOUTH-20 consultation summit in GNDU From March 14th to 16th

**AMRIK AMRITSAR:** A three day prestigious YOUTH-20 consultation Summit organized by Ministry of Youth affairs, Govt. of India will be held at Guru Nanak Dev University from March 14th to 16th. All the arrangements have been supervised personally by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu under the management of Nodel officer Prof. Dr. Hardeep Singh, OSD to Vice-Chancellor. A large number of International and National dignitaries are expected to participate in this Mega Event from all over.

Prof. Hardeep Singh said that the theme of this Event is Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century skills. He said that this Mega Event will be held in the Golden Jubilee Convention Hall of the university from March 15. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu will welcome the august gathering. He said that S Harjot Singh Bains Minister of Education, Govt of Punjab will also present his remarks while prof. Prof. Sarabjot Singh Bhel will Present Vote of thanks on this occasion.

Prof. Hardeep Singh said that technical sessions on the theme "Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century skills" will be organised in which panel discussions will be done with the experts. The first panel discussion will be on Agritech and food security. Similarly, Second panel discussion will focus on Emerging Global Job Opportunities through International Relations.

IDFC Mutual Fund Rebrands to Bandhan Mutual Fund

**MUMBAI:** IDFC Mutual Fund is set to adopt its new brand identity as Bandhan Mutual Fund on Monday, March 13, 2023. Consequently, each scheme of the fund house will be renamed to replace the word 'IDFC' with the word 'Bandhan'. Since the underlying investment strategy, processes, and team continue to remain the same, investors can benefit from the same high-quality investment approach that the fund house is reputed for. Sharing more insights about the change in brand identity, Vishal Kapoor, CEO of the AMC said, "Our new name reflects our new sponsorship, and we are proud to now be a part of the Bandhan Group. Backed by the legacy, goodwill, and inclusiveness that our Sponsors represent, we are confident that our investors will continue to benefit from the same passion, expertise, and focus that they have experienced over the years. With a collective ambition of growing even faster, we are excited about the journey and opportunities that lie ahead. Our new brand identity is a testament to the universality of our commitment and the strength of our resolve to help every saver become an investor." The fund house brings together a strong foundation in serving investors through a slew of well-defined products and a deep commitment to empowering communities. At the heart of this rebranding, which includes a change of the name and the logo, is the belief that financial security and prosperity are not just for the few, but for everyone. This rebranding to become Bandhan Mutual Fund marks a new chapter in the fund house's journey and is expected to bring fresh energy to its business. Starting Monday, investors can access the fund house's new website <https://www.bandhanmutual.com>

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Awareness camp organised by Labour Department



**CHANDIGARH:** The Chandigarh Labour Welfare Board under the aegis of the Labour Department, UT, Chandigarh has organized an awareness camp with the co-ordination of the ESIC

Authorities, Chandigarh today in the premises of M/s CSJ Infrastructure Private Limited, Elante Mall, Plot No. 178-A, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh regarding registration of unorganized workers under e-

shram portal and various social welfare schemes for the industrial workers being run by the Chandigarh Labour Welfare Board (CLWB).

Further, during the camp, Sh. Naveen Sharma, Assistant Labour

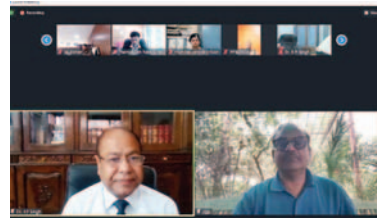
Commissioner –cum- Secretary (CLWB), UT, Chandigarh briefed about the schemes being granted to the registered beneficiary workers under the Chandigarh Labour Welfare Board who are covered under Punjab Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1965.

In this camp, the department has mobilized around 150-170 workers and made them aware regarding the online procedure for availing the various welfare schemes and other benefits being provided by the department and its allied boards.

Further, the Labour Department, UT, Chandigarh has also planned to organize more such camps so that the maximum number of workers can be made aware regarding social security schemes and other facilities being provided by the department and its allied boards in near future.

Online colloquium on “Prison Reform” organised

**CHANDIGARH:** The Institute of Correctional Administration, Chandigarh in partnership with Indian Police Foundation (IPF) organized an online colloquium On “Prison Reform” on 10th March



2023. Around 100 serving and retired police and prison officers of all ranks, academicians, researchers, lawyers and judicial officers from all over the country participated in this colloquium. Dr. K.P. Singh IPS (Retd.), Director, IPF Centre for Prison Reform was the moderator in the colloquium. The aim of this

colloquium was to discuss “Issues related to Prison Reforms” with various stakeholders. Experts like Shri. N.Ramachandran IPS (Retd) President, Indian Police Foundation; Dr. M.R.Ahmed (Retd) Director APCA, Velloor; Sh. Somesh Goyal IPS (Retd) Director General of Police & Prison, Himachal Pradesh; Prof. Vijay Raghavan Centre for Criminology and Justice (CCJ), School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai; Dr. K.P. Singh IPS (Retd) Director, IPF Centre for Prison Reforms (Former Director General of Police & Prisons, Haryana); Dr. Ish Kumar IPS (Retd) Director, IPF Centre for Internal Police Reforms (Former Director NCRB) and Dr. Upneet Lalit Head Coordinator.

SIDBI celebrates International Women’s Day with Women Entrepreneurs of SKDRDP at Shri Kshetra, Dharamsthala

**NEW DELHI:** Reaffirming its commitment towards women empowerment, SIDBI celebrated the International Women’s Day with the

Ramann, Chairman & Managing Director, SIDBI, formally released a book ‘Amrutha Jeevana Prayaas Sinchana’ in the presence of Dr.

Executive Director, SKDRDP, CMD Shri S. Ramann, during his inaugural address mentioned “SIDBI’s mission through PRAYAAS



women entrepreneurs assisted under its PRAYAAS initiative through its partnership with SKDRDP at Shri Kshetra, Dharamsthala. On the occasion, Shri Sivasubramanian

Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari, SKDRDP, Smt Hemavathi Heggade, President, Janavikas Program, Dharmasthala, Shri Ravi Tyagi, CGM, SIDBI and Dr. L. H. Manjunath,

and under-served segments for fostering the spirit of self-reliance and augmenting enterprise promotion. I salute the beneficiaries featured in the book who are the true

representatives of grit, determination, and embodiment of independence of entrepreneurship. I am sure that their success will inspire many more women to dream and set up more ambitious ventures.”

Earlier during the day, Shri S. Ramann handed over sanction letter of Rs.1000 crore to Dr. L. H. Manjunath, Executive Director, SKDRDP under SIDBI's PRAYAAS Scheme for Direct Credit to Micro Enterprises under partnership arrangements. The PRAYAAS Scheme has been formulated to help microfinance clients who look forward to upscale / diversify their business and need assistance in the range of '50,000 to 5 lakh, commonly known as "Missing Middle Segment". The scheme aims to significantly improve access to finance as well as reduce interest rate to aspiring borrowers and help in enterprise promotion.

The Narrators presents poetic musical concert: Ranjish Bandish

**CHANDIGARH:** The Narrators Performing Arts Society in association with Kala-Kshetra organised a Poetic Musical Concert, ‘Ranjish Bandish’ with a contemporary Dance Performance curated, designed and directed by the Founder Director of The Narrators, Nisha Luthra at the Mini Tagore Theater here. The concert based on ‘Raag Yaman’ was a fusion of poetry, music, songs and dance moves on the beats of varied percussion instruments and on tunes of the electric guitar. Nisha Luthra said, ‘The evening was curated with poetry leading the event, followed by the songs based on ‘Raag Yaman’ and the presentation concluded with sacred Sufi dance movements. It was a unique amalgamation of three different art forms with nine artists fusing with finesse and taking the narrative ahead.’

The poems were written and recited by Nisha Luthra, whose book ‘Ranjish’ is coming soon. The songs were sung by the twin singers, Sonika Gahlawat and Monika Gahlawat with the background music of tabla by Rahul Sharma, sitar by Shruti Thakur, and harmonium by Shanty Tamang.

Two women achievers were also awarded for their contribution to society. Mrs. Sunaini Sharma who is a Punjabi folk singer and is promoting rich Punjabi folk culture and Mrs. Bittu Sandhu, who is running an NGO Rani Breast Cancer Trust, were felicitated by former IAS officer, Vivek Alray. The backstage was managed by Lokesh, Arpan Maity operated lights and Rajan Batheja was the show's Assistant Director. Reeta Rana led the evening ahead as the Master of the Ceremonies.

This summer, step up your sartorial game with statement pieces from Men of Platinum

**CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA:** Jewellery has the power to make or break a look. And with the summer season upon us, it's time to step up your sartorial game with pieces that are unique yet versatile, sleek yet stylish and subtle yet striking! Elevate your summer looks and outfits with contemporary platinum jewellery pieces from the Men of Platinum collection. Each exquisite design can be paired with a variety of outfits and styled in multiple ways. Born of the stars, platinum is found only in select locations across the globe and is a symbol of what is truly rare and precious. Platinum, with its inherent attributes, instantly uplifts the style quotient and has emerged as a new-age symbol of success. It is a fitting ode to the rare men of character and creates a subtle yet distinct statement. Crafted in 95% platinum this stunning jewellery range from Men of Platinum is cast with clean, bold lines with minimalism at its core. Offering a wide range of avant-garde designs including platinum chains, wristwear, necklace and rings, the design language of the collection includes distinctive emblems, crests in solid forms and aerodynamic elements along with intricate details, incisions, and embellishments. The statement silhouettes and sophisticated textures come together to create this impeccable and exclusive range of jewellery. Extremely versatile, each piece in the collection can be paired with a variety of different outfits – right from power suits and tailored formalwear to smart casuals as well as festive Indian wear. While platinum necklace complements everything from crisp shirts to solid tees as well as from polos to even bandhgas; platinum wristwear and rings are the ideal everyday jewellery pieces that can be worn separately or stacked together.

**R N KHERA CHANDIGARH:** Renowned DJ RDG aliases Mr Progressive, thinks that India is quickly becoming one of the top music festival destinations in the world, India is now home to some of the biggest music festivals, such as Sunburn, Vh1 Supersonic, and magnetic fields. These festivals are now offering mentorship programs and contests to help DJs get work. These programs often provide DJs with the opportunity to network with industry professionals, gain valuable experience, and even win prizes. There is a surge of new talent coming from non-metro cities, which is sign of electronic dance music (EDM) genre being widely accepted.

Mr. Progressive says that EDM is definitely big in India and it is only going to get bigger. EDM has been gaining popularity in India over the past few years, with more and more people attending EDM festivals and events. The EDM scene in India is growing rapidly, with more and more artists and DJs performing in the country. With the increasing popularity of EDM, more and

more people are getting exposed to the genre and it is only going to get bigger from here.

He says that I am currently focusing on Mr. Progressive portfolio and am working very hard



towards building the name and brand and getting established within the international community where the scene is really kicking off. I have also realised the most essential importance of idealising my production is to consistently get my tracks on international House music charts having them

continuously stream and maintain a place in this market. This is the most important task for Mr. Progressive right now; to build recognition amongst the most successful artists in this genre so that collaborations, hook ups with labels and more and more festival shows become possible. This is my main motivation and ambition right now.

He said "Music is a great way to express myself and my emotions. It allows me to create something unique and personal that reflects my own style and personality. As an artist I love to experiment. Melodic and energetic sounds always find their way in my music. I love mixing this with groovy and wide, growing bass lines to beautiful melodies. Later I have produced a variety of sounds like groovy house, melodic techno, big room/progressive house. I am constantly looking for inspiration and to bring about changes in my music. In past five years I have created a space for myself in the electronic dance music scene and have given a lot to this genre by making more than

200 tracks.

In addition to his studio talents, Mr. Progressive is the owner of "Shine OM Records". Today Shine OM Records is a well accepted label. "Shine OM Records" is also distributing its music on web portals like Spotify and Beatport (just to name a few) in order to reach a wider pool of followers and fans. "Shine OM Records" aim to release high quality music, focused on progressive house from established Names to new up coming talents.

His advice for the young aspiring artists is that get into the industry only for the love of the music. Attraction for glamour is fatal to careers. Never give up. Keep experimenting. And sooner or later you will discover your original sound. And yes, the audiences of today is very well informed and so as creator one has to be updated constantly. Reach out to other DJs and producers in your area and build relationships. This will help you learn from others and get gigs. Follow your instinct and find your soul and great music will automatically find you. Passion and perseverance always pays, be it sooner or later.

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(2) **SH. MOHIT KUMAR** Son of Sh. Dev Raj House No. 2542 A Part 6 Village Lalru, Tehsil Derabassi, SAS Nagar, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar/Mohali/Ajitgarh, Punjab.  
(3) **SH. LAJPAT RAI** S/o Sh. Sanwal Dass, House No. 2440 Part 6 Village Lalru, Tehsil Derabassi, SAS Nagar, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar/Mohali/Ajitgarh, Punjab.

