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Road to Piruwala



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Unit Parala to
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the fortunes of
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NEWS BRIEFS

Chanda Kochhar, 10 others accused of cheating private company, case registered

NEW DELHI: A case has been registered against former ICICI Bank Managing Director and CEO Chanda Kochhar in the national capital, accusing Kochhar and 10 others of cheating a private company, leading to a loss of Rs 27 crores.

Economic Offence Wing of the Delhi Police registered an FIR on December 20, citing allegations of cheating and criminal conspiracy.

Patiala House Court on December 9 ordered Delhi Police to file a case after the complaint of Shammi Ahluwalia, Director of P & R Overseas Pvt Limited (Tomato Magic). In his complaint, Ahluwalia has written that the accused allegedly conspired to project a fake 'Letter of Credit' by a 'foreign bank', as genuine.

Jammu-bound Vistara flight return to Srinagar due to bad weather

NEW DELHI: A Jammu-bound Vistara flight returned to Srinagar on Thursday afternoon due to bad weather conditions in Jammu, the airline said. The flight UK611 from Srinagar to Jammu returned to Srinagar due to poor weather at Jammu airport. "Flight UK611 from Srinagar to Jammu (SXR-IXJ) has returned to Srinagar (SXR) due to bad weather at Jammu airport and is expected to arrive in Srinagar at 1630 hours.

Please stay tuned for further updates," Vistara Airlines posted on X.

Markets hit fresh lifetime highs; Sensex gains 370 points

MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty advanced further to settle at record highs for the second straight session on Thursday, buoyed by lower crude prices in international markets and fresh foreign fund inflows amid a largely positive global cue. Hectic buying in energy, metal and FMCG counters also added to the momentum, traders said. Rising for the fifth consecutive day, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 371.95 points or 0.52 per cent to settle.

Qatar court commutes death sentence of 8 Indian nationals

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NEW DELHI, DEC 28

The Qatari Court on Thursday commuted the death penalty sentence of eight ex-Indian naval officers it had arrested last year in the Dahr Global case, Ministry of External Affairs said in a press statement. The sentence has now been reduced to jail terms.

Describing the judgement, Ministry of External Affairs said, "We have noted the verdict today of the Court of Appeal of Qatar in the Dahr Global case, in which the sentences have been reduced."

The MEA also said that the detailed judgement in the case is awaited and are in close touch with the legal team in Qatar.

MEA added, "The detailed judgement is awaited. We are in close touch with the legal team as well as the family members to decide on the next steps. Our Ambassador to Qatar and other officials were present in the Court of Appeal today, along with the family members. We have stood by them since the beginning of the matter and we will continue to

extend all consular and legal assistance. We will also continue to take up the matter with the Qatari authorities."

The eight Indian nationals have been im-

Earlier this month, MEA informed that two hearings have taken place in the case.

"There have been two hearings. We filed an appeal, with the families, and the detainees had a final appeal. Two hearings have since been held. One was on November 30th and the other was on November 23rd. I think the next hearing is coming up soon," Bagchi said.

Moreover, the Court of First Instance of Qatar passed the judgement against them, according to a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs.

The MEA spokesperson also highlighted the recent meeting that took place between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad and said that they had a good conversation on the overall bilateral relationship.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani on the sidelines of the COP28 summit in Dubai and discussed bilateral partnership and the "well-being of the Indian community" living in Qatar.



prisoned in Qatar since October 2022 and were accused of allegedly spying on a submarine programme. The retired naval personnel were sentenced to death by a Qatar court on charges that have not yet been made public officially.

Deadlock continues over SYL



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NEW DELHI, DEC 28

A meeting of the Chief Ministers of Haryana and Punjab was held here today under the chairmanship of Union Jal Shakti Minister Sh Gajendra Singh Shekhwat to address the issue of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal (SYL). Sh Gajendra Singh Shekhwat expressed concern over the diminishing groundwater levels in both states and emphasized the necessity for concerted efforts to address this concern.

During the meeting CM Manohar Lal asserted that the issues of constructing the SYL and distributing water are distinct. However, he pointed out that Punjab is stuck

only on the construction of SYL issue, whereas we should collectively move forward on this subject. Mr. Manohar Lal highlighted that the Bhakra Channel, presently in operation for approximately 66-67 years, is aging, and he underscored the crucial necessity for constructing the SYL to ensure the uninterrupted flow of water in the event of any future obstructions in this channel. Meanwhile Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has made his stand clear that Punjab has no spare water to share with any state. He said even his state facing difficulties to meet the demand of water and hence there is no way to share water with any state.

Haryana CM directs swift implementation of schemes at grassroots level

CHANDIGARH: In a stern message today, Haryana Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal declared zero tolerance for any laxity or lethargy in the implementation of Central and State Government schemes at the grassroots level. He directed district administration officers to assume direct responsibility for vigilantly overseeing schemes within their purview, emphasizing the paramount importance of efficient public service delivery.

Operative of Lawrence Bishnoi & Goldy Brar Gang arrested

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Haryana and Rajasthan.

Police teams have also recovered one Chinese .30 calibre Pistol along with eight live cartridges from his possession and impounded his Toyota Fortuner car. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that acting on



the reliable information, teams of AGTF headed by ADGP Promod Banu under the supervision of AIG Gurmeet Singh Chauhan and led by DSP Bikramjit Singh Brar, followed the trail of accused Vicky and arrested him from an apartment located at Sector 91 of Mohali, where he was taking shelter.

Priyanka Gandhi named in probe agency chargesheet

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has been named in an Enforcement Directorate chargesheet - for the first time - over the alleged purchase and sale of five acres of land in Haryana. Her husband, businessman Robert Vadra, is also named but neither is listed as an "accused", sources told Thursday morning.

The chargesheet was filed against CC Thampi, an NRI businessman, and Sumit Chaddha, a British national of Indian origin. The ED believes they helped fugitive arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari - who is accused of violating the Official Secrets Act, among other laws - hide the proceeds of his crimes.

The agency - often accused of acting against opposition leaders on orders from the centre - has referred to Ms Gandhi Vadra's transactions with HL Pahwa, a Delhi-based real estate agent who sold her agricultural land in Faridabad in 2006 and, four years later, re-purchased the same tract. In addition, ED sources told, a house was allegedly purchased in Ms Gandhi Vadra's name, in Faridabad's Amipuri village, in April 2006 and sold back to Mr Pahwa at the same time as the land.

Mr Pahwa is the same agent from whom Robert Vadra allegedly bought 40.8 acres of land in Amipuri between 2005 and 2006, and sold it all back to him in December 2010. A similar deal - for 486 acres - was executed by Mr Thampi, out on bail after his arrest in 2020.

Severe cold tightens grip in Kashmir, Srinagar shivers at -3.3°C

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SRINAGAR, DEC 28

Severe cold tightens grip in Kashmir valley amid further fall in night temperature as Srinagar recorded a low of -3.3°C and Pahalgam -5.2°C on Thursday.

Pulwama in south Kashmir remained the coldest place with a low of 6.4°C, followed by Konial (-6.2°C), Bandipora in north Kashmir (-5.9°C), Shopian (-5.6°C), and the central Kashmir district of Ganderbal (-5.5°C).

Dense fog continues to engulf Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir valley, affecting normal life.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar said that the minimum temperature dipped in Srinagar on Thursday and recorded a low of -3.3°C against the -2.6°C recorded the previous night, while Kokernag had a low of

It was 1.2°C below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season.

The maximum temperature recorded was 0.3°C above the normal of 7.9°C, -2.0°C against -2.2°C recorded a day ago.

The mercury at Pahalgam plunged to -5.4°C on Thursday against the -4.6°C recorded the previous night. It was 0.2°C below normal



against 8.2°C in Srinagar the previous day.

The minimum temperature at Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway fell to a low of -3.8°C against -3.2°C recorded the previous day. It was 3.6°C above normal for the famous ski resort of North Kashmir.

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Ayodhya: Week-long consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla to kick off from January 16

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AYODHYA, DEC 28

The consecration ceremony of Lord Ram Lalla at the Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir in Ayodhya will be held over a span of seven days starting from January 16, temple officials said.

On January 16, the host appointed by the temple trust, Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra will conduct the atonement ceremony. The 'Dashvidh' bath, Vishnu worship and offering of cow will be held on the banks of Saryu river.

Following that, on January 17, a procession carrying the idol of Ram Lalla will reach Ayodhya. Devotees carrying Saryu water in Mangal Kalash will be reaching the Ram Janmabhoomi temple.

On January 18, formal rituals will kick off with the Ganesh Ambika puja, Varun puja, Matrika puja, Brahmin Varan and Vastu Puja.

On January 19, the holy fire will be lit,



followed by the establishment of 'Navagraha' and a 'havan' (holy ritual surrounding the fire).

The sanctum sanctorum of the Ram Janmabhoomi temple will be washed with Saryu water on January 20, after which the Vaastu Shanti and 'Annadhis' rituals will take place.

On January 21, the Ram Lalla idol will be bathed in 125 urns and will finally be laid to rest. On the final day, January 22, after the morning puja, the deity of Ram Lalla will be consecrated in 'Mrigashira Nakshatra' in the afternoon. Speaking about the Ram Temple Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said that the long wait of 450 years has come to an end and that much dreamt-of Ram Temple has come to completion.

"The long wait of 450 years has come to an end and the grand Ram Temple that many generations of Indians had imagined or dreamed of has come to a completion," Thakur said.

India records 692 new Covid-19 cases, 6 deaths in past 24 hours

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 28

India has recorded 692 fresh Covid19 cases and six deaths during the last 24 hours, Health Ministry data said on Thursday.

With this, the total tally of active Covid-19 cases has reached 4,097, which is 0.01 percent of the total active cases in the country.

Six deaths have been reported due to the disease with Maharashtra accounting for two deaths, while Delhi, Karnataka, Kerala, and West Bengal reported one death each, taking the total tally to 5,33,346.

According to the Health Ministry, "The case fatality rate stands at 1.18 percent. The number of people who have recovered from the disease has increased to 4,44,73,448 and



the national recovery rate stands at 98.81 per cent."

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Shri Guru Ravidas Sabha holds langar of tea and rice in memory of supreme sacrifice

LADWA (NARESH GARG): In memory of the supreme sacrifice of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji's younger Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji and Mata Gujri Kaur by Sri Guru Ravidas Sabha outside the Guru Ravidas Temple in Ladwa on Thursday, langar of tea and rice organised. Social worker Sandeep Garg participated and served langar. He said that Guru Sahib has made sacrifices to protect the country, society and religion. Due to these sacrifices, today we are breathing freedom in the open air. The young generation should take inspiration from the lives of these martyrs and serve the society and country selflessly. The martyrdom of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, Sahibzadas and Mata Gujri Kaur can never be forgotten. Paying tribute to the martyrs, he said that Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, who fought against the atrocities of the Mughal rulers, sacrificed his two Sahibzadas in the war and the two Sahibzadas sacrificed themselves for the religion and community by walling themselves in the wall. He said that we should take inspiration from the lives of Sahibzadas and always remember their sacrifice.

PREETI RANI
SADHAURA, DECEMBER 28

Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal inaugurated the road built at a cost of Rs 28 lakh from Jagadhri Bilaspur Road to Piruwala. Under the rule of Manohar Lal government, uniform development work is being done in the entire state without any discrimination. The picture of Jagadhri has changed due to the development works costing crores of rupees in Jagadhri Assembly also. In a series of development works, Haryana Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal today inaugurated road strengthening from Jagadhri Bilaspur Road to Piruwala at a cost of Rs 28 lakh.

Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal said that the BJP government is ensuring equal development in every area with Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas



and Sabka Vishwas. Talking about development, development work is being done in every area of the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and in every area of the state under the leadership

of Chief Minister Manohar Lal. On this occasion, BDPO Karthik Chauhan, Piruwala Sarpanch representative Sukhbir Singh, Jile Singh, Kuldeep Singh and Naresh Panjesta were present.

There is no shortage of funds for the development works of Ladwa Halke: Panjesta

LADWA (NARESH GARG): Zilla Parishad Ward 7 member and JJP Halka chief Jasbir Panjesta said that there is no shortage of funds for development of Ladwa Halka. He met the villagers in village Bodla and said that development work is being carried out equally by the government in every village of Ladwa Halka. He said that there is no difference between the actions and words of Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala. He said that the development of all the villages falling in Zilla Parishad Ward 7 is going on equally. Along with this, there is a need of money for the work in all the villages in Ladwa Halka also, for that every effort is being made to get money from government and it is also being brought.

Multi-dimensional campaign Desh Ki Baat till Jan 26

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI : Students of Shaheed Udhamp Singh Senior Secondary School, Indri today received information about making their lives successful by becoming responsible citizens of the country. On behalf of National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFA) 26 November Nifa and Harish Sharma gave important information to the students in the program organized under the multi-dimensional campaign Desh Ki Baat, which is running from 26th to 26th January. Speaking as the keynote speaker, Harish Sharma ji encouraged the children along with their parents and elders. Explaining the benefits of spending time, he said that elders and parents always tell you to benefit because the benefit of their life experience is helpful in keeping children away from bad company and bad addictions, he said through stories and poems. Gave the students the knowledge to move ahead in life, struggle and set goals and achieve them. He said that by becoming successful through education, you can fulfill all your dreams and bring glory to your family along with the country and society.

Dr. Surender Dutt, a life member of NIFA,

said that only after becoming a responsible citizen, a responsible son, daughter, husband, wife and parent can live. He told the mantra of success in life by making good use of social media and the knowledge gained from it and by spending time with his



parents, he expressed his gratitude towards them. School Chairman Ramesh Kamboj, while praising this campaign of NIFA, said that this will make the students realize their responsibilities towards life, family and country along with their career. Jyoti Kharbanda, Principal of Shaheed Udhamp Singh Senior Secondary School, Stating that the Desh Ki Baat campaign, which was started with the thought of a bright future for the students, is in the interest of the nation and society.

Plastic is very harmful for our bodies and the earth, avoid using it: Madan Chauhan

RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 28

The All India Social Service Center concluded a three-day science and technology exhibition and competition at Rajkiya Sanskriti Senior Secondary School, Jagadhri. 129 students from 18 schools participated in the program. The children showcased their talent in science, art, quizzes, writing, essays, debates, and other competitions. The chief guests at the event were the Mayor of the Municipal Corporation, Madan Chauhan, and the special guest was the District Association Director, Seva Ram. They observed the exhibition and honored the winners of the competition with awards. The children presented models prepared on various subjects including science, technology, and other topics. The competition was divided into two categories. The first category included students from the sixth to eighth grades, and the second category included students from the ninth to twelfth grades. Mayor Madan Chauhan expressed his thoughts on science along with the children and wished them a bright future. He said that the use of plastic should be avoided. It is harmful to us and our earth. Single-use plastic, along with polluting the environment, is quite harmful to our bodies and can lead to diseases like cancer.



Therefore, avoid using it. District Association Director Seva Ram mentioned that spirituality and science have a deep connection. Teachers Darshan Lal and Bharati played the role of judges in the science exhibition. Rajni Verma and Lavanya were judges for the art competition. Vinay Mohan and Ranjeet were judges for the quiz competition. Khemal and Satish were judges for the essay competition.

Tree-day science and technology exhibition held

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI: A three-day science and technology exhibition and competition organized by All India Social Service Center at Government Culture Senior Secondary School, Jagadhri has concluded. 129 students from 18 schools participated in the program.



