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जो कहा...करके दिखाया

भविष्य में हम कितना आगे जाएंगे, कितनी ऊंचाई प्राप्त करेंगे, ये इस बात पर निर्भर करेगा कि हम अपने युवाओं को वर्तमान में यानी आज कैसी शिक्षा दे रहे हैं, कैसी दिशा दे रहे हैं। मैं मानता हूँ भारत की नई राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति राष्ट्र निर्माण के महायज्ञ में बड़े factors में से एक है।

- नरेन्द्र मोदी



Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal made an unprecedented announcement in the Jan Samvad programme at Sirsa

In the first phase, 113 schools of the State have been upgraded from class 10th to 12th

SIRSA

- 1 Government High School, Kirtinagar
- 2 Government High School, Shahpur Begu
- 3 Government High School, Sakta Khera
- 4 Government High School, Bakarianwali
- 5 Government High School, Maujgarh
- 6 Government High School, Sikanderpur
- 7 Government High School, Panniwalla Ruldu
- 8 Government High School, Bharellan Wali
- 9 Government High School, Khairekan
- 10 Government High School, Sukhara Khera
- 11 Government High School, Gindran
- 12 Government High School, Jagmalwali
- 13 Government High School, Lakarwali

JIND

- 14 Government High School, Ludana
- 15 Government High School, Butani
- 16 Government High School, Jamni
- 17 Government High School, Karola Jhamola
- 18 Government High School, Hatho
- 19 Government High School, Dabtain
- 20 Government High School, Khokkeri
- 21 Government High School, Badhana
- 22 Government High School, Dhakal
- 23 Government High School, Bhikhiwala

GURUGRAM

- 24 Government High School, Lakhwars
- 25 Government High School, Kankrola
- 26 Government High School, Kanhai
- 27 Government High School, Dhanwarpur
- 28 Government High School, Nakhrola
- 29 Government High School, Hayatpur
- 30 Government High School, Sadhrana
- 31 Government High School, Rithej

SONIPAT

- 32 Government High School, Bari
- 33 Government High School, Chirasmu
- 34 Government High School, Jahri
- 35 Government High School, Chhatehra

KARNAL

- 36 Government High School, Nagla Megha
- 37 Government High School, Badarpur
- 38 Government High School, Alipur Khalsa
- 39 Government High School, Mehmadpur
- 40 Government High School, Kalsi Barsalu
- 41 Government High School, Sheikpura Manchuri
- 42 Government High School, Khera
- 43 Government High School, Raipur Jattan
- 44 Government High School, Naraina
- 45 Government High School, Balu
- 46 Government High School, Pundri

FARIDABAD

- 47 Government High School, Chand Pur
- 48 Government High School, Mangar
- 49 Government High School, Mahawat Pur

ROHTAK

- 50 Government High School, Rohtak (Sukhpura)

PANIPAT

- 51 Government Girls High School, Jaurasi

BHIWANI

- 52 Government High School, Dhani Hanuman
- 53 Government High School, Lhas
- 54 Government High School, Riware Khera
- 55 Government High School, Kikral

YAMUNA NAGAR

- 56 Government High School, Rasulpur
- 57 Government High School, Manglaur
- 58 Government High School, Shadipur
- 59 Government High School, Darpur

KAITHAL

- 60 Government High School, Gohran
- 61 Government High School, Barta
- 62 Government High School, Kathwar
- 63 Government High School, Badsikri
- 64 Government High School, Sangrauli
- 65 Government High School, Balwanti

PANCHKULA

- 66 Government High School, Maranwala
- 67 Government High School, Jalauli
- 68 Government High School, Billa
- 69 Government High School, Tagra Hakim Pur
- 70 Government High School, Samlehi

NUH, MEWAT

- 71 Government High School, Alduka

MAHENDERGARH

- 72 Government High School, Mulodi
- 73 Government High School, Chhapra Bibipur

REWARI

- 74 Government High School, Ramgarh Bhagwan Pur
- 75 Government High School, Tatarpur Khalsa

AMBALA

- 76 Government High School, Sonda
- 77 Government High School, Rampur Chhapra
- 78 Government High School, Khanpur Labana
- 79 Government High School, Chaurmastpur
- 80 Government High School, Khanpur Brahman

HISAR

- 81 Government High School, Kharkra
- 82 Government High School, Kanoh
- 83 Government High School, Kumbha
- 84 Government High School, Pattan Tokas
- 85 Government High School, Satrod Kalan
- 86 Government High School, Chuli Kalan
- 87 Government High School, Sahu
- 88 Government High School, Khairi
- 89 Government High School, Ludas
- 90 Government Girls High School, Tokas

PALWAL

- 91 Government High School, Ranyala Khurd
- 92 Government High School, Likhi
- 93 Government High School, Baghola
- 94 Government High School, Guraksar
- 95 Government High School, Alhapur
- 96 Government High School, Chhaprola
- 97 Government High School, Chirawta
- 98 Government High School, Leharpur

FATEHABAD

- 99 Government High School, Dhani Gopal
- 100 Government High School, Nathuwal
- 101 Government High School, Ban Mandori
- 102 Government High School, Gurasar
- 103 Government High School, Tibbi
- 104 Government High School, Matana
- 105 Government High School, Barseen
- 106 Government High School, Biran Badi

KURUKSHETRA

- 107 Government High School, Lohar Majra
- 108 Government High School, Bhat Majra
- 109 Government High School, Teora
- 110 Government High School, Ishaq
- 111 Government High School, Ajrawar
- 112 Government High School, Sadhpur
- 113 Government High School, Diwana

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches new debt fund to build long-term wealth

PANCHKULA : ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched a debt fund on Monday which will enable customers to lock-in their investments at current high interest rates, build long-term wealth and achieve financial goals. The prevailing interest rate regime provides customers with an excellent opportunity to invest in the debt fund - ICICI Pru Constant Maturity Fund - the first such fund in the life insurance market. With interest rates closer to their peak, any fall in interest rates makes debt instruments attractive as an investment option for customers. This is due to the inverse relationship between prices of debt instruments and interest rates – their prices increase when interest rates fall thus benefiting customers who have invested in these instruments. This fund is available for investments with the Company's flagship Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIP). ULIPs provide customers with a unique proposition of life cover, financial security to the family and facilitate building wealth over the long-term. ICICI Pru Constant Maturity Fund is available with Unit Linked Products from May 15, 2023. Investments in ULIPs provide tax benefits. If annual investments made are up to ` 2.5 lac and with a life cover of 10 times the annual premium, maturity proceeds are tax-free for customers. How to invest? Customers have the option of investing in this fund through the Company's ULIP offerings like ICICI Pru Signature, ICICI Pru Smart Life and ICICI Pru LifeTime Classic. Customers can reach out to their advisors or visit the Company website (www.iciciprulife.com) to buy these plans.

Baby & Mom brand, Mi Arcus establishes strong retail presence

Ludhiana : Mi Arcus, a Baby & Mom apparel company with a business legacy of 45 years, will complete 3 years as a leading Baby & Mom brand in August 2023. MiArcus, has a current retail presence across 24 stores, and aspires to open 18 additional stores to usher its 3rd birthday. That will take the total number of exclusive MiArcus stores to 42 outlets, across 11 states and Union Territories. Mi Arcus was set up to bring in the extended community which includes parents and other family and friends of the baby/ babies. Therefore their focus has gone beyond just clothes to a wide variety of products which includes soft toys and gifting items. The brand is committed to offering premium goods that are manufactured with the utmost love and attention and have even higher quality, design, and sustainability. All Mi Arcus stores have a wide range of stylish and safe to use products from ages zero to six. Mi Arcus, has its HQ in Ludhiana with a pan India presence through its stores. Gian Singh, co- Founder and Managing Director of Mi Arcus also shared their plans to grow their offline presence by way of opening additional exclusive MiArcus stores and also strengthen their online reach and be able to deliver MiArcus products through market places like Amazon and Flipkart etc, this move will enable their target audience access to a broad selection of products and they will be able to get home delivery.

Musibaton mein ghirenge kirdaar!

Chandigarh : Characters of &TV's Doosri Maa, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabji Ghar Par Hai will get into trouble this week. About &TV's Doosri Maa track, Krishna shares, "Ashok (Mohit Dagg) learns through Alok (Prateek Shukla) that Krishna (Aayudh Bhanushali) is gone away and that Yashoda (Neha Joshi) is worried. He decides to return and help his family, but he could not as he has started the procedure for Sadhu Diksha. Meanwhile, Krishna runs away from Varun (Mickie Duddaney) and calls Yashoda for help. However, Mahua (Manisha Arora) answers his call, and Krishna is apprehended. While searching for Krishna, Yashoda encounters Ashok and Alok." About &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan track, Daroga Happu Singh shares, "Happu (Yogesh Tipthai) decides to take Hrinik (Aryan Prajapati), Chamchi (Zaara Warsi), and Ranbir (Somya Azad) to Thailand for a vacation. However, Commissioner (Kishore Bhanusahi) refuses to give him leave and insists on arresting a criminal named Shakal. The entire family decides to assist Happu in capturing him. When Happu informs them that Shakal is bald, they arrest nearly all of Kanpur's bad men." About Bhabji Ghar Par Hai track, Angoori shares, "Owing to bad weather conditions, Tiwari (Rohitash Gour), Angoori (Shubhangi Atre), Anita (Vidisha Srivastava), and Vibhuti (Aasif Sheikh) seek shelter at a college while going for a party. Bal Mukund Jhadeshwar, Anita and Vibhuti's classmate, had committed suicide in the same college.

Massive Turnout of 50,000 at 'Yoga Mahotsav' in Hyderabad



CSJOLLY CHANDIGARH : The 'Yoga Mahotsav' witnessed a massive participation of 50,000 enthusiasts at the NCC Parade Ground in Hyderabad today. The event - organised by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), under the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India - was held to commemorate 25 days to the International Day of Yoga. Honourable Governor of Telangana, Dr. Tamsilasi Soundararajan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, the Honourable Governor of Telangana, Dr. Tamsilasi Soundararajan said, "Happy to be here on this beautiful morning to perform Yoga. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to celebrate Yoga as a festival of happiness, festival of health. I urge everyone to embrace yoga. I must thank Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for taking Yoga to the global stage and making it a mass movement towards good health. Yoga will make you happy, yoga will make you healthy, yoga will make you beautiful." Addressing the grand audience, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal said, "My heart is filled with joy to see massive participation in the Yoga Mahotsav by the people celebrating the cause of good health through Yoga. As a true sign of India's glorious heritage, Yoga received an unprecedented boost when the world started celebrating Yoga every year on 21 June. Due to his unflinching effort to make Yoga a massive healthcare movement to enrich the quality of life, our dynamic Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has been championing the cause of Yoga leading from the front.

Cabinet minister Nijjar inaugurated Road from Bhaktanwala to Mulechak



SHASHIPALJAIN CHANDIGARH: The Punjab government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, is committed to providing basic facilities to the people of the state. To fulfill this objective, the government has introduced the facility of Aam

Aadmi Clinics for the state's residents. Additionally, efforts have been made to improve the infrastructure of government schools and create new employment opportunities. Over the course of its 14-month tenure, the government has successfully

provided more than 27,000 government jobs to the youth. These words were expressed by Dr. Inderbir Singh Nijjar, Minister of Local Government, Punjab, after inaugurating the new road from Bhaktanwala to the village of Mulechak, which will be

built at a cost of 70 lakh rupees. Dr Nijjar stated that this road had been in a very bad condition for a long time, causing significant difficulties for the residents, especially during rainy days. He mentioned that the construction of this road would provide immense relief to the general public.

