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Poonch: Four terrorists killed in gunfight

JAMMU: The security forces on Tuesday neutralised four more terrorists in the ongoing Operation Trinetra-2 in Surankote tehsil of Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir. In the last 24 hours, six terrorists have been neutralised in Poonch district. On the intervening night of July 16-17, two terrorists were killed as the Army foiled an infiltration bid near the Line of Control in Poonch district. The Defence Spokesman on Tuesday said that in a major Cordon and Search Operation, acting on specific intelligence, four terrorists were eliminated in a joint operation by the Indian Army and Police near Sindarah and Maidana villages in tehsil Surankote of Poonch district.

Former Kerala CM Oommen Chandy dead

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Former Kerala Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Oommen Chandy died following prolonged illness at Chinmaya Hospital in Bengaluru early on Tuesday, his family said. Oommen Chandy, 80, is survived by his wife Mariamma Oommen, daughters Achu Oommen and Maria Oommen and son Chandy Oommen. Chandy Oommen confirmed his father's demise in a Facebook post, "Appa has passed away." The veteran leader was undergoing medical treatment in Bengaluru for the last several months, and breathed his last at 4-25 AM on Tuesday. The two-time Congress Chief Minister completed 50 years as a MLA and was the party's most popular face in Kerala, representing his home town Puthupally in Kottayam district without a break since 1970.

Amarnath Yatra: Amid heavy rains fresh batch of 6225 pilgrims leave from Jammu

JAMMU: Chanting 'Bam Bam Bhole' as many as 6225 pilgrims amid heavy rains left from Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp here on Tuesday for Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas. An official said that a batch of 6225 pilgrims left the base camp in a convoy of 217 vehicles. A group of 3714 pilgrims (2790 males, 793 females, 18 children, 101 sadhus and 12 sadhvis) left for Pahalgam in a convoy of 131 vehicles. For Baital, 2511 pilgrims comprising (1545 males, 955 females and seven children and four sadhus) left in a convoy of 86 vehicles amid tight security arrangements. The yatra started on July 1 will conclude on August 31.

'Family first, nation nothing' Modi takes a dig at opposition

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NEW DELHI, JULY 18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday took a jibe at the meeting of the opposition parties in Bengaluru and said, "Those who have gathered (the opposition), all of them stay silent when asked about their corruption charges."

"In democracy, it is of the people, by the people, and for the people. But for the dynastic political parties, it is of the family, by the family, and for the family," PM Modi said while inaugurating the new integrated terminal building of Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair.

Attacking the Congress party, the Prime Minister said, "Family first, nation nothing. This is their motto... There is hatred, corruption, and appeasement politics".

"The country is a victim of dynastic politics. For them, only their family's growth matters, not that of the poor in the country," he said.

"Indians never lacked capabilities and capacities, but the corrupt Dynastic Parties always meted out injustice to them and made India bear the consequences," the PM slammed.

The Prime Minister's remarks came following the 26 opposition parties holding a meeting on the second day in Bengaluru on Tuesday to chalk out a joint strategy to take on the BJP unitedly in the 2024 Lok Sabha



26 party opposition alliance to be called 'I.N.D.I.A'

NEW DELHI: I-N-D-I-A – the Indian National Democratic Inclusive Alliance – is what the united opposition front will be known as, the 26 parties participating at the crucial meet in Bengaluru have decided, setting a "Modi versus INDIA" battle for the 2024 general elections. "Chak de India," read a gleeful tweet from Trinamool Congress's Derek O'Brien.

The name was arrived at after much deliberation on Day 2 of the mega meeting. Left parties wanted the word 'Alliance' to be changed to 'Front' while some parties were not too keen on 'NDA' in the name. sources said.

Shiv Sena UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray pushed for a name that would not have any mention of opposition. It was Rahul Gandhi who came up with the name finally, tweeted Jitendra Ahwad of the Nationalist Congress Party. "His creativity was greatly appreciated," his tweet read.

The Day One of the meeting yesterday was informal, with discussions followed by a dinner. Today's closed-door meeting started around 11, and is expected to continue till 4 pm.

Besides Mrs Gandhi, the opposition meet is being attended by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Chief Ministers MK Stalin, Nitish Kumar, Arvind Kejriwal, Hemant Soren, Mamata Banerjee, and RJD Chief Lalu Prasad.



elections. "When their misrule in any one state is exposed, then these people from other states immediately start giving arguments in its defence," the PM alleged. "They have only one ideology and agenda, which is to save your family and increase corruption for the family," he said. Talking about the recent raid on ED in Tamil Nadu, he said, "There are several cases of corruption now being exposed, but they (the opposition) have already claimed a clean chit." Prime

Minister Modi said on Tuesday that the people of the country have once again made up their minds to bring back our government in the 2024 elections. "In such a situation, some people responsible for the plight of India have opened their shops and sat down," he added. Prime Minister Modi said, "In the last nine years, we have not only rectified the mistakes of the old governments, but have also furnished new facilities and avenues to people."

Manohar Lal dedicates 347 projects to people of Haryana



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 18

While showering a bonanza of development projects on the people of the state, Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal today inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 347 projects worth about Rs. 2,741 crores through video conferencing from Ferozepur Jhirka, Nuh. These projects include the inauguration of 157 projects worth Rs. 1,279 crore and the laying of the foundation stone of 190 projects worth Rs. 1,462 crores.

The Chief Minister announced 4 new drinking water projects for 66 villages of Nuh constituency worth Rs 306 crore. He also announced the construction of a road from Nuh to Mundaka village which will start in November and also announce to increase drinking water capacity from 55

LPCD to 70 LPCD in 80 villages of Ferozepur Jhirka.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that today's projects have not only further augmented the pace of development that has been going on for the last eight and a half years but have also made this day historic. He said that even before this, the inauguration and foundation stone of development projects across the state have been laid six times through digital means, due to which more than 1100 projects worth about Rs. 12,500 crore were gifted to the State, and if we add the cost of Rs. 2,741 of these projects that have been inaugurated today, then total cost becomes Rs. 15,000 crore. Thus, inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of projects on such a large scale from one place digitally is a great example of e-governance.

Incessant rain continues to lash U'khand, CM reaches disaster control room

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DEHRADUN, JUL 18

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Tuesday reached the State Disaster Control Room here to take stock of the situation in the state amid continuous rains and directed officials to remain on alert mode. Several roads, including national highways, were closed due to landslides due to incessant rains in the state.

Due to incessant rains, the water level of all the rivers in the state, including Ganga and Yamuna, has increased.

In view of the rise in the water level of Alaknanda river – a tributary of Ganga – about 3,000 cumecs of additional water was released from the dam of the GVK hydroelectric project at Srinagar in Pauri district. The State Emergency Operation Center has directed the district magistrates of Pauri, Tehri, Haridwar and Dehradun to exercise caution in their respective areas due to the release of water. In Haridwar, Rishikesh and other places, people are being urged to stay away from the river banks and to take care of their safety. Many areas adjacent to the



Ganga in Haridwar are already facing flood-like situations. The administration is on alert in view of a further rise in the water level of the Ganga. Speaking to reporters after coming out of the disaster control room, the chief minister said it was raining incessantly and more rain was expected, due to which he had asked officials to remain on alert mode.

Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board reconstituted

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 18

The Haryana Government has reconstituted the Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board, Panchkula, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal with immediate effect.

As per the notification issued Urban Local Bodies Department, Urban Local Bodies Minister would serve as the Vice-Chairman of the board, whereas the Chief Secretary and Commissioner & Secretary of the Urban Local Bodies Department, would be its members. The Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula, who is also the Chief Administrator of the board,



would serve as Member Secretary.

The non-official members of the board include Speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Sh. Gian Chand Gupta,

other non-official members include Smt. Latika Sharma, Kalka, Smt. Banto Kataria, Mayor, MC, Panchkula Sh. Kulbhushan Goyal, Sh.

R P Malhotra, Sh Arun Goyal Chairman, Panchkula Chambers of Commerce and Industries, and Sh. Hari Chand Gupta of MDC Panchkula.

SC to hear Rahul Gandhi's plea against HC order in 'Modi surname' case on July 21

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NEW DELHI, JULY 18

The Supreme Court, on Tuesday, agreed to hear on July 21 the plea filed by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi challenging the Gujarat High Court's order that declined to stay his conviction and a two-year-jail term in the 'Modi' surname defamation case.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Rahul Gandhi, mentioned the

matter for urgent listing before the Supreme Court. Rahul Gandhi had on Saturday approached the apex court challenging the Gujarat High Court order which declined to stay his conviction in the criminal defamation case in which he was sentenced to two years in jail by Surat court over 'Modi surname' remark.

After his conviction in the case, Gandhi was declared disqualified as MP from Kerala's Wayanad on March 24 following a notification of the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

'One State-One Portal' to bring all ULB services under a single canopy: HP CM

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SHIMLA, JULY 18

Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu directed to implement 'One State One Portal' digitisation system which will bring together all the Urban Local Bodies Services online and stressed on importance of providing all the services online to minimize the foot-fall in the offices. He was presiding over the meeting of Urban Development Department here today.

The Chief Minister directed to make all the essential services like property tax, bill payments, notices, all types of NOCs and permissions online, which would not only facilitate the people in getting prompt services but also help to play down the corruption within the



system. He said that the calculation and collection of property tax in all the ULBs would be conducted through an online platform.

To further streamline the opera-

tions, a fully automated online building permission system is being developed with the assistance of Department of Digital Technology and Governance for all the 61 ULBs, 35 notified SADA and 56 Planning Areas in the State. This would enable real time scrutiny of building drawings through auto scrutiny features, ensuring efficiency and accuracy in the approval process, he said.

The new system will facilitate uploading of applications and documents, enabling the issuance of permissions and notices through this system. He stressed the importance of raising objections only once and to discontinue the practice of applying objections time and again. Additionally, he directed to adopt digital technology in accounts keeping, to further modernize the func-

tioning of ULBs. He said that incorporating modern technology and streamlining the services across ULBs and government departments demonstrate a commitment to efficient governance and citizen centric services delivery.

During the meeting, Sh. Sukhu also reviewed the current water supply scarcity issue in the areas falling under Shimla Municipal Corporation and directed to take immediate action to restore the water supply schemes affected by the floods and in-situ treatment of turbidity. Directions were issued to construct a dam on Giri River to address the problem of silting and said that design of the dam would be prepared by the Power Corporation. He also directed to repair the water tank in Seog having nine MLD water storage capacity.

Delhi court grants interim bail to Brij Bhushan Singh in sexual harassment case

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NEW DELHI, JULY 18

Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court on Tuesday granted interim bail to outgoing Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in the case of alleged sexual harassment of women wrestlers.

The court also granted interim bail to Vinod Tomar, another accused in the case.

The hearing on regular bail of Brij Bhushan and Vinod Tomar will be held on July 20.

Interim bail has been granted to them till the next date of hearing. The court granted the two accused interim bail on a bail bond of Rs 25,000 each.

Delhi police had filed a charge sheet against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and Vinod Tomar on June 15. This case was registered on a complaint lodged by women wrestlers.

The chargesheet was been

filed under sections 354, 354D, 345A & 506 (1) of IPC according to Special Public Prosecutor Atul Srivastava. Two FIRs were registered against Brij Bhushan Singh on the basis of the wrestlers' complaints. One was registered under the Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and a cancellation report has been filed in the case of a minor wrestler. The second FIR was filed on the complaint of several wrestlers. In Patiala House Court, Delhi Police filed a cancellation report, citing a lack of evidence, on the POC-SO matter. Delhi Police on June 15 filed a report recommending the cancellation of the POC-SO case against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. This comes after the minor, who had accused the WFI chief of sexual harassment changed her statement.



Government launches Meri Fasal Mera Byora mobile application



RADAUR (NIRMAL) : The government has launched Meri Fasal Mera Byora mobile application for the farmers. The farmer who registers his entire crop before July 31 through this mobile application will get a grant of Rs.100. Field Consultant of Horticulture Department Mukesh Saini told that earlier farmers used to register through Meri Fasal Mera Byora site. But now the government has launched the application. Now farmers can easily register their crop by downloading the application in their mobile. He said that registration on Meri Fasal Mera Byora is necessary for any scheme offered by the department. Without registration, no farmer will be able to get the benefit of any scheme offered by the department. He told that after the registration, the data of the crop already reaches the government that how many crops are standing in area. Accordingly, the government makes preparations for the purchase. Due to this, the farmer does not face any problem in selling the crop.

Festivals give us message of living together, says Narsingh Pal



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: On behalf of Shiv Kavadd Seva Sanstha, Farakpur, Havan Yagya was organised in the Shiva temple in which senior Congress leader Narsingh Pal participated as the chief guest and wished for happiness and prosperity of the people of the area by offering sacrifices in Havan Yagya. After worshipping Lord Shiva, Congress leader Narsingh Pal said that all our festivals give the message of living together in brotherhood. It also becomes our moral obligation that we all celebrate our religious festivals according to our customs with mutual brotherhood. Our festivals give the message of unity. He said that although the rituals for Bhole Baba go on throughout the month, the Maha Rudrabhishek performed on Pratipada and Mondays of the month of Sawan is especially fruitful. Ajay Kashyap, Rajiv Kumar Gandhi, Rakesh Pal Chhatri, Rinku Pasi, Ravi Pasi, Jamil Khan, Ajay, Sethi, Mangal, Lucky, Prakash Singh, Jeevandas, Vijay Kumar, Sonu Maratha etc were present on this occasion.

Clerical class protest for pay hike continues

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The clerical class employees of all the departments, boards, corporations and other institutions of the district continued their indefinite strike. On the call of the Clerical Association Welfare Society, Haryana, all the employees are sitting on strike in front of the Mini Secretariat, Karnal with redoubled enthusiasm. The clerical class is continuously demanding to fix the pay scale of Rs 35400/- on the basis of work review. Regional head of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh Pawan Kumar participated in the protest site Karnal. In his statement, he has warned the state government that all the clerical classes working in all the departments of Haryana state are on continuous strike in 22 districts of Haryana state for the last fourteen days for their sole demand of



Rs 35400. He said that on the basis of the work and qualification of the clerks, there has been a demand to increase the minimum salary from Rs 19900 per month to Rs 35400. Despite giving memorandum to all the MPs, MLAs, former MLAs, District Deputy Commissioners and other government representatives of the state, the government is not talking about our demands. On June 18, the Chief Minister's residence was gheraoed by all the clerical employees across the state, then the government had assured in writing that the Chief Minister would hold talks with the association representatives till July 4.

HARYANA

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

9-point programme to provide city-like facilities in villages: Babli

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
FATEHABAD, JULY 18

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Tuesday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 347 new projects worth Rs. 2741 crore in different districts of the state through video conference. These projects include inauguration of 157 development works worth Rs 1279 crore and foundation stone laying of 190 development works worth Rs 1462 crore. Six projects of the Animal Husbandry Department and one of the Women and Child Development Department of the district were inaugurated.

The Chief Minister through a VC, inaugurated the State Animal Farms constructed with an amount of Rs. 35.83 lakh (each) in village Lali, Dadpur, Kulan and Majra, Rs. 32.83 lakh (each) in village Fulan and Rattakheda of Animal Husbandry Department in Fatehabad district Inaugurated the Dispensary and

One Stop Center-Sakhi of the Women and Child Development Department built with an amount of Rs 25.32 lakh. Haryana Development and Panchayat Minister Devendra Singh Babli participated in the district level program and dedicated these development projects to the district.



In the inaugural programme, Haryana's Development and Panchayat Minister Devendra Singh Babli thanked Chief Minister Manohar Lal and congratulated the people of the state and the

district for these projects. Cabinet Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that the state government is completing development projects while working in the spirit of Antyodaya. He said that new works have been started to change the system. Transparency has been built in the works and has moved towards new changes. He said that transparency has increased in the development works of Panchayats, Zila Parishads, Block Committees and the benefits of government schemes have reached every person. He said that nine-point programs have been started in panchayats for the development of villages on the lines of cities. Instead of limiting the development of villages to streets and drains, projects like construction of community centres, installation of street lights, gym, library, women's culture centre, construction of village secretariats, grey water management for improvement of ponds have come to the ground.