Children displayed their talent in science, painting, quiz, article, essay, debate and other competitions. The chief guest of the program was Municipal Corporation Mayor Madan Chauhan and the special guest was District Association Director Sevaram. He visited the exhibition and honored the winners of the competition with prizes. In the programme, an exhibition of models prepared by children on science, technology and other subjects was organized. The competition was kept in two categories. The first category included students from classes 6th to 8th and the second category included students from classes 9th to 12th. Mayor Madan Chauhan expressed his views regarding science with the children and wished for their bright future. He said that plastic should not be used. It is harmful for us and our earth. Apart from polluting the environment, single use plastic is very harmful for our body. This gives rise to diseases like cancer. Therefore do not use it. District Sangh Director Sevaram said that there is a deep connection between spir-

es of the essay competition. Rama Krishna Public School won in poster making competition, Government Culture Senior Secondary School Jagadhri won in essay writing and SD Model School Jagadhri team won in quiz competition. The winners of the competitions were honored by chief guest Mayor Madan Chauhan and others by giving them trophies, medals and certificates. On this occasion, teachers and teachers from different schools were also honored with trophies on behalf of the organization. School Principal Mohammad Javed and Vice Principal Satish Kumar were also honored with trophies on behalf of the organization.

that MP Deepender Singh Hooda and Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee President Uday Bhan will also participate. Vaidh mentioned that a wave of Congress is surging across the entire state, and there's a growing inclination among people from all sections to join Congress party. Every day, thousands of people are expressing faith in policies of Bhupinder Hooda, Deepender Hooda, and Uday Bhan's leadership.

Former CM Bhupinder Hooda will meet Congress workers in Karnal on Jan 1 : Prof Rajesh Vaidh

DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHERI: A Congress workers' convention is scheduled for January 1 at Karnal's Mangal Sen Auditorium, where opposition leader and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda will participate. This information was shared by former member of the Haryana Public Service Commission and delegate of the Pradesh Congress Committee, Prof Rajesh Vaidh, while addressing Congress workers at his residence in Neelokheri. Vaidh stated

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Sahil Sharma appointed Punjab Chairman of Shri Hindu Takht India

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: Taking an important decision by Shri Hindu Takht Bharat, famous social worker Sahil Sharma of district Pathankot has been appointed as the Chairman of Punjab Yuva Morcha. On his appointment, Sahil Sharma thanked Shri Brahmanand Giriji and Punjab Youth President Pandit Pawan Bhanot and said that he will fulfill the responsibility assigned to him with heart, mind and soul. Sahil Sharma said that it is very important to connect today's youth with their culture. Shri Hindu Akal Takht India is taking steps in this regard from time to time, which is a matter of great joy. He said that the youth is moving towards the glamor of western civilization, which is a matter of concern.

Taking advantage of fog, thieves steal car with cash

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Thieves took advantage of the thick fog last night to carry out the theft incident at Deepak Automobile located on the local Bathinda-Jirakpur national highway. Deepak Gupta, the owner of the service center, said that he went home after closing the service center last night like every day, then at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning, he received a call from the watchman that the inner door of the service center was open.

When he went to the spot and saw that the service center was occupied, he opened the gate of the service center and went inside to see that the gate of the office was broken and the goods were scattered. The Swift car had been stolen by removing some vehicles from the inside and while the thief was leaving, the CC was installed in the Satter.

Journalist, thinker Harjeet Gill to contest elections in Canada

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: Renowned journalist and thinker Harjeet Gill is all set to contest Parliamentary elections of Canada this year from Surrey Newton area. His roots are from village Makshudra of the area. The people back at his village in India are elated at this news. He

announced to contest the elections from conservative party amid the speculations going on among people of the area. It is worth mentioning that Harjeet Gill has been actively working for the betterment of Punjabi community in Canada and has been raising their concerns before Canadian government. He is acknowledged in Canada for his contributions as a thinker and social activist and holds a firm grip on political, social and religious matters of the area.

With Gol's policies, one can be job provider: Bhavya

SUMER GARG SUNAM, DEC 28

The Government of India(GoI)'s Prime Minister, Mr. Narinder Modi among the other beneficiary policies have also launched a policy called 'Startup India'. To appreciate the working women, Elite club international in an association with D.K.event London presented 'Women in business award- 2023' that was held in Patiala. In which startup business women from North India were honoured.

On this occasion, Bhavya Mehta, who is pursuing Ph.D in economics from Punjabi university and also supporting her husband in Gray Matters IELTS Center at Sunam, while talking to the media persons here today said that



she has been working as a Marketing partner with Branded like Starbucks, Uniqlo, Muscle blaze, Renne Cosmetics, Gillette, Ponds, Zomato etc. in which she has achieved the turnover of Rs 1.5 crore in just 8 months. She further said that in this program along with the entire team of D.K.event, London, Dr. Gurneet Kahlon, film

artist, Suniti Dhir, Harinder Hundal and Arvinder Singh were also present. Bhavya Mehta said that in today's era, girls should come forward and actively participate in business. The government has been taking measures to encourage the startup program. She said that it is not necessary that an educated person should spend his life in search of government jobs, whereas a startup business can be started even with very small capital, but the strong will of the worker is required. It is important to have will power and with this the biggest destination can be achieved. She further said that instead of getting a government job, one should aspire to become job providers to others.

State govt committed to properly run government cattle pound: Jimpa



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Cabinet Minister Bram Shankar Jimpa today along with Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal and social worker Seth Rohtash Jain visited the government cattle pound in village Falahi and took stock of the arrangements. He said that while the Punjab Government is committed to the proper running of the Cattle Pound, there is a huge contribution from the donors. He said that the generous people have contributed as much as possible to fulfill every need here and he hopes that this trend will continue in the future.

During this period, the Cabinet Minister planted saplings in the Cattle Pound and learned about the needs there. He said that with the help of generous donors, many schemes are being worked on to change the face of the cattle pound and to manage the cattle coming here and meaningful efforts will be made in this direction in the future. He said that it is a matter of great pride and satisfaction for us that the annual expenditure on this cattle pound is met at the level of donors, institutions, societies and NGOs.

Sanjeev Kapoor, Narinder Singh take charge as SHOs of PS City, Sadar respectively

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Significant transfers in police department of district Ludhiana rural by SSP Navneet Singh Bains. In the latest shuffling, inspector Sanjeev Kapoor has been given the charge of police station city as SHO and SI Narinder Singh as SHO of police station Sadar. They have succeeded inspector Daljeet Singh and SI Amarjeet Singh respectively on these positions. While addressing media he stated that there is no place for drug smuggling in district Ludhiana rural and everybody involved in this illicit business will be strictly dealt with. He also appealed for their cooperation in getting rid of crime in the area and stated that law and order can be maintained efficiently with support of common people only.



BJP is product of lies produced in 'Make in India Factory': Malvinder Kang

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, DEC 28

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Solidly presenting the case of Punjab in the interstate meet convened by the Union Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Chief Minister said that the state needs more than 54 MAF water to cater to its irrigation needs. However, he said that the situation is so grim that Punjab only has around 14 MAF of water, which it is providing to the food growers. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that in such a scenario there is no question of sharing even a drop of water with any other states therefore Punjab vehemently opposes the construction of SYL.

The Chief Minister firmly said that Satluj river has already dried up and there is no question of sharing even a single drop of water from it. He categorically said that Punjab has no surplus water to share with Haryana and reassessment of availability of water is required as per international norms. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Punjab's 76.5% blocks (117 out of 153) are over exploited where the stage of ground water extraction is more than 100%, whereas in Haryana only 61.5% (88 out of 143) are over exploited. The Chief Minister said that the water crisis can



never be ignored due to which the state will oppose any move to construct the SYL tooth and nail. Showing deep concern over the gravity of the emerging situation following the fast depleting water table, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it is really pathetic to learn that the same high powered motors that are used to extract oil in Dubai and other Gulf nations are being used for gushing out ground water in the state. He said that in such an alarming situation how construction of SYL canal can be allowed for sharing of waters of the state.

The Chief Minister reiterated that the state has no spare water to share with any other state so instead of Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, the project should be now re-conceived as Yamuna Satluj Link (YSL). He said that Satluj river has already dried up and there is no question of sharing even a single drop of water from it. Rather, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that water

from Ganga and Yamuna should be supplied to Punjab through Satluj river adding that he has raised this issue with the Union government too.

The Chief Minister said that the state Government has emphatically presented the issue of the less availability of water and it has been recorded too in the decision of the Apex Court. He said that in the coming hearings too Punjab will solidly present its case in the Supreme Court of India to protect the rights of our coming generations. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the Punjab government is duty bound to ensure that the interests of the state and its people are safeguarded by all means and no stone will be left unturned for it.

The Chief Minister also said that though these states always claim for their right on water of the state but when Punjab was flooded due to excess water from the hilly areas these states had refused to take water from Punjab.

Players of Partap World School Pathankot win medals in national level competitions



PGI wins 50 prizes in different categories at winter rose show at New Delhi

CHANDIGARH (GAGAN JAIN): The Horticulture Wing of Engineering Department, PGIMER, Chandigarh wins 50 prizes in different categories at All India Winter Rose Show 2023 held at New Delhi Municipal Council INDIA- AFRICA FRIENDSHIP ROSE GARDEN, Shanti Path, Satya Marg, Chankaypuri, New Delhi. The two-day floral spectacle celebrating the beauty of Roses was organised in association with the Rose Society of India, drawing participation from over 200 individuals and institutions nationwide. In this competition, the Institute won 50 Nos. prizes in all categories (17 Nos. First Prizes, 25 Nos. Second Prizes & 08 Nos. Third prizes). Sh. Tajinder Singh, Assistant Engineer, Horticulture alongwith his team received the award on behalf of Director PGI from Sh. Kuldeep Saddy, President, Rose Society of India.

S. Gurdit Singh Sekhon starts road work of Bajigar Basti



JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): The residents of Faridkot have been demanding the construction of a road to Bajigar Basti for a long time. MLA Faridkot S. Gurdit Singh Sekhon, fulfilling the demand of the local residents, started the road work of Bajigar Basti today. Speaking on this occasion, he said that the Aam Aadmi Party government of Punjab is carrying out large-scale development works to provide welfare and basic facilities to every section of the state. He said that this is an important road of Faridkot which connects Faridkot city with Sadiq. He said that the construction of this road will cost 37.43 lakhs. He said that any kind of negligence and compromise with quality will not be tolerated in the road construction work. He said that whatever projects have been started for the development of the city, whether it is a sewage project or any other, all those works are being completed. Answering the questions of the journalists, he said that since the Aam Aadmi Party government has come, it has been engaged in completing the tasks left unfinished by the previous governments. He said that there will be no shortage in the development of the city. A large number of local residents were present on this occasion.

MLAs of Fatehgarh Sahib, Bassi Pathana participate in Nagar Kirtan with their team



BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA SIRHIND, DEC 28

The three-day Shahidi Jod Mel ended today on the third day after Nagar Kirtan with great joy. Today, Nagar Kirtan started from Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, which ended at Gurdwara Sri Jyoti Sarup Sahib. At the end of Nagar Kirtan, a message was given in the name of the nation by the Jathedar of Akal Takht Sahib.

On this occasion, Advocate Lakhbir Singh Rai, MLA from Fatehgarh Sahib and Rupinder Singh Happy, MLA from Bassi Pathana, participated in Nagar Kirtan along with their colleagues. Both MLAs walked barefoot from Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib to Gurdwara Sri Jyoti Sarup Sahib along with Nagar Kirtan. On this occasion, MLA Lakhbir Rai while talking to the



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: The Institute for Research and Growth NGO organized a one-day workshop for ASHA workers, health workers, and CHOs (Community Health Officers) in the Civil Hospital, Baddi area, aimed at raising awareness. The objective was to educate them with the latest information on maternal and child health. The workshop witnessed the presence of Dr. Shashi Thapa, Supervisor Yashwant Singh from Civil Hospital Baddi, along with Dr. Anjali Goyal and her team from the NGO, alongside 64 frontline health workers. During the workshop, Dr. Anjali Goyal from the NGO provided detailed information on current maternal and child healthcare practices to the frontline health workers. Dr. Shashi from Civil Hospital emphasized that it's everyone's responsibility to provide nutritional information to pregnant women and ensure that they undergo a minimum of four check-ups. He also stressed the importance of their delivery at hospitals. Supervisor Yashwant Singh briefed about the significance of Arogya Health Cards and imparted information related to maternal and child health.

HIMACHAL

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

GOC-in-C ARTRAC calls on Governor

SHIMLA: General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Army Training Command (ARTRAC) Shimla Lt. General Manjinder Singh, YSM, VSM called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan today. It was a courtesy call.



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Fruit Processing Unit Parala to transform the fortunes of apple growers: CM

AGENCY SHIMLA, DEC 28



In a significant move to invigorate the apple economy of Himachal Pradesh, the State Government has dedicated a cutting-edge HPMC Fruit Processing Unit at Parala in Theog Assembly segment of Shimla district. Valued at Rs. 101 crore, this Unit is equipped with modern technology and machines, boasting a crushing capacity of 10 metric tonnes (MT) of apples per hour. During the peak Apple season, it can process up to 18,000 MT of apples, yielding 1800 MT of high-quality Apple Juice Concentrate. This state-of-the-art plant encompasses Apple Juice Concentrate (AJC), Pectin, Wine, Vinegar and Ready to Serve Juice (RTS) units. With the ability to produce 2000 liters of juice in packaged bottles per hour, the Pectin line contributes 800 kg per day during the apple crushing season. The wine unit

has an annual capacity of 1,00,000 liters while 50,000 liters of vinegar will be produced yearly. The AJC refinement process employs ultra-filtration technology, enhancing the overall quality of the processed Apple Juice Concentrate. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said "This unit has the potential to transform the fortunes of apple growers in the State. Positioned strategically in the heart of the apple belt in

Shimla district, it will consume a significant quantity of culled apples procured under the Market Intervention Scheme by HPMC, providing financial strength to the growers and reducing the transportation cost of their produce." Trials of the Plant during the recent Apple season were deemed successful, processing 5706 MT of apples and producing 591 MT of AJC, valued at approximately Rs. 15 crore in various forms. The

Horticulture sector has long been a major contributor to the state's economy with diverse fruit crops successfully grown across 2,36,466 hectares in the year 2022-23. The total fruit crop production in the same year reached 8,14,611 MT with apples alone contributing a staggering 84.54 percent, totaling 6,72,343 MT. The Chief Minister reiterated the government's commitment to apple growers and said that a target has been set up to complete the Parala Mandi by June 2024. Additionally, road infrastructure in the Apple Belt is being reinforced, and the State has urged the Union Government to include the Chhaila-Kumarhatti road in the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund. He said that in a historic move, the government has increased the support price of apples by Rs. 1.50 raising it from Rs. 10.50 to Rs. 12 per kilogram, ensuring orchardists earn maximum profit for their produce.

Traffic awareness workshop organized



DAULAT CHAUHAN

JAWALI: One-day awareness workshop based on the Road Safety Club's theme 'Road Safety, Life Protection' was organized at the Government College Jawali. ASI Sanjeev Kumar from Jawali Police Station participated as the chief guest, along with Sahil Guleria, President of the Road Safety Club, and the Principal of the college, Dinesh Kaushal, as special guests. During this event, ASI Sanjeev Kumar enlightened the students about traffic rules, cybercrimes, and the adverse effects of substance abuse. He highlighted that traffic rules are created for our safety, emphasizing the moral responsibility of wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers and seat belts while driving four-wheelers. He

Kritika achieves great success with hard work

SANJEEV MAHAJAN



NOORPUR: Kritika, daughter of Panchayat Sulyali of Noorpur, achieved great success with her hard work and brought glory to her parents, family and village. Kritika did her early education in Rose Public School, Sulyali and did 10+2 from a government school, after which she took coaching from Shimla for the preparation of NEET exam. Kritika got merit in NEET exam and got selected in MNS and is undergoing training at Bangalore Command Air Force Hospital. When Kritika came to her village on a few days' leave from training, the family expressed happiness and all the relatives and villagers congratulated her. In Kritika's family, father Rakesh Kumar Dogra is working in Punjab Police and mother Sunita Devi is a

housewife and has a younger brother and elder sister. Kritika is studying. It was her childhood dream that she would serve the country when she grows up. Kritika said that I am a resident of Sulyali, I did my initial education from Rose Public School and 10*2 from Government School Sulyali, after that I started my further studies for the preparation of NEET exam. I took coaching in Shimla for the

preparation of NEET. And I appeared for NEET exam and my name got merit, then I was called to Delhi Vets Hospital, my medical was done there, interview was done there, when I got merit, I was sent to Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore for training. Now I am doing MNS training. I give the credit of my success to my parents, teachers, my family and my colleagues, everyone has supported me

a lot, especially my father has given me a lot of courage, he has been with me all the time and supported me. He used to say that if you work hard, you will definitely get success. My father remained with me everywhere. I want to give the right message to everyone, do not get influenced by society's talk, focus on what you want to do, there are ups and downs in life, we only need hard work. We have to do it and sometimes we may stay but we should not lose courage, we should work hard and achieve success. Kritika's grandfather Baldev Singh said that I am retired from BSF, my granddaughter has passed the MNS exam and is now training, I am very happy and proud that our daughter will contribute in the service of the country.