On this occasion, the residents of the area expressed their gratitude to the minister, stating that they had been suffering from the poor condition of this road for many years. They believed that the construction of this road would greatly alleviate their difficulties.

Subsequently, Dr. Nijjar also reviewed the ongoing development works at Skatri Bagh. He instructed the relevant officials to complete the development work within the designated timeframe, emphasizing that no debris or soil should be left around the roads during the process. He stressed that no negligence would be tolerated in the development work and that the quality of the work should be ensured.

Dr. Nijjar emphasized that the funds allocated for these development works belong to the common people and should be utilized appropriately.

Central University of Punjab organized Workshop on Virtual Labs



ANILVERMA BATHINDA, MAY 27: The Department of Microbiology, in association with the Institution's Innovation Council, Central University of Punjab Bathinda (CUPB), organized a workshop on Virtual Labs in collaboration with IIT Delhi for the faculty and students.

The programme commenced with the welcome address by Prof. R.K. Wusirika, Dean Incharge Academics. He stated that Virtual Labs provide remote access to simulation-based labs in various disciplines of science and engineering. This will provide an opportunity for students to get exposure to conducting complex experiments virtually and gain the confidence to perform the real experiments proficiently.

Prof. Monisha Dhiman, Director, IQAC, mentioned that Virtual Labs is an initiative of the Ministry of Education to help students learn basic and advanced concepts through remote experimentation. She further

stated that the Central University of Punjab has registered as a nodal centre with the Virtual Labs portal to enable our students to access this remote experimentation facility.

During this programme, Mr. Prateek Sharma (Sr. Field Engineer), Mr. Chandan Kumar (Field Engineer), and Mr. Chirag Dey (Field Engineer) from IIT Delhi provided training on the Virtual Lab Platform. They informed that virtual labs are anytime, anywhere labs that are developed in self-learning modes and facilitate innovative experimentation in the fields of science and engineering. The IIT Delhi team demonstrated the process of conducting different experiments on the virtual labs and showcased how to use different learning tools available on this platform.

Dr. Somesh Baranwal, HoD, Dept. of Microbiology, stated that Virtual Labs are the paradigm shift in providing student centric online education. He expressed his gratitude towards IIT experts. Towards the end, Dr. Amit Singh, gave a formal vote of thanks.

Sanmati Vimal Jain School yet again excels in class 12th examinations



JAGRAON 27 MAY (SUKH NAHAR):- The students of Sanmati Vimal Jain senior secondary school made the school proud with their excellent performance in class 12th examination as per the results announced by Punjab School education board. School director Shashi Jain said that the entire school is delighted at the amazing performance of the students. She mentioned that school student Gauravi Jain of arts group obtained 97.2% marks in the examination and secured 14th position in the merit list and 1st position in Jagraon city and added yet another feather to the cap of school. "All students of class 12th passed the examination with flying colors," she added.

"In arts group, Ramadeep Kaur stood second with 96.2% marks while Inderpal Kaur remained third with 96% marks, Veerpal Kaur (95.4% marks) secured fourth spot and Gurveer Kaur and Suneha Gupta grabbed fifth spot with 94.6% marks each. Ishmeet Kaur stood second in school with 96.6% marks and first in commerce group while Arshdeep Kaur, Anmoldeep Kaur and Jashanpreet Kaur stood second with 96.2% marks each, Riya Rani remained third with 96% and Gurvir Kaur, Khushi and Kritika stood fourth with 93.4% and gaganpreet kaur remained fifth with 93% marks," she mentioned. She congratulated the students and their parents and also applauded the school staff for helping the students at every point unconditionally. She wished the students with all the luck for their future.

Swami Roop Chand Jain school shines in class 12th results



JAGRAON MAY 25 (SUKH NAHAR):- Swami Roop Chand Jain senior secondary school yet again performed brilliantly in class 12th examinations as per the results announced by Punjab School education board. School principal Rajpal Kaur expressed her happiness and satisfaction on the result of students and congratulated them. Giving more information about this, she said that school student Amandeep Kaur from commerce group secured 15th position in the merit list with 97% marks and stood first in the school while Harleen Kaur of arts group stood second with 94.6% marks and Simran Kaur of commerce group remained third. "40 students scored more than 40% marks while 50% of the students obtained above 80%. Harveer, Jaspreet Kaur, Vanshika, Diya, Hansika, Nishtha Kapahi, Chanchal Kumar, Yuvraj, Rishi, Anisha, Vanshika Singla, Arshdeep Singh, Deepinder Sharma, Jashanpreet Kaur, Hardik Sharma, Navdeep Singh, Guleen Kaur, Komalpreet Kaur, Harmandeep Kaur, Arshdeep Kaur, Manraj Singh were the top performers of the school," she said. She appreciated the students as well as the school staff for their continuous hardwork and honesty towards their duty. The school management congratulated parents of the students on their remarkable.

Max doc battles 5 hours on flight to save man from cardiac arrest

RAJIV JAIN

CHANDIGARH , MAY 27: A precious life was saved on Air India 307 flight from Tokyo to Delhi on Friday when a 57 years old diabetic passenger, who suffered a massive heart attack was given timely cardiopulmonary resuscitation by Dr. Deepak Puri a senior cardiovascular surgeon from Max Hospital, Mohali onboard the flight . Dr. Puri was returning from Tokyo after organizing a two day 'Cardiomersion World Heart Congress'. On noticing that the passenger had a cardiac arrest, Dr. Puri immediately rushed to his help. The patient was revived after a cardiac massage (CPR) by Dr. Puri with the help of the flight crew. The heart attack led to cardiac arrest and the patient was medically dead for some time with no pulse, no heartbeat and no brain response, said Dr. Puri director of cardiovascular thoracic surgery at Max Hospital, Mohali.



**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

E-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 10/2023-24 DATED 26.05.2023

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited on & behalf of President of India by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 Hrs or the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of Closing & Opening
1	30-Elect/T-16/2023-24	Electrical work for improvement of Quick Coach Watering arrangement at Saharanpur Railway Station on CAMTECH pattern over Ambala Division	Rs. 9705985.32	Rs. 194100.00	05 Months	19.06.2023
2	30-Elect/T-17/2023-24	Electrical work for improvement of Quick Coach Watering arrangement on platform 1 to 7 and 1A at Railway Station Ambala Cantt on CAMTECH Pattern over Ambala	Rs. 9702298.35	Rs. 194100.00	05 Months	19.06.2023

1) Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligible documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions.

2) The required Bid security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/ or Payment Gateway only well before & upto 15.00 Hrs of closing date & time of tender.

3) Tenderers should have class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders.

4) As a proof of technical experience/competence, the tenderer should submit details as per Tender Form 4 A of Annexure-I (in tender documents), the tenderer must have successfully completed any of the following during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited: Three similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or Two similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender.

Definition of Similar Nature of Work to be considered for the S.No 1 & 2 above work: "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Submersible/VSHS/Jet Pump sets with or without Remote Control & Monitoring and with or without AMC" OR "Lowering & lifting of pumps of various capacities & Repair of Pump sets/Rewinding of Pump motors with or without Remote Control & monitoring" 5) For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in 6) GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag					
Sealed item rates offline tender forms No. 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, JSV Division Barsar, Distt. Hamipur (HP) for the following works from the approved and eligible class contractor enlisted with JSV Department so as to reach in this office on or before 12.06.2023 up to 3:00 P.M. The tender will be opened on 12.06.2023 at 3:30 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives who may wish like to be 12.06.2023 up to 3:00 P.M. The tender documents can be downloaded from the departmental website www.hpiph.org and for such downloaded tender documents cost of form shall be deposited on the day of opening of the tenders before 09.06.2023 at 4:00 P.M.					
Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost in Rs.	Earnest Money in Rs.	Cost of Tender form in Rs.	Time Limit
1	Providing house hold connection by ministry of Jal Shakti Har Ghar Nai Jal se Jal under LWSS Bani Barsar Garli Zone 1st in Tehsil Barsar Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Excavation , laying , jointing and testing and commission of GMS Pipe 20 mm dia in village Baroli, Bhutlahar & Manjra)	164827/-	3300/-	250/-	2 months
2	Providing house hold connection by ministry of Jal Shakti Har Ghar Nai Jal se Jal under LWSS Deotsidh in Tehsil Barsar Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Excavation, laying, jointing and testing and commission of GMS Pipe 50 mm dia =1700 Rmt. Form Tanger Tank to village Tels, Pudlu)	208948/-	4179/-	250/-	2 months
3	Providing house hold connection by ministry of Jal Shakti Har Ghar Nai Jal se Jal under LWSS Bani Barsar Garli Zone 2nd in Tehsil Barsar Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Excavation, laying, jointing and testing and commission of GMS Pipe 20 mm dia in village Seri, Khangalla, Jandrana, Kaluhan, Geota Rajputtan & Samoh)	179328/-	3590/-	250/-	2 Months
4	Improvement of water supply to LWSS Phal Kotlu in Tehsil Nadaun Distt. Hamipur (H.P.) (SH:- Excavation, laying, jointing and testing of GMS Pipe 32 mm dia pipe to village Phal)	245609/-	4920/-	250/-	2 Months
5	Providing house hold connection by ministry of Jal Shakti Har Ghar Nai Jal se Jal under LWSS Bhabar Saheli in Tehsil Barsar Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Excavation, laying, jointing and testing and commission of GMS Pipe 20 mm dia=1000 Rmt. & 50 mm dia=72 Rmt. Under JSV Section Dandroo)	111741/-	2240/-	250/-	2 Months
6	Providing house hold connection by ministry of Jal Shakti Har Ghar Nai Jal se Jal under LWSS Bhabar Saheli in Tehsil Barsar Distt. Hamipur (SH:- Excavation, laying, jointing and testing and commission of GMS Pipe 20 mm dia=1700 Rmt. in village Samlehra G.P. Jure Amb & Dandroo)	144748/-	2900/-	250/-	2 Months
Last date of submission of tender 12.06.2023 up to 3:00 PM and same will be opened on 3:30 P.M.					
Last date of sale of the tender from divisional office: 09.06.2023 up to 4:00 P.M. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hpiph.org , or from office of above Executive Engineer up to date specified above.					
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NEWS BRIEFS

China Select Committee of US House recommends making India part of NATO Plus

WASHINGTON: In a significant development ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the United States, a powerful Congressional Committee has recommended strengthening NATO Plus by including India. NATO Plus, currently NATO Plus 5, is a security arrangement that brings together NATO and five aligned nations - Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Israel and South Korea - to boost global defence co-operation. Bringing India on board would facilitate seamless intelligence sharing between these countries and India would access the latest military technology without much of a time lag. The House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), led by Chairman Mike Gallagher and Ranking Member Raja Krishnamoorthi, overwhelmingly adopted a policy proposal to enhance Taiwan's deterrence, including through strengthening NATO Plus to include India.