Flood-affected villagers should drink boiled water: Dr Kuldeep



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Medical Officer of Civil Hospital Indri, Dr. Kuldeep told that as per the instructions of Senior Medical Officer, Dr.Kiran Girdhar, Health Department Indri is making people aware about their health and providing free medical check-up in flood-affected villages. Camps are being set up. Appealing to the general public in the camps organized in village Kalsaura, Garhpur Khalsa and Bayana, he said that all of you should boil and cool the water and take care of cleanliness as much as possible. Pour oil into standing water in pits and drains outside the house. If possible, dry the clothes in the sun and wear them so that any kind of allergy can be avoided. Asha workers were instructed to distribute medicine kits from house to house and make people aware about health.

Appeal to attend Hooda's Jan Samvad programme on Aug 6

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Former Haryana Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupendra Singh Hooda will hold a public dialogue with the people of Karnal on August 6, in which Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee President Udai Bhan and Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Hooda will also interact with the people. The programme will be organised at SBS Senior Secondary School, Railway Road. Sumita Singh, former MLA Karnal, while inviting people for the public dialogue program appealed to the people gathered at Darabi Line Sadar Bazar Rinku Soda



skyrocketing. Rising electricity bills, rising school fees have reached a record level, it has become difficult for common poor and middle class people to run their homes. No one was ready to buy even two rupees a kg from the farmer and the farmer had to throw his tomato on the streets in sadness, today it is being sold at Rs 200 and somewhere beyond Rs 300. Sumita Singh said that the government which makes even two meals a day expensive for the common people does not have the right to remain in power even for a moment.

1900 primary teachers impart training under 'Nipun Haryana Mission'

DR ASHOK KUMAR

KARNAL: Under 'Nipun Haryana Mission', a six-day training camp was being organized for primary teachers at Diet Institute located in Shahpur village of the district. Forty four primary teachers were participating in it. These were the teachers who could not participate in the training camps organized earlier due to some reason. Before this, about 1900 teachers have completed the training under the mission. The responsibility of the trained teachers will be to enhance the basic knowledge of more than 35 thousand children of Class I to III studying in government primary schools of the district. The objective of the mission is to develop the ability of every child to read basic text and solve basic math problems. Foundation Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) has started in the new education policy. This scheme was started in Haryana on July 30, 2021. Under Nipun Haryana, at present, training of Hindi, Mathematics and English subjects is being imparted to the primary teachers by the 'Key Resource Person'. According to FLN district coordinator Vipin Kumar, under the scheme, children up to class III have to develop the ability to read at 40 to 50 words per minute, form sentences, count to a thousand and relate mathematical concepts to daily life. Due to the strong foundation of education in children, they would not face any problem in studying in the next classes. For the successful implementation of the scheme, the duties of DEO, DEEO, DPC, APC, BEO, BRC have been assigned.



Muthoot constructs toilet, installs sanitary vending machine at DAV College

RAJNI SONI

YAMUNANAGAR: Muthoot Group has constructed two toilets free of cost and repaired 22 toilets. Apart from this, a sanitary pad vending machine and two disposal machines have also been installed. All these works have been done by the group under Corporate Social Responsibility. On which five lakh 40 thousand 600 rupees have been spent. College Principal Dr. Meenu Jain has expressed gratitude to Muthoot Group Regional Officer Rakesh Manik and his team for the above works. Dr. Meenu Jain said that Muthoot Group has done commendable work by constructing and repairing toilets in DAV Girls College. Keeping in mind the health and hygiene of the girl students, a sanitary pad vending machine has been installed in the girls common room. While disposal machines have been installed in toilets. Which will contribute to environmental protection. During this the girl students were told about the use of a sanitary pad vending machine. Rakesh Manik said that the Government has a guideline that some part of the profits in the corporate sector is discharged on corporate social responsibility. Social work is being done by the group at various places. Sanitary vending machines, sanitary disposal, construction and repair of toilets have been done in DAV Girls College under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.



Rajput Sabha Karnal honours Ravi Rana with Rs 51,000 and turban

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A meeting of Rajput Sabha was organized at Maharana Pratap Bhawan, Sector-8 in which athlete Ravi Rana, a resident of village Bijna, was felicitated with a cheque of Rs 51,000 and wearing a turban. Ravi won the gold medal in the 5000 meter race competition held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Ravi Rana has been selected for World University Games in China. This competition will run from July 28 to August 8. Expressing gratitude to Rajput Sabha, Ravi Rana said that it is working hard to bring laurels to the entire society and country. I will make full effort to fulfill the dream of the country's great athlete Milkha Singh to win a medal in the Olympics. Col. Devendra Singh Veer Chakra, Chief Patron of Rajput Sabha, Principal Dr. NP Singh, General Secretary Brij Pal Rana told that Rajput Sabha will provide financial help to such promising players of the society, who have been selected internationally and have received medals. The name of the district, state and the nation is raised by the performance of such players. He told that no player should miss his game due to financial constraints. He motivated the youth of the society to become disciplined and create a future in the field of sports. Ravi is a talented and excellent player. Tejpal Bijna and Zilla Parishad member Gurdeep Bijna told that Ravi has worked hard to reach here. By practicing on the canal track, he has travelled till the gold medal. He said that village Bijna has been a hub of sports since the beginning.



Tree plantation in collaboration with Patanjali Yog Peeth organised in District Court premises

KARNAL (PARI BAJAJ): Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority(DLSA), Karnal, Ms. Jasbir informed that the DLSA in collaboration with Patanjali Yog Peeth, Karnal, organized tree plantation on the premises of the Court Complex, Karnal. District and Sessions Judge Mr. Chandra Shekhar, Additional District and Sessions Judge Mr. Anil Kumar, Mr. Akshdeep Mahajan, Mr. Mohit Agarwal, Ms. Ritu Behal, Mr. Vikas Gupta, Mr. Khatri Saurabh also participated in tree plantation on the occasion. Apart from this, 150 saplings were also distributed among the general public. The CJM pointed out that trees contributed significantly to their surroundings by providing oxygen, sustaining species, improving air quality, conserving water, maintaining soil.

Ayurveda system is the gift of sages: Surendra Pal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 18

Haryana's senior IPS officer Surendra Pal Singh said that Ayurveda has great importance in our lives. Since ancient times, our sages have considered Ayurveda to be better for the treatment of any disease. The medicine of Ayurveda, which has been going on for thousands of years, is no less than a boon for humans. It is adopted not only in this country but also in foreign countries. Allopathic medicine gives instant relief in diseases, but it is not sure that the disease will be completely cured. But if we talk about Ayurveda medicine, then it is sure that by understanding the cause of the disease, it is able to eliminate that disease from the root and then that disease does not happen again. He was addressing the gathering as the chief guest on the foundation day of Need Ayurveda at a private hotel. Earlier, Need Ayurveda founder Om Bhardwaj, CMD



Anoop Bhardwaj and MD Avneesh Bhardwaj, Ravil Bhardwaj welcomed IPS Surendra Pal Singh. The program began with the lighting of the lamp. CMD Anoop Bhardwaj said that with the cooperation of his team, Need Ayurveda is creating its identity among the people today and the second foundation day is a moment of joy for all, he will continue to do better work for the people in Ayurveda. He said that Chief Minister Manohar Lal is also working to promote Ayurveda. The Haryana government is working seriously for this and a cluster is to

be set up in Karnal as well, which is a matter of pride.

People associated with Ayurveda from far and wide took part in the programme. Team Leader Abhay Kumar, Sumit Singh from Patna, Vineet Pratap, Amit Kumar from Delhi, Sarvan Kumar, Sonu Kumar from Ranchi, Akhilesh Gupta from Kanpur, M.D. Sahu from Chhattisgarh, Niranjana, Modli, Balwant Gole from M.P., Bihar Many people including Nandlal from Mumbai, Maharaj, Sanjay Saini and Lakhani from Agra were present. Dignitaries were honoured in the programme.

Medical camp organised in village Tapu Kamalpur



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: A free medical camp was organised by the Department of AYUSH in the village Tapu Kamalpur. After checking the health of the villagers, free medicines were distributed to them. The programme was presided over by Dr. Meenu. Dr. Meenu said that there is a danger of spreading diseases in flood affected areas. Camps are being organised in the villages which are flood affected. Health department teams are continuously working in the flood affected areas. People's health is being checked and medicines are being distributed free of cost. People are being advised to be aware of diseases, so that no one falls prey to the disease. He said that if any villager sees any symptoms related to the disease, he should immediately inform the officials and employees of the health department, so that the treatment can be started after examining the disease.

INLD supremo Omprakash Chautala visits Gudha to know pain of flood affected villagers

NARESH GARG
LADWA, JULY 18

Former Chief Minister of Haryana and INLD supremo Omprakash Chautala visited village Gudha and met the flood affected villagers. He told rural people and INLD workers that in 2024 elections, make INLD party the rule and make the people of the entire state happy. He said that concrete arrangements were not made by present government to deal with flood. Lakhs of paddy crops of the farmers have been submerged today and the farmers have to suffer huge losses. He said that the present government is only intoxicated with power and nothing else. He said that the present government's entire responsibility is for the farmer who is getting upset and is visibly raising his voice today. He



said that the present government did not make any proper arrangements to provide relief to the victims due to which all the people are facing problems today. He said that due to the efforts of common people and organizations, some relief has been achieved. At the same time, he said that the people of many villages have to leave

their homes and wander here and there. Water has gone into people's homes. He also visited Gudha village on Tuesday and interacted with the farmers. He said that it is certain that the INLD party will form the government this time in the upcoming assembly elections and the coalition government is also certain to go.

AAP leader visits flood affected villages



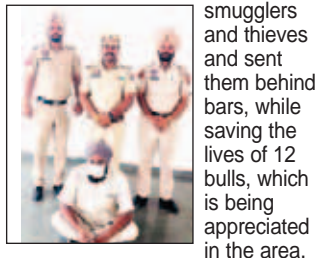
MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Senior Aadmi Party leader Anil Verma visited the flood affected villages of Mussepur, Japati Chhapra, Sayyid Chhapra and Nagli on Tuesday to take stock of the situation. During this, while targeting the state government, he said that the breach of embankment near Garhpur Tapu and Samapur is only the failure of the administration. Had the authorities repaired the tracks before the monsoon, the embankment would not have been breached. He said that due to the negligence of the administration, the roof has been snatched from the heads of many people. Thousands of acres of crops in the area have been destroyed. He has demanded from the government that compensation should be released to the flood victims by conducting special Girdawari in the area as soon as possible.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Rohit Pul Chowki police arrest bull smuggler

RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: Rohit Pul Chowki Police received the news of a bull smuggler along with a truck being arrested. Jaideep Sharma has arrested a large number of drug



smugglers and thieves and sent them behind bars, while saving the lives of 12 bulls, which is being appreciated in the area. Today, regarding the latest case, the in-charge Jaideep Sharma said that based on the secret information received, the information was found. It was felt that a person had passed a truck full of bulls near Chhitawala bridge, after searching, a truck number HRB 69 B 6782 model 1109 was found parked near Kaidupur. Sanjay Colony, Ludhiana was arrested on the spot. He admitted that these bulls were taken to Pathankot and Jammu for slaughtering, and the gahbds were loaded from grain market Sangrur. A case was registered under the sections of trafficking and presented in the honorable court where he was remanded for one day and more revelations are likely to be made during the interrogation. Singh, Lakhwinder Singh, Munshi Palwinder Singh, PHC Darshan Singh were present

IMA Rupnagar organises medical camps for flood affected people, donates Rs one lakh



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Rupnagar district has been very badly affected with the floods and this has hampered the supply of Medicines & other Medical necessities in the affected areas. During his visit to the district, Dr Balbir Singh (Minister, Health & Family Welfare) had appealed to the IMA Rupnagar to deploy Medical Staff in the flood affected areas to help ensure the Medical Relief work. Indian Medical Association (IMA) Rupnagar President, Dr BPS Parmar had pledged 4 Ambulances alongwith Medical staff under the supervision of Dr Parminder Kumar (Civil Surgeon, Rupnagar). Going ahead, IMA Rupnagar sent its Ambulance under the Supervision of Dr Parminder Kumar (Civil Surgeon, Rupnagar) & Dr Anju (Assistant Civil Surgeon & Co-ordinator) equipped with Medical supplies & Staff to the flood affected areas.

SGPC employees to contribute with one day salary to help flood-affected people



CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR: The employees of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) have decided to contribute with their one day's salary in the services being provided by the SGPC to help the flood-affected people. The SGPC has also appealed to the Sangat for support by making a bank account public, following which the employees of the SGPC have taken this initiative. Notably, the association of retired SGPC employees today contributed Rs 51,000, while the Sikh kathawachak (discourse narrator), also a retired SGPC employee, Bhai Jaswinder Singh Shahar made a contribution of Rs 1 lakh. The SGPC President Harjinder Singh Dhani termed the decision taken by the Sikh body employees as in the interest of humanity. He said that standing with humanity in difficult times is part of the path shown by the Sikh Gurus, under which everyone has a duty to help the flood victims. Meanwhile, Harjinder Singh Dhani held a meeting with all the SGPC employees at the Teja Singh Samari Hall located in the SGPC office and evaluated the relief services being run by the organization and also directed to maintain the continuity of operations to help the affected people.

Khudian brainstorms with delegates of Croatia, Sri Lanka to make agri profitable

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, JULY 18

In order to make the agriculture sector profitable and boost farmers' income in the state, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Mr Gurmeet Singh Khudian held deliberations with a delegates of Croatia and Sri Lanka, who were on a visit to Punjab. Welcoming the delegates, Mr Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that farmers of Punjab are very hardworking and their tireless efforts has brought the title "Food Bowl of the Country" to the state but now, the state needs support of technologies, research and industry to further strengthen the agriculture economy.

Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Mann led Punjab government is striving hard to bring diversification in the agriculture sector to wean away farmers from the vicious cycle of two crops.

The state has also been making concerted efforts to preserve and increase exports of perishable fruits and vegetables, besides ensuring marketing of these staples. He also asked Marked officials to prepare and issue a list of units which helps in preservation and export of perishable fruits and vegetables. Inviting the delegation for knowledge sharing and investment in the agriculture sector of the state, Mr Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that Punjab



is eager to work with Croatia and Sri Lanka to boost prosperity of farmers. Showing keen interest to work with Punjab, President of Croatia Business Chamber of Commerce Mr Mayank Jagwani, Vice President Ms Shweta, Ms Nikola and Sri Lankan delegate Mr Jaya Kumar said that there is a huge demand of Basmati Rice, Honey and Turmeric in their countries. Croatia's delegation said that a business delegation will visit Punjab in the month of November this year to explore the modalities for cooperation in the agriculture sector. Farmers, who came from Africa, also shared their experiences and said

that cultivation of Avocado could be very fruitful for Punjab farmers. Progressive farmer Harman Thind said that some farmers have already started cultivating Avocados in the state and there is no major difficulty in marketing of the fruit. Vice Chancellor PAU Dr Satbir Singh Gosal said that they will research on developing nurseries of Apple and other fruits being imported from Croatia. Special Chief Secretary Agriculture Mr KAP Sinha, Secretary Mr Arshdeep Thind, Retired Additional Director Marked Mr Bal Mukand Sharma and other officials were also present in the meeting.

Jauramajra visits flood-affected villages to assess post-flood damage, assures all possible assistance

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, JULY 18

Punjab Information and Public Relations Minister S. Chetan Singh Jauramajra, on Tuesday, undertook a visit to the flood-hit villages of the Samana constituency.

The Minister's visit of village Wazidpur, Jahlan, Bishanpur Chhanna, Kourjawa, Kalayan, Uchha Gaon, Inderpura, Dharamkot, Kheri Mania, Dughat and Dadhera etc, was aimed to assess the extent of damage caused by the recent floods, particularly to the crops and other infrastructures in the region. S. Chetan Singh Jauramajra, accompanied by a team of district officials, personally inspected the affected areas and interacted with the lo-



cals to gain firsthand insights into the challenges they are facing due to the devastating floods. The floods have caused significant damage to standing crops, livestock and homes, leaving the people in distress. During his visit, S. Jauramajra empathized with the affected villagers and assured them of the Punjab Government's full support in their time of need. He informed that he has conveyed

their concerns to the Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Mann, urging him to expedite the relief and rehabilitation efforts. Addressing the media, S. Chetan Singh Jauramajra stated, "the floods have caused immense distress to people in the area. Our government under the able leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Mann is committed to assisting the affected people in every possible way.