Congressmen take resolution of unity, count the works of Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, DEC 28



Dharamshala Congress celebrated the 139th foundation day of the party at Dadi office. On Thursday, officials of all the party organizations gathered in Dadi and pledged to take the Congress forward with unity. During this, all the speakers pledged to move forward on the principles of Congress. Varkari remembered all the previous presidents. After that, the account of the work done in one year was given by Congress National Secretary Sudhir Sharma. Officials said that during the tenure of the previous BJP government, the work of smart city in Dharamshala was stalled. With the arrival of Sudhir Sharma, these

works have gained momentum again. Now work is going on at a fast pace on all the projects. The works in the Municipal Corporation have been speeded up. Similarly, Dharamshala-Passu road, which was stalled during BJP rule, has been restored. This road was washed away in the flood of July 12, 2021. The bridge in Passu on this roadside was also washed away, which has

been restored by Sudhir Sharma. A bridge is being built in the lower Passu, while a road is being built to connect Dhagwar to Masrehar. Play grounds are being built in more than a dozen panchayats of Dharamshala constituency. The slightly inaccessible areas of Dharamshala are being connected by link road. Disaster management work is being intensified.

All the officials of the Block Congress took oath that they will convey the voice of the common people to the government through Congress National Secretary and MLA Sudhir Sharma and will get everyone's demands fulfilled. During this, Block Vice President Sarwan Thapa, Congress Seva Dal Social Media Coordinator Vikramjit Sharma, Youth Congress President Munish Mata said that Congress has always worked towards building India and this party is based on parliamentary democracy and equality. He said that the party wants to create a country where the political and social rights present in the Constitution are followed.

Police will make strict arrangements regarding New Year celebrations: Hitesh Lakhpal

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, DEC 28



The police administration has made preparations for the programs to be held in the tourist town of Mcleodganj for the New Year celebrations. District Kangra ASP Hitesh Lakhpal said that the police administration has divided the tourist city into six different sectors for the New Year celebrations. Three reserve battalions of police will be deployed here. He said that the police will patrol on motorcycles. More than 75 police personnel will be deployed for traffic and security arrangements. Let us tell you that on the night of 31st December, there is a huge gathering of tourists in Mcleodganj on the occasion of New Year. One-way traffic

has been arranged to deal with the jam. Hitesh Lakhpal said that the police station road will be used to reach Dal Lake, while St. John's Church road will be used to reach Naddi and Dal Lake. The police has prepared the complete plan for the program to be held at the main check. He said that special preparations have been made by the police administration to ensure that the tourists coming from

Six students of Tauni Devi leave for Kullu

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR, DEC 28



Talent is a unique gift given by God which is present in everyone, it just needs to be recognized and enhanced. In this series, 6 students of Swarna Jayanti Government Senior Secondary School (Excellent) Touni Devi have left for Kullu to showcase their talent in three out of four competitions in the state level talent festival to be held in Kullu on 29th December. Along with them, the guidance of teachers Sonia Chauhan, Suman Lata, Tanu Sen and Aditi and the hard work of the students will establish new dimensions. Principal Rajneesh Rangra said that there is no dearth of talent in government schools,

there is just a need to provide such a platform from where they can showcase their talent. According to Principal Rajneesh Rangra, the school is working to hone the talent of such promising children and give them a platform. He says that talent is never dependent on anyone. If children get the right direction as per their interest, then their talent gets enhanced. But this improvement requires passion, hard work and

dedication and it is one's own responsibility. Principal Rajneesh Rangra, while blessing the daughters for their success, expressed confidence that these promising students representing district Hamirpur, Sunidhi and Akshita in Science, Geetika and Vanshika in Environmental Science and Priyanka and Ruchi in Hindi, will achieve their goals with their determination and true dedication.

Youth should allocate time for sports along with studies: Ashish Sharma

RAJNEESH SHARMA

HAMIRPUR: Ashish Sharma, the MLA from the Hamirpur constituency, inaugurated a cricket tournament on Friday. On this occasion, the organizers and other youngsters warmly welcomed the MLA. Ashish Sharma formally introduced players from both teams and inaugurated the competition. He

expressed that sports keep us physically and mentally fit. Alongside studies and other activities, youths should also allocate time for sports, and it's essential to engage in some form of outdoor games. He mentioned that today, many youths are making a mark in sports at the district, state, and national levels. The MLA congratulated the organizers for this tournament. It's worth noting that the tournament will run for four days, with the participation of twenty teams. The first match was between Bharat and Aman's team. Aman's team scored 122 runs while batting first. Responding to the challenge, Bharat's team got all out at 80 runs. Aman's team defeated Bharat by 42 runs in this match.



Congress govt burdened Himachal with inflation: Anurag Thakur

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR, DEC 28



Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur is on a two-day visit to Himachal. Anurag Thakur is in Himachal on 28th December and 29th December. On the first day of his stay i.e. on 28th December, Anurag Thakur participated in various programs in Baddi Assembly. First of all, a meeting was held with the sector in-charges. After this, he participated in the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Gram Panchayat Sohari and in the evening met the sector in-charge at Hotel Pushpam in

Harsar. Talking to media persons, Anurag Thakur gave information about the discussion with Union

Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav on the proposed eco-sensitive zone around Pong Dam in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh and the local concerns arising from it, saying "I met the Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav and prominently presented the proposal of Ecosensitive Zone in the areas around Pong Dam and the local issues related to it. On our request and keeping in mind the concerns of the local people, the Environment Minister talked about considering this issue sympathetically and at the same time put on hold the proposal to make the areas around Pong

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movement has become a question of self-respect of Kangra Chamba Lok Sabha and cooperation is being sought from the people of every assembly constituency of Kangra Chamba Lok Sabha to support the above demand. In this series, after gathering support from

support the demands related to Kangra Chamba Lok Sabha constituency. Major Vijay Singh Mankotia supported their demands and assured all possible cooperation to the delegation. Atul Bhardwaj said that now the issue of construction of Himachal Central University Dharamshala campus is taking the shape of a mass movement. Efforts are being made to prepare the outline of the movement in many unique ways. Deputy head of Jadrol Sunil Dutt, Captain Surendra Bhatt, Captain Shivi Singh Pathania and Tek Chand were included in the delegation.

Preparation to form a public movement regarding the construction of Dharamshala CU

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, DEC 28



In the press release issued by social activist Atul Bhardwaj, he has again requested Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and the state government to deposit Rs 30 crore for the construction of Himachal Pradesh Central University Dharamshala campus by December 31. Atul Bhardwaj has requested all the organizations and leaders to rise above political ideology and come forward in the struggle for the construction of Himachal Pradesh Central University Dharamshala campus. Atul Bhardwaj said that this

Spl meeting with Member of Parliament of Bar Association Rajpura



BHUPINDER KAPOOR

RAJPURA: Members of Rajpura Bar Association today paid a special visit to Member of Parliament Maharanee Parneet Kaur at Patiala. Bar Council Co-Chairman Advocate Chaudhary Karamjit Singh interacted with the newly appointed members of Rajpura. In this regard Maharanee Parneet Kaur informed about the development works of Rajpura Bar and specially discussed for the improvement of the court complex, Maharanee Parneet Kaur assured that special steps will be taken to carry out the development works. On this occasion, Punjab and Haryana Co-Chairman Advocate Chaudhary Karamjit, Ex-President Advocate Balwinder Chahal, Ex-President Advocate Kulbir Singh, President Advocate Rajinder Saini, Vice President Advocate Rohit Randev, General Secretary Advocate Prateek Kumar, Joint Secretary Advocate Bhupinder Kapoor, Cashier Advocate Sitara Devi, Advocate Arun Khushal, Advocate Rajesh Sharma, Advocate Sushil Yadav were present.

Mandir Committee organizes

Langar to commemorate Martyrdom of Four Sahibzadas



PAWAN KALIA

KAPURTHALA: Parchin Rani Sahiba Mandir organized the Langar Sewa on today which is dedicated to Martyrdom of Mata Gujri Ji, Zorawar Singh Ji, and Baba Fateh Singh Ji. The days ranging from 21 to 27 December are dedicated as the Sacrificial Week in memory of the four Sahibzadas and Mother of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, tenth Guru of Sikhs who made sacrifices for the protection of Sikhism and Hinduism. Mata Gujri Ji, Sahibzada Baba Ajit Singh, Sahibzada Baba Jujhar Singh, got assassinated in the battle of Chamkaur and the two younger Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Baba Fateh Singh got buried in the living walls at Sirdhian, while saving their religious faiths against forceful conversion. To commemorate & dedicate the occasion of Supreme sacrifices of these of these four sahibzaade Mandir Committee Members including Ajit Bhalwan, Shashi Pathak, Moti Aggarwal, Sandeep Joshi, Ankush Aggarwal, Munish Kumar, Rashpal Singh and many others remembered the brevity and sacrifices of "Chaaar Sahibzaade".

International Youth Day celebrated



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: International Youth Day was celebrated in Sant Baba Dalip Singh Memorial Khalsa College Domeli, an educational institution running under Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee. On this occasion Prof. Manisha in charge of Red Ribbon Club of the college said that today's young generation should be aware of the social, economic and political issues not only of their country but of the entire world. On this occasion, Prof. Damanjit Kaur Addressing the students, said that the celebration of International Youth Day started in 1999, the main purpose of which was to raise the issues of youth at the international level.

Martyrdom day of Mata Gujri, Chote Sahibzadas: Teja family distributes warm clothes to poor labourers



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: Martyrs of Safar-e-Sahadat Fatehgarh Sahib Mata Gujri Kor and Chhote Sahibzade Baba Zorawar Singh On the occasion of Baba Fateh Singh's martyrdom in Lasani, Talwinder Singh Gogi, president of Artisan Association Mandor and Teja Parivar, distributed warm coats, kothiyas and shawls to women in view of the cold weather. Helping a needy person is the true service of humanity. On this occasion, Madam Rajinder Kaur Teja, Sarabjit Singh Teja, Subedar Balkar Singh, Darshan Singh Budh Das, Sukhjot Kaur Panch and Nirmaljit Kaur were present.

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Registration of children's homes necessary under Juvenile Justice Act-2015: DC

JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Sarangal today said that registration under Section 41 (1) of the Juvenile Justice Act-2015 is mandatory for the children's homes running in the district for orphan, destitute or disabled children aged 0-18 years. He said that whichever children's home is not registered under the said Act, action will be taken against the head of the children's home under Section 42 of the Juvenile Justice Act 2015. Under this action, imprisonment of 1 year or fine of Rs 1 lakh or both can be imposed.

Adhere to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur's human concerns: Banwari Lal Purohit

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 28

The book "Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur: The Saviour of Democratic Values," authored by Dr. Arvinder Singh Bhalla, Principal of Gujranwala Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Ludhiana, was released today at Punjab Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh by Banwari Lal Purohit, the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh.

Banwari Lal Purohit while recalling the sacrifices made by the Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur for the defense of Indian traditions, human rights, and religious freedom, expressed his strong belief that everyone should embrace the democratic way of life propagated by Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur. He said that presently there is a great need to take inspiration from the divine teachings, democratic concerns, and exemplary sacrifice of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur. He congratulated Principal Dr. Bhalla for this book. He praised Dr. Bhalla's persistent work and stated that this book will be very helpful in gaining a thorough understanding of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur's life, teachings, and contributions from social, cultural, religious, and political perspectives. Satya Pal Jain,



Ex-MP & Additional Solicitor General of India said that four hundred years ago, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur severely opposed the Aurangzeb's policy of religious fanaticism, political absolutism and intolerance. He also gave the people hope to fight for their rights by sacrificing their life to protect religious freedom for all. Furthermore, Mr. Jain said that Dr. Bhalla's book is incredibly valuable for those who are closely associated with the field of Sikh Studies. He also stated that Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur's contribu-

tion to the propagation of democratic ideas has been beautifully depicted by Dr. Bhalla in this book.

Dr. Bhalla said that in the seventeenth century, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur harshly condemned the policy of religious intolerance pursued by Mughal ruler Aurangzeb. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur gave the supreme sacrifice to defend the idea of justice, liberty, equality, fraternity, human rights, and a multicultural society. He encouraged the masses to adopt democratic ideals and democratic way of life.

Damage caused by pink blight of wheat assessed



JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): Thanks to the initiatives of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, this time most of the farmers planted wheat without burning the stubble, but due to the attack of the pink borer in some fields, Kisan Union President Binder Singh Golewala, Gurmeet Singh and some farmers submitted an application to Deputy Commissioner Faridkot Mr. Vineet Kumar. Acting in this regard, Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Karanjit Singh Gill constituted a special team which includes officers of the department and scientists of Krishan Vigyan Kendra. In charge of the team A. D. Oh Dr. Yadavinder Singh, Member A. D. Oh Dr. Ashwani Kumar, K. Also K. From Dr. Pavitar Singh and Dr. Fateh Singh with Dr. Gill accompanied the farmers and visited different fields of Golewala village. Dr. Gill said that this time compared to last year, the attack of pink suni has been seen more due to delayed frost and now suni is in a dormant state in the field and will not cause any damage due to the increase in frost.

Under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign, 550 newborn girls to be given 'baby kits': DC



JANDIALA GURU (KULJIT SINGH): Under the awareness campaign 'Beti Bachau Beti Padhau' launched by the Government of India since January 22, 2015, activities are being conducted by various supporting departments in Amritsar district to increase participation and empowerment of girls in the society. With the support of the District Employment and Business Bureau, about 40 girls will be prepared for competitive examinations so that the girls can get employment in various government and non-government departments so that they can become financially independent. In this regard, in a meeting with various officials today, Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ghansham Thori said that 200 girls will be provided free driving classes with the support of the Regional Transport Authority so that they can become self-reliant and adopt it as a profession. Apart from this, baby kits will be given to around 550 new-born girls, especially the second new-born girl, with the support of the Civil Surgeon's Office. The Deputy Commissioner said that 350 girls will be provided free self-defense coaching with the support of the Education Department so that the girls can protect themselves, with which their confidence will increase and they can participate in the society without fear.

Blood donation camp held as part of 'Mahotsava'



CHANDIGARH: The four day long Mahotsava has concluded on a high point. A mega blood donation camp was organised in collaboration with PGIMER, Chandigarh and Suhk Foundation, as part of the 173rd Birth Anniversary celebration of the founder of Dev Samaj 'Bhagwan Dev Atma' at Dev Samaj Head Office, Sector 36-B, Chandigarh. Hundred (100) units of blood were collected at the blood donation camp, in which volunteers from Dev Samaj institutions and the general public actively participated. Another highlight of the Mahotsava was a reflective discourse by Shriman Nirmal Singh Dhillon Ji Secretary, Dev Samaj, who spoke on the subject of 'Dev Jeewan Dhar' Bhagwan Dev Atma'. The enlightening lecture emphasized on the teachings of Bhagwan Dev Atma and the necessity of imbibing scientific temper to understand and connect with the philosophy of the revered soul. Shriman Nirmal Singh Dhillon in his discourse said that Dev Samaj's founder overcame pain and hurdles with a smile to spread the message of love, truth and honesty.

Governor of Punjab bows to martyrdom of Sahibzades

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGHAR SAHIB, DEC 28

On the last day of the Shaheed Sabha held in memory of the martyrdom of Baba Zorawar Singh, Baba Fateh Singh and Mata Gujri Ji, the younger Sahibzades of Sahib-e-Kamal Dasamapta Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Governor of Punjab Shri Banwari Lal Purohit bowed down at Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib and also visited Bhor Sahib.

