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**Cyclone Michaung: Centre releases Rs 493.60 cr relief for Andhra, TN gets Rs 450 cr**

**NEW DELHI:** The Central government has released in advance its share of the second instalment of the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) of Rs 493.60 crore to Andhra Pradesh and Rs 450 crore to Tamil Nadu, the two states which bore the impact of the cyclonic storm Michaung. Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday in a post on 'X' said, "severe cyclonic storm Michaung has affected Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Though the extent of damage is varied, many areas of these states are inundated, thus affecting standing crops."

**Gold rises Rs 100; silver plunges Rs 800**

**NEW DELHI:** Gold price gained Rs 100 to Rs 62,950 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday amid a rise in the price of precious metal globally, according to HDFC Securities. The yellow metal had ended at Rs 62,850 per 10 grams in the previous trade. However, silver plunged Rs 800 to Rs 77,300 per kilogram. In the previous trade, it had settled at Rs 78,100 per kg.

**NIA attaches properties of LeT operatives**

**NEW DELHI:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday attached the properties of two key Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives for their involvement in the 2015 terror attack on a BSF convoy in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir. The two accused whose properties have been attached were also subsequently arrested and are currently undergoing trial in the NIA Special Court, Jammu. The duo, identified as Fayaz Ahmed Itoo alias Fayaz Khar and Khurshed Ahmed Bhat alias Khurshed Alam

**No 'spectacular announcement' in February budget: FM**

**NEW DELHI:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday ruled out any "spectacular announcement" for her sixth budget on February 1 next year, saying it would just be a vote on account before the general elections. A full Budget for the 2024-25 fiscal would be presented in July next year by the new government elected after the April-May general elections, she said at the CII Global Economic Policy Forum. "I am not going to play a spoiler, but it is a matter of truth that the February 1, 2024, budget that will be announced will just be a vote on account."

## Victory in three states is 'team spirit' and not individual one : PM Modi

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, DEC 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday attributed the BJP's victory in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh to "team spirit" and asked the party leaders to take forward the development agenda of government to the people.

Addressing BJP leaders at Parliamentary Party meeting held in the National Capital, Modi said that it is a "collective victory and not of any individual".

The Prime Minister also learnt to have urged the MPs to move forward with a collective spirit.

He reportedly urged all the BJP leaders to take part in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra."

As he joined the meeting, the PM was felicitated by Party President JP Nadda for the party's victory in Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

Party MPs also raised slogans lauding his leadership. This is the first meeting of the BJP Parliamentary Party after assembly elections in five states.

The party stormed back to power in Madhya Pradesh for the fourth term and stopped the Congress governments in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan from returning to power again.

After the meeting, Union minister

Pralhad Joshi said, "In the meeting, Modi said that the BJP has increased its strength in Mizoram and Telangana along with the victories in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and MP."

Sharing further developments from the meeting, Joshi, said, "The PM gave a call that only four castes exist - women, youth, farmers and the poor, and we have to work for their overall development."

Apart from this Union Minister and BJP leader Joshi said, "PM Modi shared an interesting fact today. While being in government when the Congress party faced elections 40 times in states, it got success only seven times. Whereas BJP got a chance to seek repeat mandate 39 times and got success 22 times."

"Our percentage is 56 percent and Congress's is 18 percent. Thus the figures prove that people's biggest choice now is BJP," Joshi said.

Prime Minister Modi got a rousing welcome on from BJP MPs at the Parliamentary Party meeting held ahead of the commencement of proceedings of the fourth day of the Winter Session of Parliament began for the day.

BJP National President JP Nadda welcomed the Prime Minister at the meeting and party MPs welcomed PM Modi with chants of "Modi ji ka swagat hai" and loud applause.

The meeting, the first by BJP during the current Winter Session comes amid suspense over the selection of Chief Ministers in these three states.



AGENCY  
HYDERABAD, DEC 7

Anumula Revanth Reddy on Thursday took oath as Chief Minister of Telangana, becoming the first Congress CM of the youngest state in India.

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan administered the oath of office to him at the sprawling Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium in Hyderabad.

Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu also took oath as the Deputy CM of the state that was formed in the year 2014.

Governor Soundararajan also administered the oath of office to Gaddam Prasad Kumar as the Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly.

Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi

who arrived in Hyderabad early this morning were also present for the swearing-in ceremony.

Party leader Rahul Gand-

Ahead of the swearing in ceremony DK Shivakumar said "We will implement the guarantees. We are committed to whatever we have spo-



hi, and Priyanka Gandhi were also present on the stage.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar also reached Hyderabad to take part in the occasion.

Folk artists performed outside Hyderabad's LB stadium ahead of the oath-taking ceremony of Revanth Reddy as Telangana CM.

## Live-in relationship a dangerous disease, bring law against it: BJP MP Dharambir

**NEW DELHI:** A BJP MP from Haryana today termed live-in relationships a "dangerous disease" that needs to be eradicated from society and urged the government to make a law against it. Raising the issue in the Lok Sabha during 'zero hour', Dharambir Singh also said divorce rates in love marriages were high and the consent of the parents of the bride and groom should therefore be made mandatory for such alliances. "I want to bring to the notice of the government and Parliament a very serious issue. Indian culture is known for its philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (world is one family) and brotherhood."

## Centre sanctioned 340 sports infrastructure projects across India: Anurag Thakur

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, DEC 7

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has sanctioned 340 sports infrastructure projects of various categories in various States and the Union Territories (UTs) across the country, including Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, at a total cost of Rs 3566.68 crores, Union Minister Anurag Thakur told the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

Thakur responded in a written reply to the query "whether the government has taken any steps to improve the sports infrastructure in the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh". Sports 'being a state subject, the responsibility of creation and upgradation of sports infrastructure facilities lies with respective state governments, Thakur said, central government supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps.

However, he further said, that under the "creation and upgradation of Sports Infrastructure" component of the Khelo India Scheme, this Ministry ren-



ders financial support for the creation of basic sports infrastructure such as sports complex, synthetic athletic tracks, synthetic hockey fields, synthetic turf football grounds, multipurpose halls and swimming pools along with sports equipment. "Further, under National Sports Development Funds (NSDF), the government supports various institutions and individuals for the creation and upgradation of Sports facilities across the country. Till date, this Ministry has sanctioned 340 sports infrastructure projects, the total cost of various categories in various States/UTs across the country, including the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh at a total cost of Rs 3,566.68 crores," added the Minister.

## 100 more Aam Aadmi clinics to be started soon: Pb CM

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 7-

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday said that the state government will dedicate 100 new Aam Aadmi clinics to people for imparting quality health care services to people.

Chairing a meeting to review the working of Health and Family welfare department here today, the Chief Minister said that the state government is committed for strengthening and transforming primary health care in the state. He said that the state government has so far dedicated 664 Aam Aadmi clinics to the people in which 84 essential drugs

and 40 plus diagnostics are made available to people free of cost. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that now 100 more such clinics will be inaugurated in coming days for providing quality treatment to people.

The Chief Minister said that Aam Aadmi Clinics are acting as a cornerstone to revamp the health-care system in the state. He said that more than 80 lakh patients have been benefited in such clinics so far. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these clinics have revolution-



years of independence only three medical colleges have been opened in the state. However, Bhagwant Singh Mann

said that now in the coming one year five more Medical colleges will be opened in the state. The Chief Minister envisioned that in the coming years one medical college will touch every district of the state thereby ensuring that common man is benefited from it. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this will go a long way in imparting quality treatment to people and medical education to the students from the state. He said that no stone should be left unturned for making Punjab a hub of medical education in the country.

The Chief Minister asked the officers to ensure that people are provided quality health services by all means.

## Crafts Fair marked grand opening of International Gita Mahotsav

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, DEC 7

Haryana Governor Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya inaugurated the Saras and Crafts Fair at Kurukshetra to mark the beginning of the International Gita Mahotsav amid the resonating sound of conch shells. The festivities began with Saras and Crafts Fair, which featured artists and craftsmen from 24 states, proudly showcasing the cultural richness of their respective regions and contributing to making the inauguration ceremony memorable.

Governor Sh. Bandaru Dattatreya inaugurated the Saras and Crafts Fair today by lighting the ceremonial lamp at the International Gita Mahotsav 2023 on the holy banks of Brahma Sarovar and expressing his reverence by offering floral tribute to the revered scripture, Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, signifying his deep reverence. Sh. Dattatreya expressed his views while interacting with artisans from various states, calling this event a historic occasion for everyone involved. He expressed confidence that the Saras and Crafts Fair, a spectacular start, would be meaningful for the artisans.

## Govt is committed for welfare of serving soldiers and ex-servicemen: Hry CM

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, DEC 7

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Manohar Lal, while extending his heartfelt tribute to the valiant individuals serving on water, land, and air on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, said that these dedicated soldiers consistently exhibit invincible bravery in various challenging circumstances to safeguard the country's borders. We owe our gratitude to those warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation.

In observance of Armed Forces Flag Day, the Chief Minister also made a contribution to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund here today.

Emphasizing the importance of collective support, he urged all citizens to generously contribute to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. Such contributions would be instrumental in aiding the rehabilitation and resettlement of the dependents of brave soldiers who have either sacrificed their lives or incurred physical disabilities while in service.

Sh Manohar Lal expressed his pride in contribut-



ing on Armed Forces Flag Day, underscoring the significance of honoring the indomitable courage and bravery of soldiers. He highlighted Haryana's rich tradition of valor and sacrifice, emphasizing the crucial role played by the state's warriors in the defense of the nation both before and after independence. The Chief Minister particularly commended the extraordinary bravery displayed by Haryana's soldiers during the Kargil war, noting that their actions resonated globally and showcased the strength of the Indian Army.

The Chief Minister said that the Haryana Government is committed to the welfare of ex-servicemen and dependents of martyrs and is continuously making efforts for their upliftment.

## People to get 43 citizen centric services at their doorsteps from 10th: Mann

BIKRAMSAHOTA/AJAY MALHOTRA  
SRI FATEHGARH SAHIB, DEC 7

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday said that in order to provide the citizen centric services to the people at their doorsteps, the state government will launch 'Bhagwant Mann Sarkar, Tu-hade Dwaar' scheme on December 10.

The Chief Minister, who conducted surprise checks at Sri Fatehgarh Sahib and Bassi Pathana Saanji Kendras, said that the move is aimed at providing these services to people in a smooth and convenient manner. He said that this initiative will provide hassle-free and straight access to Government 2 Citizen (G2C) services

by launch of the Door-Step Delivery (DSD). Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this initiative will bring all the 43 critical G2C services - such as Certificates of Birth and Deaths, Income, Residence, Caste, Pensions, Electricity Bill Payments and others right to the doorsteps of citizens across the state.

The Chief Minister said that the citizens can avail of the service by calling a dedicated helpline number 1076 and scheduling an appointment at their convenience. He said that citizens will be informed of the documents required, fees applicable and others for the service to be availed adding that citizens will receive an SMS with the list of docu-



ments required and date/ time of appointment. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that specially trained personnel will visit their homes/ offices at the scheduled time with Tablets and complete the necessary paperwork, collect fees and give an acknowledgement

receipt with which the Citizens can track his application. The Chief Minister said that this scheme will not only enhance the convenience of people but also eradicate the role of middlemen thereby bringing in transparency, efficiency and citizen-centric governance. He said that citizens can avail themselves of the DSD Service through both

Sewa Kendras and the dedicated helpline number 1076 from December 10, 2023, onwards. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that every effort is being made to facilitate the people so that they can get their routine administrative works done easily.







## World Soil Day celebrated at Early Step Pre-School

**LADWA (NARESH GARG):** The World Soil Day was enthusiastically celebrated at Ladwa's Early Step Pre-School. The occasion was utilized to educate young children about the significance of soil. Alongside, an art competition was also organized. School principal, Sonia Goyal, extensively spoke about the importance of soil to the children. She



mentioned that World Soil Day is being celebrated worldwide. She emphasized that soil holds immense importance in our lives as it forms the basis of our homes and more. Furthermore, she elaborated on how fruits, flowers, and grains grow from the soil. She stated that without soil, our existence would be impossible, and we should have complete knowledge about it. Prior to this, an art competition was conducted among the young children at the school. Winners were felicitated with awards from the school. Furthermore, she urged the children who couldn't receive awards this time to work hard for the next competition and strive to achieve recognition. The school staff was present at the event.

## Farmers inspired to spread Nano urea through Drones: DC

**PARI BAJAJ KARNAL :** Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav chaired a meeting of officials from the Agriculture Department and IFFCO at conference hall of mini-secretariat. He said that dissemination of nano urea through drones in the fields of progressive farmers should be initiated first so that other farmers can also be motivated to adopt this technique. He directed agricultural officials to educate as many farmers as possible about this new technology so that they can achieve higher crop yields at lower costs. He emphasized ensuring availability of drones in the district to achieve the targets set by the Haryana government. A charge of a hundred rupees per bottle/per acre will be taken from the farmer, while the rest of the expenses will be borne by the government, said Dr. Vajeer Singh.

## Online Geeta quiz organised

**GURUGRAM (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA):** International Geeta Mahotsav is being celebrated these days by the Haryana Government. Through this festival, an online Geeta quiz was organized to generate interest in Geeta and Mahabharata among the citizens and students. This quiz started



from 26th November and ran for 11 consecutive days till 6th December 2023. Under which five questions related to Geeta and Mahabharata were asked every day on the online portal. The number of winners in the quiz which ran for 11 days was 220 (citizens and students). Kamal of class 9 from Government Senior Secondary School Sarai Alawardi District

## Rishita Dang wins gold medal

**GURUGRAM (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA):** The Haryana State Khel Mahakumbh 2023 for Taekwondo and Archery was held from 4th to 6th December, 2023 at Tau Devi Lal Khel Complex, Sector 38, Gurugram, Haryana. In the under 67 weight, Girls Category of Taekwondo, Miss Rishita Dang, student of BA 1st year (Media and Public Affairs) of Christ University, Ghaziabad won the Gold Medal. Silver Medal was won by Payal from Hissar and Bronze Medal went to Milan from Ambala and Divya from Faridabad respectively. The pair of Rishita Dang and Pan-kaj Kumar from Karnal also won bronze medal in the Poomsae Category. Khel Mahakumbh is being organized under the supervision of



Sports Department of Haryana, in which more than 800 players from all 22 districts of the state are participating. The basic objective of Haryana Khel Mahakumbh is to give recognition to the promising players of state and to encourage domestic talent.

## Campaign starts to catch stray animals

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** After selling the milch and pregnant cows from the Gaushala located in Phusgarh through open bidding, some space has been created in the shed present in the Gaushala to keep the cows, after which the Municipal Corporation has decided to catch the cows wandering on the roads. The campaign has been started. Under this, about 20 cows and Nandi have been caught. This information was given by Deputy Corporation Commissioner Arun Bhargava on Thursday. He said that the Municipal Corporation runs a campaign from time to time to catch stray animals wandering on the city roads, but due to the increase in the number of cows in the cowshed, it was stopped for some time. Drivers also face the fear of accidents due to stray animals on the roads. To get rid of this problem, a plan was made to sell the milch and pregnant cows present in the cowshed through bidding, under which about 80 cows have been sold. Due to this, some space has been created in the shed of the cow shed to keep the cows. Therefore, the campaign to catch cows has been started again. He said that the cows and Nandis wandering on the roads and streets from the city's Model Town, Ram Nagar, Prem Nagar, Sector-4, 7 and 12 have been caught and kept in the Municipal Corporation's cow shed located at Phusgarh. In the Gaushala, cows are given fodder etc. on time. Both morning and evening, the cows are left out in the open to roam in the vacant space within the cow shed premises. Cows are being given good health care, for this a retired doctor from the Animal Husbandry Department has been appointed as a caretaker in the cowshed.



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# HARYANA

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

## CS directs departments to submit potential CSR projects

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH, DEC 7**

In a meeting focused on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Haryana Chief Secretary Mr. Sanjeev Kaushal directed Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments (HODs), and Deputy Commissioners to submit potential projects from their respective departments eligible for implementation under CSR.

Mr. Kaushal emphasized the Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal and Haryana State CSR Trust Chairman's vision to drive sustainable and inclusive growth across the state. This involves identifying and facilitating priority areas for each region through optimal utilization of CSR funds. He highlighted the importance of these efforts for real-time monitoring, ensuring effective implementation, and promoting holistic development in the state through CSR initiatives and projects.

The meeting outlined two categories for CSR Projects/Initiatives



based on their execution and completion timelines: Category 1: Projects that can be implemented within the current financial year (by March 31, 2024). Category 2: Projects/initiatives that can be executed within one to two years and will be implemented in phases.

The Haryana State CSR Trust (HSCSRT) has a dedicated web portal (haryanacsr.org) where all government departments and districts can submit their prospective CSR projects. These submissions are visible to HSCSRT,

government departments, and corporate partners, who can also propose their potential projects via email to HSCSRT. Haryana leads the region in CSR spending, with Rs 1,457.13 crore spent over the past three years. Education received Rs 538.85 crore during this period, highlighting the state's commitment to this crucial sector. The identified CSR sectors include: Eradicating Hunger, Poverty, and Malnutrition, Promoting Healthcare, Preventive Health, and Sanitation, Providing Sanitation and Safe Drinking Water, Empowering Through Education, Vocational Skills, and Livelihood, Promoting Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, Environmental Sustainability and Conservation, Preserving National Heritage, Art, and Culture, Supporting Armed Forces Veterans, Promoting Sports at All Levels, Funding Research and Development, Developing Rural Communities, Addressing Slum Area Development and Providing Disaster Management, Relief, and Rehabilitation.