Cabinet min distributes appointment letters to new secretaries of cooperative agri societies



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): The Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has done regular recruitment of about 30 thousand new employees in various departments and all this recruitment has been done on the basis of pure merit without any recommendation or bribe. This was expressed by Cabinet Minister Bram Shankar Jimpa while speaking as the chief guest on the occasion of distribution of appointment letters to 5 new secretaries in cooperative agriculture societies today. Mayor of Hoshiarpur Municipal Corporation Surinder Kumar and Senior Deputy Mayor Praveen Saini also specially participated in this appointment letter distribution ceremony organized at the bank's head office under the chairmanship of the Board of Directors of Hoshiarpur Central Cooperative Bank Vikram Sharma.

The cabinet minister said that the Punjab government is working day and night to take the state to the heights of development and the government has done a remarkable job during its one year tenure.

8 students, teacher get letter of appreciation from PM Modi



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Eight students of The Sunrise World School - Ramleen K. Tatla of Grade X, Jaismeen Gill of Grade XI, Jasmeahapreet Kaur and Sukhmanpreet Kaur, Ramanjot Kaur, Jashandeep, Samreen Kaur, Amanpreet Kaur- from Grade 12 and one teacher Mr. Sushil Bhalla were extremely ecstatic to have received 'A Letter of Appreciation' from the Prime Minister of India, Sh. Narendra Modi for participation in "Pareeksha pe Charcha, 2023". Each letter was put in an enclosure that included a certificate for each one, bearing Mr.Modi's signature, listing out five vows for a prosperous India. The Managing Director Mr.Shifu Aggarwal and the Principal of the school-Mrs. Neha Rattan thanked God for such a letter coming to TUWS and thanked PM Mr. Modi for reaching out to them. Pareeksha Pe Charcha, is an annual event which is held every year since 2018, during which the PM himself interacts with student, parents and teachers across the country, to share ideas for a stress free atmosphere where the unique individuality of each child is celebrated, encouraged.

AAP govt has failed in state: Vij



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Congress corporators along with former MLA Amit Vij said in a joint press conference at a hotel in Pathankot that the Punjab Chief Minister is lifting the ban on corruption, but looting of people in tehsils and government offices is becoming common. At the present time, the condition of Pathankot has been reduced to an unclaimed state and we have been hearing about tenders of only 5 crores for one and a half years in the name of development of Pathankot, but nothing has happened at the ground level.

The Aam Aadmi government in the state has failed in every field. Be it minimum support price to farmers, Rs 1000 per month to women, jobs to unemployed youth, problems of employees, businessmen or law and order issues, the government had promised to collect Rs 30 thousand crores by stopping tax evasion. And mining will bring revenue of 20 thousand crore rupees to the government treasury every year and develop the state. 1 thousand rupees per month will be given to women in the age group of 18 to 58 years. But a year and a half of the government is completing and 1 crore women of the state are waiting for one thousand rupees. The government has fulfilled the promise of free electricity, which is welcome, but at the same time it has put businesses and industries in trouble by increasing electricity tariffs.

34 medical teams providing services in flood affected areas: DC

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, JULY 18

The water level is rapidly receding in the flood affected areas of Moonak and Khanauri in district Sangrur and since last few days 34 teams of health department are active in these areas to provide best medical services to the people, who are still surrounded by flood water and medical camps are being organized there.

While giving this information, DC, Sangrur, Jitendera Jorwal said that the officials of the health department had been alerted about the possible situations and instructed to take appropriate steps due to which senior medical officers including civil surgeons were sent to the flood affected villages and cities of Moonak and Khanauri. 24 hour emergency medical



services are being provided there. He said that the Punjab government has made complete arrangements for necessary medicines and medical teams are providing necessary medicines to the people by reaching the flood affected areas through boats. He said that special arrangements have been made in the hospitals of Moonak, Lehra and Sunam to deal with any emergency situation. On this occasion, Civil

Science college Jagraon celebrates 55th foundation day

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Sanmati Government College of science education and research, celebrated 55th founder's day on 18 July 2023 at its premises. Prof. Kulwinder Singh, Department of Botany, welcomed all the present staff members to the function. Prof. Amandeep Kaur, Department of Botany, conducted a seminar on the life of Acharya Shri Vimal Muni Ji Maharaj, founder of Sanmati Government College of science education and research, Jagraon. In the seminar, she talked about the various stages of his life and his contribution to social welfare.



College Director Kirpal Kaur appreciated the efforts of Prof. Amandeep Kaur and said that our college will always remain indebted to Acharya Shri Vimal Muni Ji Maharaj. In the end, the vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Kulwinder Singh to the college staff.

Govt has taken concrete steps for basic facilities at Anganwadi Centres in state: Dr. Baljit Kaur

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, JULY 18

The Punjab government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, is taking concrete steps to provide basic facilities at Anganwadi Centres in the state, ensuring the all-round development of children.

Highlighting various schemes and programs of Anganwadi Centres, Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur, stated that the state government is continuously working to enhance the infrastructure of Anganwadi centres. She mentioned that Anganwadi centres offer services such as supplementary nutrition, vaccination, health education, health and nutrition education, referral services, and non-formal pre-school education for children aged 3-6 years, as well as for children up to 6 years of age, pregnant women, and lactating women. Cabinet minister mentioned that the department is collaborating with the Rural Development Department to renovate one thousand



buildings of Anganwadi Centres, and with the Water Supply and Sanitation Department for the construction of toilets in these centres.

She said to the District Program Officers and Child Development Project Officers to make special efforts to seek assistance from competent individuals and organizations in acquiring buildings for Anganwadi Centres, providing wall paintings, children's furniture, toys, swings, and necessary equipment for pre-school education. Cabinet Minister appealed to the general public, welfare organizations, Panchayats, and NRI's to contribute towards providing necessary items.

Sports min congratulates Kanika Ahuja on selected for Indian Cricket team



CHANDIGARH: Punjab Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer on Tuesday congratulated Cricketer Kanika Ahuja for being selected for the Indian women's cricket team and wished her a good performance in the upcoming Asian Games.

Meeting Kanika Ahuja at his office at the Punjab Civil Secretariat here today, Meet Hayer congratulated her on being selected for the first time in the Indian cricket team. The 20-year-old Kanika, who hails from Patiala, has previously excelled for India A, Punjab in domestic cricket and Bangalore in the WPL.

Meet Hayer said that for the past few years, the women players of Punjab have been performing very well in cricket. After Captain Harmanpreet Kaur, Harleen Deol, and Tania Bhatia, now Kanika has brought glory to the name of Punjab by securing a place in the Indian team. The State Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is making continuous efforts to make Punjab the leading state of the country in sports.

MLA Charanjit Singh does spraying in different schools of Shri Chamkaur Sahib



SHRI CHAMKAUR SAHIB (KULWINDER RASULPUR): Due to the heavy rains in the district, there has been standing water in many schools of Sri Chamkaur Sahib in Rupnagar, due to which there has been a risk of dengue, malaria, chikungunya and water-borne diseases in the schools. Constituency MLA Sri Chamkaur Sahib. According to the orders of Charanjit Singh, spraying and fogging was done in different schools of the constituency and the chlorine level in the drinking water was checked by the health department team at Government School, Dugri. On this occasion Dr. Charanjit Singh said that in order to protect the children in the flood affected schools, fogging and spraying was done in the government schools of Dugri, Santpur, Gadharan, Dehar and Kotli villages of Sri Chamkaur Sahib Constituency. The team of health department taught hand washing technique to the children at government school village Khokhar so that the children can take care of their health by cleaning their hands properly before eating.

SDM visits Aam Aadmi Clinic, Government Senior Secondary School of Bhadi village

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, JULY 18

The Punjab Government is doing exceptional work considering the education and health sector as a priority sector under which the Aam Aadmi Clinics opened to provide quality health facilities to the common people, are proving to be a boon for the common people.

These views were expressed by SDM Khamanon Dr. Sanjeev Kumar while visiting Aam Aadmi Clinic and Government Senior Secondary School of Bhadi village. He said that with this Aam Aadmi Clinic, the people of the villages of Kheri Naudh Singh, Saidpura, Kotla Badla, Ajner, Mirpur, Dholewal, Raipur, Riha, Bhamia are getting a lot of benefits and, in addition to giving free medicines to the people in this clinic. Free



tests are also being conducted. He ordered BDPO Khamano Mrs. Paramveer Kaur to spread more awareness about this clinic in other villages of the area so that people can get quality health facilities near their homes. On the occasion of visiting Government Senior Secondary School Bhari, Dr. Sanjeev said that in the School of Eminence opened by the Punjab Government, the students are being prepared for the future so that

the students of government schools can also qualify for UPSC, Medical, Engineer or other high positions.

He gave orders on the spot to the concerned people to take special care of the quality of midday meal food provided in the school. He inspired the teachers to make efforts for the multifaceted development of the students. On this occasion, school principal Ravinder Singh, Dr. Kirandeep Kaur and other officials were also present.

MRSPTU starts Pharm. D in Collaboration with AIIMS, Bathinda



ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, JULY 18

The Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology (DoPST), Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU), Bathinda has added the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D) course to its list of premier courses from the current academic session 2023-24 in collaboration with All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), Bathinda.

The Department has started Pharm.D programme at University campus, while the students will gain hands on clinical training and experience at AIIMS. The 6-year doctoral programme is duly approved by the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI). With this MRSPTU becomes the first Government Institution to start this primer technical education programme in Punjab. It is important to mention here that Pharmacy Department of MRSPTU is one among the Top 100 institutions in India as per latest NIRF ranking. The Pharmacy department of MRSPTU is one of the leading university departments and has always taken new initiatives and innovative methods of Teaching and Research.

Case registered for stealing mobile phones, withdrawing money from ATMs

VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR: The police have registered a case for stealing a mobile from a pedestrian and spending Rs 1.25 lakh by swiping an ATM that put under mobile cover. The police have registered a case under 379B IPC against the accused in this case. After investigating the matter, the police has nominated Raju, resident of UP present resident of Zirakpur. Who is currently out of police custody. In the complaint given to the police, Amarjit Singh, a resident of Karukshetra Hall, Sector 117, Kharar, said that he had gone to Karukshetra for some work, when he returned the next day, he got off at Patiala Chowk and left on foot. Airport light point. As soon as he reached near AKM Marriage Palace on Patiala Road, a person snatched his mobile phone and ran away from the spot.

Honeyjeet declared as best batsman

PARVEEN BHAGTA BHAI: Honeyjeet Singh Brar, born in the nearby village of Siriewala, has earned the title of the best batsman of the European Cup held in Denmark while playing in the German international under-19 cricket team. Honeyjeet played four innings during this cup, in which he scored above 50 in two

matches and was the high scorer batsman of the cup. After this achievement, Honeyjeet has been offered by two prestigious clubs in England to play for their club. Grandson of Retd Captain Darshan Singh and son of Karan Brar, Honeyjeet got the title of topper batsman even during under-17 while playing for Germany. On the phone, Honeyjeet credited his parents as well as his coach Hardik Vohra for his achievement.

Swami Roop Chand Jain School extends help to flood victims



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: Swami Roop Chand Jain Senior Secondary School came forward to extend a helping hand to people affected due to floods. School principal Rajpal Kaur telling more about this said that the entire staff and management of the school have come forward to help the people affected by floods in Punjab. "The school sent ration, other relief commodities and money to help the affected people through social welfare organization Khalsa Aid. We pray for wellbeing of the people and shall make every possible effort to help them as much as possible," she stated. She motivated others to help the victims as we it is essential to support each other in difficult times. The students also prayed for the circumstances to get back to normal.

Drug traffickers will not be spared under any circumstances: DIG



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: 2009 Batch Senior I.P.S. Officer Mr. Ajay Maluja, took charge as DIG of Faridkot Police Range. On this occasion SSP Faridkot Harjit Singh, SP(H) Jasmeet Singh and other police officers welcomed him on assuming his post. On this occasion, a guard of honor was presented to him by a detachment of the Punjab Police. On this occasion DIG Ajay Maluja said that complaints are being heard that the scams being played on people in the name of sending them abroad will be stopped in all circumstances. He said that the Punjab government is fully committed to eliminate drug addiction in the state and it will be controlled with the cooperation of the people. Drug dealers and addicts will not be spared under any circumstances. He said that wherever anyone is found to be selling drugs or taking drugs, then strict legal action will be taken against him. On this occasion he appealed to the people to give proper information about the drug traffickers, so that they can be controlled. He said that the information will be kept confidential. After assuming charge, he held a meeting with the senior police officers of the district to get detailed information about the law and order situation in the district, traffic problem, parking etc.

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

Secy Local Govt UT directs to prepare long term plans for clearance of drains

RN KHERA CHANDIGARH, JULY 18

Nitin Kumar Yadav IAS, Home Secretary and Secretary of Local Government, U.T., Chandigarh, conducted a comprehensive assessment of the ongoing restoration efforts in the city following the damages caused by the recent floods.

The Chief Engineer reported that the floods have resulted in damages at 115 locations across the city, with the major cause being the failure of roads due to broken Circular Brick Drains (CBD's). One prominent location of concern is the road dividing Sector-14/15, which has been closed for traffic since 8th July, 2023. During the visit, the Home Secretary urged the officers to provide



clear timelines for the completion of repairs to this critical road. Another severely impacted area is the road leading to the Railway Station near CTU Workshop, where a bridge over Sukhna Choe suffered significant damage, necessitating the closure of traffic. The Chief Engineer of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, ex-

plained that due to the extent of the damage, the road can only be reopened after one month once all construction works are completed.

Acknowledging the seriousness of the situation, the Home Secretary directed the Chief Engineer, U.T., Chandigarh, to develop long-term plans for the clearance of drains to prevent storm

VB arrests CA Dang for verifying fake documents in PACL, scam

CHANDIGARH (SUMER GARG): A Special Investigation Team(SIT) of Punjab, Vigilance Bureau(VB) today arrested Chartered Accountant(CA), Jaswinder Singh Dang resident of Ludhiana for verifying the fake documents in connection with Pearls Agrotech Corporation Limited(PACL) scam. While divulging the details here today, an official spokesperson of the VB said that the arrest has been made after the investigation in FIR No. 01 Dated 21.02.2023 under section 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 384, 120-B of IPC registered at Police Station, Punjab State Crime, SAS Nagar.

Health min launches door-to-door awareness campaign

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, JULY 18

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh today, launched an awareness drive to prevent Diarrhea and Cholera from Balongi, a worst affected area of the district.

The medical students and interns of Ambedkar Institute of Medical Sciences Mohali and Nursing Students from other Colleges joined the IEC activity initiated by the Health and Family Welfare Department to protect the residents from waterborne and vector borne diseases by contacting house to house. Apart from that, the distribution of a new lot of 2.5 lakh Chlorine tablets was also started while visiting the Balongi and Badmajara areas. The Minister assured that the Health and Family Welfare department is committed to protect the



people from Diarrhoea and other waterborne diseases. The teams will distribute these tablets with proper instructions to disinfect water. The Health Minister said that regular free medical check camps are in progress to prevent the further outbreak of the disease. Today, as many as 21 check up camps in the district were conducted, added Dr Balbir Singh.

An ambulance was also flagged off from Balongi to provide medical assistance to the Diarrhea affected areas. He interacted with the

teams providing health facilities in the affected areas and asked them to make people more aware about health care. The health minister said that the district health officials have coordinated with the administration and other departments and health services are being provided. To prevent Diarrhea and Cholera, teams of ASHA workers, medical and nursing students formed teams and went door to door to distribute ORS packets, Zinc tablets. Chlorine tablets are also being distributed to disinfect drinking water.

Colonel Khajuria takes over as Director of KLM International School

VERMA GURDASPUR, JULY 18

Today Colonel Khajuria has taken over as the Director of KLM International School. Please tell that Colonel Khajuria has handled his work as a skilled engineer, an army officer and principal and director of higher education institutions. KLM International School is a Boarding School.

Where students from far-flung places like Leh Ladakh, Jammu-Kashmir, Delhi and other states are getting education. To increase the quality of the students, they are motivated for the education of NDA, SAS and other higher posts. Being an army officer, Colonel Khajuria will promote school discipline, sports, academic efficiency



and also make all teachers aware about modern education and technology from time to time. KLM The International School will always be ready for the mental, physical and all-round development of the children. The chairman of the school Mr. Surendra Maha-

jan assured all the teachers that the school will progress if Colonel Khajuria takes over. Principal Mrs. Sunaina Sambiyal and all the teachers welcomed her. The Principal assured him that he would extend his full cooperation to take the school to new heights.

