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Gujarat: 24 people killed in lightning strikes amid unseasonal rainfall

GANDHINAGAR: At least 24 people have died so far in rainfall "unseasonal rainfall" that hit several parts of Gujarat over the weekend, which has also claimed the lives of 71 animals, an official from the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) said on Monday. According to information, one person died in each of the districts of Ahmedabad, Amreli, Anand, Kheda, Devbhoomi Dwarka, Panchmahal, Patan, Botad, Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Surat and Surendranagar. In Tapi district two people lost their lives due to a lightning strike. Three people each were killed due to lightning.

India, US looking at finalising MQ-9B Predator drone deal by early next year

NEW DELHI: India is looking at sealing a landmark deal to procure 31 MQ-9B Predator armed drones from the US under a government-to-government framework by March with the US Congress expected to clear the supplies in the next few weeks, people familiar with the matter said. American and Indian government officials will hold the final series of negotiations on the procurement after Washington responds to India's Letter of Request (LoR) for the acquisition of drones from US defence major General Atomics (GA), they said. India is procuring the long-endurance 'hunter-killer' drones to crank up the surveillance apparatus of the armed forces, especially along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.

Delhi Police arrests two sharpshooters after encounter

NEW DELHI: The Special Cell of Delhi police arrested two sharpshooters from East Delhi's Mayur Vihar after an encounter in which one accused sustained gunshot injury on his right leg, police said on Monday. Both the accused were tasked to assassinate a singer for which they made an attempt in October this year at Bhatinda but could not be successful as the singer was not found at home, claimed police. The duo, identified as Rajpreet Singh (25) alias Raja and Virender Singh (22) aka Vimmy, are sharpshooters of international gangster Arshdeep Singh alias Dalla. They were arrested on the main road towards Akshardham Mandir opposite Samachar Apartment in Mayur Vihar area after a brief exchange of fire.

Rescuers launch 360 degree op to save trapped tunnel workers

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The operation to rescue 41 workers trapped inside an Uttarakhand tunnel for more than two weeks now has been a story of new challenges at every corner and rescue teams tweaking their plans to meet them. The past 16 days have seen government authorities constantly fine-tune their strategies and find new approaches to bring out the men at the earliest. At this point, rescue teams are drilling from multiple directions to reach the workers. They are simultaneously focusing on ensuring their physical and mental well-being as the operation drags on.

Manual drilling at the Uttarkashi site is set to begin today after an auger drill machine manufactured in the US got stuck in the debris. The drill -- a corkscrew like-device with a rotary blade at the front-end -- had drilled through more than 46 metres of debris. As the machine drilled through, pipes were pushed in to create an escape passage. A couple of days back, it appeared that the operation would be completed soon, but snags in the drill dashed hopes. About 14-odd metres of drilling was left when the machine's blade got stuck in the debris and the drill broke down. International tunnel expert Arnold Dix, who is at the site, said the auger machine was "busted". "Augering is finished... the auger is broken, destructed," he told the media. Thereafter, a specialised gas cutter was



flown in from Hyderabad to cut and remove the parts of the auger drill stuck in the debris so that manual drilling could begin. The plasma cutter completed its task this morning.

With the 25-tonne auger machine breaking down, rescue teams decided to pursue multiple strategies simultaneously. Manual drilling is aimed at completing the task the auger drill started. A team of 11 has been flown in from Delhi for this task. These include six specialists and five more in reserve. Rescue teams said they will go inside the 800 mm pipe to remove the debris manually. This method involves two-three drillers entering the pipe and using hand-held tools to clear the debris blocking the pipe's way. The

waste generated during the digging is sent out through wheeled vessels. One of the specialists told news agency a news agency. "A shovel and other specialist tools will be used. For oxygen, we will take along a blower with us."

Manual drilling is a tiring task and the diggers take turns. These professionals are also called rat miners for their rat-like skill in boring. According to rescue teams, these professionals are skilled in cutting through metal barriers too. Manual drilling method is set to begin today. Rescue teams at the site said this morning that the gas cutters used to remove parts of the auger drill from the debris had generated heat inside the pipe and they were waiting for it to cool down before manual drilling starts.

Haryana: Cancer patients to get a monthly assistance of Rs. 3000

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

In a bid to alleviate the financial burden faced by eligible cancer patients by providing them with monthly financial help, the Haryana Cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal today approved a scheme for giving financial assistance for stage III and IV cancer patients. With this decision, around 22,808 patients will get the benefit.

The monthly financial assistance of Rs.3000 provided under this scheme will be in addition to the benefit being availed under any other social security pension scheme by the applicant. The financial assistance to eligible patients shall be given @ equal to old Age Samman Allowance. Initially, from now onwards, the patients will receive monthly assistance of Rs. 2750, while from January 2024 the amount will be Rs. 3000.

Notably, during the inauguration of the Atal Cancer Care Centre (ACCC), Ambala Cantt, the Chief Minister had announced pension for can-



cer patients of stage III and IV.

A person eligible for Financial Assistance under the scheme shall be, a citizen of India and a resident of Haryana and should be residing in Haryana since the last 15 years on the date of submission of the application,

should have Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP), all age Group stage III & IV patients will be eligible under the scheme, and patients whose family income is less than Rs. 3 lakh per annum, except the amount of other Social Security Pension Schemes will be eligible.

Winter session to begin from December 15

CHANDIGARH: The winter session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha will begin from December 15, 2023. A decision to this effect was taken in the meeting of the state cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal here today. With this, the Council of Ministers has also authorized the Chief Minister for the legislative business of the House.

Khalistani protesters heckle Indian envoy visiting US Gurdwara

AGENCY
NEW YORK, NOV 27

A group of Khalistani protesters heckled Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Indian Ambassador to the US, at a New York gurdwara yesterday. Mr Sandhu was visited Hicksville Gurdwara in Long Island on the occasion of Gurburab when the protesters surrounded him and started shouting.

They accused him of plotting the assassination of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar and also conspiring to get another terrorist Gurburab Singh Pannun murdered.

A video of the exchange between Mr Sandhu and the Khalistani protesters has now gone viral. The video starts with the envoy telling the protesters that he is visiting the gurdwara for seva (service).

A protester is heard shouting in Punjabi, "You are responsible for the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. You plotted to kill Pannun."



Others in the video are seen trying to defuse the situation. The protesters follow Mr Sandhu and are heard asking, "Why don't you answer?"

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"Khalistanies tried to heckle Indian Ambassador @ SandhuTaranjitS with baseless Questions for his role in the failed plot to assassinate Gurburab, (SFJ) and Khalistan Referendum campaign," BJP's national spokesperson RP Singh wrote in a video post on X.

Mukh Mantri tirath yatra scheme launched in Punjab

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, NOVEMBER 27

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann accompanied by the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday launched the Mukh Mantri Teerth Yatra Scheme to facilitate the people to pay obeisance at the sacred places across the country.

Addressing the gathering after launching Mukh Mantri Teerth Yatra Scheme on the auspicious Parkash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji here today, the Chief Minister said that this scheme is in line with the teachings and philosophy of the great Guru who had gave the

message of universal love brotherhood and peace to the people. He said that a large section of society was not able to visit these sacred places across the country due to one reason or another. However, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government has started this scheme to facilitate the pilgrims to visit the various holy places across the country and state.

The Chief Minister said that today 300 pilgrims from Amritsar, 220 from Jalandhar and more than 500 from Dhuri will be travelling to Sri Hazur Sahib



through this train. He said that more than 50000 pilgrims will be availing this facility over three months adding that 13000 of them will travel via trains, with 13 trains carrying 1000 passengers each leaving every eight days.

Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the remaining will be travelling via Buses, with 10 buses leaving every day, carrying 43 people each. The Chief Minister said that a team of Doctors, Volunteers and Officials will be travelling with yatris to take care of any emergency. He said that an advanced team of officials have been sent to take care of all the amenities before the yatris arrive. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that old people above the age of 75 will also be allowed to have young attendants to travel with them.

Centre convenes all-party meeting on Dec 2 ahead of Parliament Winter session

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, NOV 27

The government has convened an all-party meeting on December 2 ahead of the Winter Session of Parliament that is scheduled to begin on December 4.

The Winter session of Parliament 2023 will conclude on December 22.

On behalf of the government, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahad Joshi has called an all-party meeting on December 2. The all-party meeting is usually convened a day before the session begins, this time it has been preponed by

a day due to the counting of votes for five states on December 3 where polls are underway. The Winter session will be held a day after the declaration of results of assembly polls in five states - Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana. The outcome of the polls is expected to have resonance in the Session. Three important bills which seek to replace the IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act may be taken up for consideration during the session. The session is also likely to discuss the report of the Ethics committee on the "cash for query" allegations against Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra.

CM inaugurates multi-storey parking at Nada Sahib Gurdwara on Gurburab



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh Manohar Lal today bestowed a gift upon the people on the occasion of Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji by inaugurating a multi-storey parking facility at Shri Nada Sahib Gurudwara in Panchkula.

During this significant event, the Chief Minister also paid obeisance at the historic Shri Nada Sahib Gurudwara and wished for the prosperity of the people of the state and country. Haryana Assembly Speaker, Sh. Gian Chand Gupta and General Secretary of Haryana Gurudwara Management Committee, Mr. Ramnik Singh Mann also present on this occasion.

While interacting with

media persons, the Chief Minister said that PRASAD Yojana is being implemented with the aim of overall development of pilgrimage and religious places across the country. Under this scheme, multi-storey parking was constructed in Gurudwara Nada Sahib, which was inaugurated today on the auspicious occasion of Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He himself laid the foundation stone of this parking on 27 October 2020. The construction of this parking, built on approximately 9500 square meters, has cost over Rs 13.55 crore and 300 vehicles can be parked in it. He said that with the construction of this parking, better vehicle parking facilities will be available to the visitors and devotees coming from faraway places.

IMD predicts rain in Himachal, Uttarakhand; issues Orange alert

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, NOV 27

The India Meteorological Department issued an Orange alert on Monday, indicating the possibility of rain and hailstorms in Uttarakhand and Himachal for the next 24 hours.

RK Jenamani, head of weather forecasting in the meteorological department, said that there is a possibility of moderate rain and hailstorms in different parts of Uttarakhand. This change in weather can be seen in the last 24 hours.

It is noteworthy that, at present, the rescue operation is going on in



Uttarkashi to bring out the labourers trapped in the tunnel for the last 15 days.

"In such a situation, this change in weather may create troubles in the rescue operation. An orange alert has also been issued for Himachal Pradesh, predicting rain and hail-

storms," Jenamani added.

The Meteorological Department has also forecasted cloudy weather in the national capital, resulting in a dip in temperature. Apart from this, the weather department has forecasted light-intensity rain for the coming 2-3 days in Delhi and the temperature is

expected to fall by 2 to 3 degrees at night. According to the IMD, the minimum temperature in Delhi on Monday was recorded at 13.4 degrees Celsius, while the maximum temperature was recorded at 23 degrees. Along with this, it has been cloudy since morning and the possibility of rain has also been predicted.

According to senior meteorologist RK Jenamani, at present, a western disturbance is visible in North India, which is slowly moving towards the east. In the last 36 hours, the effect of this western disturbance was visible in Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Small artisans to be provided a loan of Rs 3 lakh and modern training under PM Vishwakarma Yojana: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR KURUKSHETRA: Deputy Commissioner Prashant Pawar informed that the Indian government's PM Vishwakarma Yojana is providing incentives to small artisans. The scheme includes low-interest loans, free tools, encouragement for digital transactions, certification, and identification documents.DC shared that the Central Government has allocated Rs 13000 crore for the PM Vishwakarma Yojana. Under this initiative run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), financial upliftment will be provided to artisans and workers in 18 categories who work with small tools. He



mentioned that artisans in our society, such as blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, carpenters, cobblers, barbers, tailors, laundry workers, toy makers for children, basket makers, mat makers, broom makers, sculptors, and construction workers, will receive low-interest loans and business training from banks. Under this scheme, these artisans are provided with collateral-free loans of up to Rs 3 lakh with an initial Rs 1 lakh and the remaining Rs 2 lakh after repayment. Apart from this, during their advanced training, they receive a daily allowance of Rs 500 , tool kits up to Rs 15000, digital transaction education, certification, and identification documents.DC said that to benefit from the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, the applicant should be 18 years or older.

Prakash Utsav of Baba Nanak Dev celebrated

INDRI (MAINPAL KASHYAP): The Prakash Utsav of the first Guru of Sikhism, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with great devotion and pomp at the Gurudwara Sahib of Indri.

On this occasion, a large number of devotees, women, men and children of the city paid their obeisance before Sri Darbar Sahib Ji. To commemorate this religious event, Sri Akhand Path Sahib Ji was inaugurated in Sri Gurudwara Sahib on Saturday and Sri Akhand Path Sahib Ji was completed on Sunday morning. After this, prayers were offered for the welfare of all. On this occasion, detailed information about the life history of the Guru was given by Bhai Amritpal , the narrator of Sri Manji Sahib Gurudwara. The glory of the Guru was sung by Bhai Gurmukh Singh Ji, the chief granthi of Indri Gurudwara Sahib Ji, through kirtan.

HARYANA

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Governor visits Hry Pavilion at IITF Delhi

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

Haryana Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatreya stated that at the 42nd International Trade Fair held at Pragati Maidan in Delhi, the Haryana Pavilion presented a visual narrative of the state's cultural heritage and its progress in trade and commerce. He emphasized that this trade fair provides a platform for small self-help groups to large industries to trade their products.

After having round of the Haryana Pavilion at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) held at Pragati Maidan in Delhi on Sunday late evening, Governor Dattatreya interacted with media representatives. He saw all the stalls in the pavilion with keen interest and had interaction with the stall operators. On his arrival at the pavilion, the Governor was welcomed by a traditional dance performance with drums . He was also honored with a 'Pagri' which represents highest honour in Haryana . The Haryana Pavilion at this year's trade fair consisted of approximately 50 stalls, showcasing the cultural heritage, de-



velopment, and trade activities of the state.

Speaking to media representatives after going around the Haryana Pavilion, the Governor stated that the pavilion was presented in a very attractive manner, combining tradition and rural surroundings with modern technology. He highlighted the progress of industries in information technology, electronics and automobile sectors in Haryana, making it a leading industrial cen-

ter in North India. Gurugram, he mentioned, has emerged as a hub for industrial and IT sectors and is often referred to as the Silicon Valley of India. The Governor mentioned that Haryana's exports of various products now exceed 1.20 lakh crore rupees. He praised the growth of industries in Panipat, Sonapat, Hisar, and Faridabad, acknowledging the contributions of farmers and businessmen to the state's development.

Pakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev celebrated



RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHARI, NOV 27

A grand event organized on the occasion of Pakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev at the Gurudwara Singh Sabha Jagadhri Workshop on Monday. A beautiful tent was set up in courtyard of the Gurudwara Sahib for the program. During the event, renowned Kirtan performers and storytellers blended the congregation with hymns. A 90-foot high Nishan Sahib at the Gurudwara Sahib was adorned with a new cloth, which was looked after by Gyani Bhagwan Singh for the past 25 years. Alongside him, young members of the congregation, Bhai Ranjeet Singh,

Bhai Gurpreet Singh, and Bhai Jaspreet Singh, also contributed to the Kirtan service. The Gurudwara Singh Sabha Jagadhri Workshop Women's Satsang Sabha also supported the Kirtan service. Before the Prakash Parv, a morning procession was organized. Amarjeet Singh, the head of the Gurudwara Management Committee, mentioned that every year, Guru Parv is celebrated with great enthusiasm. In the evening, devotees lit lamps, making the Gurudwara Sahib a center of attraction. All devotees were served with uninterrupted Langar. Granthi Bhai Pragat Singh and Sevdar Pratap Singh were also present at the event.

Devotional fervor flowed in morning procession; devotees danced to hymns



PARI BAJAJ KARNAL: A devotional procession was organized by Shri Panchmukhi Hanuman Kutir on Monday morning, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The procession commenced from Bank Colony, proceeding towards Chaman Garden, and culminated back at Bank Colony.During the procession, devotees showered flowers and sought blessings as the palanquin moved along the route. The arrival of the palanquin of Lord Shiva was celebrated at various points. As devotional songs like 'Chalo Bulawa Aaya Hai' and 'Mere Bholenath' echoed, devotees immersed themselves in profound spiritual sentiments. Rituals included performing Aarti at different spots and distributing Prasad (offering). Devotees swayed and danced energetically to the beats of the drum in the festive ambience of Lord Shiva's procession. Later, saints guided the devotees through sermons and conducted hymns within the temple premises.

554th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji celebrated

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA,: Under the guidance of Annie Philip, Principal of Maharana Pratap School Sector-5, the 554th Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with pomp and show. In this Prakash Utsav, children were told in detail about the life of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and were inspired to follow the ideals of Guru Ji. In the program organised by Maharana Pratap School on the occasion of Prakash Utsav, first of all all the teachers and The students bowed their heads to the picture of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and remembered Guru Ji. During this, Punjabi teacher Kanwaljit Kaur threw light on the life of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and recited Mool Mantra and Anand Sahib path.

Govt to provide free education to poor girls: Chauhan



RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 27

Mayor Madan Chauhan has thanked Chief Minister Manohar Lal for announcing free education to daughters of families with annual income of Rs 1.80 lakh. This announcement will be applicable to all private and government colleges. Whatever college fees will be borne by the government. Along with this, the government will also pay half the fees for college education of daughters from families with annual income between Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh. Mayor Madan Chauhan said that it has often been seen that education of daughters of economically weak families becomes difficult due to lack of money. She drops out of her studies after high school. This problem was mostly faced by backward class girls. But now money

will not become a hindrance in the education of daughters. For this, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced free college education to girl students with annual family income less than Rs 1.80.

Announcing this, Chief Minister Manohar Lal also said that the government will pay half the fees for college education to girl students whose family income is between Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh. Mayor Chauhan said that the Haryana

Government has started many schemes for daughters. Various schemes were started from birth to marriage. Under the Balika Samridddhi Yojana, a gift of Rs 500 is given at the birth of a girl child. Besides, an annual scholarship for the education of the girl child is also given under this scheme. Under Sukanya Samridddhi Yojana, after the girl turns 18 years of age, 50 percent of the money can be withdrawn for her higher education. This scheme reduces the financial burden on parents for daughters' education and marriage. Under Sukanya Samridddhi Yojana, an account can be opened with a minimum amount of just Rs 250. Apart from this, now to reduce the financial burden, the Chief Minister has started a scheme to provide free education to daughters of families with annual income of Rs 1.80 lakh.

Constitution is soul of the country: Professor Rajesh Vaidya



DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI: On the occasion of Constitution Day, a seminar was organized by former member of the Haryana Public Service Commission and PCSC delegate, Professor Rajesh Vaidh, at his Niloheri office. Addressing the audience gathered for the seminar, Vaidh expressed that the Constitution is the largest document of our nation, and every Indian should take pride in it. He mentioned that the country is facing serious challenges today, and following the path shown by the Constitution is the only way to lead this vast nation on the right path of progress. Vaidh called upon everyone to defend the Constitution and also proclaimed to confront the forces attempting to change it. Seminar commenced with offering floral tributes and respect to the architect of the Constitution, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. Pushpa Arpan was done as a mark of homage to Ranvir Hooda from the Valmiki community, a member of the Constitution Assembly from Haryana. Tributes were also paid to the country's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, for ratifying the Constitution on Constitution Day.