**SUMMONS**  
WHEREAS, OA/531/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer Registrar on 09/01/2023.  
WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. **34,76,960.26** (application along with copies of document etc. annexed).  
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under-  
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;  
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original applications;  
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;  
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or others assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;  
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security over such assets.  
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 26/05/2023 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.  
**Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this date 16.01.2023.**  
Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

FORM NO. 3  
[SEE REGULATION-15(1)(A)/16(3)]  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 2)**  
1ST FLOOR, SCO NO. 33-34-35, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH  
(Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

CASE NO. : OA/851/2022  
**SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993)**  
Exh No. 14891  
**HDFC BANK VS M/S DHARAM PAL AND SONS**

To,  
(1) **M/S DHARAM PAL AND SONS** D/W/S/O- DHARAM PAL SHARMA  
M/s Dharam Pal and Sons a sole proprietorship concern of Shri Dharam Pal Sharma having its place of Business at New Anaj Mandi Dhand (Kaithal) Haryana. Borrower PAN No. AWTPTS2517 Kaithal, Haryana.  
(2) **SH. DHARAM PAL SHARMA** Son of Sh. Kesho Ram, House No. 1060 D, Village Dhand, Tehsil and Distt. Kaithal, Kaithal, Haryana.  
(3) **SMT RAJ BALA** W/o Sh. Dharam Pal Sharma R/o House No. 1060 D, Village Dhand, Tehsil and Distt. Kaithal, Kaithal, Haryana.  
(4) **M/S SHREE GANESH TRADING CO.** Proprietor Sh. Vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Dharam Pal, Place of Business at Shop No. 13, New Anaj Mandi Dhand, Distt. Kaithal, Kaithal, Haryana.

**SUMMONS**  
WHEREAS, OA/851/2022 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer Registrar on 05/12/2022.  
WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. **71,55,626.66** (application along with copies of document etc. annexed).  
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under-  
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;  
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original applications;  
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;  
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or others assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;  
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security over such assets.  
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 20/03/2023 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.  
**Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this date 12.12.2022.**  
Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

I, Siddharth S/o Shiv Parkash R/o 501/10 , New Ashoka Colony , Behind Sbi Road , Kaithal Haryana 136027 , Now At C 2355 , Second Floor , Room No. 5 , Peach Try , Sushant Lok , Gurgaon Haryana 122001 , Have Changed My Name From Siddharth To Siddharth Girdhar. Concerned Please Note.  
54856  
I Bharpur Kaur W/o Kapoor Singh Residence Nathana Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Bharpur Kaur.  
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I Sukhjeevan Kaur Sidhu W/o Gurmeet Singh Residence # Z2-03959, St No 15/3, Dhobiana Road, Preet Nagar Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Sukhjeevan Kaur.  
54856  
I, hitherto known as Mohd. Zuher Khan S/O Sagir Ahmad residing at Law Gate Maharu, Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala - 144401, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Zuhair Mohd. Khan.  
54856  
I, hitherto known as Kuldip Singh S/O Malkiat Singh residing at Vill. Rehrawan, PO Poonian, Distt. Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar- 144702, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kuldeep Singh.  
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I suman Rani Mach W/o Som Nath r/o H.No.613,Ward NO.15,Arya Nagar, Kartarpur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name as Suman  
54856  
I, Lovepreet S/o Mr. Lakhvir Chand R/o Mohalla Khatika, Nurmahal, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab, India have changed my name from Lovepreet to Lovepreet Sidhu. All concerned please note.  
54856  
I, Inderjit S/o Jarnail Singh R/o VPO Mahal, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Inderjit to Singh Inderjit. All concerned please note.  
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**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (IRRIGATION WING)**  
**Notice Inviting e-Tender**  
**NIT No. 05/2022-23**  
**Name of Concerned Office:** Executive Engineer, RM, Division, BBMB Talwara Township (Punjab) 144216.  
**Name of Work:** Renovation of office Shed & General Store Shed at BBMB Stores Complex, Sansarpur- Terrace by replacing old ACC roofing with new CGI Sheets, Painting & Distemper etc.  
**Last date of receipt of tender** 03.04.2023 at 11.30 AM  
**Date of opening of tender** 04.04.2023 at 11.30 AM  
**Estimated Cost** Rs. 57,66,509/-  
The detailed tender may be downloaded from website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
453-PB-Beas Dam-4 **FOR YOUR BETTER TOMORROW SAVE ENERGY TODAY**

I, Rajiv Sharma @ Rajeev Sharma S/o Ram Parkash Sharma R/o.H.No.433-FF, AIPL Ambuja, Dream City, G.T Road Near Best Price, Rakh Manawala, Amritsar declare that Rajiv Sharma and Rajeev Sharma are the names of one and Same person  
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I, Upasna Sharma @ Upasana Sharma W/o Rajiv Sharma@ Rajeev Sharma R/o.H.No.433-FF, AIPL Ambuja, Dream City, G.T Road Near Best Price, Rakh Manawala, Amritsar declare that Upasna Sharma and Upasana Sharma are the names of one and Same person  
54856  
I, Dilbag Singh Dhillon S/o Surjit Singh R/o.H.No.1140,Japani Mill, Chheharta Amritsar Have Changed my name to Dilbag Singh  
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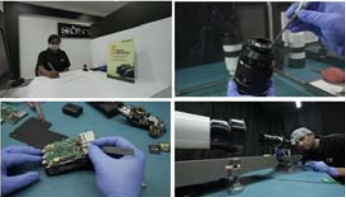


KNOCKOUT ADDS FARIDKOT TO THE PORTFOLIO



**FARIDKOT** : Set on redefining the retail space, Kapsons Retail is leading the league in the North with a disruptive vision; now all set to launch the latest store of its brand, KNOCKOUT, this March, at Pelican Plaza, Faridkot. Defining itself as the “Arcade of Fashion,” Knockout seeks to bridge the gap in demand by providing value shopping for a wide array of both international and national brands within its sphere, all under one roof. The brand acknowledges the growing demand for global fashion trends and commits to fulfilling the same with its multi-brand format, extending to an area of approximately 8500 square ft. Just last year, the brand expanded its operations when it launched its second store in Barnala, garnering huge buzz for its trendy collection and location in the city’s hotspot. With an intent to cater to the untapped market segment, KNOCKOUT keeps in focus Tier 2 and 3 cities, in this case, the culturally-charged city of Faridkot. The new family store has something to offer to every fashion enthusiast as it harbours the trendiest collections from the most sought-after brands including US Polo Assn., US Polo Kids, Nautica, Arrow, FCUK, Jack & Jones, Puma, Puma kids, Vero Moda, Only, GAS, Kazo, London Fog, Wrangler, Lee, Flying Machine, Vitamins, Angel&Rocket, GAS Kids, and more. When asked about the service design, the Chief Business Head of Kapsons Group, Mr. Raghav Kapoor quotes, “Comfort and convenience of our customers is the top priority and will always remain at the forefront,” while hinting at the further expansion of the brand in the coming year.

Sony's best-in-class customer service for cameras and lenses at the newly revamped Alpha Service Center in Chandigarh



**CHANDIGARH** : Sony India announces upgrade of its service center in Chandigarh to Alpha Camera Body repair center to provide best-in-class customer service for camera body and lenses. With upgrade of this Alpha Service Center in Chandigarh, Sony has now expanded its footprint across 21 cities in India including Delhi, Ghaziabad, Jaipur, Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Cochin, Trivandrum, Kozhikode, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Pune, Nagpur, Indore, Kolkata, Guwahati, Bhubaneswar, Vishal Mathur, National Head of Customer Service at Sony India, said, “We have always strived to deliver the best services to our customers and this has led us to widen our service network across India. This expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand’s continued dedication to customer satisfaction”. Sony India now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 24 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair across 21 cities, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD Imager cleaning and firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India. Mukesh Srivastava, Head of Digital Imaging Business at Sony India, said, “By supporting and assisting partners in local markets, Sony aims to ensure customers receive exceptional service and satisfaction along with quicker and faster turnaround at all outlets across the country. The new service centers will offer customers a seamless experience across multiple touchpoints to provide a consistent brand experience that surpasses expectations.” The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail free of cost additional one year warranty on applicable products.

Tata Power DDL commemorated the Third Edition of Lineman Diwas

**CHANDIGARH** To recognise the contribution and institutionalise the practice of celebrating a day as ‘Lineman Diwas’ by all State and Private discoms, the Central Electricity Authority of India (CEA), together with Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited, commemorated the Third Edition of Lineman Diwas. The initiative aims to recognise the tireless efforts of the most critical pillar of power distribution - the linemen and ground maintenance staff. Linemen from Electricity Wing of Engineering Dept. UT, Chandigarh Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Sh. Jasvir Singh, Sh. Ranjit Singh, Sh. Gurjant Singh were felicitated by Shri Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson and Ex-Officio Secretary to the Government of India, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power at the grand event in New Delhi. In 2021, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited conceptualized and initiated the celebration of Lineman Diwas to applaud and recognize the hard work of all ground staff members. With the CEA actively supporting and encouraging this initiative, the Third Edition of Lineman Diwas this year has been joined by discoms from various states, including Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh. Over 100 linemen from 20 State and Private discoms visited the capital to participate in the celebration. Across the country, more than 100 discoms celebrated Lineman Diwas at their respective locations, with over 50,000 linemen being felicitated to mark the celebrations.

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Haryana, first state to host third time the All India Forest Sports Competition - Kanwar Pal

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Haryana's Environment and Forest Minister, Sh. Kanwar Pal said that Haryana is the first state in the country, which has got the opportunity to host the All India Forest Sports Competition for the third time. The land of Haryana is known for the spirit of its youth. This Mahakumbh of sports competitions is a symbol of a positive change in the country and the state. Sh. Kanwar Pal was addressing after inaugurating today the 26th All India Forest Sports Competition at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Sector 3, Panchkula. Member of Parliament Lok Sabha, Ambala, Sh. Ratan Lal Kataria was also present on the this occasion. After inauguration of the 26th All India Forest Sports Competition, Sh. Kanwar Pal took salute from the march past presented by contingents of sportspersons from different States and Union Territories. He said



that earlier this competition was successfully organized in the year 2013 in Panchkula and in 2002 in Faridabad. He said that he expressed his gratitude to the Central Government for giving Haryana the opportunity to organize these games again. Sh. Kanwar Pal said that since the beginning of his political life, he has been associated with forest and forest workers. Due to the dense forest of Kalesar in his area of District Yamuna Nagar, the activity

of forest personnel used to remain constant here. They have seen that the forest personnel protect the forest wealth by patrolling day and night with great enthusiasm. The Forest Minister said that through sports we learn to be disciplined, to work with team spirit and to keep improving continuously. Sports also generate a feeling of brotherhood which works to connect the family in our field of work.

Amazon launches its best sounding Echo Dot 5th Gen at an introductory price of INR 4,999

**CHANDIGARH** : On Alexa's fifth Anniversary in India, Amazon announced the launch of the all-new Echo Dot 5th Gen with improved audio, Ultrasound Motion Detection, temperature sensor, and tap gesture control. The Echo Dot 5th Gen is the best sounding Echo Dot yet, that offers clearer vocals and up to double the bass than its previous generations. With in-built Ultrasound Motion Detection and temperature sensor that allows customers to set up helpful smart home routines with compatible



electronics to 'automatically switch on the room lights on entering the room' and 'automatically switch on AC if the room gets too warm', respectively. The Echo Dot is Amazon's bestselling smart speaker. Customers can just use their voice and ask Alexa in English, Hindi and Hinglish – to play music, jokes, games, control smart home appliances, set timers, add items to lists, create reminders, pay bills, and more.

"The new Echo Dot advances our best-selling Echo line of products. We have now upgraded the audio experience and brought motion detection and temperature sensors to the smart speaker. Customers can leverage new capabilities for a truly ambient experience where tech simply fades in the background - like walking into a room and it lights up like magic," said Parag Gupta, Director and Country Manager for Amazon Devices India. "Customers have loved our Echo smart speakers and I am certain the new Echo Dot will delight customers, and enhance their entertainment and smart home experiences". Echo Dot 5th Gen's redesigned audio architecture features a custom full range driver and the highest excursion speaker of any Echo Dot, delivering clear vocals and up to double the bass of the previous generation – all within the same size and spherical form factor. Customers can just ask Alexa to play their favorite songs from free and subscription-based music streaming services such as Hungama, Spotify, JioSaavn, Amazon Prime Music, Apple Music, and others."

Amazon India launches the second edition of #ShelsAmazon: A campaign to celebrate women

**CHANDIGARH** : On the occasion of International Women's Day, Amazon India celebrates the innovative spirit, leadership and excellence of women. Aligned with this year's theme, 'Embrace Equity', Amazon launches 'ShelsAmazon', a campaign to highlight Amazon India's initiatives towards increasing women's participation and enabling their growth in the workforce. The campaign spotlights women who have been at the forefront of innovation, a role model or an inspiration to many within the company. Amazon India has created tens of thousands of opportunities for women in India – be it the employees or associates at its workplace, sellers who sell on Amazon.in or partners across its fulfillment and delivery network. From delivery associates to applied scientists, women thrive in diverse roles across Amazon businesses and raise the bar across communities. Amazon business has taken significant efforts in terms of policies, benefits, programs, and initiatives to ensure the participation of women at different levels in different roles. Sharing her thoughts on the campaign, Deepti Varma, Vice President, People Experience & Technology, Amazon Stores – APAC, MENA & LATAM, says, "Gender equality and equity has always been a priority for Amazon. It is ingrained in how we operate, our governance framework and decision-making. We believe that true progress and success in any society can only be achieved when women are given the tools and opportunities to fully realize their potential. Through #ShelsAmazon' campaign, we honour the outstanding accomplishments of women in Amazon India, and we strive to continue to provide meaningful opportunities for women in our workforce and incubate women entrepreneurs to succeed, ultimately increasing their representation and influence in their respective fields."



