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## Safe corridor deadline ends in Gaza, Israeli forces await signal

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, OCT 15

The three-hour deadline set by the Israeli military for a safe corridor in northern Gaza to allow residents to go to the "safer" southern part of the seaside territory ended at 3.30 pm. The Israeli forces are now waiting for the political leadership to take a call on the all-out ground offensive, though the forces have been conducting localised raids on Gaza strip.

In a post on X, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) earlier said they will not launch any operation on this corridor from 10 am to 1 pm.

"Residents of Gaza City and northern Gaza, in the past days, we've urged you to relocate to the southern area for your safety. We want to inform you that the IDF will not carry out any operations along this route from 10 pm to 1 pm," the Israeli military said.

"During this window, please take the

opportunity to move southward from northern Gaza," it said. The IDF said the safety of Gaza residents and that of their families matters. "Please follow our instructions and head southward. Be assured, Hamas lead-



ers have already ensured their safety and that of their families," it said. Earlier today, the Israeli military has released photos that claim to show the Hamas group stopping people from going to southern Gaza. The Hamas group has been accused of using human shields.

### Top five commanders of Hamas killed in airstrike

**NEW DELHI:** A top Hamas commander, responsible for the Kibbutz Nirim massacre in Israel, was killed in an Israeli airstrike today, the Israel Air Force (IAF) said in a statement. Four more commanders were reportedly killed in attacks. Israeli intelligence pinned Billal Al Kedra's location in Khan Yunis, a city in the south of Gaza Strip. Al Kedra was a commander of the Nukhba force, a naval commando unit under Hamas' special forces unit of the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades. The IAF said in its statement that other Hamas and Islamic Jihad terror operatives were also killed in the strike. The Israeli forces carried out airstrikes on over 100 military targets in Zaytun, Khan Yunis, and west Jabaliya.

## Lord Ram's grand temple in Kharar initiated

BUREAU  
KHARAR, OCT 15

In a ceremony full of religious fervour, the construction work of a grand temple was started with a foundation stone being laid and developmental works initiated.

The temple is being made at the Historic Maharaja Aji Sarovar, said to be built by grand father of Lord Ram. The sacred place would have the entire Raghuvansh depicted in its premises. The temple shall draw its inspiration from architecture of Ayodhya.

Today's event commenced with the performance of the first puja and havan. Mr. Suraj Kumar Bansal, Chairman of Saraswati Group of Companies and a prominent resident of Kharar, graced the occasion as the chief guest, accompanied by his family. Notable political leaders from Kharar also joined the event at Shri Ram Bhawan.

The proceedings were started with singing of a Bhajan by Saisa Gupta, winner of Super Star Singer. The residents of Kharar displayed tremendous enthusiasm on this momentous occasion, with a substantial turnout of both political leaders and city residents.

An uninterrupted community meal (Atut Langar) was organized, and the night was illuminated with fireworks



ranjit Singh Channi, AAP spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang, Jodha Singh Mann, BJP District Mohali President Sanjeev Vashisht, former Member of Lok Sabha Prem Singh Chandumajra, Shiromani Akali Party's constituency in-charge Ranjit Singh Gill, BSP Mohali district president Harbhajan Singh Bajheri, former minister

and flowers.

The organizing committee officials announced that the temple's construction will commence promptly, and in the forthcoming years, this grand temple will stand as a testament to their dedication.

Distinguished attendees included former Chief Minister of Punjab Cha-

Jagmohan Singh Kang, former OSD Lakhwinder Kaur Garcha, Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Honorable Justice Pankaj Jain, Additional solicitor General of India Satya Pal Jain, Lalit Jain IAS, as well as city officials and representatives from various political, social, and business organizations.

### HP CM pays obeisance at Tara Devi Temple on Shardiya Navratri

**SHIMLA:** Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, along with his wife Smt. Kamlesh Thakur today paid obeisance at Tara Devi Temple in Shimla on the occasion of Shardiya Navratri and prayed for the well-being and prosperity of the state and its people. He also visited the temple complex and gave necessary directions for its further improvement. The Chief Minister announced Rs. 50 Lakh for widening and improving the Tara Devi road and said that more basic amenities and infrastructure will be developed here to facilitate the pilgrims at large.

### Kejriwal meets AAP heads of Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday met the party heads of Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh and discussed prospects and preparedness of AAP organisation in these states. The party in charge of North Eastern States Rajesh Sharma expressed his happiness after meeting the AAP Convener Kejriwal and said that they had a detailed discussion about the party organisation and upcoming Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabha elections in the northeastern states.

### 3.1 magnitude earthquake strikes NCR

**NEW DELHI:** An earthquake of magnitude 3.1 struck Faridabad in Haryana at 4.08 pm on Sunday, the National Centre for Seismology said. It said the epicentre for the quake was nine kilometres east of Faridabad and 30 kilometres southeast of Delhi. The quake triggered panic among people, with many in Delhi and the National Capital Region reporting vigorous shaking of furniture.

## CM performs bhoomi poojan of Ambala's domestic airport

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

**AMBALA:** In celebration of the commencement of Navratri, the residents of Ambala received a momentous gift as Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal did bhoomi poojan and then laid the foundation stone of Ambala's first domestic airport. Later speaking during the event, the Chief Minister said that the establishment of this airport would not only attract increased investments but also foster industrial growth in the region, leading to the creation of numerous job opportunities. Deputy Chief Minister, Sh. Dushyant Chautala, Home and Health Minister, Sh. Anil Vij and Member of Parliament, Sh. Kartikey Sharma also accompanied the Chief Minister during the bhoomi puja and foundation laying ceremony. The Chief Minister unveiled plans for a terminal to be constructed on a 20-acre site, with an estimated cost of approximately Rs. 20.50 crore. He highlighted the expeditious progress expected, as the runway and essential infrastructure are already in place.



Sh. Manohar Lal further highlighted the significance of having a civil airport in Ambala, emphasizing the benefits it would bring to the region. He also discussed the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme initiated by Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, which aims to make air travel accessible to all.

## CM Mann slams opposition for running away from scheduled debate of Nov 1

SHASHI PAL JAIN

**CHANDIGARH:** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday slammed the leaders of opposition for running away from the scheduled debate on November 1 out of the fear of being exposed for their misdeeds. The Chief Minister said that as the leaders belonging to opposition have been hand in glove with those who have ruined the state so they are running away from debate on November 1. He said that the hands and souls of these leaders are drenched with blood of state as they have betrayed Punjab and its people. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that people of the state can never forgive these leaders for their sins against Punjab. The Chief Minister said that the debate will be centred around who and how Punjab has been looted till now, nepotism (bhai-bhatija, saala-jeeja), favouritism, toll plazas, youth, agriculture, trade-shopkeepers, Gurbani, robbing of river waters and others. He said that these leaders have deceived Punjab on all these issues for which they are answerable to the people of state.



## 12 killed in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar road accident

**CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR:** In yet another gruesome accident on Maharashtra's high-speed Samruddhi Expressway, 12 devotees of Sailani Baba were killed and 18 others injured when a tempo carrying them hit a stationary truck in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district, official sources said on Sunday.

The accident happened near the Jambargon toll booth in Vajapur taluka, about 80 kms from this city, late Saturday night. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has announced Rs five lakh assistance for the nearest kin of the deceased and ordered a probe.

According to the reports reaching here, all the deceased including six women and a four-month-old child, perished on the spot. The injured have been admitted to the Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. The



devotees, going for a glimpse of Sailani Baba, were residents of Pathardi and Indiranagar in Nashik district. The rescue operation has been underway since late Saturday night. Expressing condolence over the tragedy, Shinde announced financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh for the nearest kin of each of the deceased and directed the administration to provide proper treatment to the injured at government's expense.



**BHAGWANT SINGH MANN**  
Chief Minister, Punjab

*greet people of State on the occasion of*

**353<sup>RD</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY**

*of*

**THE LEGENDARY WARRIOR**  
**BABA BANDA SINGH BAHADUR JI**

*Founder of first Sikh Raj, who abolished zamindari system by conferring ownership rights on the tillers of land*

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab



**Bhagwant Singh Mann**  
Chief Minister, Punjab







Only by being aware can one avoid cyber criminals: Pawan Kumar



**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:** Addressing the tourists, Sub Inspector of Tourist Police Outpost Pawan Kumar said that cyber criminals are adopting new methods of committing crimes. Only through public awareness can one avoid falling into the clutches of cyber criminals. He said that do not give information related to your bank account to anyone, always keep changing the ATM PIN and do not keep such a PIN which can be easily guessed. Do not fall prey to any kind of offer or greed. Do not open any link. Bank employees never call and ask for bank details. If you get any kind of call and the person in front of you, pretending to be a bank employee, asks you for any information about your personal information, OTP or KYC, then avoid giving any information to that person. Despite this, if you become a victim of cyber crime, immediately call the cyber crime helpline number 1930 issued by the Government of India. Also told that in cases of cyber fraud, you can lodge your complaint in the nearest police station/post. If you complain immediately in 1930, your money can be returned safely.

Nirala Charitable Trust holds blood donation camp

**PREETI RANI SADHAURA:** A blood donation camp was organised by Nirala Charitable Trust at Sadhaura Eidgah in which a team of doctors from City Charitable Blood Bank Yamunanagar reached.A large number of people donated blood in this blood donation camp. About 52 units of blood were collected. Mainly dignitaries like Aam Aadmi Party leader Rajesh Gora, Congress Party leader Anil Sandhu Monty, Sohanlal etc. reached this camp. Nirala Charitable Trust team member Parvez Akhtar said that their objective of organising this blood donation camp is social welfare and especially while giving a message to the youth, he said that our youth should actively participate in such social works. Ashraf Khan, a member of Nirala Charitable Trust, said that donating blood never causes weakness in the body but rather makes the body healthy. On this occasion, Mahavir Sethi, Ikran Khan Saddam Ansari, Moineddin Asari, Zulfan Nirala, Ramzan Nirala, Ikran Gadaili Majra, etc. and a large number of Nirala Charitable Trust team members were also present on the occasion.

HARYANA

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

CM announces provision of sewerage facilities in Barwala

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, fulfilled the longstanding demand of Barwala residents by announcing the availability of sewerage facilities in the village, which would address the issue of waterlogging and ensure proper water drainage. He also announced that the community center in Barwala would be named after Shaheed Rajpal Rana. These key announcements were made by the Chief Minister as he addressed the people during the Jan Samvad held at the community center in Barwala, district panchkula today. Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Sh. Gian Chand Gupta, and the Mayor, Sh. Kulbhushan Goyal also remained present on this occasion. Meanwhile, prior to this, the Chief Minister and other dignitaries also paid homage to the statue of Maharana Pratap in Barwala.



The Chief Minister stated that in the last 9 years of the present state government's tenure, significant developmental work has been undertaken at the tehsil, block, and district levels. He said that substantial funds of Rs. 25 crores have been allocated for road construction in each constituency, with road construction work already underway. Furthermore, due to heavy rainfall, the repair and construction of bridges and roads have been initiated, with work currently in progress.

The Chief Minister further asserted that in the past, lack of accurate population figures often led to estimation-based project implementation. However, the introduction of the Parivar Pehchan Patra has enabled the government to accurately determine the population of any village or town. The Chief Minister cited an example, noting that as of September 30, Barwala's population was 11,308. The government also uses this PPP system to keep track of people's birthdays and sends them congratulatory messages via SMS on their special day. Sh. Manohar Lal shared that today 33 people have birthdays and he extended his best wishes to them, presenting some of them with gifts. He highlighted that the elderly no longer need to visit government offices to receive their Old Age Pension, as it is automatically disbursed once they turn 60.

BJP Kisan Morcha to take farmer friendly policies of Hry govt

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, OCT 15

BJP Kisan Morcha will take the farmer friendly policies of Manohar government to the farmers sitting in the last row. In meeting of small group of BJP Kisan Morcha, State Media Coordinator Sunil Vats took meeting under chairmanship of District President BJP Kisan Morcha Master Narendra. It was decided in meeting that Kisan Morcha will work at 51 Kisan booths to take programs decided by state among people, main one being 'Mann Ki Baat' and also to listen to all programs organized by the state and central leadership in view of the upcoming elections. In the last nine years, the central and state governments have released all the schemes for the welfare of farmers to strengthen



the farmers. Efforts will be made to contact those who have benefited from scheme and know their experiences. State General Secretary Rajendra Sandhu also expressed his views that in upcoming elections, BJP will form the government for third time with help of farmer friends. District

President Master Narendra said that BJP is a party which runs with service, dedication, coordination and harmony. Workers always prepare for elections and in the upcoming elections too, the Manohar government will work to blossom the state by winning more seats than before.

Govt should remove ban on export of paddy: Sumita Singh

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Sumita Singh, former MLA Karnal, has demanded from the government that there should be a proper increase in the quota of sellers for smooth procurement of paddy because due to less quota, the number of people purchasing paddy in the market is very less. Due to this, neither purchases are being made smoothly nor farmers are getting fair rates. Farmers are incurring a loss of Rs



200 to 300 per quintal. Sumita Singh said that the government should issue release orders to solve the problems of farmers. So that buyers can also go to nearby markets and purchase. By getting this discount to private agencies, buyers will increase and the chances of farmers getting higher rates will increase. She also reiterated the demand for lifting the ban on export of paddy. Export duty should also be abolished so that farmers can get the benefit of high prices in the international market. She said that it is not justified for the BJP government to shirk its responsibility and hand over farmers to portals like 'Meri Fasal, Mera Byora'. Because in every procurement season these portals stop working, which increases the problems of the farmers. Despite the announcement by the government, paddy is not being purchased in the market because the government has announced the purchase of paddy but along with it many conditions have been imposed.

Youth expresses faith in BJP in Shastri Nagar



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCT 15

With the aim of strengthening organization, a program was organized in Shastri Nagar on Saturday in which Chief Minister's representative Sanjay Bathla attended as chief guest. Hundreds of youth expressed their faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party in the program organized by Ratangarh Sarpanch representative Praveen. They were welcomed by wearing BJP placards and joining the party. Chief Minister's representative Sanjay Bathla said that all-round development is taking place in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal. He said that people need work

and under the BJP rule, a lot of work is being done by implementing the policy of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas. He said that a lot of development work is being done in state without any discrimination. District Extension Officer Shashi Dureja said that today BJP has become a popular party among the people. People have full faith in BJP. Only BJP can do good for the country and the state. Ram Nagar Mandal President Rajesh Aggi said that the opposition is completely bewildered after seeing development taking place in the state. With the blessings of the people, BJP will continue to take everyone along in the future also and the Ganga of development will continue to flow.

Daughter increased prestige by becoming HCS officer, Jat community honours

**YAMUNANAGAR (RAJNI SONI):** Shweta Panjeta, daughter of Jat community of small village Mandeban in Yamunanagar district, brought glory to the village, district and society by becoming an HCS officer. Jat Mahasabha Yamunanagar, under the leadership of Jat Mahasabha President Suresh Banchal, people of Jat community honored Shweta Panjeta, who brought glory to the village and society by passing HCS, at her residence and congratulated her family. Jat Mahasabha President Suresh Banchal said that the daughter of the Jat community has brought glory to the society by passing HCS. The society is proud of the daughter. Shweta Panjeta's father Rajesh Panjeta is a government teacher. Her father told that Shweta Panjeta has passed HCS without any preparation. She prepared by staying at coaching house and passed the examination. He told that Shweta did her primary education from National Public School Camp Yamunanagar and then topped from Kurukshetra University.



We should follow path shown by Maharaja Agrasen: Sandeep Garg

**LADWA, (NARESH GARG):** Late Saturday evening, Shri Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti was celebrated with great pomp by All India Agrawal Conference Women's Wing of Ladwa at Brahma Wali Dharamshala in the city. In which social worker and leader Sandeep Garg participated as chief guest. Social worker Sandeep Garg, who reached the spot while addressing the women, said that our Agrawal community is so leading that it is always there to serve and cooperate with everyone. He said that Shri Maharaja Agrasen ji has always worked for the Agarwal community and whenever any person from the society visited his door, he used to give him one rupee and one coin and help him. He said that we all should follow the path shown by him. Earlier, when social worker and leader Sandeep Garg reached the program, he was welcomed by the women and the program was started by social worker Sandeep Garg by lighting the



lamp in front of the pictures of Mata Lakshmi ji and Maharaja Agrasen ji. During programme, cultural and colorful programs were presented by school children. Head of Women's Wing, Urmila Agarwal explained in detail about the work done by the All India

Agarwal Women's Conference Women's Wing and welcomed the guests attending the program. During the birth anniversary, senior state vice president of All India Agarwal Mahila Sammelan, Santosh Gupta, was paid tribute to him by placing flowers on his portrait and 2 minutes silence was also observed.

Various issues discussed in KAIMA meeting



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** The general body meeting of Karnal Agricultural Implement Manufacturing Association (KAIMA) was held in a hotel in Karnal. Various issues including generators were discussed in the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Pradhan Ravindra Dhal. Vice President Inderpal Singh, Ravi Beri, General Secretary Bhavuk Mehta, Executive Members Manjeet Babbar, Sumit Taluja, Rajesh Patni Raj Bajaj were present in the meeting. On this occasion, General Secretary Bhavuk Mehta gave information about the issue related to generators in NCR. He also gave information about installing the kit. On this occasion, CA Jamohan Singh, who came from Delhi, gave information about cash flow. On this occasion, the challenges faced by the agricultural equipment manufacturing industry were also discussed.

Sita Swayamvar staged on 4th day of Ramleela

**LADWA (NARESH GARG):** Sita Swayamvar was staged by Shri Ram Hanuman Ramila Committee on the fourth day of Ramila staging. It was inaugurated by famous social worker Sachin Garg and Eduscope Education Director Ankush Goyal as chief guests by performing Aarti of Lord Ram. Sachin Garg and Ankush Goyal were honored by the committee by wearing patkas and giving mementos. While addressing, Sachin Garg said that it is a great privilege for everyone to see and participate in Sita Swayamvar because by attending the marriage of God himself, all the sorrows of life go away and this work of staging Ramila is done by the committee. It is praise-worthy and commendable. While addressing, Ankush Goyal said that every step of Lord Ram teaches us something or the other, so we should carefully observe his character and the staging of his pastimes and adopt them in life. The fourth day's staging includes



Ram's rescue of Ahalya, Ram Lakshman's trip to Mithilapuri, Ram meeting Sita in King Janak's flower garden and then forcing various kings to lift their bows in the court of Swayamvar, Ravana's dispute with Banasur and Scenes of Janak's regret were shown. Lakshman's anger at Janak's regret was worth watching and after that, the audience enjoyed the scene by clapping loudly at the scene of Ram breaking Shiva's bow and marrying Sita. Scenes like Parashuram's anger after Ram's marriage, Lakshman's argument

with Parashuram and Ram breaking Parashuram's pride were really informative for the audience. Ram's character Amit Singhal, Laxman's character Rajesh Verma, Sita's character Shubham Sharma, Vishwamitra's character Shashank Singhal, Janak's character Mintu Kamboj, Ravana's character Yoginder Kamboj, Banasur's character Vishal Kamboj and Parashuram's character Ashok Garg have all done excellent work. Played with. Somi Raju and Party presented comedy to entertain the audience.

Shandilya gives True Gem Award to Anil Vij for building the airport

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, OCTOBER 15

International Head of Vishwa Hindu Takht and National President of Anti Terrorist Front India, Veeresh Shandilya today gav Home Minister Anil Vij the True Jam Award for building a domestic airport in Ambala. Dozens of officials of Vishwa Hindu Takht and Anti Terrorist Front India were present to give the award. Veeresh Shandilya presented an award made of Doshala and Airport to Anil Vij, which Anil Vij was very happy to see. Shandilya not only called Anil Vij a precious diamond of BJP, but this son of Ambala has today become the pride and pride of the entire state. Shandilya said that there is no other Home Minister like Anil Vij in Haryana and after 1966, there cannot be any Home Minister more powerful than Anil Vij. Shandilya thanked Anil Vij on behalf of Vishwa Hindu Takht and honoured him with the title of Saint. Anil Vij's role during Corona and the floods of July 2023 was that of a trouble-shooter for the public.



Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Shandilya said that today Vishwa Hindu Takht has given The True Gem Award to Anil Vij. It means that he is a true diamond of the society and if there are true diamonds like Anil Vij and people's well-wishers in the

country's politics, then there will be Ram Raj in the country, will come. Veeresh Shandilya said that both Vishwa Hindu Takht and Anti Terrorist Front India organisations are with Vij. Modi and Shah are the Sardar Patel of this country. This country needs Modi in 2024 also, hence the public should be ready for one side.

Veeresh Shandilya has demanded from the country's PM Narendra Modi that if the 2024 elections in Haryana are fought under the leadership of Home Minister Anil Vij, then BJP is certain to form the government for the third time.

He said that Haryana CM Manohar Lal, Home Minister Anil Vij is spotless but Khattar is not strict, he is considerate whereas Anil Vij has the thinking of Yogi. And only Anil Vij can end crime, destroy smuggling, hoodliganism, gang war and fear corruption in the state. On this occasion, Vishwa Hindu Takht State President Pankaj Kapoor, National Secretary Vikas Grover, Panipat District President Madan Bhardwaj, Takht Ambala in-charge Sahil Kakkar, Paras Sharma, Deepak Nataraj, High Court Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya, Mayank Narula, Gaurav Sehgal, A large number of members of Vishwa Hindu Takht including Narendra Narula, Gaurav Batra, Puneet, Shiv Ranjan, Manish Pasi, Bittu Jatt were present.

Cong organization will be formed at booth, sector, block and division level: Uma Shankar Pandey

**DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHEDI :** Congress in Haryana will soon be strengthened from booth to block and by next month all the office bearers of booth, sector, division and block will be appointed in the entire Karnal Lok Sabha. The above idea is from All India Congress Committee. Karnal Lok Sabha in-charge Dr. Uma Shankar Pandey, appointed by the Congress, expressed this while addressing a meeting organized by Congress leader Rajesh Vaidya at office. Dr. Pandey said that women, Dalits and backward classes as well as youth should be included in the Congress organization. Nilokheri assembly in-charge Satish Tonk, appointed by AICC, also addressed the meeting and called upon everyone to work hard for the party. In the meeting, in-charge Dr. Pandey explained the entire process of expansion of the organization in detail to everyone. The meeting was also addressed by former MLA Lahiri Singh, in-charge of Karnal District Congress Committee, former Block Congress President Advocate Rajesh Chaudhary, senior Congress leader Raghuvver Sandhu. Advocate Vishwanath Sharma, Advocate Sanjeev Lather, Advocate Santa Rai, Nathi Ram Singer were also addressed in the meeting.



Rameela organised in Mughalwali village

**PREETI RANI SADHAURA:** Shri Ramila has been staged in Mughalwali village of Bilaspur block for the last 40 years as per the instructions of Saraswati Ramila Club Mughalwali. In this sequence, on Friday night, Sadhaura MLA Renu Bala inaugurated Ramila by cutting the ribbon. On this occasion, Block Committee member Satpal, former Sarpanch Hirda Ram, Sandeep, Mahavir, Mohit, Master Suresh, Ranveer and Satbir Mohadi, Bittu Pandit Milk Khas, Ankit and Dinesh Kathgarh etc. were with him. While addressing, MLA Renu Bala said that every year Ramila based on the life of Shri Ram Ji is staged at various places. I wholeheartedly thank all those Ramila committees who work to give information about their past to the children of the new generation. He said that the generation which knows the ideals of Shri Ram ji will become civilised and cultured. Therefore, we get information about the life and character of Shri Ram through Ramila. Renu Bala said that we should take inspiration from the life of Shri Ram ji that how Shri Ram, following the words of his father, went into exile for fourteen years and handed over the throne to his younger brother Bharat. Renu Bala said that what devotion towards God should be like, we get to learn from Hanuman ji, the main character of Ramayana. He said that we get the message of love, brotherhood and goodwill from Ramayana. Shri Ram ji's life was ideal and dignified, we get to learn a lot from every moment of his life.

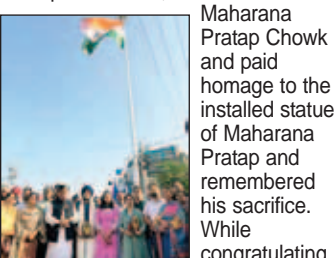




NEWS AT A GLANCE

101 feet high national flag installed in Maharana Pratap Chowk

**DALJEET AJNOHA**  
**HOSHIARPUR:** Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Shankar Jimpa installed a 101 feet high national flag at Maharana Pratap Chowk (Prabhat Chowk), Hoshiarpur on Sunday and dedicated it to the country's great son and brave warrior Maharana Pratap. First of all, he reached



Maharana Pratap Chowk and paid homage to the installed statue of Maharana Pratap and remembered his sacrifice. While congratulating everyone on Navratri, he said that this auspicious work has been done today on the first Navratri. He said that Maharana Pratap dedicated his life to the nation by not accepting the subordination of the Mughals. He said that the national flag tricolor is the pride of our nation and its glory will always remain like this. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, Mayor Surinder Kumar, Chairman Municipal Improvement Trust Harmeet Singh Aulakh, Chairman The Hoshiarpur Central Cooperative Bank Vikram Sharma, SP Navneet Kaur, SDM Preetinder Singh Bains were also present.

**Eye, medical free check-up camp organized in memory of Gyan Chand Sharma**



**CHET RAM RATTAN**  
**NAWANSHAHR:** Advocate Vishal Sharma Chairman Legal Cell Punjab, Advocate Vikram Sharma President Himachal Pradesh, Santosh Sharma Wife Rev. Gyan Chand Sharma, Senior Councilor Chet Ram Ratan Punjab President All India Human Rights Council India under leadership of Guru Ravidas The temple was established in Nawanshahr which was inaugurated by Vinod Kumar Bhardwaj Secretary Arya Samaj, President Rajan Arora, renowned social worker businessman Nawanshahr, various personalities in the camp, Keshav Jain Gurukul Academy Director, Mahendra Singh SSO, Kailash Chandra DSP, Bharatiya Angra Shiv Sena National President, Satnam Singh Sub Inspector, Pradeep Kumar Shradha President Brahmin Sabha, Advocate Vikas Sharma Dilwal President Sri Guru Ravidas Sena Punjab, Advocate Paramjit Singh Bakshi President Bar Association Nawanshahr, Nares Suri President Awaaz Charitable Trust, Contractor Tarlochan Singh Viri District President, Jatinder Kumar Bali President, Ankus Nijhawan SH Platoon Moderator, President Faith Society Parvinder Basra specially participated. Free check-up camp Ophthalmologist Dr. Deepak Kumar Pandey Navdeepak Eye Care Hospital Garhshankar, Medical camp specialist Dr. Abhishek Mishra Balan Ji Hospital Nawanshahr Dr. Abhishek Mishra's team examined VP, sugar, fever and knee pain.

**Kultar Sandhwan reaches AAP leader's house to express condolences**



**MANJEET SINGH DHALLA**  
**JAITO:** Usha Rani, wife of Sushil Kumar Sharma, urban president of Aam Aadmi Party (Business Wing), had passed away recently. Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan, MLA Amolak Singh, former working president of Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee Pawan Goyal, Truck Union President Simran Malhotra, Market Committee Chairman Dr. Laxman Singh, Block President Jaswant Singh, City President Ashok Garg, Municipal Councilor Dr. Harish Goyal, Panchayati Gausihala President Praveen Jindal, Senior AAP leader Satpal Dodd, Aggarwal Sabha President Mukesh Goyal, State President of Indian Business Board Rajiv Bittu Badal, Punjab Brahmin Sabha President Rampal Sharma, Dera Darya Giri Director Swami Srinivas, Jasmail Bargadi, Sukhjiti Romana, Parvez Sethi etc.

# Over 37000 youth get govt jobs in last 18 months

**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH, OCT 15**

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday continued to fulfill job guarantee to youth of the state by providing 37100 jobs to them in merely 18 months of tenure of his government.

Addressing the gathering during a function organized to hand over appointment letters to 304 new recruits in Home, Transport and Revenue departments, the Chief Minister at the very outset congratulated the people on the auspicious occasion of the first Navratri in the state. Welcoming the newly inducted youth, he said that it is a historic occasion as these people have formally become the members of the family of the state government. Bhagwant Singh Mann extended best wishes to them for this rare feat as they all have come into service through competitive exams.

The Chief Minister categorically said that the state government is committed to modernizing the Po-



lice on scientific lines and there was no dearth of funds for it. He said that apart from discharging its core duty of maintaining law and order, the Punjab Police has always safeguarded the interests of the country and its people. Bhagwant Mann said that in the changing scenario the challenges for the force have increased manifold due to which modernization is the need of hour to combat them effectively. The Chief Minister further said that to check

the fatality rate due to road accidents in the state on one hand and to streamline the movement of traffic on the roads of the state on the other, the state government has launched Sadak Surakhya Force. He said that the first of its kind specialized force will act as a pivotal to save several precious lives that are lost in road accidents daily in Punjab adding that this force will be entrusted with the task of checking rash driving, streamlining vehicular

**'Rohit Verma thanks party high command for appointing him as black head'**



**GURDASPUR (VERMA):** The appointments of block heads made by the Aam Aadmi Party will give a huge boost to the party and will strengthen the party from the grassroots level. When Rohit Verma, resident of Lamini, Pathankot was made the block head, he met party convener Arvind Kejriwal, Dr. Sandeep Pathak National General Secretary Organization, S. Expressing his heartfelt gratitude to Bhagwant Singh Mann, Chief Minister Punjab and Buddha Ram State Working President Punjab, he said that he will fulfill the responsibility assigned to him by the party with full honesty and devotion.

## Malerkotla farmer earns Rs 16 lakhs by selling paddy stubble



**GAURAV GOEL**  
**CHANDIGARH, OCT 15**

Gurpreet Singh Kuthala, 26 years old farmer from village Ferozepur Kuthala in Malerkotla district, has been earning well from the paddy straw, which most of the farmers considered a liability, as he didn't pull down the shade when a window of opportunity appears. He grabbed the opportunity by buying ex-situ machines a Straw Rake and a Baler provided by the Punjab Government on 50 per cent subsidy. The progressive farmer is 12th pass and cultivating a total of 40 acres of land (ten acres his own and 30 acres on lease). He had signed a contract with Sangrur RNG Bio Gas Plant, Panj-

garaan to supply 12000 quintals paddy straw bales last year and earned around Rs 16 lakh by selling the paddy straw. Now, this young farmer with the help of his friend Sukhwinder Singh has bought four new machines Balers and Rakes two each. Expressing hope to earn over Rs 1 crore this year, the young farmer said that he has inked a contract to supply 18K quintals paddy straw bales at Rs 160 per quintal and Rs 10 for transportation of per bale to Sangrur RNG Bio Gas Plant, Panjaraian in this season, besides, contracting with Pusav Beler, Mansa to provide 5000 quintals paddy straw bales in Amritsar district and 5000 quintals for local Gujjar community.

## Derabassi SDM visits fields to felicitate farmers to promote stubble management machinery

**DERABASSI, OCT 15**

Sub division administration has taken a unique initiative to encourage the farmers coming forward to protect the environment by not burning the stubble

SDM Himanshu Gupta himself is visiting the fields of such farmers and honoring them as protectors of the environment.

After visiting a field in Kheri Jattan to give a certificate of appreciation to the farmer and Sarpanch Harchand Singh, for making bales without burning the straw, SDM Himanshu Gupta said that almost 900 acres of straw bales have been made in Derabassi for the first time this year. Among these, the bales of the farm-



ers planting potatoes have been made on a priority basis so that they do not have to wait for the disposal of stubble for sowing the next crop. He said that on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Mrs Ashika Jain, special encouragement is being given to the farmers who dispose of the stubble without setting it on fire. He said that there has been a significant increase in stub-

ble management machinery in the district this time as compared to last year. Apart from this, the farmer does not face any problem in getting stubble management machinery, a control room has been set up at the district level, where the farmer can get information about the machinery available nearby him, by calling phone numbers 0172-2219505 and 2219506.

## Special event held by Senior Citizen Council Morinda



**RADHESHYAM SHARMA**  
**MORINDA, OCT 15**

A special event was organized by Senior Citizen Council Morinda at the local Khalsa Girls College to commemorate the International Day of Elderly and their contribution to the society. S. Manjit Singh Aulakh DSP (Morinda) attended this event as a special guest.

While interacting with the senior members, he said that the elderly have a lot of life experience with which they can contribute a lot by becoming an important part of the society. He said that their

cooperation is very much needed for good performance in administrative response, which we will always need. He mentioned, The police administration is also always ready to solve your social and family problems. He wished some members on their birthday and distributed greeting cards. In this event, Dr. Rohit Vashisht (MDS) gave special information about dental diseases, prevention and precautions. He said that teeth are an important part of the body and by taking some necessary precautions, teeth can be kept free from diseases for a long time.

## Awareness seminar conducted at St. Mahapragya's School

**JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR):** St. Mahapragya's School Jagraon conducted an awareness seminar on balanced diet, sound sleep and exercise under the leadership of school director Vishal Jain for the holistic development of children.

School principal Prabhjeet Kaur expressed her views saying that visualization is a better way to inculcate the education or moral values in children.



They gave knowledge through a ppt and charts to make the students aware about how, when and what to eat and also explained the necessity of sound sleep and exercise. She also added the ill effects of mobile phones, junk food and overeating.

It was an interactive session and students asked several questions. Mr. Manjit Inder admired the seminar and efforts of the teachers. Coordinator Mrs. Surinder Kaur also guided the students and motivated them to follow healthy habits to be responsible and healthy individuals.

## Subsidised Agro machinery available on web: DC

**SUMER GARG**  
**SANGRUR, OCT 15**

The district administration (DA) has made an exclusive effort to implement the mission initiated by the Punjab government to provide agricultural machinery on subsidy to the farmers of the state for 'proper management of stubble' at the ground level in district Sangrur.

While giving information about this, Deputy Commissioner(DC), Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal said that for the convenience of the farmers of district Sangrur, the agricultural machinery available to individual farmers in district Sangrur as well as the machinery available with cooperative societies, farmer producer groups, panchayats, registered farmer groups; where the District Administration Sangrur has posted lists of machineries on the



website <https://sangrur.nic.in> at the same time orders have been given to paste these lists at prominent places in the villages of all sub-divisions and to give regular information of farmers by organizing camps.

The DC while urging to the farmers said that they should actively join the campaign for the proper stubble management, which has been launched by the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann.

## MLA Jagraon Sarvjit Kaur Manuke conducts crucial meeting with officials

**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON, OCT 15**

AAP MLA from constituency Jagraon Sarvjit Kaur Manuke conducted a meeting with officials from several departments in order to discuss about development works being carried out in the city and instructed them to accomplish the works as soon as possible.

MLA Manuke instructed concerned officials to ensure proper arrangement of water, washrooms, chairs, benches and other things of basic convenience for people visiting governmental institutions. She further instructed officials to show due respect to the civilians and to solve all their grievances at preference. In her address, Manuke elaborated on development works being carried out in the area including opening of two new Sewa Kendras, im-



provement in healthcare facilities, installment of new kV grids at several areas, Lala lajpat Rai community centre building, construction of new bridge on Akhara river, reconstruction and repair of roads, traffic related issues, drainage problem in the city and several other crucial development works. She also instructed officials to ensure smooth conduct of paddy season and that farmers do not face any inconvenience. She talked about working of Aam Aadmi clinics and also instructed EO to opt for nec-

essary measures to deal with Malaria fever. "Any official becoming reason for inconvenience and taking their duty lightly shall be strictly dealt with," she mentioned. At this occasion, SDM Manjit Kaur, DSD Satwinder Singh Virk, Tehsildar Jeevan Kumar Garg, BDO Bhisham Pandey, Xen Gurpreetmahinder Singh, BDPO Baljeet Singh Bagha, AO Gurdeep Singh, MC vice president Amarjeet Singh Malwa, forest officer Ajit Singh, SDO Manjit Singh.

## DAIA appeals to maintain fertilizer distribution ratio as 60:40 between Coop. Soc, Traders



**FEROZEPUR (RAMESH KASHYAP):** Distt Agri Inputs Association (DAIA) appealed to the Punjab government to maintain the old ratio of 60:40 in distribution of fertilizer through cooperative societies and private traders. The Punjab government's notification to give 80 percent of DAP fertilizer distribution to cooperative societies and 20 percent to traders is not correct, said Surinder Singh Bariwala National Secretary All India Dealers Association. The Punjab government has issued a notification to give 80 percent of DAP fertilizer distribution to cooperative societies and 20 percent to traders for sowing wheat in Punjab. A meeting in this context was held at Ferozepur today by District Agri Inputs Union Ferozepur, which was presided over by Surinder Singh Bariwala National Secretary All India Dealer Association and Raj Kumar Rase Wat Punjab Pradhan Association. They said that the notification issued by the government to give 80 percent share of DAP fertilizer distribution to farmers through cooperative societies.

**KULWINDER BHATIA**  
**KIRATPUR SAHIB, OCT 15**

Cabinet Minister Harjot Singh Bains on Sunday launched the beautification project of Patalpuri Chowk, built on the occasion of entry into Kiratpur Sahib, the holy land of the six Gurus. This project will cost around Rs 50 lakh and will be presented to the public in the next one and a half month.

Cabinet Minister Harjot Singh Bains said while giving information about the development and beautification projects in his constituency said that a comprehensive plan has been prepared for the beautification project of Kiratpur Sahib and Patalpuri Chowk, the birthplace and Charan Sparsh Bhoomi of two Guru Sahibs. In this Chonk a 15 feet high Veena will be installed by the Tourism Depart-



ment around which beautiful lighting and medicinal plants would be planted. He said that before the 400th centenary celebrations of Kiratpur Sahib, the plan to develop Guru Nagar in four directions was being finalized. Preparations were underway to build a bus stand. The work on the treatment plant would start soon. Coordination was being done with the Railway Ministry to build a flyover instead of railway crossing underpass on Patalpuri route. Giving information about other development works apart from the

project, the Cabinet Minister said that display boards related to the history and routes of Guru Nagar Sri Anandpur Sahib and Kiratpur Sahib have also been installed, through which pilgrims and tourists will be getting information about this holy place. Harjot Singh Bains said that thousands of pilgrims and tourists come to different places of Himachal Pradesh daily through these routes, but due to lack of information about the history of these sacred religious routes, they kept coming to this land without stopping.

## Cheque of Rs 1 lakh given to panchayat of village Kalar for gym



**NAWANSHAHR (JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER):** Satnam Chechi Jalalpur, Chairman District Planning Board, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, taking a step forward towards realizing the dream of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann ji of making Rangla Punjab, a cheque of Rs 1 lakh from his discretionary quota to the Panchayat of village Kalar. While giving information to the press, Aam Aadmi Party Block President Rajinder Lohatia said that an annual program was organized today at the Guru Ghar of Kalar village and the cheque was given to the villagers there. Baba Dharamveer Singh and his group enthralled the devotees with Shabad Kirtan. At this time many villagers including former Sarpanch Chuahad Lal, Numberdar Um Prakash, Surinder Panchan, Prashotam Lal, Pal Numberdar, Joginder Pal, Bunt, Babu were present.