Blood donation organized to mark Sai's birth anniversary

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, NOV 27

On the occasion of the 98th birth anniversary of Shri Satya Sai Baba, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized at Shri Satya Sai Temple, Ratgal Sector 7. The outgoing chairperson of Nagar Parishad Thanesar and social worker Uma Sudha graced the program as the chief guest. Co-ordinated by Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, an honored recipient of the National Gold Medal for voluntary blood donation 477 times along with platelet donation 79 times, was the organizer of the 164th voluntary blood donation camp. Encouraging the blood donors by pinning badges, the chief guest Uma Sudha expressed that donating blood on the occasion of Shri Satya Sai Baba's birth anniversary is a commendable deed. She emphasized that each person should contribute some altruistic act for society. Secretary Ramesh Sharma mentioned that the committee works altruistically for various social welfare activities.



Dr. Rama, Surendra, Sumit, Gurjinder Kaur, and others were present at the event. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma shared that both Dr. Rama and his son Satvik set an example by donating blood together at the camp. Dr. Rama and others were honored by committee.

Gur Parv celebrated with great grandeur in Shaheed Udham Singh Senior Secondary School

INDRI (MAINPAL KASHYAP): Guru Parv was celebrated with great pomp in Shaheed Udham Singh Senior Secondary School on Monday. On this occasion, Ishdeep Madam, Suhani Madam, Amandeep Madam, Geeta Madam and Kulwant recited Shabdgan and Japji Sahab and prayed for the happiness and peace of the school. On this occasion, Prasad was distributed by the teachers to all the students. Five loved ones were laid to rest. Bhajans, kirtans and speeches were presented by the students. Principal Jyoti Kharbanda told about the birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and told the students that they should take good education from his life. School Manager Mr. Ramesh Kamboj and Mr. Kanwarlal Kamboj said that all religions teach them to live together and they should never fight in the name of religion because all religions have only one objective, the welfare of human society. On this occasion, the school sent students from class Nursery to class IV on an educational and religious tour to Indri Gurudwara and Karnal.



Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak ji celebrated

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, NOVEMBER 27

The Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Karnal. The main programmes took place at Dera Kar Seva and Nirmal Kutiya. Devotees started reaching Gurudwaras early in the morning. Ragi groups threw light on the life of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Unbroken langar was served throughout the day. In Dera Kar Seva, Congress district coordinator Tarlochan Singh, Ashok Khurana, Kulwant Singh Kaler, Rajindra Pappi, Gagan Mehta and Rajindra Singh Bhola honoured Indermal Singh by presenting him a siropa.

On this occasion, Tarlochan Singh said that the Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who kept karma

and dharma equal, is celebrated all over the world. Guru Nanak Dev Ji worked to unite all four religions into one thread. By eliminating discrimination from the society, the gap between the rich and the poor was eliminated. The life of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was dedicated to love, sacrifice, culture and determination. His teachings

and thoughts will always inspire the entire mankind for public welfare. The program was organised in Nirmal Kutiya in the presence of Mahant Baba Ram Singh and the death anniversary



tween the rich and the poor was eliminated. The life of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was dedicated to love, sacrifice, culture and determination. His teachings

of Sant Baba Bhakta Singh was celebrated. The program was organised under the supervision of Baba Sukha Singh at Dera Kar Sewa.

All ponds in MC area will be renovated soon: Madan Chauhan

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR: Under the joint aegis of Yamunanagar Municipal Corporation and Pond and Waste Water Management Authority, Haryana, a programme was organised on the eve of Guru Parv at Adarsh Pond located in Govindpura of Ward No. 22. Mayor Madan Chauhan and BJP District President Rajesh Sapra were the chief guests At the same time, the outgoing chairperson of the Social Welfare Board, Rosie Malik Anand participated as a special guest. During this, everyone lit 1100 lamps on the banks of the pond. Mayor Madan Chauhan said that work is being done on a war footing in the corporation to change the appearance of all the ponds falling under the area of the Municipal Corporation for which tenders have been floated. Soon other ponds including Sasauli, Badi Majra will also be renovated so that the beauty of the dirty ponds can be maintained. BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said that it is a matter of good fortune for Yamunanagar that everyone's participation is being ensured by lighting 1100 lamps on the pond to encourage people to join the campaign for the renovation of the ponds. Chief Minister Manohar Lal has taken care of all the ponds of the state by forming the Pond Authority and now our ponds have started looking beautiful and clean.



School Education Minister welcomes CM's announcement of free education for daughters in government and private colleges

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, NOV 27

School Education Minister Kanwarpal said that CM Manohar Lal has initiated big announcement by announcing free education in government and private colleges for girls from families with an income of Rs 1.80 lakh in the state. Similarly, the government would pay half of the college fees for girls from families with income ranging from Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh, and the private colleges where fees would be paid by the Haryana government.

He welcomed this announcement of CM Manohar Lal and said that this was a very good decision. The efforts of CM Manohar Lal for the daughters studying in schools and colleges were commendable. Certainly



many families would benefit from this just as Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign from Panipat. Now the chief minister has also made this big announcement for daughters from Panipat and added this while addressing the workers at his Jagadhri residence. He

told that even before this, CM Manohar Lal had taken a big decision for the daughters that no daughter beyond 20 kilometers would have to go to college to get education. He told that they built colleges within a radius of 20 kilometers.

Earlier there were 103 colleges in entire Haryana.

They opened more than 71 colleges in such a short time. It was a big thing for so many colleges to be opened and running for education. The Chief Minister has always said that Haryana was his family and it was his responsibility to take care of the children. In this way he was worrying about everyone to provide education to every child in the state. He said that smart boards have been given in schools to improve education. Tabs are provided to the students of class 10th, 11th and 12th and two GB data was being provided to run these which helped the students to study every subject. Tests were sent on the tab by the teachers, new methods of education were being developed for the students. Library and computer lab have been arranged in the school.

When Guru Nanak ji appeared, dusty mist cleared

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Satguru Nanak appeared, the dusty mist disappeared from the world. Guru Nanak came with a change, as soon as the sun came out the stars covered the darkness. These Shabads were resonating in the Gurudwaras on the Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev. The storyteller was narrating the glory of the Guru with the Dhadi group through its kirtan, the Sangat who reached the Guru's house was immersed in the sea of faith. There was a similar scene at Gurudwara Dera Karseva. Where thousands of people gathered to pay obeisance. The Sangat added the house, served langar and utensils. Dera Karseva was organised under the guidance of sect preacher Jathedar Baba Sukha Singh. The Sangat gathered at the Gurudwara to pay their obeisance. On the occasion of the Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev, the chief sect preacher of Dera Kar Seva, Jathedar Sukha Singh, wished everyone a happy Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. However, this trend continues throughout the year on the Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev. At the same time, thousands of people took Prasad to the langar. This sequence continued till late night. Even at night, the words of Guru Granth Sahib were recited in Guru Ghar. The diwan was decorated. Enlightened people were honored by giving them Siropa.



NEWS AT A GLANCE

Whole week dedicated to Gurburab at Dashmesh Global School Bargari



MANJEET SINGH DHALLA

JAITU: The whole week at Dasmesh Global School Bargari was dedicated to Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurburab. Under which the children from Nursery to 3rd class chanted every day, such as Satnam Waheguru, Dhan Guru Nanak, Bole So Nihal, Sat Sri Akaal and the children from 4th to 10th class recited Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings, Siddhanta , biography every day .Speeches were spoken and all the teachers of the Punjabi Department gave information to the children about the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev ji through poetry and discuss about other preachings of guru Nanak Dev Ji. Along with this, children were also taught to respect their parents and elders and follow the path of Gurjii. In the middle of the week, Japji Sahib's path was recited by children and teachers together. On the last day, recitations of Sukhmani Sahib were performed. The Principal of the school Mr. Ajay Sharma also encouraged the children to follow the path of Gurjii by teaching them about the purity of mind and peace etc. In this week-long advent, the school was completely painted in the color of Gurbani.

Prof. Pritam Singh 13th Commemorative ceremony at Barnala



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: Prof. Rahi was an institution in itself which formed the foundation of the literary movement in Malwa and gave it a humanistic touch. Expressing these views, Pawan Harchand Puri, President of the Central Punjabi Writers' Association (Sekhon Raji), the Writers' Association and Prof. Prof. Pritam Singh during the commemorative function organized by the Trust through Pritam Singh. First, Secretary Sandhu Varyanvi of the Central Assembly (Sekhon) Prof. Appreciated the organizational ability of Sarb Sri Surinder Kaile, Bhola Singh Sanghera, Gurjinder Sidhu, Giani Ram Singh etc. also participated in the discussion. This was followed by a grand poet's court in which about four dozen poets presented their works, especially Darshan Pritman, Ram Saroop Sharma, Lachman Das Musafar, Hakam Singh Noor, Sukhwinder Saneh, Jagdish Rana, Jaswinder Jassi, Jugraj Dhola, Tejinder Chandihak, Rajnish Babli, Tallewalia Jatha, Prabhjot Sohi, Malakiat Burni, Bhagwan Dhillon, Major Rajgarh, Surjit Dehar, Prof. Simarjeet Kaur, Sair Tarsem, Balveer Raiketi, Charan Singh Bhalur, Iqbal Singh, Manjit Singh Sagar, Iqbal Kaur Udasi, Jang Singh Phattar etc. presented their works. Apart from this, H.S. Dimple, Gurmeet Singh and Dr. Joginder Singh Nirala presented his thoughts about the honored personalities. Dr. Rahal Rupal told Prof. during the honor session, Pritam Singh Rahi Ghajal Award 2023 Rajdeep Tur, Muhandra Award 2023 Dr. Guljar Singh Pandher, Lifetime Literary Achievement Award Dr. Devinder Birma, Sardarni Harilad Kaur Award was presented to Harjit Kaur Virk.

Excellent performance of SD College in Punjabi University Inter Regional Youth and Folk Fair



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Recently, the team of SD College has performed brilliantly in the inter-regional youth and folk fair competitions held at Punjabi University Patiala campus. The students of the college bagged the first position in the short film and won the gold medal. He got the silver medal by winning the second place in clay games Similarly, he has secured third position in chair weaving, cultural quiz, rangoli, photography. It is worthwhile mentioning here that SD College Barnala won the overall trophy due to its excellent performance in the regional youth fair of Barnala-Malerkotla zone of Punjabi University Patiala. Expressing happiness on these proud achievements of the students, SD College Management Committee President Dr Anish Prakash, Vice President Mr Naresh Singla, General Secretary Mr Jatinder Nath Sharma, Director Mr Hardyal Singh Attri, Finance Secretary Dr Mukand Lal Bansal and Principal Dr Rama Sharma congratulated the winning students as well as the coordinator prof Nirmal Gupta and the team in charge.

Malerkotla police bust inter-state drug smuggling gang

**BUREAU
MALERKOTLA, NOV 27**

In a significant stride against cross-border narcotics trade, aligning with Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's vision and under the direction of DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav IPS, Malerkotla Police has successfully dismantled a smuggling racket today. Malerkotla Police led the operation, arresting three individuals and seizing a considerable amount of opium, coupled with a substantial sum of drug money. This strategic move marks a robust step in the ongoing war on drugs. The apprehended individuals have been identified as Javed alias Jaidi, Anwar Khan, and a juvenile, Salman Khan, representing a father-son duo and a youth residing in different localities of Malerkotla. Providing insights into the operation, Senior Superintendent



of Police Malerkotla, Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh, said that acting on credible intelligence, a meticulously planned operation was conducted by the CIA Malerkotla team, led by Inspector Harjinder Singh under the supervision of DSP Detective Amarjit Singh. Through meticulous investigation, it was revealed that a trio from West Bengal (Calcutta) was attempting

to smuggle a substantial quantity of opium into Malerkotla. With swift action, the police intercepted the accused individuals near the Malerkotla bus stand. Upon thorough search, the police recovered 2.56 kg of opium concealed within a black bag, along with Rs. 16,000 in drug money. The preliminary Investigations revealed that the accused individuals had procured

the opium from West Bengal (Calcutta) and were intending to distribute and sell it in Malerkotla.

The arrested individuals have been booked under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act at Police Station City Malerkotla.

The arrested individuals will be produced in the local court, and their remand will be sought for further investigation. Ongoing efforts are underway to identify and apprehend other members associated with the trafficking network. SSP Khakh commended the team's exceptional vigilance and swift action in dismantling this inter-state narcotics trafficking network emphasising that this seizure deals a significant blow to the drug trade in the region. Malerkotla Police is committed to safeguarding the community from the detrimental effects of drug trafficking, particularly those involving inter-state networks.

Arora congratulates workers on foundation day



**SUMER GARG
SUNAM, NOV 27**

Foundation day of Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) was celebrated under the able leadership of Cabinet Minister, Aman Arora cum founder members of Sunam city and senior leaders of Sunam city mainly including Sunam urban block president Sahib Singh and Sandeep Jindal. Arora while congratulating the party workers said that the journey of 11 years has been wonderful, there have been many ups and downs in this journey, there have been many difficulties, but there has been no fall in our spirit. He said that today a small party has

transformed into a national party, which was due to the love and blessings of the people, the blessings of the people are with us and we all will continue to move forward with our strong will and work for the people. Beside the others, Market Committee Chairman, Mukesh Juneja; Ravi Kamal, Sarjeevan Lucky, Sanjeev Kumar Sanju, Dalveer Singh Johal, senior leaders Bharat Hari, Varishbhan, Prem Agarwal, Ashok Verma, Harmeet Virak, Krishna, Dharam Chand Soni, Kulveer Sandhe, Tari Moranwali, Lucky Bhaji, Pramod Joshi, Pinky Bhaji, Kanaiah, Nirmala Devi and many other workers were present on the occasion.

Kharar Council president seeks details about NOC issued and map sanctioned during last year

**SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, NOV 27**

In Kharar Municipal Council, the issue of NOCs issued for the sale and purchase of plots and houses and for getting electricity connection during the last one year have started heating up. In this regard, a letter has been written by the President of Kharar Municipal Council to the Executive Officer that how many NOCs have been issued by the Council for electricity connection and for sale purchase of houses and plots during the last one year and how many have been issued online. She has demanded that complete information should be given to her. Similarly, another letter has been written by her that complete information regarding the maps passed by the Municipal Council and which colonies have been passed during the last one year should be given to him within three days. It is noteworthy that there are many discussions regarding the NOC and maps issued in Kharar Municipal Council and it is said that the Vigilance in Punjab has also sought complete information in this regard. It is noteworthy that it is a common discussion in Kharar Municipal Council that people have to face huge problems while giving NOC.

Shopkeepers of Baba Moti Ram Mehra market organize langar



**AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 27**

The shopkeepers of Baba Moti Ram Mehra market organized langar for Nagar Kirtan at Sri Fatehgarh Sahib dedicated to the birth anniversary of the first Sikh Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The shopkeepers of Moti Ram Mehra market organized langar every year. Babu Amarjit Singh Bagh Sikander, who is serving the langar, said during the conversation that Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj, rose above superstitions, castes, and sects and gave a shout for the welfare of humanity. On this occasion, Dr. Sudesh Chopra, General Secretary of Media Club Fatehgarh Sahib Ravinder Singh Dhindsa, Surinder Singh Gill, Navraj Singh Gill, Harminder Singh Sherry, Tarsem Singh Sodhi, Mandeep Gautam, Sukhchain Singh Rocky, Ranjit Singh Sethi and large numbers of shopkeepers were also present.

MLA Devman welcomes Dr. Gurpreet Kaur on reaching MLA office in Nabha

**RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, NOV 27**

The people of Punjab are happy with the work being done by the Punjab government and the Aam Aadmi Party workers are fully prepared for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections Dr. Gurpreet Kaur Dharmapatri Bhagwant Singh Maan Chief Minister Punjab MLA MLA Dev Mann welcomed and honored Dr. Gurpreet Kaur on this occasion at the office Nabha. On this occasion, Chetan Singh was accompanied by Majra Cabinet Minister Punjab Government, Harmeet Singh Pathan Majra MLA Sanore, Narendra Kor Bharaj MLA Sangrur, Ajitpal. Singh Kohli MLA Patiala, Dalveer Singh UK were also honored on



this occasion Gurdev Singh Dev Mann MLA Nabha thanked all the leadership, office bearers and workers along with him on this occasion Gyan Singh Mongu President Bar Association Nabha, Nagah Dang Dharmapatri Dev Mann, Tejinder Singh Khaira, Gurdeep Singh Deepa Ramgarh Chairman Market Committee Bhadson, Sujata Chawla President Municipal Council Nabha, Harpreet Singh Preet Kosler, Usa Rani

Maggio Senior Vice President, Neeru Sarman Deepak Nagpal, Harsimrar Singh Sahni, Amandeep Singh Rahal President Truck Union, Sukhdev Singh Sandhun, Sukhdev Singh Mann, Bhupinder Singh Kallar Majri, Dharminder Singh Sukhewal, Manpreet Singh Kalia, Sukhdeep Singh Khaira, Gurjant Singh, Gulab Mann, Kapil Mann, Billa Khokh, Navjot Singh Poonia, Prabh Ramgarhia, Jasveer Singh Wajidpur.

Gurdwara Damdama Sahib celebrates Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji



**SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, NOV 27**

Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with great devotion at Gurdwara Damdama Sahib Mirpur Colony Pathankot with the support of the Sangat. After the feast of Sri Akhand Path Sahib, Kirtan Darbar was decorated, In which Bhai Vishaldeep Singh ex-Hajuri Ragi of Sri Darbar Sahib Amritsar, Bebe Nanaki Women Satsang Sabha Mirpur Colony, Bhai Shubkarmar Singh Khalsa Hajuri Ragi Gurudwara Shaheed Ganj Amritsar Sahib, Bhai Amarjit Singh Annmol, Bhai Gurbachan Singh Batale

wale performed ceremonial kirtan associated with Gurbani. On this occasion, Chief Organizer Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Gulati, Manager Sohan Singh, Gursharan Singh, Bakshish Singh, Harbans Kaur, Satinder Singh, Gurdeep Singh Arora Chairman Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School, Jasbir Kaur Arora, Rajwinder Kor, Kashmir Singh, Gurdayal Singh Contractor, Surinder Singh Pradhan, Jathedar Kulwant Singh, Jathedarni Ranjit Kaur, Jaskirat Singh, Harpreet Kaur Golden, Mahepreet Singh, Mannohan Kaur, Tejinder Singh Gulati, Charanjit Singh, Gurvinder Singh etc. were present.