The governor of Punjab Mr. Purohit said that the example of the martyrdom of the young Sahibzades of the tenth father Sri Guru Gobind

Singh Ji and Mata Gujri Ji is not found anywhere in the world. He said that Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh, who were 9 years old and 7 years old, bravely resisted the cruel Mughal rule and stood firm on religion with fearlessness and determination and set a unique example by giving great martyrdom.

He further said that due to the great martyrdom of the younger Sahibzades, their names will be written in golden letters on the pages of history and this great martyrdom will be remembered by the people of the country till eternity.

Punjab culture is not merely determined by participation in Republic Day Parade: Jakhar

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 28

The culture and Virsa of Punjab is not determined by whether Punjab Tableau is showcased in the Republic Day parade or not. Our heritage is immersed in supreme sacrifices and safe guarding our borders for a millennium, said Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar here on Thurs-

day.

He added that erstwhile Punjab needs no publicity as the duo Kejriwal and Mann would solicit who had the audacity to put there photos on the tableau.

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valour. However Bhagwant Singh Mann as a Chief Minister is selectively not choosing to tell the "real truth" on why the Tableau was cancelled, he said.

The reason which has been furnished by the government is that the tableau had photos of Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Singh Mann. "It is making mockery of our virsa" as never in the history has any Chief Minister put his picture on the Tableau. Unfortunately

Mann and Kejriwal are obsessed for publicity and have no respect for, responsibility or integrity whatsoever to put the interests of the state first, said Jakhar.

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has demonstrated his commitment and sensitivity towards Punjab and Sikhs declared 26 December as "Vir Bal Diwas", can not be doubted for his commitment. Every consulate and embassy held programs to commemorate the Sahibzada's supreme sacrifice. More than 390 Member Parliament's participated in functions held over all over India. 137 airports, seven thousand railway stations and lakhs of petrol stations exhibited the sacrifices of the Sahibzada's. Over 95 lakh teachers have held programs to educate the children on this historic sacrifice, said Jakhar.

Royal Group distributes uniforms in memory of 4 Sahibzadas



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): The Royal Group (The Royal Social and Welfare Society) of Zirakpur today distributed winter uniforms and shoes to the needy children of MSDM School Zirakpur in memory of Chhote Sahibzadas. Managing Director Rajbhar and Principal Veena Bhardwaj thanked the group and said that in their school the needy children are taught at a very low fee and the principal of the school invests his pension in the school itself. Among them, children can never get winter clothes and doing this act of merit in the memory of the younger ancestors is commendable.

Royal Group President Harjinder Singh Hari said that his group is always ready to help those in need who want to do something but cannot go ahead due to lack of money. He said that the group built houses for two people with their own money, which are located in village Nabha Sahib and village Ranimajra. Prince, Gurjot Singh, Sushil Saini, Vinod Kashap etc. were present with him on this occasion.

Shahidi Nagar Kirtan organized from Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib in memory of Chhote Sahibzadas, Mata Gujri



hal Singh Harian Velan Wala, Baba Nagar Singh, Baba Mohan Singh Baran Wala and a large number of prominent personalities participated.

On this occasion, lakhs of devotees had also reached the land of Sri Fatehgarh Sahib to participate in Nagar Kirtan. Before the commencement of Nagar Kirtan, Asa Di War Kirtan was held at Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib and Chief Granthi Giani Harpal Singh discussed the life history of Chhote Sahibzades and Mata Gujri Ji.

Meanwhile, after the recitation of Japu Ji Sahib in Sangat form, Giani Harpal Singh prayed and the Sangat was given the holy commandment by Sachkhand Sri Harimandir Sahib's chief scribe and Jathedar Singh Sahib of Sri Akal Takht Sahib Giani Raghbir Singh. Meanwhile, Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh of Sri Akal Takht Sahib and Shiromani Committee President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami presented Siropao to Panj Pyaras and Nishanchi Singhs.

Airports to adopt latest technology for faster screening of passengers

LUDHIANA (SHARMA): Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), aviation security regulator in the country, has issued AvSec Circular providing minimum specifications for Pre-Embarkation Security Check-point X-ray baggage scanners based on Computed Tomography technology. This would result in faster screening of hand baggage of passengers without removing electronic devices.

This has been stated by Minister of State for Civil Aviation Gen (Dr) VK Singh (Retd) in reply to a question on installation of security scanners at airports asked by MP (Rajya Sabha) Sanjeev Arora in the recently concluded winter session of Rajya Sabha. It may be mentioned here that the main reason you have to remove your laptop from your bag is because its battery and other mechanical components are too dense for X-rays to penetrate effectively – especially if the scanning system is old. The same goes for power cords and other devices such as tablets and cameras. With these items in your bag, security officials cannot use the screened image to determine whether a risk is present. They will have to flag the bag for a physical search, which slows everything down. It is easier if all devices are removed in the first place. Some airports have upgraded 3D scanning that allows travelers to pass their bags through security without having to remove their laptops.

Sixth Batch of Pilgrims Under Mukh Mantri Tirath Yatra departs for Salasar Dham-Khatu Shyam Dham

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, DEC 28

Continuing its endeavour to provide an opportunity to visit sacred places under Mukh Mantri Tirath Yatra, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar District Administration has sent another batch of pilgrims for Salasar Dham and Khatu Shyam Dham on Thursday from Majri Sub Tehsil of Kharar.

Divulging details, SDM Kharar Gurmandar Singh said that the bus was flagged off by Tehsildar Kharar Jaswinder Singh in the presence of S. Jora Singh Mann (father of Cabinet Minister Anmol Gagan Mann) from Majri.

He further said that each batch comprises 43 pilgrims whose boarding and lodging arrangements have been borne by the Punjab Government. All the pilgrims have undergone a medical examination



before boarding the bus to ensure a safe journey. The pilgrims would be halted at Salasar Dharamshala for a night stay during this two day long journey.

The AC bus has been provided by the Punjab Government along with a kit of a blanket, bedsheets and pillow and a toiletry kit each.

He further added that as per the directions of Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann for providing opportunities to them to visit sacred places free of cost. Bhawna and Aarti, young pilgrims from Majri were seeming very joyous to have an opportunity to pay obeisance to Salasar Dham and Khatu Shyam Dham.

Both thanked Punjab Chief Minister for taking the noble initiative to start this pilgrimage especially for those who could not visit as per their wish because of one and another reason.

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Accused arrested along with stolen bike

RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL: As per the instructions of SP Upasana, while tightening the noose on vehicle thieves, an accused was arrested along with a stolen bike by the anti vehicle staff. Police spokesperson said that the team of HC Anil Kumar and HC Lakhvinder Singh of Anti Vehicle Staff received a secret information that Rajendra alias Raju, resident of Sugar Mill Colony, Kaithal, had a stolen bike and was carrying grain from Pehwa Chowk. Mandi will go towards Kaithal. A blockade was set up by the police near Agarwal Dharamshala Kaithal. Where the above suspect Rajendra, who came on a bike from Pehwa Chowk side, was controlled. During interrogation, Rajendra could not produce any document regarding the bike and he told that this bike was stolen from Kurukshetra on 25th December. A case was registered against the accused in the city police station and the accused was arrested. The accused will be produced in the court on Thursday, and is being interrogated.

Christmas celebrations held in school premises with great fervour



CHANDIGARH: Christmas is the festival which inspires the spirit of sharing and caring. Christmas celebrations were held in the school premises with great fervour. The school was beautifully decorated and adorned with colours of happiness and joy. The programme started with an invocation to God by the recitation of Gayatri Mantra and Mool Mantra. Thereafter, information about the festival of Christmas and its significance was shared with the students. The teachers also narrated a beautiful story mentioning the scenes of the nativity of Jesus Christ which was interspersed with melodious carols sung by the children. Right from the birth of Jesus a harmonious story was displayed for the students. The event ended with cheerful Christmas greetings as the students danced to the melodious tunes of 'Jingle Bells' and 'We wish you a merry Christmas'. On this occasion, School Director Ms. Lalita Prakash shared her words of wisdom and blessed the children. A special Puppet Show was also organized for the children which added the colours of joy to the entire day. The boundless happiness of celebrating the festival was visible on the faces of all the children. It was a joyous programme for everyone.

Players of Partap World School Pathankot win medals in national level competitions



SHARANJEET

PATHANKOT: The players of Partap World School, Pathankot, by the District Roller Skating Association, have brought the name of their school and area to light by winning gold and silver medals in national level competitions. In the 61st National Roller Skating Championship held at Chandigarh, after winning the district and state competitions, 5 players of Partap World School representing Punjab participated under the supervision of coach Bhupinder Singh. In which Shakya and Tundup won the gold medal in Under-11 in-line hockey, Aser Ahmed and Lakshay won the gold medal in sub-junior under-14 and Parminder Singh won the silver medal in the junior team under-17. Director Sunny Mahajan, Director Oshin Mahajan and Principal Shubhra Rani congratulated the school players on their victory and giving a grand welcome on arrival at the school. Director Sunny Mahajan honored all the winners by presenting cash.

Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra reaches village Francewala and Dhundrehri



RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL, DEC 28

Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra reached villages Francewala and Dhundrehri, where the villagers gave a warm welcome to the Yatra. During this visit, BJI leader Bansi Lal first inspected the stalls set up by various departments. He also administered the Developed India pledge to the people on the spot and honored the promising school children. Along with this, gas cylinders and stoves were given to the eligible beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Bansi Lal said that information about the schemes of the Central and State Government is being provided to the villagers through vans. Along with this, people are being given benefits of government schemes from the stalls set up by various departments.

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Pro-talks ULFA faction likely to ink peace pact with Centre and Assam Govt today

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 28

The United Liberation Front of Assam's (ULFA) pro-talks faction is likely to sign a peace agreement with the Centre and the Assam government on Friday.

A 30-member delegation of the ULFA's pro-talks faction arrived in Delhi on Tuesday, ahead of expected talks for a peace agreement. The delegation includes 16 ULFA members and 14 from civil society.

As per sources, the peace agreement is likely to be signed by Friday afternoon.

Anup Chetia, the organisation's general secretary, said the delegation of 30 members, comprising of ULFA and civil society members, arrived in the national capital on December 26 and the signing of



the agreement with the Union Government and Assam Government is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

The separatist ULFA was formed in April 1979 in the aftermath of an agitation against undocumented immigrants from Bangladesh (erstwhile East

Pakistan). It split into two groups in February 2011 with the Arabinda Rajkhowa-led faction giving up violence and agreeing to unconditional talks with the government. Paresh Baruah, who leads the other rebranded ULFA-Independent faction, is against the talks.

The pro-talks faction has sought constitutional and political reforms for the protection of the identity and resources of Assam's indigenous people including their right to land. The Union government in April sent it a draft agreement. An earlier round of talks between the two sides was held in Delhi in August.

A series of talks with officials concerned in the Central government has taken place since the delegation has arrived in Delhi before the signing of peace pact. The Union government has signed peace deals with rebel Bodo, Dimasa, Karbi, and Adivasi outfits in Assam over the last three years. The banned ULFA-Independent would be the only major insurgent outfit in the state once the deal with the ULFA pro-talks faction is inked.

State govt fulfilled demand for construction of underpass in Kamalpur village: Ratan Mann

SATISH SETH
KALAYAT, DEC 28

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) State President Ratan Mann warned that if the state government does not soon fulfill the demand of making an underpass as per the route in Kamalpur village as before, then state level strong movement will be launched under the banner of United Kisan Morcha Haryana. On Wednesday, a BKU delegation reached the local district secretariat to District Deputy Commissioner Prashant Panwar and submitted a memorandum addressed to Chief

Minister Manohar Lal, demanding construction of an underpass under the Katra-Delhi Highway near the borders of Kamalpur village and Kithana village of the district. Assigned. Mann said that hundreds of villagers from many villages have been protesting continuously for about 15 days demanding construction of an underpass under the Katra-Delhi Highway under construction near village Kamalpur. This demand of the villagers is being ignored by the government and administration. The villagers are demanding that the underpass be built as per the map like before.

Core committee meeting of BJP block Qadian held under chairmanship of block President Gaurav Rajput



VERMA

QADIAN: Under the Assembly Migration Scheme, the core committee meeting of BJP block Qadian was held under the chairmanship of Mandal President Gaurav Rajput at his residence. Apart from BJP block Kadian Core Committee members, BJP State Executive Member and Assembly Qadian Incharge Rakesh Bhatia were present in the meeting. BJP block President Gaurav Rajput said that in the meeting, discussions were held on the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections and the formation of booth committees, announcement of heads and expansion of BJP block Kadian Committee. State Executive Member Rakesh Bhatia expressed confidence. It was assured that due to the work done by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi towards the people of the country and hoisting the flag of India in the world and the hard work of the party workers, the Bharatiya Janata Party government will be formed at the Center for the third time in 2024 with an overwhelming majority.

Guru Nanak College welcomes Govt school under twinning programme



RAHUL KOHLI

JAGADHRI: In a collaborative effort to enhance educational experiences, Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar, and Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School Budhia successfully organised a twinning programme promoting academic and cultural exchange. As part of this programme, faculty members and students of the school recently visited the vibrant campus of Guru Nanak Khalsa College. Expressing his enthusiasm for this collaboration, Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang said that education flourishes when we expand our boundaries. This twinning programme not only strengthens the relationship between our institutions but also provides diverse perspectives and enriching experiences to the students. During their visit, the students explored various aspects of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, including the Sikh Heritage Centre, College Library, Gymnasium Hall, Health and Fitness Club, Conference Hall, Laboratories and other important places. Dr. Ranjit Singh, Dr. Tilak Raj, Dr. Payal Lamba, Dr. Shweta, Ms. Seema and other staff members were present during the visit. Sardar Ranjeet Singh Johar, Chairman of the Governing Body and Managing Committee, praised such partnerships in creating a holistic educational environment.

Modi's guarantee reaching doorstep of needy: Kamlesh Dhanda

SATISH SETH
KALAYAT, DEC 28

Minister of State Kamlesh Dhanda said that the aim of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to extend the benefits of public welfare policies to the last eligible person with good governance. To achieve this goal, the chariot of Modi's guarantee is reaching the doorsteps of the needy in every village. Developed India Sankalp Yatra Jansamvad will prove to be the basis for including India in the category of developed nations. Under the able leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, every section of the state is getting welfare and the benefits of welfare schemes are being extended to the real people. Minister Kamlesh Dhanda Majra was addressing the villagers in

the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra public dialogue programs organized in the Rohera and Majra Rohera villages. She inspected the stalls in the program, interacted directly with the beneficiaries, and administered the pledge to the citizens present to make a developed India. Honored the deserving beneficiaries and promising students. Along with this, LPG connections were also distributed under the Ujjwala scheme. The Minister of State said that the responsibility of making India developed in the next 24 years rests on the shoulders of the youth. The present young generation and the future young generation will have to work with determination to make the country developed in the Amrit Kaal. He said that it has been the policy of the Central and State Governments to ensure equal participation of the local people in the development of the area.

Barnala-based Sanvi wins gold medal in national sub-junior sestoball competition

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 28

Sanvi, the daughter of Barnala district, has made the name of the district bright by getting the gold medal in the national level competition, while also raising the honour of her parents, teachers and coach. Sanvi Bhargava, daughter of Munish Sharma Handiaya, Election Incharge Deputy Commissioner Office Barnala has brought the name of the district to light by bagging the national gold medal in sub-junior girls' sestoball. In the said games, the semi-final competition was held in Bihar and the final competition was held in Karnataka these competitions were held between a total of 28 teams from across India. Sanvi's performance in these games was excellent. It may be mentioned that Sanvi has so far won 6 golds for the district in netball and participated in 6 state-level netball competitions. It has won 2 silver medals at the U-14 state level, 1 silver medal at the U-17 state level, 1 bronze medal at the U-19

state level and a silver medal in open senior state competitions. Coach Amrik Khan is credited with achieving all these honours from Sanvi. District General Secretary of Punjab School Sports Lecturer Baljinder Singh Happy and President of Punjab School Teachers Association Harjot Singh Maluka while talking about Sanvi's achievement said that hard work always leads to heights.