Miscreants steal  
Rs 27500 from a  
person's account

**DAULAT CHAUHAN**  
**JAWALI:** In Panchayat Dhan under Jawali sub-division, a case of miscreants withdrawing Rs 27500 from the account of a person by changing his ATM card has come to light. The victim has lodged a complaint in this regard at Jawali police station. Based on the complaint of the victim, the police have registered a case in connection with the incident and started investigation. In the complaint given to the police, the victim Man Singh told that he had gone to withdraw money from the ATM of PNB Bank Lab. When he was withdrawing money, two unknown persons were standing inside the ATM. Maan Singh told that those vicious people cleverly took my ATM on pretext of helping me, although I was suspicious of them for some time but I did not pay much attention to it. After that, when I went to bank to collect my pension, Rs 27500 had been withdrawn from my account. When I talked to bank people about this, they told that twice Rs 10,000 each were withdrawn from SBI ATM Harsar and Rs 7500 were swapped. Victim Maan Singh told that all this fraud was done by the same two vicious people whose footage has been captured in CCTV camera. The victim Man Singh has complained to the police and demanded strict action against those two miscreants and has requested to get the money back. Confirming the matter, police station in-charge Pritam Singh Jariyal said that he has received the complaint from Man Singh. Police have registered the case and started investigation. The CCTV footage installed inside the ATM is being scrutinized.

HIMACHAL

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HP to adopt FDR technology  
in road construction: CM

**DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, OCT 15**

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while presiding over a review meeting of the Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) with the Public Works department late Saturday evening here, said that first time in Himachal, roads would be constructed with Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) technology. The Chief Minister instructed the Public Works Department to use this technology in the roads to be constructed under the PMGSY and said that at the initial stage about 666 KM of roads in various districts would be constructed by using FDR technology. "The state government is working with commitment to provide better road facilities to the people of the state and after Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Assam,



Himachal is going to become the fourth state in the country to construct roads using FDR technology," he said.

Full Depth Reclamation is a pavement rehabilitation technique in which the full flexible pavement section and a predetermined portion of the underlying materials are uniformly pulverized and blended together to produce a

homogeneous stabilized base course. FDR uses the materials from the deteriorated asphalt pavement, and, with the addition of cement, creates a new stabilized base.

The roads constructed by using this technology become more durable and better for plying the vehicles. Besides, it's a cost effective and eco-friendly technology as well, he added.

CM greets people on occasion of Navratri

**SHIMLA:** Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Sunday extended warm greetings and best wishes to the people of the state on the occasion of 'Shardiya Navratri'. In a message to the people of the state, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said "May this holy festival bring happiness, prosperity and new enthusiasm in everyone's life and may the Goddess give strength to the people of the state to overcome the aftermath of the catastrophe that hit the state during the monsoons." "It is only with the blessings of the Goddess that we get the strength and ability to move ahead in life crossing every hurdle. Navratri has long been revered as holy festival in the Indian tradition and he wished well being and happiness to the people of the state," added CM Sukhu.

Issue certificates to  
orphans before 7th  
Nov, CM directs DCs

**DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, OCT 15**

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has directed all the Deputy Commissioners of the State to ensure the timely issuance of certificates to orphans in their respective districts by 7th November this year as part of the effective implementation of the Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashray Scheme (MMSAS). He said that this flagship program of the State Government offers comprehensive support to more than 4,000 orphans. "The State Government has enacted legislation designating orphans as 'Children of the state,' establishing a legal responsibility for the Government to act as their guardians. Benefits amounting to Rs. 4.68 Crore have already been disbursed to these deserving orphans," the Chief Minister said Under the MMSAS, an amount of Rs. 1.12 crore has been transferred to benefit 1,199 children residing in Child Care

Institutions (CCIs). This sum has been deposited into Recurring Deposit (RD) accounts, jointly operated with the District Child Protection Officer. The scheme provides Rs. 1,000 per month to children aged upto 14 years and Rs. 2,500 per month to children aged 15-18 years, funded by the state government. In addition to this, 48 beneficiaries have received financial aid for their higher education, with Rs. 15.52 lakh allocated for institutional fees and Rs. 11.52 lakh for personal expenses at Rs. 4,000 per month per person. Moreover, 17 beneficiaries pursuing vocational training have been granted Rs. 7.02 lakh for course fees and Rs. 4.08 lakh as pocket money. One individual received Rs. 17,500 for a skill development course. Furthermore, 62 CCI children pursuing vocational training courses at ITIs have been provided with Rs. 15.66 lakh for institutional fees and Rs. 14.88 lakh as pocket money.

Education brainstorming programme  
organized in Mandali school



**JOGINDER DEV ARYA**

**BANGANA:** On third day of NSS camp at Government Senior Secondary School, Mandali of sub-division Bangana area. Volunteers practiced yoga in the school premises and also created awareness about the benefits of yoga. Shiksha Manthan program was organized in intellectual session there. It was presided over by local school principal Devendra Singh Chauhan. Yograj Bhardwaj, chief guest of this Shiksha Manthan program, discussed the challenges and solutions of education. In this Shiksha Manthan program, various educationists Aseem Dhiman, KK Sharma, Rashpal, Vyas Dev, Dr. Rajkumar, Ashok Thakur, Shiv Kumar, Joginder Arya, Babita discussed and presented their ideas to take the education sector forward. In this, volunteers of National Service Scheme also participated in the Shiksha Manthan program and detailed views were presented on the challenges, importance and their solutions in the field of education to further improve the field of education. In this program, Sunil Dhiman, in-charge of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Yojana, conducted the stage.

Cong failed to run government  
in proper manner: BJP

**SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 15**

Senior BJP leaders Arun Mehra, Ranveer Nikka and Rita Dhiman said that the people of Himachal Pradesh are worried about one thing that the Congress government which was talking about providing one lakh jobs in the first cabinet, has become a party that snatches jobs. Has been. At present important figures of national unemployment have come before us, it clearly shows that the unemployment rate in Himachal Pradesh is 13.8 percent. Unemployment is continuously increasing in Himachal, but the Congress Party government is not doing anything to remove it. Congress should answer this before the public. Senior leaders of the Congress Party like Priyanka Gandhi, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri had repeatedly said clearly in their speeches that we will reduce unemployment in Himachal Pradesh. We will provide employment opportunities to the youth of Himachal



Pradesh, but this government has done nothing for them. The government appears to be on the backfoot in everything and is seen running on the support of lies. He said that Congress, which came to power merely by telling lies, is now completely exposed among the public. These figures are not fabricated, these figures have been obtained by agencies and are public. Even after this, if the leaders of the Congress party have maintained silence, then the public will continue to demand answers from them. He said that if the Congress leaders are not able to control the power, then they should hand it over to us. We have good leadership who can run and manage the government well.

Plant Pathology course will open in  
CU, Vice Chancellor on visit to Taiwan

**SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 15**

Vice Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh Central University Professor Prakash Bansal Association of Indian Universities Visited two QS ranked universities during his visit to Taiwan with a delegation of QS. During this, Sat Prakash Bansal met Prof. Fu Jehan Jan, President, National Chung Hsing University Taiwan and Professor of Plant Pathology and talked about the activities of the department. On this occasion, he said that courses in plant pathology will also be run in Central University, Dharamshala. Plant diseases have a profound impact on ecosystems. These not only have a qualitatively adverse effect on the plants but also



cause huge losses in terms of yield. It was estimated that about 14% of the total losses are caused by plant diseases alone, of which the total annual crop loss from plant diseases worldwide is about \$220 billion. In such a situation, with the development of phytopathology, tremendous success has been achieved in

protecting plants from these diseases. Our state, Himachal Pradesh is known for its rich plant biodiversity including agricultural crops, medicinal plants, forest trees and other species which remain under threat due to diseases which not only destroy these species. Rather, it challenges their control of plant pathology to introduce new methods.

MoU signed between AIU and  
Taipei University Taiwan

**DHARAMSHALA, OCT 15**

An MoU has been signed between a delegation of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) , presently on your to Taiwan, with the Taipei University according to which Indian and Taiwanese students and faculty members will have the opportunity to engage in exchange programs where they can share their knowledge and experience and can explore new educational perspectives and expand their intellectual horizons.

Vice Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh Central University, Prof. Sat Prakash Bansal who represented the Association of Indian Universities on the invitation of Mr. Mon Chi Liao, Minister of Education of Taiwan, visited Taiwan and completed a week long tour of Taiwan for educational coordination between Indian and Taiwanese universities .

This delegation included senior vice chancellors of six Indian universities including Secretary of the AIU, Dr. Pankaj Mittal.

The delegation visited different

universities and got acquainted with the education system there.

It was organized by AIU in coordination with USTM, University, Meghalaya.

Prof. SP Bansal told UNI on phone that this exchange of faculty members and students brings together experiences between Indian and Taiwanese institutions.

He said that this will enrich and promote global outlook and apart from this, this MoU will also provide joint research to accelerate educational development. He said that it looked at student stipends, faculty training and technical exchange

which will lead to joint degree programs, research and exchanges between universities of India and Taiwan.

He said that Coordination can be established for programs.

Vice President of Taipei University, Prof. C.K. Yang also supported the idea. .

Prof. Bansal, further told UNI that the delegation is also interested in visiting India and they want to get acquainted with Indian culture.

Take immediate steps to redress audit  
vulnerabilities: Indra Dutt Lakhnapal

**RAJNEESH SHARMA  
HAMIRPUR, OCT 15**

Local Fund Accounts Committee of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly met with officials of various departments, institutions, boards, semi-autonomous bodies, urban bodies, Panchayati Raj Institutions and development authority under the Himachal Pradesh State Audit Department at Hamir Bhawan on Sunday. After holding the meeting, there was a detailed discussion about the audit parameters related to these departments and institutions. Committee chairman Inder Dutt Lakhnapal, members Satpal Singh Satti, Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Purna Chand Thakur, Kuldeep Singh Rathore, Harish Janartha and Ashish Sharma sought a detailed report from the officials on the status of audit legs and issued necessary guidelines. Chairman Indra Dutt Lakhnapal directed the officials to send a detailed report related to the latest status of all pending audit legs to the committee within a month. He said that the concerned officers should take the various points pointed out by all the members of the committee seriously and take immediate steps to resolve them. There



should not be any kind of delay in this. Indra Dutt Lakhnapal asked the officers to show promptness in immediately spending the money which is not being spent for a long time due to some reasons in their respective departments and institutions or divert it for other purposes, so that this money can be utilized properly. He said that for FD of government money, only nationalized banks or the state's own cooperative banks should be given priority. During the review of Baba Balak Nath Temple Trust, the Chairman said that the matters related to land transfer for the educational institutions running under the Trust should be resolved at the earliest. He said that various properties of APMC should be properly maintained and APMC should increase its reach to the farmers.

In ten months, HP  
took 10k cr loan: BJP

**SHIMLA, OCT 15**

Himachal Pradesh Government taken Ten Thousand Crore loan in first ten months of its rule, this was alleged by the BJP president Rajiv Bindal in a press statement issued here on Saturday. He said that government is indulged in whopping borrowing as bill of loan borrowed in last ten months since it in came to power have increased approximately Rs 10 thousand crores. Dr. Rajiv Bindal said government has closed down about 1500 institutions to reduce down the establishment costs despite that government does not have the money to run other institutions. He said that in the last 10 months, thousands of outsource government employees were thrown out of the job to brought down the burden of salaries on them.

He said that present government did not open a single new hospital, school or college and institutions despite that it could not able to run the government without indulging heavy borrowing. He said that in last month it has take a new loan of Rs 1000 crore which would be repaid after 20 yrs. He said that earlier it had taken a loan of about Rs 9000 crore. He questioned due to devastating rain all development works are halt, institutions were closed however govt it was relying on loan. Dr. Bindal predicted that if present rule did not improve its spendthrift in 60 months of five years rule it would bleed state coffers with and Rs. 60 thousand crores loans.

Cong trying to use caste census for  
political benefits: Jairam Thakur

**SHIMLA, OCT 15**

Amid the political tussle over the caste-based census, former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister and BJP leader Jairam Thakur on Sunday slammed Congress and accused the grand old party of using the census as a means to reap political benefits. With the clamour for caste census intensifying, the BJP leader said that as soon as the elections are close at hand, Congress will try to find issues that would give them political gains and that it could cause a major division in the society. "When the elections are approaching, Congress tries to find issues which will give them political benefits. This is a similar agenda and nothing else. I believe that the way they are trying to raise this issue, they are thinking only from a political point of view for their own benefit. This will cause a very big division in society. It is very unfortunate for society and the country," the BJP leader told ANI. Earlier on Thursday, Himachal Pradesh Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that the caste census is also a part of dividing society. The Governor said that Ram Manohar Lohia's dictum 'dam bandho (fix prices), jati todo (break caste)' was needed in contemporary times.



Mushtaq Gujjar succeeds in changing  
fortunes by cultivating dragon fruit

**KISHORI LAL BAINS  
UNA, OCT 15**

In the present times, most of the youth try to get a government job or a job in multi-purpose national companies to live a comfortable life. But Mushtaq Gujjar, a resident of Amb, Adarsh Nagar of the district, chose farming as his business. But despite doing traditional farming of wheat, maize and paddy, Mushtaq Gujjar showed his interest in cultivating dragon fruit and currently by working hard he is earning lakhs of rupees from dragon fruit. Mushtaq Gujjar, a hard working farmer of Adarsh Nagar Amb has emerged as an



example. This year, Mushtaq Gujjar has produced about two tons of dragon fruit from about 1300 dragon fruit plants, which has given him a lot of profit. Mushtaq says that there is a lot of demand for dragon fruit in the market and this fruit is sold at very high prices. Dragon fruit contains abundant amounts of nutrients essential for the human body

such as antioxidants, anti-aging, potash and calcium. Dragon Fruit: This fruit is a boon for heart patients. In food, this fruit gives sweet taste like strawberry and litchi. This fruit is as delicious as it is healthy. Dragon fruit works as a medicine in the human body. Mushtaq's family also fully supports the cultivation of dragon fruit.

Excavation in Agroha will benefit the  
country and society: Rajesh Singla

**SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, OCT 15**

General Secretary of Agrawal Vaishya Samaj, Haryana, Rajesh Singla said that by announcing the excavation in Agroha, the Chief Minister has fulfilled the old demand of Agrawal Vaishya Samaj. He said that this will give Agroha a chance to emerge on Vishwa Patel and the teachings and policies of Maharaja Agrasen will be propagated more quickly among the people, which will benefit the entire society and the entire country. He said that after the excavation, the Haryana government will develop Agroha on the lines of Rakhigarhi in Haryana. The Central Government has approved the overall development of the Agroha archaeological site and surrounding area through an MOU, as per the Rakhigarhi model. Agroha archaeological site is considered to be the capital of Maharaja Agrasen. With the development of this place, not

only will this center of faith make its mark in the world but this place will also become famous as a tourist destination. He said that the Chief Minister of the government has announced to name Hisar Airport after Maharaja Agrasen, which is a matter of pride. He said that so that the coming generations can read the history of Maharaja Agrasen, the government has announced to establish a center and a museum here. State spokesperson of Aggarwal Vaishya Samaj, Dharamveer Chemist, said that the discovery of coins of Agroha during the excavation and the presence of its ancient name Agradoka in ancient literature including Mahabharata are enough evidence of it being the headquarters of the republic. The city of Agroha was situated on the ancient trade route between Taxila and Mathura. Therefore it was the center of commerce and political activity until the new settlement of Firoz Shah Tughlaq (1351-88 AD) Hisar-e-Firoza came into existence.



Two day national conference organised at IET Bhaddal Technical Campus



**BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR:** The second National Conference of Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (IPS) of IET Bhaddal Technical Campus on "De Novo Drug Design, Drug Repurposing and Bioactivity - Guided Isolation: Opportunities, Challenges and Way Forward" was successfully conducted under the leadership of Dr. Jitender Singh, Principal - IPS. The conference was organized with the technical support of Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Kashmir, Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir). In the opening ceremony of this conference Dr. Sudipta Banerjee, Vice President - Gesco Healthcare Private Limited, Chennai was the Chief Guest and Professor (Dr.) Anil Kumar - UIPS, - Panjab University, Chandigarh participated as the keynote speaker. On the second day of the conference - Dr. Anupam Sharma - UIPS - Panjab University, Chandigarh was the Chief Guest and Dr. Suresh Kumar, Punjabi University, Patiala, Professor (Dr.) Subheet Kumar Jain, Professor (Dr.) Balbir Singh - GNDU Amritsar, Dr. Sukhbir Singh - MMU and Dr. Pradeep Goyal - Saraswati College attended as special guests.

Sanjay Tandon congratulates Jitender Pal Malhotra for new responsibility



**CHANDIGARH:** The newly appointed president of Bharatiya Janata Party, Chandigarh, Jitender Pal Malhotra met senior BJP leader, Co-Incharge of BJP's HP affairs and former unit president Sanjay Tandon at his residence on Sunday. During this courtesy visit Tandon congratulated Malhotra and wished him all the best for the new responsibility. He expressed hope that Malhotra will take all the party workers along with him and will respect the senior workers and take advantage of their guidance which will help the party to achieve new heights.

Website with details of Tamilians living abroad to be out soon, Health Minister

**CHENNAI:** Tamil Nadu Health Minister Ma Subramanian on Sunday after receiving another batch of Indian nationals from Israel at Chennai airport said that a website with details of 'Tamilians' living abroad will be published soon. He further said that 128 people are being brought to Delhi from Israel and also assured any assistance from the part of the state government to those arriving in Tamil Nadu. "Due to the Israel-Palestine war, a contact number has been provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Based on the information obtained from it, a list of 128 people has been given to the central government. They are currently being rescued. 128 persons are being brought to Delhi from Israel. A total of 114 have been identified till yesterday. The government is ready to provide whatever assistance they require in Tamil Nadu. A website containing details about Tamilians living abroad is going to be published soon," the Health Minister said while speaking to reporters at Chennai airport. Earlier today, the District Collector of Madurai on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government welcomed the eight persons who arrived at Madurai Airport from Israel. Meanwhile, under 'Operation Ajay', the fourth flight with 274 Indians onboard departed from Israel for India in the early hours of Sunday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said. Taking to social media platform X, Jaishankar said that it was the second flight in a day to depart from Israel for India. "#OperationAjay 2nd flight of the day departs from Tel Aviv carrying 274 passengers," Jaishankar posted on X. 'Operation Ajay' was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to bring back around 18,000 Indians in Israel. Registration of Indians began on Thursday. It has been more than a week after the attack that saw more than 1,300 Israelis killed, most of them civilians, as waves of Hamas terrorists breached the border. Over 1,000 Palestinians were also killed as a result of retaliatory strikes from Israel. The Indian embassy in Israel is providing assistance to Indian companies and has set up a helpline for Indian citizens in need of assistance.

DC appoints SDMs as Revising Authority Officers of constituencies falling in respective areas

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
SAS NAGAR, OCT 15

As per Rules 6 to 12 of Sikh Gurudwara Board Election Rules, 1959 as a preliminary stage for initiating the election process after the expiry of the term of the existing members of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (Board) by the Chief Commissioner, Gurdwara Elections, Punjab, the voter registration program is being initiated from October 21, 2023, said Deputy Commissioner Mrs Aashika Jain,here, today.

Divulging details, she added that during the preparation for the electoral rolls, one can file claims and objections from October 21 to November 15. For the smooth process of registering voters for the Gurdwara Board Elections, the



Sub Divisional Magistrates of the respective areas where these Borad Constituencies fall, will be the Revising Authority Officers (RAO), said the deputy commissioner Aashika Jai. By adding that for the constituency 58-Derabassi SDM Derabassi will be the RAO and Tehsildar Derabassi and Naib

Tehsildars of Zirakpur, Banur and Rajpura to help him. Similarly, for 119-Kharar, Sub Divisional Magistrate Khatar will be the RAO besides Tehsildar Kharar and Naib Tehsildars of Majri and Gharuan to assist him. For 120-SAS Nagar, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Mohali will be the RAO while Tehsildar and Naib Tehsildar Mohali assist her.