GM reviews performance of Northern Railway

FEROZEPUR (RAMESH KUMAR) : Shobhan Chaudhuri, General Manager Northern Railway held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway and DRM's at Baroda House, NR headquarter office in New Delhi. Amongst many issues deliberations were on Safety on tracks, enhancement of speed, Freight (BDU) and train operations.

Safety is the prime focus over Railways. The GM emphasized on improving the maintenance standards of tracks, level crossings and construction of boundary wall along the track in high speed sections. He took serious note of the trespassing on line. He advised the divisions and the security department to book the persons found trespassing under different Railway acts and penalize them including jail term if need be. He also advised to make efforts to clear encroachment near the railway tracks to ensure safety. On improving the infrastructure, the GM said that, greater focus should be on the timely completion of projects related with doubling of lines, signaling, enhancement in passenger amenities etc. Chaudhuri also informed that, Monsoon rains have been very heavy in spots across NR. This is posing difficulty in train operations over stretches where water has collected over the tracks. Moreover, the local rain fed rivers and drains are in spate which is causing flooding in the embankments of the rail lines compounding the problem of train movement. Efforts are on in clearing the tracks by pressing in additional pumps for water evacuation.



PAU organizes exhibition of art creations



AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA CHANDIGARH, JULY 18

The Department of Resource Management and Consumer Science, College of Community Science, has organized a week-long art exhibition at Student's Home, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU). At the exhibition, elective students of the department have displayed various art creations prepared by them in different art forms like Mandala art, alcohol painting, Lipan art, Resin art and many more. Dr Nirmal Jaura, Director Students' Welfare, who was the chief

guest of the inaugural ceremony, lauded the artistic skills and creations unleashed by the students. Dr Kiranjot Sidhu, Dean, College of Community Science, encouraged the students to continue the good work and pursue their creativity to become successful entrepreneurs. Dr Deepika Vig, Head of the Department, while extending her gratitude to PAU authorities, said that vigorous efforts were being made to hone the skills of the youth to help them usher as artists.

National Medical Laboratory Professionals' Week 17-23 celebrations at PGIMER



CHANDIGARH (CS JOLLY): On the call of Indian Confederation of Medical Laboratory Sciences (ICMLS), an umbrella organization of more than 25 medical labs, science associations, National Medical Laboratory Professionals' Week is celebrated throughout the Country from 17th to 23rd July, 2023. The Medical Laboratory Professionals from all major government health care institutions like AIIMS, JIPMER, ESIC Hospitals, Railway Hospitals and dispensaries, CGHS dispensaries, Central Hospitals and Institutions, and private laboratories throughout the country actively participating and organizing multiple programs/activities so it is celebrated in PGIMER, Chandigarh by PGIMTU as well. During the week-long programme, many Scientific, Social and cultural programmes like Scientific Workshop, CME, Symposium, Blood donation camp, Eye donation awareness camp, Organ donation awareness camp, screening camp and van Mahotsav will be organised by the medical laboratory professionals across the country. The Importance of medical lab Profession and professionals were highlighted by holding such programmes.

Anil Chadda installed as new Rotary Club Chandigarh President



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, JULY 18

At the installation meeting of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh, former world president of Rotary International, the third Indian to hold the position in 2011-12, Kalyan Banerjee, asked the Rotarians to begin their new Rotary year in the spirit of Wimbledon.

Kalyan Banerjee who was at Wimbledon was called to the city by his senior world president of Rotary International Rajendra K. Saboo, to be the chief guest at the installation function, compared the beginning of the Rotary year in the same spirit of tennis. Every game in tennis, he said, begins with Love All, and it is this spirit which should continue in all our endeavours. He called upon the Rotarians to put emphasis on mental health since Indian population has been

vastly affected by the pandemic and even the youngsters in schools and colleges are under extreme stress due to the advent of technology. Technology and AI is another area, which should be addressed by Rotary, he remarked. Rtn. Anil Chadda, a chartered accountant, received the collar of presidency from his predecessor Rtn Vinod Kapoor.

The Club shall also initiate a special programme for the senior citizens, to commemorate the 70 years of Chandigarh, and 65 years of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh. Past RI President R.K. Saboo recalled how Rotary began its journey by donating a mortuary van in 1961, and the club has given to the city two chief justices of India.

BOI organsies customer outreach programme at Ludhiana Rs.40 crores sanction letters to customers

LUDHIANA, JULY 18

BOI has organised a Customer Outreach Programme chaired by our respected HO GM Shri Dharmveer Singh Shekhawat & NBG Chandigarh GM Shri Ashwani Gupta and Zonal Manager Ludhiana Zone Shri B K Singh.

They addressed the Branch Managers and the customers about the Bank of India products like MSME Loans, Housing Loans, Vehicle Loans, Kisan Ghar, Poultry, Cold Storage, Food & Agro and Dairy Development & etc. Women from Self Help Groups were also called in meeting and sanction letters given to them. They also listened to the customer's issues and suggestions. Top Executives also distributed sanction letters to the customers amounting to Rs.40 crores. Bank of India in FY 2022-23 has generated operating profit of Rs13,393 crores and Net Profit of Rs 4,023 crores with the efforts and con-



tribution of the staff which was appreciated by the top executives.

Now the Bank has reached to total business mix of Rs. 12 lakh crores. Branch Managers meeting was also held in which the discussion about business strategy to increase Agriculture, MSME and Re-

tail. Way forward was also discussed with branches to increase customer acquisition by opening New Savings, Current, recurring deposit, retail term deposits. The top performing Branches were also felicitated and other Managers were motivated to improve performance.

Trees life of earth, basis of human life: Kirti Kalyan

JALANDHAR: 75th Amrit Mohotsav of Independence, Baba Jeevan Singh Ji Welfare Youth Club conducted its own soil own country campaign Directorate of Youth Services Department (Government of Punjab) Assistant Director of Youth Services Jalandhar Jaspal Singh and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Government of India) Nehru Yuva kender jalandhar Directions were given by



that for the protection of the environment, a tree is the name planted for the name of the country, my soil is my country, every human being should plant and sambe tree such initiatives. Our earth can be beautified by driving it and it is an intrinsic part of our human life on this occasion Parveen Samayal, Pardeep Singh, Jaskaran Singh, Advocate Rakesh Sharma, Lavish Kalyan, Prabh Bansal, Karan Thapar, Atul Sharma, Ajay Vaid, Surinder Bhagat, N.R.I Tarsem Singh, Gur Payar Singh, Mangat Singh, Lalruds, Vikram Vicky, Karan Sharma etc.

VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR, JULY 18

Zirakpur Police has registered an FIR against former AIG Asish Kapoor in the case of demanding a bribe of Rs.1 crore. In this case, a video also went viral on social media in which Asish Kapoor was seen slapping the said woman.

She is the same woman who filed a case against Asish Kapoor in the case of forced sexual relations. The woman's lawyer submitted the video to the Punjab and Haryana High Court based on which a fresh FIR has been registered against the AIG in the Zirakpur police station. A case has also been registered in the FIR against Motia Group director Hem Raj Mittal and Dhakoli resident Lovelysh Garg. The



former AIG is already in jail On Monday The former AIG's bail plea was rejected by the court. while Hem Raj Mittal and Lovelysh Garg are said to be absconding.

It is to be mentioned that a case was registered against former AIG Asish Kapoor in 2018 on charges of withdrawing Rs. 1 crore by signing a cheque against two women in a forgery and fraud case.

Vigilance on 6 October 2022, was arrested Asish Kapoor is also accused of raping and extorting a woman. The woman had alleged that she was lodged in Amritsar Jail in an immigration case while Asish Kapoor was the Jail Superintendent there. He took advantage of his position in the jail to rape her. When she got pregnant, he got her bail so that no one would find out. The woman alleged that Asish Kapoor had filed an immigration case against her in Zirakpur police station in May 2018. Kapoor had also given his credit card to the woman and she had also talked about buying a house with that. The woman had also done shopping worth around 24 lakh rupees using credit card and debit card.

City police arrests one on charge of issuing receipt by using fake stamp and signature of Kharar SDM

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, JULY 18

Kharar City Police has arrested Navpreet Singh (Joni) working at Tehsil Complex on the complaint of the SDM of Kharar regarding which the SDM had complained that the person had issued a receipt which It has forged signature and stamp of SDM. Kharar City Police has registered a case under 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 against the accused in this regard.

A complaint was made by the SDM to the DSP Kharar that it has come to his notice that Navpreet Singh (Jony) works at the Tehsil Complex and he has issued a receipt to Sunil Kumar of Kharar by using fake stamp and signature of Kharar SDM. He had asked the DSP to take action against him. Meanwhile, the police produced the accused in the Kharar court today and pleaded for his police remand saying that fake stamps and other computers are to be recovered from him. The Court remanded him in one-day police remand.



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: DAV College, Jalandhar once again showcased its pioneer ship in the Education World rankings. The College has been ranked No. 1 among all the non-autonomous co-education Colleges of Punjab and is among top 20 Colleges of the country with 18th rank. The College has been ranked on the basis of competence of faculty, placements and infrastructure facility in the college, etc. It is noteworthy that the College has recently been awarded the Swami Vivekanand Excellence Award for its selfless service to the society in the field of Higher education. Principal Dr. Rajesh Kumar said that DAV College Jalandhar is a pioneer institute working in the field of Higher Education selflessly for the last 106 years. Principal thanked the Dr. Punam Suri, President DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi, for guidance and continuous support and also congratulated the staff of the college for their whole hearted determined efforts in achieving this status of Excellence. It is pertinent to mention that the college has annexed top merit positions in the GNDU Examinations of various classes, the results of which have been declared recently.

Spectacular result of BCA Semester VI of SD College



JALANDHAR: The students of BCA Semester VI of PG Department of Computer Science and IT of PCM S.D. College for Women, Jalandhar made the institution proud by bagging 7 distinctions in the University examinations. Khushi, Riya, Harjit, Kritika, Jasmeet, Pooja and Rohini got distinctions in the GNDU Merit List. President Shri Naresh Budhia, Senior Vice President Shri Vinod Dada ,the other honorable members of the Managing Committee and the worthy Principal of the College Prof. (Dr.) Pooja Prashar congratulated all the students and wished for their bright future. She also appreciated the highly dedicated and innovative Department of Computer Science for these excellent results.

Anganwadi centres of Bangana join drug free campaign



JOGINDRA DEV ARYA
BANGANA: About 50 Anganwadi workers of Jol and Chowki of Bangana block participated in the workshop organized at Jol Anganwadi office to make drug free campaign successful. In the workshop, important contribution of Anganwadi workers in the campaign was explained. Speaking in the workshop, District Coordinator Satpal Ranawat said that Anganwadi workers along with Panchayat representatives, ASHA workers would have to run a collective campaign to make the youths aware in the society because intoxication destroyed the life of youths. Nowadays, minor children were also becoming prey to this menace and consuming drugs in large quantities. He said that they did not even know why they were taking drugs. A detailed discussion about formation of task force at Habi Panchayat level was also held. In which Jai Heer told about the helpline number 9418064444 and taking the workshop further he said that if anyone faced any problem related to drugs, then he could call this number and got information about it. The head of the panchayat, the police officer of Jol Chowki, were present.

Delhi: Yamuna water level decreases, continues to remain above danger mark

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JULY 18

The Yamuna water level dipped to 205.71 meters at 7 am on Tuesday from the 206.01 meters that was recorded around midnight in the national capital but it continues to remain above the danger level.

A "slight rise" was recorded in the water level on Monday due to rains which lashed some areas of Haryana a day earlier.

The water level was 205.81 meters at 5 am and 205.75 meters at 6 am this morning. The IMD has predicted rainfall in Delhi and parts of the national capital area today.

The Yamuna water level had on July 13 hit a record high of



208.66 metres. Floods in low-lying areas displaced people from their homes.

Delhi minister Atishi had on

Monday advised people living in relief camps set up by the government in the National Capital to not return to their

flood-affected homes since there was a "slight rise" in the water level in the Yamuna River on Monday. In view of the decrease in the water level of Yamuna, the Transport Department of the Delhi Government relaxed some of its travel restrictions.

Earlier, in an order issued on July 13, the entry of heavy vehicles into Delhi was restricted from the Singhu border, Badarpur border, Loni border and Chilla border owing to waterlogging. However, heavy vehicles carrying food items and essentials were excluded from it.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that the Chandrawal and Wazirpur water treatment plants in the national capital have resumed operations.

KU UIET ranks 33rd in India

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kurukshetra University has been ranked at 33rd position among all the Engineering Institutes (Govt.) in India by a survey published by India Today. Besides, it has been ranked at number 9 in the country in providing Engineering education with lowest fee. KU Vice Chancellor Prof Som Nath Sachdeva congratulated the director of UIET Prof Sunil Dhingra and faculty members and staff of the institute for this achievement. "We are providing high quality engineering education to our students in consonance with Industrial Revolution 4.0. New B. Tech. programmes in Artificial Intelligence and Electrical Engineering have been allowed by AICTE from the session 2023. We have modern labs and an incubation centre in UIET. Our students are also getting good placements in the industry," said Prof Som Nath. Prof Sunil Dhingra informed that India Today rankings of Best Engineering Institutes in India are based on a pan-India survey based on a number of parameters which include Intake Quality and Governance, Academic Excellence, Infrastructure, Career Progression and Placements, Leadership, etc. Besides, we have been ranked at number 9 in providing Engineering education with lowest fee. "It is a big motivation for the entire fraternity of UIET to further improve our curriculum and standards of Engineering education," said Dhingra.

Accused of supplying illegal desi katta and live cartridges taken on production warrant

RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL, JULY 18



Police spokesperson Pradeep Nain told that on June 11, 2023, after receiving a secret information during evening patrolling by the team of HC Sandeep Kumar of Special Detective Unit, Anil alias Neeli, a resident of Pai, was captured during the blockade at Narwalgarh T-Point. A country-made pistol and a live cartridge were recovered from his possession, about which further investigation was done by HC Shevanti Ram after registering a case in Thana Kalayat. At that time, during interrogation, accused Anil aforesaid confessed that this illegal ammunition was provided to him by Joga alias Jogar alias Dan, a resident of Hajwana. On this, Joga alias Jogar alias Don was questioned on production warrant. At that time, during the interrogation of Joga, it was revealed that Joga was provided with this country-made pistol and live cartridges by Vijay alias Chikara, a resident of Gourad district, Sonipat Hall, a resident of Busailli district, Karnal. Accused Vijay was lodged in District Jail Jind in another case mentioned above, for whose arrest in the said case production warrants were issued through the Hon'ble Court. On Monday, the accused Vijay alias Chikara was questioned on production warrant. During interrogation, Vijay confessed to providing the above weapon to Joga. After completing the inquiry and paperwork, the accused Vijay was produced in the court, from where the accused was sent to judicial custody as per the order of the court.

Dera Sacha Sauda sewadars unite to deal with flood-affected regions

BUREAU
SIRSA, JULY 18



Dera Sacha Sauda's Sewadar members of Green S' Welfare Force Wing as ever are reaching out to support the flood victims. In villages like Farwain Kalan, Panihari, Musahibwala, Ranga, they not only distributed food, water, biscuits, milk, vegetables, and medical services but also made proper arrangements for providing fodder straws, etc. for animals and feed for birds. Although flood water appears to have ebbed the crisis in the villages is nonetheless heartbreaking and unfortunate. It is significant that for the last five-six days, these sewadars of Dera Sacha Sauda are regularly reaching out to relieve the people in affected locales, where Ghaggar river water has brought the utmost damage. The roads are

entirely damaged but these unstoppable sewadars of dera are completely dedicated to serving humankind and are reaching out to them on their tractors. Besides helping them with the necessities they are also morally supporting them and comforting them that they are standing by them in these miserable hours. 85 members of Dera Yadvinder, Rakesh Bajaj, and Rampal and other team members said that the almost in dozens of the villages of District Sirsa

the situation is even worse and they are constantly distributing food, water, medical facilities etc for people and fodder for the animals. He said that since the past few days and as per the direction of the administration and in a very disciplined way everything is made obtainable by them to the people even in their house to whosoever requires. They ensured that in this hour of natural disaster, no family is deprived of bread or water or medical assistance.