67th Punjab State School Games Kabaddi National style under 14 boys starts



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: The ongoing 67th Punjab State School Games Kabaddi National Style under 14 years for boys has started today at Baba Gandha Singh Public School here. State Sports Committee member Ajitpal Singh, lec Jagdish Jaggi and Gurpreet Singh specially attended to encourage the players. DM Sports Barnala Simardeep Singh Sidhu said that in these games conducted under the leadership of District Education Officer Sec School Samsher Singh and Deputy District Education Officer Dr. Barjinderpal Singh during today's league matches Sri Fatehgarh Sahib beat Sangrur, Bathinda beat Shi Muktsar Sahib, Tarn Taran Sri Amritsar Sahib Gurdaspur defeated Patiala, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar defeated Ferozepur, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib defeated Faridkot, Rupnagar defeated Mansa, Barnala defeated Ludhiana, Kapurthala defeated Pathankot, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar defeated Jalandhar, Fazilka defeated Malerkotla, Hoshiarpur defeated Moga. On this occasion, Manjit Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Rupinder Singh, Lakhvir Singh, Gurlal Singh, Ravinder Kaur Gaganjit Kaur along with team in charge, coaches, physical education teachers and players of different districts were present.

Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji celebrated with devotion at Gurdwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha Model Town



SHARANJEET

PATHANKOT: Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with the support of devotees at Gurdwara Shri Guru Singh Sabha Model Town. First of all, the Akhand Path Sahib of Shri Guru Granth Sahib was offered and then Kirtan Darbar was decorated. In which Bhai Gurikbal Singh Hazuri Ragi Jatha Model Town, children's group, Istri's Satsang Sabha, Bhai Harpreet Singh Chohala Jammu wale and Head Granthi Bhai Rachpal Singh informed the Sangat about the history of Gur through Katha-Kirtan.On this occasion, President Manpreet Singh Sahni, Secretary Gurvinder Singh Dickey, Treasurer Sandeep Singh Singari, Shiromani Akali Dal District President Surinder Singh Kanwar Mintu, Harpreet Singh Raja, Desa Singh, Anant Vir Singh, Puran Singh, Ranveer Singh, Harvinder Singh Babbu, Harpreet Kaur, Kiranpreet Singh etc. were present. At the end, Guru's langar was served.

Vigilance bureau nabs ASI for taking bribe

CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

The Vigilance Bureau (VB) of Punjab, in its relentless fight against corruption in the state, on Monday apprehended an Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Baldev Singh, posted at police post Laduka Mandi, under police station Sadar Fazilka red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs. 10,000. Disclosing this here today a spokesperson of the state VB said the accused ASI has been arrested on a complaint filed by Parveen Kumar, a resident of Mandi Laduka, Fazilka district. The complainant has approached the VB and reported that the said accused police official was demanding to pay bribe of Rs. 10,000 more for not including his name in a police complaint pertaining to a quarrel. The complainant alleged to the VB that the said ASI has already took Rs. 20,000 in advance in this regard. Now he has asked to pay an additional bribe of Rs. 10,000. The complainant has recorded the conversation while the police official was demanding the bribe money and handed over to the VB as an evidence in this case. The spokesperson further added that following a preliminary investigation into the complaint, a VB team from the Ferozepur range laid a trap and ASI Baldev Singh was apprehended red-handed in the presence of two official witnesses while receiving a bribe of Rs. 10,000 from complainant. He informed that a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered against the accused ASI at the VB Police Station, Ferozepur Range. Further investigation in this case was under progress.



Chandigarh craft fair to host special photo competition for visitors

CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

This season around, the National Chandigarh Crafts Fair will have a surfeit of added attractions for the visiting guests. This is what President of Chandigarh Lalit Kala Academy Bhim Malhotra has to say about the chartered programme. He informed that the Academy would organize an art exhibition during the Fair on the theme 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat', adding that a photo competition will also be organized, in which two out of the randomly clicked photos by visitors, will be selected from the lot every second day. And those making the cut in the competition will be honored on the stage. He further said that the process of selection of photos will be held on December 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10, 2023. Out of the photos sent till 10 am on the day and the best two among photos will be selected. The proud winners will be informed the same day and given the mementos. These mementos will be jointly given by the Chandigarh Lalit Kala Academy and North Zone Cultural Center, Patiala. Photo entries may be mailed at chandigarhcraftsmela2023@gmail.com. Each participant can send a maximum of three entries. This season has a string of surprises for the Mela enthusiasts. Host NZCC in association with the Department of Cultural Affairs, Chandigarh Administration, has gone a step further, unlike the previous years, by adding a host of heady attractions, turning them into prominent selfie points. However, the cynosure of all eyes, the organizers who are going hammers and tongs to make it an unforgettable event, stoutly believe that the larger-than-life sized musical instruments carved out of stone and motifs of folk culture stand to attract connoisseurs of art.

CM has given a lot to
Hamirpur without
asking: Rohit Sharma



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: During his visit to Hamirpur, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu once again mentioned that he is above the people of the state. Perhaps, this is why he is ruling people's hearts today. This is what District Congress spokesperson and member of the State Bar Council, Advocate Rohit Sharma, said. He said that the Chief Minister provided more than 14 crores to the affected families of Hamirpur from Gandhi Chowk. Out of this, 122 families, completely damaged by the house, were given 3-3 lakh rupees as the first installment. Two homeless families were given land documents, and for the repair of 555 partially damaged houses, financial assistance of 1-1 lakh rupees was provided. Apart from this, the CM has announced to bury the overhead electric wires surrounding Hamirpur city underground, which will cost 20 crores. The announcement of opening the Chief Engineer's office in Hamirpur and providing 2 crores as the first installment for the construction of the pending bus stand in Hamirpur has fulfilled Hamirpur's long-standing demand.

HIMACHAL

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Adhere to the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 27

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu paid obeisance at Gurudwara Sahib Shri Guru Singh Sabha in Shimla today, on the auspicious occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee honoured the Chief Minister with a Saropa on the occasion.

The Chief Minister extended congratulations to the people of the State on Guru Nanak Dev's birth anniversary, emphasizing the profound dedication of Guru Nanak Dev to humanity. Stressing the enduring relevance of his teachings, the Chief Minister urged sincere adherence to these principles in today's world.

"Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism and the first of the ten Sikh Gurus, tirelessly worked for the upliftment of the



underprivileged sections of society" he said.

The Chief Minister also honoured the meritorious students and said that the state government has introduced Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar Vidyarthi Rin (Loan) Yojna,

under which loan upto Rs. 20 lakh on one percent interest was being provided to the students for their higher studies.

During the media interaction, he said that the cabinet expansion would take place after consulting with the

HP Guv and CM greet people on Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti

SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu greeted the people of the state, especially Sikh brethren, on the auspicious occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti on Monday. In his message, The Governor said that Guruparab was the most sacred festival of Sikhs which was the birth anniversary of their first Guru, Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He said we should follow the teachings of Guruji for an enriched and peaceful life. The Chief Minister said that Guru Nanak Dev ji preached love, peace and communal harmony to strengthen the bond of universal brotherhood. He said that the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev ji were more relevant in the present day also.

CM lauds gold medalist Nishad for his inspirational performance

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 27

High Jump Gold medalist in Asian Para Games-2023 Nishad Kumar called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today. The Chief Minister commended Nishad for his remarkable achievement in the games held in Hangzhou, China.

Sh. Sukhu said that Nishad Kumar was as an inspiration for everyone, especially for the youth of Himachal Pradesh. Lauding Nishad Kumar for bringing laurels to the country as well as the state, the chief minister stated that he was an exceptional sporting talent.

The exceptional determination and unwavering spirit showcased by Nishad Kumar during competition were valuable lessons for the youth, highlighting the significance of strong willpower in overcoming



challenges, including physical disabilities. The Chief Minister expressed confidence in his ability to further excel on the global stage and extended sincere wishes for his success in upcoming competitions.

MLA Chintpurni Sudarshan Babloo was also present on the occasion.

SJVN CMD reviews construction works at 210 MW LHEP-1



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN today dedicated to the public a double lane Steel Truss Bridge built on river Satluj by 210 MW Luhri Stage-1 Hydro Electric Project at Nirath. Nand Lal Sharma addressed the present gathering and said that this 84-meter-long Steel Truss Bridge constructed at an approximate cost of Rs. 25 crores has been opened for all. The bridge has provided better connectivity for the villages of district Kullu & Shimla and is also facilitating in expediting the project activities. On this occasion, Sh. Sunil Choudhary, Head of Project, LHEP-1 along with project officials were also present. Nand Lal Sharma took a detailed review of the ongoing excavation works for Dam, Power House, Tail Race Channel Arrangement, Flood Protection Wall and Plunge Pool area.

PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Una gets 5th level award

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, NOV 27

PM Shri School Jawahar Nividoya Vidyalaya Pekhubela, Una is awarded 5th Level GRIHA award 2023. The award presentation ceremony was organized in New Delhi. Credit of this achievement went to school teachers Alok Kumar, Sinjay Kumar, Anikka, Neha Negi, Sandeep Kumar, Sunita Chouri, Ajay Kumar, Jyoni, Ammi Kumar Ram, Rakesh Kumar, Rakesh Ananal Kumar Along with students Shreya, Mashangani, Mashingsh, Advik, Shim Ranish, Gagandeep, Kumar Ayush, Palak, Aditya, Radhika, Vinsh. A team was formed comprising Upanshu, Yogaraj, Akshakshi, Ayush, Apisha and Manni, whose task was to present the various



activities and facilities of the school before the evaluation body. The school Principal Raj Singh along with Ammi Kumar and Sinjay Kumar reached the award presentation ceremony organized in New Delhi after receiving the award. Vice Principal Raghi Sharma, Nominee Chairman School Management Committee Sinjay Sankhyan and Devinder Chindel Deputy Director

of Education, Government of India under the PM Shri School Scheme. These were selected for overall development under the scheme. In this sequence, 312 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas were being developed as PM Shree Schools and all these schools were GRIHA (which is the national rating system for green buildings developed by TERI, New Delhi. It is mandatory to participate in the evaluation process for the award. From August to October 2023, in the school various factors affecting the lives of all persons residing in the middle school and their level of development were evaluated which included water, electricity, air, light, greenery, sanitation, restaurant operations, sewage treatment, clean water conservation, solar energy.

18th Annual General Meeting of HPCA held in Dharamshala

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: The 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) witnessed a gathering of cricket administrators, members, officials and key stakeholders at the Pavilion Dharamshala venue. The event served as a platform to reflect on past achievements, strategic discussions and deliberations to guide the Association in the upcoming year. IPL Chairman Arun Dhimal said the AGM saw an in-depth review of the association's strategic initiatives with a focus on cricket development, infrastructure upgrading and community engagement. A transparent and detailed financial report was presented, reflecting the financial responsibility and prudent resource management and balance sheet of the Association. Anurag Singh Thakur, Honorable Union Cabinet Minister joined virtually. The AGM was also virtually attended by our former President and now Union Cabinet Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, who appreciated the efforts of the Association for successfully hosting it. 5 World Cup matches in Dharamshala which were appreciated across the world and the team was appreciated for its commitment to take cricket forward in Himachal Pradesh. He said plans to further enhance the Dharamshala Stadium and other cricket facilities were discussed, such as creating a cricket museum, adding more facilities that enhance the visitor experience and emphasizing the commitment to providing a world-class cricket experience at HPCA. During the upcoming Test match in March, the association highlighted its ongoing efforts to engage with the local community, promote the game at the grassroots level and promote the culture of cricket and sports in the state. Arun Dhimal outlined plans to host domestic, corporate and international cricket events at the Dharamshala Stadium, strengthening the venue's reputation as a preferred venue for cricket, which could bring a lot of tourism to the region.

205 piezometers will be installed across the state to check ground water level

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: 205 piezometers will be installed across the state to check ground water level. These piezometers will be installed through outsource by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), Dharamshala. Piezometer works to measure ground water pressure. At present, CGWB monitors the ground water level of the entire state through rigs in Kangra and Kala Amb. Along with the installation of 205 piezometers, the same number of Digital Ground Water Level Recorders (DWLR) will also be installed. Piezometers are geotechnical sensors used to measure pore water pressure (piezometric level) in the ground. It is designed to measure pore water pressure in soil, soil/rock fill, foundations and concrete structures. Digital Ground Water Level Recorder (DWLR) is an automatic water level recorder, after its installation, experts do not need to go to the field to check the ground water level. Experts can monitor the ground water level by meeting in the office. Through DWLR, water monitoring can be done twice a day without going to the spot and readings can be taken through computer in the morning and evening. Earlier, experts from Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) Dharamshala had to personally go to the identified places and check the ground water level, which resulted in wastage of time. CGWB has installed more than 400 tube wells across the state to check the ground water level. To know the level of ground water, CGWB installs tube wells and pumps tests on the places where water is found. After obtaining information about ground water through tube wells, the tube wells are handed over to the Jal Shakti Department for the use of the general public. So far, CGWB has built around 400 tube wells and handed them over to the Jal Shakti Department. In Himachal Pradesh, 205 piezometers will be installed across the state, this is also a type of tube well, these piezometers will be outsourced.

Prepare for Lok Sabha elections at booth level: Archana Chauhan

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, NOV 27

Archana Chauhan, the president of the BJP Women's Front in Hamirpur district, stated that Anurag Thakur should be elected as the Member of Parliament for the fifth consecutive term with a significant majority. For this, the party workers need to get involved at the booth level starting today. Archana Chauhan was enthusiastic about the party workers in the meeting of the Mandal's BJP Women's Front, Sujanpur, and its office bearers. Mandal meeting was organized under the chairmanship of the Women's Front Mandal President Saroj Thakur at the Shani Temple, Kuthehda. Captain Ranjit Singh Rana, the BJP candidate, along with the Mandal President Vikram Singh Rana, Minister



Anil Kaushal, Hamirpur district president of the Women's Front, Archana Chauhan, and Minister Reena, Sapahiya Sunita Soni, both office bearers of the Sujanpur Mandal Women's Front, were present at the meeting. Saroj Thakur, the President of the Mandal Women's Front, introduced the newly appointed executive committee of her Mandal and provided detailed information on the upcoming programs for the Women's Front from the

central and state organizations. Captain Ranjit Singh stated that by involving five women workers at each booth level, the organization will become stronger. Mandal President Vikram Rana said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is the world's largest party and has given great respect to women. Now, it is essential for women to understand their responsibilities according to their duties. Archana Chauhan, the district

president of the Women's Front, instructed the Women's Front to work at the booth level for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Addressing the meeting, Archana Chauhan, the district president of the Women's Front, said that when Prem Kumar Dhimal was the Chief Minister, he provided 50% reservation for women in the Panchayati Raj, which has empowered women to come forward by contesting in the Panchayati Raj institutions today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has now provided 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, named the Women's Empowerment Act, so women need to recognize their power. Women need to enhance their leadership capabilities; the BJP has shown great respect for women in the organization.

Business of drugs continues unabated

ANWAR HUSSAIN
NALAGARG: In the industrial area of Barotiwal, Nalagarh, the business of drugs is seen increasing day by day. Drug traffickers roam fearlessly on bikes without number plates, and not only is the police unable to catch them, but they also seem incapable of issuing fines. A recent incident occurred near Vardhman Birla Marg in Barotiwal, where a victim, Santosh, lured a drug trafficker under the pretext of providing drugs and then took him into custody. The victim woman revealed that she has two sons, one of whom died due to drugs, while the other has fallen into the habit of drugs. She stated that last night, this man called her to buy drugs, and the youth did not even know who he was speaking to. Later, the woman called him in the morning to deliver the drugs and, upon arrival, she, along with others, captured him. The youth was beaten by the woman and her husband, and when he tried to escape, he was tied with ropes. Surprisingly, the drug trafficker was captured nearly two hours ago, and this information was reported to the Baddi police station. However, when officials from the Baddi police arrived, it was discovered that this area falls under the Barotiwal police jurisdiction. Subsequently, they awaited the Barotiwal officers, and the suspect was handed over to the police. Five pouches of drugs were seized from the youth. People claim that this is a gang that has been supplying drugs and engaging in thefts and snatchings in the Vardhman and Bhatolikala areas for several years.

Seven-day NSS camp concludes at Bangana School, MLA Bhutto participates



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: The seven-day NSS camp at Government Senior Secondary School, Bangana, concluded on Monday. At the conclusion of the NSS camp, MLA Devendra Kumar Bhutto of Kutlehar participated and distributed a shawl to each volunteer of the NSS unit. He has embarked on a goal to make his life successful, and he will not step back from it. Bhutto said, 'Wherever there is a need for us, inform or contact us. We will always stand with the future of Kutlehar.'

Addiction is a curse, stay away from it for a better life: Kewal Singh Thakur

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: On the fifth day of the ongoing NSS camp at the Government Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi, the police outpost in-charge, Kewal Singh Thakur, participated as the chief guest and provided vital information to the volunteers about the adverse effects of addiction. While providing important information to the students, he mentioned that due to falling into bad company during youth, some young people become victims of addiction at an early age, starting with alcohol or smoking. Gradually, this becomes a part of their habit. Those who get caught in this trap not only ruin themselves but also their families suffer. He said that nowadays, it is



often seen that the youth are falling prey to various forms of addiction such as tobacco, gutka, bidi, marijuana, cigarettes, and alcohol. We need to prevent this. Many problems arise due to addiction, primarily health-related issues, where individuals start feeling empty from within. Apart from this, a person addicted to substances starts squandering their wealth, and after running

out of money, they resort to crimes like theft and robbery. This plunges them into the world of crime, and these small offenses eventually turn into major crimes. Often, due to addiction, a person indulges in serious crimes like robbery or murder for money. He also provided crucial information to the students about cyber security and crimes against women. School principal, Rajneesh

Rangda, said that by observing the way youth are getting trapped in addiction, one can predict their future. Therefore, the school management organizes various programs and rallies from time to time to make students aware of addiction, so that children can be aware of the dangers of addiction and stay away from this filthy habit. NSS in-charge, Vijay Kumar, mentioned that volunteers are contributing with full dedication to clean the school and the surrounding area. They are spreading awareness about the ill effects of addiction not only to school children but also to the people in the surrounding areas, so that no one ruins their life due to addiction.

Angels World School Morinda celebrates gurpurab



SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA : The birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with great devotion at Angels World School Morinda. Principal Deepika Sharma said 'Ek Onkar' was recited followed by 'Shabads' by the students of the senior wing. The preachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji were discussed. The students also shed light on the life of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Everyone was also inspired to follow the teachings of Guru Sahib Ji.

Gurpurab celebrated by decorating the city kirtan in Gurudwara Kotha Sahib Walla

AMRITSAR (AMRIK SINGH): On the birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Nagar Kirtan was taken out in Gurudwara Kotha Sahib on Monday. The Sangat participated in the decorated city kirtan in the presence of Guru Granth Sahib Ji in a beautiful palanquin, led by five pyaros, chanting Waheguru Ji. On this occasion, Gatka Akhara Party Valla enthralled the gathering by showing its talent. Many types of langars were installed at various places. At last the Nagar Kirtan circumambulated the entire village and reached Gurudwara Kotha Sahib. On this occasion, apart from the Head Granthi and Manager of the Gurudwara, Gagan Valla, Harvinder Singh Dhirkka, Joban Singh Sabka Manager Gurudwara Sahib attended the Nagar Kirtan.