## Vikas Bharat Jan Samvad Sankalp Yatra reaches Kheri Moonak



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA ASSANDH:** Vikas Bharat Jan Samvad Sankalp Yatra reached village Kheri Moonak of the area. The Yatra was welcomed grandly by the village welcome committee and guests. Former BJP MLA Bakshish Singh Virk participated in the programme as the chief guest. The Gram Panchayat welcomed him. People were given information about schemes and government services by setting up stalls and exhibitions by various departments. Bakshish Singh Virk inspected the stalls set up by various departments. He said that the beneficiaries are getting direct benefits of the schemes being run by the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal for the welfare and uplift of the exploited,

deprived and needy. During the Bharat Vikas Sankalp Yatra, while the benefits of the schemes are being provided to the citizens on the spot, people's complaints and problems are also being resolved quickly through public dialogue. Virk said that the purpose of this yatra is to make the government schemes meant for the common people reach the ground and make them aware and to make as many people as possible avail the benefits of various schemes. On this occasion, BJP District Vice President Sanjay Rana, Bal-la Mandal President Amit Rana, Brahmapal Rana, Pradeep Rana, Sarpanch Gaurav Kumar, former Sarpanch Mukesh Kumar, Moonak Sarpanch Association Block Head Representative Deepak Padma and others were present.

## Ravi Sheoran again becomes INLD Youth State Secretary

**RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR:** Abhay Singh Chautala, in consultation with the INLD supremo, formed the Youth State Executive to strengthen the INLD youth, in which Ravi Sheoran from Yamunanagar was appointed INLD youth state secretary and along with this, he was also appointed as the state general secretary in INLD IT cell. Ravi Sheoran has played an important role in the party from time to time by holding various posts in the Youth Executive. Considering his experience, he has been given this important responsibility. On this occasion, Ravi Sheoran said that for giving the responsibility of State Secretary of Youth INLD to a small worker like me, INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala, Abhay Chautala, former MLA Sher Singh Badshahi, Nafe Singh Rathii ji, former MLA Shyam Expressing immense gratitude to Singh Rana, Karan Chautala, Arjun Chautala and Youth State President Udayveer Rana, he said that he will work with full honesty and devotion to fulfil



the responsibilities given by the party and will work towards strengthening the party. I will work to connect as many youth as possible with the party! He said that today every section is unhappy with the BJP government. The coming time is for INLD. He said that the coalition government had made many promises to the youth but did not fulfil even a single promise. Today, Haryana state is at number one in unemployment in the entire country. If the government is formed, every youth will be given employment

## DGP, Haryana, orders to aware public about cyber crimes and prevention

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI :** In compliance the orders to start an awareness campaign against cyber crime of Director General of Police (DGP), Haryana, the team of Sub Inspector Lajja Ram of Cyber Crime Police Station of the District Police visited Government Senior Secondary School, Jhanda Chowk Jagadhri and ITI regarding the increasing cases of cyber crime. Awareness about cyber crimes was conducted and prevention. On this occasion, Sub Inspector Lajja Ram, ASI Baldev Singh, school and ITI staff and students were present. The above teams of the District Police have been running such awareness campaigns in most of the schools/colleges and villages of the district for a long time. During the awareness campaign, Sub Inspector Lajja Ram posted at Cyber Crime Police Station said that today cyber crime were

at its peak and people were being cheated in new ways every day. There was a need to be aware to stop these. Everyone has to understand that the people who committed cyber crimes were very clever people and



everyone has to be alert. However, Cyber Crime Police Station, Cyber Cell and Cyber Help Desk have been constituted in Yamuna Nagar district, which is continuously working in this direction. For this, it was important to use big social platforms with caution

and alertness. Today, the way cyber crime was being committed by criminals as a powerful medium of crime. To avoid this, one has to be self-aware and make others aware as well.

ASI Baldev Singh especially advised against Aadhaar enabled payment system, online financial fraud, Facebook hacking, through barcode. He advised to take extra precautions regarding frauds caused by WhatsApp, protection from WhatsApp hacking, frauds caused by fake websites. The general public was asked to be aware about honey traps through social sites like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp.

Through SIM card, by changing ATM card, through debit card, credit card, biometric, QR code scan, friendship with unknown person on social media, fake call, unknown WhatsApp video call, online loan giving app, on social media.

**MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, DECEMBER 7**

Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra Abhiyan, special campaigns are being organised by the government in various villages of the district to make the policies and public welfare schemes of the central and state government accessible to the public. In these programs, the government's All the departments are giving information to the people by setting up stalls about the government schemes related to their respective departments. In this series, under the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra, free AYUSH medical camps are being organised by the AYUSH department under the guidance of District Ayurvedic Officer Dr. Satpal in the program organised in the villages Ramba and Samora. In these AYUSH medical camps, patients are being treated free of cost by

## Coming Time in state is of Aam Aadmi Party: Gurudev Singh

**RADAUR (NIRMAL SAINI):** Aam Aadmi Party's Raodaur in-charge Gurudev Singh and Satish Sharma Dhaudang visited the villages of Alahar, Naharpur, Kanjanu, Jubbali, Khajuri, and

ers, traders, employees, and laborers, are content. Looking at the policies of the Aam Aadmi Party, the atmosphere in Haryana is also continuously changing. The people of the state have witnessed the rule



Kamapur Tapu to make people aware of the party's policies. During this visit, identification cards prepared by organization for secretaries and committee members were distributed. Gurudev Singh and Satish Sharma Dhaudang said that with the Aam Aadmi Party forming governments in Delhi and Punjab, the people there are leading happy lives. They are benefiting from welfare schemes. People from all walks of life, including farm-

of BJP and Congress parties. Now, the public has expressed a desire for change. People are consistently leaving other parties and joining the Aam Aadmi Party, which is increasing the party's support and strength. It is certain that the Aam Aadmi Party will form government in the upcoming elections in the state.

## Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra Abhiyan campaigns



experienced doctors and Ayurvedic medicines are also given to the patients on the spot.

The Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra programme was organised in Ramba and Samora. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap arrived as the chief guest and inspected the stalls of all the government departments. Dr. Nitin Rohila of AYUSH Department said that if we want to avoid diseases in future, we will have to adopt Ayurvedic methods. Today our food habits have become very bad, hence we

need to change our eating habits. He said that due to our polluted environment we are facing many terrible diseases. Therefore, from time to time, the Central and State Governments advise people to get health related information and adopt Ayurvedic methods to save people from dangerous diseases. He said that the doctors of AYUSH department organise medical camps to make people aware about the Ayurvedic system, check their health and also distribute Ayurvedic medicines to the people.

## Special garbage collection campaign of MC starts giving results

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, DEC 7**

The residents of the city have been appreciating the special garbage collection campaign run by the Municipal Corporation to make the city garbage free as the corporation has been cleaning garbage from such places where filth was accumulated for a long time like on the roadside, vacant plots and open places in every ward. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ayush Sinha conducted a surprise inspection of the garbage collection campaign run by the corporation on Thursday. During inspection, heaps of filth was found lying on the roadside before Santa Yoga Ashram on Jagadhri Paonta Sahib Road which included horticulture

waste, C and D waste and other waste. Municipal Commissioner Ayush Sinha called JCB and tractor trolley on the spot and cleaned the pile of filth and instructed CSI Harjeet Singh to issue notice to the people who had dumped the filth here.

Additional Corporation Commissioner Dheeraj Kumar is the nodal officer of this campaign. On Thursday, special cleaning work was done in Wards 1 to 11 under the leadership of CSI Harjeet Singh and in Wards 12 to 22 under the leadership of CSI Sunil Dutt. In each ward, under the leadership of the concerned sanitation inspector, sanitation workers cleaned the dirt accumulated in empty



plots, vacant lots, roadsides, settlements and other places. Under the campaign, such places were also being cleaned where waste had accumulated for a long time. The corporation cleaned garbage from everywhere in every ward and picked up heaps of filth.

On Thursday, Municipal Commissioner Ayush Sinha conducted a surprise inspection of the cleanliness cam-

paign in zone number one. During this, he took stock of the cleanliness system on Jagadhri Road, Chhachhrauli and Paonta Sahib Road. During inspection, three-four piles of dirt were seen at one place on the roadside before Santa Yoga Ashram on Jagadhri Paonta Sahib Road. He immediately gave instructions to the concerned officials and called JCB and tractor trolley and got the piles of dirt cleaned. He instructed CSI Harjeet Singh to identify the people who have dumped filth here and immediately issue a notice and warned them not to dump filth on the roadside in future.

## Armed Forces Flag day celebrated

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI:** Under the guidance of 14 Haryana Battalion Commanding Officer Colonel Jarnail Singh and Administrative Officer Colonel Sandeep Sharma, on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, NCC cadets of Guru Nanak Khalsa College visited different parts of the society and collected an amount of Rs 72185 as relief money. Giving this information, College Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang said that the government decided to celebrate Armed Forces Flag Day from the year 1949. Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated for the welfare of the dependents of soldiers martyred in the defence of the country. The amount collected on this day is spent on the welfare of the dependents of martyred soldiers. The amount collected by the Armed Forces Flag Day is spent on the welfare of war veterans, widows of soldiers, ex-servicemen, war disabled soldiers and their families. On the occasion, NCC officers of the college, Dr. Jashpreet Singh and Ravita Saini Told that this journey which started on December 7, 1949 continues till date. Soon after independence, the government started feeling that there was a need to take care of the needs of the families of the soldiers and hence it decided to celebrate December 7 as Flag Day. The idea behind this was that donations would be earned by distributing small flags among the public.





**Country will always be indebted to armed forces: Komal**

**HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA):** Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal said that for keeping the unity and integrity of the country intact and strong, the entire country will always be indebted to the armed forces who are always ready to sacrifice their today for the tomorrow of the countrymen. Today, on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, he met with the District Defense Services Welfare Office Staff and Sainik Institute of Management Technology at the District Administrative Complex to generate public interest in Flag Day, spread awareness among citizens and collect financial contributions in honor of the flag. She was talking to journalists after flagging off the teams. The Deputy Commissioner said that we all should be proud of our brave soldiers who, despite being residents of different states of the country and speaking different languages, remain united and ready to die to protect the country.



## NEWS AT A GLANCE

**Sunny Manik suicide case- family members demand swift police action**

**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON:** A youngster of Jagraon Sunny Manik allegedly committed suicide a few days back due to financial losses. It is notable that the deceased left behind a suicide note in which he has named five persons declaring them responsible for his untimely death. Police has filed FIR against all the accused as well but the family members of the deceased are quiet disappointed with the actions taken by police in this case as yet. According to the family members police has only arrested 1 person named by their son in the suicide note before he took the extreme step while the other 4 are still out of reach of police. They even stated that police is engaged in a lax operation to save the other accused. "It has been just few days since we lost our son but the persons he has named in the suicide note are roaming freely and police has not arrested them yet," they stated while

**Three more candidates file papers in Kapurthala DBA elections**



**PAWAN KALIA**  
**KAPURTHALA:** Three more candidates including one each candidate for the post of President, Secretary and Vice President, District Bar Association (DBA), Kapurthala filed their nomination papers on Second and last day of filing nomination papers. Providing detailed information Returning Officer Advocate S.S. Malhi, Assistant Returning Officers Advocate Anuj Anand and Advocate Munish Luthra apprised that Advocate Karanpal Singh Chadha filed his nomination papers for the post of President, DBA, Kapurthala while Advocate Piyyush Manchanda filed nomination papers for the post of vice president and Advocate Deepika Sheetal filed nomination papers for the post of Secretary, DBA, Kapurthala.

**Government should focus on providing facilities to people: Ajay Mangupur**

**JATINDERPAL SINGH KALAIR BALACHAUR:** Amidst slow progress causing difficulties for people, Ajay Mangupur, the District President of the Congress Party from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, criticized the state government of Punjab, led by the Aam Aadmi Party. He stated that the Aam Aadmi Party, under the leadership of Bhagwant Mann, has come into power. Before assuming power, there were promises made to simplify government processes and provide facilities to the public. However, later on, the Aam Aadmi Party neither cared nor paid attention to the public. Due to the legitimate demands of subordinate employees being ignored, government employees are being forced into strikes. Mangupur mentioned that the silence of the state government is leaving both the public and employees disillusioned. Vital public work has come to a standstill, for which the state's ruling government is directly responsible.

**Words of Wisdom from IPS Dr. Atul Fulzele encourages Youth Innovation at Tech CT**



**JALANDHAR (J S SODHI):** Tech CT, the inter-school competition hosted by CT Group of Institutions, brought together over 60 schools and 1500 students in a spectacular showcase of talent and innovation. Chief Guest IPS Dr. Atul Fulzele, Inspector General BSF, Punjab Frontier, elevated the event, inspiring students towards excellence in their chosen fields. The competitions at Tech CT spanned Speed X-A Gaming, Debate, Tech Science Projects, Poster Making, Rangoli, AD Mad Show, and a Tech Quiz. Tagore Model School, Nakodar, emerged as the Overall Winner, with Akal Academy, Sultanpur Lodhi, and Hindu Putri Kapurthala securing the First and Second Runner-Up positions. The presence of school principals, mentors, and dignitaries including Charanjit Singh Channi and Dr. Manbir Singh added prestige to the vibrant atmosphere. IPS Dr. Atul Fulzele emphasized the importance of nurturing creativity, motivating participants to pursue their passions.

# Jauramajra sets target to double treated water usage for irrigation

**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH, DEC 7**

Punjab Soil and Water Conservation Minister S. Chetan Singh Jauramajra, on Thursday, directed department officials to aim for a twofold increase in treated water usage for irrigation, besides focusing on leveraging pond water to reduce dependence on underground water sources.

S. Jauramajra, since assuming the charge of Soil and Water Conservation Department last week, today reviewed the working of department in a maiden meeting at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, here.

The Soil and Water Conservation Minister, while emphasizing the Government's firm commitment towards welfare of farming community of the state, stressed on ways and means to develop new techniques and strategies for saving precious water resources in agriculture sector and at same time maximizing farmer income. S. Jauramajra asked the officials to chalk out new pro-



grammes and intensify ongoing water conservation and management works, stressing on maximizing surface water use by increasing canal and treated water use in agriculture.

He also laid special emphasis on using village pond water as it would not only reduce ground water drawl but will also improve village ecosystems as regular recirculation of pond water reduces environmen-

tal pollution. Reviewing the watershed scheme in Kandi region, the Cabinet Minister stressed on improving livelihood of landless and women community by providing them financial assistance and trainings and also to provide support on plantations in convergence with Horticulture department.

The departmental officers made a presentation to the minister high-

lighting the works being implemented by the department and stressed the fact that the major thrust area of department is increasing irrigation water use efficiency and developing alternate and new surface water based irrigation water sources for irrigation because almost 94% of state's water resources are being used in agriculture sector alone.

## Govt to introduce State Skill Training Scheme to enhance Youth employability: Aman Arora

**GAGAN JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH, DEC 7**

In a bid to increase youth employability in the state as per the vision of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Mr. Aman Arora, Minister of Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training, directed the department officials to set up a Working Group to finalise Punjab Skill Training Scheme. Aman Arora was addressing the stakeholders and training partners during open house discussion session on the proposed scheme and optimum utilisation of Multi Skill Development Centres here at PEDDA Complex. Talking about the proposed Skill Training Scheme, Mr. Aman Arora informed that short term training (two



months to one year) courses will be undertaken under the scheme to train students in Government Schools, Colleges, Universities, ITIs, Polytechnics, Multi Skill Development Centres (MSDCs), Health Sector Development Centres (HSDCs), Rural Skill Centres (RSCs) and those candidates who are experienced but are without skill certifications, besides imparting training to vulnerable sections of the society. The Cabinet Minister has

also brainstormed with stakeholders to ensure the optimum utilisation of Multi Skill Development Centres (MSDCs). He said that there are five MSDCs, three Health Skill Development Centres (HSDCs) and 198 Rural Skill Centres (RSCs). Emphasising on the need to focus on bridging the gap between industrial requirements and skilled manpower, Mr Aman Arora asked the officials to design the courses according to demand of the industry.

## Target of filling forms for 98,036 beneficiaries under Matru Vandana Yojana: Dr. Baljit Kaur

**CHANDIGARH (CS JOLLY):** Forms are filled in the Anganwadi Centres of the state to provide financial assistance of Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 6,000 to female beneficiaries on the birth of their first child, whether a boy or girl and the second child, if a girl. This was disclosed by Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur here today. Divulging more, Cabinet Minister said that the Punjab Government has set a target of filling out the forms

for 98,036 beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana in the current financial year. She mentioned that each district has been assigned a target based on the Anganwadi Centres under them, which must be completed by the end of this financial year. Dr. Baljit Kaur further added that Sri Muktsar Sahib had achieved the target for filling 3,212 forms 4 months ago and become the leading district in Punjab by filling out 3,257 forms. Similarly, district Fazilka, with a target of 3,836 forms, secured the second position in the state by filling out 3,856 forms. The minister instructed the officials that other districts should also aim to fill out more forms than the target so that eligible beneficiary women can receive maximum benefits under this scheme.



## Cooperative Sugar Mills Morinda starts 62nd Pidai Season



**MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA):** Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd., Morinda started its 62nd Pidai Season 2023-24 in the presence of Panj Pyaare after recitation of Akhand Path Sahib of Sri Guru Granth Sahib. On this occasion, Dr. Charanjit Singh, Constituency MLA Shri Chamkaur Sahib attended as the chief guest. On this occasion, MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh said that this mill is promoted for the betterment and prosperity of every family associated with Morinda Cooperative Sugar Mill. All possible efforts are being made to move to the other side. He also shared the views with the farmers present on the occasion that it is a great initiative of the Aam Aadmi Party government of Punjab that the sugarcane farmers have been paid every rupee of the outstanding amount of sugarcane for the previous years and this At the time there is no arrears, the rate of sugarcane supplied by the sugarcane growers for this year has been increased by Rs. 11 per quintal and the rate of sugarcane has been fixed at Rs. On this occasion, Sukhwinder Singh Mundia, Vice Chairman, said.

## Resident of area forced to install langar on stones for last one & half years: Baljit

**FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA):** During the Shaheedi Jod Mel, the devotees who put up langar on the road at village Sangatpura Phirni and GT Road to Dallo Majra village are forced to organ-

ize langar on the moving stones due to the negligence of the administrative officials. The former chairman of Zilla Parishad Sri Fatehgarh Sahib Baljit Singh Bhutta expressed these views today during a conversation at Fatehgarh Sahib after listening to the problems of the villagers. In the presence of Bahadur Singh Khojemajra, Jarnail Singh Sanipur, and other leaders, Baljit Singh Bhutta said that even special repairs of the link roads were not done before the Shaheedi Jod Mel. Bhutta said that the tender for the special repair of these roads was held a year and a half ago and the period for completing the work has also passed. He said that according to the information, the contractor who got the work was not able to take up the work as per the instructions of the government. Bhutta demanded that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and the Public Works Minister take appropriate action against the concerned contractors and responsible officials.