Gopichand Arya Mahila College students excel in B.Com. result

BUREAU
ABOHAR: Gopichand Arya Mahila College, Abohar under the able representation of Principal Dr. Rekha Sood Handa has always been in limelight for its excellent results. Taking this sequence forward, the Punjab University, Chandigarh announced B.Com. results. According to the results of the sixth semester Yashika Kandhari, a student of Gopichand College, brought laurels to the college and her parents by securing 90.56% marks and securing the eighth position in the university topper list and first in the college. Whereas Paras Sharma scored 90% and Kamalpreet secured 87.59% marks and secured second and third position respectively in the College. Hard work of Head of Commerce Department Dr. Manoj Phutela, S.K Monga and all other teachers has brought tremendous results. On this prestigious achievement ,all the teachers congratulated and gave blessings to the students to reach higher in future also.



MAMOOON RASHID
MALERKOTLA, JULY 18

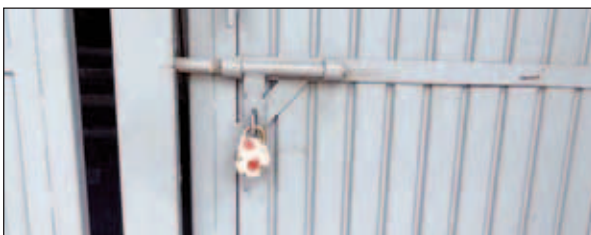
Yuhaan Ali, a bright 14 year old student of Sat Paul Mittal School in Ludhiana wowed the members of the Kupp Kalan Village Council with an innovative idea that could revolutionize the future of electricity generation. Yuhaan Ali presented a battery made entirely from Opuntia cactus plant, that successfully powered a small LED light. The live demonstration highlighted the untapped potential of the plant ecosystem to provide eco-friendly and cost-effective energy solutions. Sarpanch, Madam Harwinder Kaur, was highly impressed by the student's ingenuity and recognized the potential impact this innovation could have on the local community.



She commended the young researcher for his efforts. Speaking after the demonstration, the student shared their inspiration behind the project, stating, "I wanted to find a solution that not only makes electricity accessible to the rural communities but also contributes to the preservation of our environment. Everywhere around us we are seeing the devastating impact of weather changes brought on human activity. We must wake up to our responsibilities." The

project has caught the attention of local authorities, who are considering further research and investment to support the practical implementation of this eco-friendly battery technology. Mr. Roop Singh, retired Headmaster – Govt. Highschool, village Kupp and now Block Samiti member explained to the audience present that the battery is cost effective because it can be assembled from free to source opuntia cactus and electrodes that are reusable.

Another factory sealed for manufacturing spurious medicines



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, JULY 18

Another industry sealed by the department in Baddi for making spurious medicines. Since 2016, this was doing business in Baddi. This is not the first case of making spurious medicine in Baddi. About 25 workers also earn in this industry. On Sunday morning, information was given to all the employees through phone that today the industry is closed. When the workers came to work in the morning, they found that the industry was sealed and went back. The case of making fake medicine left many question marks. Industry running since the year 2016, which no one has even investigated till date. Electricity connection, registration of the industry, environmental standards, what the concerned department was also doing.. The business of making spurious medicines is spreading day by day, now people are afraid to buy medicines made in Baddi as well. State Drug Controller Navneet Marwah told that action is being taken against such industries.

Youth donate blood in 463rd voluntary donation camp

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 18

In view of acute shortage of blood in Civil Hospital, 463rd Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was organized on the third day at Civil Hospital by Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, diamond blood donor and environment watchdog, awarded with the President's Police Medal for donating blood 158 times and platelets 73 times. Social worker Anita Bhardwaj Sharma was mainly present in the camp while Naresh Mehta, a retired officer from the Food Corporation of India, who had donated blood 37 times, presided over the camp. Ram Kumar, who had donated blood more than 30 times, Davindra Sachdeva, retired assistant registrar from Kurukshetra University, had arrived as a very special guest. The blood donation camp was conducted under the leadership of Regional Blood Transfusion Officer Dr. Sanjay Verma. Chief social worker Anita Bhardwaj Sharma praised the camp coordinator Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma and said that along with the police service, he is making valuable contributions in various



areas of the society. Camp coordinator Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma expressed gratitude to all the guests and blood donors and said that blood donation is like sanjeevani and nectar in human life. They donated blood in the camp - Ram Kumar, Renu Devi, Assistant Sub-Inspector Jagjit Singh, Head Constable Sub Singh, Vikas, Shivam Sandhu, Nikhil, Harsh Sisodia, Ravindra, Man Kumar, Deepak, Tanish, Ram Kumar, Baljit, Rajkumar, Bhushan Many youths including Kumar Verma, Pawan Kumar Verma, Sushil Kumar, Mohan Lal, Bhupendra Singh donated blood.

Mata Shri Chintpurni Shravan Ashtami Fair from Aug 17 to 25: ADC



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: The Shravan Ashtami fair will be organized at the famous Shaktipeeth temple Mata Shri Chintpurni from August 17 to 25 this year. A meeting was organized at Chintpurni under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner Una Mahendra Pal Gurjar on Tuesday regarding the successful organization of the fair. He informed that ADC Mela Officer, SDM Amb Assistant Mela Officer while ASP Police Mela Officer and DSP Amb have been appointed as Assistant Police Mela Officers in Mata Shri Chintpurni Ashravan Ashtami Mela to be held from August 17 to 25.ADC said that the temple of Maa Chintpurni would remain open round the clock during the fair and the temple would be closed for one hour from 11-12 midnight for cleaning. Temple will remain closed from 12 to 12.30 noon for the adornment and bhog of mother. He said that apart from playing drums, loudspeakers and tongs, there will be a complete ban on the use of plastic and thermocol during the fair.

10,000 Saplings to transform Trident's Dhaula landscape

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, JULY 18

Trident, a pioneering force in sustainability and environmental preservation, has unleashed a monumental initiative that promises to revolutionize the landscape of Dhaula. Over the course of a 7-day period, a total of 10,000 saplings will be planted, with 1,500 saplings already planted. The remaining 8,500 saplings are scheduled to be planted by the upcoming Saturday. The plantation drive, covering an impressive 750 acres of land owned by Trident, is a testament to the company's dedication to sustainable practices. In this display of botanical diversity, this drive will showcase the



planting of around 40-50 varieties of saplings. "This plantation drive is a significant step towards fulfilling our responsibility as a corporate citizen, ensuring a healthier and greener future for generations to come," said the chairman Padmashree Mr. Rajinder

Gupta. Through this drive, Trident is not merely planting trees, but also planting hope and resilience. The initiative serves as a resounding call to arms, urging others to embrace their own ecological stewardship and join in the battle against climate change.

Editorial

Pocket pinch

Food inflation has been centre stage of late. It is concerning for policymakers who had been encouraged by the decline in general inflation this year. A cumulative build-up in food price pressures with fresh spurts in vegetable prices has upended that, reversing the trend last month. The divergence in food and core price changes is also getting more pronounced. The latter reflects demand-side pressures in the economy and indicates a steady weakening of the impetus in the June quarter. On the other hand, the thrust in food prices only gained strength in the same period, with price spikes in a range of items. Costlier foods pinch consumer pockets the most. The consequences are adverse and varied: food inflation aggravates consumption inequalities as the incidence is differential and, if not quickly contained, it can depress aggregate demand.

For the average Indian, the combined food group forms almost 46% of his/her consumption basket. The average is misleading in this instance because along with fuel, food accounts for a far bigger share of monthly spending by lower-income groups. Higher and rising expenses on necessities like cereals, milk, vegetables and so on often come at the cost of foregoing other expenditures. Typical goods and services sacrificed in this trade-off are durables like refrigerators or vehicles, travel, recreation, some personal services, among others; in other words, discretionary spending that can either be delayed or even forfeited altogether depending upon how hard the inflationary bite is.

The split in urban and rural consumption patterns illuminates some more as to whose cost of living suffers the most from costlier foods. Rural consumer spending upon all foods is proportionately higher (one-third) than the urban segment. Incomes in the former areas tend to be comparably lower as well. Earned from a mix of farm and non-farm sources, they are significantly impacted by agricultural input-output price movements that are volatile. A relative worsening pulls down rural incomes as has, indeed, been the case since late last year. Moreover, rural wage increases have also lagged the price rise, usurping purchase capacities.

Which foods are becoming more expensive matters as well. Primary or staple ones such as cereals cannot be done without, unlike meats, eggs, or even vegetables that the poor forego in extreme circumstances and at the cost of nourishment. In the present instance, the double-digit pace of price rise in cereals for 10 consecutive months has underpinned food inflation. Cereals, including atta, are 19% costlier than two years ago and above the 12% increase in general prices in the same period, a hefty, month-on-month price growth in the cereals and products category from last May to January this year.

New face of Chinese investment in Myanmar

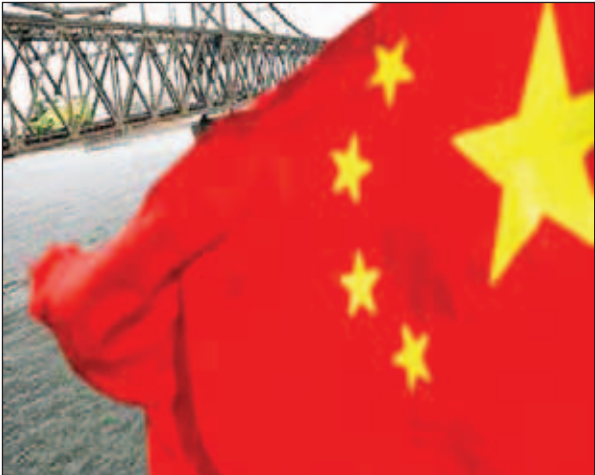
The rise of Wan Kuok Koi — popularly known as ‘Broken Tooth’ — and the enterprises run by him and his associates represent the new face of Chinese investment in Myanmar—and the criminalization of the country under the current junta, The Irrawaddy reported.

Wan Kuok Koi, was arrested in May 1998 in connection with a bomb explosion in a minivan. He was incarcerated in a purpose-built top-security detention facility on Coloane.

Even though no evidence of his involvement in that attack was ever revealed in court. Instead, he was brought to justice on old charges related to intimidation of employees at the Lisboa Casino in Macau, loan-sharking and suspicion of being a member of “an illegal organization”.

In plain language, that meant a triad, the secret societies that are the Chinese equivalent of the Mafia, The Irrawaddy reported.

After a lengthy and complicated trial—where one witness after another was struck by sudden bouts of amnesia and could not remember anything—he was nonetheless sentenced to 15 years in prison and had all his assets confiscated in November 1999. This came a month before Macau reverted to Chinese rule and became, like Hong Kong, a “Special Administrative Region” (SAR) of the People’s



Republic of China. Among the many outlandish ventures Wan was accused of running, and made public by jurists during the trial, was a weapons business in Cambodia, where he allegedly sought to trade in rockets, missiles, tanks, armored vehicles and other kinds of military equipment in the then civil war-racked country.

Using his old connections, Wan nestled himself back into the casino business in Macau and, after a few years, launched a cryptocurrency called ‘Dragon Coin’.

He also established three entities operating out of Cambodia: The Hongmen History and Culture Association; the Dongmei Group, which is officially headquartered in Hong Kong; and the Palau China Hung-Mun Cultural Association, supposedly based in the Pacific Ocean nation Palau.

Citing December 9, 2020 statement by the US Treasury Department, The Irrawaddy reported that Hongmen History and Culture Association in particular soon spread its influence across Southeast Asia, first in Cambodia—and then in Myanmar.

Wan’s Dongmei Group is a major investor in the casino enclaves near Myawaddy that were established after a faction of the Karen National Union and its Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) broke away, entered into ceasefire agreements with the Myanmar military, and became a Border Guard Force (BGF). Wan is also known to be involved in projects in Mong Pawk southeast of the Panghsang (Pangkham) headquarters of the United Wa State Army on the border between Myanmar and China.

According to a July 2020 report by the United States Institute of Peace, “The Dongmei Company itself appears to have incorporated as a business in Hong Kong on March 3, 2020, but is operating out of Kuala Lumpur. Wan promotes the project through the official public WeChat of the Hongmen Association, as well as in partnership with a Guangdong-based representative of the Huaguan Holding Company.”

It is evident that Wan has powerful connections and is protected by high-level officials in China. Citing a researcher who is following developments in Myanmar’s frontier areas, The Irrawaddy stated, “Wan Kuok Koi clearly has tremendous influence across China, Hong Kong and Macau, close relations with the local government in Guangdong province, and very deep ties with the [Chinese Communist] Party’s united front organizations and Overseas Chinese Associations. In my view, the Party sees him as useful in doing a lot of its political work—both in Hong Kong and Macau, and in Southeast Asia more broadly.” It is quite surprising how it has been possible for a former convicted felon and alleged leader of an organized crime group to become an influential and seemingly untouchable business tycoon.

links between officialdom and secret societies became obvious to the outside

world in the run-up to Hong Kong’s return to the “motherland”, which eventually happened in 1997.

On April 8, 1993, Tao Siju, chief of China’s Public Security Bureau, gave an informal press conference to a group of local reporters in the then still British territory. After making it clear that the “counter-revolutionaries” who had demonstrated for democracy in Beijing’s Tiananmen Square in 1989 would not have their long prison sentences reduced, he began talking about the triads: “As for organizations like the triads in Hong Kong, as long as they are patriotic, as long as they are concerned with Hong Kong’s prosperity and stability, we should unite with them.”

Tao also invited “the patriotic triads” to come to China to set up businesses there. The statement sent shockwaves through Hong Kong’s then professional police force and there was an uproar in the still independent media. Before Hong Kong was handed over to Beijing, and people could demonstrate their support for pro-democracy groups inside China, certain “patriotic triads” were considered Beijing’s eyes and ears in the territory. They infiltrated trade unions and even the media and reported their findings back to the authorities inside China, The Irrawaddy reported.

In July 2019, by which time Hong Kong had been a supposedly self-governing

SAR for more than two decades and local people were demanding democratic reforms, masked men equipped with wooden sticks and metal rods stormed into a train station in Hong Kong, assaulting people returning home from a pro-democracy protest.

In other incidents, thugs were seen beating up pro-democracy demonstrators and removing tents and barriers they had set up. Needless to say, no action was taken against the perpetrators.

Like many other Chinese organized crime figures, Wan too has humble roots. Born in the slums of Macau in 1955, he joined at an early age one of the many violent youth gangs in the territory and reportedly still bears scars from his street-fighting days.

He was shot and wounded twice and severely injured when he was attacked by a rival gang armed with meat cleavers. He lost several teeth in another fight, which earned him the nickname “Broken Tooth Koi”, Irrawaddy reported.

He later rose through the ranks of the street gangs and became a full-fledged member of the 14K triad and eventually became the boss of its Macau chapter. As such, he commanded a band of several hundred young ma jai, or “horse boys”, which ran various street protection and extortion rackets that sometimes led to gunslinging turf wars with rival gangs.

Literature & Health

Researchers issue new guidelines for diagnosing Alzheimer's

New guidelines for diagnosing Alzheimer's disease developed by clinicians and researchers from around the world were presented at the International Alzheimer's Congress (AAIC) in Amsterdam.

In these criteria, the disease is diagnosed in the clinic using blood biomarkers, similar to how diabetes and cardiovascular disease are diagnosed.

A blood test has been developed for this purpose in recent years that gives very good results, according to recent research. Charlotte Teunissen, professor of neurochemistry at Amsterdam UMC, was involved in drafting the new guidelines.

“A new generation of biomarkers is now available to detect Alzheimer's disease more and more effectively. We have already gained a lot of experience with this in our Alzheimer's centre, but in the long term the test can also be successfully imple-



mented after a GP's referral,” said Teunissen. Desire for Diagnosis: New research by Amsterdam UMC with Alzheimer's Nederland shows that many people with cognitive symptoms want to know whether they are in the early stages of Alzheimer's.

A diagnosis enables patients to take more control over the next phase of their lives. The desire to know whether or not you have Alzheimer's disease makes the use of blood biomarkers so relevant, it is also the gateway to

treatment.

A blood test is also a relatively inexpensive method and can be used in many places. Previously, only specialised clinics could do a proper analysis, and thus offer a diagnosis, via a blood test.

Swedish research, presented at the ADPD conference in March, has shown that biomarkers can be more reliable than the analysis of a primary care physician.