Two women from the Barnala district become drone pilots



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Two women from Barnala district are ready to use it in the fields after taking drone pilot training. 20 women from across Punjab have been trained to reduce the time taken in spraying nano-urea through drones. IFFCO is providing free drone units costing around Rs. 15 lakh per beneficiary under the centrally sponsored scheme. This was expressed by Deputy Commissioner Barnala Poonamdeep Kaur today while distributing their training certificates to the two women residents of Barnala. She said that Parneet Kaur, a resident of Aspal Kalan, and Kiran Pal Kaur, a resident of Sekha, have taken this training and are now ready for their new work. The women have returned to Barnala after a 15-day drone mastery conducted by IFFCO at Pradhan Mantri Mahila Kisan Drone Kendra in Manesar, Haryana. Parneet and Kiran Pal Kaur along with Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mrs. Poonamdeep Kaur assured that they will work diligently to bring maximum benefits of modern technologies to the farmers.

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Rupnagar organizes first session of form school



DAVINDER SHARMA

RUPNAGAR: As per the guidelines of Chief Agriculture Officer, Rupnagar, Dr. Gurbachan Singh, the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Rupnagar, organized the first session of form school regarding seed production technology in village Chaklan Block, Rupnagar under the Atma Scheme. Gaya, this form school was organized in the field of farmer Harpreet Singh, who has been doing seed production for a long time. Twenty-five farmers from different villages participated in this form school. Six sessions will be organized in this form school. In the form school, District Extension Scientist Dr. Raminder Singh Ghooman gave detailed information to the farmers regarding how to protect the wheat crop from insects and crop diseases and how to prevent them and how to use minimum pesticides on the crops. The things to be kept in mind while producing seeds of wheat crop were explained to the farmers in detail and on behalf of Parminder Singh Project Director Atma Scheme, farmers were given information about the seed production technology and the importance of its safety management.

Awareness program against drug abuse held



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

PANIPAT: Dealing in drugs is worse than taking drugs. It is better to earn your living by working as a laborer rather than earning money from such sins. There will be neither addiction nor drug trade. If there is anything left in the world, only morality will remain. Get up and tell everyone together. Deliver this message to every home. Wake up while you are drunk and wake up everyone. Wake me up. Addiction of opium, hashish, heroin is bad. Who knows how many lives have been lost. How many wives left him? Children also suffered a lot. The support of parents was also taken away. He suffered a lot in his old age. Wondered what else had happened. Think about who is responsible for this. Time stands silent watching everything. As you are asking who is the thief. Who is supplying the drugs? Man's veins were filled with the poison of intoxication. Then God spoke from the sky. Maya's greed is the father of sin. A man who deviates from duty is a curse. Hate the drug, not the addict.

Malwa Welfare Club Talwandi Sabo releases new year calendar dedicated to Martyrdom Day of Sahibzada



ISHWER GARG

TALWANDI SABO: The local social welfare organization Malwa Welfare Club released the new year 2024 calendar showing the activities of the club like every year by Bunga Mastuana chief Baba Kaka Singh and club president Vikas Singh and all the club members. Club Secretary Gagandeep Singh Happy said that this year's calendar of Malwa Welfare Club has been dedicated to the Martyrdom Day of Sahibzades. A picture of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's family has been placed in this calendar by artist Hardarshan Singh Sohal. In which Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Mata Gujjar Kaur Ji and four Sahibzades are shown. On this occasion, club patron Amritpal Singh Brar and chairman Shekhar Talwandi told about the activities conducted by the club every year. Baba Kaka Singh appreciated the work of the club and assured to help the club at all times. Finally, treasurers Mandeep Singh Dhaliwal and Harbans Singh Mann thanked the attendees and Balaji Sweet House and Arora Kidz for supporting the calendar.

Talented students of St. Lawrence International School Jagadhri honored



RAJNINI SONI

YAMUNANAGAR: Talented and social serving students and teachers of St. Lawrence International School Pabbi Road Jagadhri, St. Lawrence Smart Convent School Baislupur and Gurukul Yamunanagar were honored by "Sahibzade Seva Samiti" Yamunanagar. All were given shields and certificates. Congratulating and best wishes to all the students and teachers, school chairperson Dr. Rajni Sehgal said in her address that Veer Bal Diwas is being celebrated across the country to commemorate the martyrdom of the four Sahabzades of the tenth Guru of the Sikhs, Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Managing Director of the school and famous educationist Dr. MK Sehgal said in his call that any nation and religion is identified by its principles, values and ideals. When the values of a nation change, its future changes in a short time. And these values are safeguarded when the ideals of our past are clear to the present generation, especially the students.

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Editorial A different reading

The Ram temple in Ayodhya is an important entity that cannot be ignored or underestimated by any serious observer of Indian public life. The inauguration ceremony, which is scheduled to be held on January 22, 2024 has already become a political issue. The Bharatiya Janata Party and, for that matter, the Hindutva groups are keen to celebrate this occasion as a historic event. The party has been actively campaigning for the temple since the late 1980s. It is obvious that the BJP leaders would like to commemorate the inauguration ceremony as a kind of political achievement.

On the other hand, the opponents of Hindutva politics, especially the non-BJP parties, are a bit confused. They have not yet taken a clear position on this issue. Their anxiety, it seems, is strategic. They want to appropriate Hindutva while opposing the BJP. Apparently, no one wants to be known as anti-Hindu just before the Lok Sabha polls.

These parties used to describe themselves as secular to counter the BJP's communalism, particularly after the demolition of the Babri masjid on December 6, 1992. This secular-communal binary gave them an advantage: it enabled them to remain silent on the temple issue for almost three decades. The success of the BJP post-2014, however, destabilised this political equilibrium. Hindutva-driven nationalism emerged as an electorally-viable narrative, forcing the Opposition to redefine its stand on critical issues such as the Ram temple.

The political class, as it appears, is going to rely entirely on a standard narrative of the Ram temple, which does not have any space to accommodate India's Muslims. This standard narrative has become more profound after the Supreme Court judgment on the Ayodhya title suit in 2019. The Hindutva groups referred to the court judgment as a kind of legal validity for their version of the Babri masjid case. The non-BJP parties, especially the Congress, also changed their position. They accepted the verdict and gave their support for the construction of the Ram temple. As a result, an impression was created that the apex court had eventually recognised the theory that the Babri masjid had been built after the desecration of the birthplace of Lord Ram. The standard narrative of the Ram temple is based on three arguments. First, the Ram temple is portrayed as an outcome of a long historical struggle. This claim is not entirely new. The Hindutva version of the Ayodhya conflict revolves around the destruction of a Hindu temple by Babar's commander, Mir Baqi, to build the Babri masjid.

It's beauty pageant for elephants in Nepal

Tippy-toes walk, scribbles all over the body, eyeliners, nail polishes and cleanliness; it's the beauty contest of Elephants in Nepal. Around a dozen elephants contested on Wednesday to be named the beautiful amongst them which drew hundreds of people to the festival of tuskers locally called 'Hatti Mahotsav' in the tourist town of Sauraha.

Five judges examined the elephants on the criteria of cleanliness, discipline, obedience, decorations, teeth and walks to mark each of them.

"We had nine criteria to announce an elephant as the winner. The most important thing to consider at the time of judgement is the body structure of an elephant, followed by decorative by the Mahout, tippy toes walk, obedience, cleanliness of nails and body parts are the criteria for markings," Binod Timalsina, one of the judges of the elephant beauty pageant told ANI.

The judges rated each elephant with a score of 50 in each of the existing 9 categories. The highest point-earning elephant is announced the winner who is then provided with a special treat for the day.

It's the duty of Mahout to prepare elephants for the show. This takes a long procedure and preparation.

"For the elephant festival's beauty contest we carried out the work of beautification of elephant, made it practice the moves and orders, made it look attractive and beautiful," Dilip Mahato, a mahout or the caretaker of the elephant in Sauraha told ANI.

On Wednesday, 'Rimjhimkali' the elephant belonging to Dilip Mahato, won the title of most beautiful elephant by getting 400 out of 450 points. It takes at least an hour for mahouts to prepare an elephant for show with paintings all over the body and a proper bath, which also takes the same time.



In Mahato's experience, it takes a lot of effort to get along with the elephants and look after them. Their routine usually starts before sunrise and continues throughout the day.

"It takes a lot of effort to take care of elephants. We usually wake up at 5 am in the morning every day, and clean the house-'Thaan' of elephant. After a quick shower of the elephant we then set off for the jungle to collect fodders, which is later given to them in the evening. We come back home by 8 am in the morning then after which the elephants are served with grains and other items of their liking," Mahato briefed ANI

about his schedule with his elephant.

This year's star elephant 'Rimjhimkali' got the treat of delicious food items such as sugarcane, banana, papaya and other varieties whereas the owner of the elephant is awarded with cash prize. It took about 15 days for Dilip to prepare his elephant for the festival this year.

"It doesn't take a year to prepare them for the contest. An elephant is ready to take part in the contest within 15 days of training. This year events relating to elephants has been reduced otherwise previously there used to be football and other sports but this year all those pressuring games have re-

mained off the chart which in a way is welcoming. Now the elephants don't have to endure much pain and trouble," Dilip shared.

Being held after a hiatus of three years, the latest edition of the festival has made changes owing to the protest by the animal rights activists. The popular polo, football and races played by elephants have been kept off the schedule leaving the beauty pageant and picnic of tuskers.

The unusual sport of elephant polo had remained the most popular event of the festival which has continued to be held every winter on the grass field of Sauraha.

A scion of horse polo, the Elephant polo was first introduced in Nepal on 1982 after James Manclark started the pachyderm version of the sport with fellow enthusiast Jim Edwards. The first games were played on a grass airfield in Meghwal, which is located on the edge of the Chitwan National Park.

The game is played by driving elephants using trainers called 'mahouts'. Initially, a soccer ball was used in the game. But after elephants started smashing the balls, they were replaced with standard polo balls.

The sticks used in the game are made of bamboo and have a standard polo mallet on the end. This unusual sport had been attracting hordes of foreigners to the jungle safari destination of Chitwan.

In the polo game, nine elephants (four from each side and one referee), were each ridden by a mahout and a player. Animal rights activists say that the mahout forces the elephant to run after the ball, threatening pain and punishment if the elephant does not respond accordingly.

It was in December 2018 when the polo was held for the last time in Nepal. It was marred by criticism and exposed animal cruelty to the world. However, despite the absence of popular sports, its charm hasn't faded out.

Literature & Health

Needs of 40 per cent of children in Afghanistan remain unmet: Report



In its most recent study, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) stated that 40 per cent of children in Afghanistan do not meet their needs, emphasising that one-third of the country's youngsters are involved in labour work, according to Khaama Press.

According to the organisation, many youngsters have been forced into onerous employment by their families as a result of growing poverty following the emergence of the Taliban administration.

The report of the International Rescue Committee stated that humanitarian groups in Afghanistan have failed to meet even the most basic needs of Afghan children.

Previously, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) declared that children in Afghanistan are forced to work in hazardous conditions to survive. According to a 2022 report, 131,400 children, some as young as five years

old, have been separated from their families and are subjected to violence and abuse in northern Afghanistan, reported Khaama Press.

According to the UN, children's access to basic services in Afghanistan has been hampered by prolonged conflicts, displacement, severe poverty, food insecurity, a lack of livelihood opportunities, and a lack of investment, and there has been an increase in recruitment, abuse, and sexual violence against them.

It's worth noting that the Taliban administration has disputed the UN report and has emphasised the importance of children's rights in the country.

Meanwhile, as poverty grows in Afghanistan, the number of youngsters seen working on the streets in the country has seen a drastic increase in number, raising concerns among human rights and children's organisations.

China's 'reunification' with Taiwan is 'inevitable': Xi Jinping



Chinese leader Xi Jinping has claimed that the "reunification" of Taiwan with China is "inevitable," emphasising Beijing's longstanding stance ahead of a crucial election in Taiwan next month, CNN reported. Xi made these remarks during an address marking the 130th anniversary of the birth of Mao Zedong, the founder of the People's Republic of China. "The realisation of the complete reunification with the motherland is an inevitable course of development, is righteous and what the people want. The motherland must and will be reunified," said Xi. Xi's statements reiterate China's claim over Taiwan, a self-ruled island democracy, and align with his broader goal

to enhance China's global power and stature. The timing is significant as Taiwan approaches a critical presidential vote, where political parties' positions on relations with China often serve as a gauge of public sentiment on Beijing, as reported by CNN.

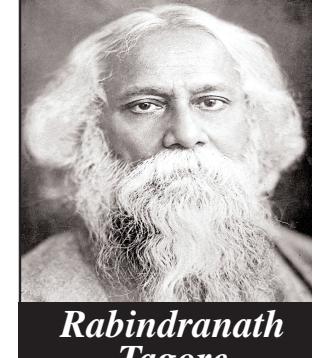
Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, who has faced increased pressure from Beijing during her tenure, is widely perceived as strengthening Taiwan's unofficial ties with the United States. The leading candidate for the Democratic Progressive Party, Vice President Lai Ching-te, is currently ahead in the polls but is not favoured by Chinese officials.

China's Communist Party considers Taiwan its own territory, despite never having controlled it. While emphasising a preference for peaceful "reunification," Chinese officials have not ruled out the use of force. Xi's speech included a veiled warning, urging the promotion of peaceful cross-strait ties and preventing any attempts to separate Taiwan from China. Taiwan remains a sensitive issue in US-China relations. During a recent summit with US President Joe Biden, Xi asserted that China's "reunification" with Taiwan is "unstoppable." The United States maintains an unofficial relationship with Taiwan, recognizing China's position that Taiwan is part of its territory. However, the US is obligated by law to defend Taiwan with the means to defend itself. The historical roots of the Taiwan-China relationship trace back to 1949 when General Chiang Kai-shek fled with his nationalist forces to Taiwan after Mao's Red Army gained control in the Chinese Civil War.

POEM

Last Curtain

I know that the day will come when my sight of this earth shall be lost, and life will take its leave in silence, drawing the last curtain over my eyes. Yet stars will watch at night, and morning rise as before, and hours



heave like sea waves casting up pleasures and pains. When I think of this end of my moments, the barrier of the moments breaks and I see by the light of death thy world with its careless treasures. Rare is its lowliest seat, rare is its meanest of lives.

Rabindranath Tagore

Discovery of brain cells raises hopes for fertility treatments

Researchers from Nagoya University's Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences and Japan's National Institute of Physiological Sciences have demonstrated how a specific type of neuron in the brain influences the release of hormones that control ovarian function in females, such as follicular development and ovulation. These discoveries, published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, could help researchers better understand and treat reproductive diseases in both animals and humans.

Kisspeptin neurons in the brain regulate the release of hypothalamic gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) and pituitary follicle-stimulating hormone/luteinizing hormone (LH). This process is important for reproduction, as pituitary hormones stimulate the ovaries to perform their reproductive functions. Examples include follicular development and ovulation in all mammals, including humans.

There are two main areas of the brain involved in the process: the arcuate nucleus



(ARC), in which kisspeptin neurons maintain the regular rhythmic (pulsatile) secretion of GnRH/LH that maintains normal follicular

development and sex steroid production; and the anteroventral periventricular nucleus (AVPV), in which kisspeptin neurons trigger

a surge of GnRH/LH that leads to ovulation. The researchers focused on the fact that kisspeptin neurons in the ARC produce and respond to dynorphin, an inhibitory substance. "Kisspeptin neurons in the ARC express both dynorphin and its receptor, whereas those in the AVPV express the receptor only, suggesting a particular role of such kisspeptin neurons in fertilization," Mayuko Nagae, a postdoctoral fellow, and Yoshihisa Uenoyama, an associate professor at Nagoya University in Japan and corresponding author of the paper, explained in a joint statement. "However, the exact role of dynorphin and its receptor in the regulation of kisspeptin neurons was not clearly understood." To investigate this, the researchers genetically modified female rats to delete Kiss1, a gene that codes for kisspeptin, only in neurons that expressed the dynorphin receptor. They found that the genetically modified rats with deleted Kiss1 in dynorphin receptor-expressing cells had only 3% of kisspeptin neurons in the ARC and 50% in

the AVPV. The rats were still fertile, but they had a longer estrous cycle, lower ovarian weight, and fewer pups than normal rats.