## Thousands will join 'walkathon' for awareness against drugs: DC

**SUMER GARG**  
**SANGRUR, DEC 7**

Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal has invited the district police and administration to make the 5 km 'walkathon' being conducted from 7AM on December 8 in Sangrur city. DC, after holding a review meeting with the officials at the district administrative complex here today, urged the sports lovers of district Sangrur to participate in this sports event.

He said that this walkathon is being conducted under the guidelines of the Punjab government with an aim of creating awareness about drug prevention with the theme 'Yes to life and no to drugs'. He further said that thousands of sports lovers will participate in the walkathon, which will start from War Heroes Stadium



and proceed to Kohli's Dhaba, Kotwali Chowk, Sunami Gate, Exchange Road, Bus Stand lights, Bhagat Namdev Chowk, Labor Chowk, Post Office Branch and on return will end at War Heroes Stadium. He said that during this, an oath will be administered for the eradication of drugs and poster making competition to be conducted to create awareness about the ill effects

of drugs and the winning students will be awarded. He said that on this occasion the relay race will also become the center of attraction.

Besides others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Varjit Walia; SP, Navreet Singh Virk; SDM Sangrur, Charanjot Singh Walia; DSP, Manoj Gorsi and other officials were present during the meeting.

## DAV School Jagraon hosts Cluster Level sports competition



**JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR):** DAV Centenary Public School, Jagraon hosted cluster level sports competitions under the guidance of principal Ved Vrat Plaha. Giving more information about this Ved Vrat Plaha said that under DAV national sports, 2023 cluster level Wushu, chess and archery competitions were conducted. DAV School, Kot Ise Khan principal Jaswinder Kaur participated in the program as chief guest and also played the role of judge.

All the teams participated in the competitions with great enthusiasm and gave tough competition to each other. In his address, school principal mentioned that the competition was conducted with an aim of promoting sports among students and to encourage students to participate in sports events as much as possible.

## Modern Sandeepni School Pathankot conducts Children's chess competition

**SHARANJEET**  
**PATHANKOT, DEC 7**

Modern Sandeepni School Mamoon Pathankot organized a chess competition for children from 1st to 10th standard under the chairmanship of Principal Neeraj Mohan Puri. Students from different schools of Himachal, Jammu and Punjab participated in this competition. Vaishnavi Chanchalani, a student of Modern Sandeepni School, made it to the top 10 under-16 players.

Seventh grader Namish also showcased his talent by excelling in four rounds. Sandeepni Education Society President Pawan Mahajan presented money as prize to the winning students. Under-16 Raghav Mahindru Rs 1100, Paras Sharma Rs 500,



Rishant Jasrotia Rs 300, Sahil Under-13 Rs 1100, Ame Mahajan Rs 500, Kavyansh Gupta Rs 300, Under-10 Siddharth Upadhyay, Yuvash Berry, Shivansh Mahajan etc. were honored by Sandeepni Education Society President Pawan Mahajan,

Manager Pinky Mahajan, Principal Neeraj Mohan Puri by giving mementos to Sports Coach Surjit Thakur and Anirudh and gave medals to the students to boost their morale and inspire them to move forward in the future.



Persons left out of registration can get their names registered in the voter list

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA:** District Election Officer DC Dr. Nipun Jindal said that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, a special brief revision of the photo voter lists - 2024 is being conducted on the basis of the qualifying date of 01.01.2024 and considering this photo voter lists as the basis, the upcoming Lok Sabha general elections will be conducted. -It will be done by 2024. He said that the short revision of voter lists with photos, which will continue till December 9, 2023, should be taken full advantage of and those voters who are left for registration should be encouraged to register immediately, so that they can also ensure their participation in the festival of democracy. He said that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India to update the photo voter lists, necessary steps should be taken to get the names of eligible voters who have completed 18 years of age or above on 01-01-2024 registered in the photo voter lists. He has requested all the registered voters of Kangra district to verify their names, their families and relatives' names by the department sitting at home, through online facility (Voter Helpline, National Voter Service Portal) or in the offices of the concerned Electoral Registration Officer (SDM). They should definitely go and check it, so that they can cast their vote in the future Lok Sabha elections-2024.

# HIMACHAL

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## CM appeals to generously contribute towards Armed Forces Flag day

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, DEC 7**

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu greeted the people of the state on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day. He said that the youth of Himachal Pradesh have an important contribution in the Army and it was a matter of pride for the brave hearts of this small hill state that have been decorated with four Paramveer Chakras while valiantly protecting their motherland from external invasions. The soldiers from the state have been always at the fore-front showing dust to enemy and even not afraid to sacrifice

their lives for the Nation. The Chief Minister said that it was the responsibility of all of us to provide proper assistance to the families of these soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country. The state government is continuously making efforts for the rehabilitation and welfare of war victims and ex-servicemen besides their families. In an appeal to the general public, the Chief Minister has urged to contribute generously on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day so that the amount collected can be used to help the soldiers, ex-servicemen and their dependents.

## Governor releases two books

**SHIMLA:** Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla today released two books titled 'Jungle Survival' and 'Dadi Maa Ki Kahaniyaan aur Kisse' authored by Ravindra Singh Thakur at Raj Bhavan. The Governor appreciated the efforts of the writer and said that the information in the book 'Jungle Survival' would prove to be useful in difficult situations. Speaking about 'Dadi Maa Ki Kahaniyaan aur Kisse' book, the governor said that the tips and inspirational thoughts, and the way of leading a life portrayed in the book would be a good guide for the future generations.



Ravindra Singh Thakur hails from Solan district. He has earlier published two books on Kunihar residents, 'Main aur Meri SSB' on freedom fighter Babu Kanshi Ram and 'Aparivartanayee Kshan' on Master Gauri Shankar.

## CM Sukhu attends Oath taking ceremony of new CM of Telangana



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**Shimla:** Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu congratulated Revanth Reddy on assuming the office of Chief Minister of Telangana State. Chief Minister Sh. Sukhu attended the oath-taking ceremony of Revanth Reddy and his Cabinet at Hyderabad today. Sh. Sukhu expressed

hope that Telangana State will progress leaps and bounds under the newly formed congress government as the people of Telangana have bestowed their faith in the leadership of Sh. Reddy and the Congress party. MLA Suresh Kumar also accompanied the Chief Minister to Hyderabad.

## BDOs should expedite development works: DC



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** All Block Development Officers (BDOs) should expedite various developmental works within their jurisdiction within the specified time frame for the benefit of the people, Deputy Commissioner Raghav Sharma stated during a review meeting held with all Development Block Officers at the DRDA hall. He urged all Development Block Officers to coordinate with officials from various departments to complete development projects within the designated time to ensure fundamental facilities for the general public. He emphasized ensuring comprehensive publicity for various government programs and initiatives to ensure that more eligible individuals can benefit from these schemes and programs. He also highlighted the need to focus on the major works ongoing in villages. During event, extensive discussions were held on the Prime Minister's Gramin Awaas Yojana, Chief Minister's Housing Scheme, National Rural Livelihood Mission, and Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).

## Govt plans to set up 40 Urban Health and Wellness Centers

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, DEC 7**

To provide state-of-the-art healthcare facilities to the people across the state the Government mulls to establish world-class infrastructure and plans to set up 40 Urban Health and Wellness Centers (u-HWCs). On getting functional, these centers will transform healthcare accessibility, delivering quality essential services directly at the doorstep of the people. The government will equip each u-HWC with a dedicated specialized team that will include a Medical Officer, Pharmacist, Auxiliary Nurse Midwife, and Class-IV staff members. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu highlighted the



importance to expand the network of Primary Health Care delivery systems in urban areas and to ensure quality infrastructure and services in these centers. Emphasizing the importance of Universal Comprehensive Primary Health Care, the Chief Minister stated: "It plays a crucial role in improving health services and the cost associated with it, thereby

making our society healthier while also reducing morbidity and mortality rate. This approach also significantly diminishes the demand for Secondary and Tertiary Care and as a result, minimizing expenditure burden on citizens." At present, there is one Urban Primary Health Center for every 50,000 persons. The visionary plan aims to bring a drastic

improvement to this ratio with a target for each u-HWC to cater to around 20,000 people. This will ensure more targeted and personalized healthcare services for people residing in urban areas. This strategic initiative underscores the government's commitment of providing quality and affordable public healthcare facilities at doorsteps to all the citizens, stated Sh. Sukhu, adding that establishment of these u-HWCs is a crucial step towards achieving a robust and inclusive healthcare system in Himachal Pradesh. This government initiative also recognizes the unique healthcare needs of urban residents, by acknowledging the diverse population, including migrants from other states, settled in urban settings.

## Contribute generously towards Armed Forces Flag Day fund: Guv



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, DEC 7**

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla today extended warm greetings and best wishes to the members of the Armed Forces and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day. On the occasion, Brig. Madan Sheel Sharma, Director (Rtd.), Sainik Welfare Department, pinned the Armed Forces Flag on the coat of the Governor. The Governor appealed to all citizens to contribute generously towards the Armed Forces Flag Day fund and serve the noble cause of welfare of soldiers, the ex-servicemen and their families. He added that our Armed Forces have a glorious history. He said that the sacrifices made by the jawans of Army, Navy and Air Force while serving our country were remarkable.

## BJP will protest against Congress govt's celebration: Parmar

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, DEC 7**

Former Speaker of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly and Reconciliation MLA Vipin Singh Parmar said that a big mass movement will be organized in Kangra along with the entire state, the largest district of Kangra, against the Congress government riding on false guarantees. He said that the Congress government has completely failed on public standards, and once again an attempt is being made to cheat the general public by organizing populist programmes. Vipin Parmar said that the Congress government is completely failing on every front. Himcare scheme, a major milestone in the health system of the state, has been put in limbo. The government, which is crying about shortage of budget for every development work, has now



planned to make lakhs of excuses in big programs to mislead the public. Parmar said that BJP will protest against the black chapter of Congress on December 18 and express its anger. He said that the present Congress government of Himachal Pradesh will complete one year on December 11. Sukhwinder Singh government, which stopped the development of the state in one year, completely ruined law and order and drug addiction spread everywhere. By making diesel, petrol,

edible oil, pulses and electricity expensive, the burden of inflation was imposed on the public and 1500 institutions opened by the previous BJP government were closed and even the budget of Himcare scheme was stopped. Parmar said that in the name of guarantees, they cheated the people of the state, made a false promise of giving one lakh government jobs and five lakh employment to the unemployed youth, gave a false guarantee of giving Rs 1500 per month to 22 lakh sisters, to the farmers and the unemployed. Cheated by making false promises. The party will protest against the state government on December 11 at all the district headquarters. He said that the protests of districts Dehra, Palampur, Kangra and Noorpur will be held in administrative district Kangra on December 18.

## Himachal Gau Seva Samiti will give ten thousand calendars free to cow devotees



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**

**UNA:** An important meeting of Himachal Gau Seva Samiti Hamirpur was held in Jamli Dham Yesterday under the chairmanship of District President Kewal Sharma. State President Rasil Singh Mankotia was especially present in the meeting. The following proposals were passed unanimously in the meeting. The indigenous calendar for the year 2024-25 was released and it was decided to give free calendar to ten thousand cow devotees. Shri Dev Bhoomi Shastri gave his own contribution at the rate of Rs 1 and 50 paise per calendar, for which a resolution of thanking Shastri was passed. The government had promised to buy cow dung at Rs 2 per kg, but this process has not started yet and the government is requested to purchase cow dung directly from the cowsheds. The government decided to stop Tudi subsidy, which was strongly condemned by the Gau Seva Samiti. Om Prakash, Satpal Patial, Kulwant Rai, Dev Bhoomi Shastri, Tribhuvan Thakur, Uttam Singh, Purshotam Kumar, Ramesh Jariyal, Wala Singh, Mahinder Singh, Balbir Chaudhary, Prem Chand, Captain Pratap Singh and Balak Ram were present in this meeting.

## AIDS awareness programme organised



**JOGINDER DEV ARYA**  
**BANGANA, DEC 7**

A one-day program on monthly AIDS awareness was organized under the auspices of the Red Ribbon Club at Government College Bangana. The program was presided over by the nodal officer of the Red Ribbon Club, Professor Kiran Kumari. As part of this one-day program, a Rangoli competition was held. The first place in the Rangoli competition was secured by the group of Dilanshi and Neha, the second place by Neelam and Kamna's group, and the third place was obtained by Payal Soni and Payal Thakur. The adjudicating panel was led by Dr. Shashi Kanwar, Dr. Reena, and Ranjana. On this occasion, Professor Kiran Kumari, the nodal officer of the Red Cross Society,

mentioned that in accordance with the district AIDS program officer and the Red Ribbon Society's directives, various programs and competitions would be organized by the college throughout December to raise public awareness. These would include art competitions, slogan writing contests, Rangoli competitions, street plays, a parade organized by the NSS, candle marches, and more. She also emphasized that HIV/AIDS is a fatal disease with no cure yet. Once infected with HIV, a person remains affected by this virus for their entire life. However, experts have outlined preventive measures against HIV. Making people aware of AIDS is crucial, and every possible effort should be made in this direction. On this occasion, the NSS program officer, Professor Sikander Negi, was also present.

## Ajay Sharma's appointment as Dy State President of BJP Kisan Morcha will strengthen party: Deshraj Sharma

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**

**HAMIRPUR:** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) district Hamirpur has welcomed the appointment of Ajay Sharma, the former President of the ABVP, as the Deputy State President of the BJP Kisan Morcha. Deshraj Sharma, the district BJP president, mentioned that Ajay Sharma has been dedicatedly working for the organization for a long time and has previously handled various responsibilities within the party. His appointment will strengthen the BJP's organization in the Hamirpur assembly constituency. He stated that Ajay Sharma has done excellent work as the Youth Morcha's district president and as the BJP's district general secretary. His elevation to the position of Deputy State President will also expand the organization of the Kisan Morcha. Ajay Sharma expressed his commitment to fulfill the trust and responsibilities bestowed upon him by the state leadership with complete dedication and sincerity. Ajay Sharma also expressed gratitude towards Dr. Rajeev Bindal, the State President, Central Minister Anurag Thakur, former Chief Minister Professor Prem Kumar Dhumal, former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, State Organization Minister Siddharth Ji, Sanjeev Deshta, the State President of the Kisan Morcha, former State President Satpal Singh Satti, State General Secretary Bihari Lal Sharma.



## Premises of Kalamb Distillery and Brewery Private Limited seized by ED

**ANWAR HUSSAIN**

**NALAGARH:** Enforcement Directorate (ED) has taken significant action in cases related to illegal alcohol supply in Bihar. The ED has seized the premises of Kalamb Distillery and Brewery Private Limited located in Nalagarh, Solan district, Himachal Pradesh, with an average value of 5.31 crores. Additionally, the ED has also seized the Dorjee Footso Khrome factory of the same company in Arunachal Pradesh, valued at approximately 4 crores. ED has confiscated a total of 9.31 crores worth of assets and taken action. According to their official account's tweet, this action has been taken under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, in cases related to illegal alcohol supply in Bihar. It is worth noting that the ED has registered various FIRs against Sunil Bhardwaj and others for illegal alcohol supply in Bihar state. During investigation, it was discovered that Sunil Bhardwaj was operating M/s Kalamb Distillery Private Limited in Nalagarh. Bihar Police have also filed several cases against company owner for illicit liquor trafficking. ED's investigation revealed that the said factory was in Nalagarh, but the factory owner was preparing to operate several shops illegally in collaboration with his accomplice. Moreover, the alcohol sent from the Nalagarh company to Arunachal Pradesh was also being supplied illegally in Bihar. It is claimed that through the investigation, it was found that they had opened multiple bank accounts to receive money from the sale of illegal alcohol in Bihar. The Enforcement Directorate confirmed this in their official tweet.

## System change program will be made memorable: Jagat Negi

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, DEC 7**

Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi said that necessary arrangements are being made to make the one year program of system change memorable. In this regard, a necessary meeting was organized with the district administration under the chairmanship of Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi in the auditorium of the Deputy Commissioner office complex on Thursday. In this, Agriculture Minister Prof. Chaudhary Chandra Kumar, MLA Sudhir Sharma, MLA Kewal Singh Pathania, MLA Malendra Rajan, Chief Minister K. Advisor Sunil



Bittu along with Deputy Commissioner Dr. Nipun Jindal, SP Shalini Agnihotri and officials of various departments were present. He said that on the occasion of completion of one year tenure of the present state government, a state level function on the theme 'One Year of System Change' will

be organized at Police Ground, Dharamshala in Kangra district on December 11, 2023. The central leadership of Congress will also participate in this function. He instructed the officials to make concrete arrangements to ensure minimum inconvenience to the general public. He

directed the officials to complete all the arrangements on time for the successful organization of this function and to provide all possible facilities to the people participating in it. He said that by coordinating with the district administration, all the departments were also instructed to ensure proper arrangements for security arrangements, drinking water and electricity supply, cleanliness and mobile toilets etc. so that the common people do not have to face any kind of problem. He has instructed the police department to make concrete arrangements for smooth traffic of vehicles and parking etc.



Students of primary wing of Sri Guru Harkrishan Model School present Annual Function "UDAAN"



**CHANDIGARH:** Students of primary wing of Sri Guru Harkrishan Model School, Sector 38 D, Chandigarh, presented Annual Function here today with great zeal and fervor. They showcased incredible talent, delighting the audience with rhythmic beats from Bollywood dancers. The parental approval was evident as students enthralled with vibrant Bhangra performances. The beat of traditional talent resonated as 3rd class students showcased their skills in retro dance. The timeless tale was skillfully brought to life, drawing the audience into a world of enchantment. The performance met with admiration, and the impact of the narrative lingered, leaving a lasting impression on the spectators. The tiny angels of 4th class captivated the audience with a soulful Qawwali performance.