In addition, the blood test is much less stressful for the patient than the current method.

How positive contact with diverse groups lowers conspiracy theories

According to new UEA research, positive contact with people from diverse groups can lessen the amount of negative conspiracy beliefs about those groups.

Conspiracy theories about minority groups are common and can potentially lead to everything from misinformed voting to extreme expressions of prejudice.

But a new study published today reveals that bringing people from diverse backgrounds together can reduce the endorsement and tolerance of conspiracy theories.

The team say that their findings could help educators and policymakers create a more harmonious society.

Dr Charles Seger, from UEA's School of Psychology, said: “Some conspiracy beliefs are about things like the moon landing, or more seriously about things like the nature and effectiveness of vaccines.

“We know from past research that simply being exposed to conspiracy beliefs, even without endorsing them, can have detrimental effects, such as a decreased willingness to engage in politics.

“But a lot of conspiracy beliefs are about groups of people. Specifically, people often have conspiracy beliefs about disadvantaged or minority groups such as Jewish people or immigrants. “These beliefs can take the form of believing that these groups of people are involved in secret plots and schemes or are attempting to harm the fabric of society at large. “These sorts of conspiracy beliefs are associated with increased prejudice towards those groups, and it can be argued



that intergroup violence and genocide are fuelled by unwarranted conspiracy beliefs.

“We wanted to find out whether friendly interactions with other groups of people can reduce conspiracy beliefs.”

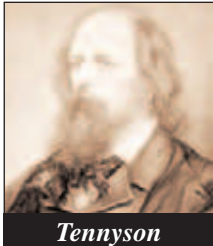
The research team carried out three studies with more than 1,000 people. They explored whether positive inter-group contact helps combat conspiracy theories about other social groups.

The first two studies explored relationships, where British participants were asked about their experience of contact with immigrants or Jewish people and their belief in conspiracy theories in relation to them. In a third study, participants were asked to think about a positive contact experience with a Jewish person and then report their conspiracy beliefs held about this group.

POEM

Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal

Now sleeps the crimson petal,
now the white; Nor waves the cy-
press in the palace walk;
Nor winks the gold fin in the porphyry
font. The firefly wakens; waken
thou with me. Now droops the
milk-white peacock like a ghost,
And like a ghost she glimmers on to
me. Now lies the
Earth all Danaë to the stars,
And all thy heart lies open unto me.
Now slides the silent meteor on,
and leaves A shining furrow, as
thy thoughts in me. Now folds the
lily all her sweetness up, And slips
into the bosom of the lake. So fold
thyself, my dearest, thou, and slip
Into my bosom and be lost in me.
Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Colonization influences worldwide distribution of plant specimens: Research

A study published in Nature Human Behaviour by a Florida State University researcher reveals how colonization has influenced the distribution of plant specimens preserved in herbaria collections around the world.

Plant diversity in nature is generally highest in tropical regions around the equator, with decreasing diversity closer to the poles.

FSU Department of Geography Assistant Professor Xiao Feng and Purdue University Assistant Professor Daniel Park showed that the plant specimens housed in herbaria in Europe and North America are more comprehensive and diverse than the collections housed in countries with more natural plant diversity. By comparing modern finds with collection specimens, researchers can examine how a species has changed over time.

"People can't travel back in time to observe what plants look like 100 years ago, but herbaria collections give us a way to examine the past," Feng said.

"If you're a researcher from Brazil, for example, and you want to study what native plants were like a century ago, you may have to travel to another country to examine certain species." The researchers analyzed more than 85 million



records from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) and surveyed herbaria collections from around the world to document the origins and destinations of specimens

collected between 1600 and 2021.

Their data suggest that between 1600 to 1945, Europe and North America were responsible for the majority of intercontinental collecting activities, amassing large amounts of specimens from Africa, Asia and South America.

The trend mostly persisted in the era after World War II, when decolonization efforts increased and more countries in Africa and Asia gained autonomy.

Despite the growth of collections in South America, Oceania and Asia, the discrepancy in biodiversity collections persists. The international collections in Europe and North America continued to expand, and today they remain larger than those on other continents.

"The discrepancy between where plant diversity exists in nature and where it is preserved and catalogued by scientists is a legacy of colonialism," the researchers said.

The movement of plant specimens from the biodiverse tropics to temperate regions runs counter to the natural gradient of biodiversity, in which biodiversity increases as we move from polar to equatorial regions. "Biodiversity is probably best studied where it occurs, and that's not what has happened historically," Park said. "A lot of the science that happens with

these specimens is very globally relevant; however, as we note in our paper, the means of contributing to this science is not distributed globally, at least not yet."

Some efforts are underway to address the disparities in access. One way collections have become more accessible is through digitization -- gathering data and images from specimens for storage and sharing in a digital format.

Regional, national and international groups are improving databases and increasing the number of digitized specimens shared online. One example is iDigBio, a project organized by FSU, the University of Florida and other institutions.

But digitization is still in its infancy, and there are many cases where access to physical specimens is necessary for the work researchers want to complete. Investments in infrastructure and training in previously colonized countries would also help to address disparities.

Park said acknowledging the role Indigenous people played in the collection and study of specimens and improving the information herbaria have about their plants is a good starting place. In many cases, herbaria don't have a full accounting of their collections. Understanding exactly how many items exist and their origin is key, he said.

SHORT TALKS

IDBI Bank introduces special Rates on FDs

Chandigarh : IDBI Bank has introduced a special bucket of 'Amrit Mahotsav FD for 375 days' offering a peak rate of 7.60% p.a. valid till August 15, 2023. Besides this, existing 'Amrit Mahotsav FD for 444 days' under callable option offers a peak rate of 7.65% p.a. and under non-callable option offers a peak rate of 7.75% p.a.

Airtel experienced a surge in demand for International Roaming Packs in Haryana this travel season

Ambala/ Karnal : Bharti Airtel, one of India's leading telecommunications service providers, has witnessed a growth of 108% in the subscription of packs for customers travelling abroad from Haryana as compared to last year. In order to make staying connected easy, intuitive and compelling, Airtel has refreshed its International Roaming Plan such that it costs as little as 133/day at the starting point, making it more economical than the local SIMs of most countries. This has resulted in a significant jump for the company in pack subscriptions in both the prepaid and postpaid segments. The 10-day validity packs remain the most popular pack subscriptions among the Haryana out roamers and even though USA and UK are the most frequently travelled destinations from India, the most popular international holiday destinations on Airtel's network for Haryana out roamers are countries like USA, Canada, UAE, UK & Australia. Pushpinder Singh Gujral, CEO, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh, Bharti Airtel, commenting on Airtel's new International Roaming Plan, had this to say, "At Airtel, we are continuously challenging ourselves to keep improving our customers' experience. Our new international roaming plans once again focus on putting the customer first. Reliable connectivity when travelling abroad is an absolute necessity nowadays. Our industry-leading roaming plans are very affordable and will ensure that our customers can stay connected all the time, wherever they are, without the hassle of changing their SIM cards or numbers". Airtel's International Roaming Plan offers several advantages over local SIM cards, including seamless connectivity (with no need for a change of number), the best available network, flexible duration options, unlimited emergency connectivity, control through the Airtel Thanks App and a dedicated toll-free number 99100-99100 available on call and WhatsApp.

"Triple Threat: Rita, Pompei, and Nakul Unite Against to Kill Drishti"



Chandigarh: A severe danger hangs over Nayan, Devansh, and Drishti in the show 'Nayan- Jo Dekhe Unvekha' as Rita develops a new scheme in the story. In the show, Nayan- Jo Vekhe Unvekha, Rita, Pompei, and Nakul unite resolutely to kill Drishti. On the other hand, Rita is terrified of dying and tries everything she can to stop the party, but she fails. After these plans fail, Nakul and Pompei will devise another scheme to kill Drishti. Nakul's shocking decision will put Drishti closer to death. Will Nayan find out about Nakul's true intentions? Will Nayan be able to save Drishti? Will Nakul and Pompei's alternate plan succeed? To find out what happens to Nayan and her children, watch "Nayan Jo Vekhe Unvekha" tonight at 8:30 PM exclusively on Zee Punjabi.

Samsung India Announces Top 10 Teams of Solve for Tomorrow 2023

Chandigarh : Samsung India today announced the Top 10 teams of its national education and innovation competition, 'Solve for Tomorrow', celebrating the spirit of innovation, enterprise and social responsibility amongst India's Gen Z. These 10 teams came up with ideas to solve real-world problems ranging from converting seawater into potable water, identifying pests and diseases in crops, food wastage, cleaning beaches, developing a more sustainable leather tanning process to providing more accessibility to individuals with hearing loss. Their ideas also seek to bridge the communication gap with sign language users, find missing children, help individuals stay cool in the summers and help the visually impaired to read. The Top 10 teams come from cities such as Maharaiganj in Uttar Pradesh, Lakhimpur and Golaghat in Assam, Darjeeling in West Bengal, Surat and Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Ernakulam in Kerala, Chennai and Delhi. Know more about the Top 10 teams and their ideas here – www.samsung.com/in/solvefortomorrow For the second year of the competition, Samsung India has partnered with Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology's (MeitY's) Startup Hub and Foundation for Innovation & Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi.

PhonePe Launches Health Insurance platform with monthly subscriptions

Chandigarh : PhonePe Insurance Broking Services, today announced the launch of health insurance plans offering comprehensive insurance in partnership with leading insurers. What sets these health insurance plans apart is the introduction of the UPI monthly mode of payment, making them more affordable for customers. PhonePe has been at the forefront of driving Insurance penetration in the country by selling more than 5.6 million policies till date. PhonePe Insurance platform has also sold policies across 98% of India's PIN codes and has served more than 200 Mn vehicle insurance quotes. These health insurance plans, which come with coverage up to Rs.1 crore, allow users to choose any hospital room without any caplimit. A user can also avail of innovative features like a bonus cover up to 7 times the base cover amount for each claim free year. The Health Insurance plans being offered by PhonePe Insurance Broking are accompanied by pre and post-claims assistance to help users make informed decisions, file claims, and access other services. Commenting on the launch, Hemant Gala, Vice President Financial Services at PhonePe said, "One of the biggest barriers in buying Health Insurance has been affordability and we have solved the same by creating India's first Health Insurance marketplace focused on monthly payments. We believe this will drive deep penetration with users being able to pay in monthly subscriptions with a much lower financial burden."

Trident Stallions registered first win in style

Mohali: Trident Stallions opened the points table with a thumping win in the Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cup. The team defeated Royal Phantoms by 19 runs. In the match, Trident Stallions scored 199 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs. Chasing the target of 200 runs, Royal Phantoms could only manage 180/9. In the match played at IS Bindra Stadium, Trident Stallions won the toss and decided to bat first. Shivein Rakheja batted with pace, but Vihan returned after scoring 17 runs. Shivein played a blistering inning of 85 off 47 balls to put the team in a strong position. Nehal

Vadera scored 44 and skipper Gurkeerat Mann scored 17 to take the team to 199/7 in 20 overs. Kuljeet took 2 wickets. Gaaurav and Harpreet got 1-1 wicket. Chasing the target of 200 runs, the Royal Phantoms could manage only 180 runs for 9 wickets in the stipulated 20 overs. Aditya Pratap Singh and Abhinav Sharma scored 31-31 runs. Harshdeep Singh bowled brilliantly for Trident Stallions. He dismissed 3 batsmen for 26 runs and Gary Kumar took 3 wickets in the last 10 over. Aryan Singh Singh got two, while Manpreet Singh Chauhan got 1 wicket.

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Read this if your weight loss journey is driving you up the wall

Are you fed up with not seeing results in your fat loss journey despite putting in a lot of effort? It takes patience and determination to lose weight, but it is not only a strong mindset and intention that will help you achieve your goal. Following a strict diet, restraining yourself from tempting foods, and extensive exercise are all part of it. Still, you might not get the desired results even with all these and you're probably wondering why. The answer is that some very simple mistakes can completely derail your fat loss journey. Skipping Meals People believe that if you don't eat, you will lose more weight. This is a complete myth. When you skip meals, you starve yourself and deprive yourself of essential nutrients. This will not only have an impact on your overall health, but you will also end up mindlessly munching on snacks because you will be constantly hungry. Eating consistently and in proper portions is the way to go on your fat loss journey. If you skip breakfast and try to suppress your hunger, you might end up eating a lot at lunch. Staying hungry can also cause gastric issues, adding to your discomfort. Consuming 'Healthy' Packaged Foods Ready-to-eat, packaged 'healthy' foods aren't as healthy or weight loss-friendly as we believe. The majority of them deceive us into thinking we are eating a healthier version of

our favourite foods when there isn't much difference in calorie or nutritional content. Additionally, packaged foods contain preservatives, sugar, sodium, and other ingredients that might be harmful to your health. In order to be aware of the ingredients and their quantities in what you eat and to control it accordingly, the best way to lose weight through diet is to actually prepare your meals



at home. Not Tracking Your Intake You might be unaware of the amount of food you consume on a daily basis, which can lead to significant weight gain. Snacking between breakfast and dinner can add up to a lot of calories per day. Keeping a journal and tracking your food and liquid intake will help you a long way on your weight loss journey. It will also help ensure that you are drinking

enough water each day. Excessive Or Insufficient Exercise It's important to understand that in order to lose weight, exercise must also be controlled. Exercise-related issues can also arise from overdoing it or exercising infrequently. Lack of exercise can lead to a decrease in muscle mass, a sluggish metabolism and weakness, whereas excessive exercise can cause muscle soreness and water retention. Muscle weakness is common in people who embark on a weight loss journey, especially those who follow restrictive diets without focusing much on exercise. This results in muscle fatigue and loss of muscle mass. It also slows your metabolism down, which is an impediment to your weight loss journey. Not Sleeping Enough Our way of life plays a significant role in our weight loss journey. A healthy body and mind require seven to eight hours of sleep per day. Sleep replenishes energy and keeps you fresh, active and alert throughout the day. Sleep deprivation can impair your body's ability to regulate your appetite.

Not Drinking Enough Water Our bodies frequently confuse dehydration and hunger. The sensation of thirst is frequently confused with the sensation of hunger. This leads to overeating. However, drinking plenty of water can help you lose weight faster. Water improves metabolism, energy, muscle health, blood flow, and a variety of other factors.

Toyota Mobility Foundation and WRI India Release Study



CHANDIGARH: Toyota Mobility Foundation (TMF) and WRI India today launched a working paper that offers new insights into the way commuters access and utilize the metro, and its implications on last-mile services. The paper 'Improving Metro Access in India: Evidence from Three Cities', was launched as part of Connect Karo 2023, a flagship knowledge event, organized by WRI India, that showcases research-based, solution-centric initiatives, geared towards sustainable development in India. The paper presented key findings and recommendations based on extensive research across three metro cities – Nagpur, Delhi and Bengaluru. The study's findings reveal how poor access to metro stations impacts the use of the metro rail system in India. This shows that despite significant investment channeled into these systems, the lack of efficient last-mile connectivity has limited the metro's full potential. The working paper, compiled as part of the TMF and WRI India Station Access and Mobility Program (STAMP), emphasizes the urgent need for comprehensive and strategic planning to address this critical issue. "The paper emphasizes the need for robust data collection and analysis of commuter behavior for each station. This will enable cities to design appropriate services that respond better to the needs of commuters.

Dubai economy & tourism targets secondary markets in India

Chandigarh : Ahead of the summer travel season, Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism (DET) dialed up its efforts to showcase the destination through B2B travel trade engagements such as trade workshops, mega familiarization trips, exhibitions, and roadshows across India, including metro cities, tier II and III markets in the first half of the year. DET aims to position Dubai as the first-choice destination for Indian travellers. Benefitting from close proximity and direct connectivity to Indian cities, DET is committed to expanding its footprint in secondary markets in India and highlighting the myriad offerings Dubai has to offer. The results thus far have been outstanding, with Dubai experiencing a remarkable 23% increase in overnight visitor numbers during the first 5 months of 2023 compared to 2019. Bader Ali Habib, Head of South Asia, Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism said, "India is a top priority for us, and we are committed to showcasing different facets of the destination to the Indian traveller. Our pan-India outreach has yielded remarkable results, with a 23% increase in overnight visitor numbers compared to 2019 surpassing 1 million visitor in the first five months of the year. We have covered the breadth and depth of India by conducting multi-city roadshows, trade workshops, and mega familiarization trips, while actively participating in exhibitions like SATTE 2023 and ATM 2023 to further cement our position as the No.1 outbound destination from India. With exceptional flight connectivity, a convenient visa process, and our ongoing commitment to the Indian market.