Jasveer Singh Garhi lashes out at Pb govt

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR: Due to the wrong policies of the Aam Aadmi Party government of Punjab, crores of middle class and poor Punjabis are being affected as the sale and purchase of houses on small plots is stopped with NOC condition. Expressing these views, Bahujan Samaj Party State President Jasveer Singh Garhi, while addressing a press conference, said that in the name of stopping the construction of illegal colonies, today lakhs of people living in 20,000 colonies of Punjab became unable to buy and sell their flats and plots. But the government is sleeping. Similarly, in villages too, there is a ban on registration of land/plots of less than one Kanal in half the villages. Today Lal Lakir registries are also closed in Punjab. Garhi said that due to these three black laws, the middle class people of Punjab have become unable to sell their houses/plots/land. In such circumstances, the work of traders of bricks, iron, rods, hardware, wood, sand, cement, plumbers, electricity, etc. as well as laborers and mechanics, who constitute 50% of the population of Punjab, has stopped in Punjab. The policy of the government should not be to trouble the poor and the common man, rather, financial penalties should have been imposed against those building illegal colonies, along with this, the administrative employees and officers involved in this scam should have been punished. On this occasion, State Convenor of Aam Aadmi Ghar Bachao Morcha Harmander Singh Mavi and Legal Advisor Darsan Singh Dhaliwal said that for the last 14 months, they have been continuously making efforts to provide relief to the common people. from the anti-people policies of these black laws, The government

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YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Pb Guv pays obeisance at Sector-8 Gurudwara

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purab, the birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, which reverberates with spiritual significance, the Governor of Punjab, Shri Banwari Lal Purohit, paid obeisance at the Gurudwara situated in Sector 8C, Chandigarh.

In a gesture of profound respect and solidarity with the people of the State and UT Chandigarh, Sh. Purohit offered prayers for the 'Chardikala' of the people of Punjab and Chandigarh. The Governor not only extended his reverence but also partook in the sacred 'langar', sharing a meal with the devout 'sangat' (congregation) present at the Gurudwara.

Expressing his heartfelt gratitude for the warm reception and spiritual experience, Shri Banwari Lal Purohit emphasized the impor-



thance of Guru Purab in fostering harmony, compassion, and unity among all communities. He reiterated the need to uphold the values

propagated by Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, emphasizing equality, selfless service, and compassion for all.



Chandigarh State Aids control society ne Chandigarh carnival me HIV testing and awareness ka free camp lagaya, jisme HIV, VDRL ki testing free of cost hui Poonam Sharma Alok Raj Karan Poonam

The first train of 'Chief Minister Pilgrimage Scheme' starts from Amritsar



JANDIALA GURU (KULJIT SINGH): Chief Minister S. Under the leadership of Bhagwant Singh Mann, the first train departed from Sri Amritsar Sahib for Sri Hazur Sahib today on November 27, on the occasion of Prakash Purab of Sahib Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji under the 'Chief Minister's Pilgrimage Scheme'. Cabinet Minister Sh. Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal and Mr. Harbhajan Singh ETO left the railway station amid cheers. Prior to this, pilgrims from both the districts were brought to Guru Nanak Dev University by buses, where they were given breakfast, medical check-up and necessary items for the journey including blankets, sarhana, bed sheets, umbrellas, soap-oil, Booklets etc. were included and given as a kit. Speaking on this occasion, Cabinet Minister S. Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal said that the first train is going for the darshan of Sachkhand Sri Hazur Sahib, the holy land touched by the feet of Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh. He said that with the commencement of this scheme, the people of Punjab will get free travel facility to visit various pilgrimage places across the country. He said that under this scheme, apart from the holy shrine Sri Hazur Sahib (Nanded), Takht Sri Patna Sahib (Bihar), Varanasi Temple, Ayodhya and Vrindavan Dham (Uttar Pradesh), Sri Ajmer Sharif (Rajasthan) will be conducted.

Groundbreaking insights and celebrated honors at 34th Annual Chandigarh Ophthalmological Society Conference

CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

The 34th Annual Conference of the Chandigarh Ophthalmological Society was held on November 26, 2023, at Government Medical College & Hospital, Sector - 32, Chandigarh. The event drew around 150 delegates from across North India, making it a remarkable congregation of leading minds in ophthalmology. The conference, led by Dr. Amit Gupta, President of Chandigarh Ophthalmological Society (COS), and organized by Dr. Parul Ichhpujani, the Secretary of COS, proved to be a resounding success, featuring a range of activities and discussions that pushed the boundaries of knowledge in the field. Key Highlights of the conference included two Distinguished Orations. The Prof I S Jain Memorial Oration was awarded to the esteemed Padma Shri Prof Jagat Ram and the Dr A D Grover Memorial Oration was conferred upon Padma Shri Prof Jeevan S



Titijal, Chief of Dr R P Centre of Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi. Both the orators are globally recognised in cataract and refractive surgery, coupled with their prowess as visionary educators, added a prestigious dimension to the event. Comprehensive Sessions included a symposium on Recent Advances in Ophthalmology brought together experts to discuss cutting-edge developments in the field.

Night camp unveils a world of possibilities for class 7 & 8 Girls at Vasant Valley Public School, Sangrur

VIKAS VERMA

SANGRUR: In a groundbreaking initiative, Vasant Valley Public School, Sangrur illuminated the path to empowerment by hosting a captivating Night Camp exclusively tailored for Seventh and Eighth-Grade girls. Under the banner of "Empowering Futures," this extraordinary event unfolded a spectrum of activities, bonfire, blending adventure, camaraderie, and skill-building. From spirited team challenges fostering unity to self-defense modules instilling confidence, the night camp proved to be a beacon of holistic growth, shaping not only individual capabilities but also forging enduring bonds among the participants. The twilight named "Princess Paradise Camp" at Vasant Valley Public School, Sangrur stands as a testament to the commitment to nurturing well-rounded and resilient young girls.



talent of our students. The 3rd Annual Function of GDGTH Zirakpur, was filled with music, dance, drama, and more activities that brought out the creative side of the toddlers.

Col GS Bajwa (VRC, SC) was the chief guest for the annual day function. Following the lamp light-

ing, the function commenced with the Ganesh Vandana performance by the toddlers and culminated with the National Anthem. The students worked tirelessly for the captivating performances that left the audience spellbound. The annual day is an event to showcase the progress and

potential of the students. The students of GD Goenka Toddler House, Zirakpur displayed their talents with various cultural events, dance and performances that captivated the audience. These performances were a testament to the resilience, creativity and potential of these children.

"Our vision is to provide our students with numerous opportunities to showcase their unique abilities, talents, explore their potential and celebrated the day. From mesmerizing dance performances to soul stirring musical renditions, the stage came alive with the vibrancy of our school community. I am glad the parents and the families participated in the day-long function and cheered up the students during their performances," she added.

Renu of MCM College runs her way to set new records

CHANDIGARH : Renu Singh of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, sector 36-A, Chandigarh set a Panjab University Athletics Meet record in 5000 Metres and 10000 metres race. She broke the 10000 metres record by 4 minutes. The feat was achieved in the Athletic Meet 2023-24 at Panjab University sports ground. Principal of the college, Dr. Nisha Bhargava congratulated Renu and her family members on this great achievement and applauded her mentors. She added that no goal is unachievable if one keeps her focus clear and strives for it with determination and perseverance.



Special meeting organized by Kharar Business Club



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR 27 NOVEMBER

Today, a special meeting of Kharar Business Club was held at Shri Ram Bhawan Kharar under the leadership of Club Founder Rohit Mishra in which various businessmen and service providers of Kharar city participated.

While giving information on this occasion, the founder of the club, Rohit Mishra said that this Kharar Business Club has been formed with the businessmen and service providers of Kharar, in which there are about 570 members of this club. It is a non-political social organization which is located in the city of Kharar. It will provide

a platform to traders and service providers through which the traders and new entrepreneurs of the city will get services like new business ideas, business experience, free publicity, mutual coordination, security, social network, free digital marketing, business support and business directory. So their business can reach new heights and they can contribute to the growing economy of the country. He said that we must move with the times, so we will have to change with the times. He said that soon a team of Kharar Business Club will be formed so that the work of the club can be run smoothly. Many members of the group were present on this occasion.

Arya Samaj Kharar organises Arya Vedic Family Millan at Tagore Niktan Model School

SHASHI PAL JAIN

KHARAR: Arya Samaj Kharar organized Arya Vedic Family Millan. at Tagore Niketan Model School, Kharar in which Advocate Tarachand Gupta and other prominent persons were present on a special occasion.

In this, 21 Kundiya Mahayagya was performed in which Arya families participated. The coordinators of this function were Mrs. Pravesh Sharma and Mr. Jatinder Gupta. The Yagya was conducted as per the rituals by the priest of Arya Samaj, Pandit Narendra Dev Shastri. Shastri gave infor-



mation to all the attendants about the importance of Haven Yagya in our lives and gave the benefits of joint family and the definition of a happy family. After the ceremony, refreshments were arranged for everyone. Apart from this, Shashi Aggarwal, Stree Arya Samaj President Sapna Sharma, Vishnu Mittal, Vijay Aggarwal, Suresh Bansal, Prem Goyal, Renu Garg, Madhuri Arya, Poonam Behal, Rupa Kaushik, Mahinder Pal Arora, Poonam Sahni, Pooja Garg, Saroj Bala, Subash Aggarwal, Davinder Gupta, and members of Arya Samaj were present.

Illegal parking of trucks creating nuisance for passersby



KULJEET SINGH

JANDIALA GURU: The road leading from Jandiala GT Road to Gehri Mandi is about 30 feet wide. On one side of the road, trucks loaded with paddy are parked. Which covers more than half of the total road. Due to this, there is jam in the road. Due to illegal parking of trucks, this road has shrunk to just 15 feet and is limited to 15 feet for vehicles to pass. Passer by Baldev Singh, Harmanjeet Singh, Talwinder Singh, Navtej Singh said that this road is closed during wheat and paddy season. Apart from this, there are many traffic jams due to illegal parking of these trucks on the road which becomes a cause of trouble for the people. But the administration has not found any permanent solution for this.



'Teacher Alka Mehra honored with Fab National Award-2023'



VERMA

GURDASPUR: The honor of entire Punjab including Bhoea region has increased with the award of Fab National Award-2023 to teacher Alka Mehra of St. Andrew's Convent School, Old Taragarh for Best Innovative Teaching, Giving information, Alka Mehra said that she has received the Best Teaching Award in this program organized in Chandigarh University, which she is very happy to receive. He told that there are best-to-best teachers in our country, who provide education to the students by bringing new ideas in the field of education so that the students can fearlessly face the challenges related to education and knowledge in the future. He said that a teacher is like a candle which melts itself and illuminates the future of the students, we should always respect our teachers. He said that the first teacher of the child is his family members and the second teacher is the teacher, from whom the child takes the education of good, bad and knowledge and moves forward in this world and all his life, the knowledge received from parents and teachers helps him to become the future in the world. Faces adversities and challenges. This award received by Alka Mehra, daughter-in-law of Bhoea area, has brought glory to the entire area. In the end Alka Mehra expressed her heartfelt gratitude to everyone.

GD Goenka Toddler House Zirakpur celebrates 3rd Annual Function "Samay Chakra"

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

The GD Goenka Toddler House, Zirakpur, celebrated its 3rd Annual Function at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Sector-26 Chandigarh. The theme for this year's function was 'Samay Chakra' that showcased the eternal cycle of time and the rich tapestry of history that it weaves. The tiny tots of School presented a colourful cultural programme which enthralled the gathering of distinguished audience of parents and students.

Giving details of the function, Mrs. Samrridhi, Director, GD Goenka Toddler House, Zirakpur said, it is that time of the year when we come together to celebrate the vibrant spirit and

Smart Wonders School stages Play 'Quest for the Royal Heir' at their Annual Day

CHANDIGARH: Smart Wonders School, Mohali hosted the Annual Show for the Primary Wing today at the Tagore Theatre, Chandigarh. The spectacular extravaganza "Quest for the Royal Heir - A King's Tale depicted a King's journey to find his successor while showcasing a kaleidoscope of creativity and talent of students.

The Directors, Sandeep Singh and Avinash Kaur, along with the Principal, Poonamjit Kaur, presided over the event. The entire auditorium was transformed into a spectacle of colours and joy as the students took centre stage and wowed the audience with their captivating performances. The young performers demonstrated confidence and flair well beyond their years and enthralled the audience with their spectacular drama skills, enchanting dance performances and melodious music. Parents applauded their children with great enthusiasm and pride. Poonamjit Kaur, Principal, Smart Wonders School expressed pride in the students' achievements as she presented the school's Annual Report. She expressed gratitude towards the dedicated teachers who have played a crucial role in guiding and mentoring the students.



Brainwood Global School
celebrates Guru Nanak
Dev ji's 554th birth
anniversary



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER
NAWASHAR: Brainwood Global School of RGI Patiala campus celebrated Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 554th birth anniversary with devotion and reverence. On this occasion, the staff and students did 'Japu Ji Sahib path' to pay homage to the Guru Nanak Dev ji. 'kirtan' was performed by the students of the school. They paid tributes to Guru Nanak Dev by spreading his divine message of harmony, humility and equality. Dr Sanjiv Singh Campus director motivated the staff and students to follow the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev ji to be successful in life and treated all human beings equal and respect the women. All staff and students were present on the occasion.

**Lions Club
Chandigarh
distributes sports kits**



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI: Lions Club chandigarh host handover sports kits and Studs to the Cerebral Palsy Football team which is going to participate in National Event (KHELO INDIA PARA GAMES-2023) in New Delhi from 10/12/2023 to 17/12/2023 inaugurated by Prime Minister of India. The function was, held at Elementary Govt. School, Phase 10, Mohali by Cerebral Palsy Sports Society Of Punjab on 25 th November 2023 The Club members were honoured with Pins. Sh. Sukhharshan Likh IPS (Retd), S. Kulwant Singh Keller M. C, Phase 11, S. Ajit Singh General Secretary, Ms Babita, Sh. Antariyami Sahoo, Coach, Lion Dr. Raj Krishan Gupta, Lion Karan S. Gill, Secretary, Lion Gurmeli Singh, Lion H. S. Dhillon, Lion Bhagwan Dass Ghavri, Lion Arvinder Singh Sodhi were present. Sh. Sukhharshan Likh, Sh. Kulwant Singh Keller, Lion Dr. Raj Krishan Gupta, Lion Karan S Gill and Lion Gurmeli Singh blessed the Football team for better performance at New Delhi. This project was sponsored by Dr. Raj Krishan Gupta.

**HAFED Chairman Kailash
Bhagat to hold bhandara
in Ayodhya**



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: HAFED Chairman Kailash Bhagat has made a big announcement regarding the Bhandara to be organized in Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Ayodhya. Let us tell you that in the morning Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Bhandara Committee had reached him at his residence with an appeal for cooperation. Where he announced that there will be no shortage of Bhandara and efforts will be made to organize Bhandara throughout the year in Ayodhya, the birthplace of Shri Ram, the world's largest pilgrimage site. Kailash Bhagat even said that Chief Minister Manohar Lal will be invited for this Bhandara. Appealing to the entire society and the people of Haryana, he said that whether one is poor or rich, everyone should contribute to the sacred cause by contributing as per their capacity. He himself will not shy away from going door to door to seek people's cooperation for this. Kailash Bhagat volunteered to serve the devotees by distributing laddus and dry fruits on behalf of the entire Punjabi community on the eve of Guru Parv.

**Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha celebrates
554th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji**



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL
JALANDHAR: S. Ajit Singh Sethi President Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Model Town and other members of the committee informed that Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Model Town celebrated 554 th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji with full religious fervor and devotion. Devotees paid their obeisance and sought the blessings of Almighty God. Eminent Ragi Jatha Bhai Jatinder Singh ji, Bhai Karnail Singh Ji Singh Hazoori Raagi Sri Golden Temple Amritsar, Bhai Brahmjot Singh Ji Gopal Nagar Wale, Bhai Fateh Singh Ji and Bhai Shamsheer Singh Ji, Bhai Tajinder Singh Ji Hazoori Raagi Gurdwara Model Town, Bibi Gurjeet Kaur, Istri Satsang Sabha Model town and the students of Guru Amar Dass Public School , recited shabads from gurbani that were revered by the devotees. Bibi Jasjit Kaur enlightened the sangat with her knowledge about the preaching of Guru sahib.

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554 lamps lighted to celebrate 554th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in Kolkata

AGENCY
KOLKATA, NOV 27

The Indian Humanitarian Assistance (IHA) and Uddipani Club collaboratively organised an evening dedicated to commemorating the 554th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev by lighting 554 lamps (diyas) on Sunday. The Chairman of the IHA Foundation, Satnam Singh Ahluwalia, while speaking to ANI, said, "Park Circus is an iconic place (in Kolkata) where people from all the religious faiths are living. We, along with all the religious leaders over here and multiple community members, brought one diya (lamp) each as a tribute to Guru Nanak Dev Ji." "This is a big thing, as for the first time such a program has happened in the eastern region and in India, where all the Gurus have come together



to pay homage to Guru Nanak Dev by lighting 554 lamps," he added. One of the Muslim religious leaders, Syed Zaki Asim Rizwi, also spoke to ANI about

the special occasion and said, "This is a very good thing, especially in our Bengal, where people of all religions live together with unity and

Nagar Kirtan conducted by Gurudwara Singh Sabha
NARESH GARG
LADWA: A grand Nagar Kirtan was conducted by Ladwa Gurudwara Singh Sabha in honor of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Prakash Utsav, led by five beloveds. It was welcomed everywhere, and devotees distributed pakoras, biscuits, halwa. Newly opened Ayushman Multi-Specialty Hospital, Ladwa, also served Sikh community in the Nagar Kirtan and distributed various dishes such as pakoras, milk, tea. Hospital's administrator, Sangeeta Maan, mentioned that the Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev Ji is celebrated with enthusiasm across the country, and we should all actively participate in such programs. Flowers were presented by them and their team during the Nagar Kirtan. Additionally, service was provided to devotees participating in the Nagar Kirtan, and Prasad was also distributed. Meanwhile, Gurudwara Singh Sabha's head, Surendra Kochhar, expressed gratitude to the hospital's administrator, saying that they have done a very noble deed.



**Guru Parv celebrated with enthusiasm
at Gurudwara of Dabkheda village**



NARESH GARG
LADWA, NOV 27

Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Prakash Utsav was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Gurudwara of Dabkheda village in Ladwa. Leader and social worker Sandeep Garg participated and bowed before the Guru Granth Sahib. He said said that Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was the first Guru of the Sikhs, and everyone walks on the paths he

showed, and we should continue to do so. He mentioned that the Guru Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji is celebrated with enthusiasm across the entire country. Preparations for the Guruparv begin in Gurudwaras many days before. A Prabhat Pheri is organized from the Gurudwara. On Monday, an unbroken langar was also distributed at the Gurudwara premises in honor of the Prakash Utsav of the Guru.