She further said that under Revising Authority Officer-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate Derabassi, Board Election Constituency 58-Derabassi will include the area of MC Derabassi, MC Banur and Kanungo Circle Derabassi (Barring Patwar Circle Bhawan of village Zirakpur falling in MC Zirakpur), Derabassi Tehsil, District SAS Nagar including Kanungo Circle, Samgauli and Lalru, Kanungo Cir-

cle Banur and Patwar Circle Tepla, Kheri Gurna, Nanhera of Kanungo Circle Jhansla, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala.

Similarly, Board Election Constituency 119-Kharar falling under the Revising Authority Officer-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate Kharar, includes Kharar Tehsil of District SAS Nagar (except Kanungo Circle Khizrabad and Majri), Patwar Circle Jhampur, Daun and Balongi, Kanungo Circle Ludhiana, Mohali Tehsil District SAS Nagar. Board Constituency 120-SAS Nagar falling under Revising Authority Officer-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate Mohali includes Mohali Tehsil (except areas of Patwar Circle Jhampur, Daun and Balongi and Kanungo Circle Landra of District SAS Nagar.

Arora motivates player at state level WL games



SUMER GARG  
SUNAM, OCT 15

Cabinet Minister, Aman Arora while sharing his views with the athletes on the last day of the on-going state level weight lifting(WL) competition at Guru Hargobind Sahib Dharamshala here today said, "The campaign launched by Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Singh Mann to make Punjab as a number one state in the country in the field of sports and to promote sports culture in the here has started to show fruitful results". Arora said that the skills of talented sportsmen from the villages and cities of Punjab have come to the fore under the 'Khedan

Watan Punjab Dia' and the new sports policy recently released by the Punjab government will prove to be beneficial for the 'sports stars' in the days to come. He said that we fully hope that our players will set new records in the field of sports due to their hard work, practice and devotion.

He further said that last year, with an aim of promoting sports at Sunam, after taking guidance, a two-day sports competition was organized under the name of 'Khedan Halka Sunam Dia', in which a record 209 teams and 2037 players participated, which proved that the sports have been reached at the every house in Punjab.

"Freedom of the media is important for restoration of democracy"



**MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA):** Freedom of the media is very important for the restoration of democracy. The above words were expressed by Jagdev Singh Bhatoa FC, President Municipal Council, Morinda, on the occasion of a simple honor ceremony organized by the Morinda Press Club, Reg. Block, Morinda. He said that this country can live freely only if the media of the country is free and raise the voice of the people in a good manner. Jagdev Singh Bittu Bhatoa said that the media is considered as the fourth pillar of democracy because it makes the voice of the people reach the government and exposes the anti-national forces. Freedom and its protection is very important. On this occasion, Jagdev Singh Bhatoa, President Municipal Council, Morinda, was honored by all the members of Morinda Press Club under the leadership of President Kamail Singh Jeet, President of Press Club. On this occasion, senior journalists Gyan Singh Saroa, Pritpal Singh Khalsa, Gagan Shukla, Kamaljit Singh Arnoli, Harjinder Singh Chhibber, Gurmeet Singh Chopra, Raj Kumar Dasaud, Radhe Shyam Sharma, Gagandeep Sharma, Arvinder Singh Babbu, Harvinder Jolly Sood etc.

Motivational authors honoured in Oman

VERMA  
GURDASPUR, OCT 15

Leading poets of Kolkata, India Author Priyanka Banerjee and Author Ipsita Ganguli had the rare honour of being hosted and felicitated in Sultanate of Oman by Motivational Strips Headquarters, Best Western Premier, Speedy Enterprises and Raysut United Development LLC yesterday.

It was for the first time in world history that a group of leading corporates had partnered with a literary forum to sponsor a mammoth global poetry contest.

The two poetry champions had won the rendition category in Be A Star poetry contest conducted by Motivational Strips, the world's most active writers forum, and offered a full paid trip to Oman with a luxurious felicitation event at Best Western Hotel in Muscat yesterday.



They were honored with expensive gifts, mementos and accolades. Notable guests to the event was Sheikh Said Ahmed Al Mashikhi, Managing Director of Raysut United Development LLC, a leading corporate entity importing gold and frankincense, Best Western Premier Hotel General Manager Mr Abdul Samad, Speedy Enterprises Managing Director Mr Shakhthi Prasad Jayadev, Akbar group and silver line trad-

ing representation Mr Ajay Rishi, Speedy Enterprises LLC Operations head Saril Mohan and Muhammed Shoaib The founder and president of Motivational Strips, Shiju H Pallithazheth thanked the corporate sponsors for the support extended to world poetry through Be A Star contest. Sheikh Said Al Mashikhi stated 'Oman is open to poets, and poetry is much appreciated by the country.

Arora inaugurates clothes' langar set up by NSS



**SUNAM (SUMER GARG):** Aman Arora, Cabinet minister to the Government of Punjab, while inaugurating clothes' free langar, started by Niskam Sewa Sanstha (NSS) has granted a sum of Rs. 5 Lakh for the development of Sarab foundation, popularly known as Chandra wali Dharamshala in Indira basti, here today.

Bitu, Vir Kalan, spokesperson of NSS said that Niskam Sewa Sanstha(NSS), has started free langar of clothes, shoes, training of sewing machine to the needy ladies at Chandra wali Dharamshala. He further said that NSS on the 5th of every month also organise free eye check and eye lens implant camp, free of cost at Sachkhand Gurudwara near bus stand Sunam. A medical laboratory in the name of Sunny Oberoi for various tests has also been opened at cost to cost price at Sachkhand Gurudwara. NSS has planned to start a books langar shortly, Bitu added. Among the prominent, Asha Bajaj, Senior Vice President, local Nagar Council; Paramjit Singh, President local Lion club, main; Bitu Talwar, Palli Cheema Kala Chhajli, Ladi and Shashi Dhiman.

Army court-martial awards five-year jail term to Army officer in child abuse case

**FEROZEPUR :** An Indian Army General Court Marital has recommended a five-year jail term and cashiering from service as punishment to a Major who was found guilty on charges of sexual harassment involving an 11-year-old girl.

The General Court Martial found the allegations levelled by the mother of the victim to be correct and awarded a five-year jail term along with cashiering from service to the Major who was posted in the Delhi Cantonment at the time of the incident, sources said.

The victim is the daughter of the house help who was living in the servant quarters of the officer's official accommodation. The court martial was convened by the 7 Infantry Division Commander Maj Gen Y Sheoran earlier this year.

The punishment has been awarded to the officer under sections 10 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), the sources further said.

Defending his client, Advocate Anand Kumar alleged that the disciplinary proceedings against the officer in the court of inquiry and summary of evidence were tampered with and it had been brought to the notice of the court martial authorities in the trial.

The counsel claimed that they had requested to summon the officer recording the summary of evidence but it was declined by the court. The defence counsel also claimed that their plea to examine the mobile phones of the parents of the victim was also not granted.

Indian Army officials said that the force has a zero-tolerance policy against such activities and the Army headquarters has instructed the formations to take strictest possible action against personnel found guilty in such cases.

CRPF women motor bikers expedition's facilitation at Lamrin Tech Skills University turns into festival

CHET RAM RATTAN  
NAWANSHAHR, OCT 15

In the series of events, It was another memorable day for the fraternity of Lamrin Tech Skills University, Punjab when felicitation ceremony of the "Yashasvini" all women motorcycle Expedition 2023 turned into a festival. All participants of CRPF and their officers under the theme "Bet Bachao, Beti Padhao" reached at university campus in SBS Nagar of Punjab which was flagged off from Srinagar (J & K) under the Government of India's Initiative to celebrate birth anniversary of Sardar Valabh Bhai Patel.

Dr. Sandeep Singh Kaura Chancellor and Adviser NSDC Govt. of India in his presidential remarks stated that "Yashasvini" All Bikers Women Expedition symbolizes the unity and strength of the women of India and



spread awareness on treasuring the girl child. These women bikers carry the important social message of "Bet Bachao - Beti Padhao" for creating a brand identity and ownership of the campaign across the nation. Dr Kaura further said that LTSU is also on the mission to empowering the girls students /women by skilling them in lines with campaign initiated by Govt of India. He also felicitated the all women bikers and other officials of the CRPF. Jasbir Singh Sandhu, IGP North West Sector Chandigarh, and Mrs. Kamal Sisodia, Commandant 13th Battalion CRPF,

were present as a guest of honour during the event. J.S. Sandhu and Mrs Kamal Sisodia Commandant, while appreciating women bikers, said that objective of this campaign is to inculcate the national unity and harmony among the people of India and also show and explain the importance of CRPF to maintain law and order, internal security and pride of country and its working style to the masses and its mission to organising programs to promote "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat" and empowering the women of India through the theme Beti Bachao -Beti Padhao.

Sardar Bhagwant Singh Memorial Basketball Trophy: SFHS ,St Joseph's win in U-14 boys

CS JOLLY  
CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

On day 2 of the ongoing 9th Edition of Sardar Bhagwant Singh Memorial Basketball Trophy (BSMBT) in the boys (U-14) category, Strawberry Fields High School(SFHS), Sector 26, Chandigarh defeated Gurukul World, Mohali, 31-28. With 29 points, Rannanjay, from Strawberry Fields was the top scorer for his team. In another match St. Joseph's School, Chandigarh defeated Shemrock School, Mohali, 34-17.

In a neck to neck competition, Saupin's School, Chandigarh registered a win over St. Peter's School, Chandigarh by a narrow margin, 21-17. Learning Paths School, Mohali humbled Shivalik School, Mohali by a huge margin 18-4.

Girls of host team Vivek High School, Mohali defeat-



ed Amity International School, Mohali by a huge margin 15-4 in the U-14 category. Navna was the top scorer for her team with 8 points. In girls (U-17) category Saupin's School 32, Chandigarh registered a convincing win over Shemrock School, Mohali, 21-2. While Sacred Heart, Sector 26, Chandigarh defeated Ya-

davindra Public School Mohali, 42-25. With 20 points, Tanman was the top scorer for her team. Competing in boys (U-17) category - Paragon School, Mohali defeated St. Peter's School, Chandigarh, 27-21. In another match Yadavindra Public School, Mohali defeated Guru Nanak Public School, Chandigarh, 31-19.

Opposition parties running away from debate because they looted Punjab: Cheema

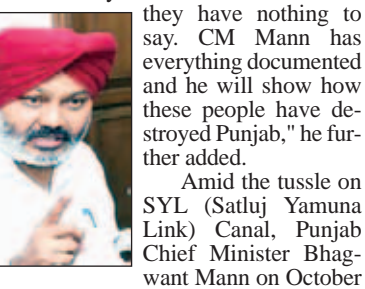
RAJIV JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

A week, after Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann extended an "open invitation" to all the opposition parties for "live debate on all issues", Punjab Finance Minister and AAP leader Harpal Singh Cheema, said that the parties were running away from the debate because they looted Punjab for the past 75 years.

Chief Minister Mann's debate challenge to the opposition parties, the AAP leader said, "The opposition parties spread some or the other lies every day. Against that, CM Mann asked them to come on November 1

for an open debate but they are running away from that debate." "Be it the BJP, Akali Dal or the Congress party, they all are running away from this debate because they have ruined Punjab. For the past 70-75 years, either Akali Dal, BJP or Congress has been in power in Punjab, and these parties have looted Punjab a lot," said the leader. The fi-

nance minister also took a jab at the opposition parties on the state's drug issues and said, "It is under the governance of the BJP, Congress and Akali Dal that drugs were spread in Punjab. We are trying to eradicate drugs from Punjab. They are looking for excuses to run away from the debate because they have nothing to say. CM Mann has everything documented and he will show how these people have destroyed Punjab," he further added.



Amid the tussle on SYL (Satluj Yamuna Link) Canal, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on October 8 extended an "open invitation" to the Opposition parties including Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Shirmoani Akali Dal and Congress for a "live debate on all issues" instead of "daily bickering". "It is my open invitation to BJP chief Jakhar ji, Akali Dal's Sukhbir Singh Badal and Congress's Raja Wadding-Pratap Bajwa ji that instead of daily

bickering, come once and sit in front of the media and discuss who looted Punjab and how... brother-nephew, brother-in-law, friends-relatives, youth-farmers, businesses-shopkeepers, speeches of Gurus, Canal waters... Let's do a live debate on all issues." CM Mann said in a post in Hindi on X. He further said, "You can bring a paper with you but I will speak by word of mouth. November 1 'Punjab Day' will be a good day, you will also get time for preparation. I am fully prepared because there is no need to memorize things to speak the truth." After the Supreme Court came heavily on the Punjab government for not taking steps for the construction of the canal, the Opposition parties have been protesting against the same demanding immediate action. Earlier last week, Shirmoani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal said that his party would protest at Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's residence on October 10 while BJP state president Sunil Jhakkar alleged that Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) under the leadership of Bhagwant Mann has done a huge deception with Punjab.



Advocate Jagdeep Singh Punia leaves Akali Dal



**ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO:** Recently, after former MLA Jitmohinder Singh Sidhu resigned from the Shiromani Akali Dal party and joined the Congress party, his workers and close associates are also resigning from the positions of the Akali Dal. legal Cell president Advocate Jagdeep Singh Punia Resigned. Advocate Jagdeep Singh Punia said that I stand with Sardar Jitmohinder Singh Sidhu, who was a four-time MLA of the constituency, who is going to help everyone in his constituency. He congratulated Jitmohinder Singh Sidhu on joining the Congress party and said that the Congress party has got a big strength.

**Delegation of Youth Congress led by Vikas Gill meets State Youth President Mohit Mohindra**



**RAKESH JINDAL NABHA:** Former Youth Congress President Ward No. 52 Vikas Gill A delegation led by Mohit Mohindra met the President of Youth Congress, Punjab and on October 27, an invitation letter was given to the Sobha Yatra and other chief guests on the occasion of Bhagwan Valmik Manifestation Day. Mohit accepted the invitation. Mahindra said that taking the blessings of God by participating in such religious events gives peace of mind and strengthens brotherhood which is very important for our society. Dr. Sanju, Sekhar Sidhu, Nares Gagat, Vinod Sangar, Praveen Kumar, Kamal, Vishal Garg, Devinder Khaira, Aman Sahota, Rinki, Ankit, Shankar, Mahinder Dhaliwal etc were present.

**Dhaliwal, Jimpa pay tributes to Akashjit Singh**



**KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU:** Akashjit Singh, a resident of Jahangir, who died in a road accident yesterday, was observed at village Jahangir after a Sardhanjali event and reading of ETO's younger brother-in-law Harbhajan Singh ETO. On this occasion, Cabinet Ministers and legislators of Punjab paid their respects to Akashjit while expressing their condolences to the family. Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann expressed deep grief over the phone and expressed sympathy with Cabinet Minister S. Harbhajan Singh. He said that the death of a talented youth is not only a loss for the family but also a big loss for the region, because such young people have to read and take over the reins of the country. Akashjit's sudden departure like this is very unfortunate. On this occasion, Cabinet Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, Cabinet Minister Brahm Sankar Jimpa, MLA Manjinder Singh Lalpura, MLA Dalbir Singh Tong, MLA Jasvir Singh Tanda, MLA Narehs Kataria, MLA Kashmir Singh Sohail, Chief Minister's O.S. D. Professor Unkar Singh, Deputy Commissioner Tarn Taran Sandeep Kumar, Chairman S. Baldev Singh Kadhamiya and other dignitaries also paid their respects.

## Rational Society declares result of State 'Student Consciousness Test'

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, OCT 15**

The result of the fifth provincial 'Student Consciousness Test' conducted in two phases on September 2-3 and October 6 in schools of Punjab to develop scientific consciousness among students, has been announced today at Tarkashil Bhawan Barnala head office of Tarkashil Society Punjab. Sharing information in this regard, the state organizing head of the society, Mr Rajinder Bhadour, the head of the student consciousness test department Ram Swaran Lakhewali, Hem Raj Steno, Balbir Longowal, Rajpal Singh and Sumit Singh Amritsar said that in this examination held in two groups of middle and secondary, class wise among the first places holders from all over Punjab are included, in the



sixth class Maninder Singh (Ludhiana), Rajanveer Kaur (Mansa) and Manpreet Kaur (Sangrur) from seventh standard, Kiranjot Kaur (Ludhiana) from eighth standard, Kiran and Lakhti (Bathinda) from ninth standard, Anjali and Sajan (Bathinda) from tenth standard. Maya Kaur of Class XI (Sangrur) and Gurinder Singh Tiwana of Class XII (Ludhiana). The leaders said that this test dedicated to the world's greatest scientist Charles Darwin was conducted in 450

examination centres established in various government and private schools of Punjab and a total of 36253 students were registered to participate in this examination. The leaders also told that the first three meritorious students from each class at the state level will be awarded cash prizes, books on logic, mementoes and certificates in a special function to be held here on November 16 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha at Tarksheel Bhawan.

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## Fourth flight from Israel carrying 274 Indians lands in Delhi

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, OCT 15**

The fourth flight from Israel under 'Operation Ajay' carrying 274 Indian passengers landed in the national capital on Sunday.

Union Minister of State General (Retd) VK Singh received the Indian passengers at the airport. He interacted with them and also gave tricolours to every Indian passenger.

MoS for Road Transport and Highways, VK Singh informed that more flights will be carried out to evacuate the Indian citizens amid the situation in Israel. "This is the 4th flight, we are expecting more for a couple of reasons. One is the fear that something might hit them. After having been taken by surprise, Israel also gathered its things in a more orderly manner. However, the universities being closed, a general



atmosphere of fear and preparation that is going on in Israel, our people fear that they should not unnecessarily become burden out there and come back home. And go back when things pan out in a better manner," Singh told. He further urged people not to panic and follow the instructions, adding that another flight will be coming on Monday. "There is another flight coming in tomorrow. We will keep running

the flights till all the people who have registered are taken out. This operation is going very well. It is seamless, well organised... My message would be to stay where you are and follow the instructions. There is no need to panic," he added. The Indian passengers said that the situation in Israel remains tense and thanked the Modi government for carrying out 'Operation Ajay' and evacuating the Indian citizens.

An Indian student coming from Israel told ANI, "In the beginning it was horrific. Everything was uncontrollable. But now the situation is under control. The government and military are taking very strict action...Thank you, it was the best initiative (Operation Ajay) taken by the government of India..." "In Tel Aviv the situation is normal. But in the south and north Israel, there are chances of war. That's why we returned...The government did a very good job. They responded very fast within 2-3 days," another Indian national named Sumit said. The Indian nationals applauded the operation and said that there was support from the Indian embassy and the evacuation process was nice and quick. Priya Gupta, an Indian national said, "I was in Tel Aviv University for the past two years...

## Second Navratri festival starts in city



**DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI:** The second Navratri Mahotsav was started by Maa Vaishno Seva Samiti Nilokheri. This Mahotsav will continue from October 15 to 23. In this Mahotsav, Bhajan evening was organized daily from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Aarti will take place at 9 pm. The sacred pot of Mata Rani was brought from Jwala ji. Before this festival, a procession was also organized in the city. The sacred flame of Mata Rani was brought yesterday and its overnight stay was done at the house of Rakesh Chaudhary. This morning, after leaving the house of committee head Rakesh Choudhary, she reached Piyush Wadhwa's house, where prayers were offered as per the rituals. After that, Mata Rani Jyot was decorated in a palanquin and taken around the city in a procession. This procession was welcomed with flowers at many places. This procession passed through Railway Road, Gok Market, Hospital Area, Karsa Road and reached Neel Nagarpandal. Committee head Rakesh Chaudhary said that last year also this festival was celebrated with great pomp.