The results indicate that kisspeptin neurons with dynorphin receptors are important for normal female rat reproduction, as they allow proper hormone secretion and ovulation. "This is the first report to show that kisspeptin neurons receiving direct input of dynorphin are needed to fully generate the GnRH/LH pulse and surge in female rats," says Professor Hiroko Tsukamura from Nagoya University, the principal investigator of the research group and another corresponding author of the paper.

Professor Tsukamura is excited about the prospect of more studies to understand the molecular mechanism that controls kisspeptin neuronal activity. She says, "Our findings can help our understanding of the central mechanism underlying reproduction and have applications in the treatment of ovarian disorders in livestock and infertility in humans."

Interesting Twist: Will Shaminder's life be saved?



Chandigarh: The breaths of viewers of the show Dilan De Rishi are on hold as Vicki shoots Shaminder while trying to kidnap Keerat. While Keerat is in jeopardy, she is also trying to save Shaminder and donate blood to save his life, but Prabhjot blames Keerat and Gurman for this accident. In today's episode viewers will watch that Prabhjot stops Gurman's family to meet Shaminder after his operation and Shaminder's situation is critical because the bullet struck near his heart. Shaminder's life will be saved? Will Kirat and Gurman meet Shaminder? Watch the interesting story "Dilan De Rishi" at 7:30 PM only on Zee Punjabi.

Butter Chicken Reigns Supreme in Ludhiana - How India Swiggy'd report

LUDHIANA: Swiggy shared Ludhiana's top trends in food delivery in 2023 with the 'How India Swiggy'd report. As the year comes to a close, Ludhiana's love for diverse cuisines and hearty meals is evident, with Swiggy serving as the go-to platform for food enthusiasts in the city.

Ludhiana's foodies prefer to indulge in the delights of Swiggy during the dinner hour, making it the prime time for culinary explorations and delightful feasts. The top 5 dishes that stole the show include the unique Con Pizza, the classic Chole Bhature, the indulgent Special Thali, the ever-popular Aloo Samosa, and the soul-satisfying Dal Makhani. However, the city's love affair with culinary delights crowned Butter Chicken as the undisputed champion of local palates.

When it comes to preferred food categories, Ludhiana residents have a penchant for variety. The most popular categories span Thali, Tandoori Snacks, and Pizzas, showcasing the city's diverse and eclectic taste buds.

For quick bites, Ludhiana residents turn to Veg Tandoori Platter, Chilli Paneer Pizza, Veg Chilli Garlic Noodles, Veg Pasta with Red Sauce and Veg Manchurian Gravy.

When it comes to satisfying their sweet tooth, Barfi, Dodha, Gulab Jamun, Chocolate Trio Cake, and Butterscotch Cake took center stage.

JINDAL Stainless to generate ~1.9 billion units of clean energy per annum through renewable energy initiatives

HISAR: Jindal Stainless will generate over 1.9 billion units of clean electricity per annum through its wind-solar hybrid, floating and roof-top solar plants, according to its newly released Sustainability Report. The initiatives have the potential to reduce carbon emissions by over 13.52 lakh tonnes per annum. The company has already partnered with ReNew Power to deliver 100 megawatt (MW) round-the-clock (RTC) renewable energy. It is also in discussions to establish separate 100 MW RTC renewable energy projects at both its manufacturing units, in Jajpur and Hissar. This effort aims to achieve a combined capacity of 300 MW RE-RTC for both units.

Launching the Sustainability Report, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhay Jindal said, "The Sustainability Report is a thorough representation of our relentless pursuit of excellence in environmental stewardship and social responsibility. The remarkable achievements in renewable energy initiatives are pivotal to our vision of a greener future. Our strides in R&D foster innovation that elevates industry standards and ensures our operations contribute positively to the planet and its people."

Deepika Padukone Steps in as the Brand Ambassador for TECNO Smartphones

SHIMLA: In a ground-breaking move, TECNO, the premium global smartphone brand, is delighted to announce Indian superstar Deepika Padukone as its brand ambassador. This move marks the next step in TECNO's proposition of delivering the best of innovation while remaining stylish and accessible with the consumers' needs at heart. TECNO is buzzing with excitement as Deepika brings an incredible mix of talent, charisma & iconicity! This strategic partnership is not just a collaboration; it's a full-on commitment from TECNO to ride the wave of innovation while growing to the beats of the young, diverse, and dynamic audience. Arjeet Talapatra, CEO, TECNO Mobile, said, "We are thrilled to announce Deepika Padukone as TECNO's brand ambassador. Deepika's charisma, coupled with TECNO's innovation focus, creates a powerful synergy that will strengthen our brand perception and resonate with younger audiences. Beyond being a smartphone brand, TECNO aspires to be a lifestyle companion. We anticipate the association will enhance our brand image and engage a diverse audience, fostering our pursuit of excellence and 'Stop at Nothing' brand philosophy. With Deepika, we look forward to a year of ground-breaking launches, captivating campaigns, and a partnership reflecting the essence of TECNO - where technology meets style to redefine the smartphone experience. With this alliance TECNO is celebrating the brand's 20th anniversary, which is the celebration of its success and the future of the brand."

UNITED SIKHS appoints Bruce Lee's world record-breaker Kaur Amritbir Singh as fitness icon

Amritsar: UNITED SIKHS appointed fitness icon Kaur Amritbir Singh, who recently broke Bruce Lee's Guinness World record, as its fitness icon to motivate youths in Punjab to adopt fitness, health and wellness lifestyle. Kaur Amritbir Singh, who is quickly gaining his popularity amongst youths in Punjab recently broke the legendary martial artist Bruce Lee's Guinness World record for the most pushups in a minute, where he outperformed Lee's record by completing an astounding 86 pushups within a minute. Noteworthy is the fact that these remarkable accomplishments were achieved within the confines of his home, without the aid of gyms or advanced training equipment, predominantly relying on body-weight training. Devinder Singh, Secretary, UNITED SIKHS India said he was impressed by Kaur Amritbir Singh's dedication for fitness as well as his commitment to motivate youths to break free from drug addiction and adopt a fitness, health and wellness lifestyle. UNITED SIKHS would support Singh for a wider and effective outreach to convince youths to give up drugs and adopt a lifestyle of fitness and health.

BrewDog Amritsar Spreads Holiday Cheer with Heartwarming Initiative

Amritsar: In the spirit of the season of giving, BrewDog Amritsar is proud to announce a heartwarming initiative taking place. For each beer tower sold at BrewDog Amritsar between December 21st and December 30th, 2023, at Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar a warm blanket will be donated to those in need. This initiative aims to spread warmth and bring joy to the less fortunate members of our community during the festive season. BrewDog Amritsar invites the community to join hands in making this initiative a success. Let us come together to celebrate the spirit of humanity by making a difference in the lives of those who could use a little extra warmth.

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BharatPe records 182% growth in revenue in FY23

ALANDHAR: BharatPe, India's leading name in fintech, announced its financial performance for the fiscal year 2023, showcasing substantial growth and strategic advancements across key business segments. The fintech firm recorded 182% increase in revenue from operations in FY23, from Rs 321 Cr in FY22 to Rs 904 Cr in FY23. A significant progress was made in reducing loss before tax, from Rs 158 Cr, showcasing focused efforts towards financial sustainability. In the lending vertical, BharatPe's Merchant Lending division witnessed remarkable growth, with a 129% increase in loans facilitated (reaching Rs 5,339 Cr), emphasizing BharatPe's commitment to empowering merchants. BharatPe also introduced innovative revenue streams, including QR usage, credit card bill payments, and utility payments, showcasing dedication to innovation and diversification in its consumer business-postpe. On the other hand, Swipe business experienced a remarkable 63% increase in TPV, and the installation of approximately 8 lakh new soundbox devices in FY23 highlights BharatPe's continuous efforts to expand its presence and drive financial inclusion as well as adoption of digital payments across the country.

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Here are some healthy habits to control sugar levels

Diabetes is a lifestyle-related disease that cannot be cured but can be managed. It is caused by abnormally high blood glucose levels. Pancreatic insulin is responsible for maintaining glucose levels in the blood. Diabetes is caused by a lack of insulin, insufficient insulin synthesis, or an inability to appropriately utilize insulin. Studies reveal that there is no specific treatment for diabetes, but a range of lifestyle changes need to be incorporated into daily life. Along with these lifestyle changes, sustainable prevention plans need to be put in place to help not just manage but even prevent diabetes.

"Prevention is better than cure; Ayurvedic

treatments along with lifestyle changes can help manage the severe effects of diabetes by using natural ingredients," reveals Dr Kriti Soni, Head - R&D, Kapiva, Bengaluru. "These treatments can help in reducing blood sugar levels to non-diabetic levels and provide a healing approach right to the root of the disease."

Manage Stress

Stress is becoming a prominent cause of cardiovascular disease. People are frequently exposed to high stress at work and at home, which needs to be checked. Meditation can aid in stress management and reduction. Chanting and breathing exercises can also help you maintain healthy blood sugar levels.

Ensure A Healthy Diet

Establishing a good eating regimen is regarded as one of the fundamental strategies in managing diabetes. Eating foods with a lower glycemic index would be one of the dietary modifications. This includes eating whole grains and healthy fats while avoiding processed sugar juices and red meat.

Incorporate Healthy Juices Into Your Day

Ayurvedic juices with their blend of authentic herbs help in managing diabetes naturally. Apart



from managing blood sugar levels, these juices help in boosting energy levels, regulating carbohydrate

metabolism, and supporting overall digestion.

Maintain A Healthy Weight

People with type 2 diabetes benefit greatly from maintaining a healthy weight. Even for persons with pre-diabetes, maintaining a healthy weight might help prevent the illness from developing. Losing weight aids in the regulation of blood sugar levels, hence alleviating diabetic symptoms.

Get Regular Physical Activity

In our busy and hectic lives, exercising regularly or undertaking physical activities even for an hour could help delay the early onset of diabetes. It becomes very important to break the cycle of your

stressful routine to avoid the consequent medical traumas such as hypertension and high cholesterol.

Samsung Galaxy M15 Reportedly in the Works, Said to Get a 6,000mAh Battery

Samsung Galaxy A15 5G with MediaTek Dimensity 6100+ SoC and 50-megapixel triple rear camera unit was launched in India earlier this week. The South Korean smartphone brand now seems like gearing up to unveil a new Galaxy M15 model as a rebranded version of the Galaxy A15. The rumoured Galaxy M15 is said to come with a bigger battery than its Galaxy A series counterpart. The Galaxy A15 has a 5,000mAh battery unit. The preceding Galaxy M14 and Galaxy A14 have identical specifications. As per a report by GalaxyClub (via SamMobile), Galaxy M15 is in the works as a rebranded version of Galaxy A15. The former will reportedly be backed by a 6,000mAh battery. The Galaxy A15, in contrast, houses a 5,000mAh battery unit in both its 4G-only and 5G iterations. The Galaxy A15 is confirmed to get up to five years of security updates and four years of OS upgrades. Samsung could promise the same for rumoured Galaxy M15. The company earlier rebranded the Galaxy A14 as Galaxy M14. Samsung Galaxy M15 and Galaxy A15 will have identical specifications if the former is indeed a rebranded device. The Galaxy A15 was launched earlier this week with a starting price tag of Rs. 19,499 for the base variant with 8GB RAM + 128GB storage. It costs Rs. 22,499 for the 8GB RAM + 256GB storage model. It runs on an Android 13-based One UI 5 and features a 6.5-inch full-HD+ (1,080x2,408 pixels) Super AMOLED display with 90Hz refresh rate and a peak brightness of 800 nits. It has an octa-core MediaTek Dimensity 6100+ chipset under the hood, along with up to 8GB of RAM and up to 256GB of onboard storage. The Galaxy A15 5G's camera setup includes a 50-megapixel primary camera, a 5-megapixel secondary sensor and a 2-megapixel shooter. It has a 13-megapixel front camera. It is backed by a 5,000mAh battery with support for 25W fast charging.

Reliance Jio, IIT Bombay Working on 'Bharat GPT', Telecom Giant to Launch a TV OS: Report



BeeYoung Beer and Fleurons collaborated to make this Christmas Merrier than Ever!

Chandigarh: Embracing this festive spirit, BeeYoung Beer and Fleurons are teamed up to craft a sensational festive experience. Imagine the fusion of BeeYoung's citrusy yet strong beers and Fleurons' culinary delights. Witnessing the burst of exhilarating Christmas flavours, we unveiled an exclusive giveaway.

Five winners had the chance to receive a special hamper featuring BeeYoung beer and delicacies from Fleurons. The fantastic hamper included BeeYoung's pack of 4 beers and exciting goodies complemented by Fleurons' well-known bento cakes which are customised in BeeYoung's brand colours, promising a perfect blend of flavours for the holidays. Those fortunate enough have received, the ultimate Christmas treat in their hands!

"We are excited to bring an exciting hamper for Christmas," says Mr. Abhinav Jindal, Founder and CEO of Kinaya Himalayan Beverages. "BeeYoung is the perfect celebration partner for the season, crispy, malty and citrusy notes will leave you wanting for more."

Sejal Oberoi, Head of Management and PR at Fleurons is delighted about the collaboration and says "At Fleurons, we love making tasty treats that leave a lasting impression. Teaming up with BeeYoung lets us blend our special goodies into the holiday celebrations, making Christmas extra delightful. It's not just about sweets; it's about sharing joy with every bite."

This collaboration reflects a shared vision of spreading joy, warmth, and the spirit of togetherness during the holiday season. Here's to raising a toast to not just great moments, but the greatest flavours!



realme unveils its first 5G smartphone of their "Champion Series",

Amritsar: realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, today announced the launch of its first 5G smartphone in its "Champion" Series - the realme C67 5G. The realme C67 5G, the 5G Charging Champion comes with 5G connectivity and combines a powerful camera, fast charging, a massive battery, an appealing design, a powerful 5G chipset, adequate RAM for multitasking, and generous storage capacity.

Commenting on the launch, realme spokesperson said, "At realme, we are truly committed to making 5G accessible to all & the new realme C67 5G, the first 5G smartphone of our 'Champion' C Series is a testament to that unwavering commitment. With the realme C67 5G, we are redefining possibilities and setting a new standard for innovation, offering our community of young consumers a great 5G device that seamlessly integrates the latest technology while maintaining our commitment to delivering exceptional value. As we push the boundaries of innovation, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide powerful cutting-edge technology and democratize 5G in India."

The realme C67 5G, aims to deliver young users with a superlative product experience at a great price. The C67 5G comes equipped with a powerful 50MP AI camera that allows users to showcase their creativity and photography. To ensure that users are able to view these pictures in top-notch quality, the C67 5G houses a 120Hz Ultra Smooth Display with FHD+ display and a 91.4% screen-to-body ratio designed for an immersive experience. It also features the Mini

Capse 2.0 in a revamped vision design.

Dabur Honitus launches Mega Campaign to fight Cough & Cold in India

Aashray Foundation to educate about effective prevention from cough & cold.

Mr. Ajay Singh Parihar, Marketing Head- Healthcare OTC said, "As a brand, Honitus has been working towards keeping people safe from cough & cold and other throat infections. Moving ahead on this mission, we have taken up this social initiative to help build public awareness and protect them from such infections in this changing weather. Dabur's Honitus Cough Syrup provides effective relief from cough, without side effects. It controls cough and relieves throat irritation. It is an Ayurvedic medicine for cough that is fortified with Honey, Tulsi, Mulethi, Banaphala, and other powerful scientifically



validated medicinal ingredients as recommended by Ayurveda. Marketed cough syrups may contain codeine & alcohol, which can cause drowsiness and may be addictive. Dabur Honitus is a safe & effective herbal formulation that helps relieve cough and throat irritation, without causing adverse effects like drowsiness." The formulation is clinically proven to provide 15 minutes fast relief against cough and throat irritation.