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OPPO India signs MoU with Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society to foster innovation and entrepreneurship

**CHANDIGARH** : OPPO India, a leading smartphone brand, today signed an MoU with Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society (APIS), the State Nodal Agency for promoting the growth of the entrepreneurship ecosystem, to support deep tech startups in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The MoU was signed by Mr. Tasleem Arif, Vice President, India R&D Head, OPPO India, and Anil Kumar Tentu, Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society at the Global Investors Summit 2023, in the presence of Sri Gudivada Amarnath, Minister for Industries, Infrastructure, Investment & Commerce, Information Technology and Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Andhra Pradesh. OPPO India and APIS aim to accelerate the overall innovation culture in the country and mentor start-ups that have the potential to bring the next big technological change in the industry. As a part of this initiative, OPPO India will connect with startups through a series of programs, including, setting up labs for



budding entrepreneurs and offering professional support in research and mentorship. Further, OPPO will also organise innovation challenges, hackathons, and workshops to empower entrepreneurs and technology enthusiasts. Speaking on the collaboration, Mr. Tasleem Arif, Vice President, India R&D Head, OPPO India, said, "We are delighted to collaborate with Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society to mentor deep tech startups and spur a new wave of innovation in the country. With the mission of Technology for Mankind, Kindness for the World, OPPO believes in promoting design, imagination.

SHO of Sadhaura police station caught red-handed taking 50,000 bribe

**CHANDIGARH**: In Haryana's Yamunanagar district, a team of Anti-Corruption Bureau has caught SHO of Sadhaura police station, Sub-Inspector Dharampal, red-handed while accepting illegal gratification of Rs 50,000. While giving this information here today, a spokesperson of the Anti Corruption Bureau said that Sub-Inspector Dharampal was arrested on the spot. A complaint was received that illegal gratification of Rs 2500 per vehicle was being demanded by the SHO for the safe passage of trucks loaded with mining material from Sadhaura area. A bribe of 50,000 was demanded by the SHO for 20 vehicles at the rate of Rs 2500 per vehicle.

CM to attend 'Haryana Krishi Vikas Mela-2023' as chief guest on March 12

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAR 12

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal will attend the 'Haryana Krishi Vikas Mela-2023' as the chief guest on the closing ceremony on March 12; being organized at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar. The Chief Minister said that the farmers are the backbone of the country and they contribute to the progress of the nation by working their fingers to the bone. He said that the farmers of Haryana have a remarkable contribution in the economic development of the country. Under the leadership of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, the state government has implemented several schemes in the interest of the farmers, which has strengthened their economic condition. In the last two years, besides Rs 428 crore for various schemes in the agriculture sector, the state government has deposited an amount of more than Rs 45,000 crore directly into the accounts of the farmers for the purchase of their crops.

With the widespread adoption of 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora', it has been possible to send benefits directly to the accounts of the farmers under various ambitious schemes of the state such as 'Mera Paani-Meri Virasat', 'Dhan ki Seedhi Bijayi' and Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana".

Last year, a new scheme on natural farming was launched in the state under the guidance of experts. A target of 20,000 acres has been set for adopting natural farming in the year 2023-24. Haryana is the only state in the country which is providing assistance to the farmers by giving a subsidy of Rs 25,000 on the purchase of an indigenous cow and Rs 20,000 for certification, marketing and processing; to promote natural farming.

Notably, Haryana is known as the food bowl of India and the state is contributing 26 percent of wheat and 8 percent of rice to the central pool of the country. Agriculture and allied activities contribute 18.5 percent to the state's economy. Haryana is the only state which gives minimum support price to farmers for 14 crops.



AB InBev India Upskills Over 2000 Farmers through their smart Barley Program for Barley Growers Day

**CHANDIGARH** : AB InBev India today reinforced its commitment to barley farmersby celebrating the fourth edition of 'Barley Growers Day'. To acknowledge Barley farmers from Haryana and Rajasthan, today's event at Farukh Nagar, Haryana, highlighted a portfolio of technology and crop management initiatives that address farmer needs and improve agriculture production while driving sustainability across the value chain. Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of Haryana, Shri Jai Parkash Dalal, was the Chief Guest for this event along with Mark Rosmann, Agricultural Attaché & Dr Santosh Singh – Agricultural Specialist from US Embassy/US Department of Agriculture. Mr Timothy Synhaeve, Economic Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, participated from Belgium Embassy, and Mr Anil Kumar, Deputy Director, Agriculture and animal welfare department. The event



featured a display of multiple crop management trials showing farmers the latest and best practices in barley growing, cutting-edge equipment, and farmer education with R&D professionals. AB InBev India is dedicated to engaging with the farmers through the Smart Barley program and working with them to create a sustainable livelihood by empowering them and offering them sufficient input and knowledge to boost crop productivity and profitability. The goal of the Smart Barley program is for 100% of all direct Barley farmers by 2025 to be skilled, connected, and financially empowered. Sharing information on the Smart Barley program, Ashwin Kak, Head of Procurement and Sustainability, India and Southeast Asia, AB InBev, said, "We are committed to helping India's barley farmers. Over the years, we have expanded our involvement in farmer engagement and volume footprint, continuing to improve the scope of our engagement to drive farmers' adoption of more productive and profitable agriculture practices through guidance by agronomists and research experts.

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Heartwarming fan moments!

**CHANDIGARH** : The undying love of a fan makes an artist into a household name. And often, meeting fans makes a lifetime memory that the artists cherish. During their recent outstation visit, &TV lead actors Kamna Pathak, Rajesh Singh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, and Vidisha Srivastava, Anita Bhabhi from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai shared heart-warming moments with their fans. And this is what they had to say about it. Kamna Pathak, essaying Rajesh Singh, shares, "For every actor, there is a fan. And these fans make the actor a household name. I feel that an artist is successful when people start recognising them by their character. It makes me happy when people call me Rajesh or, at times, Dabbang Dulhania. My show, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, has given me a lot. But I will forever be thankful for the fan following I enjoy because of this show. Whenever I go out, and somebody calls me by my character name, I feel the happiest. The amount of love our fans show us is unmatched, and sometimes their gestures make me emotional and memorable. Like recently, I visited my hometown of Indore, as I had come to seek blessings from Mahakal in Ujjain during Mahashivratri. While exploring the famous Sarafa Bazaar, many kids approached me, addressing me as Rajesh. They also asked me, Happu Ji kahan hai? I replied, "Happu ji nyochavare le ne mein busy hai" (laughs)". Also, during that trip, I met two ladies who came and hugged me tightly, and one of them asked me, "Yeh 9 bachon ko kaise sambhal leti hai ap?" Humse toh do nahi sambhale jaate, which was very amusing. Even during my Mahakal darshan, our pandit ji called me Rajesh instead of Kamna, which was overwhelming and made me feel quite accomplished. People recognising you as your character in your hometown are very special. I could not be more grateful for the love and appreciation I received from Indians and people from Ujjain as Rajesh."



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Vidisha Srivastava, essaying Anita Bhabhi, says, "Fans are an integral part of every actor's life as they are the ones to make us or break us. It is because of them that we are who we are today.

Rural monitoring committee will be formed to keep strict vigil on the quality of development works - Devender Singh Bhabli

**CHANDIGARH**: Haryana Development and Panchayat Minister, Sh. Devender Singh Bhabli said that the citizens of the concerned villages will have to monitor the development works carried out by the government in rural areas in order to curb corruption. High quality materials in the construction of development works should be ensured, he added. Development and Panchayat Minister, Sh. Bhabli today visited several villages of Tohana assembly constituency namely Diwana, Mussakheda, Shakarpura, Mundhali, Chandpura, Sidhani, Sadhanawas, Talwadi, Talwada, Jakhal etc.

WD Green SN350 NVMe SSD provides right storage solution

**CHANDIGARH**: Is your productivity getting hindered because of the slow performance of your devices? If you're looking to upgrade your old system to match to your current needs, then Western Digital's WD GreenM SN350 NVMe SSD could be the right storage solution for you. Whether you're in class, shopping, chatting or surfing, this drive can keep you up to four times faster than SATA drives. Because they have no moving parts, SSDs offer a shock-resistant design to help protect your important data against accidental bumps and drops.

The slim M.2 2280 form factor allows for a quick and easy upgrade for any computer with an NVMe slot. It comes with 5 capacity options: 240GB, 480GB, 960GB, 1TB and 2TB, all with a 3-year warranty. The price starts from INR 1,839 for 240GB and goes up to Rs 12,069 for 2TB.

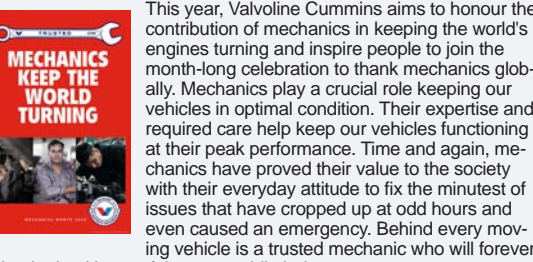


The WD Green SN350 SSD drives come with a free, downloadable software that monitors the current performance, space availability, temperature and more to ensure peak performance.

The budget-friendly, WD Green SN350 NVMe SSD offer great performance of 3200MB/s and write speeds of 1,320MB/s. It offers ultra-low power-draw, so your laptop runs longer. The WD Green SN350 NVMe SSD is super easy to install and can revitalize your old computer for your increasing daily needs.

Valvoline India announces the start of its 3rd Mechanics' Month Campaign

**CHANDIGARH**: Valvoline Cummins Private Limited initiated the 3rd edition of the mechanic month campaign globally and in India. The campaign revolves around the theme, "Keeping the World Turning" and aims to celebrate the effort of mechanics and thank them for their dedicated endeavours to keep the world turning.



This year, Valvoline Cummins aims to honour the contribution of mechanics in keeping the world's engines turning and inspire people to join the month-long celebration to thank mechanics globally. Mechanics play a crucial role keeping our vehicles in optimal condition. Their expertise and required care help keep our vehicles functioning at their peak performance. Time and again, mechanics have proved their value to the society with their everyday attitude to fix the minutest of issues that have cropped up at odd hours and even caused an emergency. Behind every moving vehicle is a trusted mechanic who will forever be the backbone of the automobile industry. "It gives us immense pleasure to announce the third edition of Mechanic Month as we join hands with mechanic professionals to celebrate their contribution towards the automobile industry and acknowledge their pivotal role in keeping our engines running smoothly," said Sandeep Kalra, Managing Director, Valvoline Cummins. "In this fast-paced world, we often forget to recognize the efforts of mechanics in vehicle safety and performance that keeps our life safe and moving. We believe that through these campaigns we can encourage consumers to realize and thank mechanics for their dedicated service and make them feel special for their valuable work. We, at Valvoline express immense gratitude to mechanic workers in keeping India turning and forever steering towards growth and development.

&TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan Ke Chaar Saal Bemisaal!

**CHANDIGARH**: &TV's gharelu comedy Happu Ki Ultan Paltan is celebrating its fourth anniversary. The show narrates the escapades of Daroga Happu Singh (Yogesh Tripathi), his Dabangg Dulhania Rajesh (Kamna Pathak), an obstinate mother, Katori Amma (Himani Shivpuri), and his nine notorious children, has been successfully entertaining the audiences with its rib-tickling tracks. To celebrate, the entire cast and crew cut a cake on set and extended their best wishes to each other. Speaking on show's success and four-year completion, producer Sanjay Kohli from Edit II Productions shared, "When you are doing something you enjoy, every day is a celebration, and the show is an everyday celebration for us. These are extremely special moments because they reaffirm our belief that we are doing something right and that our audience loves and appreciates our work. I am extremely proud of the entire team at Edit II, the channel, and most importantly, the cast and crew who tirelessly work daily to run this show. I remember how excited we were when we produced



the idea for the show. And today, it is one of the best comedy shows on television. I am grateful to the audience for their enormous support for the success of this show."

Yogesh Tripathi essaying Daroga Happu Singh, shares, "Happu Ki Ultan Paltan is a show that is very close to my heart. It has given me a lot. Be it recognition, appreciation and affection. With the show reaching this milestone, I feel even more responsible for my work. I owe it to my audience. Making someone laugh is not easy. Comedy is a tough genre. We are happy to see the response the show has received over the years.