**Gian Jyoti School Principal honoured with FAP National Award**



**TILAK RAJ MOHALI:** Gian Jyoti Global School Principal Gian Jyot bestowed with FAP National Award for following Unique Practices in School. The award was conferred to Principal Gian Jyot for successfully building a comprehensive school ecosystem and making students future-ready. She has been honored with the FAP National Award in the field of education at Held at Chandigarh University. This award was presented by Minister of State for External Affairs, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan .Principal Gian Jyot said she always provides guidance, counseling & support for the holistic development of the students, staff & society. She further informed that this initiative aims to recognize the efforts put in by schools in crafting student careers and shaping their success in the 21st-century world. This certification is a year-long process to motivate schools to expand focus beyond marks and make students future-ready. Gian Jyoti Group Chairman J S Bedi congratulates Principal Gian Jyot for her achievement.

**Infinix Smart 8HD, most stylish smartphone in segment @ 6299**



**RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH:** Infinix, a trailblazer in the mobile technology industry, is thrilled to introduce the highly anticipated Infinix Smart 8HD, the latest addition to the Smart series. Priced at INR 6299, Smart 8HD comes equipped with remarkable features, setting new standards for the segment and delivering an enhanced smartphone experience. Designed to provide users with a delectable mix of performance and elegance, the Infinix Smart 8HD features significant upgrades over the previous releases in the Smart series. With 90Hz refresh rate, 8MP selfie camera, and a side-mounted fingerprint sensor and dynamic expandable notch feature, the Smart 8HD redefines the possibilities for affordable smartphones.

# Citizens made aware about various schemes of govt



**SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, DEC 7**

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra today reached the Health and Well ess Centre, Sector-49, Chandigarh and kalagram,Many patients and local citizens utilized this opportunity to

get awareness about various flagship schemes of Government of India. Many new registrations and enrolments were done. Dr. Suman Singh, Director Health Services, UT Chandigarh, visited the Vikas Bharat Yatra today. The DHS took stock of the various camps and talked with the public as well.

**Baljit Kaur honours teacher Harcharan Singh with state award**



**RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA):** Punjab government organized a state level honor ceremony on the occasion of World Disability Day at Auditorium Local Government Department, Punjab, Sector 35-A Chandigarh. In which Senior Secondary School Fool Town boy's computer teacher Harcharan Singh, Cabinet Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur and Raji P. Srivastava, Special Principal Secretary, Punjab Government honored with State Award. Giving information in this regard, Lecturer Gurmail Singh said that he has been honored with a certificate, certificate, medal and a check of Rs.10,000 in this state award. They said that this achievement has been given to them due to their contribution in the educational field and social field during their duty hours and after school hours.

**Pathankot Karate Association organises honor ceremony**



**PATHANKOT (BUREAU):** Pathankot Karate Association was organized the program under the chairmanship of Arjun Misal to promote the sport. In which Greenland Cricket Club's Life President Inderjit Gupta and Executive President Pawan Mahajan arrived as chief guests. They honored the players who won the District Pathankot Karate Championship. They said that sports are an integral part of human life. They inspired the young generation to increase their interest in sports. On this occasion Manoj Arora, Master Janak Raj etc. were present.

**MLA Bharaj inaugurates works of bar room of DBA**



**SUMER GARG SANGRUR, DEC 7**

Narinder Kaur Bharaj, AAP MLA from Sangrur Assembly Constituency(SAC), inaugurated the renovation of the bar room of the local District Bar Association(DBA) and the air conditioners installed in the library at the local district court complex here today. On this occasion, Bharaj said that Rs. 44 lakh has been spent on these works and soon a new canteen will be constructed in the court complex at a cost of Rs. 46

lakh. She said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann is determined to provide good facilities to the residents of the state in every area and field. She said that Govt is constantly trying to make the court complex and DBA, Sangrur the best in Punjab along with the renovation of the bar room and trying to complete the rest of the works, including the lift, common room for women lawyers, badminton court and renovation of the bath-rooms at the earliest.

## Kalagram sees sharp surge in footfall on Day 7

**AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA CHANDIGARH, DEC 7**

Kalagram saw a sharp surge in footfall in the ongoing 13th edition of the Chandigarh National Crafts Mela, jointly hosted by the NZCC and Chandigarh Administration.

The highlights of the morning stage performances were a surfeit of scintillating folk dances of various states, Rai (MP), Machhi (Dadra and Nagar Haveli), Phag (Har), Dhamali (J & K), Cheraw (Mizoram), Wangla (Meghalaya), Bihu (Assam), and Kargam Kavadi (Tamil Nadu) including Luddi (Pb), Chhapeli (UK), Bacha Nagma (J&K), ) Karma (Chhgarh), Gudim Baja (MP), Ghoomer (Har), Kalbelia (Raj), Mallakhamb (Odisha). However, the show-stopping performance was by Punjab



Police troupe. The evening session was packed with tribal and folk dance performances. Prominent among them were Balti (Ladakh), Mayur (UP), Dogri (J & K), Rai Bense (WB), Ghasiari(UK), Lai Haroba and Thangla (Manipur), Hozagiri (Tripura), Luddi (Pb). Among the other highlights of the day was the ground performances, including Behurupiyas, Nachaar and Baajigar (Punjab) Nagada, Been Jogis et al,

## 42nd Annual Athletic Meet of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Government College held

**KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI):** At the local Shaheed Bhagat Singh Government College, Under the leadership of Principal Jatinder Kumar and Vice Principal Dr. Harish Sharma, 42nd Annual Athletic Meet was conducted. The athletic meet began with a march past and salute by the students. In his speech announcing the commencement of the athletic meet by the Principal Motivated students to participate more in sports. Speaking on this occasion, he said that sports bring a sense of discipline in students.



## Kuldeep Bawa new Sangrur RTO

**SUMER GARG SANGRUR, DEC 7**

Kuldeep Bawa, 2016 batch PCS officer has taken over as Regional Transport Officer(RTO) of district Sangrur. It may be mentioned here that Mr. Kuldeep Bawa previously served as SDM in various sub-divisions of the state including, Samrala, Khanna (Additional Charge), Amritsar -1 and Dera Bassi. After assuming the charge, Mr. Kuldeep Bawa said that as the fog has started to fall in these days, the passers-by and motorists need to be more vigilant and cautious while traveling. While urging all the citizens he said that the traffic rules should not be violated and the guidelines issued by the government should be strictly followed to ensure safe traffic.



## SC, BC Mahapanchayat leaders gave demand letter to DC

**KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI):** Under the district level program of the SC/BC Mahapanchayat in the state, organized by around 43 SC and BC organizations of the state, the leaders of the SC/BC Mahapanchayat today handed over a demand letter to Deputy Commissioner Faridkot Vineet Kumar. The leaders of the Maha Panchayat have demanded from the Punjab government through a demand letter that Legal action should be taken against the fake certificate holders of SC/BC . They demanded that from the year 2016 to 2023.

## Ind-Swift labs limited collaborates with CSIR-IMTECH for dev of biotransformation process

**SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, DEC 7**

Pharma Major, Ind-Swift Laboratories Limited has collaborated with The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), a premier microbial institute under the aegis of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, for development of Biotransformation Process (Enzymatic Process) for its products.

The agreement between Ind-Swift and CSIR-IMTECH will enable scientists from both the organizations to work closely on development of Bio-transformation process (Enzymatic Process) for its products. For this project, scientists at IMTECH will utilize their expertise and scientific know how in microbiology while Ind-Swift team will provide its expertise in process chemistry



and pharmaceutical drug development's analytical resources. The Technical teams of CSIR-IMTECH headed by Dr. Sanjeev Khosla, Director CSIR-IMTECH, Dr. Mani Shankar Bhattacharya, Principal Scientists, CSIR-IMTECH and Ind-Swift Laboratories Limited headed by its Chairman and Managing Director, N.R. Munjal, CEO Sunil Deshmukh, Dr Ashok Prasad, Head-R&D met at Chandigarh today and exchanged project agreement. Speaking on the occasion N.R. Munjal, Chairman and Managing Director Ind-Swift Laboratories expressed that "The field of biotransfor-

mation process (Enzymatic Process) is an alternative to traditional chemical processes. This collaboration presents a unique opportunity to enhance our capabilities, drive innovation, and optimize production processes. This approach aligns with the growing demand for eco-friendly and efficient manufacturing in the pharmaceutical sector." Sunil Deshmukh, CEO of Ind-Swift Laboratories Limited emphasized the importance of Public Private Partnership (PPP) collaboration as the need of hour to bring out scientific and technical excellence in pharmaceutical sector of India.

## PSPCL Director Admin Jasbir Singh Sur Singh holds meetings with officials of different circles



**TARN TARAN (KULJEET SINGH HONEY):** In order to enhancing uninterrupted and improved electricity services across various circles, Jasbir Singh Sur Singh, the Director Admin of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), conducted meetings with officials from different circles. Under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and Power Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO, the objective of these ongoing discussions is to consistently improve power distribution and provide better electricity services to consumers. As part of this initiative, Director Admin Jasbir Singh Sur Singh engaged in high-level meetings with officials from Tarn Taran, Amritsar City, Civil Subdivision Amritsar, and P and M Circle Amritsar. During the meetings, discussions were held regarding the initiation of feeder-wise metering in Tarn Taran, with a focus on starting the installation of prepaid meters. Discussions also included preparing the proposal to include individuals who have installed private transformers (single and three-phase) in the PSPCL system. Besides, authorities were instructed to prepare details of computers required in the office for the convenience of the consumers.

## HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited organizes two-day National Level 'Safety Conclave'

**ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, DEC 7**

Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) in partnership with HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited (HMEI) organized a two-day National Safety Conclave 2023 from 4-5 December at HMEI Township, Bathinda. Divided into five technical sessions, the National Safety Conclave saw leaders and delegates from various oil and gas sector leaders from across the country sharing their experiences on "Safety in the Era of Intricacies, Massiveness, Globalization, and Digitalization".

While delivering the Keynote Address, Mr. M K Surana, CEO, Ratnagiri Refinery & Petrochemical Limited and former Chairman, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and HMEI, emphasized that irrespective of the change in the external environ-



ment, the key to safety is the collective mindset, intent and conditioning of the people within the organization who make Safety the foundation of business excellence. He also presented the safety recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Safety Framework in the Indian Petroleum Sector. Mr. Surana said that as industries evolve and technology advances, it becomes imperative to adopt and incorporate cutting-edge solutions that enhance safety protocols. Reduce risk and promote a cul-

ture of sustainability and safe practices. Delivering the Theme Address, Mr. Arun Mittal, Executive Director, Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), apprised that as the competent authority to oversee the implementation of safety measures in the petroleum sector, OISD has taken many steps to encourage knowledge exchange among the players at the same time has taken the pragmatic step to conduct organization-wide safety audits of oil corporations to suggest suitable improvements.

## Primary school Bhundar awarded for their good performance in state level sports



**RAMPURA PHUL(KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA):** Government Primary School, Bhundar, represented District Bathinda in State Level Games Sri Anandpur Sahib under the leadership of District Education Officer Bhupinder Kaur and Deputy District Education Officer Mahinderpal Singh, performed School head Nirbhay Singh Bhullar state awardee said that four children of Bhundar school showed their talent in karate in Punjab level games. Karanveer Singh won bronze medal in 32 weight category and Vanspreet Singh, Kimi Kumari and Navjot Kaur won their respective weights.

A good game was shown in the class. With the coaching given by Karate Incharge Madam Harjinder Kaur, the children performed well in their respective weight categories and Block Primary Education Officer Boor Singh congratulated the children and the staff. Mamandeep Singh, Neeraj Gupta, Rajinder Kaur, Sarabjit Kaur, Gurpreet Kaur, Amandeep Kaur, Simarjit Kaur and Gurmeet Kaur were present on this occasion.

## BJP's victory in 3 states celebrated with sweets by lawyer Sharma

**CHET RAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR, DEC 7**

Following the results of the Assembly elections in four states under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party secured victories in three states. Vishal Sharma, the lawyer of the Takasali family and Chairman of the Legal Cell Punjab, celebrated by distributing sweets among the lawyers at the court premises in Nawanshahr.

Advocate Vikram Sharma, the President of Himachal Pradesh, also joined in the celebrations. Lawyer Vishal Sharma mentioned that the party's victories in three states are a triumph of Prime Minister Modi's policies for the country's development. He stated that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the country is advancing on the path



of progress, and the country's reputation has grown internationally. However, attempts were made by some people in the country to degrade Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Nevertheless, the people in these states have shown more love to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, resulting in victories in three states. The District President of the Women's Wing, Santosh

Sharma, stated that in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, they will actively play a role and help form the government. Advocate Vikram Sharma, the President of Himachal Pradesh, mentioned that this victory is increasing the inclination of the people of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh towards the Bharatiya Janata Party.



SD College B Walk  
JMT 4th semester  
result excellent



**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA:** Punjabi University Patiala has declared the result of B Walk JMT (Journalism and Multimedia Technology) fourth semester. In which the result of students of SD College Barnala has been excellent. Sharing information in this regard, the head of the department, Prof Garpravesh Singh, said that in these results, Sonu Upal has secured the first position in the university with 8.20 CGPA marks. While Nancy is second with 8.0 points and Balkaran Singh is third with 7.8 points. He said that the results of other students have also been excellent. 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 on behalf of the students and staff were congratulated.

Ban on use of drones during  
wedding ceremonies

**JAGDEEP SINGH GILL**  
**JAITO:** District Magistrate Faridkot Vineet Kumar IAS using the powers under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 to use drones or other flying objects within the limits of



District Faridkot. A complete ban has been imposed on He said that in the past, an attempt was made to smuggle weapons with the help of drones in Tarn Taran district. Therefore, he said that the law and order situation can be disturbed with the help of drones by mischievous elements. Therefore, orders have been issued to ban the use of drones to protect the life and property of the common people. He said that if a person is to use a drone for weddings and other religious and cultural events, then prior approval will be taken from the Deputy Commissioner's Office for using the drone. He said that if he is found using the drone without the approval of the office, appropriate legal action will be taken against him. These orders will remain in force till February 01, 2024.

Bhai Vir Singh Flower  
Festival of Fragrance  
concludes at GNDU



**KULJIT SINGH**  
**JANDIALA GURU:** The Bhai Vir Singh Flower, Plant Show and Rangoli, an annual celebrating nature's beauty and fostering environmental awareness among the youth, concluded at Guru Nanak Dev University with immense zeal and commitment for yet another splendid festival next year. The festival was organized in honor of the 151st Birth Centenary of Bhai Vir Singh, a revered figure known as the father of modern Punjabi literature and a distinguished environmentalist. The festival was meticulously planned under the visionary guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu. The festival witnessed an impressive turnout of flower enthusiasts and competitors who showcased their talent in various events related to floriculture. Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Landscape Officer and Incharge of the Bhai Vir Singh Flower, Plant Show, and Rangoli, highlighted the competitive spirit displayed in different categories. Khalsa College for Women, Amritsar emerged victorious, securing the first position in seven categories for both flowers and plants while Mr. Puneet Kumar of Amritsar clinched the second spot in seven and two categories. The third position was claimed by Khalsa College of Education, Amritsar, excelling in two and eight categories.

Talk on career prospects  
in science at RBU



**LK BANSAL**  
**MOHALI:** In an endeavour to guide students towards a successful career path, the Department of Chemistry of the Rayat Bahra University organized an insightful lecture on career opportunities/jobs for students after completing graduation/ post-graduation degrees. Dr Rajeev Kumar chairperson department of environment studies (PU) was the guest speaker and shared valuable insights with the students. The session started with a welcome note for guest speaker by Dr Harish Kumar, Head of the Chemistry Department. The lecture delved deep into the diverse range of career avenues available to students, highlighting both traditional and emerging fields. The speaker emphasized the importance of aligning academic pursuits with personal interests, going abroad and career aspirations, encouraging students to explore their potential and make informed decisions. Elaborating on the job prospects after graduation, he provided a comprehensive overview of various industries and the skills required for different roles.

Freezing cold intensifies as mercury  
continues to fall in Kashmir

AGENCY  
SRINAGAR, DEC 7

Kashmir valley shivers as mercury continues to fall at most of the stations experiencing the coldest night of the season on Thursday, officials said.

The Meteorological Office said Srinagar continued to experience the season's coldest consecutive night on Thursday, with temperatures plummeting to -2.6°C against the -2.0°C recorded the previous night. It was -2.1°C below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season.

However, the maximum temperature was recorded at 1°C-3°C above normal in Kashmir Valley on the previous day.

After experiencing the season's coldest night,



Pahalgam in south Kashmir, although it remained the coldest place in Kashmir valley, the night temperature slightly improved and was recorded at -4.9°C on Thursday against the -

5.1°C recorded the previous night. It was still 1.7°C below normal for the tourist hot spot, the MeT office said.

Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway

recorded a low of -2.2°C against the -2.0°C, and Kokernag recorded a low of -1.4°C against the -0.5°C recorded the previous night.

Mercury also dips in Gulmarg and settles at -2.5°C against the -2.2°C recorded the previous night. However, it was still 1.2°C above normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir.

The night temperature also plunged in Kupwara and settled at -3.1°C against the -2.7°C recorded the previous night. It was 1.3°C below normal for the border district of north Kashmir district.

MeT forecast of dry weather to continue till December 10 and generally cloudy on December 11 in Jammu and Kashmir. The night temperature is likely to see further fall during this week, the MeT office said.

Anil Vij salutes soldiers on  
Armed Forces Flag Day



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
CHANDIGARH, DEC 7

Haryana Home Minister Sh. Anil Vij today paid tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the motherland on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day. While making voluntary contribution on the occasion of Flag Day, the Home Minister said that the amount collected on Flag Day is used for the welfare of the dependents of martyrs. He

appealed to the people of the state to voluntarily contribute to the donation box kept by the District Sainik Boards on the occasion of Flag Day. He said that the soldiers of the country are standing firm on the country's borders even in adverse circumstances and are continuously showing courage, bravery and greatness. Due to our soldiers that the country's borders are secure and our independence and sovereignty remain intact.