24 ministers inducted into Siddaramaiah ministry in Karnataka

BENGALURU: The Congress government in Karnataka expanded its cabinet on Saturday by inducting 24 ministers thereby filling all 34 ministerial positions a week after assuming power in the state. Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy to the 24 ministers. These ministers include 23 MLAs and the Congress high command's surprise candidate NS Boseraju, who is neither an MLA nor an MLC. "Boseraju, a former MLA and an MLC, is the All India Congress Committee secretary. Hailing from Raichur, he is a committed Congress worker. His name was cleared by the Congress high command on Friday," a Congress leader told a news agency.

Forest Essentials enables the dreams of young girls



LUDHIANA : The ancient Ayurvedic concept of Yu-vati refers to the stage in life when a teenage girl comes of age in more ways than one, forging her own identity and path. Her transformation into womanhood begins, wherein she assimilates different life experiences and when her dreams become more vivid than ever. Forest Essentials brings to life this ethos in its latest endeavour with the launch of the Yu-vati Selection as it supports and gives back to aid the dreams of young girls and children at large, across the country. Yu-vati by Forest Essentials is presented by the 14-year-old Maleesha Kharwa, a rising content creator on a mission to challenge preconceived societal stereotypes.

PM chairs the 8th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog

Haryana's Chief Minister attends the meeting and shares the state's plan of playing a leading role in building a developed India

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 27

Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi today chaired the 8th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi. Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, along with the Chief Ministers of other states, also attended the meeting.

During the meeting, Sh. Manohar Lal apprised that Haryana is committed to achieving the Prime Minister's ambition of making India a \$5 trillion economy by 2024. Not only that, but Haryana will play a key role in the development of India. He stated that just as the Prime Minister ensures the development of the country through the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka Prayas, and Sabka Vishwas, the present state government ensures the identical development of Haryana while following the mantra of Haryana Ek-Haryanvi Ek.

Under the Prime Minister's leadership, India has established new dimensions every day intending to be prosperous, powerful, and empowered in the last nine years, said Sh. Manohar Lal.

He said that under the Prime Minister's leadership, the Haryana government has been successfully implementing central initiatives in the state for the last eight and a half years and is assuring the welfare of all sections by introducing new schemes.

The Chief Minister further stated that Haryana was the first state in the country to launch its ambitious Vision Document-2030 in the year 2017.

"Haryana has been termed by NITI Aayog as the state that has introduced continuous reforms. Our score on the Sustainable Development Goals has risen from 57 to 67. Gender equality, hunger and anaemia elimination, quality education, economic growth, and climate change are all priorities for us and special attention for these," said Sh. Manohar Lal.

Through PPP, Beneficiaries are getting automated scheme benefits

The Chief Minister stated that the state government has launched the Parivar Pehchan Patra programme to bring government schemes and programmes to people's doorsteps. The advantages of various government initiatives and services are now being delivered to people's homes via one single document, eliminating the need for them to visit offices. This has had a beneficial impact on the lives of the common man. Other states are studying the Parivar Pehchan Patra as well. Work on implementing Haryana's ambitious scheme has begun in Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand.

More than 44,000 elderly and 81,000 PwDs got automated pension benefits

The Chief Minister further



shared that through PPP, more than 44,000 elderly people and 81,000 PwDs got automated pension benefits. About 75 lakh CHIRAYU health cards have been issued under the Ayushman and CHIRAYU Yojana. In the last 5 months, health checkups for more than 7 lakh poor people have been conducted under the Nirogi Haryana Yojana. Furthermore, more than 32 lakh BPL ration cards have been automatically generated for eligible families.

Haryana has made every effort to realize the Prime Minister's vision of water conservation

The Chief Minister stated that the Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi believes that India's vision of self-reliance is dependent on water connectivity. The Haryana government has launched a number of initiatives to realize the Prime Minister's vision of water conservation. Besides this, the Haryana Treated Waste Water Policy was formulated with the goal of using 50 percent treated water by 2025. The Mera Pani-Meri Virasat scheme was launched to foster water con-

servation, agricultural variety, and direct seeded rice technique is also being promoted among the farmers.

He stated that the State's overall water demand in 2021 is anticipated to be 34,962.76 million cubic meters, whereas total water availability from all resources is 20,935.98 million cubic meters. As a result, the Haryana Water Resources Authority has developed an integrated water strategy to bridge the gap between water demand and supply.

All 22 district-level water resources planning committees have created block-level plans under this. This is the first attempt of its type in India, where the availability of surface and groundwater resources has been assessed at the block level, and the demand and supply gap of water has been quantified consistently and scientifically, informed Sh. Manohar Lal.

Haryana aims to reduce the gap between the demand and supply of water by about 49 percent in the next two years

Sh. Manohar Lal stated that the government has organized a two-day water conclave on the topic of Amrit Jal Kranti on April 26 and 27, 2023. The major goal of organizing the same was to deliberate on a monthly action plan by all concerned departments to bridge the water gap over the next two years. The strategy calls for a 49 percent reduction in the gap between water demand and supply over the next two years through water conservation, asserted the Chief Minister. Besides this, the state government is modernizing the canal network to decrease water loss. It has been planned that the Mewat feeder canal and the Gurugram water supply channel be converted into pipeline systems. In addition, considerable attention is being paid to micro irrigation initiatives, so that maximum irrigation can be done with less water.

CM Arvind Kejriwal's campaign gains more strength, TRS (BRS) president and Telangana CM K Chandrashekhara Rao extends support against Centre's ordinance

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAY 27

AAP National Convenor and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann arrived in Hyderabad on Saturday to meet TRS (BRS) president and Telangana CM K Chandrashekhara Rao for their campaign against Centre's anti-democracy ordinance. Meeting turned out to be a success when KCS extended his support to AAP and termed this step of BJP as an insult to the people of Delhi who elected Kejriwal government. Both the leaders held a healthy discussion over the distressing issue and deliberated upon the state of affairs in the country. The AAP Convenor expressed his gratitude to KCR for meeting and his support and emphasised their joint determination to challenge this oppressive measure in the Rajya Sabha.

In a scathing indictment of the Centre's actions, the Delhi CM lamented the revocation of Delhi's powers within a mere eight days through the introduction of an ordinance, following eight long years of



legal battles to secure the city's rights as granted by the Supreme Court. He accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of showing contempt for the judiciary, asserting that their message was clear: they would disregard any court order that did not align with their agenda by resorting to ordinances. He further underscored the significance of the upcoming Rajya Sabha vote, stating that if this bill fails in Rajya Sabha, then the Modi Government will not be able to come back in 2024. He urged fellow lawmakers

to recognize the critical nature of this decision, highlighting the potential consequences for the future of democracy in India. He highlighted how the people of Delhi have fought a long battle to get the rights that the constitution grants them. He said that soon after the AAP government was formed for the first time in 2015, the Centre led by PM Narendra Modi snatched away the powers that the Constitution had given to the state government by merely issuing a notification. "Our government was formed in February 2015 and within three months, in May 2015, the Centre issued this notification and snatched our powers. For eight long years, we fought against this injustice and approached the Supreme Court. Finally now, when the court ruled in our favour and the people of Delhi won the battle, the Centre promulgated an Ordinance and overturned the court order within eight days," he said.

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NEW DELHI : Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu attended the 8th Governing Council meeting of NITI AAYOG in New Delhi today. The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. Discussions were held on infrastructure and investments, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), minimizing compliances, women empowerment, health and nutrition, skill development, Gati Shakti for area development and social infrastructure, viksitbharat@2047.

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rowing ceiling of the current financial year i.e. 2023-24 and also to review the decision taken on 27th March, 2023.

Chief Minister also urged for removing the limit of receiving external aid for the next three years the State and sought the intervention of the Centre Government for speedy approval of proposals submitted to the Department of Economic Affairs. He also urged for 100 percent central funding for the strategic Bhanupali-Bi-

laspur-Leh railway line and considering the land acquisition cost as State's contribution. He also requested for including ropeway projects under 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna' besides demanding special financial assistance for completing the construction of medical colleges in the State. He also requested for providing the option of CAPEX model (Capital expenditure) along with OPEX model.

PW Skills Emerges as the Largest Online Platform for Tech Skilling in India

LUDHIANA : Physics Wallah (PW), India's leading ed-tech platform, is proud to announce a significant milestone for its skilling vertical, PW Skills. It has now emerged as the largest online platform for teaching tech skills to an impressive 1.5 lakh learners, offering courses in Hindi, English, and Hinglish. Among these learners, 50,000 are enrolled in paid batches, while the remaining have benefited from the free courses. Notably, 30,000 learners hail from the Hindi heartland, encompassing regions such as Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and other states. Achieving this milestone within a mere five-month span is a testament to the power of PW's existing community and digital distribution, which have been instrumental in driving this growth.

With a mission to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of professionals with new-age relevant

tech skills, PW Skills already offers hybrid courses in data science, Java, C++, full-stack web development, and other tech courses at disruptive pricing for INR 3,500 onwards. Going forward, PW Skills plans to expand into joint certification courses with top colleges, diploma courses, and technology courses in vernacular languages. The training programs cater to learners of all levels, from fundamentals to advanced, ensuring accessibility and ease of understanding. PW Skills recently partnered with NSDC to make skilling, reskilling and upskilling affordable for learners.

Prateek Maheshwari, Co-Founder of PW, stated, "Through PW Skills, our goal is to meet the growing demand for skilled professionals. PW Skills aims to address the prevalent issue of inaccessibility and steep pricing of most tech and upskilling courses. These courses often lack a focus

on practical training and the teaching of basics, emphasizing jargon instead. Furthermore, there is a significant gap in training availability in vernacular languages. PW Skills is committed to bridging these gaps by investing in the next 2-3 years to bolster our offerings by providing quality content, taught from the basics by industry professionals, at highly competitive prices.

Sudhanshu Kumar, CEO PW Skills, said, "PW Skills is a unique platform that caters to learners seeking tech training and other upskilling courses, regardless of their educational and economic backgrounds. Recognizing the growing need for upskilling, we train learners and professionals for the future of work using cutting-edge technology, renowned industry experts, and top-notch course material. We will further explore blockchain, cybersecurity, and AR/

VR-focused courses to strengthen India's talent pipeline. Our goal is to prepare 10 lakh skilled tech workforce within the next 3 years."

PW Skills provides a complete learning ecosystem, ensuring learners have access to all their skilling requirements in one place. The ecosystem includes PW Virtual Lab, an Experience Portal, a Job portal, and a massive online community. To promote job readiness, the PW Virtual Lab provides necessary hardware through the cloud, enabling learners with basic PCs and internet connections to participate in software development and programming courses without the need for expensive hardware. The Experience Portal allows learners to work on end-to-end projects while adhering to industry best practices. Alongside hands-on training, the Experience Portal facilitates development tracking, peer-to-peer collaboration.