AWOS launched for women Seafarers

**CHANDIGARH**: World's leading ship management company, and also a major employer of Indian seafarers, Anglo-Eastern Group has launched 'Anglo-Eastern Women of Sea' (AWOS) network on International Women's Day primarily to provide global platform for women seafarers to share knowledge and experiences, and also provide mentorship and support. "AWOS will bring a sense of community and empowerment among the women associated with the Anglo-Eastern Group. It will also work to address the gender imbalance that exists within the maritime industry and provide support for women seafarers in overcoming the challenges which might occur in their careers and lives," said Maneesh Pradhan, managing director of Anglo-Eastern Ship Management India – the Indian subsidiary of Anglo-Eastern Group. Pradhan said AWOS in India will provide mentoring and networking opportunities to Indian women seafarers by connecting them with the experienced professionals in the maritime industry world-wide. Women leadership team of AWOS will work to identify suitable policies which will advocate for the rights and interests of women seafarers by raising awareness about the challenges they face in their careers and hence pushing for the policy changes in the maritime industry to promote gender equality and diversity.



Editorial

India, Australia pitch for better security, trade ties

India-Australia ties are on a good wicket and that was amply illustrated in the red-carpet treatment meted out to the Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. A number of leaders, including China's President Xi Jinping, the then US President Donald Trump and the former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, have been through the immersive Gujarat experience on their visits.

Given the very high optics of his joint visit with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the cricket stadium in Ahmedabad, Albanese could easily have gained the impression that he is the most favoured. But then, apart from the hassle of stray Khalistani elements vandalising Hindu temples around Australia and even taking on the Indian diaspora in targeted violence, there is little of cricket's attritional qualities to special India-Australia ties.

Remarkably, the visit of the PMs also seemed to knock some sense into pitch preparation as the surface laid out at the Narendra Modi Stadium was closer to normal than in the previous three Tests played on designer pitches that were stark turners. How political even cricket can get may have been brought out in such intervention, but then cricket and politics have been bedfellows for a very long time in India that the big surface swing it brought to the series should not have come as a surprise.

Mr Albanese may have been in for a few surprises on his visit, like his tour of India's indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, an honour that is a first for a visiting leader. The pomp and ceremony of a Rashtrapati Bhavan reception only enhanced the sheer good vibes around two of four Quad members tied to a strategic arrangement that reflects India's standing among Western and first world countries today while promising to add to its security.

The country-to-country ties moved on with several Memoranda of Agreements being signed, ranging from sport, culture and innovation to education and renewable energy, with the focus on solar energy and clean hydrogen, on which the world must increasingly keep an eye towards mitigating the deleterious effects of global warming caused by climate change. An agreement to increase mobility of students as well as tech professionals may just help Indians more even as it promotes greater exchanges of people and ideas. A promise to move along even further after a Free Trade Agreement was signed in 2022 was an anticipated outcome from the summit even if much work remains on the nitty-gritty of the proposed Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement.

The first Samba-Tango in South America



I am feeling like Vasco da Gama in a saree after discovering a new world: South America. I am "Brazil-Argentina" returned, and not sure whether to keep dancing the samba or break into a tango. The jet lag lasts a week or more, given the vast distance between Mumbai and Rio (13,414 km), to say nothing of the Southern Hemisphere syndrome and its effects, real or imaginary, on sleep patterns. To admit this long and arduous trip has been an overwhelming experience, physically and mentally, is to underplay its impact. One can read detailed and brilliantly written travel guides, watch dozens of National Geographic documentaries and talk to erudite, seasoned, polished diplomats from both countries (Joao de Mendonca Lima Neto, Brazil's consul-general in Mumbai, and Guillermo E. Devoto, Argentina's consul-general), but nothing prepares you for the real thing.

Frankly, Indians have far more in common with Latin America than the United States -- the neo-colonisers of the twenty-first century. Our shared love for heritage and history should make South America a magnet for intrepid travelers. But we didn't encounter any Indians, not even at Brazil's best-known tourist site (Corcovado Mountain), where the imposing, magnificent 125-ft Art Deco statue of

Christ the Redeemer faces the Atlantic Ocean with 92-ft arms spread, and welcomes visitors to Brazil's shores. But it's the bikinis and beaches, the caipirinhas (Brazil's national drink) and the Carnival that dominate our imagination of this, South America's largest country and the world's fifth largest.

Rio's Carnival, often described as "the biggest street party in the world", is just that and much more, as we experienced at Sambadrome, where a crowd of 200,000-plus revellers enjoyed the spectacle without a single glitch or mishap to mar the mega celebrations.

The Amazonian rain forest deserves at least a month

for a truly immersive experience -- we could only spare a few days in the dramatic sub-merged forests, teeming with exotic species of trees, birds, reptiles -- home to the anacon- da! The Amazonian basin is nearly twice the size of India -- can you handle this factoid?

Aaaah... the Girl from Ipanema is not just a songwriter's fantasy. There are hundreds of "tall and tanned and young and lovely" women strolling along the bustling, beautiful city of Rio clad in nothing more formal than skimpy bikinis (our Urfi Javed looks overdressed in comparison), while casually strolling along the crescent shaped strip of Copacabana -

- the most famous beach in the world. But wait, they don't change into street wear at all -- there they are, these gorgeous Beyonce/JLo/Shakira clones in fluorescent lame thong-bikinis languorously buying groceries in a busy supermarket, gliding through hotel lobbies, sipping cocktails at trendy bars -- nobody ogles, nobody is surprised. Lazing on deck chairs all day long, Copacabana sees local grandmothers in tiny bikinis playing with grandkids, while young, fit adults indulge in vigorous beach volleyball games. I asked a local: "When do people go to work?" He grinned: "In Rio - rarely! But Sao Paolo is different." My one major

grouse? No desi chai available anywhere in Brazil. Worse, nobody speaks English. Portuguese only.

Our external affairs minister, Subrahmanyam Jaisankar, has pitched India as an important destination for Brazilian investment. As of 2022, India had \$6 billion investments in Brazil, while Brazil's investments in India is around \$1 billion. But given the presence of several Indian biggies already there (Wipro, Sterlite, United Phosphorus, Tata Motors, Infosys, Sun Pharma, to name a few), it certainly looks like this is the beginning of a beautiful affair. If only Brazil would introduce chai and tasty khaana! Our chaiwallahs are the best in the universe, as our PM Narendra Modi will readily endorse. Vegetarian options? What's that? I am sure Gautam Adani will do something about this soonest... a li'l birdie tells me Adani likes Brazil. A lot. Samba-Garba time! Dhokla is the new empanada.

Aaaah... Argentina! Brazil's Spanish-speaking cousin, and so entirely different in character! The two share more than just a border -- they also share the awe-inspiring Iguazu Falls, which span the Iguazu River. We enjoyed the falls from both countries. Interestingly, when I saw a serpentine line of cars from Brazil at the Argentine checkpoint, I wondered why

the neighbors were rushing over on a particularly hot weekend. "To buy alcohol, petrol and groceries," our chatty Argentine driver said with a wink. Everything (almost) is a hefty 50 per cent cheaper, given the exchange rate. What's more, brisk business is transacted with the "blue dollar" (black money, to us). It's a huge parallel economy that's gone half-legit. Parillas (grills) dominate local cuisine since carnivorous Argentina has the second highest consumption of beef in the world, after its neighbor Uruguay. The average citizen consumes 57 kg of beef a year -- most of it grilled, without marination, with a dash of salt, and chimichurri (green chutney) on the side. I'm sure chimichurri goes great with dhokla. Vegetarians, kindly take your own theplas, since all you can expect to find in eateries is potatoes and basic "kachumber".

Messi and Mate are worshipped by fans. Neighbourhood "futbol" and tango clubs (milongas) are recreational passions that see enthusiasts flocking to watch their favourites. Despite memories of the "Dirty War" during the 1970s and 1980s, and periods of political instability, military coups and dictatorships, the three million people of Buenos Aires ("Paris of South America") are relaxed and chilled-out, elegant and formal.

Literature & Health

Health alert over 'perfect' natural sweetener

A compound called erythritol, described as a natural sweetener and promoted as a "perfect and healthy" substitute for sugar, may be linked to elevated risks of heart attacks or strokes, researchers said in a study released on Monday.

People with diabetes or those who are obese are often advised to use products with sugar substitutes such as erythritol, which is about 70 per cent as sweet as sugar and made by fermenting corn.

Large-scale industrial production of erythritol during the 1990s has helped the sweetener emerge as a major sugar substitute, which is added to processed foods and is available via online shopping platforms in many countries, including India.

One online platform in India that sells erythritol powder describes it as a "perfect and healthy substitute for sugar and artificial sweeteners".

The researchers, who studied over 4,000 people in Europe and the US, have found that people with higher erythritol levels in their blood are at increased risk of experiencing a major cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, stroke or death. They also directly examined the effects of erythritol on whole blood and on platelets -- a class of blood cells involved in clot formation -- and observed that erythritol enhances the rate of platelet adhesion, the first step in clot formation.

"We need to make sure the foods we eat aren't hidden contributors (to) cardiovascular disease which builds over time,"



said Stanley Hazen, chair of cardiovascular and metabolic diseases at Cleveland Clinic in the US who led the study, published on Monday in the journal Nature Medicine. In one component of the study, Hazen and his colleagues observed that when participants consumed artificially sweetened beverages with erythritol amounts found in many processed foods, their blood levels of erythritol increased for days to levels well above those seen to enhance clotting risks.

The findings, the researchers said, imply that dietary consumption of erythritol could put people at a potentially heightened risk of blood clots. This is of concern because the very people for whom non-sugar sweeteners are prescribed -- people with diabetes, obesity or a history of cardiovascular disease -- are typically themselves at risk of cardiovascular events.

The researchers said erythritol's safety had been assessed earlier through short-term animal studies.

Daily 11-minute walk can cut early death risk: Cambridge University study

Just 11 minutes, or 75 minutes a week, of moderate-intensity physical activity such as a brisk walk would be sufficient to lower the risk of diseases such as heart disease, stroke and a number of cancers, a new University of Cambridge led research has found.

In a study published on Tuesday in the 'British Journal of Sports Medicine', researchers conclude that one in 10 early deaths could be prevented if everyone managed at least half the recommended level of physical activity by the UK's National Health Service (NHS).

Physical activity, particularly when it is moderate-intensity, is known to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer, and the NHS recommends that adults do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity a week.

"If you are someone who finds the idea of 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a week a bit daunting, then our findings should be good news," said Dr Soren Brage from the Medical Re-



search Council (MRC) Epidemiology Unit at the University of Cambridge.

"Doing some physical activity is better than doing none. This is also a good starting position -- if you find that 75 minutes a week is manageable, then you could try stepping it up gradually to the full recommended amount," he said. Cardiovascular diseases, such as heart disease and stroke, are the leading cause of death globally, responsible for 17.9 million deaths per year in 2019, while cancers were responsible for 9.6 million deaths in 2017. Seventy-five minutes per week of moderate activity was found to

be enough to reduce the risk of developing cardiovascular disease by 17 per cent and cancer by 7 per cent. For some specific cancers, the reduction in risk was greater -- head and neck, myeloid leukaemia, myeloma, and gastric cardia cancers were between 14-26 per cent lower risk. For other cancers, such as lung, liver, endometrial, colon, and breast cancer, a 3-11 per cent lower risk was observed. Professor James Woodcock from the MRC Epidemiology Unit said: "We know that physical activity, such as walking or cycling, is good for you, especially if you feel it raises your heart rate.

Mixing up myths & modern science will only lead to confusion, tears



"The path to the waters is tough You stumble on sand-pit and stone No hardship is ever enough God has left us humans alone Determined to get to the source Of that which refreshes the soul We follow the sweet Ganga's course The quest makes the shattered one whole!"

From Japan to Jaipur: Teriyaki to Terimaaki, by Bachchoo

In my time in the early 1960s, Poona University required all science undergraduates to adopt one "Arts" subject and, if memory serves, for the Arts-wallahs to take on a "science" subject. These universally went for "logic" as their science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Maths being inhibitive.

All my science undergraduate class chose "Civics" as their Arts subject. I was the only dissenter who chose to do a course called "Ancient Indian Culture", or AIC. It wasn't just that I wanted to stand out amongst the crowd, or

that I thought I'd find learning about the Indian Constitution and local government excruciatingly boring, it was that I was genuinely interested in finding out what these ancient texts said. I went onto the course not knowing the difference between a Veda and a Vada... okay, maybe that's an exaggeration!

While there were two classes of over a hundred pupils on the Civics course, there were in all nine students in the AIC lectures, eight of them genuine Arts students and myself singularly from the science side. Our professor was called Arjunvadkar, and he openly and suspiciously enquired as to my presence in his lectures. My fellow students were possibly Brahminical boys and girls pursuing some necessity to

master this field of knowledge. So, what the "flip" was a Parsi adolescent, majoring in Physics, doing in his class?

I said he should put it down to curiosity.

He was an enlightened one. From his attitude towards me, as he instructed the class week after week, it became clear to me that he regarded his subject as operating in a totally different dimension from the Physics, Chemistry and other sciences being lectured about in the separate grey-stone building of the college. He was absolutely aware that myth and religion were nothing to do with and shouldn't be equated to the mundane understanding of how fast light travelled or what happens when acids are mixed with alkalis.

Of course, he taught us that the zero

was invented by Aryabhata and that there were "Sutras" -- treatises -- on drama, political strategy, sex and other classificatory topics.