## 145 boxes of illicit liquor seized in Dhanula town



**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, OCT 15**

A team from the Excise Wing of the Tax and Excise Department raided the liquor contractor's warehouse in the warehouses on Gobindpura Road in Dhanula last night and seized 145 cases of illegal liquor, four vehicles and three persons from the spot has been nabbed. On the other hand, the Excise Wing of the Local Taxes and Excise Department did not even notice the presence of illegal liquor in warehouses in Dhanula. According to the information received, the head of the Excise Department's raiding team, Tax and Excise Officer Navjot Singh Gill, based on the secret information received, raided the warehouse of a liquor contractor in the warehouses on Gobindpura Road of Dhanula. Meanwhile, 145 packs of illegal liquor were recovered in two Bolero vehicles. Inspector Rajesh Kumar and Rupinderjit Singh of the local excise department were also invited on the occasion.

## Voluntary groups of Telangana reached Barnala: DC



**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** A team of 28 members has been sent by Telangana State under the Punjab State Rural Livelihood Mission to form voluntary groups in Barnala district and teach them ways to earn a living. Sharing information in this regard, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mrs. Poonamdeep Kaur said that members of various voluntary groups have come from Warangal, Karim Nagar and Kaman districts of Telangana. She said that the voluntary groups working in different villages of Block Barnala, Mahal Kalan and Shehna will be told more means of earning and also given information about forming new groups. This team will work for a month in various villages in the Barnala district with the support of panchayats. Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Poonamdeep Kaur appealed to everyone to give full support to this team coming to the village so that good volunteer groups are formed in Barnala as well. She said that 28 women and 6 men are included in this team.

## Arun Sood assures justice to Crawford and RWAI

**RN KHERA CHANDIGARH, OCT 15**

Arun Sood Former President BJP, Chandigarh Housing Board Board of Directors - Hitesh Puri and Surinder Bagha, Nominated Councilor - Umesh Ghai, Chandigarh Housing Board Residents Welfare Federation Chairman - Rajat Malhotra, Chandigarh Housing Board Residents Welfare Federation Chairman - Kripal Singh, CRAWFED General Secretary, Anish Garg, and many other distinguished guests participated in this public meeting. Around 600 houses of the Housing Board in 41 sectors had received demolition notices from the Housing Board due to various violations. Arun Sood had talked to the administration at different times for the last one year and got the proceedings stopped. Before this, Arun Sood along with Crawford and a delegation of RWA met the Administrator of Chandigarh and apprised him about the situation. After that, Arun Sood also met Housing Board Chief Executive



Officer Ajay Chageti with the same delegation and got the demolition proceedings postponed. This meeting was organized on behalf of the association to thank Arun Sood for the cooperation given by him and to decide the future strategy. The need based regularization policy implemented on January 3, 2023 is not in line with the earlier notifications issued by Chandigarh Housing Board and the residents are being given step-motherly treatment. With residents of duplex flats in Sector 41A where previously permitted changes have been disallowed in this policy.

## Drama fair against drugs organized by Malwa Welfare Club



**ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO:** Malwa Welfare Club a local social service organization, with the support of District Administration Bathinda and Youth Services Department organized a drama fair against drugs at the local Khalsa School girls. performing drama Pali Bhupinders play Kuch To Karo Yaro Khel Gaye was played, giving inspiration for returning home and doing good in life. Club president Vikas Singla said that the chief guest in this program Sardar Gulneet Singh SSP Bathinda, Gagandeep Singh SDM Talwandi Sabo, Raghever Singh Mann Assistant Director Youth Services Department arrived. Sardar Gulneet Singh in his address called upon the youth to stay away from drugs and common people to unite against drugs. Gagandeep Singh SDM Talwandi Sabo advised the program organized by the club while making people aware about drugs. Club Patron Amritpal Singh Brar welcomed the guests and the people who came to watch the play and explained in detail about the activities of the club. At the end everyone was thanked by Chairman Shekhar Talwandi. On this occasion, local singer Dilshad Ali sensitized people against drugs through his songs.

## 29 bottles illicit liquor recovered from possession of 2 accused

**RAMAN GUPTA**

**KAITHAL:** As part of the campaign being run to arrest illegal liquor smugglers and smugglers, 29 bottles of country liquor have been recovered by the police after arresting 2 accused in 2 separate cases. Police spokesperson said that after receiving a secret information in the evening, the team of HC Shivkumar and SPO Sukhdev of Siwan police station raided a shop located in village Khedi Ghulam Ali and arrested the accused Srichand, resident of Khedi Ghulam Ali, from whose possession 15 bottles of country liquor recovered. In the second case, the team of HC Rajesh Kumar and HC Sumit of Cheeka police station arrested Vinod, a resident of Cheeka, who was selling liquor near Cheeka grain market, along with 14 bottles of country liquor. Police have registered separate cases against both the accused and are taking further action as per rules.

## Government works with the aim of opening medical colleges in every district: Kamlesh Dhanda



**RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL, OCT 15**

Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Kamlesh Dhanda, while taking stock of the preparations for the Bhoomi Pujan and public dialogue program of the Medical College to be built at Sampan Khedi as well as the public dialogue program to be held at Maharaja Surajmal Jat Stadium gave necessary guidelines. She said that Chief Minister Manohar Lal has given a great gift to the district. The government was working with the aim of opening medical colleges in every district. MLA Leela Ram, HAFED Chairman Kailash Bhagat, BJP District President Ashok Gurjar

were present along with the Minister of State. Minister of State Kamlesh Dhanda said that Chief Minister Manohar Lal was visiting the district on October 16. During this, Maharaja Surajmal will reach the public dialogue program to be organized at Jat Stadium. After this, he will perform the bhoomi puja and lay the foundation stone of the Bhagwan Parshuram Government Medical College to be built in Sampan Khedi. The problem will be resolved by interacting with the general public in the public dialogue program organized at the same place. The medical college will have 500 beds and 100 MBBS seats and it will improve the health facilities in Kaithal.

## Musical tribute paid to legendary Dr. Saryu Kalekar

**SD SHARMA CHANDIGARH, OCT 15**

The leading Classical dance and music organization Pracheen Kala Kendra presented a special musical evening on the occasion of the 90th birth anniversary of Dr. Saryu Kalekar, a renowned guru of the Rampur Sadarang Sangeet tradition and a well known classical Vocalist on Saturday In which a heartfelt tribute was given by her disciple Mrs. Vinita Gupta. The program was organized in the M.L. Koser auditorium of the Kendra . In this program, first of all Prof. Saubhagya Vardhan gave his emotional tribute on the musical journey of Guru Saryu Kalekar ji. After this, Registrar of the Kendra Guru Shobha Koser also shared some moments from the life of Dr. Saryu Kalekar.

Vinita started the program with Raga Kedar with traditional Aalap followed by a beautiful Bandish set to vilambit taal with bols "Gaaye Bajaye Kalhungi Sanchi". After this, Drut Taal Ek Taal Bandish "Payan Ki Dhuri Jani Rakhiye Gusain Mohe" which was also based on Raag Kedar was presented by



her . With her melifellous and melodic voice, Dr.Vinita presented the next rendering with speciality of her singing style with teen taal rhythmic composition "Mile Din Raien Hari Naam Lijiye" in Raga Puriya Dhanashree. After this she presented Tarana followed by a beautiful composition set to Raga Mishra Khamaj . Its lyrics were 'Gajanan thumki nirat karat, manjeer khin khin baje run jhun' which was well received by the audience. She concluded with an invocatory piece, a divine bhajan written by Swami Ramtirtha ji and composed by Guru Saryu Kalekar.

## Guru Nanak Khalsa College faculty attends Khushwant Litfest in Kasauli



**RAHUL KOHLI**

**JAGADHRI:** The intellectual spirits at Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar were high as faculty members from various disciplines embarked on a three-day literary journey to the annual Khushwant Litfest held in Kasauli. This remarkable literary pilgrimage took place, where the educators immersed themselves in the latest trends in the world of literature. During this literary sojourn, the distinguished faculty had the privilege of engaging in meaningful dialogues with seasoned writers on themes like partition literature and environmental issues. They had the honor of meeting notable authors, including Ujjal Dosanjh, Barkha Dutt, Arti Kumar Rao, and Anirudh Bhattacharjee, who shared their profound insights and experiences.Dr. Pratima Sharma, Dr. Catherine Masih, Dr. Vinay Chandel, Dr. Payal Lamba, Ms. Renu, Ms. Nishi, and Mr. Parmod represented Guru Nanak Khalsa College at this enriching event. This experience is expected to kindle a renewed interest in literature among the college students, as the faculty members bring back the literary essence and knowledge they gained at Khushwant Litfest.

## Convocation ceremony of IG College concludes

**RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, OCT 15**

Convocation and prize distribution ceremony was organized at Indira Gandhi (PG) Women's College, Kaithal. In which Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra Prof. Somnath Sachdeva participated. The first chief guest was Mr. Jagdish Bahadur Khurania, President of the Women's College Committee and Mr. Ram Bahadur Khurania, President of the Management Committee, College Principal Dr. Aarti Garg, Principal Incharge of the evening session Surabhi Sharma, Convener Shweta Tanwar and other distinguished members. Honored with a bouquet. The academic procession passed through the Principal's Office and reached



the auditorium where the program was inaugurated by the Chief Guest by lighting the lamp and with Saraswati Vandana by the students of the Music Department. 28 girl students who secured first position in the University were awarded gold medals by the Chief Guest. University 278 girl students who stood second to tenth were honored with awards. 23 Best Performer, Best Singer, Best Athlete, Best Photographer, Best N.C.C. Cadets and girl students who spend a lot of time sitting in the library and studying were also awarded awards. 10 girl

students who regularly study in the library were honored and e-certificates were given to all the girl students who passed Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) courses from the session 2017-18 to 2021-22. Degrees were distributed to all the girl students. Chief Guest Prof. Somnath Sachdeva was honored with a memento. Professor Somnath Sachdeva said that it is a privilege to be a girl and today women are showing their dominance in all fields like science, technology, communication etc. and are setting new records with their skills.



EDITORIAL

New diplomatic challenge

The victory of pro-China candidate Mohamed Muizzu in the recent presidential elections in Maldives, a strategically important archipelago, poses a big diplomatic challenge for India. Located just 70 nautical miles away from India's Minicoy Island, Maldives, a tourist hub famous for its pristine tropical beaches, is traditionally seen to be part of India's sphere of influence. New Delhi has financed several infrastructure projects in the country which holds high strategic value because of its location at the crossroads of vital maritime routes in the Indian Ocean. Ensuring maritime security and safeguarding the free movement of ships through these waters is of vital importance to India. Muizzu's surprise win comes as a wake-up call for India and is bound to have an impact on its 'Neighbourhood First' policy. His poll campaign plank had not only focused on strengthening ties with Beijing, it was also about aiming to undermine India by calling for an end to any Indian military presence in his country of half a million people scattered across more than 1,000 islands. With the change of guard, the road ahead may not be easy for New Delhi. Given the new government's pro-China outlook, the future of Indian influence and development projects hangs in the balance. India enjoyed cosy ties with Muizzu's predecessor Ibrahim Solih who took office following a landslide victory in 2018 against Muizzu's mentor and former President Abdulla Yameen. On its part, Beijing has been relentlessly trying to undermine Indian influence in Maldives and Sri Lanka, apart from driving a wedge between India and its close Himalayan neighbours — Nepal and Bhutan. China's arm-twisting strategy through money and muscle power to subjugate the nations in the region is a real threat to India. Beijing is all out to encircle India in its neighbourhood through its infamous 'String of Pearls' policy. For years, the Maldives has remained under the strong influence of India. But Xi Jinping's aggressive plan for the expansion of China's influence through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has finally reached the Maldives, which crisscrosses key trade routes wherein both India and China vie for control and influence. Unlike his predecessor who had adopted the 'India First' policy, Muizzu ran a fierce 'India Out' campaign, politicising India's defence and development assistance and fanning nationalist sentiments. The tiny island nation is at the heart of the Indian Ocean and the evolving Indo-Pacific world order. The country is surrounded by crucial sea lines of communication, and strategically located between India and Diego Garcia — making it a preferred destination for operating a military base and maritime surveillance. With such strategic stakes, China has been visibly upset in the past five years with India and the United States making inroads in the country. With Muizzu in power, Beijing might renew its support to major infrastructure projects and expand diplomatic and political engagements.

Plant-derived nutrients can have impact on gut, brain

Probiotics are chemicals that aid in the colonisation of beneficial bacteria in the stomach. These indigestible dietary fibres are found non many plant-based foods, including onions, leeks, artichokes, wheat, bananas, and in high amounts in chicory root. They encourage the growth and activity of beneficial gut bacteria, which improves gut health.

According to the interventional study headed by the University of Leipzig Medical Centre, high-dose dietary probiotics reduce reward-related brain activation in response to high-calorie meal stimuli. "The results suggest a potential link between gut health and brain function, in this case, food decision-making," said PD Dr Veronica Witte, co-author of the study and a scientist at the University of Leipzig Medical Center. Young to middle-aged adults with overweight were selected for the study who followed an omnivorous, Western diet. The 59 volunteers consumed 30 grams of inulin, a prebiotic from chicory root, daily for 14 days.

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During functional MRI imaging, participants were shown pictures of food and asked how much they

desired to eat the meals depicted. Following the MRI experiment, they were provided with their highest-rated dish and asked to consume it.

The MRI examination was repeated at four time points, before and after the prebiotic administration and before and after a placebo phase in which the participants were given a preparation with identical energy density but without probiotics.

When the participants evaluated high-calorie foods, there was comparatively less activation of reward-related brain areas after they had consumed the prebiotic fibre. This

effect was accompanied by a shift in the composition of the gut bacteria.

The findings, derived from advanced neuroimaging, next-generation sequencing of gut bacteria, and combined analyses of potential metabolic pathways, suggested that functional microbial changes may underlie the altered brain response towards high-caloric food cues. Fasting blood samples from the participants underwent analysis for gastrointestinal hormones, glucose, lipids, and inflammatory markers.

In addition, gut microbiota and their metabolites, namely short-chain

fatty acids, were measured in stool samples. The research was conducted within the Collaborative Research Centre 1052, Obesity Mechanisms.

"Further studies are needed to investigate whether treatments that alter the microbiome could open up new avenues for less invasive approaches to the prevention and treatment of obesity. A better understanding of the underlying mechanisms between the microbiome, gut, and brain could help to develop new strategies that promote healthier eating habits in people at risk" said Dr Witte.

Literature & Health

Pakistan at tipping point on poverty: World Bank

The World Bank has warned that Pakistan is at a tipping point on poverty with 40 per cent of its population below the poverty line, The Financial Post reported. The warning comes ahead of the elections. The Bank's policy note is meant to act as a guide for the new government that will take office after the elections for policy reforms.



Underlying the Bank's suggestions for the future is the fact that over 12.5 million Pakistanis fell below the poverty line last year and are struggling to meet their daily needs. The latest statistics show that poverty rose from 34.2 per cent to 39.4 per cent. With more people falling below the poverty line of USD 3.65 per day income level.

With Pakistan facing serious economic and human development crises, it is abundantly

clear that the country is today unable to reduce poverty and living standards have fallen behind peer countries. This is certainly going to be a challenge in the near future, but the real problem is the capacity of any government in Pakistan to make a substantial difference has always been in doubt.

Country Director for the World Bank in Pakistan Najy Benhassine, while releasing the policy notes on Pakistan, said this may be their moment to make policy shifts. Najy says Pakistan has been facing numerous economic hardships including inflation, rising electricity prices, severe climate shocks, and insufficient public resources to finance development and climate adaptation. The Bank's policy note claims that the current model of development can't reduce poverty in Pakistan, as the country has the lowest per capita income in South Asia and the highest out-of-school kids in the world. Pakistan's human development outcomes lag well behind the rest of South Asia and is roughly equivalent to those in many Sub-Saharan African countries with the costs disproportionately borne by girls and women.

Japan concerned about economic reliance on China

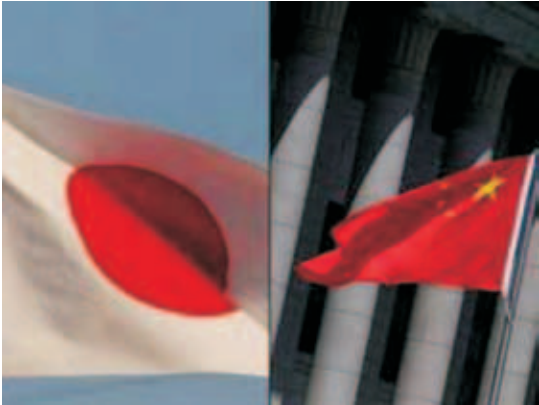
The Japanese government has become concerned about its economic dependency on China amid intensifying US-China strategic competition, China's track record of economic coercion and its long-term objectives to secure its own "core interests", Asia Times reported.

Asia Times is a pan-Asia online news platform covering politics, economics, business.

Japan is now developing economic relations with China through a policy that separates politics and economics or seikei bunri. The seikei bunri principles for engaging with China economically are giving way to Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's new "economic realist" diplomacy. Policy approaches to address concerns about the impact of politics on Japan's economic security include selective diversification of supply chains away from China, reshoring, friend-

shoring and national technological development, as per Asia Times.

Japan's political leaders have already committed significant strategic and financial resources to enhance economic security



through selectively diversifying supply chains and reducing reliance on China. Initiatives include the adoption of supplementary budgets for economic

security, such as securing domestic production bases for advanced semiconductors. Supplementary budgets have focused on promoting domestic investment to support supply chains and encourage their diversification.

Despite the political and security complexities, the mutually dependent economic relationship remains largely intact and is deepening and highly complementary. There is no replacing China as Japan's major market for goods and services, as per Asia Times.

Japanese companies have invested heavily in China, particularly in the automobile, electronics and machinery sectors. China is also a major source of low-cost goods and components for Japanese companies. This role has kept prices low and enhanced the competitiveness of Japanese products in global markets.

POEMS

("Come as you are...")

Come as you are, tarry not over your toilet.  
If your braiding has come loose,  
if the parting of your hair be not straight,  
if the ribbons of your bodice be not fastened, do  
not mind. Come as you are, tarry not over your  
toilet.

Come with quick steps over the grass.  
If your feet are pale with the dew, if your anklets  
slacken, if pearls drop out of your chain, do not  
mind. Come with quick steps over the grass.

Do you see the clouds wrapping the sky?  
Flocks of cranes fly up from the further riverbank  
and fitful gusts of wind rush over the heath. The  
anxious cattle run to their stalls in the village. Do  
you see the clouds wrapping the sky?

In vain you light your toilet lamp; it flickers and  
goes out in the wind. Surely, who would know that  
with lamp-black your eyelids are not touched? For  
your eyes are darker than rain clouds. In vain you  
light your toilet lamp; it goes out.

Come as you are, tarry not over your toilet.  
If the wreath is not woven, who cares?  
If the wrist-chain has not been tied, leave it by.  
The sky is overcast with clouds; it is late.  
Come as you are, tarry not over your toilet.

BY RABINDRANATH TAGORE

Mental health conditions are linked to changing autism traits: Study

A long-term study conducted by UC Davis Health researchers gives fresh light on the association between autistic features and middle childhood mental health.

According to the study, changes in core autistic traits are associated with whether children develop additional mental health difficulties over their primary school years.

The study was published in Autism.

"Our findings suggest that different aspects of a child's development may affect each other over time," explained Einat Waizbard-Bartov, a doctoral researcher in developmental psychology at the UC Davis MIND Institute and the lead author of the paper. "Core autism traits and mental health challenges likely interact throughout development."