The 2nd Meeting of Anti – Corruption Working Group begins in Uttarakhand

CHANDIGARH : Under India's G20 Presidency, the 2nd meeting of the G-20 Anti-Corruption Working Group began on May 25, 2023, Thursday at Narendra Nagar in Tehri district, Uttarakhand. The meeting was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Defense, Ajay Bhatt. Over 90 delegates from G20 member states, 10 invited countries, and 9 international organizations participated in this meeting. The delegates also experienced spiritual peace by attending the Ganga Aarti at Rishikesh on Wednesday evening. The first day of the Anti-corruption meeting held deliberations on a corruption-free world. During the meeting, G-20 Co-chair Giovanni Tartaglia Polacini of Italy delivered his key speech at the opening session. He said that, "all stakeholders including civil society and private sector should come together and work together to eliminate corruption." Along with this, Union Minister of State for Defense Ajay Bhatt also addressed the meeting, he shared that, "it is a matter of good luck to organize the meeting of the second Anti-Corruption Working Group in Devbhoomi Uttarakhand." He emphasized on the need for global cooperation in the fight against corruption. He appreciated the efforts of G20 India to promote international cooperation against corruption and called for increased transparency and accountability in the public sector. Thereafter, an event was organized for the delegates on the theme "Looking for the G-20 Approach on Harmonizing Gender Sensitivity with Anti-Corruption Strategies"



Editorial

Many successes, a few misses
as Narendra Modi govt turns 9

Like a phoenix did Narendra Modi rise; a controversial and successful chief minister from Gujarat who brought his party to power with an absolute majority, ending a decade-long reign of the Congress Party-led UPA. Looking back, any citizen, whatsoever their political leanings, would agree that the following areas were those where his government tasted its greatest successes.

Ending corruption with DCT: From times when we would be openly frustrated by the truth of a leakage of 85 paisa out of each rupee released for welfare by Central or state government, the Narendra Modi government totally ended corruption and leakages through the direct cash transfer (DCT), using the base of biometric-based Aadhaar card and Jan Dhan accounts.

Digital payments: The entire world has stood up to cheer India's successful transformation into a digital payments-driven economy. The UPI has now begun international integrations, starting with the Middle East, ensuring Indians can pay or receive money on their phones.

Infrastructure: India's ambition changed from tinkering with its weak, third-world-minded infra to creating world-class infrastructure. New-age airports, sea-ports, roads and highways are being created for both better connectivity and economic growth.

Railways: It must stand for mention separately — from metro rail projects for urban connectivity, decongestion and improved quality of life to railway lines and new trains like Vande Bharat achieving greater speed.

Foreign affairs and increasing international stature: From the US, which now considers India its key ally, and the Middle East, which wants to further augment deep historic ties, to Europe and Australia, India has continued its pursuit of good relationship. The Quad, G-20 presidency, and several other multilateral partnerships are signs of the growing stature of India under Mr Modi.

Made in India: Looking beyond exports, India has started increasing its focus on encouraging manufacturing. Several major corporations are turning towards India. Early forays, and India is far behind China on that count, but at least we are off the block.

Reforms and ease of doing business: A series of reforms in administrative, business, fiscal, tax and investment laws and norms has eased business, including the speed for investors and those setting base.

External affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaisankar has of late been duelling with the European Union over its insistence that India should condemn Russia over the war in Ukraine and not have any trade links with Moscow, and at other times he has been reiterating that India-China relations cannot be normal unless China switches off its aggressive stance at the undefined Line of Actual Control (LAC).

But he has been relatively quiet over Pakistan, except in passing as when he would refer indirectly to Pakistan and its support for anti-India terror groups based there. The recent clash between India and Pakistan at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) foreign ministers' meeting in Goa was an indirect one, and visiting Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari got the proverbial cold shoulder. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that Pakistan should create conducive conditions for resuming talks in his interview to Nikkei Asia as he flew to Japan to attend the G-7 summit in Hiroshima as a special guest was the mildest that one has heard from Mr Modi, who was quite aggressive in his statements against Pakistan at an earlier time.

The benign negligence of Pakistan by the Modi government began after reading down of the temporary spe-



cial status provision granted in Article 370 to the state of Jammu and Kashmir, its demotion from a state to a Union territory soon after the BJP won the 2019 Lok Sabha elections with an impressive majority. Pakistan in response had closed rail and road links, and downgraded the foreign missions in each other's country, and the diplomatic impasse still remains.

But it was impossible to maintain total silence. Pakistan offered to send ventilators to India during the catastrophic second wave of Covid-19 in the summer of 2021. India politely turned that away. Prime Minister Modi expressed condolences to Pakistan as an unprecedented monsoon fury killed more than a thousand people

and affected 33 million people in Sindh and Balochistan in 2022, and there was offer of help from the Indian side but it was Pakistan's turn to remain silent.

There was a time when the Bharatiya Janata Party government and the party were keeping Pakistan in the news in India. Pakistan served on many an occasion as the punching bag for the Hindutva advocates. But with the country's economy growing in size, and the world, especially the rich democracies of the G-7 looking to India as a foil to powerful China in Asia, the BJP politicians in the government and in the party and the pro-government chattering classes are not talking about Pakistan any more. The "love jihad" issues are not being traced

back to terrorist groups in Pakistan, and the terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir have been reduced to local incidents.

The foreign office and the armed forces must be keeping a constant watch over the current happenings in Pakistan, but the pro-Modi intelligentsia is speaking more about how the world is looking to India rather than the existential threat that Pakistan poses to "Hindu" India.

Many would say that this is a positive development, and that the fading away of Hindu Right's angst and anxiety over "Muslim" Pakistan should make for a more peaceful South Asia. There is a slight twist in the tale here. Until now, the Hindu Right had sought to portray Pakistan as a threat to India's se-

curity and it used to pretend that the barbs aimed against Pakistan should not be misconstrued as attacking the Muslims in India. But with the disappearance of Pakistan from the dark horizon of Hindutva imagination, the majoritarian right-wingers are now ready to be belligerent against Muslims within the country. There is a greater demand that Muslims in India should fall in line with the country's so-called Hindu civilisation. In the past, Hindu conservatives believed in the Hindu glory of Indian civilisation, but did not see the Islamic component of Indian history as a cultural threat. But then the Hindutva brigade operates at the infra-intellectual end of the spectrum, and it is always on the search for an "enemy" in India and outside. At the moment, Pakistan has ceased to be that "enemy" which ideological fanatics so desperately need. And it is the Muslims in the country, the largest religious minority, who are considered a cultural threat.

The BJP and its ideologues within the Sangh Parivar and outside found it useful to target Pakistan in their arguments while the government followed a well-established pragmatic line. But with the shift in focus to China as the main rival, the Hindutva cohorts, including the intellectual camp followers who style themselves as national security experts, are at

a loss. It was easy to berate a brittle Pakistan and even set it up as the straw man to showcase India's need to step up its military preparedness.

But this is not an easy thing to do with China on the radar. In terms of the economy, the Indian right-wingers are painfully aware that China is far ahead of India, and that in military terms India can only think in terms of defending itself but not to overwhelm China. That India is the most populous country in the world, overtaking China, is not much of a solace. So, the rant against China is rather faint in the Hindutva groups, and with Pakistan not on the radar, there is a strange quiet on the ideological front.

The Hindutva brigade does derive huge satisfaction from the fact that the United States and Europe are now looking to India rather than to Pakistan as the strategic lynchpin of their anti-totalitarian stance.

Though the Narendra Modi government is only too glad to be part of "big boys" club of the West, there is also the recognition that India cannot cut itself away from Russia, the old ally. The fact that Russia is not any more Communist appeals to the Hindu right-wing. The Modi government is thus forced to adopt India's default position of non-alignment, that was identified with Jawaharlal Nehru, the bête noir of the Hindu Right.

Literature & Health

Walking improves brain connectivity,
memory in older adults, finds study

A new research from the University of Maryland School of Public Health shows that walking increases connections within and between three brain networks, including one linked to Alzheimer's disease, adding to the increasing body of data that exercise benefits brain health.

Published this month in the Journal for Alzheimer's Disease Reports, the study examined the brains and story recollection abilities of older adults with normal brain function and those diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment, which is a slight decline in mental abilities like memory, reasoning and judgment and a risk factor for Alzheimer's.

"Historically, the brain networks we studied in this research show deterioration over time in people with mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease," said J. Carson Smith, a kinesiology professor with the School of Public Health and principal investigator of the study. "They become disconnected, and as a result, people lose their ability to think clearly and remember things. We're demonstrating that exercise training strengthens these connections." The study builds upon Smith's previous research, which showed how walking may decrease cerebral blood flow and improve brain function in older adults with mild cognitive impairment.

Thirty-three participants, who ranged between 71 and 85 years old, walked while supervised on a treadmill four days a week for 12 weeks. Before and after this exercise regimen, researchers asked par-



ticipants to read a short story and then repeat it out loud with as many details as possible.

Participants also underwent functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) so researchers could measure changes in communication within and between the three brain networks that control cognitive function: Default mode network - Activates when a person isn't doing a specific task (think daydreaming about the grocery list) and is connected to the hippocampus -- one of the first brain regions affected by Alzheimer's disease. It's also where Alzheimer's and amyloid plaques, a prime suspect for Alzheimer's disease found around nerve cells, show up in tests.

Frontoparietal network -- Regulates decisions made when a person is completing a task. It also involves memory. Salience network -- Monitors the external world and stimuli and then decides what deserves attention. It also facilitates switching between networks to optimize performance.

Researchers pitch for more studies, trials of
medicinal plants for diabetes management

There are at least 400 medicinal plants that can be effective in reducing the amount of sugar level in the blood, but intensive studies have been done only on 21 of them so far, say a team of researchers.

In their study titled 'Treatment on Nature's Lap: Use of Herbal Products in the Management of Hyperglycemia', they also noted that "many allopathic drugs (to manage diabetes) have herbal background" and said evidence-based trials in natural products could lead to the development of "novel drugs in the modern management of diabetes".

The study by researchers from JIPMER-Puducherry and the AIIMS-Kalyani was recently published in the World Journal of Diabetes.

"There are at least 400 medicinal plants present in nature which can be effective in reducing the amount of sugar level in the blood which is necessary to control Type-2 diabetes," the study said.

"So far, studies have been done only on 21 herbal plants, including vijayasar, jamun, cumin, daruharidra, little gourd, bael, fenugreek, neem, amla and turmeric, which



have been found to have prominent anti-hyperglycemic action," it said.

These medicinal plants have been the basis of many drugs to manage diabetes, the researchers said after analysing data available on PubMed. They also cited examples of herbal formulations such as BGR-34 prepared by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

Marketed by AIMIL Pharmaceuticals, BGR-34 contains many active compounds derived from four medicinal herbs daruharidra, gudmar, methi and vijayasar.

"Besides these, giloe and majeeth have also been added to increase immunity as well as anti-oxidants levels," executive director at AIMIL Pharmaceuticals Dr Sanchit Sharma said. Echoing the re-

searchers' views, he said that "our ancient texts on medicine and ayurveda too are rooted in nature which abounds with a range of medicinal plants".

"Since the number of diabetic patients in India is increasing at an alarming rate, research on other herbal plants can give a new outlook to the medical field," Sharma said. Last year, a study by AIIMS-Delhi found that BGR-34 is effective not only in reducing sugar but obesity as well.

This ayurvedic medicine also improves the body's metabolic system.

The latest study also noted that though partial research has been conducted on eight plants such as pomegranate, shilajit, bean, tea, ginkgo biloba and saffron that have shown anti-diabetic properties, more trials are needed.

Amid dog-whistle politics, did Sunak go easy on Suella?

Dogs live in a nose dimension, They smell ghosts with a sweetness of spirit Or evil ones with a terrifying stink They know death from the air around it And opportunity when love is high."

From Dhoka Cola, by Bachchoo



for corruption or if further allegations of rape result in a conviction.