**Strict action will be taken against those who
play bullet crackers, tractor and DJ after
stipulated time in weddings parties: SP Kaithal**

RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL: Under the able guidance of Superintendent of Police Kaithal Upasana, a campaign was launched against those causing noise pollution by bursting bullet crackers, playing DJ on tractors, and playing DJ at weddings and parties in banquet halls, resorts etc. till late night. In this, all the police station managers will warn the owners of banquet halls, hotels, resorts etc. in their respective areas and take an undertaking from them that there will be a complete ban on playing DJ after 10 pm. If still any kind of sound device is found playing, then for the first time action will be taken against the DJ and if even after that the rules are found to be violated, action will be taken against the hotel owner also. SP Upasana said that action will also be taken against those who spoil the environment by playing DJ on tractors. It has been seen that some mischievous elements go around the city or village playing DJ on tractors and spread terror among the people. Now action will be taken against such people and challans will be issued against them.



**21st Annual event of Paradise
International School**



BHUPINDERJIT MAULVIWALA

PATRAN: The 21st annual event and prize distribution ceremony of Paradise International School Ghagga was held in which Chief Guest and Chairman of Sikh Gurdwara Judicial Commission Satnam Singh Keller participated while as special guests SDM Pathars Navdeep Kumar and Suba Singh SDM Lehragaga specially. attended In the event, students who made special achievements in educational sports and cultural field were specially honored. In the cultural event organized under the leadership of School Management Committee Chairman Dr. Amritpal Singh Kaleka Fateh Principal Dr. Parminder Kaur, more than 700 students performed various kinds of presentations showing their talents. After starting the cultural event with religious words, the students presented plays, song skits and choreographies and made a sharp attack on the social evils that are increasing day by day. Apart from this, Shiv Tandav, Bhagat Puran Singh Act, Sufi Dance, Waqt Di Kasuti, Haryanvi Dance were highly appreciated by the audience. Principal Dr. Parminder Kaur presented an impressive annual report showing the academic and sports achievements of the school and the annual activities of the school.

**Voluntary blood donation camp on the occasion
of 98th birth anniversary of Sri Satya Sai Baba**

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KURUKSHETRA: Blood donation camps have been organized all over India on the occasion of the 98th birth anniversary of Sri Satya Sai Baba. In this context, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized today at Sri Satya Sai Temple Ratgal Sector 7. Uma Sudha, outgoing chairperson of Thanesar Municipal Council and social worker, was present as the chief guest in the program. The coordinator of the 477th Voluntary Blood Donation Camp, who had donated blood 164 times and platelets 79 times, was National Gold Medalist Diamond Blood Donor and Environment Sentinel Police Sub Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, awarded with the President's Police Medal. Sri Satya Sai Committee District President Ravindra



Singla, Provincial President Dr. RB Kharb, Trust Convener PS Tanwar, Committee Convener Narendra Sharma, Secretary Ramesh Sharma, Treasurer YP Sharma, Brij Pal Singh, Munshi Ram Gulati, Prabhat Gupta and Ram Sharan were present in the program. Kuldeep Singh, Ravindra Kumar, Dr. Rambhaji Kharb, Gurmali Singh, Satvik, Prabhat Gupta, Sachin, Jeet Kumar, Surendra Kumar, Nikhil, Sandeep Thakur, Sukhharshan and Sukhdev

etc. were present and donated blood. Encouraging the blood donors by giving them badges in the camp, Chief Guest Uma Sudha said that donating blood on the birth anniversary of Shri Satya Sai Baba is a very noble act. Every person should do some good work for the society. Secretary of the committee, Ramesh Sharma said that the committee does many social welfare works selflessly. Dr. Rama, Surendra, Sumit, Gurjinder Kaur etc. were present on this occasion.

**First blood donation and medical camp on Prakash
Purva of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji will be held on Dec 3**

JATINDERPAL SINGH KALER
RUPNAGAR, NOV 27

The first blood donation camp dedicated to the birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji will be organized on Ropar Road New Bus stand, Balachaur on December 3. On this occasion, Jasveer Singh Ajimal (Bahalur Kala), Sukhwant Singh Khalsa (Chak Singha) and chief guest Gurpreet Singh Mintu (Humanity Ki Seva Sabh Se Wadi Seva Society) will be especially coming. Technical cooperation on this occasion BDC Blood Center will be given in Nawanshahr. On this occasion, free medical camp was being organized at Suri Hospital, Bhaddi Road, Balachaur.

On this occasion, special support was being given to PP Arora and Samuh Sangta and NRI Veero Vanlo Blood Donation Camp. He appealed to the residents of the area to come to this camp and get their health checked up and the young generation should



come to this camp and donate blood. Their one drop of blood can save the life of someone in need. While talking to the journalists on this occasion, PP Arora said that if any needy person needed any medicine, ration or any other kind of financial help, then he could contact his phone number 88375-16176 so that all help could be provided to them.

Demand to amend Rule 4 of Journalist Pension Notification

BUREAU
BHIWANI, NOV 27

Journalist Club Bhiwani has demanded to amend Rule 4 of the notification issued by the government regarding the honor pension given to journalists. Club President Ishwar Dhamu has said that according to Rule 4 of the notification, if a criminal case is registered against any beneficiary media person, his pension under this scheme will be stopped. He says that mere registration of a case does not make a person a criminal unless the allegations are proved in the court. Mostly it has been seen that people file false cases against journalists to show that factual allegations in the news are false. But this does not prove that the journalist is a criminal? No one can be called a criminal until the allegations are proved. Therefore, Rule 4 of the notification should be amended. Dhamu said that anyway, considering a journalist as a criminal only after a case is registered would be considered an insult to the journalist. He said that it seems that Rule 4 has been imposed in a hurry. The club head has demanded statutory amendments in this rule. He also welcomed the removal of the condition of life certificate every year for journalists who receive pension and provide family identity card. He called it a commendable work of the Government.

**395 PG Sanskrit teachers promoted,
Education Minister Kanwar Pal greeted**



RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHARI: It is good news for PG Sanskrit teachers in Haryana who have been waiting for promotions for the last 17 years. The Education Department has issued orders for the promotion of 395 teachers who have been waiting since 2007. Following this decision by the government, officials and Sanskrit teachers from across state, under leadership of the State President of the Haryana State Sanskrit Teachers' Association, Ram Prasad Kaushik, arrived at the residence of Education Minister Kanwar Pal, expressing their gratitude by presenting him with turbans, floral bouquets, and mementos. He stated that this historic decision has been made in the interest of Sanskrit teachers due to the efforts of School Education Minister Kanwar Pal. This ends our 17-year-long wait. This demand had been pending for a very long time, which was taken seriously by Chief Minister Manohar Lal and School Education Minister Kanwar Pal, and they have given us a significant gift by making this historic decision. Previous governments never took this issue seriously or made efforts to address it.

'Yuva Sangam' phase-3 flagged off at IIT Ropar

BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, NOV 27

The highly anticipated Yuva Sangam Phase 3 flag-off ceremony took place at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar today marking the beginning of an exciting cultural exchange program. The event, organized under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative, aims to provide exposure tours to students from higher educational institutes and off-campus youngsters across the nation. Through a selection process conducted by IIT Ropar, 45 students have been chosen to travel to the state of Karnataka as cultural envoys. The students will be staying at the IIT Dharwad campus, where they will have the opportunity



to immerse themselves in Karnataka's rich heritage and cultural diversity. The journey is set to start on November 28th, with the return journey at IIT Ropar on December 8th. During their visit, the students will explore various historical and cultural landmarks, including the UNESCO World Heritage Site Hampi, Akshay Patra. Another highlight of the

itinerary is a trip to Badami, formerly known as Vatapi, which showcases the distinct architectural and structural culture of Karnataka. Cumulatively, the Yuva Sangam Phase 3 event aims to provide a platform for young minds to foster cultural understanding and exchange ideas, while being aware of the rich and diverse heritage of different parts of the country.

**Goldsmiths should be conscious of their
fundamental duties along with their
rights: Amrit Verma, Pawan Verma**

VERMA
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Swarnakar Samaj Punjab State General Secretary Amrit Verma and State Media Incharge Pawan Verma jointly said in the press release that Swarnakar Samaj can achieve glory only on the strength of its brothers who perform their duties. The Punjab Government should come up with a program to ensure the safety of the lower-middle class shopkeepers, artisans and those who import and export gold products at a safe place and bring them under the insurance scheme so that there is no risk of loss of life or property. Once this is done, these families can be nurtured properly. In all the districts of Punjab,



goldsmiths have kept a large quantity of Wargali, Maratha, Bhaiya, Panjavi etc. laborers for making gold items, but their names have not been registered in the police department. On behalf of the organization, we request the group of goldsmith shopkeepers of the state to ensure that the names



of artisans and salesmen employed at their shops are registered with the police department. Because in the last few days, first in Firozpur and now in Pathankot, the incidents are coming in front of you all. It is everyone's duty to curb this based on our fundamental rights.

EDITORIAL

Resurgence of terror

The spurt in terror attacks in Jammu & Kashmir is a grim reminder of Pakistan-sponsored nefarious elements spreading their tentacles in the region and exposes the hollowness of the government's claims on restoration of normalcy. In the latest encounter in Rajouri district, five Army personnel, including two officers, were killed. The incident fits into a pattern of all major terror strikes in the region in the last two years: A majority of them occurring in the Rajouri-Poonch-Reasi belt situated to the south of the Pir Panjal mountain range that separates Jammu from the Kashmir Valley. It is a matter of big concern that terrorists have managed to strike at will in the area, with the Army losing 14 of its personnel so far this year. This includes two back-to-back ambushes on April 20 and May 5 that claimed the lives of 10 soldiers. The Rajouri-Poonch belt accounted for 46 deaths, including those of civilians, since January this year. It means that the terrorist threat goes much beyond the Kashmir Valley, posing a new security challenge. The Rajouri-Poonch axis is contiguous with South Kashmir, a major hub for militancy, and the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan. With an effective counter-terrorist security grid in place in Kashmir, terrorist outfits, notably Lashkar and Jaish, which have foreigners in their ranks, seem to have shifted to the Jammu side of the vast and sparsely populated forested terrain, with limited road connectivity. Going by the recurring instances of the LoC ceasefire violations, it is clear that Pakistani handlers are making concerted efforts to make the communally sensitive Jammu region a new ground for their proxies. There is an urgent need to take a relook at the security system to check the militancy and, simultaneously, create conditions conducive to resuming the electoral process. The focus of the security forces and the J&K administration should not only be on neutralising terrorists but also on cracking down on their sympathisers. Four government employees, including a doctor and a policeman, were sacked by the authorities recently for their alleged terror links. They were accused of helping Pakistan-based terror outfits, providing logistical and financial support to terrorists and propagating their ideology, and indulging in secessionist propaganda. A strong message should go to the secessionists that their activities will not be tolerated. While it is a fact that the overall number of terror-related incidents has come down significantly over the last few years, the sudden spurt in violent attacks must prompt the Centre to introspect about its Kashmir policy. There can be no two opinions about the need for tough security measures to crush militancy and thwart the designs of its sponsors from across the border but a genuine empowerment of people alone can help restoration of peace and normalcy in the Valley. It is a long and arduous task that involves handling the situation with sensitivity and fairness.

The Third World Hindu Congress concluded in Thailand on Sunday with the resolve to connect every Hindu in the world with each other and to gain strength for welfare of the world through the life values of Hinduism. According to the organisers of the World Hindu Congress, the next World Hindu Congress will be held in Mumbai in the year 2026 and before that, the World Hindu Economic Forum

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World Hindu Congress



Hosabale said, "Swami Vivekananda had told Hindus to conquer the world with their spirituality, and I think that material progress and spiritual progress will make us realise the great motto of the World Hindu Congress, which is 'Jayasya Aayatanam Dharma.'" Milind Parande, International General Secretary of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), said that the power of Hindus is not intended to frighten anyone but to ensure welfare of

humanity. Around 50 sessions were organised in parallel throughout the conference, with a focus on seven sections, including the economy, education, academic, media and political sectors, as well as youth and women. More than 50 delegates from around 30 countries participated in the various sessions of the Political Forum and more than 650 delegates participated in the sessions of the Hindu Economic Forum. Investment consultations were

also organised for startups, and three proposals were immediately approved. Mata Amritanandamayi Amma said, "Today the number of such people is increasing in the world, and the source of love and selfless service is drying up. There is only one solution to this, and that is the restoration of religion! This is the only way to save the world and humanity. It is becoming necessary to carry out focused work with such conferences." Earlier, with the proclamation of

'Victory of Dharma', eminent saint Mata Amritanandamayi, Swami Purnatmanand of Bharat Sevashram Sangh, Sarsangchalak Mohanrao Bhagwat of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale, General Secretary of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Milind Parande and founder of the World Hindu Foundation and Swami Vigyananand, the facilitator of the conference, had inaugurated the event by lighting a lamp.

Literature & Health

Irish author Paul Lynch wins 2023 Booker Prize for dystopian novel 'Prophet Song'

Irish author Paul Lynch won the 2023 Booker Prize for his dystopian novel 'Prophet Song', which presents an imaginary near-future of Ireland descending into totalitarianism, followed by a civil war, the New York Times reported. 'Prophet Song' is set in the near future centres on Eilish Stack, a scientist and mother of four, whose



trade unionist husband is taken by the security forces, an early sign of growing authoritarian rule that eventually sees Ireland in the midst of a civil war, according to New York Times. Esi Edugyan, a novelist and the chair of this year's judging panel, said that "Prophet Song" resonated with contemporary crises including the Israel-Hamas war, but that the novel had won solely on its literary merits.

"This is a triumph of emotional storytelling, bracing and brave," Edugyan said in a news conference before the announcement. However, the judges were not unanimous in their decision, even after six hours of debate, Edugyan said. Still, she added, the panel felt that 'Prophet Song' was a worthy winner that 'captures the social and political anxieties of our current moment'. "There was a different way that things could have gone," Edugyan said. Ultimately, she added, the judges all 'felt that this was the book that we wanted to present to the world -- that this was truly a masterful work of fiction.' 'Prophet Song', which Grove Atlantic will publish in North America on December 5, beat five other shortlisted titles including Paul Murray's 'The Bee Sting', Chetna Maroo's 'Western Lane' and Paul Harding's 'This Other Eden', New York Times reported. The other shortlisted novels were Jonathan Escoffery's 'If I Survive You', and Sarah Bernstein's 'Study for Obedience'. Meanwhile, the novel has received mixed reviews in Britain and Ireland, the New York Times reported. Lucy Popeacu in The Financial Times said it was "a compassionate, propulsive and timely novel that forces the reader to imagine -- what if this was me?" While Aimee Walsh, in The Observer, called it "a crucial book for our current times," and Laura Hackett, in The Times of London, labeled it "an exercise in totalitarianism-by-numbers."

People who have addiction to work feel sick even while working

Workaholics' moods are often worse than others, even while they are engaged in what they are most enthusiastic about: their work. Workaholism is similar to other types of addictions such as gambling and alcoholism. This is what emerges from a study published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology, conducted by Cristian Balducci, a professor at the Department for Life Quality Studies at the University of Bologna (Rimini Campus), in collaboration with Dr. Luca Menghini from the University of Trento and Prof. Paola Spagnoli from the University of Campania 'Luigi Vanvitelli'. Professor Balducci explains: "The negative mood observed in workaholics may indicate elevated daily stress levels and that could be the cause of the higher risk for these individuals to develop burnout and cardiovascular problems. Furthermore, considering that workaholics often hold positions of responsibility, their negative mood could readily influence that of colleagues and co-workers. This poses a risk that organizations should seriously consider, intervening to discourage behaviors that contribute to workaholism." Work addiction has been a well-known

phenomenon for a long time: people suffering from it tend to work excessively and compulsively. This is a true obsession that negatively affects health, psychological well-being, and relations with family and friends. Several studies indicate that workaholics commonly experience a sense of unwellness, often



accompanied by negative emotions such as hostility, anxiety, and guilt when they are unable to work as extensively as they wish. On the other hand, there are conflicting assumptions about the feelings that emerge in these people while they are at work. Some studies suggest that workaholics experience feelings of well-being and satisfaction

during the workday, yet other research indicates that these positive emotions quickly transition to a prevailing dysphoric state characterized by irritation and depression. To shed light on this aspect, scholars involved 139 full-time workers in the study, mostly employed in back-office activities. A psychological test was first used to assess the participants' level of work dependency. Afterward, the scholars analyzed the mood of the workers and their perception of workload using a technique known as "experience sampling method". This was done using an app installed on the participants' phones, which allowed them to send short questionnaires, approximately every 90 minutes, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., over the course of three working days (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). "The collected data show that the most workaholic workers have on average a worse mood than the others", says Prof. Balducci. "So, it does not appear to be true that people who are addicted to work derive more pleasure from their work activity; quite the opposite, the results seem to confirm that, as in other forms of behavioural and substance addiction, the initial euphoria gives way to a negative emotional state that pervades.

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

Study reveals effect of climate change on human brain

The latest manifestation of the effects of climate change and global warming is its effect on the human brain. In a report published in Nature Climate Change, an international team of academics explores how research has demonstrated that a changing environment affects how our brains work, and how climate change may impact our brain function in the future. The work is led by the University of Vienna, with contributions from Geneva, New York, Chicago, Washington, Stanford, Exeter in the United Kingdom, and the Max Plank Institute in Berlin. It also looks at how neuroscientists might help to better understand and treat these issues. Lead author Dr Kimberly C.

Doell, of the University of Vienna, said: "We've long known that factors in our environment can lead to changes in the brain. Yet we're only just beginning to look at how climate change, the greatest global threat of our time, might change our brains. Given the increasingly frequent extreme weather events we're already experiencing, alongside factors such as air pollution, the way we access nature and the stress and anxiety people experience around climate change, it's crucial that we understand the impact this could all have on our brains. Only then can we start to find ways to mitigate these changes." Since the 1940s, scientists have known from mouse studies that changing environmental factors can profoundly change the



development and plasticity of the brain. This effect as also been seen

in humans in research looking at the effects of growing up in poverty,

which found disturbances to brain systems, including lack of cognitive

stimulation, exposure to toxins, poor nutrition, and heightened childhood stress. While not entirely surprising, this research highlights the profound impact that one's environment can have on their brain. Now, the authors are calling for research to explore the impact on the human brain of being exposed to more extreme weather events, such as heatwaves, droughts, and hurricanes, and associated forest fires and floods. They believe such events may change brain structure, function, and overall health, and also call for more research to evaluate how this may explain changes in well-being and behaviour. The paper also explores the role that neuroscience can play in influencing the way we think

about climate change, our judgments and how we respond. Dr Mathew White, of the Universities of Exeter and Vienna, is a co-author on the study. He said: "Understanding neural activity that is relevant to motivations, emotions and temporal horizons may help predict behaviour, and improve our understanding of, underlying barriers preventing people from behaving as pro-environmentally as they might wish. Both brain function and climate change are highly complex areas. We need to start seeing them as interlinked, and to take action to protect our brains against the future realities of climate change, and start using our brains better to cope with what is already happening and prevent the worse-case scenarios."