A key finding was that a reduction in restrictive and repetitive behaviours during elementary school was linked to the emergence of mental health challenges, lending support to the idea that these behaviours may benefit autistic individuals. An increase in social-communication difficulties during this time was also linked to anxiety and other mental health challenges.

Waizbard-Bartov has published previous research showing autism characteristics can change significantly from ages 3 to 11.

The current study included 75 autistic children ages 6 to 11, including 15 girls. All were part of the MIND Institute's Autism Phenome Project, a large, long-term study aimed at identifying different subtypes of autism.

Through parental interviews and



questionnaires, the research team evaluated the children for mental health symptoms and restricted and repetitive behaviours, which can include seeking sensory stimulation, hand-flapping or sticking to set routines. They tracked changes in autism characteristics using the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule Calibrated Severity Score.r. About a third of the participants had both decreasing restricted and repetitive behaviours and increased social-communication difficulties. "We were pleased to see that our results confirmed what has been suspected by other autism researchers and clinicians as well as autistic individuals, that some forms of restricted and repetitive behaviours can potentially help to self-soothe," said David Amaral, distinguished professor in the Department of Psychiatry and

Behavioral Sciences, MIND Institute faculty member and senior author on the paper. Waizbard-Bartov notes that the findings question the wisdom of therapies that try to eliminate these behaviours.

"In light of this, when thinking about interventions, it might be that trying to eliminate repetitive behaviours without providing alternative self-soothing tools is not the ideal way to go," she said.

The study is the first, to the authors' knowledge, to demonstrate an association between mental health challenges and increases in the severity of social-communication difficulties for autistic children.

"This occurred in children who showed decreases in core autism traits during early childhood and whose cognitive functioning was in the typical range.



PVR INOX Passport Monthly Subscription Pass Launched at Rs. 699 for 10 Movies

Leading cinema chain PVR INOX on Saturday announced a new initiative 'PVR INOX Passport', a first of its kind movie subscription pass aimed at "irrigating the film industry" and motivating the consumers to frequently visit theatres. As per the monthly subscription pass, which will be available from October 16, cinema goers will be able to watch up to 10 movies per month for just Rs. 699. The offer will be applicable from Monday to Thursday, and excludes premium offerings like IMAX, Gold, LUXE and Director's Cut. Gautam Dutta, co-CEO of PVR INOX, said the company has been engaging with the customer base to know more about their movie watching habits. "There is a sentiment, the consumers are saying that we love the movie experience and we love to come out to a cinema. But we can't get it all. We keep slotting what are the event films and what are the movies that can be consumed on TV, iPad and mobile. "So in their mind, Pathaan, Jawan, Salaar, Leo, are some of the big cinema films. And then there are certain films that they really want to watch but don't mind waiting for them a little longer... So when we probed and said, 'why can't you come to a cinema hall every week?' They said it becomes expensive," Dutta told. Such a trend is not healthy for the film industry, especially for the mid-level and smaller budget films, believes Dutta. "The events films are becoming bigger and bigger and bigger. The smaller midsize films are getting squeezed out. So we needed to actually have a kind of a product that worked with consumer sentiment to get them back into the cinema, a lot more and which will propel better smaller films because we have close to about 13 to 16 films, which get released every week," he added. PVR INOX first addressed the consumers' concern regarding the food and beverages, slashing their prices by 40 percent recently. The film exhibitor also introduced food combos starting from Rs. 99 from Monday to Thursday between 9am and 6pm, while on weekends it offered bottomless popcorn with "unlimited refills". The movie subscription plan is another step that will have a positive impact, Dutta said. "The fact is we wanted to truly irrigate the market and get people who are coming to us once, twice or thrice in a month... More films will get consumed. More films will get produced. A larger audience will get created.

Punjabi Singer Malkit Singh released new song 'Mobile'

CHANDIGARH : Renowned singer Golden Star Malkit Singh, celebrated for hits like "Tutak Tutak Tutyan" and "Kali Ainak," is set to captivate audiences once again with his latest track, "Mobile." Briefing the media at Chandigarh press club today, Malkit Singh revealed that the song, released by Music Waves, has garnered immense popularity in its initial phase, resonating with millions of fans and listeners. He shared his previous musical experiences with the media. In this new song, the artist explores the youth's growing fascination with mobile phones, encapsulating the current craze. The accompanying music video, directed by Stalnavar, compliments the track's theme, showcasing the visual allure of modern mobile culture. This song is shot in Nabha district palace. Malkit Singh expressed his excitement about the song's reception, emphasizing the tremendous success it has achieved in capturing the audience's attention. He also shared his plans for the year-end, teasing a forthcoming Punjabi film titled "Saade Lekh," centered around rural life. Rajesh Chahotra, the manager of Music Waves, praised Malkit Singh's exceptional song writing and vocal presence, acknowledging the artist's unique ability to engage and captivate listeners.

UT team announced for Senior Women's T20 Trophy, Kashvee to lead

Chandigarh, UT Cricket Association has announced the Chandigarh team for the upcoming Senior Women's T20 Trophy to be held between Oct 19-30 at Vaddodra. The team will be led by Kashvee Gautam. UT girls will start its campaign against Karnataka on October 19 followed by a match against Bengal on October 20. The team's next match is against Saurashtra on October 22 while the fourth fixture is scheduled against UP on October 24. Chandigarh and Meghalaya will lock horns on October 26 followed by another encounter against Tamil Nadu on October 28. Chandigarh's last match is scheduled against Puducherry on October 30. Team as follows: Kashvee Gautam (captain), Aaradhana Bisht, Shivangi Yadav, Priyanka Guleria, Nandini Sharma, Shivi Pandey, Kumari Shibi, Sarah, Parul Sahni, Monika Pandey, Palak Rana, Rajni Devi, Parushi Prabhakar, Shivani Thakur, Monika Bishnoi. Support Staff – Indu Verma (Manager), Pushpanjali Banerjee (Coach), Omea Yadav (Physio), Shuchi Kaushik (Trainer)

75 units of blood collected in the camp organized on the occasion of Maharaj Agarsain Jayanti



Kotkapura(Surinder Damdami) : On the occasion of Maharaj Agarsain Jayanti, a blood donation camp was organized by Agarwal Sabha in collaboration with Bharat Vikas Parishad at the local Agarwal Bhawan on Sunday. Meanwhile, a total of 75 people including officials and members of both organizations donated blood. The event was led by Agarwal Sabha chief Subhash Goyal, BVP main branch chief Pawan Mittal and Swami Vivekananda branch chief Baldev Kataria. During the event, Seth Madhusudan Khemka Chennai, former MLA Mantar Singh Brar, Naib Tehsildar Gurcharan Singh, Market Committee Chairman Gurmurti Singh, Agarwal Sabha State Secretary Jaipal Garg specially attended and encouraged the blood donors. Apart from this, all the blood donors were honored with mementos and certificates. On this occasion, State Secretary Jaipal Garg said that Agarwal Sabha Kotkapura is making a big contribution in the field of social service. On this occasion, the organization provided financial assistance to needy Aggarwal gave families. Former MLA Mantar Singh Brar congratulated everyone on Agarsain Jayanti and appreciated the contribution of Agarwal Sabha and BVP. The President of the Sabha, Subhash Goyal, said that on the occasion of the birthday, the Agarwal Sabha has also conducted lab tests for people. Blood was collected by the team of the blood bank of the civil hospital in the camp under the leadership of Dr Ramesh Kumar. On this occasion, patrons of Aggarwal Sabha and BVP Yash Aggarwal, Marreshpal Kansal, Ram Kumar Garg, TR Arora, Satpal Goyal, Secretary Bhushan Mittal, Lecturer Virender Kataria, Ashu Garg, Naresh Goyal, Rajinder Garg, Amit Kumar, Kapil Goyal, Darshan Kakkar, Jitinder Chawla etc were also present.

Pragya 2023: A Festival of Knowledge and Wisdom

Pragya 2023 sowed the seeds of wisdom and enlightenment during a groundbreaking event, marking India's first international festival aimed at igniting individuals' minds, invigorating their bodies, and harmonizing their breath. The event was inaugurated by Richard Macdonald from the switchboard of education and sustainability and zero carbon, Sonya Khurana, Rama Behan from the head of Brahmakumari New Delhi, and Manoj Jain and the Pandits performed the Opening Ritual of the ceremony. The panel of experts included Dr. Alok Chopra, Dr. Sanjay Sachdeva, Dr. Manjari, and Rama Behan from Brahmakumari, Medh Coach Vedisha Kaushal, Swami Lakshmi Narayan Ji, Meha Verma, and Girish Kulkarni. They enlightened the gathering and facilitated a deeper understanding of how to rekindle their relationships with themselves, their bodies, minds, and breath. The ceremony was held at O.P. Jindal Auditorium in New Delhi was concluded with the "Pragya in Switzerland" AV presentation and a documentary film, followed by refreshments. The event successfully brought together a vibrant community of individuals who prioritised health and self-care. The event was attended by prominent personalities Otolongist Ashmeen Munjaal, Shama Soni, Archana Aggarwal, Annie Munjal, Raehna Kohli Sandhu, Preeti Ghai, Neeva Jain, and Seema. Pragya 2023 was a profound journey of self-discovery, wisdom, and holistic well-being. People wholeheartedly supported and participated in the event.

NEWS/BUSINESS

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

Yes, They Exist: Fast-Food Options That Won't Guilt Trip You



How can fast food be healthy? You're right to wonder about that! After all, fast food is meant to be just a quick way to satisfy your hunger cravings. But what if we could tweak a few options to make them as healthy as possible so that we do not have to feel guilty later? Veg Grilled Sandwich Without Butter A simple veg grilled sandwich comes packed with veggies such as cucumber, beetroot and carrot, so you get at least some nutrition and it is a much healthier option than something like a vada pav or medu vada. Remember to skip the butter, especially

since most sandwich shops and stalls use a cheaper margarine instead of butter, and margarine is high in trans fats. Sukha Bhel Without Sweet Chutney This is the most convenient fast food you can get. You will find a bhel puri stall at every nook and corner. Now, a bhel puri isn't exactly 'healthy' because you have the puri and sev, both of which are deep fried. But, if you opt for a sukha bhel (dry bhel), then what you are eating is essentially murruma (puffed rice), peanuts, onions, coriander, lime and green chillies. So just by tweaking it a little – avoiding

the puri, sev and sweet chutney – a regular sukha bhel can be a good option for a quick bite. Baked Sweet Potatoes Sweet potatoes are a source of complex carbs, but at least they are a clean and unprocessed source. This can be a good alternative for a quick bite after a workout or if you have had to walk a lot. Sprinkle some chaat masala on them and they will taste even more yummy. Boiled Chana Chaat Chickpeas, the main ingredient in a chana chaat, contain fibre and a little protein. They can keep you full longer. The other ingredients such as coriander, tomatoes and lemon add to the overall nutritional content. You can have other alternatives such as peanut chaat too. Boiled Sweet Corn Masala Corn is a good source of fibre and essential B vitamins. Although most of the carbs in corn come from starch – which can quickly raise your blood sugar – it depends on how much you eat. You can have small servings occasionally. The higher fibre content helps balance your blood sugar levels. Boiled Eggs Chaat This is, in fact, the healthiest option on this list, placed last since it might not be as easily available as a bhel or a chaat. If you have the option, choose this over everything else. Eggs are a rich source of protein with amino acids and healthy fats. When having this, have the whole egg; do not throw away the yolk – it has more nutritional value than the rest of the egg. The key is to adjust the level of calories to stay within the calorie count. This way you do not have to feel guilty when you relish your favourite treats.

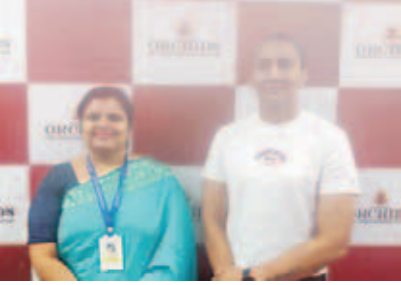
BIS honored Surender Verma for consumer awareness



Chandigarh, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has honored Surender Verma for his efforts in making consumers aware of their rights under the aegis of World Standards Day observed on 14th October. Verma, who is the founder of Citizens Awareness Group (CAG), has been creating awareness among consumers by organizing activities on various aspects for the last two decades. He was honored by BIS's Northern Region Office Deputy Director General Rajev P and Chandigarh Branch Head Deepak Aggarwal in the presence of representatives from across the country during the regional program of the Bureau held at Hotel Shivalikview. Earlier, on October 12 last week, Surender Verma was also honored by Deputy Commissioner, Panipat Puneet Sharma and Additional Deputy Commissioner Amit Dahiya in a program held under the aegis of the World Standards Week organized by BIS Haryana at Panipat Institute of Engineering and Technology. Verma retired as Public Relations Officer from Food Corporation of India in 2008, later he formed CAG. He is making efforts in this consumer awareness campaign with the help of various government agencies.

Orchids The International School celebrates 'Power Up with Legends' with India's distinguished and acclaimed Gold Medalist Geeta Phogat

Rohtak | Orchids The International School, in collaboration with Shikhar Dhawan's Da One Sports Academy, successfully concluded a three-day sports camp from the 13th to the 15th of October, 2023. The highlight of the training camp was an invigorating Masterclass today led by India's first gold medalist wrestler Geeta Phogat. Ms Phogat shared invaluable insights into Fitness Training, addressing students, parents, and teachers alike. Attendees had the privilege of interacting with the



celebrity sports icon, gaining inspiration and wisdom from her exceptional journey. The sports training camp, held at Orchids The International School, Rohtak branch, featured intensive coaching sessions in Cricket, Football, Basketball, Athletics, and Swimming, led by expert instructors from DaOne, ensuring participants received unparalleled guidance. The flexible schedule accommodated both school and after-school hours, providing students with a convenient learning experience. Expressing her gratitude in glowing terms for being a part of the event, the Chief Guest Geeta Phogat said, "It was truly an honor to be a part of Orchids The International School's 'Power Up with Legends' initiative. Inspiring young athletes and sharing my experiences is something I'm deeply passionate about. I believe in the power of hard work and determination, and I hope these students carry that spirit forward in their journey." Sudha Rajmohan, VP Academics, Orchids The International School also shared her thoughts, saying "This sports camp exemplified our commitment to providing a holistic education. We believe that physical fitness is as crucial as academic excellence. Partnering with Geeta Phogat and Shikhar Dhawan's DaOne sports academy was a privilege, and we're thrilled to have offered this enriching experience to our students."

MPOC Youth Outreach Program Elevates Culinary Talent at Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management

NEW DELHI – The Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) celebrates the successful conclusion of its Youth Outreach Program, hosted at the esteemed Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management. This event illuminated the exceptional versatility and health benefits of palm oil as a star ingredient in culinary creations. By uniting budding culinary talents with seasoned experts, the event garnered widespread acclaim. The competition, divided into "Amateur" and "Expert" categories, saw the participation of up to 40 students in each group. The "Amateur" category, tailored for 1st and 2nd-year students, allowed participants 1 hour and 30 minutes to showcase their culinary skills through crafting a single starter. This segment provided a canvas for young talents to express their creativity and passion for cooking, setting the stage for their culinary journey. In the "Expert" category, exclusively designed for 3rd and 4th-year students, participants demonstrated their

culinary expertise over 2 hours and 30 minutes. This demanding category tasked students with creating a vegetarian starter, a non-vegetarian main dish, and an accompaniment. The challenge highlighted their ability to curate a harmonious and well-balanced meal, with palm oil at the heart of their culinary artistry. Throughout the competition, palm oil, renowned for its distinctive flavour and nutritional advantages, took centre stage as the star ingredient in all dishes prepared. Beyond the culinary excellence displayed, the event's mission was to educate participants and attendees about the sustainable production and health benefits of palm oil. The Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management expressed their enthusiasm for their involvement in this event, stating, "This educational module has definitely helped us to understand Malaysian Palm Oil and its benefits better, and how well food can be cooked in it.



Gear up for the Grand Finale of MTV Roadies – Karm ya Kaand; Will Prince's Gang be able to make it to the finals?

Chandigarh : After the 'Ticket to Finale' task, Prakram made his way to become the first finalist on MTV Roadies – Karm ya Kaand securing Gautam Gang's presence. This week, Vashu, Rishabh, Siwet and Himanshu will be seen performing the semi-finale task fighting to reach the finale. It's now upon Roadies from Rhea and Prince's gang to compete against each other to secure a spot in the much-awaited finale. The semi-finale task, "Panchtatva", will be a combination of the universe's five elements, earth, air, water, fire and sky. The contestants will have to collect five bricks with pathways created using these elements and skillfully balance them, symbolizing how the elements ultimately balance the universe. After hearing about this task, Rhea will say "Semi-finale task is deadly. Yahan saans nahi hi jaa rahi aur inhein yeh sab karna hai." Since Rhea did not use the Sonu Astra in order to save Tanu last week, Karmkata Sood will confirm that one member of



Rhea's gang will surely be a part of the finale, so Rishabh and Vashu will compete against each other to reach the finale. To which Rhea will say, "Un mein se ek toh confirm finale mein jayega, aur agar unhone Prince ki gang ke time kar diya toh we have a chance ki mere dono bacche finale main ja sakte hain." On the other hand, Himanshu and Siwet will compete against each other from Prince's gang but only one of the remaining three will be part of the finale. Before they commence the task, Prince will say, "Good luck guys! Mera kaam tha tumhe yahan tak laana, ab tumhari performance ke upar hai sab kuch. Aur main chahata hoon tum dono mein se koi ek jete." The excitement will be at an all-time high as the task decides if Prince's gang will even make it to the finale.

OPPO sets a new standard for foldable smartphone with the launch of Find N3 Flip in India

Amritsar/Ludhiana, 14 October—OPPO India has unveiled its latest foldable, the Find N3 Flip, priced at INR 94,999. It will become available—at 6 PM on October 22—in Cream Gold and Sleek Black at OPPO Stores, Flipkart, and mainline retail outlets. The Find N3 Flip weighs a mere 198g and measures just 8.55cm when folded – a compact fit for your pocket. The smartphone also features the industry's first-ever Hasselblad-backed triple-rear-camera setup on a flip device. The Find N3 Flip sports a large 3.26-inch vertical cover screen with a 17:9 aspect ratio. Over 90% of Android apps are optimised for vertical orientation; as a result, the Find N3 Flip supports 40+ apps—including Gmail, Photos, Outlook, Uber, X (formerly Twitter) and Google Maps—usable directly from this display. The cover screen also supports a QWERTY keyboard to reply to emails and instant messages. It can be customised in up to 20 styles and three quick access widgets that include Messages, Camera, Battery, Recorder, Timer, and T6-dos. OPPO has also added an Alert Slider on the left edge of the smartphone. This mechanical control can switch between Silent, Vibrate and Ring modes without opening the Find N3 Flip. Other upgrades include the flagship-grade 4nm MediaTek's Dimensity 9200 chipset, backed by OPPO's 44W SUPERVOOC™ fast-charging technology on a 4300mAh battery – the largest on a flip smartphone. Commenting on the latest Find addition, Daryam Singh Khanoria, Chief Marketing Officer, OPPO India, said, "After the success of the Find N2 Flip earlier this year, we are excited to introduce our latest flip, the Find N3 Flip.

Vashu Jain from Rhea Chakraborty's gang wins MTV Roadies - Karm ya Kaand!!



feelings. MTV Roadies - Karm ya Kaand has been instrumental in changing my outlook towards life. I couldn't have done it without the unwavering support of my Gang Leader Rhea Ma'am and Sonu Sir. Also, a big thanks to Prince Sir for putting his trust in me right from the beginning. Karm and Kaand, we embraced it all, and we emerged as champions!" This win is also a testament to the exceptional leadership of Gang Leader Rhea Chakraborty. On Vashu's win, she proudly said, "MTV Roadies - Karm ya Kaand was more than just a show, it was a pathway of resilience, growth, and untiring belief.