None of the above politicians in "democratic" countries have been charged with murder. In some countries opponents of the regime are jailed on trumped-up charges, thrown through upper-floor windows or murdered and their bodies

chopped up. The heads of state responsible for these acts and even for mass murder of opponents are dictatorially immune from prosecution, while in proper mature democracies, however faulty -- stimulating riots against fair elections -- the most trivial offences face some consequences.

This observation is prompted, gentle reader, not by the announcement of poor BoJo facing further charges and fines, but by the case of the present UK home secretary, Suella "Cruella" Braverman.

When she was justice secretary, she was caught speeding while driving. I confess that I was caught speeding by a camera, doing 24 miles an hour in a 20-mph limit zone. I wasn't conscious of speeding and must have been thinking of something else when I crossed the white markings on the road, the traversal of which inform the

camera of your vehicle's speed. I was sent a notice by the police. This was in the Covid-restrictions era, and the notice offered me two options. I could either pay a fine and have my driving licence endorsed with three offence marks (when you get 12, they take your licence away) or I could attend a course which would re-educate me about speeding and presumably get me to behave myself in the future. Since it was the Covid period, the notice said, this option of taking a re-education course would require me to join a Zoom collective on my computer rather than present myself physically at a venue for the two-hour session. I opted, quite sensibly, to avoid the three negative endorsements on my licence, for the Zoom course.

I joined the Zoom course at the appointed time and with several other (crim-

inal?) participants was told by the instructor about the damage that speeding could do and the various signs and speed limits there were and the roads on which these applied. It went on for two hours and cost me £95 (about Rs 9,700).

I tell you this because Cruella was offered the same two choices. For all I know she may have been caught doing 21 mph in a 20-mph zone. Trivial? Yes! But Cruella, being justice minister at the time, went on to ask her civil servants to ensure that she didn't take the re-education option with other participants, but agreed to do it on a one-to-one basis.

The civil servants told her the speeding fine was her personal, private affair and business and not that of the ministry, and they declined to intervene with the traffic authorities and the police on her be-

half. Cruella then went to her political adviser and asked that person to intervene. She was again told that it was not part of their job to do her personal fixing. I don't to this day know what she was trying to avoid. Did she think that the other speeding violators on the Zoom call would recognise the justice secretary being part of this corrective process for an albeit minor breach of the law? When Hedgie Sunak appointed her home secretary, Cruella paid the fine and took on the three points on her licence. The Opposition parties have called on Hedgie to investigate the possibility that she may have broken the ministerial code by asking officials in the ministry to do her personal dirty work. Hedgie has considered the demand and says that Cruella has not done anything wrong and she's off the hook.

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अब बने पुरानी पेंशन
के हकदार।

व्यवस्था परिवर्तन और खुशहाली के इस नए दौर में हिमाचल की पहचान और प्रदेश के विकास में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा रहे कर्मचारियों को सामाजिक और आर्थिक सुरक्षा प्रदान करना हमारी जिम्मेवारी है। आप सब के अनुभव, ऊर्जा, सहयोग व संकल्प से ही हम नव हिमाचल निर्माण के स्वप्न को साकार कर सकेंगे।

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NEWS AT A
GLANCE

Awareness on study
abroad held



CHET RAM RATAN NAWANSHAHR: An awareness seminar was organized for the students desirous of going to Canada at the Visionway Immigration Center located near the local Chandigarh Chowk. Giving information to the students on this occasion, the directors of the center, Praveen Arora and Vibha Arora told that on behalf of the organization, running the center and completing 15 years of service and issuing more than 16,000 visas to the students who want to go to Canada. A golden opportunity is being provided for students pursuing education abroad from June 1, without having to pay any other fees including application fees, registration and processing fees. Students whose visa has been refused 4-6 times can also take advantage of the opportunity with 100% results. He said that zero risk but 100% visa result opportunity is available for such students. He told that it is necessary for the students who want to go to Canada to choose a good college and course, about which only an expert person can give adequate information. To get complete information regarding this, students can personally meet the director of the institution, Praveen Arora and Vibha Arora.

Youth stabbed to
death in Delhi

NEW DELHI: An 18-year-old youth was stabbed to death by four to five boys in east Delhi's Kalyanpuri area on Saturday morning, an official said. The deceased, identified as Anshu alias Banda, a resident of Trilokpuri, was stabbed over 20 times. According to the police, a police control room call was received about the incident around 05.11 am following which a police team rushed to the spot. "Anshu was admitted to LBS Hospital by a PCR van. There were 21 stab injuries on the body of the injured. He was later referred to AIIMS Hospital for further treatment where he was declared dead," said a senior police official. Initial probe revealed that four to five boys had attacked him. Two teams have been formed to apprehend the accused persons. There was an old enmity, however, the exact will be ascertained when the accused will be nabbed," said the official.

Minors assaulted by
teacher in Delhi,
accused absconding

NEW DELHI: Two minor girls were allegedly sexually assaulted by a teacher in a Government School in Delhi's Dwarka, an official said on Saturday. The official said that a manhunt has been initiated to nab the accused. According to police, on Thursday one minor girl (11) came to Dwarka South police station along with her parents and gave her written complaint wherein she stated that she is a student of a government school in Dwarka and a teacher named Amit touched her on her back and shoulder in an inappropriate way. "The child was provided necessary counseling and a case under section 354A of the Indian Penal Code and 10 POCSO Act was registered," said M Harsha Vardhan, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka). "Another complaint of similar nature was also received on Friday against the accused and a case under POCSO Act has been registered on that complaint also. Efforts are being made to arrest the teacher," the DCP added.

Huge Monitor Lizard prevented
from taking a free truck ride

AGRA MAY 27

Seeking refuge from the heat, a three-foot-long Monitor Lizard crawled into the engine of a delivery truck at a CNG filling station in Runakta, Agra. The reptile was kept under observation for a few hours and later released back into its natural habitat.

Officials of the Wildlife SOS said, "A driver of a delivery truck was filling up CNG at a pump in Runakta, Agra, when he spotted a large reptile crawling into the bonnet of his vehicle. Upon taking a closer look, the reptile was identified as a 3-foot-long Bengal Monitor Lizard. Startled by the driver's presence, it swiftly made its way to the bottom of the truck, eventually settling atop the cylinder unit."

Concerned for the lizard's safety, the driver reached out to Wildlife SOS for their help. A two-member rescue team promptly



arrived at the location with the necessary rescue equipment. The Monitor lizard was carefully extricated from under the truck and transferred into a transportation carrier.

Common Indian Monitor Lizard (Varanus bengalensis) or Bengal Monitor Lizard is found in the Indian subcontinent. They inhabit scrubs, parks, jungles and mainly feed on small mammals, birds, rodents, insects etc. This species is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

SC lawyer files complaint against Kejriwal,
Kharge for remarks against President's caste

NEW DELHI, MAY 27

Supreme Court lawyer Vineet Jindal has lodged a formal complaint against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge accusing them of making inflammatory remarks regarding the President's caste. In his complaint filed with the Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora, Jindal has alleged that the intention behind these statements was to create discord among various communities and groups, while attempting to foster a sense of mistrust towards the Centre. The complaint seeks appropriate action against the accused parties for their alleged actions which according to him is an offence under section 121, 153A, 505 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code. "I am filing this complaint against Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister Delhi, and others who have made provocative, inflammatory, derogatory, and inciting statements with the sole motive of promoting enmity



between the community by mentioning the caste of the President of India Droupadi Murmu. "Recently I have seen many prominent leaders in media reports making provocative statements by referring to the caste of our Hon'ble President of India regarding the event of the Inauguration of the new Parliament building. "The statements given by Kharge and Kejriwal have been made intentionally, to refer to the caste of the esteemed President of India with the objective of portraying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the present Government have deliberately not invited the President for the inauguration of the new Parliament building.

Ahead of Shah's visit, Army Chief Manoj Pande visits Manipur

IMPHAL: Two days before the scheduled visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the ethnic violence-hit Manipur, Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande reached Manipur on Saturday to hold meetings with various civil society organisations in Churachandpur district. Defence sources said that the COAS arrived in Imphal on Saturday on a two-day visit. He will visit various districts where he will interact with the local commanders and obtain a first-hand account of the ground situation. General Pande will also interact with the troops. On Sunday, he will meet Governor Anusuiya Uikey, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Chief Security Advisor to Manipur Kuldeep Singh and would discuss and deliberate over the current situation and future trajectory, in order to restore normalcy in the trouble-torn state at the earliest. A Manipur government official said that in view of the widespread ethnic violence in at least 11 of the 16 districts of the state, the state administration had requisitioned Army and Assam Rifles on May 3. As an immediate response, the Army and Assam Rifles deployed 135 columns of troops to diffuse the situation by carrying out active domination of the sensitive and fringe areas. Approximately 35,000 people from different communities have been evacuated to safe zones and immediate relief and humanitarian aid has been provided to the displaced civilians by the Army and Assam Rifles.

AAP is the only
alternative to BJP and
Congress: Jagbir Singh



DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAY 27

The first organizational meeting of the Aam Aadmi Party was held under the chairmanship of newly appointed District President Jagbir Jogankheda. In the meeting, newly appointed state office bearers Balbir Saini, Banta Ram Valmiki as state vice president, former state vice president Vishal Khubbard as state joint secretary, Praveen Chaudhary joint secretary, Navneet Saini joint secretary, Joga Singh district secretary, Meva Ram state co-joint secretary and many others. District and state office bearers were felicitated. On this

occasion, the party District President Jagbir Singh Jogna Kheda expressed gratitude to party convenor and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, National Organization Secretary Sandeep Pathak, State President Sushil Gupta, Election Management Committee Chairman Dr. Ashok Tanwar for his appointment. In the meeting of the Kurukshetra organization, Jogankheda while meeting the workers and office bearers claimed that he would work with raising issues of brotherhood and public interest. He congratulated the newly appointed office bearers and said that he will take Arvind Kejriwal's policies door to door.

In meeting of District Development and
Monitoring Committee, approves
development works in rural and urban areas



RANVIRPARASHAR KAITHAL, MAY 27

A meeting of the District Development and Monitoring Committee was held in the auditorium of the local small secretariat, which was presided over by the Minister of State for Printing and Stationery Sandeep Singh. DC Jagdish Sharma, public representative and other concerned officers were present on this occasion. In the meeting, development works in the urban and rural areas of the district were approved for the year 2023-24. Minister of State Sandeep Singh said that funds have been sanctioned for rural and urban areas as per the fixed criteria. The concerned department should ensure timely completion of development work with this amount. In view of the proposed budget allocation contained in the agenda, Rs.4,31,85,000 would be spent in the rural areas of the district, in which Rs.1.80 crore under SC / SP component and out of which Rs. 51.76 lakh in Dhand block, Rs. 61.73 lakh in Guhla block, Rs. 1,05,35,000 in Kaithal block, Rs. 59.84 lakh in Kalayat block, An amount of Rs 68.18 lakh was approved in Pundri section.