Is it a crime to be a senior  
citizen in India?: Poonam Verma

**VERMA**  
**GURDASPUR:** State General Secretary of Goldsmith Society Punjab (Regd) Amrit Verma and newly appointed President Madam Poonam Verma, All India Goldsmith Society and Research Institute Punjab and media in-charge of the state Pawan Verma jointly told the press whether the status of senior citizens in India at the age of 70 years is People of this age are completely deprived of medical insurance, loan on EMI and issuance of driving license. They are not given any work for financial work, hence they remain dependent on others. Those who have paid all the taxes in their life, but now even after becoming a senior citizen, they will have to pay all the taxes? There is no scheme for senior citizens in India. This is gross injustice. In politics, senior citizens, whether they are MLAs, MPs or ministers, get everything and also get pension, but we senior citizens have been paying many types of taxes to the government throughout our lives, yet we do not get pension. Imagine, if for some reason the children do not take care of them in their old age, then where will they go? This is a very shameful and painful thing. If the elders of the country get angry then it will affect the elections and the government may have to suffer the consequences. Senior citizens have the power to change the government of the country, they are considered weak and ignored.



Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh  
Sandhwa pays obeisance at Dera Hansali



**BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA**  
**SIRHIND:** Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwa paid obeisance at Nirmal Dera Hansali Sahib and received blessings from Baba Paramjit Ji. On this occasion, while talking to the journalists, he said that this land touched by the feet of Brahm Giani Sant Baba Ajit Singh ji increases our brotherhood. He said that the Punjab government is trying to provide good facilities to the people. While reforms are being made in the education policy by the government, work is also being done at the ground level to make health facilities better. The common people have got a big relief after the Punjab government waived electricity. In the coming time, the Punjab government is going to bring many more schemes, which will benefit the people of Punjab. On this occasion, MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai welcomed Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Sardar Kultar Singh Sandhwa on his arrival at the land of Fatehgarh Sahib and said that Kultar Singh Sandhwa is a very honest and good hearted person. On this occasion, Dera Chief Baba Paramjit Singh honored Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhawan and MLA Lakhvir Singh Rai by presenting siropao. Gaurav Arora, Mohit Sood, Ashish Kumar Attri, Atar Singh Kherra, Amarinder Mandofal, Bikar Rajindergarh etc. were also present on this occasion.

Give the message of goodwill, love and peace by  
reading Geeta for one minute: Swami Gyananand

RAMAN GUPTA  
KAITHAL, DEC 7

On December 23 at 11 am, crores of people across the country will recite Geeta together. This program will take place on a global level. On December 23, at 11 am, everyone will recite the first, middle and last shloka of Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta together. This information was given by Geeta Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj while holding a meeting of representatives of all social organizations at the Invitation Palace in Kaithal. In this meeting, mainly Kaithal Halka MLA Leela Ram, BJP leader Suresh Garg Nauch and other social workers took the blessings of Swami Gyananand ji. Here Swami Gyan Anand ji called upon the presidents of Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti, Jio Geeta Parivar and all the religious institutions of Kaithal city that on the upcoming Geeta Jayanti, everyone should be a part of this campaign of reciting Geeta together for one minute. On December 23, everyone should give the message of goodwill, love and peace



by reading Gita together for one minute. Geeta is definitely a book of faith of Hindus, but it is not a Hindu scripture. Geeta is a book of complete human welfare. Therefore, like every time, this time too people of all castes, religions, communities and regions should come together and recite Geeta on 23rd December at 11 am. He said that for the first time on December 23, Geeta Jayanti Mahotsav is being celebrated in Jammu also. He said that 5,160 years ago, on December 23, between 10:30 and 11:30 in the morning, Lord Shri Krishna had given the message of Arjuna's Geeta.

17 cows recovered alive from slaughter  
house by Cow Protection Team



**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA:** 17 cows were recovered alive from a slaughterhouse by the cow protection team in a late-night raid with the police in Bhadalbad village near Barnala and taken to a safe place in Pune and green fodder was arranged. The police of Thuliwal police station arrived at the spot and registered a case against a total of 5 persons after taking into custody the director of this slaughterhouse and a person who smuggled cow blood and started further proceedings. Anil Bansal Nana, Punjab President of Gau Raksha Dal and National President Satish Kumar told the press that his team had received a tip-off that a slaughterhouse was being run in Bhadalbad, a village near Barnala. Where many cow lineages have been brought. As soon as the information was received, his team conducted a raid along with the police at around 1:00 pm on the spot. Giving information about this, DSP Mahalkala Kanwalpal Singh said that in this case, Salim Kaka resident of Malerkotla has been arrested on the spot by the police of Thana Thuliwal.

'104- years- old Chaudhary Mansa  
Ram Bajar was a popular social person'

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER

**NAWANSHAHR:** An Unforgettable Person 104-year-old Chaudhry Mansa Ram Bajar ji was a person with beautiful thoughts who was always at the forefront of social service activities. Born in Thopia, Kathgarh, Nawanshahr in 1919, Chaudhary Mansa Ram Bajar was the son of Chaudhary Rania Ram. These were four brothers. Famous freedom fighter Chaudhary Anant Ram Bajar was his elder brother. He had spent eight months in jail during the freedom struggle. Indira Gandhi Tamar Patra awardee Thopia was a famous person of Kathgarh. Chaudhary Mansa Ram Bajar started contracting from Lahore and then from Rawalpindi after his primary education. After the partition of the country, he did business first at Saharanpur and then at Bandhani Kalan. Devoted to social work, Chaudhry Mansa Ram Bajar was popular in Thopia and the area. A source of inspiration for the youth, hands full of blessings on the heads of girls, a pioneer of social work, Chaudhry Mansa Ram Bajar, a person who said very serious things will always be remembered. The 104-year-old Hashan was an example for the area. Never got sick all my life. Always have a smile on your face. Hearing the news of his death, silence spread everywhere. The entire management of MR City, where his son Suresh Kumar is working as a manager, expressed their grief on the death of Chaudhary Mansaram Bajarji.



Armed Forces Flag Day celebrated

KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA, DEC 7

The auspicious day of Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated on 07 December every year to remember the sacrifices made by the soldiers deployed in the Indian Army for the defence of the country. This day reminds us that We are indebted to the soldiers of the Army, Air and Naval Forces, who fought so bravely to protect the distant frontiers and many of them made great sacrifices for the freedom, unity and integrity of the nation in the service of the country. On this day, to keep the spirits of the serving soldiers high, they are given the belief that the people of the country are with them in every good and bad time. On the occasion of Armed Flag Day, the badges of Deputy Commissioner Barnala Ms Poonamdeep Kaur and administrative officers of



District Barnala were installed today. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Poonamdeep Kaur said that every year December 7 is celebrated as Armed Flag Day. On this occasion, a warm tribute is given to the Surams who gave their lives for the country and also donations are collected for their families so that they can be helped. Deputy Commissioner Barnala, while donating money to the flag

fund on the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, appealed to the people to donate the maximum amount for this noble cause by extending a generous and voluntary hand to help the needy. Commander Baljinder Virk, District Defense Services Welfare Officer Barnala said that on this day, every citizen of the country, from students to industrialists, all the armed forces donate wholeheartedly to celebrate Flag Day.

Trident Group exhibits latest design of notebooks and  
relaunches Enviro Copier in 65 GSM paper at Paperex'23

KARANPREET KARAN  
BARNALA, DEC 7

Trident Group, a USD 2+ billion global conglomerate exhibited the latest range of notebooks and relaunched its Enviro Copier paper in 65 GSM at PaperEx'23 held on December 6-9, 2023, at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida. Trident Paper, one of the largest wheat straw-based paper manufacturers in the country enjoys a robust market share of 9-10% in the branded copier segment.

With a continued focus on embracing a greener tomorrow, Trident revamped its copier packaging by incorporating Himalayan flowers and unveiled it at Trident Associate Meet in August 2023 bringing them closer to their brand ethos. Adding to this, at Paperex 2023, an array of themed



notebooks, ranging from the futuristic allure of Cyberpunk to the cultural richness of Sanskriti were launched. Complementing this diverse collection, the latest notebook cover designs embody the essence of Indian culture and education to reignite interest and awareness. Additionally, the Group has also re-launched its Enviro Copier Paper in 65 GSM targeting the masses,

that offers stunning performance and is real value for money. Speaking at Paperex 2023 Mr. Abhishek Gupta, CEO, Strategy & Marketing, Trident Group said, "With this latest range, new packaging, and relaunch of Enviro, we are not just presenting products; we are weaving stories, capturing imaginations, and fostering relationships with the consumers."



Editorial

Hollow wisdom

Those familiar with some of the voluminous literature on elections, both in India and elsewhere, will readily concede the importance of tracking the campaign in flight. That is because the outcome has an uncanny habit of generating wisdom in hindsight. Retracing the path of an election, beginning with the jostling for nominations in different parties and culminating in the analysis of the outcome, will reveal a cruel truth. Often, the eventual verdict is sharply at variance with the reality as presented by the fourth estate.

During my days in academia, I recall looking closely at how the English-language print media covered the general elections of 1971 and 1984, both of which produced emphatic verdicts in favour of the ruling party. In the 1971 polls, the mainstream newspapers were divided between those (such as The Statesman and The Indian Express) that were viscerally opposed to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and those that were more favourably inclined. However, editorial positions notwithstanding, the media as a whole failed quite miserably to assess the popular groundswell in favour of the garibi hatao appeal. The belief that the election would result in a hung Lok Sabha was widespread. Likewise, in 1984, a smug media completely failed to gauge the magnitude of the countrywide emotional upsurge at the assassination of Indira Gandhi. It was busy looking at caste and community equations when the mood in the country was in favour of upholding national unity.

In the aftermath of last Sunday's declaration of the results of the assembly elections in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Telangana, there has been a rigorous dissection of the results. In the English-language media at least, most of the post-mortem exercises have centred on the question: why did the Congress fare so miserably in the three Hindi-speaking states?

The question is itself revealing and points to the fact that the media (including an influential section of the electronic media) was inclined to see the elections as an expression of the upsurge against the Narendra Modi government and the Bharatiya Janata Party on livelihood and democracy issues. There was an undeniable temptation (not merely among those who perceive themselves as the 'independent media') to juxtapose their own understanding of Indian politics on the voting preferences of the electorate. This was compounded by the distortions, particularly in the 'national' media, created by the public relations machinery of the Congress government of Chhattisgarh and, to a lesser extent, of Rajasthan.

Italy exits China's Belt and Road Initiative

Italy has taken an exit from China's Belt and Road Initiative, four years after becoming the only Group of Seven (G7) nation to sign up for it.

The withdrawal was initially reported by the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera, which stated that Beijing was informed of the much-awaited decision three days ago. Italy was the first significant Western country to join the project in 2019, despite US worries about China acquiring control over vital infrastructure and technologies.

According to an auto-translation of the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera, the formal exit of Rome from the project occurred through the cancellation of the agreement by the Italian government.

In the end, after weeks of confidential negotiations and some diplomatic misunderstandings, Italy produced a verbal note, accompanied it with promises of strategic friendship capable of relaunching relations between the two states, and delivered it in Beijing to the Chinese government authorities, the Italian publication Corriere della Sera reported.

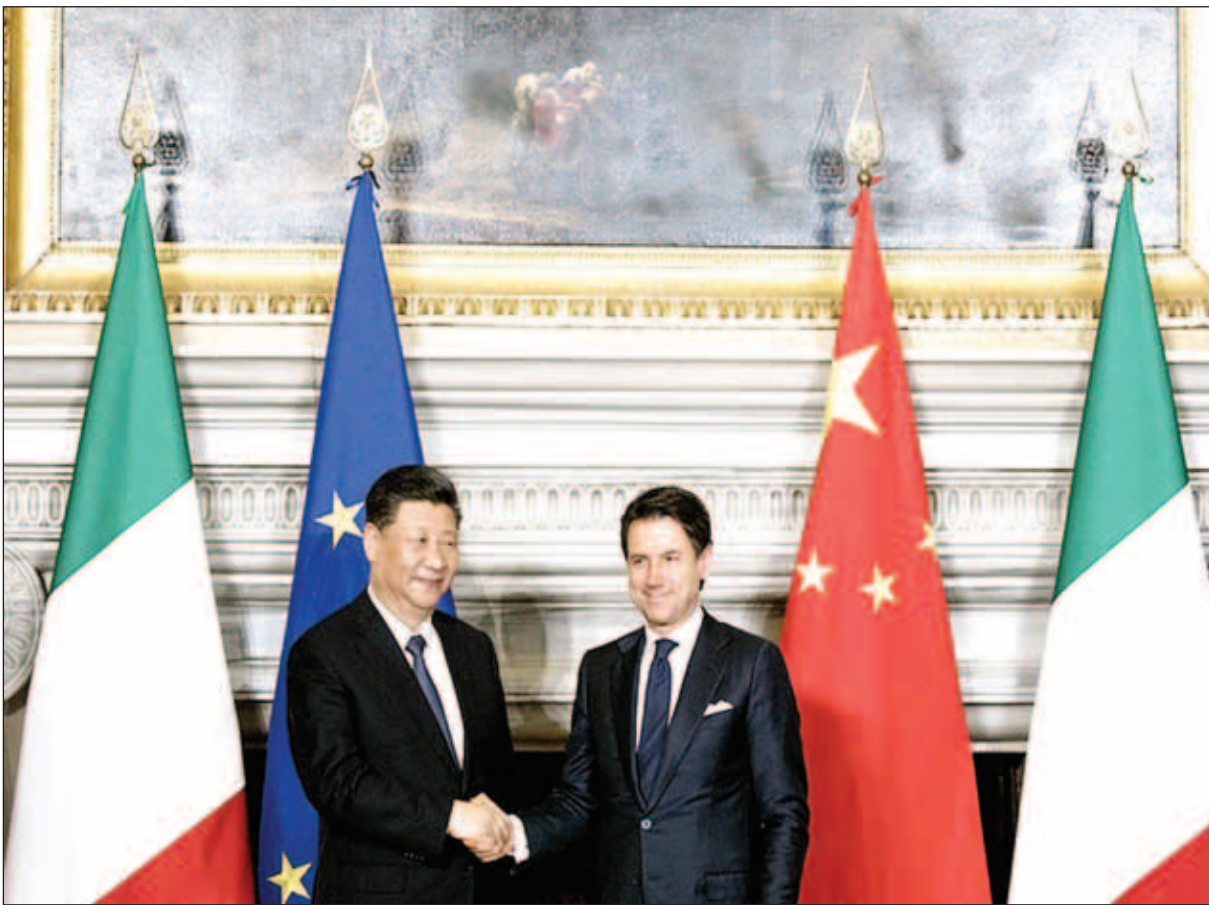
It is advantageous for both that there was little public announcement of the official cancellation (none of the two countries released a statement).

Beijing is in charge of a project that has partially fallen into financial difficulties.

The Silk Road Memorandum was notably signed by then-Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte of Italy and Chinese President Xi Jinping on March 23, 2019, according to Corriere della Sera.

Notably, it was upon taking office last year, that Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni stated her intention to pull out of the BRI, citing the absence of significant advantages for her country, Al Jazeera reported.

It was earlier in September this year that Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni had said that leaving the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) also known as Silk Road does not compromise relations with China. According to Italian media, Corriere della Sera daily, it was on the sidelines of the G20 Summit here in Delhi this year, that the Italian PM met Chinese Premier Li Qiang and shared her plan to pull out of the BRI. In the press conference on the last day of the G20 Summit, Meloni turned to talk about



the conversation she had with the head of the Chinese government. "A cordial and constructive dialogue on how we can deepen our bilateral partnership... I intend to keep my commitment to visit China...It makes more sense to go to China when we have more information on our bilateral cooperation and how to develop it," Meloni said at

the conference, according to the Italian media report. "Leaving the Silk Road does not compromise relations, but the decision still has to be taken," the prime minister assured. "The Italian government was invited to the Belt and Road Forum, but yesterday we didn't talk about it," Meloni said at the conference.

Literature & Health

Google launches its largest and 'most capable' AI model, Gemini



In its most ambitious effort to compete in the rapidly growing field of generative artificial intelligence (AI), Google has introduced 'Gemini' as the company's "largest and most capable AI model", CNN reported on Wednesday.

The report stated that Gemini is designed to compete with the likes of OpenAI's GPT models and supercharge everything from Google's consumer apps to Android smartphones and that foresees the tech giant's model being used in every setting, from big companies to consumer devices such as the Google Pixel 8 Pro.

Unlike existing AI models that typically deal with only one type of user prompt, such as exclusively images or text, Gemini was built to be "multimodal," Google said. This means it accepts inputs that include multiple types of media, combining text, images, audio, video and programming code.

"This new era of models represents one of the biggest science and engineering efforts we've undertaken as a company," said Google CEO Sundar Pichai in a blog post, according to CNN.

Google's Gemini model outperformed rival AI models in testing across more than two dozen benchmarks commonly used by AI researchers to evaluate an algorithm's reading comprehension, mathematical ability, and multistep reasoning skills, the company said.

"We do see it setting new kinds of frontiers across the board," Eli Collins, vice president of product at Google DeepMind, told reporters on a conference call Tuesday. In recognition of those risks, Google said Wednesday that Gemini Ultra, its most advanced version of the model, will only be released gradually to "select customers, developers, partners and safety and responsibility experts for early experimentation.

Elon Musk's AI startup xAI seeks to raise USD 1 billion funding

Elon Musk's artificial intelligence venture, xAI, has recently disclosed its intention to secure up to a billion dollars in funding, as indicated in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Fox Business reported.

The filing on Tuesday by X.AI Corp (dba xAI) outlined a plan to raise USD 1 billion in an equity offering, with more than USD 134 million already successfully raised. The document revealed that the company had entered into a binding agreement for the sale and purchase of the remaining USD 865 million.

Responding to a post by Gene Munster of Deepwater Asset Management on the financing, Elon Musk clarified on Wednesday, saying, "We are not raising money right now." Munster's post suggested that Musk's fundraising efforts were aimed at competing with OpenAI and Anthropic.