SHORT TALKS

Coca-Cola advances digital footprint by joining the ONDC Network

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Coca-Cola India has announced its onboarding onto the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). The initial association is being supported through SellerApp, which will help Coca-Cola leverage the ONDC network with its data-driven insights, market intelligence and strategies. Further, Coca-Cola has also launched its own marketplace, the 'Coke Shop' exclusively on the ONDC platform. This innovative marketplace will transform how consumers interact with Coca-Cola products and empower retailers across the country. Ambuj Deo Singh, Vice President Digital Acceleration Office, Coca-Cola India, and Southwest Asia, added, "ONDC has truly democratized the e-commerce landscape by empowering sellers with greater access to digital markets. We are happy to be a part of this journey where the focus is on transforming the online marketplace by making it more inclusive and consumer centric. We look forward to a continued association with ONDC."

Seagram's Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films Presents

FARIDABAD : A pioneer in the short film format in India, Seagram's Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films presents Select Films, Select Conversations. The celebrated short film platform has always recognized and fostered a creative environment encouraging brilliance in short format film making. Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films over the years has won 6 Filmfare awards and Oscar qualifications which has made the platform the largest and most credible destination for short films in India. Through this interactive activation platform, the brand aims to foster a creative environment for artists in the industry in two unique and engaging formats with host Mandira Bedi.

• The On-Ground format: This live format travels to three hubs in India – Gurugram, Kolkata and Pune – bringing together some of the most dynamic and discerning film artistes from Indian cinema for an evening of engaging discussions, interactive conversations, and screenings of some of the select movies from the celebrated short film platform, Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films

The Leela Palace Udaipur awarded best hotel

CHANDIGARH: The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts is delighted to announce that The Leela Palace Udaipur has been voted the Best Hotel in Middle East & India at the 17th edition of Ultimate Luxury Travel Related Awards (ULTRA) 2023. Recognizing the best of the best in global travel, the ULTRAs are voted for by the 25 million globetrotting members of DISCOVERY's guest loyalty programme of The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts offered in partnership with Global Hotel Alliance (GHA). Perched on the banks of the serene Lake Pichola, The Leela Palace Udaipur exemplifies Rajasthani architecture and evokes the grandeur of Udaipur's rich and royal heritage. Its unparalleled opulence is an ode to the Land of the Mewars using traditional artisanal crafts and exquisite embellishments that are inspired by the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan. This accolade is a testament to the hotel's consistency in delivering the true Indian luxury experience that The Leela brand stands for. Mr. Nishant Agarwal, Vice President and General Manager, The Leela Palace Udaipur, expressed his joy and said that they are humbled to be recognized as the Best Hotel in Middle East & India at such a prestigious platform. The award is a testimony to the great work of our associates who are committed to creating authentic luxury experiences while placing the guest at the centre of everything.

Indel Money registers impressive Q2 and first half performance

Mumbai: Indel Money, the flagship non-banking finance company (NBFC) under Indel Corporation, has announced significant rise by 127.21% in profitability during the second quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24. The revenue for the quarter rose by 61.09% to Rs. 77.03 crores compared to the same period in the previous year. The first half of FY24 saw the company demonstrating a stellar performance with its profitability surging by a record 568.86% buoyed by a strong AUM growth, heightened demand for gold loans, expansion into newer territories and operational efficiencies despite a challenging business environment. The profitability rose to Rs.39.17 crore during the first half as against Rs. 5.86 crore in the same period last year. Operationally, annual disbursements so far have experienced a significant 70% growth, reaching Rs.1800crore. The consolidated assets under management (AUM) for Q2 stands at Rs.1363crore, reflecting a substantial increase over the corresponding quarter of FY23 and a notable quarter-on-quarter rise. The company's focus on innovation and expansion is evident in its digital initiatives, including a user-friendly mobile app and hybrid gold loans.

Škoda Auto India launches Elegance Editions in all- new Deep Black colour for the Kushaq and Slavia

MANDI: Soon after introducing a slew of new and segment-first features in the Kushaq and Slavia, Škoda Auto India has announced a new, exclusive version of both these cars. Christened the Elegance Edition, both cars will be produced in a limited amount and will be available exclusively with the 1.5 TSI engine. Petr Šolc, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said, "The Elegance Edition of the Kushaq and Slavia will be launched as a limited offering. There has been a strong demand for a classic black colour on the Kushaq and Slavia. All our product actions are based on the evolving customer trends, in line with our customer-centric approach. The aesthetics, body colour and cosmetic aspects of the new Elegance editions will appeal to customers with a keen design sense, while continuing to offer immense value and pride of ownership." The Elegance Edition offers a classic, all-new and stunning Deep Black paint in both the cars while retaining the rich chrome elements all around. Further enhancing the aesthetics in both the cars is a Chrome Lower Door Garnish and a calligraphic 'Elegance' inscription on the B-pillars. The Slavia further has a chrome trunk garnish and a Scuff plate with 'Slavia' inscribed in it. The Kushaq gets a 17-inch (43.18 cm) VEGA Dual Tone Alloy design that accentuates style and its rough terrain stance.

9th edition of MACHMA Expo 2023 concludes in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: The 9th edition of MACHMA Expo 2023, India's premier machine tool and automation technology exhibition, concluded today at Parade Ground, Sector 17, Chandigarh. A large number of entrepreneurs, industrialists and people from the industry participated and benefited from this four-day long expo. While giving information about the expo, Mr. Karanjeet Singh said that the MACHMA Expo organized in Chandigarh was successful and this time a large number of people took advantage of it. He said that world class facilities, machines and technology was on display in this expo and several companies participated in the expo enthusiastically to showcase their products. He said that a seminar was organized by MSMEs in MACHMA Expo, in which MSME Board officials shared information with the attendees about MSME schemes. The sponsors were honored with trophies on the last day of the expo.

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NEWS/BUSINESS

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Therapeutic activities for stress relief

In our fast-paced modern lives, stress has become an unavoidable companion that affects our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. As we try to balance through the chaos and pressures of everyday life, finding moments of respite and relaxation has become crucial for maintaining a healthy balance. To help ease out stressful situations, here are certain therapeutic activities that can serve as powerful tools in our quest for stress relief.

Art Therapy

Art therapy is known to promote self-expression and emotional healing as it can provide you with a creative outlet to express certain feelings that might be hard to put into words. To cope with stress through this you can try sketching, painting, coloring, sculpture, or any other creative activity that you find comforting.

Journaling is an activity wherein you can write down your ideas, thoughts, emotions, experiences, etc. If you are going through a lot of stress, then you can set aside some time each day to write down your feelings without any have inhibitions. With this activity, you will be able to vent out your feelings in a constructive way and get a hold of

your emotions during such stressful times.

Spending Time With Nature

Nature along with having a great effect on our well-being is also known to considerably alleviate our stress levels. You can try sitting in your balcony and taking in some fresh air or

Music has a powerful influence on our emotions and can be a valuable tool for stress relief. To alleviate stress through music, you can create a playlist of calming or uplifting songs that you resonate with. These songs can be heard out loud or through your earphones, whatever is convenient for you. Music is known to have the ability to evoke positive emotions, distract from stressors, and induce a state of relaxation.

Cooking Or Baking

Indulging in any type of cooking or baking is considered to be extremely therapeutic as the sounds and the smell of the food can help you feel less stressed. You can try out new recipes and make

foods that you and your family relish. This will have benefits such as you might learn new dishes, and you may feel a sense of accomplishment once the dish is ready. These feelings can make you feel positive about yourself and aid in reducing stress.

Ecozen empowers farmers with complete control with its 4G enabled smart Ecotron solar pump controllers

Haryana, A key player in cleantech, Ecozen specialises in developing climate-smart technology solutions that help farmers improve in farm yield, reduce waste and increase farm earnings. As a leading brand in the solar pump sets in India, Ecozen has positively impacted over 1,60,000 Indian farmers through their advanced Ecotron smart solar pump controllers. Farmers in Haryana now get India's first 4G-enabled smart solar-powered pump controller, known as the Ecotron, available through Ecozen Solutions under PM KUSUM Yojana with a 75% subsidy. To ensure that the pumps are installed quickly under the PM Kusum Yojana, Ecozen has partnered with Mahindra Solarize. This partnership helps the farmers of Haryana get Ecozen's advanced technology backed by the wide and efficient installation network of the Mahindra team. A pioneer in the development of solar pump controller technology, Ecozen's controller is equipped with advanced functions that give farmers complete control over their pumps. Being the first controllers enabled with 4G connectivity, farmers can schedule pump operations, switch the system on and off, and monitor the amount to water discharged and flow-rate through the Ecotron mobile app without having to go to the farm. Additionally, the controller also sends over 150 data points through IoT-Enabled devices to Ecozen's AI platform (ecozen.ai) which enables Ecozen's engineers to monitor and run predictive and preventive maintenance on units deployed. This drastically reduces the time taken for service as the Ecozen service engineer comes prepared with the spares and tools required to fix the solar pump system. Additionally, Ecotron controllers have the fastest and most stable AMR data integration. This ensures accurate data is available with government entities at all times. Commenting on the same, Devendra Gupta, CEO, Ecozen, "Creating sustainable products that are user friendly has always been our goal, thus, creating the 4G solar pump controller has aligned with our ideologies. Connecting farmers and making their jobs easier through our products is key. Thanks to the PM Kusum Yojana, farmers can leverage this opportunity to install solar-powered controllers at a subsidized cost and choose a sustainable option for the long run."

Ecotron, India's first 4G enabled solar pump controller designed and manufactured by Ecozen in India, enables farmers to adopt sustainable, affordable and advanced irrigation technology solutions. Through Ecozen's smart and sustainable agri technology, the goal is to help farmers build more effective and efficient farming practices, and aid the government in developing India's agronomy through the use of cleantech, data, AI and IoT.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Clinches Two Prestigious EEPC India National Export Awards

CHANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) takes pride in announcing that it has been honored with two National Awards for Export Excellence at the 52nd and 53rd editions of the Awards event held on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, in New Delhi. These coveted awards were presented to TKM in recognition of its outstanding export performance in the engineering sector. The award is a testament to the company's commitment to export excellence and contribution to the economy of the state and the nation. Speaking on this recognition, Mr. Swapnesh R. Maru, Executive Vice President, and Chief Compliance Officer at Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "We are delighted and honored to receive the Export Excellence awards from the esteemed Engineering Export Promotion Council of India. This recognition is a source of immense pride and joy for the organization. It is a testament of our unwavering commitment to excellence and Innovation. These awards reinforce our belief that quality and customer satisfaction are key drivers of success in this highly competitive market."

Duo of Paras and Devang helped UT boys to beat Goa by four wickets in a thrilling finish

CHANDIGARH: A timely 91 runs partnership in 112 balls between Paras and Devang Kaushik done well for UT boy as Chandigarh beat host Goa by four wickets in a thrilling twist that took hosts till the last over in the Cooch Behar Trophy match played Sangem Cricket Ground, Goa on Monday. In reply to Goa's first innings score of 298, Chandigarh was all out for 274 runs. Later Chandigarh made a comeback in the match and bowled out Goa for 173 runs and chased the target of 198 runs. Earlier in the last day, Goa, while resuming its overnight score to 127/6, could add only 46 runs with top scorer Dishank Miskin (68) and was all out for 173 runs. Veer Yadav contributed 40 runs. For Chandigarh, Nikhil (3/31) and Anmol Sharma (3/61) took three wickets each while Devang Kaushik (2/14) clinched two wickets. Chasing down the target of 198 runs, Chandigarh had a disappointing start. Balraj Singh (17), who scored a century in the previous innings left early followed by another blow in the form of Aryan Verma (8) with 41/2 on the board. The team was on the verge of recovery when opposition captain Pundalik Naik dismissed Ishan Gaba (7) leaving the side at 74/3. From here, well settled batter Devang Kaushik and skipper Paras took charge sliced a partnership of 91 runs. But the hosts turned the table with the dismissal of the duo in the 47th over. Paras was the first one to go who was caught by Jeevan Kumar off Yuvraj Singh. Paras scored 44 runs with the help of five fours and one six. Nisarg Nagvekar found Devang Kaushik short of his crease on the last ball of this over. Kaushik smashed 80 runs with the help of 13 fours. Later, with the dismissal of Nikhil (22) at 194/6 added more excitement in the match. Goa tried their best to draw the match by bowling two consecutive maiden overs

DTDC Express Ltd goes live on the ONDC Network to strengthen logistics capabilities for all kinds of sellers on the Network

NEW DELHI : DTDC Express Ltd., India's leading integrated express logistics company, joins ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) to revolutionize e-commerce logistics in India and empower sellers on the network by leveraging emerging technologies. The move underlines DTDC's commitment towards local businesses and small e-commerce sellers by ensuring access to the required tools and support in the largely evolving digital landscape. As DTDC Express Ltd. onboard the ONDC Network, it aims to further enhance its positioning as a leader in providing cutting-edge logistics services. In a first-of-its-kind ONDC ecosystem, DTDC plans to leverage its expertise in Express and standard B2C deliveries on the back of a stable and reliable network connecting different parts of the country. Through robust engagement with ONDC's Network of 1.5 L sellers and small- entrepreneurs, DTDC Express Ltd., with its massive physical network of ~15,000 Channel Partners serving ~96% of the Indian population, aspires to achieve 1500 - 2000 shipments per day by the end of this year and continue to scale further. DTDC going live on ONDC will act as a catalyst for the cutting-edge service offerings that DTDC Express Ltd has launched or has in the pipeline, including Next Day Delivery, Pick Up and Drop Off (PUDO), and QC-enabled reverse Logistics. Additionally, various e-commerce operations, including order management, inventory tracking, and payment processing, will be simplified, enabling the express logistics company to ensure a smooth and efficient logistics process for various sellers on the Network.

Sundays are for picnics at Olive Cafe & Bar!

CHANDIGARH: Here is what you have been waiting for! The wait is finally over! Olive Cafe & Bar, Sector 26, Chandigarh; has announced the launch of Olive's Sunday Picnic Brunch. The unique initiative which is a first in tricity's hospitality circuit is a delightful, leisurely tradition that combines the pleasures of outdoor dining with the comfort of a mid-morning feast. The setting will be reminiscent of picnics in the Mediterranean with chequered table cloths, picnic baskets with goodies for every table, a delicious spread with live cooking and food counters, free flowing cocktails & spirits, and live music to set the mood. Your picnic baskets will have your name on it and will also have fresh flowers and fruits and goodies to keep the kids occupied. Spend a leisurely afternoon reading your morning paper that's been packed in the picnic basket along with other surprises. The Sunday Picnic Brunch menu offers quite a spread. The brunch has a lot of live stations of brunchy dishes including Eggs to order, Waffle and Pancake station. Enjoy Breakfast Sandwiches and Sourdough Toasts with choicest toppings. The live grills have an array of meats, fish and veg options. Pizzas are our staples and are cooked in front of you. The menu has Olive staples like Salads, Small Plates, Mezze, Pasta and Desserts along with new soon-to-be favourites. We have our fresh, seasonal cocktails along with spirits, beer and wine; shakes and mocktails. Families and friends are welcome to savour a spread of delectable dishes in the sun-dappled courtyard. This idyllic setting encourages sloth and camaraderie.

Constitution Day: Amity Law School holds special lecture

MCHAI: Amity Law School at Amity University Punjab observed National Day, also known as Constitution Day, which is observed every year on November 26, with a special lecture by Professor Emeritus Dr. Balram Gupta. The event aimed to commemorate the significance of the Constitution of India and foster a deeper understanding of its evolution. Dr. Balram Gupta, a distinguished faculty member of Amity Law School, delivered an enlightening lecture on the topic, 'Do We Need To Embrace a New Constitution?'. He dismissed the notion of adopting a new Constitution, citing the existing document's longevity and supremacy. He stressed that the Constitution of India, in its current form, is a living document that has evolved with the changing times. Attempting to create a new Constitution, according to Dr. Gupta, would be virtually impossible given the rich experience and enduring significance of the current framework. The session delved into the historical journey of the Constitution, emphasizing its role as a guiding document for the nation. Dr. Gupta compared the Constitution to a living organism that requires continuous refinement through amendments, drawing parallels to pruning and manuring a plant for its sustained growth. During his address, Dr. Gupta discussed the intricate history behind the making of the Constitution of India, highlighting the challenges it faced and the resilience.

MMTC-PAMP Unveils Commemorative 999.9+ Purest Silver Bars of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 554th Birth Anniversary

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Sikhs, with a rich cultural history, come together to celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti, or Gurpurab globally. Commemorating the 554th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism. This occasion holds profound spiritual significance, emphasizing the core tenets of Sikh philosophy such as the oneness of God, equality, and selfless service. The faith and belief around the occasion resonate vividly in the tapestry of rich folk songs and vibrant Nagarikatan processions in the streets, narrating the life and teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji that transcend religious boundaries, fostering solidarity and mutual respect. Speaking about the announcement, Vikas Singh, Managing Director & CEO of MMTC-PAMP said, "Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first Guru of the Sikhs, advocated selfless service and social justice to humanity. On the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti, our 50g commemorative silver bar is a timeless tribute bearing the coloured and peaceful image of the enigmatic Guru Nanak Dev Ji with the Harmandir Sahab in the background. These meticulously crafted bars symbolise our deep respect and devotion to the founder of Sikhism. MMTC-PAMP is renowned for its 999.9+ purity gold and silver products and reflects our commitment to excellence with the Finest Swiss Craftsmanship."

Tata International expands operations in Nigeria at Lagos Free Zone

CHANDIGARH: Tata International is set to expand operations in Nigeria through a strategic partnership with the Lagos Free Zone (LFZ). The agreement was signed in the presence of Anand Sen, Managing Director of Tata International Limited, by Managing Director of Tata Africa Holdings Pty Ltd, Len Brand. This marks a significant milestone in the company's commitment to the region. With a rich legacy spanning over four decades, Tata International is a key contributor to the economic landscape of the African continent. In 2006, Tata International established operations in Nigeria and since then has made a significant contribution in the country, upholding the core values of Tata's business ethics and commitment to corporate social responsibility. Anand Sen, MD, Tata International said that as a brand synonymous with quality products and ethical business operations in Africa, Tata International is excited to join the Lagos Free Zone. This strategic move reflects our commitment to fuelling growth in Nigeria and the wider African continent. Promoted by Tolaram, a Singaporean conglomerate with over four decades of experience in Nigeria, LFZ is in Lekki, the sunrise development corridor earmarked by Lagos State Government for driving industrialization over the next two decades. The agreement with LFZ involves the leasing of a state-of-the-art 6000 square meter facility within LFZ, a move aimed at enhancing Tata International's operational capabilities in the region.

Marengo CIMS Hospital is a preferred center for organ transplants in Northern India

CHANDIGARH: Marengo Asia Hospitals stands as a preferred destination for organ transplants amongst which heart and lung transplants remain the highest-end and most complex surgeries in healthcare. The Lung Transplant Program in the hospital is led by Dr.Jnanesh Thakkar, Director - Lung Transplant, and his team. One of the common factors affecting the lungs is interstitial lung disease which refers to a diverse group of disorders characterized by inflammation and scarring (fibrosis) of the interstitium, the tissue that surrounds and supports the lung's air sacs. These diseases can lead to progressive lung damage and impaired functions of the organ. Interstitial lung diseases are caused by various factors such as environmental exposures, autoimmune diseases, infections, and genetic components. The typical symptoms of interstitial lung disease are shortness of breath, dry cough that is persistent and can worsen over time, fatigue, weight loss, and clubbing of fingers and toes. The diagnosis of interstitial lung diseases is done by a study of the medical history of the patient, imaging studies that can reveal patterns of lung involvement, Pulmonary function tests to measure the capacity and function of the lungs, and finally, a biopsy that may be necessary to confirm and determine a specific type of interstitial lung disease.