I learnt, if only in a cursory and shallow way, about the Upanishads, about Buddhist philosophy, about the Gomateswara at Sravanabelagola and much else, and knew that this learning was strictly distinct from Newton's laws of motion or the third law of thermodynamics. Myth and science, equally intriguing, but not the same. Now I read that Richard Dawkins, the apostle, if not the "pope", of atheism, has visited New Zealand to promote his latest book. While there, he says he walked into a raging controversy. The NZ government has decreed that science classes have to be taught that Maori "Ways

of Knowing" (Matauranga Maori) have equal standing with "Western sciences". So, students in NZ will be taught that living organisms consist of DNA while being equally certain that life throbs with a vital force conferred by the Earth Mother and the Sky Father.

This government-enforced confounding of science and myth has caused seven professors of New Zealand's universities to write in protest against the travesty and consequently to be forced to resign their posts. Obviously these professors, the most prominent among them being the medical scientist Garth Cooper, of Maori descent himself, has no objection to mythology being taught and absorbed by all NZ students --Maoris, Christians, Muslims... whoever.



# Government maintaining financial discipline: HP CM

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, MAR 11

A delegation of Theog Assembly Constituency called on Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today and thanked the Chief Minister for appointing Kehar Singh Khachi as Vice-Chairman of Himachal Pradesh State Forest Development Corporation.

Addressing the delegation on the occasion, Chief Minister said that despite the poor economic condition of the State, paucity of funds would not be a hindrance in the way of development. He said that the government was making concerted efforts for maintaining financial discipline and water cess has been imposed on the hydro power projects setup in the State so that the welfare schemes could be implemented smoothly.

The Chief Minister reiterated that his government has not come here to enjoy power but for 'Vyastha Parivartan' (change the system) and we have taken



effective steps in this direction. He said that Kehar Singh Khachi has been serving the party for 25 years and now he has been given due respect in the government as well. He said that the pace of development in Theog constituency would be accelerated.

MLA, Theog AC Kuldeep Singh Rathore thanked the Chief Minister for appointing Kehar Singh Khachi the Vice-Chairman of the State Forest Development Corporation and said that this would further boost the morale of the workers.

The newly appointed Vice

Chairman of Kehar Singh Khachi thanked the Chief Minister and said that he would not leave any stone unturned to live up to expectations of the state government. He said that the Chief Minister has given adequate representation to all the regions in the government.

## Forest encroachers creating gun terror : HC issues notice

AGENCY  
SHIMLA, MAR 11

Himachal Pradesh' Forest Wealth is being pilfered as forest encroachers and greedy people are bullying honest citizens at gun point. This was alleged by a petitioner who filed a PIL in the Himachal Pradesh High court to seek justice as forest and Administration showed lukewarm response to his Complaint. Now High Court has taken strict cognizance of the illegal occupation of government land in the said matter and is issuing a notice to defendant state and forest department. The division bench of Acting Chief Justice Sabina and Justice Satyen Vaidya issued notices to the Principal Secretary of the Forest Department and other respondents during the preliminary hearing of a PIL filed by Theog resident Ramesh Thakur. The court has summoned reply from all the defendants within 21 days. The petition states that the defendants Roshan Lal, Dhani Ram and Chetram are in illegal occupation of government land in village Sharmaltu. Dhani Ram and Chetram have axed thirty green trees from the



government land. The stumps of tender trees were used to raise fence on the encroached land. Taking sterns action on basis of documentary evidences placed before the courts by petitioner, court also passed an eviction orders against one Chet Ram. The Court had made very harsh observation against state forest department that green feeling and encroachment happened in connivance of Forest Department officials as encroachers are still in the illegal possession of the said land. The allegation is that the private defendants are threatening the local people because they are having gun licences. No one dare to complain against the bully encroachers as they are creating terror among honest people by almost keeping keeping them at gun point.

## Lalu's family free to move court if have proof against BJP: Bihar LoP

PATNA, MAR 11

Amid RJD national president Lalu Yadav's family and associates allegation that the BJP is misusing the central agencies, Leader of Opposition in the state Legislative Assembly Vijay Kumar Sinha on Saturday said such statement will not be of any help, and if they have any proof, they are free to move court. Issuing statements in the media would not help them, he claimed.

"Instead of blaming the BJP, the Lalu family should disclose how they have obtained such a big amount of money. They are misleading people. If they have any proof against BJP of misusing the central agencies or have any proof against any BJP leaders, they are free to go to the court," Sinha said.

"The corrupt people are getting unnerved by the actions of CBI, ED and Income Tax department. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced from the Red Fort to make India a corruption free country. We had removed the corrupt government of Congress and its alliance partners. These people are questioning prime minister and home minister of the country. They should be



ashamed of themselves," Sinha said.

"No one has a right to put question mark on constitutional institutions. If anyone has an objection, go to court. If the guilt is proven, the court will punish guilty as per the law," he said. The Enforcement Directorate had conducted raids on 15 places of Lalu Prasad's family and friends in connection with the land-for-job scam case and recovered Rs 53 lakh cash, 1.5 kg gold jewellery, 540 gram gold coins and 1900 dollars from the houses of Tejashwi Yadav and his three sisters Ragini Yadav, Chanda Yadav and Hema Yadav.

## K'taka govt releases Rs 900 cr to 1.14L beneficiaries ahead of Assembly polls

BENGALURU, MAR 11

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai released Rs 900 crore to 1.14 lakh beneficiaries on behalf of various corporations on Saturday. As the state is heading to assembly elections, countdown has begun for the same.

Speaking at a function organised by the Department of Backward Classes here, he said if those for whom this seat of power had been constructed, take benefit of the government scheme, reflects the prevalence of a real democracy.

The government is established by the people and understanding this, they must work in Soudha. The life of people will not improve just by making the empty promise of justice, he stated.



The changes can be expected if the government chalks out the schemes to help people to live with self-respect. Democracy will win if the life of backward classes improves. The real backward leaders are those who take the right decision in their favour at the right time, Bommai said.

"The facilities are distributed to the beneficiaries today and if this was done in the last seven decades it would not have been required at present. That amount of funds would have been spent on higher education," the Chief Minister said.

"If everyone had got shelter, they need not have built houses. If everyone was self-employed, others could have been helped. But nothing of this sort happened. At least in the coming days, this must change. The facilities distributed to them are their rights and the government is not showing any favour to them. If the government is sensitive and responsive, it can understand problems and announce the schemes accordingly," he stated.

## Credit war on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway intensifies in K'taka

BENGALURU, MAR 11

Credit war on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway intensified in Karnataka with BJP stepping up its attack on JD(S) accusing it of attempting to claim credit for the project. BJP MLA and former minister K.S. Eshwarappa dubbed the "attempts" of JD(S) to "claim" credit for the project as claiming someone else's baby as theirs. "Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda is claiming the child born to someone as his," Eshwarappa stated addressing reporters while participating in Vijaya Sankalp Yatra in Madikeri. In a joint press conference with former union minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, he asked the former PM to identify who his child is. JD(S) party had released a full-page advertisement claiming that the expressway is the dream project of Deve Gowda and due to his efforts it has come to this shape. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is inaugurating the expressway on Sunday and BJP is projecting it as the contribution to south Karnataka by a double engine government. The party is holding a roadshow of PM Modi and he will address a mega public rally. On the other hand, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah maintained that the green signal to the project was given by late Union minister Oscar Fernandez when Congress was in power at the Centre. He also claimed that it was Oscar Fernandez who elevated the Bengaluru-Mysuru stretch of road from state highway to national highway. The social media is abuzz in the state with the credit fight on Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway. BJP is getting ready for the mega event and with the joining of independent MP Sumalatha to the party, the saffron party is looking up to PM Modi's event and hopes to make an impact in the region.

## Darjeeling politics: Bimal Gurung's meeting with BJP MP sparks fresh speculations

KOLKATA, MAR 11

At a time when the politics in the hills of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Kurseong in north Bengal is under focus because of the newly formed bonhomie between Ajay Edwards' Hamro Party, Bimal Gurung's Gorkha Janmukti Morcha and estranged Trinamool Congress leader Binoy Tamang, a surprise meeting between Bimal Gurung and BJP Lok Sabha member from Alipurduar constituency and the Union minister of state for minority affairs John Barla on late Friday evening has sparked fresh speculations. Political observers feel that this meeting is a clear indication



of Gurung's attempt to not just resurrect his old ties with BJP but also give the newly formed trio- alliance in the hills the backing of a national party. The meeting, according to observers, is also significant since it is at a time when the newly formed trio- alliance is making an all-out effort to resurrect the movement in the hills over the separate Gorkhaland state. According to Gurung,

he came to meet the Union minister to request him to initiate steps so that the Union government steps in for a permanent political solution in the hills. "We had earlier made the same request to the state government to find out a permanent political solution. I also requested the Central minister to initiate the process where the Union government can work for the

development of Gorkha, Rajbanshi and the people of other tribal communities both in the hills as well as in the plains of Terai and Dooars regions in north Bengal," Gurung said.

Despite describing the meeting as a courtesy call prompted by his long-standing friendship with Bimal Gurung, John Barla said he looks for a long-standing understanding with the hill leader in the coming days. "Because of his support I became the candidate in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. He campaigned in my support which helped me to win the election. Our mutual friendship and cooperation will continue in the coming days as well," Barla said.

KISHORI LAL BAINS  
UNA, MAR 11

The solar lights installed in the streets of almost every village in the district have become mere show pieces. The solar lights on which the streets of the village used to shine brightly, today the same solar lights are teasing the people in the dark as soon as the evening sets in at village Uppar kotla Kalan. These solar lights are definitely hanging on the same pole at their place, but the light has disappeared from them. Since two years ago, these lights hanging on the pole have forgotten their past and immersed the streets of the village in darkness. Through the Zilla Parishad,



the Panchayats had installed

these lights to illuminate the streets by taking contributions from the common people. In which there was a pole, a battery and a light. These batteries have reached the end of their life or have developed a technical problem.

The general public says about this that last three to five years ago these lights were not available with the public. In which these solar lights were installed by taking contribution from common people. Many people including Ashok Kumar, Gaurav, Jeevan Lal, Mangat Ram, Sunita Devi, Kamla Devi, Tirath Ram, and Kamal Dev say that the villagers themselves have been pouring the water used

to put in the batteries of these lights. For two to three years the lights kept on working well. After that the lights went off even though there was water in the batteries. And now for the last one year these solar lights have become mere show pieces. They said that several times this matter was discussed with the panchayat representatives but nothing was received except assurances. Neither the administration is paying any attention to this nor the panchayat representatives are paying necessary attention to this. MLA Devinder Bhutto has said to talk to the administration about this soon and find a solution.

## Stalin's life journey and political journey can't be differentiated, says Rajinikanth

CHENNAI, MAR 11

Superstar of Tamil film industry, Rajinikanth said that Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's life journey and political journey are one and the same and cannot be differentiated. Rajinikanth was speaking to reporters on Saturday after visiting the photo exhibition marking Stalin's 70th birthday. The chief minister had turned 70 on March 1.

The Tamil actor said that the photo exhibition on Stalin was organised brilliantly and added that the DMK leader had worked hard to reach the position of chief minister of Tamil Nadu. Rajinikanth also said that the people of Tamil Nadu had recognised the hard work that Stalin had done and had given the mantle of chief minister post.

The visit of the Tamil megastar created a flutter at the Raja Annamalai Mandiram, Chennai where the exhibition of Stalin's photographs was held.

## WBSSC scam: CM's niece, minister's brother in list of terminated staff

KOLKATA, MAR 11

The West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) has published a list 842 non-teaching staff in the Group-C category of different state-run schools whose services have been terminated following an order from a single-judge bench of the Calcutta High Court. Of the names figuring in the list, two names are currently in focus as they are relatives of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and state Minister Srikanta Mahata.



The 155th name on the list is that of Bristy Mukherjee (Roll number: 16081601032464) posted at the Bolpur High School in Birbhum district. It is learnt that she is a niece of the Chief Minister and her father Nihar Mukherjee happens to

be the maternal cousin of the Mamata Banerjee. Admitting about the family ties, Nihar Mukherjee told medi persons that his connections with the administrative head of the state are extremely limited these days. He also claimed that his daughter resigned from the services soon after she joined work for treatment purposes. Similarly, the 284th name on the list is that of Khokan Mahata (Roll number: 46081616066084) posted at Baita Sri Gopal High School in Jhargram, West Midnapore district.

## Cosmos Cooperative Bank loan fraud: ED arrests educationist Vivek Aranha

NEW DELHI, MAR 11

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Vivek Aranha, partner in Rosary Education Group, Pune, under the provisions of PMLA, an official said on Saturday.

Aranha was produced before a Sessions Judge Mumbai on Friday which remanded him to ED's custody till March 20.

The ED has alleged that Aranha had obtained multiple loans totalling Rs 46 crore from Cosmos Cooperative Bank, Pune, by submitting fabricated documents of property as mortgage with the bank, and thereafter diverted the same for his extravagant lifestyle causing a loss of Rs 45 crore to the bank.