Gurugram: Illegal hoardings
on NH-248 to be cleared soon

GURUGRAM, MAY 27

Multiple illegal advertisement hoardings on the six lane Sohna-Alwar elevated National Highway also known as NH-248 will be cleared soon, officials said. These hoardings have been put up without any prior permissions from the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), the officials said. The Central government has banned hoardings beside highways as roadside hoardings/ advertisements are likely to divert the concentration of drivers. "Ministry of Road Transport and Highways as a matter of policy has not been allowing



erection of advertisement hoardings on National Highways within the Right of Way as they might distract the attention of the drivers," the officials added. According to the policy, the advertising space on the highway facilities shall be located on the inner side of

facilities such that they are not directly visible in front of the driver driving along the road from safety considerations. Sohna elevated highway constructed on National Highway 248A between Rajiv Chowk & Sohna was opened for traffic last year to ease travel between Gurugram-Sohna & Alwar. The expressway also connects the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway. After the opening of the Sohna elevated national highway and Delhi-Mumbai Expressway till Dausa in Rajasthan, advertising companies have started setting up big hoardings on both sides of the expressway.

Man held with over 1 kg gold at
Jaipur International Airport

JAIPUR, MAY 27

A passenger smuggling 1.44 kg gold paste worth around Rs 71 lakh was detained at Jaipur International Airport and sent to jail, officials said on Saturday. Officials said that the gold was brought to Jaipur by an Air Arabia flight. The accused smuggler is originally from Rajasthan and has been a frequent traveller abroad. The man had hidden the gold paste in his inner wear and shoes. According to customs officials, "The passenger landed at Jaipur airport on May 26 from Air Arabia flight number G9435 from Sharjah. The team got information and detained him at the airport premises. When the accused denied carrying any gold, the customs officers scanned the accused and his baggage. During scanning, gold paste was found hidden in shoe soles and inner wear of the accused weighing 1.44 kilograms." Customs officials said, "The accused is basically a resident of Shekhawati. The accused had travelled abroad in the past as well. Since he failed to give any satisfactory reply, he was produced before the court which sent him to jail," they added.



Dhaliwal inaugurates
Punjab's first exclusive
waste mgt project



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: The government of Chief Minister Punjab Mr. Bhagwant Mann is developing the villages by rising above party politics so that the villages can be provided with all the facilities like the city and none of the roads of the villages will be allowed to remain unpaved. These words were expressed by Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Punjab Mr. Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal today at Gram Panchayat Gurala of Halka Ajnala at the Solid Waste Management Project which is an exclusive project of Punjab in which self help groups of Livelihood Mission Project. After inaugurating the inclusion of women.

Baba Farid Public High
School 10 th class result,
children get good marks



MANJEET SINGH DHALLA JAITO: The Punjab School Education Board has announced the Baba Farid Public High School 10th result recently. Principal of the school Madam Darshanani Devi said that 20 children appeared for the board exam in the tenth class. All children scored higher. From the school, Shubdeep Singh son of Bhupinder Singh got 85% in the first rank and Gautam son of Naresh Kumar got 78% in the second rank and Simran Preet Kaur daughter of Narinder Singh got 77% in the third rank. Chairman Mr. Sadhu Ram Sharma and Darshanani Devi have congratulated the teachers and parents of the school. Teachers present on this occasion were Sandeep Sharma, Rajwinder Kaur, Virpal Kaur, Shinder Kaur, Navneet Kaur.

100% result of 10th Board
Class of Ved Kaur Arya Girls
Sen. Sec. School Qadian



VERMA GURDASPUR: Ved Kaur Arya Girls Senior Secondary School Qadian has 100% Annual result of Class 10th . All the students of 10th have passed the examination with flying colours. Giving information in this regard Principal Mrs. Mamta Dogra said that Radhika Mahajan scored 92% , Sukhmanpreet Kaur scored 91% , Gurleen Kaur scored 90.6% , Sukhmanpreet Kaur scored 89% , Manpreet kaur scored 88% and got First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Position Resp. Principal Mrs. Mamta Dogra, Chairman Sh. B.K. Mittal and Manager Dr. Mrs. Anjana Gupta congratulated the teachers and students for their success.

2-day multi-disciplinary
national conference
'Transformation, Survival



CHANDIGARH: A 2-day multi-disciplinary national conference titled 'Transformation, Survival and Sustainability in a Post COVID World and Creating a New Bharat: Some Dimensions from Punjab and Haryana State' began at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh. Organised by the Postgraduate Department of Economics of the college, the conference is sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), North-Western Regional Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Prof. Y.P. Verma, Registrar, Panjab University, was the Chief Guest and Prof. Sanjay Kaushik, Dean College Development Council, Panjab University, was the Guest of Honour for the inaugural ceremony of the conference. Prof. Pradeep Chauhan, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, delivered the presidential address and Prof. Aswini Kumar Nanda, CRRID, Chandigarh, delivered the keynote address. Inaugurating the conference, Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava asserted that in the blind pursuit of materialistic development, human race has ignored nature and environment, which invited nature's wrath in the form of COVID outbreak. Highlighting the indispensable role that technology has assumed in our lives, Dr. Bhargava said that the transition to high tech life was to happen gradually but the sudden onset of the pandemic thrust the technology upon us.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

Arora launches project under which 18 Robotics
Labs, 3 XR Reality Labs to be set up

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, MAY 27

Achieving yet another milestone in the history of the Punjab school education, which will enable students to enhance their creative thinking and problem-solving ability, all the 18 Government Senior Secondary Schools in Sunam Assembly constituency(SAC) have been equipped with futuristic Robotic Labs, said Punjab Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Minister Mr Aman Arora.

Aman Arora, who was here today to inaugurate a Robotic Lab set up at Shaheed Udham Singh Government Senior Secondary School(Girls) at Sunam, also distributed the lab equipments to the remaining 17 senior secondary schools. Apart from this, three XR Reality Labs with the help of German firm Myracle.10 are also being set up in Shaheed Udham Singh Schools(Girls) and (Boys) of Sunam and Shaheed Bhai Mati Das Senior Secondary School, Longowal.

"These futuristic Robotic Labs and XR Reality Labs will help pupils to get hands-on training in the latest technology areas such as robotics, the Internet of Things(IoT), Artificial Intelligence(AI), 3D Printing, Basics of Electronics and so on," said Mr Aman Arora, while adding that this project will facilitate innovative ways to increase the knowl-



edge skills of students through fun learning. He said that Sunam probably is the first Assembly Constituency in the country to equip all the Government Senior Secondary Schools with these hi-tech and futuristic labs. Aman Arora said that Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann led Punjab Government is committed to revolutionise the education sector in state. Earlier, the state government had established "Schools of Eminence" (SoE) by

Sant Singh Sukha Singh Khalsa School tenth class result excellent

AMRITSAR (AMRIK SINGH): The students of Sant Singh Sukha Singh Khalsa Senior Secondary School Amritsar performed brilliantly in the results of 10th class by the Punjab School Education Board and brightened the name of their school. Sarika Chowdhury, a student of the school, obtained merit by securing 97.7 percent marks. Similarly, seven children scored 95%, 33 students scored 90% and 131 students scored 80% marks and led the way in the area. Principal of the school Dr. Guratan Singh and director of the institution S. Jagdish Singh wished the student a lot of good wishes and blessed him to achieve higher heights by working harder in the future.



Maa Vaishno Bhajan Mandli set up
Bhandara at Mata Chintapurni



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 27

The 6th Vishal Bhandara Maa Chintapurni Dham at Bhadaur Walian di Dharamshala under the leadership of President Raj kumar Goyal with the support of local Maa Vaishnu Bhajan Mandali from the morning onwards. Installed as per mother's wish. Munish Goyal, general secretary of Maa Vaishno Bhajan Mandli, said that the departure of the Bhandara was done by a small kanjak, vice president of Veopar Mandal Rampura Phul Nasib Chand Singla and former president of the municipal council Sunil Bitta. President Raj

Kumar Goyal said that potatoes, gram, poori, kheer, bhalle, mango shake etc. were served in the store for the devotees who came to have darshan of Mata Chintapurni ji.

On this occasion Dr. Arun Bansal, Satish Bansal, Bhushan Garg, Jagdish, Vipam Garg Mandi, Amit Garg, Mohit Singla, Ramesh Gupta, Ashok Garg, Raj Kumar Goyal, Yashpal Dhingra, Ashok Mittal, Mukesh Johny, Rakesh Rinka, Adarsh Garg, Jitesh Johnny, Maninder Mittu, Happy Garg, Jenus Bansal, Jatin Jindal, Munish Goyal, Mohit Singla, Amit Garg, Vipam Mandi etc were present.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University
organized Convocation 2023



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University held its second Convocation on May 27, 2023. Hon'ble Chancellor of the University Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami, President Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee presided over the Convocation and conferred the degrees to the graduates of the University. Pro-Chancellor of the University Dr. Ajai Singh Brar, delivered the Convocation Address. In this convocation function, 118 Research scholars received their Ph.D. degrees. Besides this, more than 700 students of the University received Post-graduate and Graduate degrees, and twenty-five students were awarded University medals. In his address, Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami motivated the students to commit themselves to academics and to work for a bright future. He narrated many anecdotes from his personal life to drive home the point that if we are determined, then nothing can stop us from achieving our goals.

He congratulated the University and hoped that it would continue its march toward excellence and produce good, knowledgeable, and thinking citizens. He congratulated the students for their academic achievements and added that the University postgraduates and graduates would bring glory and honor not only to themselves but to the University.

Kirti Sharma created history
by securing 85 percent
marks in 10+2 result



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Lala Lajpatrai Senior Secondary School, Bassi Pathana, which has been consistently leading in the field of education for a long time, have brought good marks to the name of their school and has also increased the respect of their parents in the 12th class result declared by Punjab School Education Board, Mohali. Giving information in this regard, School Management Committee Manager Ashok Dhiman and Principal Pradeep Kumar Sharma said that Kirti Sharma, a student of the school, secured first position in a school with 85 percent marks, Vashit secured second with 81.6 marks, and Ankita Sharma secured third position with 80 percent marks, while 27 out of 32 children have achieved good positions by taking the first and second positions.

While congratulating the students on this achievement, Principal Pradeep Kumar Sharma and Ashok Dhiman encouraged the students to work harder in the future. They said that the school has always been trying to make the children a good and responsible citizen of society by educating them.

SAD Amritsar starts election campaign
for Sri Anandpur Sahib Lok Sabha

KULWINDER RASULPUR
SRI CHAMKAUR SAHIB, MAY 27



The president of Sromani Akali Dal Amritsar, Sardar Simranjit Singh Mann, has started the election campaign by announcing Kushalpal Singh Mann as a candidate from Sri Anandpur Sahib Lok Sabha constituency. Addressing to the mediapersons after the celebration of Shri Akhand Path Sahib by the organization at Gurdwara Katalgarh Sahib today, the candidate Kushalpal Singh Mann said that the political parties who have ruled in Punjab have insulted the people to fulfill their selfish interests. He said that Congress Akali and Aam Aadmi all these parties are part of the same bag, they have not made any solid policy till date which would benefit the people. Attacking the present government, he said that this government is not taking any decision of its own, but the decisions taken in Delhi are being imposed on the people.

Inauguration of Zonal Office
Ludhiana, Bahadurke road branch



LUDHIANA: Bank of Maharashtra successfully Inaugurates Ludhiana Zonal Office, Strengthening Presence in the Region Ludhiana on 26.05.2023. Bank of Maharashtra, a leading public sector bank in India, is delighted to announce the successful inauguration of its Ludhiana Zonal Office. The esteemed Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bank of Maharashtra, Shree A.S. Rajeev, presided over the momentous event, marking a significant milestone for the bank in expanding its reach in Ludhiana, a bustling city renowned for its economic activities in the state of Punjab. During the ceremony, Shree A.S. Rajeev addressed the attendees in the presence of Zonal Manager, Ludhiana Shree SK Trivedi and Dy. Zonal Manager, Shree Ravi Jain, sharing the bank's vision for the Ludhiana Zonal Office. With their extensive expertise in the banking industry, CMD emphasized the bank's dedication to delivering superior financial solutions, strengthening customer relationships, and fostering economic development in the local community. While addressing the gathering Shree A.S. Rajeev shared the bank's vision of achieving the target of 5 lakh Cr. by the end of fiscal year 2023-2024.