Microsoft-Activision Blizzard \$69 Billion Deal Closes as UK CMA Gives Approval

Xbox maker Microsoft closed its \$69 billion (nearly Rs. 5,75,620 crore) deal for Activision Blizzard on Friday, swelling its heft in the video-gaming market with best-selling titles including Call of Duty to better compete with industry leader Sony. Originally unveiled in January 2022, the biggest deal in the gaming industry cleared its final big hurdle — an approval from Britain — earlier in the day after Microsoft agreed to sell streaming rights for Activision's games to allay competition concerns. The completion is a major win for the US tech firm in its push to attract more people to its Xbox consoles and Game Pass subscription service. Microsoft's gaming revenue trails that of Sony, whose PlayStation consoles outsell the Xbox.

Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta and Mayor Panchkula inaugurate Physiotherapy and Pain Relief Center

Panchkula: Shri Mata Mansa Devi Bhandara Committee Charitable Trust organized the grand inauguration ceremony of its much-awaited Physiotherapy and Pain Relief Center at SCO 90, First Floor, Sector 5 Panchkula. This physio center was inaugurated by Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta and Mayor Panchkula Kulbhushan Goyal. Present Shri Mata Mansa Devi Bhandara Committee



Charitable Trust, Vinod Mittal said that Shree Gian Chand Gupta has always been supporting our charitable activities. Earlier also he had sponsored two mobile Bhandara vans by giving a grant of about Rs 15 lakh from his funds. He has now given a grant of Rs 11 lakh for the establishment of a charitable physio center. He informed that the Trust has been carrying out charitable activities since 1952 and has gradually expanded its activities to reach today's level. He said that there are a total of 12 trustees in the trust. Highlighting the center he said that our facility at this center is

equipped with the latest advancements in health care technology, has invested in advanced equipment to cater to the wide spectrum of physical ailments and conditions, the design of the center is based on hygiene and patient comfort. Gives priority to. Our spacious and airy campus creates an ideal environment for treatment and recovery, with specialized pain relief treatment available for individuals struggling with chronic pain, confident in addressing not just the symptoms, but also the overall health and well-being of our patients. We do. Our holistic approach ensures that individuals receive comprehensive care. Our center is located in the heart of Panchkula, making it easily accessible to residents of surrounding areas. We are proud to be an integral part of our community. "We look forward to collaborating with local healthcare providers, physicians and organizations to ensure that our services are accessible to all who need them," he said. He said that Shri Mata Mansa Devi Bhandara Committee is steadfast in its mission to increase the access and quality of health care within the community. This new physiotherapy and pain relief center is a symbol of our unwavering commitment towards this cause and for betterment of the society. The Trust is engaged in various charitable activities in the Tricity i.e. Panchkula, Chandigarh, Mohali etc. The Trust is distributing free breakfast, lunch and dinner to all at the feet of the world famous Mata Mansa Devi Temple, Panchkula. About 8-10 thousand people eat langar every day in its air-conditioned modern Bhandara. The Trust is also running a free bhandara at the PGI complex in Chandigarh, where it is providing breakfast, lunch and dinner to the patients and their attendants.

From situationships to self care: Chandigarh's Gen Z defines new dating trends



Chandigarh: Tinder, the world's most popular dating app for meeting new people, has released new insights about how 18-25-year-old young singles in Chandigarh are supercharging dating by challenging traditional relationship goals and standards and embracing a more authentic and inclusive dating landscape. Dating apps have become a bonafide stepping stone into the dating pool for many singles, with Tinder standing out as the #1 most-downloaded dating app amongst 18 year olds globally to forge authentic connections that reflect their individuality.2

3 out of 5 young adults in Chandigarh believe that dating apps allow them to meet people they would otherwise never have met – even those outside their social circle opening them up to a world of endless possibilities.1 To uncover the current landscape of dating, Tinder's Future of Dating, Chandigarh edition shares insights on how young singles in the city navigate romance and meaningful connections with a fresh and fun approach. Quote on behalf of Aahana Dhar, Director of Communications, Tinder India, "We are excited to reveal new insights about how the future of dating is shaping up in Chandigarh.

White Cane Safety Day observed to empowered visually impaired

Chandigarh, Rotary Chandigarh Shivalik and Rotaract Positive Ability Club observed White Cane Safety Day by organising a walkathon wherein hundreds of visually impaired people participated from Rock Garden to Sukhna Lake on Sunday. The event was also well attended by fitness enthusiasts as it was aimed to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society. A team of visually impaired girls staged a vibrant Nukkar Naatak to convey the significance of the day. In his address, Dr Surinder Makkar, President, RCS said that the purpose of the day was to promote the use of the white cane as a mobility aid for the blind and visually impaired and to raise awareness about the needs of people with disabilities. World White Cane Day or White Cane Safety Day was first celebrated in 1964 in the United States by President Lyndon B Johnson. During the 1960s only, the National Federation of the Blind started fighting for the rights of all visually impaired people and developing training programs for them by using the white cane.



Thrill Zone to organise 12th edition of the Punjab Half Marathon on October 29

Chandigarh: Thrill Zone, an organisation with a mission to establish running as a serious sport, will be organising Punjab Half Marathon on October 29. The event is being organised to raise awareness about the long ongoing issue in the society - Run Against Abuse. A bi-annual event, the Punjab Half Marathon will be kicked-off at 5:30 a.m. from Chandigarh Club, Sector 1 and the participants will be running across three categories - 21 km (half-marathon), 10 km and 5 km categories, which would be timed runs, in addition to a 3 kms fun run. PC Kushwaha, Founder, Thrill Zone said, "Thrill Zone is an organization working towards the establishment of running as a serious sport by means of marathons and extensive training. We at Thrill Zone are committed to the cause of healthy living catering to running fraternity to promote Running Culture. Completed its 100 events; Thrill Zone has organized half marathons all over India, hence works Pan India. 21 KM (Male/Female) run would include age groups of 18 to 30 Years, 31 to 40 Years, 41 to 50 Years, 51 to 60 Years, 61 to 70 Years and 71+ Years. In the 10 KM run, Age categories would include, Under 18 Years, 19 to 40 Years, 41 to 50 Years, 51+ Years while 5 KM - Timed Run - Top 3 male and 3 female will be chosen and will be open for all. Cut-off Timings for all distances would include 21 KM (1:30 Hours and 3:30 Hours; 10 KM (Timed Run) - 1:30 Hours and 5 KM (Timed Run) - 45 Min. All participants will be presented with a t-shirt, medal, participation certificate, and refreshments. Register at www.thrillzone.in



## NEWS AT A GLANCE

**Ten day annual camp of NCC begins at DAVIET College**



**HARPREET SINGH LEHAL**

**JALANDHAR:** The annual training of 650 NCC cadets by 2nd Punjab NCC Battalion has started from 13th October. Cadets participating in Republic Day Delhi-2024 will also be selected in this camp. Colonel Vinod Joshi, Camp Command, said that along with military training, many programs and lectures for personality development have been organized for the cadets. In these days, training will be given on many subjects like cadet weapon and foot drill, disassembly of weapons, firing of weapons, map reading, field craft, battlecraft, quarter guard training. Camp Commandant said that basketball, volleyball, drill competition, debate, firing competition will also be organized in the annual training camp. Many guest lectures will be organized in the camp. These include Demob by SDAR, Lecture and Demo by Fire Brigade, Lecture by Army Recruiting Office, Health and Safety by Lady Doctor, Cyber Security by Punjab Police etc. Colonel Joshi said that the cadets will be taught military life in ten days. Various types of training will be taught continuously from 6 am to 10 pm. 06 Assistant NCC officers and 25 military trainers are engaged day and night in the training.

**"India only country that can provide things that world needs today": RSS chief**

**KATHUA:** Amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, Rashtriya Swamsevaka Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said that instead of coming to an end, conflicts in the world have increased and that the world has everything except the things that bring happiness, solutions, and satisfaction. The RSS chief was addressing Sangh workers here in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua. He said that India is the only country in the globe that can provide things that the world needs today. "India is the only country in the world that can provide the things that the world needs today. Because the world has everything else but does not have the things that bring happiness, solutions, and satisfaction," Bhagwat said. Stressing that despite all kinds of experiments that have been carried out in the world in the last 2,000 years to end conflicts and spread peace, the RSS Sarsangchalak said that the world's suffering is not diminishing. "All kinds of experiments have been carried out in the last 2,000 years with the desire that man should be happy, the world's conflicts should stop, and peace should spread everywhere. After trying everything, the resources and facilities have increased a lot. There are so many facilities, but the suffering of the world is not decreasing," he said. "Instead of coming to an end, conflicts in the world have increased. First, the Ukraine conflict began and now the Israel-Hamas conflict has begun. On one hand, facilities have increased but on the other, crime has increased as well," he added. Meanwhile, according to the latest updates, at least 1300 people have lost their lives and over 3000 have been injured in the Hamas' terror attacks on Israel.

**Om Birla reaffirms India's stand, says terrorism has no place in country**

**NEW DELHI:** Underlining that terrorism is a global challenge against humanity, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Sunday said the world should come together to fight this menace. Birla made these remarks while addressing a press conference in the national capital, adding that India has always been clear about where it stands on the issue of terrorism. "The Indian government does not support terrorism in any form or manifestations. We have clearly stated that terrorism has no place in our country," the Lok Sabha Speaker said a day after the three-day P20 Summit, hosted in the national capital, ended. Emphasising India's unequivocal stand against terrorism, he reaffirmed the country's commitment to global peace and security. The Speaker also underlined the importance of not discussing the internal matters of any country in the highest legislative body, emphasising that such discussions should only happen when the issue has international implications. Highlighting the achievements of the P20 summit, Birla said the discussions at the summit covered a wide array of topics, including sustainable energy, environmental considerations, climate change and the empowerment of women. "India, being a leader in addressing climate change, showcased its commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) before 2030, emphasising carbon emission reduction and renewable energy development," Birla said.

# Aam Aadmi Party Chandigarh organises meeting

**SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, OCT 15**

Newly appointed Chandigarh co-in-charge Dr. SS Ahluwalia today held a meeting of Aam Aadmi Party Chandigarh leaders. In this meeting, senior AAP leaders from Chandigarh Pradeep Chhabra, Vikram Dhawan, Prem Garg, Chandra Mukhi Sharma, Vijay Pal and Councilors of AAP were present. On the occasion Dr. SS Ahluwalia addressed and said that Aam Aadmi Party is a revolutionary party and shared that the sole objective of the party is to provide a good system, corruption free administration, good health facilities, good education and employment to the people of the entire country. Dr. SS Ahluwalia also had a one-to-one conversation with everyone and took suggestions from them and assured that meetings will be held in Chandigarh to further strengthen the organization of the party in the coming days. In the



meeting suggestions were taken from all the volunteers to strengthen the party. Dr. Ahluwalia said that the way the people in Punjab have wiped out the other parties, in the same way the people of Chandigarh will also expel the

other parties from here. He further said that Aam Aadmi Party is fully committed to solve every issue of the people of Chandigarh. Councilors of Aam Aadmi Party and candidates of MC elections also participated. Dr. Ahluwalia

appealed to everyone that volunteers should donate blood in large numbers during the blood donation camp being organized in Chandigarh on October 17 on the occasion of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's birthday.

## UP govt to prepare annual action plan to address needs of girls, women

**AGENCY  
LUCKNOW, OCT 15**

To ensure the safety, dignity, and self-reliance of women, the Uttar Pradesh government will now formulate an annual action plan addressing the specific needs of women and girls, a government release said on Sunday.

As per the release, following the inauguration of Mission Shakti 4.0 by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the Panchayati Raj Department has outlined a strategy to promote the engagement of women in rural areas. Simultaneously, ongoing initiatives are in place to enhance the rights, leadership capabilities, and communication skills of women representatives.

Shardiya Navratri's inaugural day coincides with International Rural Women's Day. Subsequently, from October 16 to 18, women who



serve as the heads of Model Gram Panchayats will be recognized and honoured.

Furthermore, between October and mid-January 2024, with the assistance of voluntary organizations, approximately 17,500 women leaders will undergo training to enhance their knowledge of rights, leadership skills, and communication abilities.

Within this timeframe, as part of

the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, over 1.15 lakh participants will receive training through the Panchayati Raj Training Institute and the District Panchayat Resource Centre. Additionally, the poverty alleviation action plans created by women's self-help groups will be integrated into the annual action plans of Gram Panchayats.

In line with CM Yogi's intentions, the Panchayati Raj Department is also contributing to the upliftment of women. Throughout the period from October to mid-December, both area and district panchayats will hold meetings involving women members to incorporate their concerns into the annual action plan.

There are also directives to facilitate meetings specifically for women and to include the requirements of women and girls in the GPDP.

## Become master of technology, not a slave: Dr. PK Bajpai

**RAHUL KOHLI**

**JAGADHRI:** We should become masters of technology, not slaves. Dr. PK Bajpai, Principal of Maharaja Agrasain College, Jagadhri, said these words while auspiciously inaugurating the PPT Making Competition organized by the Computer Department. The PPT Making Competition was organized under the chairmanship of Prof. Randeep, Head of the Computer Department. Dr. PK Bajpai said that participation in such competitions enhanced the talent of the students and strengthened their sense of self-confidence. Today computer technology has simplified the tasks of human life. Professor Randeep, Head of the Computer Department, while addressing the students, said that Power Point Presentation or PPT Presentation was an application given by Microsoft Power Point on which one can create a presentation which was mostly used in professional or educational work. Multiplication in Power Point Information or data was put in slides which were in formats like text, image, video



and all those slides can be shown in the format of a presentation. This is a program with the help of which you can create a very powerful and attractive presentation. It works to prepare our data in the form of slides, says he. In PowerPoint program you can add animations, photos, graphics, videos, backgrounds. In this program you get many different tools with the help of which you can prepare a very good presentation. It worked to prepare our data in the form of slides.

## Appointment letters given by Civil Surgeon for deployment of staff at Aam Aadmi Clinic

**GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL**

**KHAMANO:** As per the instructions of Director, Health and Family Welfare Department, Punjab, appointment letters were given by Civil Surgeon Dr. Devinderjit Kaur to four doctors, one pharmacist and four new clinical assistants listed in the Aam Aadmi Clinics opened in the district. Giving information, Civil Surgeon Dr. Davinderjit Kaur said that from the list sent to the Director Health and Family Welfare Department, Punjab, these appointees have reached the office and received their appointment letters. All of them will submit their attendance report to the concerned senior medical officer at their respective stations. While issuing the appointment letter, Civil Surgeon Dr. Davinderjit Kaur congratulated them and asked them to do the duty wholeheartedly. She also said that there should not be any negligence in the service of patients, they should be provided medicines from the hospital itself because there was no shortage of essential medicines and other equipment in the district. Hence they should provide



quality health facilities. Work diligently in the department. She said that the health department was committed to providing quality health facilities to the common people and any kind of negligence would not be tolerated. She also said that if they still needed anything else, they should coordinate with their respective senior medical officer. On this occasion Assistant Civil Surgeon Mod. Swapanjit Kaur, Deputy Medical Commissioner Dr. Sarita, D.P.M. Kasitij Seema, District Group Education and Information Officer Baljinder Singh, Jaswinder Kaur BCC Amarjit Singh community mobilizer, Hardeep Singh, Jasdev Singh and newly appointees were present.

## 45th AIESCB Athletics meet ends with message of unity and dedication

**RAWEL BHINDER  
PATIALA, OCT 15**

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. has won the overall, 45th AIESCB MEET with 37 Points, whereas Haryana Power Sports Group and PSPCL secured second and third positions with 34 and 33 points respectively. The 45th All India Electricity Sports Control Board (AIESCB) Athletics Meet concluded on a high note at the National Institute of Sports (NIS) in Patiala on Saturday. The event, hosted by the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), brought together teams from various power departments across India, fostering camaraderie, unity,



dedication, and hard work among participants.

The two-day athletic meet witnessed a wide range of events where athletes from power departments of Maharashtra, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan,

Delhi, and BBMB showcased their athletic prowess. In the day, the meet featured thrilling competitions including the 400m race, Shot Put, 100m race, 1500m race, Long Jump, Javelin Throw, and the 4x400m relay. Athletes displayed their skills and

determination, making the meet a true celebration of talent and sportsmanship. Today, S. Harbhajan Singh, the Punjab Power and Public Works Department (PWD) Minister, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Er. Baldev Singh Sran, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of PSPCL, extended a warm welcome to the esteemed guest. He congratulated the winning teams and also expressed his gratitude to all the participants for their enthusiastic involvement in the event. Er. Sran said that the AIESCB Athletics Meet has been a testament to the power sector's commitment to fostering unity and camaraderie among its employees and promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

## PWD carries cleaning campaign of highway from Karnal to Sambhali



**MEGHRAJ LUTHRA  
KACHHWA, OCT 15**

Both the sides of Karnal Pehowa Highway was cleaned with rotavators by the District Public Works Department. On Sunday the cleaning campaign was carried out by the department throughout the day. On this highway, from Karnal to Sambhali Sita Mai, branches of thorny trees and human-sized grass were appearing in the middle of the road. People had also started dumping garbage on both sides of the road. At some places, even cow dung cakes were made. Due to this, road

accidents were taking place. Stray cattle and dogs had started roaming on the road. Sarpanch, Panch and other people of the village had raised this issue prominently before the officials and media. Recently, this issue was also raised in the media. Then the Public Works Department wrote a letter to the Forest Department to take action in this regard. But the Forest Department did not take any action in this regard. The Road Department has cleared the wild grass and garbage, dung on the either side of the highway by running rotavators.

## Fresher party organized in Rayat Bahara Engineering College



**DALJEET AJNOHA**

**HOSHARPUR:** A fresher's party was organized at Rayat Bahara Engineering College to welcome the students admitted in the new session. In which the students admitted in the 2023 session of the college were given a grand welcome. During this, Campus Director Dr. Chandra Mohan, while wishing all the new students present for their bright future, said that only good education leads to success. The program was started by lighting the lamp. On this occasion, a colorful program was presented by the students which included Gidda, Bhangra, songs, modeling and also a fashion show. On this occasion, Principal of the college, Dr. Jyotsna said that like every year, this year too the tradition of welcoming new students has been continued. Apart from this, Dr. Jyotsna informed the students about the rules of the college. On this occasion, Dr. Gaurav Parashar welcomed the guests. On this occasion, Harpreet was declared Miss and Chris was declared Mr Fresher.

## Ashapurni Samaj Sudhar Sabha arranges marriage of needy girl



**SHARANJEET**

**PATHANKOT:** The marriage of a needy girl was conducted at the Ashapurni temple in Pathankot under the leadership of the Ashapurni Samaj Sudhar Sabha under the leadership of president Vinod Kumar Malhotra. Committee President Vinod Kumar Malhotra said that so far 52 needy girls have been married by the temple committee. Satish Mahindru and Councilor Rohit Puri attended the event as chief guests and blessed the bride and groom. Krishan Gopal Bhandari, general secretary of the temple committee, said that with the support of the people, the girl was given all the items used for household chores. On this occasion, General Secretary Krishan Gopal Bhandari, Vijay Kumar Fatta, Dharmapal Pappu, Rampal Bhandari, Rakesh Sharma, Sudarshan Kumar Billa, Hari Mohan Bitta, Ashish Kumar Malhotra, Ashwani Bajaj, Ashok Bajaj, Gopal Sharma, Rohit, Deepak Kumar, Dr. Abhinav and Adarsh etc were present.