The ED initiated investigation on the basis of the FIR registered by Pune Police on



the basis of complaint of Shivaji Vitthal Kale of Cosmos Bank against Vinay Aranha and Vivek Anthony Aranha wherein it was alleged that the accused persons had obtained loan of Rs 20.44 crore from Cosmos Bank by submitting fake documents of property.



NEWS AT A  
GLANCE

1.3 kg drugs seized  
near Assam-Mizoram  
border

**GUWAHATI:** Assam Police have seized 1.3 kg of drugs in Karimganj district near the state's border with Mizoram, officials said on Saturday. The seizure was made from a vehicle on Friday, which also led to the arrest of three persons on charges of drugs peddling. The vehicle was reportedly coming from Mizoram, and the police stopped it at the Kontekchera neighbourhood. Yesterday (Friday) night at about 10.30 p.m., we got a tip-off that a car heading from Mizoram was transporting drugs. As a result, we deployed a naka to monitor the route and stopped a car. We discovered 100 drug-filled soap containers totaling 1.3 kg during the examination of the vehicle's hidden compartments," Partha Pratim Das, the superintendent of police of Karimganj, said. He confirmed that the vehicle was coming from the Champhai village in Mizoram. A case has been filed in this matter under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. Further investigation is underway.

Trainee flight attendant  
killed on Delhi-Jaipur  
Expressway

**GURUGRAM:** A 24-year-old trainee flight attendant was killed and her friend sustained injuries after they were hit by a speeding car on the service lane of the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway, police said. The deceased was identified as Anna Harris, of Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, while the injured was identified as Ayank Khandelwal, who is also a cabin crew with a private airline. According to the police, the victim was staying at a PG accommodation in Sector 69. On Wednesday night, she was out with her four friends, Jatin Sharma, Rahul Tomar, Khandelwal and Shivam, to pick up dinner. They were getting food packed from a roadside dhaba along the NH-48 and during crossing the Kherki Daula toll plaza, a speeding car hit Anna and Ayank and sped away, the police said. Their friends took them to a civil hospital in Sector-10 Gurugram where doctors declared the woman brought dead. Khandelwal suffered injuries and is undergoing treatment at a private hospital, the police said. "The woman's body has been handed over to the family after an autopsy and we registered an FIR against the unidentified driver under relevant sections of the IPC at the Kherki Daula police station. We are scanning the CCTV footage installed at the accident spot," Rajender Kumar, SHO of the police station, said.

Delhi's max temp likely  
to settle at 32 degrees,  
AQI 'moderate'



**NEW DELHI:** Delhi's maximum temperature is likely to settle at 32 degrees Celsius on Saturday, while the city's Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded under the "moderate" category, according to weather authorities. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that there will be mainly clear sky during the day. "The humidity was recorded at 90 per cent at 8.30 a.m while the city recorded a minimum temperature of 14.9 degrees Celsius, one notch above the season's average," the IMD added. Meanwhile, the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR) said the national capital's overall AQI stood at 145. However, it predicted that the AQI may dip to the "poor" category in the coming days.

Congress promises re-survey  
of all lands in Telangana

KARIMNAGAR, MAR 11

The Congress party has announced that it would re-survey all the lands within two years after the party comes to power in Telangana. Former Union minister Jairam Ramesh, while attending a programme organised to distribute 'Congress Guarantee Cards' in Sultanpur of state's Karimnagar district, said that the party would bring 'one patta one record' concept. He also said that the party would abolish 125 Acts and 30,000 government orders in connection with land records. he Congress leader further said the party would set up land tribunals in all 33 districts. "This would be done to rectify the blunders committed by Dharani portal," he said. "Out of 60 lakh land owners' accounts in Dharani portal, as many as 20 lakh owners are encountering problems due to discrepancies," he added. He also announced that in the coming 60 days, 'Dharani Adalats' would be conducted in all the constituencies where landowners can file their grievances. The party would issue 'Congress Guarantee Cards' for them and their problems would be resolved when Congress comes to power in the state, he stressed.



Delhi Excise Policy case: Kavitha  
and Arun Pillai being confronted

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAR 11

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter and BRS leader K. Kavitha and Hyderabad-based businessman Arun Pillai are being confronted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with its ongoing investigations into the Delhi Excise Policy scam.

Pillai was representing South Group which allegedly gave a kickbacks of Rs 100 crore to AAP leaders which were allegedly used in Goa elections.

While Pillai is on ED's custodial remand, Kavitha joined the probe after being summoned by the central agency. Pillai has claimed to be an associate of Kavitha--a Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) MLC. Their statements are being recorded under section 50 of PMLA.

A woman deputy director



level official is recording the testimony of Kavitha. Kavitha was summoned to join the probe on Thursday, but she wrote a letter seeking more time after which her questioning was postponed for Saturday.

On Friday, she also staged a protest at Jantar Mantar. She claimed she never met former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and that her name was unnecessary being dragged into the matter.

In a first, transgender tea stall  
at Guwahati railway station



**GUWAHATI:** In a first-of-a-kind initiative, a special tea stall has been set up at the Guwahati train station by the Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR) to boost the transgender community, officials said on Saturday. NFR General Manager Anshul Gupta inaugurated the 'Trans Tea Stall' at platform number 1 on Friday in the presence of Swati Bidhan Baruah, Associate Vice Chairman of the Transgender Welfare Board of Assam. During the inaugural ceremony, Gupta said that the NFR has taken the initiative for the empowerment of transgenders. This initiative is the first-of-a-kind in NFR as well as in the Indian Railways, he added. "This is also the first such initiative in any Central government organisation and NFR will take more such initiatives in future," Gupta commented. NFR plans to operate more such 'Trans Tea Stalls' at other railway stations in the region, an official statement mentioned.

DA crisis: Junior entry level staff  
in Bengal major sufferers

KOLKATA, MAR 11

The junior-most and entry level state government employees seem to be the worst affected due to non-payment of dearness allowance (DA) arrears.

Currently, the gap of the state government employees with their counterparts in the Union government stands at 32 per cent and this is after West Bengal minister of state for finance (independent charge) Chandrima Bhattacharya announced an additional three per cent DA for the state government in February. Based on that gap, the joint forum of state government employees -- the main forum leading the movement in demand of DA arrear payments -- has put forward some initial calculations, which show that the junior-most and entry level state government employees are major sufferers on this



count. As per the calculation, the staff with basic entry level pay of Rs 18,000 a month and grade pay of Rs 19,000 per month, were supposed to receive Rs 6,840 per month as DA as per the central DA grade. "However, in West Bengal they are receiving just Rs 1,080 a month. This means in a month they are being deprived of a payment of Rs 5,760. If it comes to a year, the amount comes to Rs 69,120," pointed out a forum official. As per the same calculation, junior

staff in the basic entry level pay of Rs 1,970 per month and the grade pay of Rs 2,100 per month, are receiving lesser DA to the tune of Rs 6,308 per month compared to his or her counterpart in the Union government. "Annually the figure comes to Rs 75,696," the forum official said. He also pointed out that as one state government employee progresses in his career and reaches higher grade pay, his or gap in dearness allowance payment compared to the central government employees goes up. Take for example a headmaster in a state-run higher secondary school in the state. "A headmaster in his early fifties, having a grade pay of Rs 5,400 per month, is getting a lesser pay of around Rs 32,000 per month because of this differential pay with the central government employees. Annually, the figure comes to Rs 3,84,000.

Maha: For 2nd time in 2 months, ED raids  
NCP leader Hasan Mushrif's premises

KOLHAPUR, MAR 11

For the second time in two months, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raided the home and other premises of senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Hasan Mushrif in connection with alleged irregularities in the purchase of a cooperative sugar mill, here on Saturday. This is the second direct action against Mushrif after he was raided on Jan 11 by the ED at Kolhapur and Pune, besides his relatives and aides. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ex-MP Kirit Somaiya had levelled allegations against Mushrif, accusing him of Rs 100 crore irregularities in a cooperative sugar mill, and involvement in a money-laundering scam of Rs 127 crore. An ED team swooped on Mushrif's home



in a pre-dawn operation amid tight security and carried out searches inside his home in Kagal. However, Mushrif has steadfastly denied all allegations and said that the agency's raids are a political move by the ruling BJP at the centre and had even raised questions whether people of a 'particular community' are being systematically hounded. Somaiya has also claimed that Mushrif had allegedly grabbed control of the Appasaheb Nalawade

Gadhinglaj Cooperative Sugar Mill Ltd, there were huge payoffs and money-laundering of massive amounts through murky transactions which benefited him, his family or associates. Soon after the raids started early this morning, angry NCP activists, including a large number of women, gathered outside Mushrif's home and staged vociferous protests, raised slogans against the BJP, the government and the probe agencies. Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) leaders like state Congress President Nana Patole, Chief Spokesperson Atul Londhe, Shiv Sena (UBT) National Spokesperson Kishore Tiwari and others slammed the BJP for pursuing fear politics, vendetta and misusing the central probe agencies to hound political opponents.

Condolences pour in for KPCC  
working president Dhruvanarayan

BENGALURU, MAR 11

Condolences poured in from across the country for Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Working President and Dalit leader R. Dhruvanarayan who died due to a heart attack in Mysuru on Saturday.

Former Prime Minsiter H.D. Deve Gowda, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavraj Bommai, senior congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra condoled Dhruvanarayan's demise.

Deve Gowda said that he was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of state's senior Congress leader



D h r u v a n a r a y a n . Dhruvanarayan's demise has created a void in the state political scenario, he said.

Chief Minister Bommai said he was saddened by the death of Dhruvanarayan and prayed for his soul. "I will

also pray to god to give strength to his family and supporters to bear the irreparable loss," he stated.

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi stated, "Saddened by the sudden demise of former MP R Dhruvanarayan. A hard-working and humble grassroots leader, he was a champion of social justice who rose through the ranks of NSUI and Youth Congress. His death is a huge loss to the Congress party. My condolences to his family." Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said, "Deeply saddened to hear about the death of Dhruvanarayana Ji, former MP and working president of KPCC.

TN intensifies vigil to monitor solar  
fencing along elephant paths

CHENNAI, MAR 11

The Tamil Nadu forest department has intensified patrolling along elephant pathways to monitor the solar fences that are illegally erected and with high voltage connectivity.

The Tamil Nadu forest department has woken up to the reality of illegal and high-voltage fences in elephant paths erected by farmers that have led to the death of elephants.

According to sources in the Tamil Nadu forest department, 89 elephants have died of electric shocks from solar fences erected illegally and with high voltage in the last 10 years.

Recently, three female elephants were electrocuted in Dharmapuri.

The Tamil Nadu forest department



has already communicated to the local district collectors and state agriculture department to engage local bodies in monitoring the solar fences erected.

The forest department has also directed the district collectors to direct the farmers to get approval for the solar fence design as well as the voltage that

would be passed through. The Madras High Court had directed to use energisers that are BIS-compliant for voltage regulation. The Madras High Court had also directed the state forest department to regulate solar fencing with post-facto approval but the order has not been followed. After the death of the three female elephants, the state forest department has taken measures to protect the lives of wild elephants and to stringently monitor the solar fences that are being erected. Manoharan Sukumar, a wildlife activist from Dindigul district, while speaking to IANS said, "The death of three female elephants brought tears to the eyes of animal lovers. The elephants died due to the farmer erecting a solar fence with high voltage.

ED raids at Lalu's family as  
I am part of  
Mahagathbandhan: Nitish



AGENCY  
PATNA, MAR 11

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said on Saturday that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids on the premises of former Union Railway minister Lalu Prasad and his associates was a result of him being a part of the Mahagathbandhan in the state.

"The raids did not happen for five years from 2017. Why are they happening now? The simple reason is I am a part of the Mahagathbandhan. Such raids would not intimidate us and our government will smoothly manage Bihar," Kumar said. Reacting on

changing the alliance again, Nitish Kumar dismissed it as "rumours" saying that Mahagathbandhan is running smoothly in Bihar. "Don't worry and don't listen to rumours," he asserted. On Friday, ED raided 15 premises of Lalu Prasad, his family members and close associates in Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, Mumbai, Ranchi and some other places. The ED sleuths had recovered Rs 53 lakh cash, 1.5 kg gold jewellery, 540 gram gold coins, and USD 1900 from the residences of Tejashwi Yadav and his sisters Ragini Yadav, Hema Yadav and Chanda Yadav.



**Sardar Bikram Singh Majithia  
appeals to Punjabis to maintain  
sanctity of religious places**



**BUREAU  
GURDASPUR:** Former minister Bikram Singh Majithia today appealed to Punjabis to maintain the sanctity of religious places of worship while visiting the residence of Sikh youth Pardeep Singh who was killed in a bout of hooliganism two days back at Sri Anandpur Sahib. Talking to newsmen after visiting the residence of Pardeep and expressing his condolences to the latter's father Gurbaksh Singh who is a lieutenant in the armed forces, Mr Bikram Majithia said "society also needs to counsel youth not to play loud music or do any other activity which affects the sanctity of religious places". He also asserted that after seeing the state of Pardeep's family he realized that all claims of the Bhagwant Mann government were false. "The chief minister is telling youth not to migrate to other countries but youth returning back home are meeting such a gory death because the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government is unable to maintain peace in the State. It is due to such incidents that Punjabis living abroad are afraid of coming back to Punjab", he added. Earlier Mr Majithia consoled the bereaved family at Gazikot village and said it was tragic that an NRI youth who had come back to Punjab from Canada had met such a violent death. He participated in the last rites of Pardeep and commiserated with the entire family. He also assured the family that the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) would render every possible help to ensure justice for Pardeep.