According to a source cited by the New York Post, xAI is "raising money at a valuation that will likely be between \$4 billion and \$10 billion," adding that the revelation is the first known fundraising round for Musk's start-up. This marks the first publicly known fundraising round for Musk's AI startup, according to Fox Business.

The filing follows Musk's announcement a month ago that xAI's "Grok" chatbot, designed to rival OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Bard, had entered the beta testing phase. Musk, who co-founded OpenAI in 2015 and resigned from its board in 2018, launched xAI to compete with ChatGPT and other major players in the AI domain. He has been outspoken about his



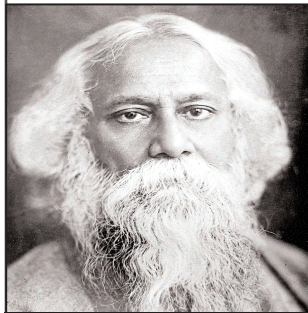
concerns regarding what he perceives as censorship in Big Tech firms' AI initiatives and has expressed his intent to develop a truth-seeking AI that seeks to understand the universe.

Since its inception in July, xAI has attracted talent from notable AI research firms such as Google's DeepMind unit and Microsoft. Musk, also the CEO of Tesla and the proprietor of the X social media platform, clarified that xAI and the X social media platform are distinct entities, despite working closely together. xAI is actively collaborating with Tesla in addition to its interaction with the X social media platform, Fox Business reported.

POEM

Vocation

When the gong sounds ten in the morning and I walk to school by our lane. Every day I meet the hawker crying,



Rabindranath Tagore

"Bangles, crystal bangles!"

There is nothing to hurry him on, there is no road he must take,

no place he must go to, no time when he must come home. I wish I were a hawker, spending my day in the road, crying, "Bangles, crystal bangles!"

Rabindranath Tagore

Eye scans provide vital information about kidney health: Study

According to studies, 3D eye scans can give critical information about kidney health that can assist in tracking disease progression. The advance could revolutionise the monitoring of kidney disease, which often progresses without symptoms in the early stages.

Experts say the technology has potential to support early diagnosis as current screening tests cannot detect the condition until half of the kidney function has been lost.

Researchers used highly-magnified images to detect changes to the retina - the layer of tissue at the back of the eye that senses light and sends signals to the brain. They found that the images offer a quick, non-invasive way to



monitor kidney health. The eye is the only part of the body where it is possible to view a key process called microvascular circulation - and this flow of blood through the body's tiniest ves-

sels is often affected in kidney disease.

Researchers at the University of Edinburgh investigated whether 3D images of the retina, taken using a technology called optical coherence tomography (OCT), could be used to identify and accurately predict the progression of kidney disease.

OCT scanners - used in most high street opticians - use light waves to create a cross-sectional picture of the retina, displaying each individual layer, within a few minutes. The team looked at OCT images from 204 patients at different stages of kidney disease, including transplant patients, alongside 86 healthy volunteers.

They found that patients with chronic kidney disease had thinner reti-

nas compared with healthy volunteers. The study also showed that thinning of the retina progressed as kidney function declined.

These changes were reversed when kidney function was restored following a successful transplant. Patients with the most severe form of the disease, who received a kidney transplant, experienced rapid thickening of their retinas after surgery. More people than ever are at risk of kidney disease, which is often caused by other conditions that put a strain on the kidneys, including diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. With further research, regular eye checks could one day aid early detection and monitoring to prevent the disease from progressing. It could also

allow patients to make lifestyle changes that reduce the risk of health complications, experts say.

The technology, supported by Heidelberg Engineering's imaging platform, could also aid the development of new drugs, the research team says.

It could do so by measuring changes in the retina that indicate whether - and in what way - the kidney responds to potential new treatments.

The researchers say further studies - including longer-term clinical trials in larger groups of patients - are needed before the technology can be routinely used. An estimated 7.2million people in the UK live with chronic kidney disease - more than 10% of the population. It costs the NHS around £7billion

each year. The study is published in Nature Communications. It was funded by Kidney Research UK, and supported by Edinburgh Innovations, the University's commercialisation service.

Dr Neeraj (Bean) Dhaun, Professor of Nephrology at the University of Edinburgh's Centre for Cardiovascular Science, said: "We hope that this research, which shows that the eye is a useful window into the kidney, will help identify more people with early kidney disease - providing an opportunity to start treatments before it progresses. "It also offers potential for new clinical trials and the development of drug treatments for a chronic disease that, so far, has proved extremely difficult to treat."



Vi Sets Guinness World Record with Largest Notebook Sentence – Over 23,000 Notebooks!

**S**HIMLA: In line with its on-going campaign 'Be Someone's We' that aims to be a partner in building a better today and a brighter tomorrow by bringing people together and making people feel loved and cared for, Vi, the leading telecom operator, today has created a Guinness World Record for the World's largest notebook sentence, using 23071 notebooks. This initiative took place at Janeshwar Mishra Park in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh where more than 700 people including Vi employees and their families, 500 underprivileged kids from Umeed Foundation, Care Education Trust, Aadiyoti Sewa Samiti and Bal Shahswat Foundation came together to create world's largest notebook sentence - 'Be Someone's We'; thus sharing the message of inclusivity and togetherness. Vi will be donating 23071 notebooks used in creating the world record to Ministry of Education – Uttar Pradesh. The primary objective behind attempting this GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title is inspired from everyday life scenarios to illustrate how a network brings an entire community together and serves as a bridge for forming human/social bonds. Further, promoting inclusivity and fostering a sense of togetherness.

Tata Motors and HDFC Bank sign MoU for seamless digital financing solutions

**C**HANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, and HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide attractive digital financing solutions for its commercial vehicle customers. This collaboration marks a significant leap in enhancing the accessibility of financial services for Tata Motors commercial vehicles customers. Under this partnership, Tata Motors customers can now seamlessly access HDFC Bank's vehicle financing solutions through Tata Motors' Online Sales Platform and the innovative Tata e-Guru mobile application. The integration of financial services into the digital ecosystem will ensure a streamlined process, allowing customers to select their preferred financier that suits the requirements. Commenting on this collaboration, Mr. Rajesh Kaul, Vice President & Business Head – Trucks, Tata Motors, said, "As a customer centric company, we are delighted to onboard HDFC Bank at Tata Motors Online Sales Platform and e-Guru, providing our customers with easy and flexible financing options. This partnership aligns with our commitment to enhancing customer experience through innovative digital solutions. By integrating HDFC Bank's expertise and reach, we aim to empower our customers with a range of financial choices that suit their unique needs."

Star Health and Allied Insurance settles claims worth Rs.10 crore in Jalandhar

**J**ALANDHAR: Star Health and Allied Insurance, India's leading standalone health insurer, announced that it has cleared claims worth over Rs.10 crores in Jalandhar within the last 6 months from April '23 to September 2023. The company paid Rs.9 crore in claim settlements to network hospitals and Rs.1 crore in claim settlement to non-network hospitals in the region. Between April 2023 and September 2023, Star Health paid over Rs.8 crore in cashless claim settlement and Rs.2 crore in reimbursement claim settlements in Jalandhar. Keeping its commitment to its customers, the company settled all cashless claims within 2 hours. In most cases, the initial authorization for cashless treatment was given within 2 hours. The company has endeavoured to make the payments of reimbursement claims within 7 days of claim submission ensuring that customers do not face hassles in settlement even through the reimbursement route. Sharing his insights, Mr. Sanath Kumar K, Chief Claims Officer, Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd. said, "We are happy to say that at Jalandhar, Star Health has been quick to settle claims and approve cashless treatments. During the last 6 months, we saw a healthy number of claims from both men and women in the region."

MSDE pledges 'Ab Koi Bahana Nahi' against gender-biased violence

**C**HANDIGARH: In accordance with '16 days of activism against gender-biased violence' annual campaign, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today commenced a two-day capacity building programme for its officials under the sexual harassment of women at workplace act, 2013. The inaugural session was convened in the presence of Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, MSDE, along with other senior officials of the Ministry along with representatives of UN Women. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary MSDE, expressed that "Capacity building programmes such as the one being conducted today are important in creating awareness for every official to conduct oneself appropriately at the workplace. It is necessary that a safe and secure environment for all employees becomes a part of the workplace culture." He also directed the members of the committee formed in this regard to regularize review meetings and take necessary steps to further ingrain the essence of the

ASCI, Unstereotype Alliance Present Diversity & Inclusion Study at D&I Edge Summit

**C**HANDIGARH : The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) and the UN Women convened Unstereotype Alliance (UA), launched their collaborative study on Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) in Indian advertising. The report, prepared by Kantar, a global brand research partner to the world's leading companies, deep dives into a critical component of ESG (environmental, social and governance) goals of corporates. The study was unveiled at the DEI Edge Summit, co-hosted by ASCI and UA, and supported by organisations such as Diageo, HUL and Disney Star. The joint report provides new insights on Indian advertising's D&I representation versus global practice (leveraging data from the 2023 Global MONITOR survey) and a wealth of original findings on Indian advertising trends accommodating D&I. Some of the key dimensions of D&I representation mapped in the report were age, gender, sexual orientation, race, physical appearance, social class, disability, and religion, across 28 markets around the world. The global dimension: Compared to 33 percent of consumers across the world, 48 percent of Indians expressed the need for more inclusive representation by brands.

NANGROW™ partners with KLAY Centre of Child Development and Care

**G**URUGRAM : Nestlé NANGROW™ has announced its partnership with KLAY, a pioneer in field of early education. As part of their annual engagement with the parent community, KLAY had set up the KLAY Karnival across more than 20 centers on the occasion of Children's Day. NANGROW™, 'All Growth, All Possibilities', partnered with them in their Gurgaon center, to engage the attendees through interactive growth themed games focusing on the importance of nutrition. Talking about the association, Mr. Vineet Singh, Director, Nutrition business, Nestlé India said, "We are elated with our association with KLAY Centre of Child Development and Care. We are aligned in our common objective of working towards the learning and holistic development of toddlers and believe that the partnership would be able to positively contribute to the cause. The string of activities undertaken by the team on Children's Day at the KLAY Karnival is an exercise in the direction to achieve this objective." Mr. AK Srikanth, CEO, Founding Years Learning Solutions, KLAY Centre of Child Development and Care also spoke about the partnership. He said, "At KLAY, we're passionate about providing the optimal environment for early years' learning, and our collaboration with Nestlé NANGROW™ marks a momentous occasion, bringing together our expertise in early years' learning and Nestlé's commitment to providing learning and holistic."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Instates Special Customer Support

**C**HANDIGARH: In line with its customer-centric approach, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) instated special support measures for its affected customers in the cyclone impacted areas of Chennai and Andhra Pradesh (Includes Nellore, Tirupati, Ongole, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Kakinda & Guntur). TKM in association with its dealer partners set-up special emergency helpline numbers and designated personnel for extending immediate assistance to customers in need. In addition, Toyota Tsusho Insurance Broker India Private Limited (TTIB) has been actively involved in communicating essential information to customers regarding the precautions to be taken and guidelines for their vehicle handling during the flood situations. Mr. Takashi Takamiya, Vice President of Strategic Business Unit (South zone) at Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "Through these challenging times, we remain committed to the safety and well-being of our customers and their families, ensuring utmost care with necessary customer service supports in the cyclone affected regions. We are taking resolute measures to minimize any inconvenience to our customers, arising due to the flood situation. Apart from dedicated customer helpline services, affected car rescue operations are also being provided with the support of specially equipped Hilux vehicles."

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Toning exercises for the upper body

**S**houlders, chest, arms and abs are the first places where one starts putting on weight. Toning these parts of your body is the quickest way to make a dramatic change in your appearance. Fitness professional Nikita Waingankar says, "There are a few exercises that one can do at home with minimum or no equipment at any time of the day for approximately 45 minutes to an hour to lose weight as well as tone the muscles in these parts." The best part about toning your upper body is that the apparatus required is minimal — dumbbells and strength bands.

**For your shoulders**  
Begin your workout with a 10-minute warm up session. Include spot jogging, skipping, side stretching and jumping jacks.  
**Shoulder press:** Hold your dumbbells at each side of your shoulders with elbows below your wrists. Press the dumbbells upward until your arms are extended overhead. Lower to the sides of your shoulders and repeat.  
**Do your emotions give way to migraine?**  
**For your chest**  
Push-ups: This is a great way to ensure that your arms are toned and you lose excess fat from here. However, instead of doing the traditional pushups, you can always bend on a bench and push yourself down and then slowly rise up. Repeat the process for maximum results.  
**Chest press:** Lie down flat on a bench. Hold the dumbbells directly above your chest. Bend your elbows and hold position. Open your arms to both the sides. Make sure that your elbows are locked. When your upper arms are parallel to the floor, return the weights to the starting position and repeat.  
**For your arms**  
Bicep curl: Extend your arms straight out in front of you with your palms up. With both arms at once in the same direction curl the dumbbells straight towards your chest keeping your fist palm up. Do the same motion with your arms shoulder height and out

to the sides of your body.  
**Concentration curl:** Sit on the edge of a bench with your feet flat on the floor. Holding the dumbbells, place elbow on the insides of your thigh, just above the knee. Curl the dumbbell towards your face. Slowly lower the weight and repeat. Switch arms and repeat the exercise.  
**Overhead triceps extension:** Stand upright, with your feet and shoulder, width apart. Hold the dumbbell directly

above your head with your arm extended. Clasp your elbow with the other hand for support. Fold your elbow so that the dumbbell is lowered behind the head. Extend your arm back to the starting position.

**For your back**  
Bent over row: Stand upright next to a bench. Place one knee and hand on the bench. Your upper body should be parallel to the floor. Hold one dumbbell with the arm extended. Raise your arm up to your mid-section, keeping your back still throughout. Slowly lower your arm to the start position and repeat.  
Yoga is also an excellent way to ensure that your upper body gets toned and you lose weight from these areas. However, do not try doing such exercises alone. Get a professional to come to your home to help you with this kind of workout.  
Pilates is also known to help one tone their upper body. Cardiovascular exercises like a cross trainer also helps one to tone their upper body. You can try other forms of workouts like swimming, playing squash or badminton which helps your arms and back to tone well.



Anil Drives Educational Collaboration Between Thapar Institute and George Mason University

**C**handigarh, The 22nd Century Software Solutions has orchestrated a groundbreaking collaboration between Thapar Institute, Patiala and George Mason University, Virginia for reshaping the landscape of global education. The visionary leadership of Anil Sharma, CEO, 22nd Century Software Solutions introduced the innovative 3+1+1 Pathway Program, offering students a distinctive international academic journey that seamlessly blends academic excellence. This program is designed to provide students with a transformative academic adventure, combining a unique blend of cultural exchange and a global perspective. It lays the groundwork for unparalleled success in our interconnected world. Mr. Sharma, a distinguished member of the President's Innovation Advisory Council at GM University, has been a driving force in shaping this initiative. The formalization of this partnership took place during the visit of Megan Healy, Special Advisor/Interim Chief of Staff, George Mason University and Kammy Sanghera, Executive Director Institute, Digital Innovation (IDIA), George Mason University at office of the 22nd Century Software Solution (India) at Mohali.



Presenting the most flavourful month of year - with Licious Decemmmber

**C**handigarh : 'Tis that time of the year when there's festivity in the air and holiday cheer surrounds you. Indeed, December isn't another month - it's a feeling. But this year is different, as it isn't just December anymore, it's now Licious Decemmmber - beckoning you to embrace the merriment and indulge in meaty celebrations every day. So why wait when you can celebrate! From a wide range of Season's Specials to Treats, there are delectable offerings to get this Decemmmber started. Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, there are Red Hot Festive Deals that make this proposition even meatier! A mmmonth long celebration, there is something for everyone to go yummm this Licious Decemmmber; in the



Licious App or Website to order your favourites now. Talking about Licious' takeover of the month and making it a delectable Licious Decemmmber, Santosh Hegde, Vice President, Brand - Licious, said, "Who ever thought that year-end celebrations should only start by the last week of December, hasn't gotten a taste of 'Licious Decemmmber' yet. That's right, it isn't just 'December' anymore, but 'Licious Decemmmber', as you relish the many delicacies offered by Licious all through this month. With yummy delights across raw

& fresh as well as ready to cook categories, the sheer sound of indulgence & bliss is bound to make you go 'Decemmmber' with Licious! So don't wait, just celebrate with your loved family & friends - and make it the most flavourful month of the year! The 'Season's Specials' is surely special, with a range of exotic and festive products comprising roasts, grills and more. With offerings as Whole Roast Chicken, Atlantic Salmon, Mud Crab, Tiger Prawns, etc. the 'Specials' range is bound to add zing to your dinner gatherings and meals with friends & family. 'Treats' allows you to treat your senses to culinary delicacies with sampler packs Seer Steaks, Oriental Basil Chicken, Anchovy, various types of wings alongside a wide variety of ready-to-cook products, all at a value offering of INR 199. Truly great taste at a great price.

Doms Industries Limited IPO Opens on December 13



**G**URUGRAM : DOMS Industries Limited (the "Company") proposes to open its initial public offering ("Offer") on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Bid/ Offer Closing Date will be Friday, December 15, 2023. Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed from ₹750 per Equity Share to ₹790 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 18 Equity Shares and in multiples of 18 Equity Shares thereafter. The Offer consists of a fresh issue of such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹3,500.00 million (the "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of such number of Equity Shares ("Offered Shares") aggregating up to ₹8,500.00 million comprising of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹8,000.00 million by F.I.L.A. - Fabbrica Italiana lapis Ed Affini S.P.A., Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹250.00 million by Sanjay Mansukhlal Rajani, and Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹250.00 million by Katan Mansukhlal Rajani (collectively, "Selling Shareholders") and such offer for sale of by the Selling Shareholders, "Offer for Sale". This Offer includes a reservation of such number of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹50.00 million for subscription by Eligible Employees (the "Employee Reservation Portion"). The Company, in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, may offer a discount equivalent of ₹75 per equity share to the Offer Price to Eligible Employees bidding under the Employee Reservation Portion ("Employee Discount").