ISHWER GARG

TALWANDI SABO: The 10th annual three-day athletic meet of Guru Gobind Singh Public Sr. Sec. School Jogewala was inaugurated by Sant Baba Darsan Singh Dadu, Kulwant Singh, former Vice Principal. Harpreet Singh Brar was present. According to coordinator Jitinder Kumar, during the inter-house competition, all the athletic and main sports like kabaddi, kho-kho, tug-of-war, etc. were conducted in the four houses. The players played with great interest, determination and enthusiasm. Gurpreet Singh DP during the gamesAnd Madam Malket Kaur Referee, Scorer Madam Gurpreet Kaur and Virpal Kaur, Time Keeper Mr. Jaskaran Singh, First Aid Gursevak Singh, Commentary Coordinator Jitinder Kumar, Basant Singh performed their due responsibilities for the stage secretary. As the chief guest to honor the winning players on the first day, Harbans Singh Chairman and Makhan Singh Principal Baba Aji Singh Convent Academy Gehri Bara Singh, and Saheed Baba Jorawar Singh School Jodhpur Pakhar and Sukhjinder Singh Bagha arrived as dignitaries. On the second day, the games were started by Samsher Singh, former Inspector, Zonal Incharge GGS.



NEWS AT A GLANCE

Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti celebrated with devotion in Moon Light School: Pala Ram Saini



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Guru Nanak Dev's birth anniversary was celebrated with pomp and reverence at the local Moon Light Public School, Kaithal. On this occasion, students presented many programs related to the life of Guru Nanak. School MD and famous social worker Pala Ram Saini along with school teachers and staff members laid flowers in front of the portrait of Guru Nanak Dev and paid homage to him. Saini said that Guru Nanak was a great saint. He established the Sikh sect to provide a new direction to the society. Pala Ram Saini told that Guru Nanak was indeed a true Guru, we should follow his teachings. He said that Guru Nanak Dev showed everyone the way to illuminate life by eliminating the evils within them, that is why Nanak Jayanti is also celebrated as the festival of light. On this occasion, school principal Rupa Yadav, staff members Tanuj, Deeksha, Sonam, Naina, Anju Bala, Sonia, Saroj, Rekha, Jyoti, Nitin Saini, Kamal Rana, Sandeep Kumar, Gaurav Kumar etc. were present.

Students of St. Solder Rational Public Sr Sec School Talwandi Sabo praised



ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO: 10m air pistol shooting, which was held at school games at Ludhiana in which Dushyant Pratap Singh son of Jatinder Pal Singh of District Bathinda, students of St. Soldier Rational Public Senior Secondary School Talwandi Sabo (Bathinda), a renowned educational institution of the area, won the silver medal by securing the second position. and stateWon bronze medal by securing third position from Punjab Similarly, Sahil son of Mr. Murari Lal won the bronze medal by getting the third position in the boxing state level in the games of Watan Punjab. This student won the gold medal in the state level and gold medal in the 49 kg category in the state boxing championship in the school games. The said students have brought good name to the school institution and parents by attaining this position. School Chairman S.K Sharma congratulated the students, parents and hardworking staff of the school and wished for a bright future.

Punjabi folk singer Jelly and Armaan Dhillon new song 'Bukkal' fully supported by audience



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI: Famous Punjabi folk singer Jelly and Armaan Dhillon new song with collaboration name "Bukkal" is fully liked by audience in these days. Giving a brief detail about a song jelly told that this is a lovely song is written and composed by Bunty bains and music of this song is by Chet singh and song is released under a banner of speed records and bunty bains. He told this is a sad song with always remember our very special friend Kulwinder Dhillon son Armaan Dhillon. He said that this song can be heard on all musical sites and the video of the song can be seen on YouTube channel of speed record Record official channel and all broadcast music channel also. About a future activities he said that other beat song will be released very soon. As we all know that Kulwinder Dhillon was a very famous singer in Punjabi music industry and now his son Armaan Dhillon also giving a punjabi songs to music industry.

Tributes to be paid to Mahatma Phule on his death anniversary today

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL, NOV 27

Rashtriya Saini Sabha will pay tribute to Father of the Nation Mahatma Jyoti Ba Phule, the social reformer who gave place to women in the field of education and the pioneer of equality and socialism, on his death anniversary on Tuesday, 28 November. This information was given by State President of Rashtriya Saini Sabha and National General Secretary Ramesh Saini. He said that on November 29, at 9.30 am, a programme will be organised at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule's Chowk and statue site in Hansi Chagnac. On this occasion, people from different sections of the society will garland the picture of Mahatma Phule. On this occasion, his work and personality will be highlighted. He said that Mahatma Phule struggled to provide a respectable place to women in the society. He continued to struggle for women's education, to bring equality and harmony in the society and to provide equal status to the backward Dalits in the society. The makers of the Constitution were also influenced by him. He appealed to all the enlightened people of the society to be present in this programme.



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 27

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said here today that fairs and festivals have for years contributed in promoting our cultures. He said that younger generations have the onus of protecting our rich culture. "It is important that as our society moves towards prosperity we also keep intact our values," said the Governor. He was addressing the concluding ceremony of the International Renuka Ji fair in Sirmaur district. Lady Governor and Chairperson, State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Section, Janaki Shukla was also present on the occasion.

The Governor said that Himachal is known for education, culture and natural beauty, but the rising problem of drug abuse is eclipsing the prosperity of the State. He called upon the people to work together against drug addiction. He said that drugs lead



to death, and there was a need to save Himachal from this evil. Shukla further stated that district Sirmaur is progressing rapidly in the agriculture and horticulture sector. He stressed further developing the district from a tourism point of view. He also asked the district administration to work for the beautification of Shri Renuka Ji Lake. Shukla said that

the Renuka Ji fair is a manifestation of the reverence and devotion of Lord Parshuram towards his mother Goddess Renuka Ji and it upholds the rich values of Indian society. He said that fairs and festivals are symbols of the rich cultural heritage of the state and should be preserved at all costs. He congratulated all for their contribution in the successful

Harmandeep Kaur of DAV Public School wins third position in speech competition at state level

RAHUL KOHLI

JAGADHRI: Harmandeep Kaur of DAV School won the third place in speech competition. The Bharat Vikas Parishad organized a state level speech competition on Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Martyrdom Day at RK SD College, Kaithal. In this, Harmandeep Kaur, a student of Class 11 of DAV Public School, Yamunanagar Professor Colony, won the third position. Before the state level competition, Harmandeep Kaur had secured the first position. School Principal Vijay Kumar Kashiv congratulated Harmandeep Kaur for this success. Students should have knowledge about gurus and great personalities, he said. Such competitions brought out talent among the students and took them ahead of others.



Congress considers OBC community as vote bank, but BJP is giving them rights: Nayab Saini



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

CHANDIGARH: In his civic felicitation ceremony in Gurugram, Bharatiya Janata Party Haryana State President Nayab Saini praised the Modi-Manohar government and after he lashed out at Congress in the press conference. He said that Congress has never done any good to the OBC community but has used it as a vote bank. He appealed to the workers in the felicitation ceremony to start working harder than before to prepare for victory in 2024. He said that Modi has made the country powerful and Chief Minister Manohar Lal has made Haryana prosperous. Earlier, Nayab Saini was given a grand welcome by taking out a road show from Delhi border to Gurukamal office in Gurugram. As soon as the citizens reached the felicitation ceremony, workers and party officials showered flowers on them and raised slogans of BJP Zindabad, Modi-Manohar Zindabad and Jaishree Ram. Nayab Saini, proud of his honour, took over the mike and while enumerating the public welfare schemes of Modi and Manohar government, once again staked his claim of double engine government on the strength of the workers.

RJP to hold Booth Yodha Mahasammelan on Feb 4

PREETI RANI

SADHAURA: A meeting of workers and officials of the Rashtriya Jan Lok Party was held at Sadhaura PWD Rest House in which the party's national convener Bhai Sher Singh (RJP) participated. He said that we formed the Nationalist Jan Lok Party in 2019 in which the interests and rights of the entire society will be protected. We had contested elections on 8 seats in the Haryana Assembly. The party had been formed for only a few months, yet the party registered its presence in the Haryana Assembly by garnering around 8000 to 10,000 votes. Since then the party has been actively working in every state. Now, as the Haryana Assembly and Lok Sabha elections are next year, the party has actively increased the series of meetings with its workers and officials. The people of Haryana are ready to leave BJP and Congress and choose the third option. Therefore, the RJP is going to organise a working booth convention at



Hooda Ground inside Karnal in Haryana. The main date of which has been fixed as 4 February 2024. In which our booth warriors from almost every village from Haryana Assembly will reach Karnal along with hundreds of their workers. Sher Singh said that in Haryana all of us together will prepare the future strategy as our workers and officials will suggest to us. We will participate fully in the election process in Haryana after consulting the public and will win the elections by winning about 30 seats in the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections.

Ignoring Haryana Electricity pensioners will not be tolerated: Mangatram Mehta



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Monthly meeting of Haryana Electricity Pensioners Welfare Association was held in the auditorium of Punjabi Dharamshala under the chairmanship of Mangatram Mehta Pradhan on Monday and in which pending issues of pensioners were discussed. More than 50 cases of pensioners were pending in division office Kurukshetra but the official there was not caring. A policy of pick and choose has been adopted in the medical bills of pensioners which were not passed on time. The organization was called for a meeting on August 28, 2023 at the Action Office, Kurukshetra But the officials of the department remained sitting in the office the whole day and went somewhere without informing the association, which was completely wrong. Even before this, it has adopted the same attitude three-four times, even by the S.E despite OP Kurukshetra's request. The association did not give time by the department for a meeting, which the organization strongly condemns. Many members of the organization are above 70 years of age and find it difficult to travel frequently, which clearly showed that the insensitivity of the department and has violated the Senior Citizens Protection Act 2007 which was condemnably.

Vocal for local is opening way to prosperous India: Kamlesh Dhanda



SATISH SETH
KALAYAT, NOV 27

Women and Child Development Minister Kamlesh Dhanda has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon the countrymen to move forward on the resolution of Vocal for Local, today the country is strongly contributing towards taking the resolution to completion. she called upon the villagers that together we have to strongly promote Vocal for Local, because this path will take India towards a prosperous India. On Sunday, Women and Child Development Minister Kamlesh Dhanda listened to the 107th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat program along with villagers

and workers at booth number 12 in village Dhundhwa of Kalayat constituency. On reaching the Village Secretariat premises, Minister of State Kamlesh Dhanda was honored by the villagers, elders and women by offering her flowers and garlands. After listening to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address, Minister expressed her views. She said that the efforts made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the upliftment of the poor, deprived and needy in the country are proving to be the strong foundation of developed India. She said that today the Prime Minister speaks the minds of the people of the country. Inspire people with good examples to bring positive change.

Celebrating Nov 26 as Constitution Day began during BJP tenure: Meena Chauhan

DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHERI, NOV 27

Srijan Dance Audition was organised by Jain Global Academy in village Bedsal under Nilokheri assembly, in which State Vice President of BJP Mahila Morcha Meena Chauhan 'Raisen' participated as the chief guest and promising excellent performers. Children were honoured with appreciation letters. On this occasion, while talking to journalists, Meena Chauhan said that today is a historic day because on this day the Constitution was written by Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was passed by the Constituent Assembly, which was amended on 2 It was implemented a month later i.e. on 26 January 1950, which is celebrated as Republic Day.



While making her statement, Meena Chauhan said that today if women are working independently like this and are giving their excellent performance. So the credit for all this also goes to Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. While congratulating all the teachers and children of Jain Global Academy, She said that such events should be organised so that the talented children can be nurtured as per their talent. Just as today, in programmes like talent shows or Dance India Dance on various channels, common children

from poor sections get ample opportunity to showcase their skills and witness such miracles which they could never imagine. Such children are coming forward and setting new standards. Further, while answering the questions of the journalists, she said that she has just returned from Rajasthan after the elections were over, so the BJP government is going to be formed there with full majority and in the upcoming elections in 2024, BJP will form the government for the third time in Haryana also.

Nagar Kirtan held in Sadhaura on Guru Parv

PREETI RANI

SADHAURA: On the occasion of the 554th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the community of all religions together served Guru's langar to welcome the Nagar kirtan. The Hindu Muslim Sikh brotherhood together presented a beautiful example of social brotherhood. Kachcha Qila Gurdwara Sahib Committee Chairman Inderjit Singh Dhillon was present. The Nagar Kirtan started in the morning from Sadhaura Singh Sabha Gurdwara. First Ravidas Ji Maharaj reached Gurdwara Ramdasia Mohalla where Baba Manohar Lal, Wazir Chand, Avinash Kalra, Sachdev Chugh welcomed the Nagar Kirtan loudly. BJP leader Wazir Chand said that the Nagar Kirtan reached Peer Budhu Shah Gurdwara via there. People welcomed it and from there the Nagar Kirtan reached Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Gurdwara Kachcha Qila. A large number of people gathered there. Tea, pakoras and other dishes were presented as Prasad to the people. During this, Amarjeet Singh, Inderjeet Dhillon, Surjeet Bhatia, Kulvindra Chadda, Satnam Singh, Sanjeev Paruthi, Subhash, Amanpreet Singh, Gurjeet, Gursimran contributed with full devotion.



Kartik month 'Katha' formally concludes

DR. ASHOK KUMAR
KARNAL, NOV 27

The 'Katha' of Kartik month, which was going on for the last one month in Mata Ram Pyari temple of Uttam dispensary, concluded on Monday. On the occasion, the blessings of Baba Ramdas Giri Kali Kamli people kept showering throughout the day. Every common man and special person had come to Baba Ji's court to pay obeisance. The surrounding environment also became religious. Vaidya Devendra Batra honored the devotees who served faithfully during this entire month by giving blessings. During the program, storyteller Pandit Chetan Dev was honored by giving clothes. Swami Satyanand Maharaj was honored with household items and Ashok Kumar Dholak was honored with body clothes. The bhajan singer was given household items as gifts. At the same time, Pandit Sachchidanand and Shekhar Sharma were also honored with household items. Along with this, elders and saints were also honoured. Devotees who performed bhajan kirtan in buses in Haridwar during Kartik Snan were also honoured. At the same time, the sevadars who were handling the service of shoes and the store for the whole month also got the



blessings of Baba Ji. The sevadars were honored by Yash Batra, Ashina Mehra, Akshaj Mehra Sabia Batra. Bhandara Committee head Bharat Bhushan Kaku announced the names of all the sevadars. Before this, the devotees listened to the story of Lord Satya Narayan. In which Swami Satyanand Tirtha Hariom and other saint Mahatmas narrated the story. In the morning, the devotees offered complete offerings in the Havan Yagya in the presence of Vaidya Devendra Batra and his wife Darshana Batra. After that the story of Kartik was praised. After this, Prabhat Pheri was taken out, after circling the city, it returned to Sadar Bazar and the day long program was formally concluded with chanting of mantras in Katha.

India's daughter gets Pride of Culture Award abroad

GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD, NOV 27

Kathak Guru Anju Miglani, director of Shahabad Natraj Art Centre on foreign soil, has received the Pride of Culture Award. It is noteworthy that Kathak Guru Anju Miglani has been serving in the field of Kathak for the last 20 years and under her leadership many times the students of Nataraj Kala Kendra Shahabad have gone abroad and won gold medals. In this series, the dancers of Nataraja Kala Kendra Shahabad have brought pride to the country by winning gold in the second phase of UNESCO's 12th Cultural Olympiad held in Thailand. Giving this information, dancer and Kathak guru Anju Miglani



said that the first phase of UNESCO's 12th Cultural Olympiad was organised in Pune where the students of Natal Kala Kendra Shahabad stood first and were selected for the second phase. Navya, Shreya Sharma, Akalkirat, Bhavani Rastogi, Vardha Dhal, Anjali, Aardhika Gupta, Aashi Saxena, Tanya Bajaj, Madhavi, Harshika Bangar and Vahdhi participated in the

12th UNESCO Cultural Festival organised in Thailand on behalf of Nataraja Art Center Shahabad. Had gone to participate in the second Olympiad. Anju Miglani said that these students, by showcasing their talent, showed on foreign soil that India has the mastery of Kathak and the smell of its pride will always come from the talents here.

SHORT TALKS

Odisha to host Ultimate Kho Kho Season 2 from December 24

NEW DELHI: Backed with a successful, exciting and entertaining inaugural season that reached 164 million households, Ultimate Kho Kho (UKK) is all geared up for its grand second edition, scheduled to kickstart on December 24, 2023, and final on January 13, 2024 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha. Inspired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's vision of 'sports for youth, youth for future', the Odisha government has not only hosted some of the major global sports events in the state, but it has also developed world-class multi-sport infrastructure and sporting experiences for sports enthusiasts from the state. "We are extremely excited to host the 2nd edition of the Ultimate Kho Kho in Odisha. This is an exciting opportunity for all of us. Kho-Kho is a sport that is not only played but widely followed as well in Odisha and hosting the second edition here will be a great opportunity for the people of the state to not only experience the spectacle live but also get inspired and pursue the game. We are fully committed to making the season a grand success," commented Tusharkanti Behera, Minister of State, Electronics & IT, Sports & Youth Services, Government of Odisha as quoted by a press release from UKK. "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Odisha Government and the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik for their support for Season 2. The resounding success of the inaugural edition has attracted significant interest from brands and helped us secure new partners. Our focus remains on selecting partners who share our long-term vision. Season 2 aims to build new-age superstars of the future especially with the presence of younger talent on the field. Anticipate more intensified rivalries, thrilling action, more speed and innovations that will redefine the sports viewing experience, making it more immersive TV viewing experience," commented Tenzing Nyogi, CEO and League Commissioner of Ultimate Kho Kho.

Assam upsets Andhra Pradesh by five wickets

Chandigarh, A five-wicket haul from Akash Sengupta marked the major upset of the tournament as Assam beat star studded Andhra Pradesh by five wickets at the ongoing Vijay Hazare trophy tournament being played at Cricket Stadium, Sector 16 on Monday. The North East side won the toss and chose to field first. Andhra fumbled against the bowling attack by Sengupta (5/20) as the team collapsed for 112 runs in 32nd over. Ashwin Hebbar (50) scored a half-century. In reply, Assam achieved the target by losing five wickets in the 25th over with the help of unbeaten Rishav Das (30) and captain Sibsankar Das (23). Meanwhile, in another match played at GMS School 26 Rajasthan aptly defended its target of 212 against UP which collapsed at 151 runs. UP won the toss and invited the opposition team to bat first. Rajasthan was all out for 211 runs against the lethal bowling attacks led by Bhuvneshwar Kumar (4/20), Karthik Tyagi (3/58) and Nitish Rana (3/59). Abhijeet Tomar (50) was the top scorer while KS Rathore contributed 35 runs. In reply, the bowling attacks from Rahul Chahar (5/41) and SK Ahmed (3/36) proved too good for their team as UP was wrapped up at 151 runs in 42nd over. Priyam Garg scored the highest score of 46 runs.