**MCM celebrates  
indefatigable women  
power with 'Veerangana'**



**CHANDIGARH:** Saluting the inimitable essence of womanhood, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, under the aegis of Department of Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration and in collaboration with Yuvsatta, organised 'Veerangana: The Indefatigable Women Power' to mark the celebration of International Women's Day. Illustrious alumna of the college Prof. Nishtha Jaswal, Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Ms. Soniya Thakur, Ms. Wheelchair India 2022 was the Special Guest on this occasion. Mr. Deepak Dhimann, Channel Head (Punjab, Himachal, Haryana, Chandigarh), Zee Media Corp. Ltd. and Mr. Pramod Sharma, Founder, Yuvsatta NGO were also present on this occasion as the collaborating partners. Inaugurating the event, Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava drew attention to the fact that women enjoyed position of reverence in the Indian society during the ancient times but years of British rule destroyed the indigenous social fabric, leading to assigning of secondary role to women.

**Giani Raghbir Singh will  
soon become head granthi  
of Sri Darbar Sahib**

**CHARNJIT SINGH  
AMRITSAR :** The Shromani Committee is soon going to handover the service to Singh Sahib Giani Raghbir Singh as the Head Granthi of Sri Darbar Sahib. Today, after a long time, Giani Raghbir Singh will perform service at Sri Darbar Sahib. Jathedar Singh Sahib Giani Raghbir Singh, Executive Jathedar Singh Sahib of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib, will soon be handed over as the Head Granthi of Sri Darbar Sahib. The current Head Granthi Singh Sahib of Sri Darbar Sahib, Giani Jagtar Singh, is retiring on March 31. There is a discussion in the corridors of the Shromani Committee that many Granthis and Punjab's famous Baba Til insisted to prevent Giani Raghbir Singh from sitting on this post. but Giani Raghbir Singh remained silent and did not answer anyone. Giani Raghbir Singh was given additional charge of Takht Sahib in 2017 after the death of Jathedar Singh Sahib Giani Mall Singh of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib. He was serving Granthi Singh of Sri Darbar Sahib since 2014.

According to information, Giani Raghbir Singh served Sri Akal Takht Sahib as Panch Pyare Vjo from 1995 to 2014 and he made thousands of souls amritdhari. Some people are also objecting to Giani Raghbir Singh serving as Jathedar, Granthi of Sri Darbar Sahib.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

## Budget depiction of Aam Aadmi's voice in their own language: Says CM

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, MAR 11

Hailing Punjab's Budget as depiction of Aam Aadmi's voice in their own language, the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann termed the budget as specifically quality education and health care services centric to ensure these basic facilities are available to economically weaker sections of the society.

Participating in a debate on budget in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, the Chief Minister said that it was for the first time the Finance Minister presented the budget for each and every section of the society in simple language coupled with crystal clear facts and figures, which reflects the reality that in the first year of his government, the state is on high economic growth trajectory. His government, he said, has set up over 500 Aam Aadmi Clinics, besides ensuring 600 units of electricity per billing cycle free of cost, setting up 117 Schools of Eminence, and providing more than 26,000 government jobs within a year as well as repaid the loan of Rs.36000 crore in just a year.



Assuring the House, the Chief Minister said, "This budget shows our seriousness, diligence and dedication towards Punjab as we have presented a complete road map before the people to spend every penny of the treasury on the welfare of the people." Bhagwant Mann also extended gratitude to all the members of the House for presenting constructive suggestions during the budget debate.

Taking a dig at the former Finance Minister, the Chief Minister said that earlier the so-called poetic language of the budget made this occasion merely a boring exercise

and people were misled by citing paradigms of other countries. Bhagwant Mann said that the same Finance Minister who presented budget for nine years during successive Akali-BJP and Congress governments brought the state on verge of disaster. He ridiculed the former finance Minister for criticising the government for the budget and called him a chameleon who switched parties very frequently for his own vested interests. Describing education and health as core sectors in the budget, the Chief Minister said his government was setting up 117 Schools of Eminence

in the first phase, wherein children from poor families studying in government schools would be groomed for competitive examinations to enable them to realize the dreams of their parents. The Chief Minister, while terming Aam Aadmi clinics as a landmark initiative for the poor people, said our government has set up more than 500 clinics, and around 12 lakh people have been treated so far in these clinics. He said that Special provisions have been made in this budget for these two core sectors for ensuring 'Sehatmand Punjab'. Referring to the funds for the universities, the Chief Minister assured the house that his government will not allow any universities to suffer any financial loss, reiterating that education should never be under any debt and no stone will be left unturned for the betterment of the universities. He categorically his long association with Punjabi University, Patiala. Slamming BJP to show off affection for the state, the Chief Minister said that if BJP really have some fondness for the land of Punjab, then why Punjab was not even mentioned in the Union Budget.

**Kavita Khanna visits Red Cross de-addiction center**

**GURDASPUR (BUREAU):** Kavita Khanna, who is the wife of famous actor late Vinod Khanna, as well as a social worker, visited the local Red Cross de-addiction center and donated Rs. Presented a check of Rs. The main purpose of Kavita Khanna's visit was to donate money for the generator and the group was very happy to see the staff executive.



He also interacted with the staff members on this occasion and motivated them to lead a better life by giving up drugs. On this occasion, Savita Khanna congratulated the center for doing this social welfare work with full hard work and dedication and assured to cooperate further. Group staff were also present on the occasion.

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**MIA to organize first B2B Industrial  
exhibition of region**



TILAK RAJ  
MOHALI, MAR 11

Mohali Industries Association (MIA) is organizing the first B2B Industrial Exhibition on 17-18 March, 2023 announced Mr. Anurag Aggarwal, President MIA at a Press conference held today. He said that MIA is celebrating its golden jubilee and to commemorate the same it was decided to organize a B2B Industrial Exhibition which would be inaugurated by Ms. Anmol Gagan Mann, Honorable Cabinet Minister for Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Investment Promotion, Labour, Removal of Grievances, Hospitality Government of Punjab. He said that the objective was to provide a platform to local MSMEs to showcase their products - a need of which was felt during numerous interactions amongst Industrialists that awareness about Industrial products being manufactured locally was missing. Another objective was to give exposure

to local MSMEs to participate in Exhibitions as it was felt that MSMEs do not participate in bigger exhibition because of its high cost and tend to shy away. He said that MIA being a no profit no loss organization and in the service of the industry for 50 years, wanted to give an opportunity to MSMEs to get the feel and get the exposure to participate in exhibitions at very low cost.

He said that the unique feature of the exhibition was hand holding of industries through series of seminars, panel discussion by industry experts wherein they have invited senior industrialists and government officials to talk about how to grow your company from 10-100 crores, how to set your balance sheet to get best deals from banks, the emerging infrastructure and industrial estates in the region, procurement policy of Public Sector Units, increasing your market penetration by leveraging GEMS portal and TREDs.

**Chandigarh's Niti Goyal get top 20  
Global Women of Excellence 2023**

AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA  
CHANDIGARH, MAR 11

Now Niti Goyal of Chandigarh has joined the top 20 women in the world. She received the Women Empowerment Principal Leadership Award 2023 in Washington DC and Top 20 Global Women of Excellence 2023 (Thailand). Neeti said that during the lockdown, she was working with actor Sonu Sood to serve the needy people. Please tell me that Sonu and Neeti are childhood friends.

Niti said that both of us first started feeding the needy people through our restaurant and then started the campaign to send them home. And then the round of awards started, Niti, who has received more than 100 honors, is still continuously associated with social service. Has taken place and is ready to help 32 orphanages and 800 sex workers. Now she is active in the upliftment of women in UP and MP. Neeti runs Keiba, Ostad, Madras Diaries, House of Co and Amore Villas Alibaug restaurant chain in Mumbai, and many celebs are crazy about their food.

**Hundreds of families get relief after  
tubewell starts in Ramdarbar**



AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA  
CHANDIGARH, MAR 11

Aam Aadmi Party councilor from Ramdarbar Neha Musawat inaugurated a new tubewell with ward fund of about 38 lakhs. Neha said on the occasion that after her victory, many people had first demanded construction of a new tube well in Cactus Park. He said that the local residents were facing the problem of water supply from this tube well for the last several years, which was affecting about 700-800 families here. Neha said that with the inauguration of this new tube well, a large section of Ramdarbar would get relief from water problems forever.

The local residents present at the inauguration of the tube well said that Neha got them rid of the water supply problem within a year. It is expected that they will get more development work done like this in future also.

**Jagruti Foundation Charitable Trust  
given house to needy widow'**

BUREAU  
GURDASPUR, MAR 11

Today, a simple function was organized on behalf of Jagruti Foundation Charitable Trust Niyadi by retired S.D.M. and Advocate R.P.S. Walia was presided over by Chairman Managing Trustee and Senior Advocate Ashok Sudan. In which Trust's Chief Pattern Justice Rajeev Bhalla (Retired High Court Judge) presently Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India was mainly present and he handed over the keys to a widow woman who has been given two houses by the Trust.

Giving information, Advocate R.P.S. Walia and senior advocate Ashok Sudan told that their trust gives a house to a poor family every year and this third house has been given. He said that the foundation stone of this house was laid in December



2022, after completion of the work today, the keys of the house were handed over to Raj Kumari, a widowed needy woman. He told that the condition of the said needy woman was very bad and one of her sons works as a watchman and was unable to build a house.

Keeping this in mind, on behalf of the trust, he himself took the responsibility of the said work on his shoulders. In the end, the needy woman

expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the trust members. On this occasion, the pattern of the organization S. Harinder Pal Singh Retd Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioner Punjab, Legal Advisor Ashok Sudan, Raman Puri Senior Advocate, Trustee Raj Kumar Sharma, Trustee Jagdish Raj Saini Retd ETO, Yashpal Sharma Retd Tehsildar and Trustee and Umesh Khajuria were present.

**New admissions of 5397 students take place  
in Hoshiarpur district on same day**

DALJEET AJNOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, MAR 11

Chief Minister Punjab Efforts being made by the government led by Bhagwant Maan to provide better and quality education to the people of the state and Education Minister S. By accepting the call of Harjot Singh Bains to give high level education by restoring the faith of the people towards school education, the parents of District Bathinda gave an exemplary response.

Yesterday, 5397 new students enrolled in the schools of the district in a single day. It is worth mentioning that the Minister of Education According to the instructions of Harjot Singh Bains, the education depart-



ment had set a target of 1 lakh new admissions in 1 day under which every teacher, non-teaching staff and mid-day meal worker had to admit at least one new student in a government school.

Hoshiarpur District Education Officer (Secondary Education) S. Harbhagwant Singh and District Educa-

tion Officer (Elementary Education) Engr. Sanjeev Gautam said that according to the departmental target, 5484 new students were to be admitted in the district, but due to the efforts of all the teachers, this figure reached 5397. He said that there was great enthusiasm among all the teachers in the district.

**Unsung and unremembered Hero of  
Glacier Colonel Salaria: Bitta**

BUREAU  
PATHANKOT, MAR 11

Every soldier who wears an uniform on his body, he has one and only desire to serve his Motherland. Siachen Glacier in Jammu and Kashmir, 39 years ago had a footprints of success which were engraved by Colonel Niranjan Singh Salaria.

Colonel always filled with spirit of patriotism, hoisted the tricolor on the highest peak of the World. He is also known as Saviour and Hero of

Glacier. But, the story of an Unsung Hero is buried. It is misfortune of



the country that this glacier hero 'Himveer Rانبankura' is living his life in darkness of oblivion from last 39 years due to the neglect of the Government. National Chairman of All India Anti-Terrorist Front (Anti-Terrorist

Front) Maninder Jit Singh Bitta, reached his residence at Dhaki Road, to listen his true bravery story. Retired Major General Sandeep Sharma, Colonel Niranjan Singh Salaria, Colonel HS Jaswal etc.were present. Describing his pain in front of Bitta, Shaurya Veer Colonel N.S. Salaria told that, taking an inspiration from his father Captain Harjallu Singh, he also joined 12 Dogra regiment of an army.

**Pathankot empty  
hands in budget**

**PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET):** The people of Punjab are once again feeling cheated by the budget of the Aam Aadmi government of Punjab. Describing it as a lie, Punjab Pradesh Congress treasurer and former MLA Amit Vij said that the people of Punjab were waiting for charisma in the budget.

He said that lakhs of women of the state were waiting for Rs.1000. He said that before the formation of the government, the Aam Aadmi Party had guaranteed to give women a thousand rupees every month. This guarantee was not fulfilled even after the completion of one year of this government. Women were waiting to day that the government will announce the transfer of 12 thousand rupees to the accounts of the last one year in the budget.