Shalimar Paints Paves the Way for a New Era with UPGRADE KIYA KYA

**C**HANDIGARH: Shalimar Paints Ltd., is all set to launch their vibrant new campaign, "UPGRADE KIYA KYA". This initiative embodies the vision of transformation, encouraging its stakeholders, including

technology and R&D. The campaign introduces an array of products, including Hero Super Premium 5 in 1 Interior Emulsion, CareWood Woodcoatings – Melamine & 1K PU, Magic brushes & rollers range, and Superlac Enamel – PU SATIN. Shalimar Paints' steadfast commitment to quality and innovation embodies a proactive, forward-thinking approach, showcasing its dedication to staying ahead of the curve in a dynamic consumer landscape. Encapsulating the brand's commitment to evolution, the company is upgrading its infrastructure, investing in cutting-edge Research and Development, and revolutionizing its product offerings with products that are backed by strong consumer research. Talking about it, Mr. Kuldeep Raina, Director-Sales and Marketing, Shalimar Paints said that in today's fast-paced world, the fervor for upgrades extends beyond material possessions. Whether it's the latest gadgets, self-improvement endeavors, or personal growth, the pursuit of upgrades has become a symbol of progress in our consumer's lives; but often, they forget to upgrade their homes and specifically home painting. With our thought-provoking initiative "Upgrade Kiya Kya", we challenge the mindset of our consumers to upgrade their homes with HERO 5 in 1 paint that delivers an exceptional product quality and features at an unbelievable price.



dealers, partners, and end consumers, to upgrade with Shalimar's new innovative product line and upgrade their lifestyle with paints that are backed by superior

HDFC Bank Launches Star-Studded PayZapp Campaign

**C**HANDIGARH/LUDHIANA:HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, today announced the launch of a star-studded PayZapp campaign. The campaign features actors Tiger Shroff, Prabhu Deva and Kapil Sharma utilising their immense popularity for a wide consumer connect. The tongue-in-cheek campaign, conceptualised by Wondriab India, a martech network, includes three films featuring the three actors wherein each showcases a range of payment choices that PayZapp offers. The campaign came from the insight that some people live their whole lives without having choices, but now they do not have to, at least when it comes to payments. Ravi Santhanam, Group Head, Chief Marketing Officer and Head – Direct to Consumer Business said, "With PayZapp, we have revamped the payment experience for all consumers extensively, making the journey smoother and easier - be it via UPI, cards or PayZapp wallet. It is not just a payment app; it is a lifestyle enabler. We want to reach every part of the country aiming to be the preferred choice of payment app for consumers. The three films on PayZapp have beautifully captured the essence of our brand message."Amil Akali, the CCO and co-founder of Wondriab India, said, "We took a contrarian approach while conceptualising the campaign."

Marengo CIMS Hospitals emerged as a preferred center for liver transplants

**A**MRITSAR: Marengo CIMS Hospital performs successfully the most complex organ transplants and is recognized for its optimized clinical and survival outcomes. The healthcare provider is one of the few hospitals to offer heart, lung, liver, kidney, and bone marrow transplants under a single roof. With a significant number of liver transplants under its belt, Marengo CIMS Hospital has emerged as a preferred destination in western India for this high-end surgery. The team of liver transplants in the hospital is led by Dr Punit Singla, Clinical Director, Liver Transplant & Surgical

Gastroenterology, Marengo Asia Hospitals. Assessing the factors that lead to end-stage liver diseases that result in the patients requiring transplants most of the time is alcohol consumption. Besides leading to serious health issues, alcohol consumption is a major cause of liver damage. The liver is a vital organ responsible for various functions such as detoxification, metabolism, and the production of proteins. Chronic alcohol abuse can lead to several liver conditions such as fatty liver diseases, alcoholic hepatitis, liver cirrhosis etc.

Marengo CIMS Hospital positioned as a prominent center for Heart Transplants

**C**HANDIGARH : Marengo CIMS Hospital is positioned today as an advanced center for heart transplants with a clinical excellence team well recognized globally. The team of doctors performs double-digit numbers annually to gain the reputation they have today. The team of doctors is led by Dr Dhiren Shah, Director – Heart Transplant Program. Heart transplantation has emerged as a well-established treatment for advanced heart failure over the past four to five decades. The last decade has witnessed a remarkable global surge in the number of heart transplant procedures, seeing an increase of more than 300% worldwide and surpassing a 400% increase in the United States alone. The Western world, particularly North America, experienced a significant uptick in heart transplant numbers, particularly since the 1980s, with annual procedures ranging from 3000 to 4000. However, the

growth has plateaued, primarily due to limitations in the availability of organs for donation. Dr Dhiren Shah, Director – Heart Transplant Program says that there are several compelling reasons for heart transplantation to become a preferred option for patients with end-stage heart failure. A heart transplant is often the only life-saving intervention for patients who have exhausted other medical treatments and interventions. This surgical procedure significantly improves the quality of life for patients by restoring normal heart function and allowing them to engage in activities they were previously unable to perform. Heart transplantation also offers a potential long-term survival and improved prognosis, especially when the transplant surgery is successful. Symptoms such as fatigue, breathlessness, and shortness of breath are overcome with a new heart, opening a realm of quality life for the patient.

NSE given ‘Exchange of the Year’ award in Singapore

**C**HANDIGARH: NSE was awarded 'Exchange of the Year' in the Regulation Asia Awards for Excellence 2023. Regulation Asia's 6th annual awards ceremony was organised on November 14 last in Singapore to announce the winners of the 'Regulation Asia Awards for Excellence 2023'. The awards recognize excellence by organisations that help to ensure the highest compliance standards are upheld in the financial industry that have shaped the regulatory

landscape in the Asia Pacific region. The award was received by Sriam Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer, NSE. Piyush Chourasia, Chief Regulatory Officer, NSE said: "It gives us immense pleasure to receive this acknowledgment from Regulation Asia for the work put in by the NSE team under the guidance of SEBI to make India the safest market in terms of investor protection even, as Indian markets continue to be the bright spot."

EdelGive Report Highlights Only 5% of 2000 NSE-Listed Companies Have Women CEOs



**G**URUGRAM : EdelGive Foundation, a leading grant-making organisation, released A Study on Pathways to Leadership for Women in Finance and Economics. The report highlights the slow progress in women's leadership roles in India – only 100 out of 2000 (5%) companies listed on the National Stock Exchange have women CEOs. The launch event featured a fireside chat between renowned journalist Faye D'Souza and Shamika Ravi, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, GoI. Along with extensive secondary research, the comprehensive study has included in-depth interviews with 55 women professionals in senior finance roles across industries (e.g., CFO, Head of Audit). The study presents valuable and highly layered insights from women leaders who have firsthand experience with workplace challenges, illuminating the need for broader support and resources to foster their professional growth. One such insight of the report from a leader highlights that "While women are far better than men in terms of attention to detail, empathy, and many other aspects of leadership, the only thing they seem to be lacking is strategic thinking."

This is because this needs to be built and cannot be acquired through an educational degree. Investments are far and few in between to support women in strategic thinking." Notably, the study found that diversity goals in recruitment can sometimes be perceived negatively, suggesting favouritism and undermining women's competence. Proactive measures by organisations and regulatory bodies are essential to cultivate supportive environments. Speaking about the challenges women face in their ascension to leadership roles, Vidya Shah, Executive Chairperson EdelGive Foundation, said, "The real barriers to women's attainment of leadership positions start early on in their lives. From the selection of academic subjects in school to the weight of caregiving responsibilities, and the persistent need to disprove entrenched stereotypes at work, women face a layered struggle. They must confront not only immediate challenges but also dismantle the longstanding disparities built over years. Therefore, it is crucial for workplaces to recognize the complexity of these barriers and actively engage in reducing their impact on women's path to leadership."

Uber-luxe Geetanjali Salon, opens its flagship store at Paragon Waterfront, Ludhiana

**L**udhiana : Geetanjali Salon, - India's pre-eminent high-street brand in India, has unveiled its grandest signature flagship store at Paragon Waterfront, South City, Ludhiana. Boasting an expansive 8,000 square feet of opulent store adorned with exquisite interiors, this establishment stands as a testament to the brand's commitment to luxury and sophistication. Sumit Israni, Managing Director and celebrity hairstylist is lauded for his unwavering



Ludhiana, Jasmine Bhasin said: Congratulations to Sumit Israni and the Geetanjali team on their new flagship store in Ludhiana. I am here to celebrate this moment and certain that the salon will continue to give better by offering their world class services."

Smartphone Overuse Strains Parent-Child Bonds: vivo study



**C**HANDIGARH- In today's digital era, smartphones have become an indispensable companion of our daily lives. However, the ubiquity and excessive use of these digital devices have cast a shadow on the sanctity of our cherished relationships. With an objective of sensitizing people on excessive use of smartphones, and in turn improving peoples' relationships with smartphones, vivo, the trusted global smartphone brand, in association with Cybermedia Research (CMR) unveiled the findings of the fifth edition of vivo Switch Off Research study today. The study titled 'Impact of smartphones on Parent - Child Relationship' focuses on how excessive and mindless use of smartphones is hampering bonds between parents and children. Beyond the boundaries of a conventional report, vivo has pledged to raise awareness around responsible use of technology by commemorating 20th December as 'Switch off' day. Through this, vivo is urging Indian consumers to join the movement, turn off their digital screens and spend quality time with their family and loved ones.

SBI General Insurance announces 6th Crop Insurance Week awareness campaign for the upcoming Rabi 2023-24 season

**C**handigarh: SBI General, a leading General Insurance Company in India, has launched 6th "Crop Insurance Week" awareness campaign for the upcoming Rabi season of 2023-24. The week-long celebration is designed to raise awareness about the significance of crop insurance and empower farmers to safeguard their agricultural investments, by educating them about the PMFBY scheme features. As a part of this initiative, the Company will conduct various activities across the states of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Assam & Karnataka which have been allotted to them under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). An extensive array of farmer awareness activities is planned to ensure broad understanding and participation in the PMFBY scheme. This includes various activities, Van Campaign for direct dissemination of PMFBY information in rural areas, Fasal Bima Pathshala (Farmers workshop), Bike rallies, Outdoor awareness camps, Bus branding activities, educational workshops in school and colleges, and exclusive workshops for women farmers, amongst others. To further boost awareness amongst farmers, SBI General will be distributing all relevant publicity materials in regional language. The campaign will also cover creative, videos, farmers testimonials, etc.



## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### 22-year-old youth missing from home under suspicious circumstances

MAINPAL KASHYAP

**INDRI:** There has been a sensation in the village after 22-year-old Sandeep suddenly went missing from home under suspicious circumstances in village Janesaro. A complaint has been submitted to the police. The Police have registered a case and started

investigate the case. According to the information received, Ravi resident of Genesaro gave a complaint to the police that his elder brother

Sandeep had gone from home towards Genesaro on December 5 evening and did not return. Sandeep used to run a hair dresser shop in village Bibipur Jatan for about three months. The family members looked for Sandeep everywhere but could not find any trace of him. Then a complaint has been given to the police. When police station in-charge Ajab Singh was talked to in this matter, he said that a missing complaint has been received from Sandeep resident of Janesaro. Police have registered a case on Ravi's complaint and started action.

### Warm farewell given to Principal Yadwinder Singh on his retirement



**BALWINDER AZAD**  
**BARNALA DEHATI:** Recently, a farewell party was organized by all the staff members at Sant Baba Atar Singh Government Polytechnic College Badbar (Barnala) for the retirement of Principal Yadwinder Singh in which SDM, Barnala S: Gopal Singh, Deputy Director from Head Office Chandigarh Navdeep Singh, Jagdeep Singh Sidhu, Harjitpal Singh, Gurmel Singh and Principal Harjinder Singh Saini, Ravinder Singh Hundal, Suresh Kumar from various colleges of Punjab, , and Mrs. Anuja Gopal arrived specially. His family members were also present in the farewell party. On this occasion, Principal Yadwinder Singh thanked the staff for giving them a farewell party.

### SDM asks BLOs to complete work of special summary revision of voter lists by Dec 95



**DR ASHOK KUMAR**  
**KARNAL:** The SDM Karnal Anubhav Mehta organized a meeting in his office with the heads/secretaries of all the political parties falling under 21-Karnal Assembly Constituency. During the meeting, he told the heads/secretaries of all the political parties that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana, Chandigarh, the work of special summary revision of voter lists would be complete by December 9 considering January 1, 2024 as the qualifying date. As per the orders of Deputy Commissioner Karnal, the work of making maximum number of votes of eligible persons in 21-Karnal Assembly Constituency was to be completed by all the BLOs by December 9. To complete this work on time, the Election Registration Officer and Sub Divisional Officer (NA), Karnal appealed to the heads/secretaries of all the political parties to cooperate with all the BLOs related Karnal and BLAs related to their respective political parties.

### Indian Army plays an important role in protecting country as well as helping citizens during natural disasters: DC

PARI BAJAJ

**KARNAL:** Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav said that every citizen of the country was aware of the important role of the Indian Armed Forces played. Our armed forces have a glorious history and there was no need to mention the sacrifices they have made on the land, sea and air while serving the country. In his office at the Mini Secretariat, the Deputy Commissioner met the Military and Para Military Welfare Officer and Colonel Rajeev Kundu and his staff, MM Yadav, Anil Kumar Kathuria, Ishwar Chand and Kuldeep Sangwan and wished them a happy Flag Day. On this occasion, they also hoisted the flag in presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma and officials of other departments. The DC said that the armed forces protected the nation even in times of peace. We were also aware of the important role they play in helping citizens even during natural disasters. It was our duty to the brave soldiers on the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day celebrated across the country that when they were defending the borders, sea and air their families should be taken care of and provided assistance to the heroes and their dependents who have sacrificed their lives for the defense and integrity of the motherland.



# Anil Vij listens to public problems and instructs officers to take action

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
CHANDIGARH, DEC 7

Haryana Home Minister Sh. Anil Vij, while taunting about the statement given by the Congress leader of Madhya Pradesh, said, "Their (Congress) face has become black since a long time, they have understood now." The work they (Congress) have done in independent India is only going to blacken them and now they have blackened (Kalikh) themselves. It is noteworthy that a Congress leader from Madhya Pradesh had said that if BJP gets more than 50 seats then he will blacken (Kalikh) himself. In this regard, Sh. Vij was answering the questions asked by media persons today. In response to another question, he said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has his own thinking, he wants to see the country united, but Shashi Tharoor or many Congress leaders like him want to see the country in parts, hence they talk



about multiple constitutions.

Haryana Home and Health Minister Sh. Anil Vij listened to the problems of the people of the state at his residence today and directed the concerned officials to take action. The army officer complained to the Home

Minister about the fraud of Rs 28 lakhs, on which the Home Minister instructed Ambala SP to take action. The woman who came from Karnal complained about the police releasing the names of the accused in the fraud case, on which the

### Encouraging entrepreneurship essential for women empowerment: Jimmy Shergill



**AMRIK SINGH**  
**AMRITSAR:** Bollywood actor Jimmy Shergill has said that promoting women entrepreneurship is essential for women empowerment. If women are self-reliant, the path of development of the country and the state will be easy. On Thursday, Jimmy Shergill arrived at the opening of the 17th PITEX being organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jimmy Shergill PHDCCI. Launching the brochure related to the programs and future plans of the Women's Wing SHE Forum brochure said that this is a worthwhile initiative of the Chamber to make women self-reliant. He said that the role of women entrepreneurs in PITEX is commendable. On this occasion, Bharti Sood, Regional Director of PHDCCI, said that the She Forum has been formed by the Chamber on June 24 this year to provide a better platform to women entrepreneurs and their products. Now it is being gradually expanded. On this occasion, the convener of SHE Forum Amritsar, Tina Agarwal, said that various programs have been drawn up by the forum to make women aware.

## Raahgiri programme held on Armed Forces Flag Day

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA  
GUHLA CHEEKA, DEC 7

As per the instructions of SP Upasana, Kaithal Police is continuously making the residents of the district aware about not consuming drugs by running a drug awareness campaign. Under this campaign, on the Armed Forces Flag Day, a Raahgiri programme was organised at Shaheed Uddham Singh Chowk Cheeka giving the message of staying away from drugs. Apart from police personnel, school children and the general public participated in the pedestrian program. In a series of programs, school children and artists Surendra Romeo, Anil Dhanauri, Anshu Rana left an impact with their drama, songs and dances dedicated to folk culture. The common people and school children present there danced as part of the procession program. Let us tell you that since the last few days, the team of Inspector Satish Kumar, PSI Ramlal,



HC Sukhbir and HC Sunil Kumar under the leadership of DSP Kuldeep Beniwal in Kaithal district is continuously making the residents of the district aware about not taking drugs. SP Upasana praised the work being done by the said team in the interest of the society and congratulated the said team for this successful event. The SP said that a person involved in sports stays away from drug addiction, hence children should be encouraged towards sports along with studies from a young age so that the child grows up, stays away from drug addiction, maintains his health and becomes successful.

### District Health department issues advisory regarding swine flu



GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL

**KHAMANO:** The District Health Department, Fatehgarh Sahib, has issued advisory regarding spread of Swine flu as it has struck in the state. Two cases have been found positive in Pathankot district. Giving information in this regard, Civil Surgeon Dr. Davinderjit Kaur said that there was no need to be afraid of swine flu but to take precaution. Prevention and immediate treatment measures were needed. She told that a special virus called swine flu H1N1 caused it. It was spread from one person to another through breathing. She said that to avoid this, cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief while coughing or sneezing, wash your hands thoroughly with soap before and after touching your nose, eyes and mouth, avoid crowded places, maintain distance from a person suffering from cough, running nose, sneezing and fever, drink plenty of fluids, do not shake hands with a sick person with flu symptoms, do not spit outside and in open fields. She said that this could be avoided by taking such precaution She said that Asha workers would go door-to-door to make common people aware about swine flu.