## Gurdwara Singh Sabha Preet Nagar organises Gurmat samagam



**SHARANJEET**

**PATHANKOT:** Gurdwara Singh Sabha Preet Nagar Pathankot was organized Gurmat samagam by Sarbat Khalsa. This Samagam was organized with the support of the chief organizer of the organization Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Gulati and Sangat. During the samagam, Panth famous narrator and preacher Giani Sukhraj Singh explained Gurbani. After that, Bhai Bikramjit Singh's ragi jatha enthralled the congregation by performing Kirtan. On this occasion, the chief administrator of the organization Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Gulati, Councilor Manjit Kaur, Balraj Singh, Jathedar Kulwant Singh, Jathedarni Ranjit Kaur, Jathedar Gurjit Singh, Advocate Jagdish Singh, Mannohan Singh, Manjit Kaur, Indrapal Singh, Jagdeep Singh, Simarpreet Singh, Kamaljit Singh Khalsa, Ravinder Singh Harry, Amaneet Kaur etc. were present. At the end of the samagam, Guru's langar was served.



## SHORT TALKS

### Brazil calls up Botafogo's Adryelson for World Cup qualifier

Rio De Janeiro, Oct 15 (UNI) Uncapped Botafogo defender Adryelson has been called up to Brazil's squad for their FIFA World Cup qualifier against Uruguay, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said on Saturday. The 25-year-old replaces Fluminense center-back Marcilio Mota, who sprained his left knee during a training session on Saturday. Adryelson has made 65 starts for Botafogo since joining the club on a free transfer from Sport Recife in July 2022. Uruguay and Brazil will meet at Estadio Centenario in Uruguayan capital Montevideo on Tuesday. Brazil is currently second in the 10-team South American qualifying group with seven points from three games while Uruguay is fourth, three points further back.

### "It seemed like a BCCI event": Mickey Arthur after defeat against India

Ahmedabad: Pakistan team director Mickey Arthur was dissatisfied after India registered a comprehensive victory over Pakistan on Saturday at the Narendra Modi Stadium here and questioned the one-sided nature of the fan base. Considered to be one of the most fierce rivalries in the world of cricket, the India-Pakistan clash took place in the world's biggest stadium - Narendra Modi Stadium. Home fans turned up in large numbers to support the 'Men in Blue'. After India walked away with a comprehensive 7-wicket victory, Arthur didn't hold back his disappointment and said in the post-match press conference, "Look, I'd be lying if I said it didn't seem like an ICC event to be brutally honest. It seemed like a bilateral series; it seemed like a BCCI event. I didn't hear Dil Dil Pakistan coming through the microphones too often tonight." The lack of green in the stands was partly down to Pakistani fans not being granted visas for the tournament. "What factor, how much of a factor do you think such a big crowd and such a partisan crowd against you, like 1,30,000 people all against you, do you think that had any impact in the things you've mentioned, being timid, etc," Arthur added. He went on to state that the crowd plays a massive role in such fixtures but they will not use it as an excuse for the defeat. "So yes, that does play a role, but I'm not going to use that as an excuse because for us it was about living the moment, it was about the next ball and it was about how we were going to combat the Indian, the Indian players tonight," Arthur said. Coming to the match, Indian bowlers completely shattered Pakistan's batting lineup as Bumrah, Siraj, Pandya, Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja bagged two wickets each to bundle out their traditional rival for 191 runs in just 42.5 overs. Captain Babar Azam scored the highest for Pakistan with 50 off 58 while Mohammad Rizwan scored 49.

### "I'm excited by the prospect of joining boys": Head on joining Aussie WC squad

LUCKNOW: Aussie batsman Travis Head made his return to the nets for the first time after he suffered a fractured hand in South Africa and is expected to be able to fly out to join the World Cup squad in India on Thursday. The 29-year-old had the cast removed late last week and is now facing throwdowns. Scans have shown the fracture, inflicted by fast bowler Gerald Coetzee at Centurion, is healing well although he still needs a final sign-off before joining the Aussie squad. The earliest possible return for Head would appear to be against the Netherlands on October 25 although that may still depend on his condition. "It's coming along well, and probably better than we hoped. When we decided not to go with surgery, which would have meant a ten-week recovery, we were told it would be a minimum of six weeks with the splint before we could look at playing again," Travis Head said as quoted by ESPNcricinfo. "Going by that plan, the Netherlands game will be just under six weeks from impact which is a pretty aggressive date so everything would have to go perfectly from here to make that deadline," he added. "But we'll just see how it progresses over the next few days and I'm excited by the prospect of joining the boys over there later in the week," he added. The 29-year-old's importance to the Aussie squad was emphasised since the selectors opted to only have 14 available players for the first part of the ODI World Cup 2023.

## Embattled Australia take on Sri Lanka in battle to re-discover winning touch

AGENCY LUCKNOW: Their house in complete disarray after consecutive defeats, Australia will look to wake up from their slumber and return to winning ways against an equally stuttering Sri Lanka in the World Cup here on Monday. Both teams are in search of their maiden win in the tournament. While Australia suffered humiliating losses against India and South Africa, Sri Lanka faltered against the Proteas and Pakistan.

Australia have looked like a pale shadow of their dominant selves in this tournament.

The five-time champions sit ninth in the 10-team league table owing to their horrendous Net Run Rate (-1.846), while the Lankans are 7th on the table with a NRR of -1.161.

The Aussies desperately need to get their act together if they want to keep their fate in their own hands.

But it is easier said than done. Australia have lost seven of their last eight ODIs comprehensively.

During this tournament, they have performed poorly in all three departments of the game. The Men from Down Under have been uncharacteristically sloppy in the field.

The Australians have dropped a whopping six catches in two games -- the most by any team so far in this edition of the World Cup.

Their bowling attack has also looked toothless. They have failed miserably with the bat, suffering mini-collapses, and are yet to cross 200 runs. They were rocked by India's spin bowling in the opener and



then by the South African pacers. But facing the battered and bruised Sri Lankan bowling attack could be the perfect opportunity for the Australian batters to find some form. The Australians are also familiar with the Ekana pitch having trained in the city for close to a week and played against South Africa here.

Skipper Pat Cummins had insisted earlier this week that they won't be rotating their bowlers which means

Australia will stick to their three-pronged pace attack of Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc with Adam Zampa and Glenn Maxwell sharing spin duties.

Sri Lanka too have underperformed at the mega event so far. They occupy the seventh spot on the points table.

While their batting line-up has done reasonably well, putting up scores in excess of 320 in both the previous

games, their bowling is an area of concern. In the absence of several frontline bowlers, Sri Lanka's relatively inexperienced bowling attack has conceded a whopping 775 runs in their first two matches.

The Lankans looked on course to register their first win against Pakistan, but the inexperience of youngsters like 20-year-old Matheesha Pathirana came to the fore as the former champions.

## KL Rahul wins "Gold Medal" by team for best fielding against Pakistan

AHMEDABAD: Following India's seven-wicket win against Pakistan in the 12th match of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup (CWC) 2023 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Saturday, India fielding coach T Dilip gave the best fielding award of the game to the wicketkeeper-batsman KL Rahul.

Before giving the award, Dilip praised the Indian bowling attack for moving around quickly to their places.

"I think special mention to Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Shardul Thakur, and Jasprit Bumrah for moving around quickly to their places, doing their best in the afternoon by going back to back," Dilip said.

The fielding coach also hailed Ravindra Jadeja for his speed and accuracy in the match against Pakistan.

"One thing special to see is that the world's best fielder is back doing what he is renowned to be doing the best. Good to see Ravindra Jadeja doing the speed and accuracy and getting there," he added.

While talking about KL Rahul, Dilip said that the wicketkeeping often gets ignored and then added that the 31-year-old was fantastic on Saturday.

"One skill generally which really gets ignored. I think that is wicketkeeping, we expect to do the job, but some of the things we spoke about



coming to the wicket and coming to the stumps to collect that throws. Doing the leg side stump and catches. I think overall KL Rahul was fantastic," he added.

## Shanghai Masters 2023: Rohan Bopanna-Matthew Ebden loses men's doubles final



SHANGHAI : India's star tennis player Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden lost the final of Shanghai Masters 2023 men's doubles tennis at the Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena on Sunday. Bopanna and Ebden, however, earn a spot in the season-ending ATP Finals 2023, which will take place in Turin, Italy this November. The pair, who earlier this year advanced to the Grand Slam final of the US Open, went down against Marcel Granollers of Spain and Horacio Zeballos of Argentina in the Shanghai final by 7-6, 2-6, and 7-10. This was Rohan Bopanna's third ATP Masters 1000 final of the year. The Indian tennis player, now 43, had partnered Ebden to win the Indian Wells Masters title back in March. The victory also made Rohan Bopanna the oldest ATP Masters champion in tennis history, as per Olympics.com. The Indo-Australian duo had also made it to the final of the Madrid Masters back in May but lost to Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev in the deciding match.

## Gurbaz's carnage, Alikhil's fifty propel Afghanistan to 284 against England



NEW DELHI : Rahmanullah Gurbaz's carnage Mujeeb Ur Rahman's fireworks at the Arun Jaitley Stadium propelled Afghanistan to 284 against England in their ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 match in Delhi on Sunday. Gurbaz played an inning of 80 runs while Mujeeb slammed 28 off 16 and Ikram Alikhil scored a crucial 58 to help Afghanistan post a competitive total of 284. England fought back and restricted Afghanistan to 284 after Gurbaz's blazing start. For England, Adil Rashid bagged three and Mark Wood two wickets haul to help defending champions skittle out Afghanistan. Put to bat first, Afghanistan got off to a flying start as their opener Gurbaz thumped England pacers and clattered their deliveries for big shots. Opener Ibrahim Zadran also opened his hands and the duo took their team's total beyond 50 runs in just 7th over of the game. Flying criticism around their slow powerplay opening,

Afghanistan dug into England's bowling attack with Sam Curran being at the receiving end of Gurbaz's fury. Gurbaz in red-hot form smoked Sam Curran for 20 runs with the help of two boundaries and one maximum. In the 11th over of the game, the Afghanistan opener brought up his fifty in 33-ball. He along with Ibrahim Zadran stitched a 100-plus stand for the first wicket. England turned things around drastically after the 15th over as England skipper Jos Butter introduced premium spinner Adil Rashid into the game. Adil Rashid got the much-needed breakthrough for England as he dismissed Ibrahim Zadran for 28. Rashid's stunning spell put pressure on Afghanistan batters as he removed Rahmat for 3 in the 19th over. What appeared to be a little hiccup on their path soon became a mini-collapse as Gurbaz was run out on the very next ball, with skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi erring in his assessment of a single.

## "This should hurt Pakistan": former Pakistan cricketer Ramiz Raja on Pakistan's 7-wicket defeat

AGENCY AHMEDABAD : The former Pakistan cricketer Ramiz Raja was disappointed with the performance of Pakistan as they were beaten by India in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup match by seven wickets.

Pakistan were all out for 191 runs in 42.5 overs. Captain Babar Azam scored the highest for Pakistan with 50 (58 balls) while Mohammad Rizwan scored 49.

"This should hurt Pakistan because they weren't able to compete. When you're playing against India obviously it's such an environment where it's 99 per cent India fans and crowds, you're obviously overwhelmed. I understand all of that," Ramiz said on the latest episode of The ICC Review podcast.

"But Babar Azam has led this side for a good four or five years, so you've got to rise to the occasion. If you can't win, then at least compete. Pakistan wasn't able to do that. It's a reality and



Pakistan has got to do something about it," Ramiz said.

With this win, India maintained their record of being unbeaten by Pakistan in the ODI World Cup.

They have a lead of 8-0 in the tournament. Ramiz thinks that it is a 'mental block' that is not allowing Pakistan to win over India.

"They can't be termed as 'chokers' against India because that's not a great tag to have. Somehow it's a mental block, it's a skill block as well. Credit to India for maintaining their presence in World Cup competitions against Pakistan, it's not an easy match for India also because there are emotions involved, there are expectations involved", said Ramiz

"Then you're supposed to win because it has been happening for so many years that this can get you under a little bit of extra pressure. But they've handled it so well. It's going to hurt them. It's a scarring, it's a pasting, it's a battering

and they've been outpaced and outplayed in all the three departments," added Ramiz. Ramiz stressed that Pakistan must shift their attention to their remaining games after learning from the painful loss to their rivals.

Ramiz stated, "Babar Azam and the senior players will have to rally around some of the young kids and have got to find an answer". "They've got to be brutally honest in those team meetings. I think that is where Pakistan needs to start", said Ramiz.

"On the drawing board saying that our spin has been struggling, we shouldn't get out after scoring 50 or a 49, and what were the tailenders doing?" he concluded. Indian bowlers completely shattered Pakistan's batting lineup as Bumrah, Siraj, Pandya, Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja bagged two wickets each to bundle out their traditional rival for 191 runs in just 42.5 overs.



## Children's Mahotsav will be celebrated from 16th to 20th October at Bal Bhawan

**PARI BAJAJ KARNAL:** Like every year, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and District Child Welfare Council Chairman Anish Yadav, Children's Mahotsav will be organized at Bal Bhawan from 16th to 20th October to enhance the talent of children. This information was given by District Child Welfare Officer Vishwas Malik. This program will be organized at Kalidas Rangashala and Bal Bhawan Karnal. He told that various competitions will be organized in this Children's Festival. In this Children's Mahotsav, competitions like dance, music, skating, poster making, fancy dress, clay modeling, writing competition, fun game, leg dance, best playwright and drama will be conducted. He told that in the first class, competitions will be organized among the children of class 1st to 5th, in the second class from 6th to 8th class, in the third class from 9th to 10th class and in the fourth class, competitions will be organized among the children of class 11th and 12th.

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## Kanwar Pal organises a huge scheduled caste conference in Salempur Bangar of Jagadhri assembly constituency

**RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI:** School Education Minister in Haryana Government, Kanwarpal Gurjar said that he was continuously getting development works worth crores of rupees done in his Jagadhri constituency and under this connection he participated in the Mandal level Scheduled Caste class conference in Salempur Bangar village of Jagadhri assembly constituency. He attended the conference as the chief guest. He garlanded the portrait of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and saluted him and said that Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar has been the creator of the Constitution of India. All the citizens have got their constitutional and fundamental rights in the Constitution made by him. He said that PM Narendra Modi and Haryana BJP Government Chief Minister Manohar Lal Many schemes have been run by the Government to advance the Scheduled Caste category. Under the Chief



Minister Vivah Shagun Yojana, a shagun of Rs 71,000 was given on the marriage of a daughter of a Scheduled Caste BPL family. Under the Aapki Beti Meri Beti scheme, an amount of Rs 21,000 was given per daughter on the birth of three daughters in a Scheduled Caste family. Under the Legal Aid Scheme, Scheduled Caste people were given an assistance of Rs 22,000 for advocacy

in courts. The facility of free coaching for competitive examinations was also available to the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes. Farmers belonging to Scheduled Caste category were given a grant of up to Rs 13,000 on biogas plants.

Similarly, up to 60 per cent subsidy was given on fish farming. The BJP government has fulfilled the long standing demand of the Scheduled

### Women and girls can apply online and offline for driving training

**CHANDIGARH:** The Haryana government, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav series with the spirit of Antyodaya, has launched a significant programme to empower women and girls living below the poverty line by providing them with driving and self-defence training. The programme, conducted through the Haryana Women Development Corporation, will train eligible women in driving and self-defence. Sharing information in this regard an official spokesperson said that the training programme, which spans 21 days, includes driver training and self-defence sessions and is being held at Maruti Suzuki Training Center, Bahadurgarh, and Ashok Leyland Driver Training Institute, Kaithal. Eligible candidates should be female residents of Haryana, aged between 18-45, with a minimum educational qualification of 12th grade (higher educational qualification will be preferred).

## HDFC Bank, Red Cross hold blood donation camp

**PARI BAJAJ KARNAL:** In collaboration with HDFC Bank Limited and District Red Cross Society, a huge blood donation Mahakalyan camp for children suffering from Thalassemia was organised at Blood Bank, Kalpana Chawla Medical College. About 65 people registered for the camp and 55 people donated blood voluntarily. The team of Kalpana Chawla Medical College under the leadership of Dr. Vikas Saini collected blood. Camp coordinator Kapil Kishore said that blood donation is a very virtuous act. He said that to avoid diseases like Thalassemia, every boy and girl must get their blood test done before marriage. Every pregnant woman must also get her blood tested. All the blood donors were also honoured with appreciation certificates. He said that the next blood donation camp will be organised on Sunday, 22 October 2023 at Blood Bank, Kalpana Chawla Medical College, Karnal from 9 am to 1 pm. There was special support of Kamaljeet Motia, Amit Sharma, Praveen, Gulshan Madan, Chetan Madan, Sanjeev Bajaj, Head of Resident Welfare Association Sector 7, Sanjeev Upal from HDFC Bank, Darpan Walecha, Rajeev, Kajal, Himangini in organising the blood donation camp.



## Renu Bala inaugurates beautification work of park



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Mayor Renu Bala Gupta inaugurated the beautification work of the park at Ashoka Nursery of Ward No. 2 on Sunday. Work will be done to construct the park's boundary wall, two gates, wall grill and a track inside the park. In his address, the Mayor said that development works are being carried out in public interest by the Municipal Corporation in all the wards. She said that Haryana has witnessed unprecedented development under the leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal. CM's thinking is that every section should be happy. No stone will be left unturned in development works in Karnal. On this occasion, BJP District President Yogendra Rana, General Secretary Sunil Goyal, KP Rana, Rajan Tuli, Sunil Goyal, Shiv Gupta, Gurpreet Bhinder, Gurjit Walia, Naresh, Laxman Chauhan, Bhavya Singh, Praveen, Rambhajan Verma, Aditya Mishra, Gulshan Arora, Rai Singh Rana, Rinko Goyal, Manju Gupta, Santosh Gupta and Municipal Corporation JE Deepak were present.

## Govt issued notification of reservation in promotion of Group "A" and "B": Meena Chauhan

**DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI:** Meena Chauhan Raison, operator of Nigdhu Indane Gas Agency located in village Nigdhu under Nilokheri Legislative Assembly and State Vice President of BJP Mahila Morcha, said during the press conference on the agency today that today during the tenure of Manohar Government, without any slip, without expenditure, with transparency. Apart from government jobs and transfers,



Manohar government has implemented very important schemes for the poor families like free treatment, free ration etc. and other important schemes for the Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and all the families living below the poverty line. He said that the long pending gift given by the Chief Minister Manohar Lal recently of giving reservation in promotion to all the employees/officers belonging to Scheduled Caste in Group "A" and "B" category posts, has

been given before Diwali. It is very commendable that the government has given a huge gift to our deprived eligible employees/officers by immediately issuing the notification. Along with this, the subsidy under the Ujjwala scheme has been increased from Rs 200 to Rs 300, which will provide great relief to poor women and those families whose BPL ration was recently cut due to electricity bill and were deprived of availing the facility. The condition of electricity bill has been abolished for them, so that more and more people can get the benefit and most importantly, the huge gift that the Manohar government has given on Diwali is to all the deprived people under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Grants have to be given to the family members for construction and repairs of houses.

## Free health check up camp organised by Agarwal Youth Forum

**KARNAL (DR ASHOK KUMAR):** A free health checkup camp was organized for the health of all the children at MDD Bal Bhawan, Karnal on Sunday on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Maharaja Agrasen courtesy of Agarwal Youth Forum. The stage management of the program was done by Rahul Jain. In the program, Child Welfare Committee Chairman Umesh Channa was the chief guest, social worker Shammi Bansal and Dr. Naveen Gupta, President Indian Medical Association were present as special guests. The project directors of the program were Puneet Jain, Vinay Jain, Tushar Aggarwal, Hitesh Aggarwal. After the health checkup of the children, various competitions were held like painting competition, singing competition, dance competition, uniforms and programs for children were organized at MDD Bal Bhawan. At the end, special arrangements were made for refreshments for all the children in which Gol Gappa, Pizza, Dosa, Dahi Bhalla, Pav Bhaji. etc.



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