Flagging off the initiative in Tricity, Dabur conducted an awareness session amongst more than 200 kids from

Gurmat Exam Test Series initiated



Chandigarh: Global Middas Foundation (GMF), a charitable organisation in Delhi, is doing Panth & Sangat Seva for last 3 years based on Sikhi values & ideology of "Sarbat Da Bhala" & "Chardi Kala". GMF has undertaken for the past 3 years many Ghar Sahi Prachar & Prasar Initiatives across Delhi, Punjab & India such as Sangat Panjat, Shabdat Kiran Darbar, Gurmat Samagam etc. inviting active participation from 5 yrs. onwards children & their families.

Now in association with Global Middas International Research Institute of Sikh Studies (GMIRS) have initiated a Gurmat Exam Test Series across India which in phase 1 have been successfully conducted in Uttarakhand & various Pindas across Punjab with more than 1000 children appearing in these, the details of which are available on Global Middas Shabdat Kiran Gurban YouTube Channel. Sardar Inder Preet Singh, Founder GMF, shared that the positive side is even without any support the teachers, the children and their families all are working dedicated together as family to impart best Gurmat Education and make our young generation be Gurkishts, follow the path & values of Sikhi when they grow up and even become pracharaks spreading their Pious Religious Values, History & Vairas to generations to come.

big in coming time.

Further in April 2023, company received work order amounting USD 5 million from Electric Vehicle Organizational Centre North America Corporation (EVONCA) for establishing EV charging and manufacturing unit. Company expect to establish the plant in 18-24 months and required software in 6-12 months from the date of receipt of order.

The order is for commercialization of Electric Vehicle technologies, which include vehicle-to-grid, Vehicle-to-building, and vehicle-to-load capabilities, by validating the technologies and demonstrating the commercial viability of such technologies.

Company expect to reach sales worth

approx USD 10 million and above after establishing the project.

Shree launches ITS 44th store in Punjab



Manawala, Amritsar - Popular Women's Indian Ethnic Wear Brand SHREE - She is Special launches its 44th store in Manawala, Amritsar Punjab in the esteemed presence of Mrs. Sheetal Kapoor, Joint Managing Director, SHREE Fashions Pvt. Ltd. The brand has created a niche in Punjab and aims to launch 20+ new stores in Punjab in 2023. The new Manawala store has been beautifully designed and artistically

constructed to provide customers a visual treat while offering them convenient shopping. Speaking at the event, Mrs. Sheetal Kapoor, Joint Managing Director, SHREE - She is Special said, "We are launching more and more stores in Punjab, and I am elated to be launching this Manawala store today. We have always wanted to be closer to our customers of Amritsar, and this store has provided us that opportunity. Punjab has welcomed us with open arms every time, which is why we wish to reciprocate the love and provide the Punjabi ladies some of the most amazing outfits. We bring forth our ready-to-wear, comfortable styles to our customers. This is our next step towards making our brand and its latest Spring Summer collection accessible to the people. As always, our customers are our top priority and our prime inspiration for our seasonal collections. With this store launch, customers can get their hands on our latest Spring Summer '23 collection in a well-furnished and beautifully designed store. We hope this Spring Summer collection makes our customers' festivities a big celebration."

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Om Help Foundation distributes sweaters to 25 school students



DAULAT CHAUHAN

JAWALI: Sweaters were distributed by the social service organisation Om Help Foundation to 25 needy children of classes 1 to 5 of the school through the help of Nagar Panchayat Councillor Jagpal Singh in Government Primary School, Bhanai. On this occasion, Jagpal Singh, on behalf of the school staff and parents of the children, thanked Foundation Chairman Bachan Singh Rana and Founder Chairman Dr. Kavita Tyagi for providing sweaters to the needy children of the school. He said that the organisation is doing very commendable work by helping the poor children. Even before this, Bachan Singh Rana has distributed study material, shoes and school bags to the needy children of Bhanai School. On this occasion, General Secretary of the Foundation, Daulat Ram, school teachers Dinesh Kumar and Anil Kumar and others were present.

Body donation at PGIMER

CHANDIGARH: The Department of Anatomy, PGIMER, Chandigarh has received the body Mr Paramjeet Singh S/O Mr. Gian Singh, aged 54 years, R/o Bathinda who expired on 27 Dec 2023. The body was graciously donated by his wife Mrs Parveen Kaur and son Mr Lovepreet Singh on 27 Dec 2023. The Department is grateful to the family members for their noble gesture.

Villagers face problems due to severe shortage of bank staff



SATISH SETH

KALAYAT: In Balu, the largest village of the sub-division, consumers are facing huge problems due to severe shortage of bank staff. In this regard, the villagers have written a letter to the AGM of Punjab National Bank and the Chief Minister requesting them to fulfill the shortage of employees. Gurudev, resident of village Balu, said that village Balu is the largest village of Kalayat sub-division which has three panchayats. The population of the village is about 18 thousand and transactions of 6 nearby villages also take place through this bank. People come here for bank work but due to overcrowding and lack of staff, they have to return disappointed. Being a rural bank, farmers are most in need of loans and agricultural cards. There is no loan officer in the bank for a long time due to which farmers are facing a lot of problems. Bank managers explain away their helpless situation in front of people due to shortage of employees. Residents of all the villages connected to this bank leave their agricultural and domestic work and come to the bank only to feel disappointed. The villagers have demanded that the vacant posts of staff in the bank should be filled without any delay so that people can get bank services fast.

Safar-e-Shahadat program organized in Springdales Public School



RAHUL KOHLI

JAGDHRI: Like every year, 'Safar-e-Shahadat' program was organized in the premises of Springdales Public School Jagdhri on Thursday to pay tribute to the bravery and supreme sacrifice of four Sahibzadas while celebrating Veer Bal Diwas. Following the path of sacrifice shown by father Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji to save the community, his son Guru Gobind Singh Ji sacrificed his life for the sake of religion. Special meetings were organized in the school from December 21 to 28 in which poems and "Chaar Sahibzaade" film etc. were presented to express the bravery of the four Sahibzadas. In today's 'Safar-e-Shahadat' program, the students of class 3rd to 12th in the school remembered their martyrdom through Shabd Kirtan, Sakhio and poems. Along with this, the small students reminded that time through Gatka, how the younger Sahibzadas sacrificed themselves while refused to bow down against oppression and injustice. At the end of the program, Chairman of the school, Colonel Jasbir Singh Buttar ji informed the students about these martyr days and presented his views.

Shri Jagdish Prasad Jhabarmal Tibbriwala University, Mumbai emerge Champions in 'South West Zone Archery Championship-2023'



ANIL VERMA

TALWANDI SABO: Prof. Dr. S.K. Bawa, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Guest of the occasion announced the closing ceremony of the four-day "South-West Zone Archery Championship (Boys and Girls)-2023", held in the playground of Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo. Chancellor Mr. Gurabh Singh Sidhu and Managing Director Mr. Sukhraj Singh Sidhu in their congratulatory message advised the players to be healthy and practice in routine, as sports inspire us to be punctual, disciplined and work in team. Dr. Bawa congratulated the organizers for the successful conduct and conveyed her best wishes for their bright future. She said players should consider olympic medals as their ultimate goal. He said that players can achieve their destination through hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and practice and stressed that India has high expectations from them.

Programs during Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra organized in Antawa and Khurdaban villages



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Under the Vikas Bharat Sankalp and Jan Samvad Yatra being run by the government, programs were organized in villages Antawa and Khurdaban. Sarpanch Subhash Saini presided over the program in village Khurdaban and honored the chief guest, former minister Karnadev Kamboj, on his arrival at the program. During this, stalls were set up by various departments and people were given information about the government schemes. During this, former minister Karnadev Kamboj listened to the problems of the people and issued instructions to solve them. The forum was coordinated by Mandal General Secretary Dhanpat Saini. Mr Kamboj said that Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra has become a big medium to reach out to those people who have not been able to connect with government schemes till now. The government was reaching out to the people at their doorsteps and giving them information about the schemes and work was being done to identify the beneficiaries and provided benefits to them.

India will achieve glory of 'self-reliant and developed' nation in 2047: Chandra
SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NINGG/KARNAL: Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice President of Swachh Bharat Mission, said that on completion of 100 years of independence i.e. in the year 2047, India will have the distinction of being a 'self-reliant and developed' nation. For this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given the countrymen the vision of making India a 'self-reliant and developed' nation. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has put forward the blueprint of a big plan for how the path of India's progress will be decided in the next 24 years i.e. till the year 2047. Executive Vice President of Swachh Bharat Mission, Subhash Chandra, was interacting directly with the people present after warmly welcoming the Yatra in village Brass of Nilokheri assembly constituency on Thursday. He said that India's vision document has been presented to the world as a 'self-reliant and developed' country by the year 2047 and 'Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra' programs are continuing uninterrupted across the country. To achieve the goal of 'self-reliant and developed' nation, youth will have to think 'out of the box'. Chief guest Subhash Chandra said that the young generation is ready to take the country forward through its energy.



Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra reaches Francewala and Dhundrehri, benefits given on spot to underprivileged eligible persons



RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra reached villages Francewala and Dhundrehri, where the villagers warmly welcomed the Yatra. During this visit, BJP leader Bansi Lal first inspected the stalls set up by various departments. He also administered the Developed India pledge to the people on the spot and honored the promising school children. Along with this, gas cylinders and stoves were given to the eligible beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Kisan Credit Card, Pradhan Mantri Poshan Abhiyan, Har Ghar Jal, Jal Jeevan Mission, Swamitva Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana.

benefits of government schemes from the stalls set up by various departments. He said that during the Vikas Bharat Jan Samvad Sankalp Yatra, people in rural areas will be given information about Ayushman Bharat, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Kisan Credit Card, Pradhan Mantri Poshan Abhiyan, Har Ghar Jal, Jal Jeevan Mission, Swamitva Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, Suraksha Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana.

Nation will develop only when youth are empowered: Kashyap



SNEDH CHOPRA

GHARAUNDA: Bharat Vikas Jan Samvad Sankalp Yatra, developed under the leadership of Gharaunda MLA Harvindra Kalyan, is continuously moving forward and proving to be a boon for the people of the area. Through Yatra, pension of the elderly is being made in the village itself, eligible families are being assured of the benefits of Ayushman Bharat Card and Ujjwala Gas Connection on the spot. Under Vikas Bharat Yatra, till now covering 43 villages of Gharaunda, eligible families have been ensured to get the benefits of government schemes. On Thursday also, Vikas Bharat Yatra reached Prem Nagar and Dera Sanjay Nagar. BPL cards of 7 eligible families in Prem Nagar and 26

eligible families in Dera Sanjay Nagar were made on the spot. Everyone expressed happiness by thanking the government. The yatra was led by former Gharaunda MLA Ramesh Kashyap. Former Gharaunda MLA Ramesh Kashyap said that the nation will develop only by empowering the youth. Every youth should engage in developing India by honing his/her skills with full zeal and enthusiasm. Kashyap was addressing the gathering

present in the Bharat Sankalp Yatra public dialogue programme developed in village Prem Nagar and Dera Sanjay Nagar of Gharaunda Assembly. During this, former Market Committee Chairman Ramesh Bairagi in village Prem Nagar and former Mandal Chairman Gulab Kashyap in Dera Sanjay Nagar administered the oath of developed India to the villagers and encouraged them to contribute to the progress of the country and state.

Writer Yadvinder Singh Bhullar honored in literary program



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: After the release of the 6th book of Yadvinder Singh Bhullar, 'Manhu Kusudha Kalia' in an impressive literary program at Geeta Bhawan, Tapa Mandi on Thursday, various organizations of the district and President of Punjab Mahakavad Sangh Punjab, Tarlochan Bansal, gave a gift of Rs 11,000 to Yadvinder Singh Bhullar. He was given special honor by presenting a cash amount and a memento. On this occasion, Mahakavad Sangh, Punjab Pradesh Aggarwal Sammelan, Municipal Council Councilor, Vyapar Mandir Tapa, Group Sheller Malik Tapa, Shri Gurudwara Committee Tapa, Bharat Ambedkar Commission Tapa, besides Akali-BJP, BSP, Aam Aadmi Party and Congress leaders and workers participated in the function. While addressing this literary event, versatile writer and journalist Yadvinder Singh Bhullar was honored by congratulating him for his book. This literary function was presided over by Mohit Singh, former president of Municipal Council Tapa, state president of Punjab Pradesh Aggarwal Conference and Mahakavad Sangh Punjab, writer Tarlochan Bansal and writer Markanda, who has been serving in journalism for a long time.

Cong accomplished great task of freeing country from British: Rajesh Vaidya



DARSHAN SHARMA

NILOKHERI: The history of the Congress Party has been one of great pride, and today, it should be acknowledged that the Congress Foundation Day is above and beyond just a celebration of the party; it symbolizes the establishment of All India National Congress. Former member of the Haryana Public Service Commission and delegate of the Pradesh Congress Committee, Prof. Rajesh Vaidya, along with fellow party members, celebrated the 138th establishment day of the All India National Congress by hoisting the party flag at his Nilokheri Congress office today. He remarked that the Congress was founded in 1885 and it was under the leadership of Congress that the country gained independence from the British. Figures like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru, among many other leaders, were all integral to the Congress Party. Their contributions are respected worldwide today.

SPORTS

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

SHORT TALKS

ISL: FC Goa target unbeaten first half of season as they face NorthEast United

Guwahati : Having remained undefeated across the first nine games of their Indian Super League (ISL) campaign, FC Goa would aim for a similar result when they take on NorthEast United on Friday. If they succeed, the Gaurs would wrap up the first half of the season with an unblemished record, for the first time in their history.

Since the appointment of head coach Manolo Marquez in June, the Men in Orange have done remarkably well across competitions, reaching the semi-finals of the 2023 Durand Cup before emerging as the leaders in ISL standings early on in the season.

With 23 points from nine matches, FC Goa have won seven times so far in the league, drawing the remaining two matches.

NorthEast United, meanwhile, may be in eighth place currently - but they have had a negative result in the form of losses only on four different occasions across the 11 matches they played so far. And as the Gaurs are already aware from their recent encounter against them in the Durand Cup which ended in a 2-2 draw, the Highlanders do possess enough firepower to derail any opposition on their day, as the likes of Jamshedpur FC and Chennaiyin FC discovered lately.

At the pre-match press conference on Wednesday, FC Goa's head coach began with addressing their loss of Victor Rodriguez, who has been ruled out for the rest of the season due to injury.

"I know him (Victor) since a long time ago. He is one of the best players in the ISL, and one of our best too if not the absolute best."

Elgar, Burger, Rabada shine as South Africa win big against India in 1st Test

CENTURION : Nandre Burger's sensational spell combined with South Africa's all-rounded performance secured a win by an innings and 32 runs for the Proteas against India in the first Test on Thursday at the SuperSport Park.

Burger with his lethal bouncers and precise line and length pushed India batters back against the wall.

A game that seemed to be headed for the fourth day was concluded on the third day itself. India batters were no match for South Africa pacers as the pace trio of Kagiso Rabada, Marco Jansen and Burger ran through India's entire batting line-up.

Virat Kohli was the sole batter who knew how to churn out runs on a surface which proved to be too much for the rest of the batters.

After a dismal start to their second innings, South Africa struck India hard by removing Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul in quick succession.

After Burger removed Ravichandran Ashwin for a golden duck, India's fate was more or less sealed. Jasprit Bumrah's runout following a brilliant effort in the field by Dean Elgar caused a



mood of dismay. A brilliant review from the South Africa team saw Mohammed Siraj gloving the ball straight to the wicketkeeper.

Prasidh Krishna struggled hard but Jansen got the better of Kohli (76) which brought an end to India's struggle within the first three days.

Earlier in the day, India skipper Rohit Sharma's dreadful run in South

Africa, especially against Kagiso Rabada continued. Rabada's inward angling delivery left Rohit baffled as he failed to read the line which resulted in the ball crashing into the stumps.

The veteran right-handed batter got removed for an eight-ball duck and this dismissal marked his 7th in 11 innings against Rabada. Yashavai Jaiswal tried to leave the delivery, but

the ball glanced off his glove and went straight to the wicketkeeper.

Shubman Gill looked set to spend a good amount of time on the field but his attempt to play a shot across the straight line failed. Marco Jansen picked his first as Gill departed with a score of 26(37).