### Check-up camp for knee and bone diseases on Dec 10

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA

**RAMPURA PHUL:** Popular social service organization Punariyoti Eye Donation Society is proving to be beneficial for the people of the area. A checkup camp for patients with knee and bone diseases will be organized on Sunday, December 10 at Sant Trivaini Giri Punariyoti Eye Hospital under the leadership of Mahant Shri Ram Narayan Giri. Rakesh Tayal, president of the organization, said that during the camp, patients suffering from knee and bone diseases will be examined by Dr. Deepak Garg, who came from Fortis Hospital, Delhi. It is worth mentioning that the society conducts monthly free eye surgery (lense) and check-up camp. Apart from this, apart from the great works like eye donation, body donation, doctors are present daily in the hospital of the society for the treatment of various diseases. All members of the society were present on this occasion.



### Dr. Vivek Lal inaugurates Skin Bank and CME on "Advances in Burn Care and Skin Banking' in PGI



**CHANDIGARH:** The inauguration of SKIN BANK at the Department of Plastic Surgery, PGIMER, Chandigarh was done on Thursday by Prof. Vivek Lal, Director PGIMER, Chandigarh. Prof. Atul Parashar, Head Department of Plastic Surgery, PGIMER Chandigarh informed that it is one of the first Skin Bank in the Northern Region. Skin Bank facility will be very useful for patients with major burn injuries. The Director also inaugurated a CME on "Advances in Burn Care and Skin Banking." Leading experts in the field of burn injuries shared their insights on the latest developments in burn management, ranging from innovative surgical techniques to advancements in post-burn

rehabilitation. As we all know, burns cause tremendous physical, psychological, and financial stress on patients and their families. PGIMER, Chandigarh, a tertiary care center for burns, receives approximately 500 patients with burns annually. Most of these patients have burns on more than 40% of their body surface area, requiring extensive surgeries and often leaving them without enough skin graft donor areas. As a result, healing of burned areas is not possible or is delayed, leading to scarring, contractures and prolonged hospital stay. Skin is the largest organ of the human body with crucial protective function, and skin lost due to burns must be replaced by skin from elsewhere.

## Governor Dattatreya inaugurates International Gita Mahotsav

DALBIR MALIK  
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 7

Governor Bandaru Dattatreya inaugurated the Saras and Crafts Fair in Kurukshetra amidst the sound of conch shells and with this the International Geeta Mahotsav was inaugurated grandly on Thursday. With the inauguration of the fair, there was happy of the artists and craftsmen came from 24 states across the country. These artists not only made the inauguration ceremony memorable but also enhanced it by showcasing the culture of their respective states. Along with this Fair, the Governor also inaugurated the media center of the festival amidst chanting of mantras. He inaugurated the Saras and Crafts Fair as per tradition by



lighting the lamp at the International Geeta Mahotsav 2023 on the holy banks of Brahmasarovar and expressed his devotion by offering flowers on the Shrimad Bhagavad Geeta. After this, the Governor visited the crafts and Saras fair on the banks of Brahmasarovar. During this, he interacted with Dhol-Nangada party, juggling artists, dancing artists and bean party. Apart from this, after seeing the crafts from different states of the country,

he also shared his feelings with the craftsmen. He said that this was a historic occasion for all of them. The beautiful and grand beginning of this crafts and art fair would be meaningful for the craftsmen. Lakhs of tourists coming from far and wide to the sacred banks of this Brahmasarovar would get to see the art of more than 250 craftsmen from 24 states and members of the self-help groups who had reached the Mela on one platform.

### CJM-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Karnal visits Nari Niketan

DR ASHOK KUMAR

**KARNAL:** Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary, Ms. Jasbir District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Karnal visited Nari Niketan Karnal on Thursday to check the facilities being provided to the women/prisoners living in Nari Niketan. She also interacted with women and made them aware about their rights under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The Superintendent was also directed to install/display information about legal rights, so that women were made aware of their legal rights as prescribed under the Rules and Regulations of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. The officer was especially apprised about various legal aid schemes for women and the process to avail such services etc. Existence of Women Justice Act and rules made there under and existence of committees constituted under women's welfare were also apprised of. She was also informed about the functioning of District Legal Services Authority, Karnal. The officer was directed to maintain cleanliness around Nari Niketan and the inspection house. Jasveer, Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services, Karnal, while talking to the women living there, asked about any inconvenience being faced by them, to which they said that they were not facing any kind of inconvenience here.



### Meet Hayer lays foundation stone for renovation of pond based on Thapar model at Village Brown



**BALWINDER AZAD**  
**BARNALA DEHATI:** Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hare today laid the foundation stone for the renovation of the pond based on the Thapar model at a cost of 71.17 lakh rupees at village Brown. Addressing the villagers about this, he said that after the completion of this project, the villagers will not face any problem regarding the disposal of dirty water.

He said that the work of this pond located in an area of 1.5 acres will be completed and dedicated to the villagers within the next 5 months. Earlier, renovation of ponds at villages Badbar, Bhatthalan, Amala Singh Wala, Karamgarh, Jhalur, Rajgarh and Farwahi has been based on Thapar model. The work will be started soon in the remaining villages.

The minister said that currently works related to the irrigation department worth Rs. 1.50 crore are going on in Barnala constituency so that the farmers do not face any problem in getting water for agriculture. Out of this, Rs 88 crore works are going on at Sanghera.

### AAP leaders demand to get rid of stray animals problem in Yamunanagar



PREETI RANI

**SADHAURA:** On Thursday, the leaders of Aam Aadmi Party, while talking to journalists in Yamunanagar told that every section of the society was unhappy under the BJP-JJP coalition government in Haryana. Farmers, laborers, traders, employees, all of them were upset with the policies of the government. AAP leader Sushil Jain said that the people of Yamunanagar district that in urban areas and rural areas stray animals have become routine problem for the general public. Every pedestrian and shopkeeper were feeling the pinch of this problem and were suffering losses. At some places there were serious injuries and losses due to stray animals on the roads even big vehicles were overturned. People were even losing their lives. Dalip Dadwa Senior Joint Secretary Yamunanagar and Karamchand former Sarpanch Budheri said in a joint statement that cows and calves were roaming in every village on every road in Yamunanagar district. He accused the municipal corporation and the government of negligence as the municipal administration and the government did not make any arrangements for the stray animals.

### Annual sports and cultural programme organizesd at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Khanpur



DAVINDER SHARMA

**RUPNAGAR:** Annual Sports Day and Cultural program was organized at Kendriya Vidyalaya Khanpur Rupnagar on Thursday till December 12. On this occasion, former junior hockey captain Mr. Harjeet Singh participated as the chief guest. The principal of the school, Mrs. Vibha Rani, teachers and all the staff attended the program. The chief guest was welcomed warmly by the students. The program started with cultural program and yoga exercises performed by the children. On this occasion, Gidda Bhangra and Khalasi dance was presented very beautifully by the school children. Various dances were performed in the school. Sports activities were also organized in which the students of the school participated enthusiastically and all the winners were honored by the chief guest and the school principal by giving medals and certificates to all the winners. At the end, chief guest Harjeet Singh inspired the children to study diligently and participate in sports enthusiastically.



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# Himanshi Khurana announces break up with Asim Riaz

## GLAMOUR

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### “Heer and papaji’s bond is similar to my bond with my father”, says Tanisha Mehta

**CHANDIGARH:** Zee TV’s recently launched fiction offering, ‘Ikk Kudi Punjab Di’ is a high-octane drama that has begun to captivate audiences with its powerful storyline and well-written characters. Based in Punjab, the show is a gripping narrative of strength and resilience. In the recent episodes, viewers witnessed how Heer (Tanisha Mehta) gets to know about the case that is going on against her Haweli and tries to help her Papaji - Beant Singh (Suneel Pushkarana) with Ranjha’s (Avinesh Rekhi) support. While Heer is someone who will go above and beyond to protect her Papaji, in real life, Tanisha shares a similar relationship with her father.

Just like Heer, Tanisha is also a very protective daughter and shares an adorable bond with her real-life father. And because of the similarities, it becomes easier for Tanisha to bring out the right emotions on-screen. In fact, even popular actor Suneel Pushkarana shared how Tanisha makes him feel very comfortable on set while shooting the father-daughter sequences.



one else come into Heer’s life?

Tanisha shared, “I’m really lucky to have an on-screen dad who reminds me a lot of my own father. Heer’s dad, like any good father, keeps his problems to himself and tries to solve them without bothering his family. He always prioritizes his family, even if it means hiding his worries. My dad does the same, but being a daddy’s girl, I can always tell when he’s upset. I do my best to help and support him, just like Heer does in the show. The bond between Heer and Papaji reflects the bond I share with my dad. Working with Suneel Ji feels like working with my own father, helping me deliver authentic emotions on screen.”

Suneel said, “Playing a father to Tanisha in the show is a blessing. She embodies sweetness, kindness, and politeness. While I don’t have any children in real life, I’ve portrayed a father’s role numerous times. Yet, this one holds a special place. I can confidently say that if I had a daughter, she would undoubtedly be like Heer.” While Heer and Papaji are giving us some major daughter-father goals, it will be interesting for the viewers to witness the upcoming track where Avinash realizes his love for Tanisha, but will he express his feelings to her? Or will someone else come into Heer’s life?

**B**igg Boss 13’ fame Asim Riaz and Himanshi Khurana are no longer together in a relationship.

On Wednesday, Himanshi took to social media and announced her break up with Asim. In a note, she confessed that they “sacrificed love for different religious beliefs.”

“YES, we are not together anymore. All the time we have spent together has been great but our togetherness comes to an end Now. The journey of our relationship was great and we are moving forward in our lives. With due respect to our respective religions, we are sacrificing our love for our different religious beliefs,” the note read.

She also asked everyone to respect their privacy.

“We request you to respect our privacy,” she added.

Himanshi, who belongs to a Punjabi Sikh family. On the other hand, Asim is a Muslim. He hails from Jammu. The two met during their stints in ‘Bigg Boss 13’ and soon fell in love with each other. After coming out from ‘Bigg Boss’, the duo also featured together in several love songs. In another social media post, Himanshi wrote, “When we tried...But we could not find a solution for our life... You still love each other but luck is not supporting happily ever after...No hate only love...That’s called mature decision.”

### On Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa, Tanishaa Mukerji delivers a heart-touching ode to her beloved dog Leo

**AMRITSAR :** Sony Entertainment Television’s celebrity dance reality show, Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa, will take you on a nostalgic ride this weekend as it welcomes the timeless Bollywood beauty, Meenakshi Sheshadri. The special episode, titled ‘Marzi Meenakshi Ki,’ will mark the celebration of Meenakshi Sheshadri’s illustrious 40-year journey in the film industry. As a part of this week’s theme, the contestants will perform to Meenakshi’s favourite songs, promising a heart-warming episode with the perfect blend of nostalgia, entertainment, and stunning dance performances. Week after week, Tanishaa Mukerji has been impressing one and all with her performances as she tries new styles and effectively delivers on the expectations of the viewers and the FAM Trio of judges. And, this weekend, Tanishaa will leave pet moms, Farah Khan and Malika Arora, emotional with her stunning performance along with choreographer Tarun Nihalani to the timeless melody of ‘Jab Koi Baat Bigad Jaaye’.

In a touching tribute, Tanishaa dedicated her performance to her beloved pet and her steadfast companion who stood by her side during the challenging phase of her life. The act beautifully encapsulated the bond between Tanishaa and her furry friend, Leo, who is currently unwell, reflecting the unconditional love that pets bring to our lives. Tanishaa’s graceful moves and emotional expression struck a chord with Judge Malaika Arora, who said, “Tanishaa, I just want to say that from the first week till today, I can see so much difference in your performances.” Don’t miss the dazzling dance performances on Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa, every Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television!



### On Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa, Rajiv Thakur talks about his fan boy moment with Meenakshi Sheshadri

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### Punjabi music industry come together for Sony LIV’s Chamak

**U**neiling a symphony of intrigue and musical mastery, Sony LIV presents Chamak. Breaking the barriers, Chamak becomes the first Indian web series, boasting a record-breaking collection of 28 soul-stirring songs crafted by 14 esteemed maestros. The inaugural chapter, featuring 15 spellbinding tracks, includes iconic melodies such as Mat Maari, Aas Lagi Hai, Edar Odar, Dhamaak London, Chal Uth Kaale, Velvet, Sunn Zindagi Ka Sangeet, Kangi Wava, Jaave Yara (Song of Pain), Main Meera Main Deewani, Gattar Bandey, Khairaat reprise, Tota Puri, Ganda Banda and Khairaat, promising an unforgettable auditory odyssey. The composers have put together background scores that truly embody the central and peripheral themes of the series, bringing out the tribulations that musicians undergo to fulfill their dreams.

Delving into the album, Mat Maari is composed by Vikram Montrose and sung by Vikram Montrose and MC Square with lyrics by Shekhar Astitwa and MC Square. AasLagi Hai is composed by Sunny M.R., sung by Asees Kaur, Harjot Kaur, Shashwat Singh and Mandy Gill and lyricised by Amitabh Bhattacharya. Edar Odar and Dhamaak London are composed, sung, and lyricised by Manna Singh, Jagir Singh, Late. Sri Ulfat Bajwa, Jatinder Shah, Sunidhi Chauhan, StebinBen and Malkit Singh respectively. Much like the show, the album has a dose of romance with songs like Sunn Zindagi Ka Sangeet, Kangi Wava, and Jaave Yara (Song of Pain), which are composed, sung, and lyricised by Manna Singh, Mika Singh, Nandini Sharma and Ajaydeep Sandhu respectively. The songs that have already created waves with their picture-perfect tunes are Khairaat and Ganda Banda, which are sung, composed, and lyricised by Kanwar Grewal, Manna Singh, Vani Rai, Shekhar Astitwa and Vikram Montrose, respectively. Moreover, Parth Parekh has reprised the Khairaat song for the show. Additionally, the show features musicians, composers and lyricists like Krood X, Fateh Do, Jatinder Shah, Malkit Singh, Sunidhi Chauhan, Stebin Ben, Channa, Deep Arraicha, Dr. Hamoor Singh Randhawa, Manna Singh, Afsana Khan, Kanwar Grewal, Kulshan Sandhu, Jassi Kirarkot, Prince Kanwaljit Singh and Gippy Grewal for songs like Chal Uth Kaale, Tota Puri, Velvet, Main Meera Main Deewani and Gattar Bandey.



### Lord Rama’s teachings inspire Actor and Scriptwriter Rajesh Prasher



Rajesh Prasher performing in the play ‘The Road to Happiness’

**A**s we progress towards the 22nd century, we seem to gradually forget our Indian cultural values. Considering this aspect, Rajesh Prasher wrote a new play titled ‘The Road to Happiness’ for director Chander Mohan. Speaking with us, Rajesh says, “Before delving into its creation, I immersed myself in the values of Lord Rama, deeply influenced by how he upheld his father King Dashrath’s promise, leaving behind his home and family for a fourteen-year exile in the woods. Inspired by Lord Rama’s principles, I penned this play. On the technical side, I interwove Lord Rama’s values with the ethics of today’s generation, shaping its storyline into a modern narrative. Casting trained actors, among whom I also played an important role, the play was recently staged at the Gandhi Smarak Bhawan, Chandigarh. The audience loved it because it compelled them to ponder where they fit into these values.”

## Krishna Devi’s unyielding commitment to her family: Neha Joshi

**Chandigarh :** Neha Joshi is a popular face in the entertainment industry and is known for her versatile roles in several Hindi and Marathi cinemas and television shows. Her compelling performances and versatility through impactful and diverse roles have earned her acclaim and a dedicated fan following. She is now all set to portray Krishna Devi Vajpayee’s role in &TV’s new show, ‘Atal’, based on the untold aspects of late Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s childhood. The actor gets up, close and personal, discussing her role, challenges, and other parts of her acting career.

**1. Tell us about your character in ‘Atal’.**

My role is that of young Atal’s mother, Krishna Devi Vajpayee. She is an extraordinary woman with unwavering dedication. Despite her profound passion for history and politics, she gracefully transitioned into a devoted supporter of her husband, Vajpayee Ji. Her life’s mission is to maintain harmony within her family, standing firmly behind her husband’s choices. With a rock-solid resolve and deep religious conviction, she silently opposes British colonial rule, fervently desiring India’s liberation. Krishna Devi is the bedrock upon which her son, Atal, relies, inheriting his relentless vision and a penchant for questioning the status quo from her. She may not vocalise her views to the world, but she embodies a genuine desire



to see her beloved country, India, break free. Her unyielding commitment to her family, unspoken defiance against colonial oppression, and influential role in shaping her son’s destiny make Krishna an exceptional character.

**2. What makes this role so different from other roles of mothers you have played on screen? Doesn’t it get monotonous?**

The story will highlight young Atal’s relationship with his mother, Krishna Devi Vajpayee, who deeply influenced his beliefs, values and thinking. On one hand, India was facing slavery under British rule and on the other, it was facing internal strife and division of wealth, caste, and discrimination. A dream envisioned by Atal’s mother of a united India was a dream he deeply cherished. This storyline unfolds the inspiring story of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a boy from humble beginnings who became one of India’s most prominent leaders.

You’re right. Consecutively portraying similar characters can be challenging. However, as an actor, my approach is to find the uniqueness in each character, even if they share certain traits. It’s an opportunity to delve deeper into the nuances and explore different facets of similar roles. This way, I can keep the performances fresh and engaging, ensuring that the audience still experiences something new and exciting with each character, even if they

share similarities.

**3. Since this is a real-life character, how did you prepare for it, and what challenges or opportunities could you find?**

Honestly, portraying a real-life character can be both challenging and rewarding. The difficulty varies depending on the character’s complexity and the research’s depth required. Challenges can be capturing the personality’s nuances, mannerisms, emotional accuracy, diction, etc. But the responsibility is to do justice to the real individual and their story, which too can be quite daunting but rewarding. However, it provides opportunities to delve into the character’s life, empathise, and bring their experiences to the audience. It allows actors to showcase their versatility. Balancing authenticity with creative interpretation is the key. In essence, playing real-life characters offers a unique set of challenges and the chance to create a powerful connection with the audience when executed effectively. We did go through extensive research and workshops to prepare for the role, which helped me immensely. The researcher and writer guided me through various aspects of Krishna Vajpayee’s personality and belief system, which helped me better understand her as a person and way of life. And I have tried my best to bring those aspects to life in this show. A lot of hard work, perseverance, and preparation has gone into it.