The book - 'Freefifties' reflects experiences of Anu Garg released

Chandigarh: 51-year-old Anu Garg, returning to her home in Chandigarh after gaining lifetime experiences in India and overseas, released her first book 'Free Fifties' at Chandigarh Press Club, Sector 27 on Tuesday. From reciting poetry to her father as a child, winning various poetry competitions in her college times, putting her management career on the line to raise her children, and even venturing into journalism to cherish her dream of meeting cine star Shah Rukh Khan, Anu Garg has made splendid efforts to collate her experiences in her maiden book - Free Fifties. The book reflects the journey of self-healing, self-reflection and self-love for women who have surpassed their threshold of fifty years. As a poetess, Anu Garg always kept her passion for travelling and photography alive. A 'digital nomad', who has had some of her best conversations with herself while sitting on a beach, exploring life on a scooter in the alleys of old towns, sharing sunsets & life experiences with locals. "This was my journey to rediscover myself," feels Anu. The book Free Fifties is a wonderful collection of poems, prose, and guided exercises to help readers embark on a deeper journey of healing and empowerment. It inspires the readers to take a pause, reflect, prioritize their happiness, and live the life they want. She emphasizes revisiting the pivotal moments, to celebrate and learn from them. One needs to shed the burden of regrets and guilt that dominate your mind and find forgiveness within. Based on her experiences, Anu strongly advocates that self-worth is the key to self-love. "If you want to receive love and respect from others, you need to love and respect yourself first.

When you build your self-worth on a foundation of self-love and acceptance, you free yourself from the need to constantly prove your worth," says Anu. When asked what inspired her to write a book, Anu emotionally expressed that after scoring half a century of her life, there came a moment when the woman inside her woke up and started questioning who she is. What were her achievements and her upcoming goals? This self-introspection resulted in some deep conversations with herself resulting in this beautiful compilation - Free Fifties "Writing this book has been a process of self-reflection, a cathartic journey of finding and forgiving myself and loving myself again," said Anu

UT Administrator releases 'Wings of Vision' Magazine

Chandigarh: Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh today released the 'Wings of Vision' Magazine, Volume 1, Issue 2, a quarterly bilingual magazine (RNI Approved) by Ms. Beenu Rajpoot, Editor-in-Chief and a renowned film maker in collaboration with Dr. Sapna Nanda, Principal, Government College of Education, Sector 20D, Chandigarh. The vision and objective behind the Wings of Vision Magazine is to focus on the ancient Indian knowledge and practice of yoga, ayurveda and promoting the use of millets. The 'Wings of



Vision' magazine cover story comprises the concept of 'Inner Engineering' by Sadhguru, the founder and head of the Isha Foundation. It also includes articles and contributions of various spiritual gurus, yoga experts, environmentalists, ayurveda experts, millet recipes and many more. The magazine has focused on the importance of the International year of millets and Indian knowledge system. Wing of Vision magazine is the most prestigious magazine of high quality published by Beenu Rajpoot (Delhi based), the renowned documentary filmmaker of India. This magazine covers famous artists/writers/actors/police personnel/forces/tribal and inspirational stories

from across the globe and provides them a strong platform to express their stories so that their success stories can be narrated to the whole world and can inspire others. That is why Wings of Vision magazine has been formed. This magazine started in the year 2023. Its first volume was dedicated to empowerment of women. The Editor-in-Chief of the magazine Ms. Beenu Rajpoot is a renowned Indian filmmaker, known for her documentary films. From the last one and half decade she is continuously promoting Indian art, culture, literature and health through different mediums and platforms. She is a 'Fit India Champion in Fit India Movement launched by Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi' Sports Ministry of India. She is also a member of IDPA (Indian Documentary Producers Association), IFTDA (Indian Film and Television Directors' Association) and SWA (Screenwriters Association) Mumbai.

Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles' Kargil Vijay Diwas expedition reaches Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH:Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles has collaborated with the Indian Armed forces to organise the third edition of the Kargil Vijay Diwas ride to celebrate the victory of the Indian forces in the Kargil War [operation Vijay]. Strengthening the brand's #ForeverHeroes initiative, the expedition was flagged off from Kohima, Nagaland on 02 July 2023 by LT Gen RP Kalita, GOC-in-C Eastern Command. The ride consists of 24 riders including veterans, officers, and soldiers from the Indian Armed forces and will cover a distance of 3,620 kilometres, across major military establishments and memorials and will then conclude at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras.

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Himesh Reshammiya Joins as Judge for Sa Re Ga Ma Pa

Chandigarh : Over the last three decades, Zee TV has introduced viewers to some exciting non-fiction formats like Antakshari, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, Dance India Dance and India's Best Dramebaaz. These properties have not only emerged as immensely popular, talent-based reality television franchises, but they continue to rule the audience's hearts and enjoy a robust following even in the current context. After the raging success of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa L1 Champs last year, Zee TV's iconic singing reality show, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa is back to give the nation's aspiring singers an opportunity to present their melodious voices and build a career in the world of music. To make this season

even more exciting and to help provide the right kind of guidance and training, Zee TV has roped in popular singer, music director, songwriter & producer - Himesh Reshammiya - as a judge on Sa Re Ga Ma Pa 2023. One of the most loved judges of the show, Himesh will be seen donning the judge's hat for the sixth time this season, making him the longest-serving judge of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa. Having contributed remarkable songs to the industry like "Tera Surroor," "Aap ki kashish," and "Mujhko Yaad Sataye Teri," amongst others, he is all set to uncover fresh talent from across the country once again and help train them emerge as the next big singing sensations.



BMW Group India posts best-ever Half-Year, Quarter and June

Chandigarh : BMW Group India has posted its best-ever half-year, quarter and June in 2023 – for all three brands – BMW, MINI and BMW Motorrad. In the first six months, 5,867 cars (BMW and MINI) and 4,667 motorcycles (BMW Motorrad) have been sold. BMW sold 5,476 units and MINI 391 units. Mr. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India said, "Our customers remain at the centre of everything we do! BMW Group India is redefining luxury with class-leading comfort, performance and aesthetics. The landmark of achieving the highest-ever half-year, quarter as well as June sales is a culmination of the company's strategic steps. Whether it is the appeal of sheer driving pleasure or sustainable mobility, every product launched this year is extremely desirable and in tremendous



demand. Most importantly, the highly emotional, digital experience of our brands is a clear distinguisher. Exclusive experiences like Joytown and The House of Forwardism have strengthened the connect with existing customers and are bringing new ones closer.

Bookings for the New Range Rover Velar have been opened



CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Bookings for the New Range Rover Velar have been opened in India. The New Range Rover Velar is available in Dynamic HSE with two powertrain options - the 2.0 l petrol engine delivering a power of 184 kW and 365 Nm torque and a 2.0 l Ingenium diesel engine delivering a power of 150 kW and 420 Nm torque. Rajan Amba, Managing Director, JLR India, said: "The New Range Rover Velar is a pure expression of trademark Range Rover refinement, featuring the latest technology and a dramatic, clean and reductive new design. Defined by perfectly optimised proportions, the Range Rover Velar embodies sophisticated elegance with a dramatic presence, which makes it that much more intriguing and desirable to our discerning clients." The Range Rover Velar features a new front grille, alongside the introduction of new Pixel LED Headlights with jewel-like effect Signature Daytime Running Lights. At the rear, the powerful overhang provides balance and highlights the Range Rover Velar's imposing length. The Range Rover Velar is available in two new leather colourways – Caraway and Deep Garnet. These are complemented by a curated choice of details, including new Moonlight Chrome on the steering wheel, centre console surrounds and air vents. Tactile Shadow Grey Ash wood veneer trim finishers underline its elegance. Two new colour options join the exterior palette: Metallic Varesine Blue and Premium Metallic Zafar Grey. New Range Rover Velar is the first to feature the next-generation Pivi Pro infotainment, which incorporates controls for all key vehicle functions within the new 28.95 cm (11.4) curved glass touchscreen.

MSDE Organizes "Chintan Shivir"



CHANDIGARH: To foster the growth of entrepreneurship in India, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has today conducted "Chintan Shivir", aimed at bringing together various stakeholders, including central ministries, state governments, organizations, institutions, financial institutions, and entrepreneurs, to collaborate and create a unified approach towards promoting entrepreneurship. Shedding light on the workshop, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said, "India proudly boasts the world's third largest startup ecosystem, a testament to the boundless innovation and creativity of our young minds.

With the unwavering support of government initiatives like Digital India and Startup India, our youth is empowered to transcend the role of job seekers and embrace the path of job creators. To amplify the impact of entrepreneurship at the grassroots level, we must focus on skill development, technology adoption, digitalization, institutional lending, capacity development, and branding."He added, "With these break-out sessions, we can facilitate peer learning, knowledge sharing, and collaboration, thereby enhancing their collective capacity. I urge everyone to join hands for empowering our nano-entrepreneurs, encourage innovation, and create an ecosystem that fosters growth, job creation, and inclusive prosperity."

89% of urban teens vulnerable to new marketing strategies of addictive substances industry: survey

Chandigarh, July 18: A staggering 89% of children between the ages of 14 to 17 in grades 9 to 12 are unaware of the harmful effects associated with 'vaping' and similar electronic devices, revealed a survey by Think Change Forum (TCF). A total of 1007 respondents participated in the survey across schools in Delhi, Gurugram, Noida, Mumbai, Pune and Bengaluru. The survey highlights a shocking gap in awareness among our most vulnerable members, our children, regarding the ill effects of addictive products like vaping that are driven by new technology. It must be noted that a new class of high-tech vaping gadgets and similar electronic devices are being aggressively marketed by the addictive substances industry by positioning them as less harmful than conventional smoking products to attract adolescents and youth to expand their markets. These devices are acting as a gateway for our unsuspecting children to be inducted into the world of addiction. It is alarming that an overwhelming majority of 96% of the children surveyed were not aware that vaping and similar electronic devices are banned in India. Among those who were not aware of the harmful effects of vaping, 52% perceived vaping as "completely harmless" and viewed it as a cool and fashionable activity. Another 37% considered it "moderately harmful" but lacked understanding about the nature of the harm. Only 11% of the children correctly identified vaping and other electronic devices as harmful.

Sharn's Heartbreaking New Single "We Alone" Touches Souls

Chandigarh: Rising artist Sharn, renowned for his chart-topping hit "Mi Amor," has teamed up with VYRL Punjabi to release his latest track, "We Alone." This powerful song delves deep into the aftermath of heartbreak, resonating with listeners who seek solace and understanding during challenging times. With his unique sound and soulful voice, Sharn has captivated global audiences, earning a reputation for creating original music that reflects his own life experiences. Through his music, Sharn shares messages of love, peace, and freedom of self-expression, taking listeners on a journey into his mind and soul. "We Alone" is a heartfelt and poignant track, showcasing Sharn's raw and genuine vocals as he delivers the song's heartfelt lyrics. This emotional masterpiece explores universal themes of love, loss, and the bittersweet nature of life, delving into the delicate dynamics of trust and vulnerability within relationships. It is a powerful and moving piece of music that will deeply touch the hearts of listeners. Reflecting on his dedication to his craft, Sharn expresses, "Music is my passion, and I always strive to deliver my best to my listeners with each track. I am incredibly blessed that my listeners made 'Mi Amor' a sensation! Now, I am excited to present a song with a different vibe.



Innovation meets Tradition: AP Dhillon's new song Sleepless will have you dancing in your sleep

Sleepless' by AP Dhillon is a Dance record written and composed by AP Dhillon and Shinda Kahlon. AP Dhillon delivers another catchy record that matches the aura of some of his biggest romantic hits while experimenting with a totally different genre. This record has a smooth upbeat tempo contrasted with lyrics that describe deep emotional pain one feels because of their unrequited love for another. The title 'Sleepless' is derived from the hook as AP repeatedly mentions the effect that his feelings are having on his ability to sleep at night as he is being consumed by the struggle of not being able to connect with his love interest. The vibe of the beat creates an immersive feeling that listeners of any language cannot help but feel the need to dance along with. All in all, 'Sleepless' can be enjoyed by anyone, anywhere, from on the dance floor at a party or by someone listening in private to relate to the emotions that AP is singing about. AP Quote - "I am excited about my latest song 'Sleepless' as it takes me out of my comfort zone to give my fans a sound that is different than what they are probably used to. I hope they like it as much as I do, it is personally one of my favourite songs to date."



NEWS AT A GLANCE

MLA assures shopkeepers, businessmen to compensate their losses due to floods



RADHESHYAM SHARMA MORINDA: Many shopkeepers of the city had suffered huge losses due to the floods situation created after heavy rains in the city in the past few days. In this regards, a meeting was organized by all the shopkeepers and businessmen of the city in the Hindu Dharamshala of the city, in which Dr. Charanjit Singh, the MLA from Sri Chamkaur Sahib and the city council officer Rajesh Kumar Sood specially arrived. All the traders and shopkeepers who reached the meeting provided complete information to MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh about the damage caused by the flood. MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh said that all the shopkeepers, traders and anyone who has suffered any loss due to floods should write an application to the executive officer of the city council. He assured that he would convey their grievances to the government and hoped that the government would definitely do something for them. At this time Jitendra Gumber, Bajir Chand Sharma, Bachan Lal Verma, Harsh Kohli, Kewal Kishan, Manjit Bhatia, Rahul Sharma, Karm Singh, Jassa Singh, Manjit Singh, Bhatti, Neeraj, Shyamal Sood many shopkeepers were present.

'Hariyali Day' celebrated at RKS School Moga



SANJEEV KUMAR ARORA MOGA: 'Hariyali Day' was celebrated at RKS School in the morning prayer meeting on Monday under Mission Hariyali-2023 being run by Apna Punjab Foundation, Punjab and Federation of Private Schools and Associations of Punjab under its President Dr. Jagjit Singh Dhuri. On this occasion, Divya and Harshita, students of class 8 inspired everyone for environmental protection by presenting the song 'Clean the environment, save water together'. Presenting her views on this occasion, student Divya said that nature was very beautiful and it needed to be protected. When we take care of nature, we get everything that we need from it, says she. She said that excessive pollution and misuse of resources were also causing huge damage to the environment. So we should protect the environment by making every possible effort. During this campaign, school teachers and children planted innumerable saplings in and around their homes.

Residents of Arya College Road and Shanti Nagar drinking dirty water due to non-action by NHA officials

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR: Residents of Arya College Road and Shanti Nagar in Kharar are forced to drink dirty water due to non-action by the National Highway Authority officials, which



may also spread some serious diseases. A complaint has been sent to the Prime Minister of the country by Arun Kumar, a businessman from here. He has written that there is no arrangement for water drainage on Arya College Road as pipes have to be laid by crossing National Highway No. 205A. In this regard, Executive Officer of Kharar Municipal Council had written a letter to the Project Director of NHAI Panchkula and said that the council does not have expert persons to lay pipes across the road, so this work which is very important should be done by the authority on its own. It should be carried out and the Municipal Council is ready to pay its expenses.

Govt should compensate for losses of industries hit by flood: SDIC



SUMER GARG SUNAM: Sangrur District Industrial Chamber(SDIC)'s Chairman, Dr. AR Sharma; President, Sanjeev Chopra Kitten and Vice Chairman Ghanshyam Kansal in occasion a joint statement have urged the government that it should compensate the loss caused to the industries due to floods. While talking to reporters here yesterday, the representatives of the SDIC said that industries in Moonak, Khanauri and Lehragaga areas have also suffered heavy losses due to floods in district Sangrur. The government, after assessing the losses of industrialists, should make an appropriate compensation. Chairman, Dr AR Sharma and Vice Chairman, Ghanshyam Kansal said that in this hour of crisis, SDIC is standing like a rock with the government and the flood victims. SDIC, Block President of Khanauri, Ram Niwas; President of Moonak, Bhim Sen Garg; President of Lehragaga, Bharat Bhushan Garg and President of Patra, Sanjay Garg along with their team have started providing help to the flood victims of the areas.

Hry CM announces Rs. 8 lakh for the family who lost members after they consumed vermicelli

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 18

Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal while expressing grief over the death of four members of a family after consuming vermicelli in Ranika village of Nuh district announced a financial assistance of Rs. 8 lakh for the family.