Bharat Vikas Parishad celebrated World Environment
Day School girls created environmental awareness

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 27

World Environment Day was organized by the local branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad under the leadership of President Manoj Bhandari at Government Senior Secondary School (Girls) Bassi Pathana under the supervision of the women members of the Parishad family, which the students of the school created environmental awareness.

During this event, Municipal Councilor Jasveer Kaur Bansal along with her husband Pawan Bansal and daughter Nidhi Bansal attended as the chief guest. Project Incharge Shashi Bala, Co-Women Convenor Ritu Malhotra, Sanskaar Convenor Baljinder Kaur, Sampark Convenor Nidhi Bhandari, Sewa Incharge Kuldeep Kaur, Veena Kumari



Kashyap, Meenakshi Soni, Rama Gupta, Ramesh Kumari, Kala Nanda, School Principal Sunita Rani, Council Secretary Bharat Bhushan Sachdeva, Treasurer Sanjeev Soni, Senior Vice President Neeraj Malhotra, PRO. In the presence of Rakesh Gupta, Subai Vice President Rames Malhotra, Babaljit Panessar, Pritam Rubber, Master Baldev Krishan, and other senior members, the school-girls tried to make people

aware of the dire problems facing humanity as a result of playing with the environment nowadays. Through the pictures made on their chart papers, the students told that terrible diseases like cancer are spreading with the use of plastic and drinking water getting polluted day by day and to control it, people have to be aware of the environment and this beginning everyone should start from his own home.

Awareness camps organized by Agri
dept in different villages of Block
Sirhind and Amloh



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Adopting direct sowing of paddy and crop diversification is the main need of the day, by doing direct sowing of paddy where the farmer can reduce his expenses, groundwater can also be saved.

These views were expressed by Chief Agriculture Officer Mr. Kulwinder Singh while organizing the awareness camps organized in different villages of Block Sirhind and Amloh. These camps were organized at village Sanipur village of Sangatpura block, Sidhuwal blocks Khara village Pir Jain, Bhagrana, Jeevan Singh Wala village of Brass block Amloh, Baronga, Jasran Railon, Jandali, Talania village of Bassi Pathana block and Mainmajari.

The chief agricultural officer said that farmers are being given technical information about direct sowing of paddy and farmers have been urged to do direct sowing of paddy so that they can contribute to saving the environment and natural resources. On this occasion, ADO Sirhind Mr. Daman Jhanji said that the direct sowing of paddy can lead to weed problems, but if weed killers recommended by experts are used in a timely and proper manner, then this can be prevented.

Pb govt is providing benefits of govt
schemes to people: Jimpa

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 27

Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Shankar Jimpa said that the Punjab government is taking the benefits of government schemes to the masses. He said that the benefits of government schemes are also being extended to every eligible person. He was addressing the villagers today at a function organized at the Government High School of village Basi Ghulam Hussain, during the commencement of the development works to be done in the village at a cost of Rs 27.50 lakh by the gram panchayat.

The cabinet minister said that out of the development amount, Rs 1.5 lakh for the government high school of the village, Rs 1 lakh for the elementary school, Rs 2 lakh for the



purchase of gym equipment, Rs 3 lakh for the sports ground, Rs 5 lakh for solid and liquid waste and separate Rs 15 lakh will be spent on different development works. He said that the Punjab government is committed to provide every facility in the villages and development works are being done on priority basis. He said that keeping in view the need of the village resident Ghulam Hussain, development works worth lakhs have been done here and this process will

continue in the future as well. Bram Shankar Jimpa Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann led Punjab government always gives priority to development works and makes sure that the benefits of various schemes run by the government reach the right people. He said that all the villages of Hoshiarpur would be developed on the basis of initiative. He said that the Punjab government believes in getting development work done rising above party politics.

Victoria Public School Lehra conducts seminar on Zero
Waste Management at Victoria Public School Lehra

MAHAVIR GOYAL
AHMEDGARH, MAY 27

In an effort to promote zero waste management, Delhi-based Rise Foundation organized seminars on curbing plastic and making eco-bricks in collaboration with Ahmedgarh-based newly formed organization Ek Nai Pahal and Seva Bharti Ahmedgarh at Victoria Public School Lehra. Mr. Madhukar Varshne, founder of Rise Foundation said that the aim of the foundation is to create awareness about the harmful effects of plastic on the environment and promote eco-friendly alternatives.

The seminar covered information on reducing plastic waste, recycling and upcycling plastic materials and making eco-bricks – building materials made from plastic waste, cement and sand. Mr. Munish Kundra, secretary of



Rise Foundation and an active member of the foundation said that the foundation promotes the use of cloth bags, metal straws and other eco-friendly products in place of some of the bags kept in Victoria Public Schools. Lehrs which are eco-friendly and made by local organization Shree Banke Bihari Charitable Trust, Ahmedgarh.

The foundation has also collaborated with Victoria Public School Lehra and communities to spread awareness and teach practical skills on waste management.

By promoting a zero-waste lifestyle, the foundation hopes to inspire individuals and communities to take steps to preserve the environment for future generations. President of Ek Nai Pahal Ms. Preeti Goyal and her team constructed a bench from garbage at Victoria Public School. Materials and plastic bottles that can be very helpful in reducing plastic. On this occasion, Chairman Professor SP Soft, Principal Bipan Sethi, Sahil Jindal, Bhim Sen Jindal, Rajinder Goyal, Ashwani Sharma, Kamal Arora.

It will be held on 28 under banner
of United Kabaddi Federation
Malaysia Kabbadi Cup

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): Under the banner of United Kabaddi Federation Malaysia, Gaggi Lopo Kabaddi Academy Malwa Malaysia is organizing the 3rd Grand Kabaddi Cup on Sunday, May 28 at Kuala Ampang. In which the first prize cup will be 2100, the second prize cup will be 1500 and the best cup will be given 300 ringgit. In which the players of the five club teams of the federation will show the essence of their game. Sharing this information, Gaggi Lopo Kabaddi Club President Bachi Bai Gajjanwala said that the chief guest at the Kabaddi Cup was Tuan Ndesan Member Majlis MPAJ. (JKP John 6) are arriving. After this, folk singers Kuldeep Chatha and Mewa Singh Palia will also entertain the audience with their singing. Punjabi lyricist and speaker Matt Sheron Wala will share his heart with the audience and Punjabi film actor Amrik Dhillon Bathinde Wala is also reaching a high point. The members of the federation said that the audience must attend the Kabaddi Cup. This Kabaddi Cup under the supervision of Chairman Hardeep Singh Sodhi Ranipur, President Preet Khandewala, Vice President Seera Sarawan, Chief Secretary Shahi Malaysia, Assistant Secretary Rana Aman Samundra, Treasurer Bittu Bathinda, Assistant Treasurer Mandeep Bathinda, Incharge Ground Yasir Gujjar.



NEWS BRIEFS

Ola Electric hits 500 Experience Centers milestone, opens first Experience Center in Mohali



MOHALI : Ola Electric, India's leading electric vehicle company, has announced the launch of its first Ola Experience Center (EC) in Mohali, along with several other cities, as part of its expansion strategy to enhance its direct-to-consumer presence nationwide. The newly launched EC is situated in Phase 2, Industrial Area, Sector 58, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar. Ola is making significant strides to expand its physical touchpoints in India. With the addition of these new touchpoints, the company has reached a milestone with the opening of its 500th Experience Center in Srinagar.

The Ola Experience Centers are specially designed to offer customers a comprehensive range of services under one roof. These centers allow customers to test-ride the S1 and S1 Pro scooters and receive expert guidance throughout the purchasing process. Customers can also get detailed information about financing options before finalizing their purchase through the Ola App. Additionally, these centers serve as one-stop destinations for post-sales care and maintenance of Ola scooters.

Samsung Launches 2023 Lineup of Crystal 4K iSmart UHD TV

CHANDIGARH : Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced its new lineup of Crystal 4K iSmart UHD TV in India that celebrates the fusion of advanced technology and affordability. This range comes with flagship TV features such as Built-in IoT-Hub with Calm Onboarding, IoT Sensor for brightness adjustment, Video Calling with SlimFit camera and more. It offers an unparalleled visual experience with One Billion True Colors, combining crystal-clear picture quality with innovative smart features to deliver an immersive home entertainment experience. Available on online platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart & Samsung Shop, the new lineup is a perfect purchase for consumers looking to experience latest TV innovation on a budget.

Amazon Business continues to empower MSMEs in the city of Ludhiana

LUDHIANA : With approximately 6.5 lakh sellers on the platform and more than 16Cr GST enabled products, Amazon Business continues to act as one stop destination for business customers in Ludhiana. Started in 2017, Amazon Business has seen an upward trajectory in tier II cities including Ludhiana with a 116% YoY increase in customer registration. With the vision to empower MSMEs, Amazon Business continues to simplify the procurement process and help MSMEs buy from the seller that best fits their procurement budget.

Amazon Business currently houses India's largest GST-enabled selection and plans to sustain the momentum by catering to their existing and potential users through its customer backward approach and easing the way of doing businesses further. In line with these efforts, Amazon Business saw a 116% increase in the number of customer accounts and 24% increase in the orders received, ensuring increased customers' trust in the services.

Since its launch, Amazon Business has focussed to drive digitization for its customers and simplify the procure-

Over 800 families to get their dream homes in time bound manner

NCLT court revives SIDHARTHA BUILDHOME PVT. LTD. under 12A

GURUGRAM: In a historic judgement by the Hon'ble National company Law Tribunal "A Gurgaon based real estate developer Sidhartha Buildhome Private Limited will be revived in its original form on assurance to provide flats to the homebuyer after two years of CIRP". This will bring relief to 800+ Sidhartha NCR One/Greens and Sidhartha Estella home buyers in Dwarka Expressway, Gurugram. Launched in 2010 and 2011 respectively these projects were supposed to be delivered by 2014-15. But by 2014 the construction on both the projects came to standstill and the hard-earned money of over 800 homebuyers got stuck for over a decade. The company SIDHARTHA BUILDHOME PRIVATE LIMITED went into insolvency on 4th March



2021. The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the withdrawal plan submitted by the promoters of the company M/s Sidhartha Buildhome Pvt Ltd on 24th May 2023 after a large majority of homebuyers voted for the withdrawal plan in builders favour, which is a major relief to over 800 home buyers.

As per the judgement, a project monitoring committee shall be constituted under the chairmanship of a retired Hon. Supreme Court Judge within two weeks to oversee the completion of the projects in a timely manner. Further the NCLT also clarifies its stand on treating homebuyers as a single class for all purposes, be it for the approval of resolution plan or for passing a resolution under section 12A.