The government had guaranteed loan waiver and MSP to the farmers, they are missing from the budget, raw employees were waiting for the announcement to be fixed in the budget, many such guarantees were expected to be fulfilled in the budget, everything went to waste. He said that during my 5-year tenure, provision was made for Pathankot in the budget every year. In the first budget of 2017, besides bringing a big project of Pepsi, two big bridges and a 100 crore project of father-child hospital were brought.



**Feather in cap of Pathankot  
police- cracked drug trade case**

**PATHANKOT (BUREAU):** The City Police, gave one more successfull breakthrough against Drug trade.The CIA team of Pathankot Police has arrested an individual with 255 grams of heroine An accused has been identified as Sandeep Singh alias Sonu, son of Jaswant Singh, resident of Parmanand, Pathankot.

Divulging more details to press, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh, said that, the special police teams have been formed in all subdivisions of the district to keep a check on the illegal activities and drug trafficking in the area.

Under, the aegis of Manoj Kumar, SP Investigation, and supervision of Ravinder Singh, DSP Detective city, CIA team led by Inspector Rajesh Hastir conducted the operation with utmost efficiency. NDPS Act has been registered against the accused at police station Taragarh, Pathankot.



**Drug-coated balloon can replace  
stent usage, says experts**



**MOHALI (TILAK RAJ):** "A special drug-coated balloon is emerging as an alternative to the stents in opening narrowed or blocked blood heart vessels in several cases. It's an alternative new technique but further studies are required to observe a long-term follow-up period of at least three to four years," Dr Bernardo Cortese director of cardiac cath lab and interventional cardiology at Clinical San Carlo, Milano Italy was addressing a press conference at Ivy Hospital, Mohali on Saturday where he conducted a workshop on drug-coated balloon technique for percutaneous coronary intervention.

Dr Kanwaldeep, MD Ivy Group of Hospitals said that workshop by Dr Cortese through lights on a relatively new technique of drug coated balloon that could replace stent usage in up to 20-30 per cent of the angioplasty procedures.

"The technique especially becomes significant in light of younger individuals undergoing angioplasty," remarked Cortese. He further said the drug and carrier complex is designed to reach the inner layers of the vessel walls and act as a reservoir for the long-term release of medicine that prevents re-narrowing of the coronary artery, he maintained.

**Surprise inspection of Government  
Senior Secondary School, Nangal**

**PATHANKOT, (SHARANJEET):** Chairman-cum-In-charge, Punjab Tourism Development Corporation, Vibhuti Sharma went for a sudden inspection of Government Senior Secondary School, Nangal.

The faculty and administration of school were surprised by sudden visit. In, this visit he got to know about difficulties faced by the children and teachers.

On this occasion, the principal of the school told Vibhuti Sharma about the problems being faced in the school, in which the main issue was of contaminated water. Taking into cognizance Sharma, instructed BDPO Suresh to repair the borewell in the school.Sharma visited the school premises and ensured the school administration to sort out the problems on priority basis.





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## ADELE

### signs a bride's wedding dress during her Las Vegas Residency Show

**A**dele gave two lucky fans a wedding gift to remember during her Las Vegas Residency when she autographed a bride's gown mid-show.

During the Weekends with Adele gig, newly married couple Gaby and Evan showed up dressed in their wedding attire on Saturday, which Adele quickly took notice of while walking by. "Did you just get married," Adele asked the couple in the video shared online by the bride. "You got married today? Congratulations!"

Adele approached the pair while performing "When We Were Young," which is when the groom pulled out a marker for her to autograph his new bride's dress, reported People, a US-based media company.

"Weekends with Adele," Gaby captioned a clip of the moment on Instagram. "My world is

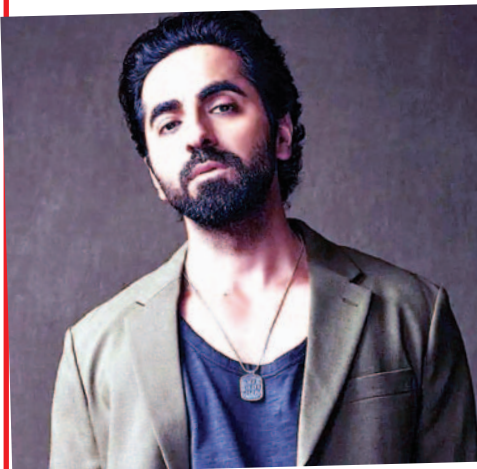
made- found the love of my life and this man was determined to have Adele sing at our wedding... 7 years later all our dreams came true. Thank you Adele for creating the memory of a lifetime for us." The groom also shared his excitement on his own Instagram, asking the singer to "please excuse my clammy hands" in a caption of the clip, reported People.

"This was my most major fan girl moment lol," Evan wrote, before sharing another image of Adele's surprised face and a big smile when she met the couple. Adele later posted a picture of herself holding the bride's hand, as the couple looked at her with joy during the show, reported People.

Weekends with Adele have been full of similarly touching moments since the singer first began the residency in November -- including an interaction where she sent her love to an audience member who experienced a loss.



### Ayushmann shares smiling picture after 'Dream Girl 2' shoot pack-up



**A**ctor Ayushmann Khurrana who is gearing up for his upcoming movie 'Dream Girl 2' on Monday shared a smiling picture post-shoot pack-up. Taking to Instagram stories, 'An Action Hero' star shared a glimpse of post-pack scenes. In the picture, Ayushmann could be seen resting in a car while heading back home after night shift.

Sharing the picture, he wrote, "Just packed up. Night Shift done right #Dream-girl2." Recently, Ayushmann shared a promo of the movie. The clip shows Ayushmann as a man who can mimic the voice of a woman. In the video, Ayushmann can be heard speaking to SRK's Pathaan character over a call.

"Hello main Pooja bol rahi hu. Aap Kaun?" Ayushmann asked. Responding to him, a person on the other side of the call addressed himself as 'Pathaan', referring to Shah Rukh Khan's character in the blockbuster film 'Pathaan'.

"Pooja..main Pathaan," the caller said. "Uff...kaise ho mere Pathaan," Ayushmann further asked.

Replying to him, the caller quipped, "pehle se bhi zyada ameer...happy Valentine's Day Pooja."

The hilarious promo has left netizens excited. Ayushmann is seen dressed up as a woman in the clip. However, his full face as Pooja is not shown. Ayushmann via promo also informed that the film is all set to hit the theatres on July 7. Balaji Telefilms Dream Girl 2 is the sequel to the highly successful film, Dream Girl, which was released in 2019. The first instalment was a big hit at the box office.

Besides Ayushmann, the film stars Ananya Panday, Annu Kapoor, Paresh Rawal, Asrani, Manjot Singh and Vijay Raaz among others.

### "Idol mere liye Maa hai", social media singing sensation Amarjeet Jaikar on the stage of Sony TV's Indian Idol 13

**CHANDIGARH** : This Saturday, Sony Entertainment Television's 'Indian Idol - Season 13' will be celebrating the life of the musical genius 'R.D. Burman' in the presence of Manoj Muntashir, Tony Kakkar and Yohani who will be making her first appearance on the singing reality show. Adding charm to the show will be Tony Kakkar who will be inciting social media singing sensation, Amarjeet Jaikar.

After showcasing a video of him singing 'Dil Dediya Hai,' the judge followed by everyone present on set will be seen getting awestruck by his singing talent. Later into the show, Amarjeet will then profess his wish to touch the feet of the judges - Himesh Reshammiya and Vishal Dadlani in reverence and seek their blessings. He would then share his feelings for the stage of Idol saying, 'Idol mere liye Maa hai. She is a mother to me because only a mother keeps her child in the womb for nine months and nurtures them. Only then the child comes out into the world and seeks experience.' It would then be revealed that Amarjeet has previously auditioned for one of the seasons of Indian Idol and commending his skill, he would be seen in the show as a student learning the skill of music first hand. Will he be seen in the next season of the show?

To know more, tune into Indian Idol 13 this



Saturday at 8:00 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television

### On The Kapil Sharma Show - renowned director, Nandita Das reveals how Kapil Sharma adopted the Jharkhand accent so well for Zwigato



**CHANDIGARH** : This Saturday, get ready for a laughter ki delivery on The Kapil Sharma Show as host Kapil Sharma will be seen as the special guest promoting his film, Zwigato. Joining him is the film's director, the critically acclaimed Nandita Das, and co-star Shahana Goswami. Doubling the laughter quotient, Rajeev Thakur will be seen stepping into the shoes of the host for one segment and question his friend and co-star, Kapil Sharma.

Zwigato has been well received in most international film festivals across the globe due to its raw appeal and originality. Talking about how Kapil Sharma stepped out of his comfort zone to deliver a Jharkhand accent and did justice to the character written, Nandita Das shares, "In the film, Kapil will be seen in a new avatar who will be speaking in a Jharkhand accent rather than

his usual Punjabi accent. I was initially concerned about his Jharkhand accent. I even gave him the option of changing his accent to Punjabi if he couldn't deliver dialogues properly in the accent I chose. He immediately declined that offer, stating that he would deliver the dialogues in the accent decided only. He knew the significance of dialogue delivery in its original form and stepped out of his comfort zone by adopting a Jharkhand accent very beautifully." Furthermore, Archana went on to praise Kapil, saying, "Hats off to Kapil. He has been a host and a comic actor on this comedy show for many years, but the character he is playing in the film is so different. For him, it's a completely different world, which he portrayed very naturally and beautifully. I am really proud of him."

### Hrithik Roshan in awe of Saba Azad's "moves"

**W**ho does not love getting compliments -- especially when it is coming from your loved ones? Singer-actress Saba Azad, on Sunday, garnered praises from her boyfriend Hrithik Roshan.

Taking to Instagram Story, Hrithik shared a video in which Saba is seen singing and grooving. However, it was Hrithik's caption that caught everyone's attention.

"The moves," he captioned the post. In the next clip, he expressed happiness as Saba chose to wear Hrithik's T-shirt for her performance.

"Finally wore my @\_\_huemn T," Hrithik captioned the post.

Rumours about Hrithik and Saba's relationship sparked when they were spotted out on a dinner date together in February last year. Later, she also joined Hrithik's family for a get-together. The rumours came to an end after the two walked hand-in-hand at actor Karan Johar's 50th birthday bash. Hrithik was previously married to interior designer Sussanne Khan.



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Meanwhile, on the work front, Hrithik will be next seen in director Siddharth Anand's next aerial action thriller film 'Fighter' opposite Deepika Padukone and Anil Kapoor. The film is all set to hit the theatres in January 2024.

### Farah Khan "chills" with friend Sania Mirza after her emotional farewell match

**F**arah Khan shared a picture with her close friend and Indian tennis player Sania Mirza after bid an emotional adieu to the sport in her hometown of Hyderabad on Sunday at the venue where it all started for her as a 16-year-old.

Taking to Instagram stories, Farah treated fans with a glimpse of after-farewell party plans.

In the picture, Farah and Sania can be seen lying down on a bed in a relaxed manner while holding each other's hands.

Sharing the picture, she wrote, "So this is what champions do after retirement... chill in bed with their best friend #saniaevent. @mirzasaniar lov uuu." Farah and Sania are often seen together and keep on praising each other on social media.

Another close friend of Sania, actor Huma Qureshi also shared pictures with her from the farewell along with a sweet caption.

She wrote, "To my friend who is an inspiration to a whole generation of young girls & boys ... This is the beginning of another glorious chapter my @mirzasaniar You bring your A game to every room that you walk in ... I love you and admire you deeply . I first saw you live win Wimbledon in 2015 (a dream come true ) and since then our friendship has only grown. The only thing we fight over is our left profile while taking that selfie. May we always discuss life , love , experiences , fight over selfie angles and laugh out loud."

Mirza played her two exhibition tennis matches at the Bahadur Stadium, where she made her WTA event debut back in 2003. She was playing as a wild-card entry at Hyderabad Open. A year later, she won the doubles title at the very same event with South Africa's Liezel Huber.

It was the first title of Sania's 44 WTA titles, out of which 43 came in doubles competition and only one in singles. She also clinched six grand slam titles and made four appearances at the summer Olympics in a decorated career that lasted for two decades.

She had earlier retired from professional tennis after Dubai Tennis Championships earlier this month.

Sania played two exhibition matches, featuring Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna, India's 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup winning all-rounder Yuvraj Singh and American tennis player Bethanie Mattek Sands - her 'best friend' and former doubles partner. She emerged victorious in both of her matches to the joy and delight of an excited home crowd.

The crowd featured plenty of youngsters and schoolchildren, who were cheering for her. The 36-year-old Sania was accompanied by her son Ishaan Mirza Malik and turned emotional on witnessing their reception.

"These are very, very happy tears. I could not have asked for a better send-off," Sania Mirza explained.

Prominent personalities like former Indian sports minister and current Law minister Kiren Rijiju, former Indian cricket team skipper Mohammed Azharuddin, Yuvraj Singh, Bigg Boss 16 winner-rapper MC Stan, Mahesh Babu, A R Rahman, Dulquer Salmaan, Huma Qureshi, Diana Penty, also attended Sania Mirza's farewell in Hyderabad.