Chandigarh lost in their third match of Vijay Hazare Trophy, Beaten against Haryana by 84 runs

Chandigarh, UT boys faced a crushing defeat of 84 runs against Haryana in their third match of Vijay Hazare Trophy tournament being played in Ahmedabad on Monday. While chasing down the target of 296 runs, Chandigarh collapsed at 211 runs. Earlier, Chandigarh made a great start by winning the toss and inviting Haryana to bat first as Haryana was reduced to 83/4. But 101 runs partnership from Ankit Kumar and RP Sharma saved the day for their team by amassing a total of 295/6 in 43 overs. Ankit Kumar (115) scored a ton while RP Sharma (73) and unbeaten RK Tewatia (58) scored half-centuries. In reply, Chandigarh could not recover from the initial blows as the required run rate kept mounting as match progress and the team also fumbled under pressure. Chandigarh was bundled out for 211 in 41st over as Gaurav Puri (76) was the leading scorer. Manan Vohra scored 36 runs. Chandigarh's next match is with Uttarakhand on 29 November.



Gill named Gujarat Titans captain as Pandya returns to MI

MUMBAI: Gujarat Titans (GT) on Monday named India batter Shubman Gill as captain to lead the team ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 after Hardik Pandya returned to Mumbai Indians (MI).

https://twitter.com/gujarat_titans/status/1729040947147899344
"Gill will be leading a team which has an unparalleled combination of experience and youthful exuberance, which has been the hallmark of the Gujarat Titans," a statement from Gujarat Titans read.

Gill has ammassed 1373 runs

in 33 innings at an average of 47.34, with three centuries and eight fifties. Last season was monumental for the opener as he slammed 890 runs in 17 matches at an average of 59.33, with three centuries and four fifties and was also named Orange Cap winner.

The opener was instrumental in GT's sensation run since its debut in the IPL. Last season, he smoked 129 runs in a 60 balls against Mumbai Indians, the highest by a batter in the IPL playoffs.

"I am delighted and proud to assume the Captaincy of Gujarat

Titans and thank the franchise for their trust in me to lead such a fine team. We have had two exceptional seasons and I keenly look forward to leading the team with our exciting brand of cricket," Gill said on the announcement.

After winning the Indian Premier League (IPL) in their debut season in 2022, GT reached the finals in the next season, losing to Chennai Super Kings (CSK).

Gill also hammered three centuries in the last IPL. Only Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) batter Virat Kohli (2016) and Rajasthan Royals batter Jos

Buttler (2022) had more in a single IPL season, scoring four each.

Meanwhile, Gujarat Titans' Hardik Pandya moved back to his first franchise, Mumbai Indians, following a trade between the two franchises. The all-rounder spent two momentous years with GT, spearheading their campaign with aplomb.

In GT's debut season in 2022, Hardik ensured a fairytale start, with the team lifting the coveted trophy, while they finished runners-up in their second season after a last-ball defeat in a thrilling final earlier this year.

Suryakumar Yadav winning praise for captaincy efforts



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOV 27 (UNI): Indian pacer Prasidh Krishna has credited stand-in skipper Suryakumar Yadav for having a strong impact during his side's excellent start to the ongoing T20I series against Australia.

Krishna picked up three valuable wickets as India registered a second consecutive triumph over Australia here on Sunday, with the hosts now holding a commanding 2-0 lead in the five-match series ahead of next year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

While Suryakumar managed just 19 runs with the bat during India's 44-run victory, Krishna believes the No.1 ranked T20I batter in the world is having an even greater impact while filling in for regular captain Rohit Sharma, an ICC report said.

"I think it shows in the way he (Suryakumar) bats, which is very similar in his captaincy as well," Krishna noted.

"He trusts his players, backs all of us to do what we want to do, and he's there right behind us to support us if there's anything going wrong," Krishna said.

"That's been the name of the game, and then that's the word

around freedom go and execute your plans out there, and everyone trusts each other in the team," he said.

With Suryakumar dismissed cheaply in the second T20I, it was left to the next brigade of India's batters to impress, and half-centuries to Ruturaj Gaikwad (58), Yashasvi Jaiswal (53) and Ishan Kishan (52) helped the hosts post a big total of 235/4 from their allotted overs.

Ravi Bishnoi (3/32) and Krishna (3/41) made inroads with the new ball to help restrict Australia, and star all-rounder Glenn Maxwell was unable to match his heroics from the recent ICC Men's Cricket World Cup as the Aussies fell well short in reply.

Krishna admitted it was difficult for the bowling group to adjust to the dew that descended on Greenfield Stadium late in the match, but said he picked up some valuable lessons from being part of India's squad during the World Cup.

"Being a part of the World Cup squad was a massive learning experience for me," Krishna said.

"That's the biggest learning curve I've had since I've been a part of the team," he said.

Steve Smith returns to Sydney Sixers for Big Bash League 13

SYDNEY: Star Australian batter Steve Smith will make a return to Sydney Sixers for the Big Bash League (BBL) season 13, announced the club on Monday. "Australian and Sydney Sixers champion, Steve Smith, is set to return to the club again this summer for BBL13," said the team in a statement.

Sixers members and fans will have the opportunity to see the superstar in action on Friday, December 8 when the Sixers kick off their BBL13 campaign, hosting the Melbourne Renegades at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG). Smith is also likely to be available for the Sydney Smash against Sydney Thunder at the same ground on January 12 in a heavyweight clash with Australian teammate David Warner.

One of the sport's all-time greatest, Smith will don the magenta for a second consecutive year, following his explosive stint for the club



last summer. Notching 346 runs at an incredible 86.50 - striking at a whopping 174.74 - Smith quickly became one of the league's top run-scorers.

"Excited to join Andy Flower in the team": Cameron Green after being traded to RCB

NEW DELHI: Australian all-rounder Cameron Green expressed his excitement to play for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 Mumbai Indians (MI) on Monday traded their all-rounder Cameron Green to Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 player auction. "Hey RCB fans, it is Cam Green here, I am excited to join Andy Flower (the team's head coach). I can't wait to see you guys at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, cheers," said Green in a video by RCB. https://twitter.com/RCBTweets/status/1729045064368955445 Green, who was bought by MI for a whopping Rs 17.5 crore at the auction last December, featured in 16 matches. The Australian had an impressive start to the IPL, scoring 452 runs, hitting an unbeaten century and two half-centuries while also taking six wickets. Trade has been carried out as per the existing player fee. In 37 T20Is, Green has scored 697 runs at an average of 29.04, with a strike rate of over 151. He has scored a century and four fifties, with the best score of 100*. He also took 11 wickets, with the best figures of 2/16. This action coincides with the successful completion by the Mumbai Indians of another high-profile all-cash deal to acquire all-rounder .



Hardik Pandya's emotional goodbye note to Gujarat Titans

NEW DELHI: Former Gujarat Titans skipper Hardik Pandya extended gratitude to the fans as well as the management for his "unforgettable journey" with the franchise after he made a move to the five-time champions Mumbai Indians.

After the experienced all-rounder spent two years away from the five-time champions, on Monday, MI confirmed Hardik's return to the franchise.

Hardik thanked everyone for the love that he received during his time with GT and wrote on X, "I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the fans, team, and management at Gujarat Titans. Being part of the team and leading it has been an absolute honour, and I am immensely thankful for the love and encouragement my family and I have received as a player and as an individual. The

memories and experiences with GT will forever hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for the unforgettable journey."

https://x.com/hardikpandya7/status/1729127872990945430?s=20

The all-rounder spent two momentous years with GT, spearheading their campaign with aplomb. In GT's debut season in 2022, Hardik ensured a fairytale start, with the team lifting the coveted trophy, while they finished runners-up in their second season after a last-ball defeat in a thrilling final earlier this year.

In 31 matches for GT, Pandya scored 833 runs at an average of 37.86 and a strike rate of over 133, with six half-centuries and a best score of 87*. He also took 11 wickets for the team, with the best figures of 3/17.



Rising youngster Shubman Gill has taken up the mantle which was left empty by Pandya. Gill has amassed 1373 runs in 33 innings at an average of 47.34, with three centuries and eight fifties. Last season was monumental for the opener as he slammed 890

runs in 17 matches at an average of 59.33, with three centuries and four fifties and was also named Orange Cap winner.

The opener was instrumental in GT's sensation run since its debut in the IPL. Last season, he smoked 129 runs in 60 balls against Mumbai Indians, the highest by a batter

in the IPL playoffs. "I am delighted and proud to assume the Captaincy of Gujarat Titans and thank the franchise for their trust in me to lead such a fine team. We have had two exceptional seasons and I keenly look forward to leading the team with our exciting brand of cricket," Gill said.

"Thrilled to welcome Hardik back home to Mumbai Indians" says Nita Ambani

Mumbai: Hardik Pandya, an eternal fan favourite with the MI Paltan, will be reuniting forces with the Mumbai Indians ahead of IPL 2024.

Nita M. Ambani, "We are thrilled to welcome Hardik back home! It's a heartwarming reunion with our Mumbai Indians family! From being a young scouted talent of Mumbai Indians to now being a team India star, Hardik has come a long way and we're excited for what the future holds for him and Mumbai Indians!"

Speaking about Hardik's return, Akash Ambani, said, "Seeing Hardik back at Mumbai Indians makes me very happy. It is a happy homecoming. He provides great balance to any team he plays.

Hardik's first stint with the MI family was hugely successful, and we hope he achieves even more success in his second stint." Hardik's return marks his homecoming to the #OneFamily where he

joins forces again with Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan, and the team. He first came to prominence for MI and then went on to debut for India in 2016.

India's premier all-rounder played a key role in MI's four triumphs in the IPL between 2015 to 2021.

Mumbai Indians: Retained Players: Akash Madhwal, Arjun Tendulkar, Dewald Brevis, Ishan Kishan, Jason Behrendorff, Jasprit Bumrah, Kumar Kartikeya Singh, N. Tiliak Varma, Nehal Wadhwa, Piyush Chawla, Rohit Sharma, Romario Shepherd (T), Shams Mulani, Surya Kumar Yadav, Tim David, Vishnu Vinod, Hardik Pandya (T). Since its inception in 2008, the Mumbai Indians franchise has been one of the most successful teams in the Indian Premier League. It is owned by Indiawin Sports Pvt. Ltd, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, one of India's largest conglomerates.



Always tried to portray Indian women as strong characters in my films: Rani Mukherjee

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Bollywood actress Rani Mukherjee has said that she always tried to portray Indian women as strong characters. "Outside India, films and their characters are viewed as windows towards our Indian culture," she added. Emphasizing the importance of commitment to one's craft, the accomplished actress asserted, "It is important to always stand by strong films and roles. Sometimes you might not get the audience's approval at that period of time. But in the history of cinema, such films and characters will find a place." Rani also highlighted the significance of versatility for an actor. Elaborating on its significance, she said, "If an actor is versatile, they can portray different facets of life. The more diverse I can make my characters, it will be more interesting for the audience and me. This diversity in characters also inspires me." A captivating In-Conversation session with Rani Mukerji, exploring the theme of 'Delivering Compelling Performances' was held at 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) here in Goa on Sunday. Moderated by Baradwaj Rangan, Editor-in-Chief of Galatta Plus and a National Award-winning Film Critic, the freewheeling discussion delved into Mukerji's life and illustrious career. Delving into the intricacies of character portrayal, Rani shared, "For doing particular roles, actors often meet real-life people to get their physical characteristics right. But it is also important to know what all emotions they are going through. What distinguishes a scene in a film is the emotions behind the scene. It is important to portray the emotions for it to reach the audience's heart." On the topic of ageism in the film industry, the renowned actress opined that actors need to acknowledge their age and accept roles that suit their age for the audience to receive them. She added that the audience helped her to break ageism and other barriers in the film industry. Sharing her personal reflection, Rani remarked, "I don't give much importance to the age factor and tried to

do justice to my characters. Fifty percent of your battle of making people believe in the character is won if you look like the character." While expressing contentment with her journey, the celebrated actress revealed that she never regret doing any characters in her cinematic life. "But it was unfortunate that I couldn't be part of Aamir Khan's first production venture film 'Lagaan' due to a date clash," she added. From 'Tina Malhotra' in Kuch Kuch Hota Hai to 'Maya Talwar' in Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna and 'Debika Chatterjee' in Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway, Rani has enthralled the audience with hundreds of beautiful characters. On the question of her favourite character that she has played, she revealed that the character in the film 'Black' is closest to her heart, illuminating that the character transformed her and helped her to be a better human being. "The character of 'Michelle McNally' in Black inspired and challenged me at the same time. The character in 'Mehndi' also empowered me", she added.

Parineeti Chopra feels 'crazy nostalgia' after getting gifts from sister-in-law



Actor Parineeti Chopra is getting much love from her husband and AAP MP Raghav Chadha's family. On Sunday the actor expressed gratitude to her sister-in-law for giving her a gift that made her feel nostalgic. Parineeti posted a photo of a candy she hadn't enjoyed in a long time. She also thanked her sister-in-law for giving her 'things that matter'. The actor took to Instagram stories and wrote, "Sis-in-law giving me the gifts that matter. Eaten this after 20 years, crazy nostalgia. @gaurichadh" Recently, the new bride in town on Saturday walked the ramp in the Lakme Fashion Week. She turned a muse for One Infinite presented by Faabiiana and Vvani by Vani Vats. The showstopper for Vats donned an ivory saree with heavy border embroidery and flaunted her look with sindoor and pink chooras (bangles). Parineeti looked gorgeous in her shimmery sari with a dupatta styled as a shrug. She completed the look with a beautiful necklace, ear studs and statement rings. Notably, Parineeti and Raghav Chadha tied the knot on September 24 at the Leela Palace Hotel in Udaipur, Rajasthan in the presence of close friends and family members. It was attended by several well-known faces of the entertainment industry and politicians. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, tennis star Sania Mirza, former cricketer Harbhajan Singh, Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh, Shiva Sena (UBT) leader Aditya Thackeray, and Manish Malhotra also marked their presence. The love story of Raghav-Parineeti might have blossomed in London as reportedly the duo studied together in a college there. Meanwhile, on the acting front, she was seen in 'Mission Raniganj: The Great Bharat Rescue' opposite Akshay Kumar. The movie was released on October 6.

Anurag Kashyap drops picture with Mads Mikkelsen



Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap met Danish actor Mads Mikkelsen at the Marrakech International Film Festival. On Sunday, he shared a picture of himself with Mads on Instagram. Along with the picture he wrote, "Sharing a rolled up golden Virginia with @theofficialmads at @marrakechfilmfestival. The most ... amazing human being and a brilliant actor and so so much more ... stories that I will tell for life to my people. So much beautiful time spent drinking, talking and just hanging out." In the picture, both can be seen holding cigars. Mads wore a white shirt with a black coat and trousers, while Anurag wore an all-black jacket and trousers. Notably, Anurag Kashyap's next directorial project is 'Kennedy'. It stars Sunny Leone, Rahul Bhat and Abhilash Thapliyal in the lead roles. The film revolves around an insomniac ex-policeman, long thought to be dead, but still operating for the corrupt system, and looking for redemption. The film's triumphant journey traversed continents, captivating audiences worldwide. From its enthralling premiere at the illustrious 2023 Cannes Film Festival to the enchanting showcases at the Sydney Film Festival and the Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival, 'Kennedy' roused ardent adoration. Kashyap recently acted in the criminal drama Haddi with Nawazuddin. The film, directed by Akshat Ajay Sharma and starring Rahul Bhat and Sunny Leone, was released on OTT on September 7.

Rajamouli, Mahesh Babu to join Ranbir, Rashmika for event in Hyderabad

Creating more excitement among the audience, the makers of the action thriller 'Animal' starring Ranbir Kapoor and Bobby Deol are all set for a grand event today in the vibrant city of Hyderabad. Joining them are none other than ace filmmaker SS Rajamouli and superstar Mahesh Babu. Taking to X handle, T-Series shared the news on Sunday and wrote, "Some might roar in streets, some might roar in certain locations, some might roar in a few places, but this man can ROAR across the globe with sheer brilliance. Our very own @ssrajamouli is the chief guest for #AnimalPre-ReleaseEvent." <https://twitter.com/TSeries/status/1728811593029603719?> In another post, they announced Mahesh Babu as the chief guest, the post read, "#Animal is set to REIGN and ROAR. The Sovereign...the one who always reigns supremely, Superstar @urstrulyMahesh is attending as the Chief Guest of #AnimalPre-ReleaseEvent. This one's going to make you all go berserk." <https://twitter.com/TSeries/status/1728811694863057373?> Mahesh Babu and SS Rajamouli will attend the event as chief guests. Helmed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, the film



stars Ranbir Kapoor, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol and Rashmika Mandanna in the lead roles. Recently, during the promotional event in Chennai, Ranbir opened up on why

Sandeep Reddy Vanga's next directorial has been titled 'Animal'. Ranbir said, "Once you see the film, you will understand." He elaborated on the reason and said, "I think the reason why Sandeep Reddy Vanga called this film Animal is because animal behaves out of instinct. They don't behave out of thought. So this character that I'm playing, he behaves out of instinct to protect his family. He is not thinking he is behaving out of instinct, he is impulsive, and I think that's where the title Animal came and once you see the film you'll realize that this film suits this title." Recently team 'Animal' unveiled the film's official trailer which received a massive response from the fans. The 3-minute-32-second trailer hinted that Ranbir's character had turned fierce because of his violent upbringing during his younger age. Ranbir's character is protective and obsessive about his father's love. He is seen threatening everybody who comes in the way of his love for his father. Reportedly, the film has a duration of 3 hours and 21 minutes. 'Animal' is all set to hit the theatres on December 1 and will be released in 5 languages- Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam.

Ektaa Kapoor returns to India after winning Emmy Award

After making India proud at the 51st International Emmy Awards in New York, filmmaker Ektaa Kapoor returns to Mumbai with her prestigious trophy. In the videos captured by Mumbai-based paps, Ektaa can be seen smiling and posing for shutterbugs. She also proudly flaunted her award. The proud feeling can clearly be seen in the 'Dream Girl 2' producer's big smile. Ektaa Kapoor was conferred with the Directorate Award at the 51st International Emmy Awards. Taking to Instagram, Ektaa shared a video of the prestigious award, which she captioned, "India I'm bringing home YOUR Emmy @iemmys." With this, Ektaa Kapoor became the First



Indian Woman Filmmaker to receive the International Emmy Directorate Award, underlining the uniqueness and impact of her contributions to the industry. One of the most accomplished Producers, ruling the industry for decades now, Ektaa's win is not merely a personal triumph but a recognition of her unconventional and ground-breaking work, consistently delivering content that resonates with a diverse and extensive audience. Reflecting on this momentous achievement, the producer expressed her gratitude, and stated, "I'm delighted to receive the prestigious Emmys Directorate Award! It brings me immense joy and happiness to be honoured at a global scale, such as this. I've always wanted to tell stories because they give me a chance to be heard, seen and represented.