The promoter Mr. Sidharth Chauhan has committed to deliver the flats within 6 months to the buyers of Sidhartha NCR One/Greens and 12 months to the buyers of Sidhartha Estella after necessary approvals are in place. "This is certainly a very welcoming decision by the Hon'ble NCLT.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches new debt fund to build long-term wealth

PATIALA : ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched a debt fund on Monday which will enable customers to lock-in their investments at current high interest rates, build long-term wealth and achieve financial goals. The prevailing interest rate regime provides customers with an excellent opportunity to invest in the debt fund -



ICICI Pru Constant Maturity Fund - the first such fund in the life insurance market. With interest rates closer to their peak, any fall in interest rates makes debt instruments attractive as an investment option for customers. This is due to the inverse relationship between prices of debt instruments and interest rates - their prices increase when interest rates fall thus benefitting customers who have invested in these instruments. This fund is available for investments with the Company's flagship Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIP). ULIPs provide customers with a unique proposition of life cover, financial security to the family and facilitate building wealth over the long-term. ICICI Pru Constant Maturity Fund is available with Unit Linked Products from May 15, 2023. Investments in ULIPs provide tax benefits. If annual investments made are up to ` 2.5 lac and with a life cover of 10 times the annual premium, maturity proceeds are tax-free for customers.

Motorindia Happiness Truck 4.0 flagged off from Srinagar, connects with trucking fraternity at Jammu, Jalandhar and Ldh

JALLANDHAR/ LUDHIANA : The one-of-its-kind 'Happiness Truck 4.0' presented by NBC Bearings - CK Birla Group, powered by Valvoline Cummins and organized by MO-TORINDIA, was joyfully flagged-off from Kashmir, amidst great excitement and celebration.



The 'Happiness Truck 4.0' campaign is a coming together of top brands in the industry including NBC Bearings, part of CK Birla Group (Title Partner), Valvoline (Powered by), BharatBenz (Truck Partner), Gates (Power Transmission Partner), KT Telematic (Navigation Partner), Alkraft (Thermal Management Partner), Setco (Clutch Partner), Excelite-DH Lighting (Lighting Partner), Wix Filters - a product brand of MAN-N+HUMMEL (Filtration Partner), and Tata Green Batteries (Battery Partner).

Starting its journey from the picturesque landscapes of Kashmir, the truck has already made stops in Jammu, Jalandhar, and Ludhiana, garnering tremendous excitement and support from the transport community.

The inauguration ceremony was held at The New Kashmir Fruits Association in Parimpora, Srinagar on 8th May which turned out to be a

huge success with the participation of association dignitaries, partners, and trucking enthusiasts.

The Jammu engagement of the Happiness Truck 4.0 turned into an extraordinary celebration. In the esteemed presence of the President Mohmad Ashraf and Secretary Girish Chander at the Transport Nagar Welfare Association, Jammu, the event became an incredible opportunity for our team to interact with drivers and mechanics, fostering a sense of camaraderie and unity.

Moving forward to Jalandhar, renowned for its high-quality rubber goods manufacturing and bustling trucking activities, the Happiness Truck 4.0 was graced by notable dignitaries, including President Jagjit Kamboj and Secretary Rajinder Sharma of the city's Truck Association.

Deputy Chief Auditor and Another Individual Arrested in Corruption Case

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CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has apprehended a Deputy Chief Auditor and former General Manager of Integrated Co-operative Development Project (ICDP) Rewari, along with a Development Officer. Sharing the information here today, a spokesperson of the Bureau informed that the arrests have been made after their involvement came to light in two criminal cases of embezzlement of public funds registered at the ACB Police Station in Gurugram. Investigation in the two cases has revealed that the duo along with other accused persons misappropriated a sum of approximately Rs 88,00,000 from the government account of ICDP Rewari. They used the funds to acquire two residential flats in their own names in Mohali.

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Actress Ameesha Patel to attend the Global Pride Award ceremony

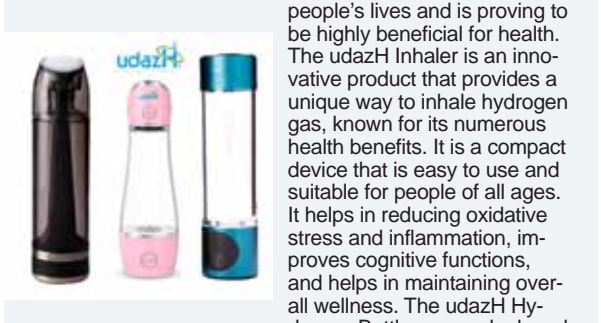


seminar and Global Pride Award ceremony will be organized grandly in Karnal, Haryana on July 2 by Anti

Federation. He said that the program will be presided over by National President Ranjodh Singh. Assam's Model Progyashree Hazarika Celebrity Guest National Chief Observer Rajesh Saraf, National Chief Director of Human Rights International Federation Dr. Barnali Sharma, National Chief Convener Dr. K. Vijayaraman will attend as special guests. Narendra Arora said that on this occasion, the great personalities of the country who have done excellent work under the Foundation's anti-corruption awareness campaign will be honored with the Global Pride Award. He said that this special honor will be given to the office bearers and members of the Foundation by actress Ameesha Patel's Karkamlo.

'udazH - Molecular Hydrogen Therapy: A Revolutionary drugless, safe way to Focus on Health

CHANDIGARH: Serene Envirotech, a pioneering company in the field of preventive health and wellness solutions, is pleased to announce the success of its udazH product line. The udazH product line includes the udazH Inhaler and udazH Hydrogen Water Bottles, as Potable wellness tools. The line has already made a significant impact on



people's lives and is proving to be highly beneficial for health. The udazH Inhaler is an innovative product that provides a unique way to inhale hydrogen gas, known for its numerous health benefits. It is a compact device that is easy to use and suitable for people of all ages. It helps in reducing oxidative stress and inflammation, improves cognitive functions, and helps in maintaining overall wellness. The udazH Hydrogen Bottles are a sleek and

Sachin Pilgaonkar on Director Nagesh Kukunoor: "I'm a director's actor, and he's an actor's director"

CHANDIGARH : Hunger for power, betrayal and ascension to one throne - the most influential and powerful Gaikwad's are back with the third season of Hotstar Specials' City of Dreams. Produced by Applause Entertainment in association with Kukunoor Movies and directed by Nagesh Kukunoor. Starring the versatile actors Atul Kulkarni, Priya Bapat, Sachin Pilgaonkar, Sushant Singh, Eijaz



Khan, Rannvijay Singha and many others in pivotal roles, the series will stream today, 26th May onwards, only on Disney+ Hotstar. An actor-director camaraderie indeed reflects on-screen. When the two are in sync and surrender to each other, what audiences experience is a pure masterpiece. One such actor is Sachin Pilgaonkar who essays the role of Jagdish Gurav in City of Dreams. The actor is a big fan of his Director Nagesh Kukunoor and his vision to portray the intricacies of Sachin's character. Talking about his character, Sachin Pilgaonkar said, "Nagesh Kukunoor happens to be a good friend. Even before we started working together, we knew each other.

Hopscotch Raises \$20 Million Led by Amazon to further grow its marquee kids fashion brand



LUDHIANA : Hopscotch, a brand for kids' fashion, has announced that its parent company, Hit the Mark, Inc., raised \$20 million in a funding round led by Amazon. The round also included participation from Eduardo Saverin, co-founder of Facebook, as well as other existing investors, including Lionrock, IIFL Seed Venture Fund, RPG Ventures, and Techpro Ventures. The funding will enable Hopscotch to expand its offerings and serve even more customers with the latest styles in kids' fashion.

"Hopscotch is the go-to digital brand for parents who want their kids to look stylish - everyday and on every special occasion," said Rahul Anand, Founder and CEO of Hopscotch. "This investment allows us to invest in marketing, broaden our selection, and enable more customers to express their unique sense of style."

TV actors unlock their tiffin box!



CHANDIGARH : Eating healthy and nutritious food can provide a valuable boost to your wellbeing and success. Here's a look inside the dabbas of your favourite &TV artists including Aayudh Bhansuhali (Krishna, Doosri Maa), Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Aasif Sheikh (Vibhuti Narayan Mishra, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Aayudh Bhanushali, essaying Krishna in &TV's show Doosri Maa, shares, "I am a true foodie (laughs). My mother ensures that whatever I eat is healthy. For my show, Doosri Maa, I am staying in Jaipur with my mother, where accommodation and food are provided by the production. Lunchtime is something I look forward to because we all sit together in the cafeteria. These meals typically consist of dal, rice, sabzi, and roti with salad. But this doesn't mean I don't carry a tiffin on set. I carry multiple



dabbas filled with homemade snacks, fruits, protein bars, and more. I also love eating kumruras and khakras during my evening breaks. And let me tell you, these are specially made by my grandmother and sent to me from Mumbai every time someone travels from there. So unlock my tiffin and you would find my dabba loaded with a variety of homemade snacks and fruits. Also, since it's summer in Jaipur, my mother carries nimbu paani and chaas in bottles to keep me hydrated."

Himani Shivpuri, aka Katori Amma from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "Lunchtime on our sets is special because we sit together and converse while eating. I am a 'Dabba' person who never forgets to bring a lunch box whenever shooting. I carry a juice bottle and some dry fruits packed. I like to munch on as and when I feel hungry between the scenes.

Actresses redefine saree fashion with trendsetting flair!

CHANDIGARH : Sarees hold a remarkable position as elegant and fashionable attire for various occasions. When it comes to fashion, people often admire their beloved characters and strive to emulate their style. &TV's female protagonists have played a significant role in popularizing the saree trend on Indian television. These include Neha Joshi (Yashoda, Doosri Maa), Kamna Pathak (Rajesh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabhi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Neha Joshi, essaying Yashoda in &TV's show Doosri Maa, shares, "I'm captivated by my character Yashodha, who embodies strength and simplicity. Yet, it's her appearance on the show that truly captivates me. The sarees she adorns play a vital role in shaping her overall appeal. Set against the backdrop of Uttar Pradesh, Yashodha not only fulfills her roles as a devoted mother and exemplary daughter-in-law and as a compassionate social worker. The creative team has impeccably crafted her saree collection to perfectly complement these diverse roles. You'll often find Yashoda, my character, gracefully don-



ning plain cotton sarees with broad borders in soothing pastel hues. These classic cotton sarees, adorned with elegant prints on blouse, harmonize flawlessly with her persona. The way Yashoda drapes her saree and carries herself is a testament to her character's essence. In my own life, I find a reflection of Yashoda's style. I possess a splendid collection of cotton sarees that I adore wearing for gatherings, parties, formal occasions, and traditional ceremonies. A saree is a powerful statement of style, effortlessly combining modesty and boldness. For

me, it remains the epitome of elegance and self-expression."

Kamna Pathak, aka Rajesh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "The show truly elevates Rajesh's character through the stunning selection of sarees she flaunts. Set against the vibrant backdrop of Kanpur, her wardrobe boasts sarees adorned with exquisite traditional work. Rajesh's style preference leans toward Desi sarees, but she adds a twist by pairing them with fascinating prints. It's a sight to behold as R effortlessly slays into her filmy avatar, leaving everyone in awe. Her sarees exude sass and amplify her beauty with each ensemble she adorns. Personally, sarees hold a special place in my heart. My love for them blossomed at a young age, and as I ventured into the world of travel, I couldn't resist collecting authentic traditional drapes from the cities I visited. As time went by, my saree collection grew, prompting me to create a dedicated space to store these treasures.