The government is standing with the family in this hour of grief. Other members of this family are currently undergoing treatment in the hospital, said Sh. Manohar Lal while addressing the gathering at state level inauguration and foundation stone laying programme held at Ferozpur Jhirka in Nuh district today.

The Chief Minister said that the previous governments used to limit the development up to their respective districts only, while after Bharatiya Janata Party's government was formed, any developmental projects starts from the Mewat region.

He said that the present state has reduced the distance of Chandigarh for this area with the



resolve of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas. A network of roads is being laid in the entire state. The picture of this area is changing after the construction of the Delhi-Mumbai Highway. In the coming time, this area will become a new centre of investment. The country is scaling new heights of development under the leadership of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi asserted Sh. Manohar Lal.

The Chief Minister said that the previous governments continued to do politics considering Nuh district as a vote bank. These people are so hungry

for power that by telling lies to the common man, they tried to create a gap between the government and the public.

He said that education and health are the basic requirements for any society to move forward and a lot of work has been done in both these areas for Mewat. He said that it is the endeavour of the government that children studying in madrasas should also get mainstream education.

The Chief Minister said that the government has made life easier for the people by taking numerous IT initiatives. He said

People should take maximum benefit of health facilities provided by Health Department: Dr. Devinderjit Kaur

GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL

KHAMANO: Ophthalmologist Dr. Jaspreet Singh Bedi and his team at the district hospital under the guidance of Dr. Balkar Singh, Senior Medical Officer and Civil Surgeon Dr. Davinderjit Kaur provided free lenses by performing 12 white cataract operations to needy patients. Civil surgeon Dr. Devinderjit Kaur went to the surgery ward to inquire about the condition of these patients and also gave necessary medicines free of cost. On this occasion, she appealed to the general public that obstetricians, women, bone, paediatricians, medicine specialists and ophthalmologists were available in the district hospital, so they should take care of the health facilities provided by the health department. Mass Media Officers Baljinder Singh and Jaswinder Kaur were also present on the occasion.



OP Chautala visits flood affected villages, meets scribes at Khera farm



SANJAY VERMA PEHOWA, JULY 18

Former Chief Minister Omprakash Chautala visited the flood affected villages-Bibipur, Chahalhedi, Surmi, Lukhi, Bachki, Takoran, Sarsa and met the affected people. During this, while talking to reporters at the residence of District President Buta Singh Lukhi at Khaira Farm, he said that the devastation caused by the flood could have been reduced if the government woke up to the situation on time. But due to the inefficiency of the government, the people were forced to bear heavy losses. He said that the irrigation department neither got the Saraswati river cleaned nor put a single piece of soil on the

track. The former chief minister said that if Markanda had been dug from inside the Bibipur lake and drained and the tracks of the Saraswati river had been strengthened by digging, the condition would not have been so bad.

Chautala said that this lake was handed over to the farmers in the year 2001 on the demand of the farmers during his chief ministership. This was the land owned by the farmers. But now the farmers have to pay for the mistake of the government and the officials. The former chief minister accused the BJP government that it was an anti-farmer government. It has nothing to do with the interests of farmers. He said thatRs? 50000 per acre compensation should be given to the farmers by the government.

Cong workers meeting held



PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA: A meeting of Congress workers was held today at Sadhaura Rest House, where chief guest was Iqbal Khan Musimbal Congress Seva Dal District Yamuna Nagar President. Rekha Kashyap Sadhaura Congress Seva Dal in-charge Uttarakhand were present. State General Secretary Sukhwinder Kashyap, District Vice President Ankit Agarwal, District General Secretary Sudhir Bhalla, Chhachhrauli Block President Irfan Ali, Retired Employees Union President Dilawar Hussain, former also EO Akhtar Ali, Sandeep Jain, Saksham Sahni, Jangi Chopra Amit Sahni, Including many Congress workers of Sadhaura were also present. Sandeep Jain, Avtar Singh, Manish Chauhan, Shashi Kumar left BJP and joined Congress under the chairmanship of District President Iqbal Khan were present. While conducting the stage, District General Secretary Sudhir Bhalla welcomed all the colleagues who participated today.

Nilokheri govt schools to be developed with grant of Rs 4.78 cr



DARSHAN SHARMA

NILOKHERI: MLA from Nilokheri and Chairman, Haryana Forest Development Corporation, Dharampal Gondar said that the Haryana government will rejuvenate 35 government schools under Nilokheri assembly and basic facilities will be provided in these schools. The MLA said that a grant of Rs 4 crore 78 lakh has been approved through the School Education Project Council, under which government schools in 22 villages will be renovated. The MLA said that there is a lack of basic facilities in government schools in poor families and rural areas, therefore the Haryana government is paying special attention to the schools. The MLA said that Nising town, Village Gondar, Village Bras, Nilokhedhi town, Village Padhana, Village Sambhi, Village Jamba, Village Koir, Village Majra Rodan, Tarawadi Model School, Nadana, Beed Badalwa, Saunkda, Mohdi, Sawat, Koir, Village More than 35 different types of construction works will be completed in government schools of Samanabahu, village Bhainikhurd, village Nigdu, village Sawat.

Flood victims, farmers, residents should get compensation soon: Satpal Sharma

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JULY 18

Expressing concern over the floods in Kurukshetra, Congress leader Satpal Sharma said that for the past 12 days state was experienced floods and the water was not receding from the fields and streets of the city. Streets of many colonies inside the Thanesar city were filled with water and many villages around the city were still submerged in water. Stench spread all around due to which there was a fear of spreading of water borne diseases. Sharma demanded that medical teams should be sent to the flood affected area and sprayed areas. So that people could be saved from diseases. Due to flood water entering the streets of the city, many houses have under water and cracks have developed in these houses. The furniture of almost all the



houses has been destroyed the flood water. All of them should also get proper compensation. Sharma told that even today thousands of acres of land were under water. The paddy which was planted in their fields 20 days ago was submerged in the

water and now there was no time left to plant paddy again. In such a situation, the farmers have suffered double loss. The government should get the survey done as soon as possible and give proper compensation to the farmers so that the farmer could avoid the burden of debt because the farmer has to spend twice as much in transplanting paddy. It was estimated that due to the flood, the farmer has suffered a loss of about Rs 30,000 per acre. This compensation should be deposited in the accounts of farmers and flood affected people as soon as possible.

Ration kit distributed to six families



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Sevadars of Dera Sacha Sauda's Shah Satnam Ji Green's Welfare Force wing helped six families who were affected by the flood water for the last 12 days by distributing relief material kits to them in this hour of crisis. Premi Sevak Dharmendra Singh, Pankaj Kumar, Kundanlal, Jaspal Singh Rana, Jaswant Singh, Hariram, Kashmir, Dharampal, Jilesingh Radaur, Avon, Suresh Kumar, Mamchand, Sunderlal etc. of block Radaur said that they had received information that in Bapa and Purnagad village some of the families were living in plots away from the village. The flood water caused by the rains of the past days accumulated around these plots. At the same time, due to water entering the houses, their household items have been damaged.

Civil surgeon Dr Gopal Goyal visits branches of health dept and reviews working

PAWAN DAHOLA

JIND: Civil Surgeon Dr. Gopal Goyal inspected TB Hospital, Birth and Death Registration Branch, District Training Center, Family Planning Office on Tuesday. Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr. Pale Ram Kataria, Dr. Ramesh Panchal, Dr. Sandeep Lohan, Dr. Anil Kaushik, Dr. Shyam Sundar were present on this occasion. The civil surgeon instructed the in-charge of all the departments to maintain their respective departments well. He said that they should take special care of cleanliness in your department. All officers and employees should ensure to mark their regular biometric attendance. Make sure to enter the information about going on the field visit in the movement register. Posters, boards, flakes should be displayed clearly in the campus so that it was easy for the general public to read and understand the available facilities or information. He also instructed to Keep regular cleaning of bathrooms for public convenience. Do not park any vehicle on the premises. Plant saplings in the empty space and all the branches should take action to dispose of all the condom items. He also advised the officials to behave properly with the common man.



people under the name of 'Religious Faith'. People will be made aware of the superstitions/superstitions being spread in the name of 'religious faith' and thousands of pamphlets will also be distributed to adopt a scientific point of view. The state committee leaders said that Rajesh Aklia, Joginder Kullewal, and Jaswant Mohali said that the uniform civil code being brought by the Modi government under the communal agenda of Hindu Rashtra is a big conspiracy to destroy democracy and secularism from the beginning.

Nine development projects of Rs 128 cr dedicated in Karnal

DR ASHOK KUMAR

KARNAL: Karnal Lok Sabha MP Sanjay Bhatia said that public representatives and officials should insist on such development works which would benefit the district and the city at a far-reaching level. He said that development works should be done with the thought of how the future generations would benefit from their development works. The MP was speaking at the inauguration and foundation stone laying program of nine development projects prepared at a cost of Rs 123 crore in Karnal district on Tuesday at Karnal Small Secretariat, Auditorium. He said that all public representatives should identify those development works which have not been done yet. Along with this, work should be done to increase the speed of the development works on which work was going on. He said that Chief Minister Manohar Lal was gifting continuous development projects not only to Karnal but to the entire state. Even today Karnal district has got the gift of nine projects. Consideration is being given to start canal based water supply in cities and towns MP Bhatia Sanjay Bhatia said that canal-based supply of drinking water was being considered in cities and towns. He said that the ground water level was continuously depleting and in some places the ground water has also been contaminated in such places canal based water supply was being considered in the cities and towns where canals existed.



No water logging now in Azad Nagar after underground pipeline

RAJNI SONI

YAMUNANAGAR: The problem of water logging in Azad Nagar of Ward No. 10 of Municipal Corporation will no longer exist. The work of laying underground pipeline is being done at a cost of 62 lakhs in street number three to five of Azad Nagar. Mayor Madan Chauhan on Tuesday reviewed the work under construction of pipes being laid in street number five. Mayor Madan Chauhan instructed the concerned contractor to do the work of laying the pipeline properly. At the same time, warned that if there is any negligence in this work, then its payment will be stopped. During the inspection, Mayor Madan Chauhan instructed the concerned officials to do the construction work in a better way. The construction work should be completed as soon as possible. So that thousands of people in the area can benefit from it. Mayor Chouhan said that development works worth crores of rupees are being done in the Municipal Corporation area. Development works worth more than 11.5 crore will be done in Ward 10. About five crore development works have been done. About two crore works are under construction. Tender calls have been made for works worth about 2.5 crores. About 1.25 crore works are yet to be allotted.



115 nurseries coming up in govt schools of district Barnala: Meet Hayer

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: In order to conserve the underground water table as well as increase green cover of district, 115 nurseries are coming up in district Barnala wherein students and teachers will be stakeholders in green governance. Minister for Environment, Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer said that multi pronged approach has been adopted to increase the green cover. Under the first phase, 115 government senior secondary, high and middle schools will develop nurseries. The schools have been distributed seeds and they are now busy growing saplings. Work has begun in more than 50 schools and the rest of schools shall also be covered soon. The saplings grown at these nurseries will adorn villages and cities alike. Deputy Commissioner Barnala Punamdeep Kaur added that not only will the nurseries fulfill need of plants but will also involve students in this thereby making them responsible towards environment. She said that last year nurseries were established at Government Primary School Surjitpura, Government Senior Secondary School Bakhtgarh etc on trial basis.



GLAMOUR

Deepika Padukone's
intriguing first look from
'Project K' unveiled

Finally, the wait is over. Makers of the upcoming sci-fi 'Project K' on Monday unveiled the long-awaited official first look of Deepika Padukone. Taking to Twitter, Vyjayanthi Movies treated fans with the first look of Deepika and captioned it, "A hope comes to light, for a better tomorrow. This is @DeepikaPadukone from #ProjectK. First Glimpse on July 20 (USA) & July 21 (INDIA). To know #WhatIsProjectK stay tuned and subscribe: <http://bit.ly/VyjayanthiMovies...>" <https://twitter.com/VyjayanthiFilms/status/1680984228769722368>? Deepika Padukone's official first look has left fans intrigued. In the sepia-toned visual, she exudes an intense avatar, leaving viewers eager to unravel the mysteries that lie within the film's narrative. 'Project K' is billed as a dystopian science fiction film about a futuristic reimagining of the Hindu God Vishnu. Nag Ashwin, the director of the National Award-winning film Mahanati, is directing Project K. The film will be released in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam, with a budget of several hundred crores. Set to make its grand debut in the iconic H Hall at San Diego Comic-Con, 'Project K' boasts an ensemble cast of some of the biggest stars in the industry, including Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, and Disha Patani. This multilingual film has captivated audiences worldwide with its promise of a groundbreaking cinematic experience.

Amitabh gets
nostalgic about
good old days

Diana Penty enjoys auto-rickshaw ride

After impressing her fans with her fashion choices at Paris Haute Couture Week, 'Cocktail' star Diana Penty is catching the attention of netizens with her new post on Instagram handle. She shared a picture of her enjoying an auto-rickshaw ride. She was spotted seating inside the auto wearing a sleeveless top and denim pants. She completed the look with strappy black flats. She wrote in the caption, "Boombastic side eye. Look for it."

Fans reacted to her post and complimented her by dropping heart emojis. One of the fans wrote, "Nice"

Another mentioned, "I like you from Cocktail time"

Meanwhile, on the work front, Diana was seen in Shahid Kapoor-starrer 'Bloody Daddy' and



Diana took to her Instagram handle to share about her film, "And it's a WRAP. On what has been an incredibly special journey for me. Before we began shooting #Section84, I was beyond excited to be working with @amitabhbachchan for the first time, but also so damn nervous!! But now that we've been through a film together I can safely say, it has been one of the most enriching experiences of my career. As an actor, I finally know what it means to 'BE' in a scene. Mr. Bachchan allows you to do that, and gives you space to do so much more. Watching and observing him is like witnessing a masterclass."

she will be next seen in 'Section 84' also starring megastar Amitabh Bachchan, Nimrat Kaur and Abhishek Banerjee in the lead roles.



Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan shared a throwback picture of himself, reminiscing about the old good days. Taking to Instagram, on Tuesday, Big B posted the picture and wrote in the caption, "Achhe din the yaar!!" The actor can be seen dressed in a white shirt and black leather jacket that he paired with denim pants. He accessorized his look with long brown boots and black sunglasses. He looked dapper with a camera in his hand. Fans flooded Amitabh's comment section with heart and fire emojis. "Well you are still young," one of the users wrote. Another fan commented, "Ever-green handsome." "A King is always A King," a social media user wrote. Meanwhile, on the work front, Big B was last seen in the family entertainer film

'Uunchai' along with Anupam Kher, Parineeti Chopra and Boman Irani. Helmed by Sooraj Barjatya, the film got a positive response from the audience. He will next be seen in Nag Ashwin's directed 'Project K' alongside Deepika Padukone and Prabhas. Recently, Bachchan took to Twitter and wrote, "I am honoured and have had the great privilege of being a part of this great enterprise in Telugu Cinema, 'Project K' and to have had the huge honour of being in the same frame of the Idol, Prabhas." He added, "Thank you all .. and Nagi Sir, for thinking of me. The humility, the respect and the concern Prabhas has given me have been so so touching & emotional. Not for me, but for all those involved in 'Project K', may your hard work touch new horizons .. love and prayers." <https://twitter.com/SrBachchan/status/1677206073789534208>.

Taapsee Pannu gives new update
about Shah Rukh Khan's 'Dunki'

Actor Taapsee Pannu, on Monday, talked about her upcoming film 'Dunki'. The 'Badla' actor conducted an 'Ask me anything' session on Instagram during which he answered several fans' questions. One of the user, asked Pannu about an update of 'Dunki', in reply she shared a video in which she said, "I just know that I have to shoot for few days, and for more details I think you should ask Rajkumar Hirani, the director of the film. I think only he knows what exactly is happening and when the first look will come out and whatever. I am just

like going there shooting and coming back and I am just happy that I am a part of that film." Helmed by Rajkumar Hirani, the film stars Shah Rukh Khan and Taapsee Pannu in the lead roles. The official release date of the film is still awaited. 'Dunki' marks the first collaboration of the 'Chak De India' actor with director Hirani and Taapsee. Actor Vicky Kaushal is also an important part of the movie. Apart from this, Taapsee will also be seen in 'Phir Aayi Haseen Dillrubu' opposite actor Vikrant Massey and Sunny Kaushal.