India trailed by 101 runs. The visitors looked in the perfect spot to end South Africa's innings quickly after bagging their 7th wicket in the first session.

But the tail-enders along with Jansen accumulated a couple of more runs which took their score to 408. Jasprit Bumrah removed the final two batters leaving Jansen alone with an unbeaten score of 84(4).

He received a standing ovation from the fans and Dean Elgar came in to greet the batter before he entered the dressing room. Earlier in the innings, Elgar's farewell series continued to showcase the perfect combination of aggressiveness combined with temperament.

The left-handed batter scored 185 off 287 deliveries which consisted of 28 boundaries. Shardul Thakur eventually removed the batter before he could reach a much-deserved double century.

AUS vs PAK, 2nd Test: Marsh misses out on century, Aussies lead by 241 runs



MELBOURNE : Half-centuries from Mitchell Marsh and Steve Smith led Australia's fightback after early wickets, with their lead increasing to 241 runs at the end of the day three of the second Test against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Thursday.

At Tea, Australia was 107/4, with Marsh (57*) and Steve Smith (26*) unbeaten.

Starting this session on 6/2, with David Warner (1*) joined by Travis Head, Mir Hamza removed them for six and two respectively. Australia sunk to 16/4.

Then Smith joined forces with Marsh. Marsh did not waste much time starting a counterattack, smashing Aamer Jamal for three fours in the 14th over to put some pressure back on bowlers.

Australia reached the 50-run mark in 15.2 overs as Marsh smashed Jamal for the fourth boundary.

Smith played the anchor role on the other end, helping Marsh express himself. The duo reached 50-run stand in 87 balls.

In later overs, Marsh went after Pakistan's lead pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi, smashing him for some boundaries. The all-rounder registered his third successive fifty of the series in 70 balls, with eight fours. In 28.4 overs, Australia reached the 100-run mark. The duo helped Australia end the session without a loss of wicket. Earlier, a five-wicket haul by skipper Pat Cummins put

Australia in a commanding position before the visitors clawed their way into the contest as Shaheen Shah Afridi struck two crucial blows to rock the hosts early on the opening session of day three of the second Test against.

"No ego, not a dictatorship": Alyssa Healy on Australia's captaincy approach

MUMBAI: Ahead of the first ODI against India, Australian skipper Alyssa Healy shed light on her approach as a captain, saying that it is not about ego or dictatorship but rather encouraging the next generation of leaders from the group to have a voice.

The first ODI of the three-match series between India and Australia will take place in Mumbai on Thursday. Healy took over the captaincy from multi-time World Cup winner Meg Lanning, who shockingly announced her retirement from international cricket in November. This comes after Australia lost the one-off Test to India by eight wickets.

"There is no ego in me being captain. It's not a dictatorship. I am not here to tell anybody how to play. It's more about encouraging the next generation of leaders within our group, and we have got some amazing senior players who are captaining domestic teams. We have got the next generation of superstar coming through, closing that gap and ensuring that they can lead themselves and drive the way they want to play the game. I am encouraging everyone to have their voice. That is important to make this team successful for the next 10-15 years," said Healy to JioCinema. On taking over from Lanning as captain, Healy said that they are huge shoes to fill.

Year Ender: Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team recalls memorable 2023



NEW DELHI, DEC 28

(UNI) The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team had some memorable outings in 2023, with their dearest memories emanating from the Women's Junior Asia Cup in Japan.

The Team defeated Korea 2-1 in the Final to lift the Junior Asia Cup trophy for the very first time in India's history.

The first international outing for the team was in the India U21 Tour of South Africa in February. The Indian Team defeated the South African U-21 team in all three games and were held to a 4-4 draw by South Africa's 'A' team in their last match.

The unbeaten Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team was then well poised to

battle the best Asian Teams in the Women's Junior Asia Cup, following a period of intense training.

An 18-member squad flew to Kakamigahara, Gifu Prefecture, Japan, and emerged as Champions of the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023 by defeating Korea with a score of 2-1 in a captivating Final match.

All the 18 members of this triumphant Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team were part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) National Centres of Excellence (NCOE), the Hockey India sources said.

Reminiscing the swell of emotions after lifting the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023, Indian Junior Women's

Hockey Team Captain Preeti said, "We were elated to bring back the trophy, and the fact that we were the first group from India to win the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023 was the icing on the cake."

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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item on form PWD-6 and PWD-8 rates basis are invited by the Assistant Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division, Chowari on behalf of Governor of Himachal for the below mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh, Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Limit	Cost of tender form (in Rs.)
1	Restoration of Rain Damages to LWSS Kudera to Kakira in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	197977.00	3960.00	2 Month	250.00
2	New water supply scheme Uperli Bedingi and Nichli Bedingi in G.P. Kakira in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	182465.00	3649.00	2 Month	250.00
3	Providing new water supply Scheme to Uperli Bedingi and Nichli Bedingi in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	110735.00	2215.00	2 Month	250.00
4	Lum Sum Provision for RWSS Scheme in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	100676.00	2014.00	2 Month	250.00
5	A/R & M/O WSS Rakhed Purkherd in G.P. Kahri in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	108897.00	2178.00	2 Month	250.00
6	A/R & M/O WSS Khaber Banet in G.P. Banet in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	108605.00	2172.00	2 Month	250.00
7	Restoration of Rain Damages to WSS Kuthed in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	166744.00	3335.00	2 Month	250.00
8	Stock storage (Jal Shakti Sub Division Chowari) in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	133223.00	2684.00	2 Month	250.00
9	Provision for WSS Chowari Town in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	101849.00	2037.00	2 Month	250.00
10	Restoration of rain damages to WSS Falarh in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	101574.00	2031.00	2 Month	250.00
11	Restoration of rain damages to WSS Kakira in G.P. Kakira in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	165642.00	1966.00	2 Month	250.00
12	Remodeling of Irrigation Scheme Sama in G.P. Jatroon in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	187822.00	3756.00	2 Month	250.00
13	Provision water supply scheme to Chowari Town in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	122182.00	2444.00	2 Month	250.00
14	Restoration of Rain Damages to Flow Irrigation Scheme Jandrog in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	102099.00	2042.00	2 Month	250.00
15	Restoration of rain damages to FIS Chowari in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	199951.00	3999.00	2 Month	250.00
16	Remodeling of LIS Naddle in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	180381.00	1834.00	2 Month	250.00
17	Remodeling of LIS Naddle in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	180392.00	1834.00	2 Month	250.00
18	Restoration of rain damages to FIS Chowari Phase-3rd in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	116586.00	1966.00	2 Month	250.00
19	Restoration of rain damages to Flow Irrigation Scheme Banet in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	104636.00	1966.00	2 Month	250.00
20	A/R & M/O WSS Chowari Town in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	149757.00	1966.00	2 Month	250.00
21	Restoration of rain damages to Flow Irrigation Scheme Hobbar Kuhl in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	117024.00	2340.00	2 Month	250.00
22	Restoration of rain damages to F.I.S. Madul Kuhl in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	129878.00	2598.00	2 Month	250.00
23	Restoration of rain damages to WSS Nadal Purwale Guleid in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	181337.00	1966.00	2 Month	250.00
24	Improvement of Link Water Supply Scheme Kudera to Kakira in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	109006.00	2180.00	2 Month	250.00
25	Restoration of rain damages to FIS Sasan Kuhl in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	110433.00	1966.00	2 Month	250.00
26	New water supply scheme Uperli Bedingi and Nichli Bedingi in G.P. Kakira in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	156773.00	3135.00	2 Month	250.00
27	Retrofitting to Providing WSS Rakherd Purkherd in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	108149.00	2163.00	2 Month	250.00
28	Restoration of rain damages to LWSS Kudera to Kakira in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	193062.00	3861.00	2 Month	250.00
29	Restoration of rain damages to LWSS Kudera to Kakira in Tehsil Bhattiyat Distt. Chamba H.P	199117.00	3982.00	2 Month	250.00

The tender reach in this office on or before 04.01.2024 upto 03:00 PM and will be opened on the same day at 03:30 PM in the presence of intending contractor or their authorized representatives. The tender forms can be had from his office against cash payment (non-refundable) upto 12:00 PM on 04.01.2024.

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the departmental website <http://hphp.org>. The Assistant Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division, Chowari Distt. Chamba H.P.

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HARYANA

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

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Lord Shiva bhajans sang in Sanatan Dharma temple, Ramnagar



PARI BAJAJ

KARNAL: Sanatan Dharma Mandir Ramnagar buzzed with collective chant of 'Om Namah: Shivay' by the family on Thursday on the occasion of birthday of Sanjay Tikka, the chief servant of the family. Praise of Shiva started musically with Sharanam, Namo Sharanam, Shivay Sharanam, Bhole Baba Sharanam. Munjal and party enthralled the devotees by singing the bhajan Mere Yaar Ko Mila Dein Woh Pyar Phir Jagade. After this, bhajan singers Babita, Midda, Sanjay Tikka also sang the praises of Bhole's bhajans. Chanting Om Namah Shivay. The devotees welcomed him with flowers and garlands and prayed to Bhole Baba for his long life. The devotees first decorated Bhole Baba with flowers and then pleased Bhole by chanting Har Har Ma-hadev. The program started with the worship of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. Then the name of Rama was chanted.

Haryana Congress Workers Conference will be held in Karnal on January 1

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: A press conference was held by the Congress Party at Indri rest house on Thursday regarding the workers conference to be held in Karnal on January 1, in which former MLA and district in-charge Lahiri Singh mainly participated. On this occasion, former Minister of State Bhimsen Mehta, former MLA Rakesh Kambal, Karm Singh Khanpur, Kamal Mann and many other Congress leaders were present. During the press conference, Lahiri Singh said that today was the foundation day of the Congress Party. Their great leaders contributed a lot to this country by making sacrifices. Earlier, even needles were not made in the country, but during the rule of Congress Party, every kind of development was done in the country and took the country completely to self-reliant.

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 28

In a resounding testament to effective governance and citizen participation, Haryana has taken the lead in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra initiated by Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal on November 30. Notably, in terms of Yatra progress, the State is in the forefront.

The Yatra, aimed at bringing government welfare schemes directly to citizens' doorsteps, has garnered active involvement from over 23 lakh people across approximately 3438 gram panchayats and wards.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister held a key review meeting with the stakeholders and the Deputy Commissioners on late evening on Wednesday. During the meeting he directed the officers concerned to ensure resolving citizens' issues promptly and efficiently.

Urban Local Bodies Minister, Dr.



Kamal Gupta was also present at the meeting. Lok Sabha MP and BJP state president, Sh. Nayab Singh also attended the meeting via video conferencing.

Sh. Manohar Lal encouraged Deputy Commissioners to continue working hard to maintain Haryana's top rank.

He said that the goal of this yatra is to provide the benefits of central and state government welfare

schemes to citizens at their doorstep. Additionally, it aims to ensure on-the-spot resolution of people's issues. Therefore, the officers should lay emphasis on increasing the number of stalls for flagship schemes like PPP, Ayushman Card, and Nirogi Haryana during the yatra's programs to make these facilities more accessible to a greater number of citizens.

The Chief Minister also directed teams formed for PPP and Ayushman Card to accept applications from every citizen and ensure the complete resolution of their issues.

He said that the yatra will continue until January 26, and during this period, the focus should be on ensuring that the benefits of every scheme reach the deserving individuals with a spirit of Antyodaya. He also directed the officers to appoint group - b officers as a Day - Nodal officer for making the Yatra a huge success in every village.

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 28**

On completion of 138 years of the establishment of the Congress Party, the party flag was hoisted by Congress workers in Karnal. The workers pledged to strengthen the unity and integrity of the country and the party organisation. The program was organised at booth number 102 in Banso Gate. On this occasion, Karnal in-charge and former MLA Lahari Singh, Karnal Assembly in-charge Pradeep Mann, District Convenor Trilochan Singh, Rani Kamboj and Dr. Jagbir Singh specially participated. Congress leaders explained in detail the history of the party.

Congress leaders said that the contribution of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi in the development of the country can never be forgotten. The Congress Party was established 138

years ago. The special thing is that Congress has always nurtured democracy. Congress workers are working to serve the public through politics. He told the workers to take a



Bhupinder Singh Hooda and State President Uday Bhan. On this occasion, Anshul Lather, Ravidas Sabha President Rohit Joshi, Daya Prakash, Vinod Kala, Ashok Dugal, Tinku Ver-

pledge to save the Constitution and form the Congress government today. On behalf of Karnal Congress, Foundation Day greetings were sent to National President Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi, former Haryana Chief Minister

ma, Punjabi leader Rajendra Pappi Arora, former councillor Hardwari Lal Somdutt Sharma, Baljeet Chauhan, Dilip Kumar, Bharat Bhushan, Rajpal Tanwar, Lawyers Ahmed and Prem Malvania etc. were present.

Leopard cub dies in road accident

RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI:

Late last night, a female leopard cub died after being hit by an unknown vehicle near Manbhawala village on Deodhar to BKD road. The cub was three to four months old. Giving information, District Wildlife Inspector Jayendra Nehra said that the body of the female leopard cub was brought by the Wildlife Department to the office of Kalesar Wildlife Department, where its post-mortem was done and cremated. Two-three days ago, a female leopard was seen roaming with her three cubs near Mujehadwala forest, due to which there was an atmosphere of panic among the nearby villagers. Late at night, the Wildlife Department received information that a leopard cub had died after being hit by a vehicle, upon which the Wildlife Department team reached the spot and picked up the leopard cub.

The Wildlife Department took the body of the deceased cub in its custody and brought it to the District Office of the Wildlife Department, Kalesar. Where a panel of

doctors conducted the post-mortem of the female leopard cub. The last rites of the leopard cub were performed by the Wildlife Department in the presence of officers and employees of the Wildlife Department. The panel of doctors included Dr. Sukhbir Nain Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. Amit Kumar, Dr. Om Ahuja. When leopards, cheetahs and lions etc. die, their dead bodies are burnt in the presence of officials so that no one steals the skin and other parts of the deceased wild animal and sells it. According to the department, hunters steal or hunt the parts of leopard, lion and cheetah and sell them at high prices.

Tea langar held on martyrdom day of Sahibzades

RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI:

On the martyrdom day of Sahibzades, tea langar was organised in Chuharpur Kalan. On this occasion all the rural youth served langar. Giving information, villager Inderjit Singh said that on the occasion of martyrdom day of Sahibzades, like every year, the villagers organised a langar of tea, bread and pakora in the Gurudwara Sahib of the village. All the youth of the village participated enthusiastically in the langar and contributed in the service work. He said that service

to humanity is paramount. All the Guru Maharaj of Sikhism said that service to humanity is the highest priority. Following the path shown by our Gurus, we are engaged in service to humanity. He said that the youth of Chuhadpur Kalan serve cold water in summer and provide tea langar in winter. Take inspiration from the path shown by the gurus and their lives. Gurdev Singh, Jasminder Singh, Amarendra Pal Singh, Satbir Singh, Harpreet Singh, Navjot Singh, Jagtar Singh, Satwinder Singh, Raspal Singh, Simranjeet Singh, Sarveet Singh, Iqbal Singh etc. were present on this occasion.

BJP govt working for welfare of every section: Virk

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ASSANDH, DECEMBER 28

The BJP government is working for the welfare of every section of people. All-round development of the state is taking place under the leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal. The person standing in the last line is getting the benefits of government schemes. The above views were expressed by former BJP MLA Bakshish Singh Virk while addressing the villagers. Sarpanch Deepak Kumar, Narendra Comrade, Charan Singh, Mahavir Singh, Leela Ram, Ramkumar Singh, Omprakash and Vinod Kumar warmly welcomed the former MLA. Former MLA Bakshish Singh Virk told the villagers about the work done during his tenure.



New gate installed at govt school

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI, DECEMBER 28

Today the school had a newly constructed main gate and N. S. S. camp inaugurated by social worker Tilak Raj Dhaman, President District Sanitary Manufacturing Association Yamuna Nagar, Vice President State Vishwakarma Dhaman Samaj. The guest accompanying him was Parmanand Dhaman, social worker, Ashwani Dhaman, retired Principal who inspected the school premises and appreciated the beauty and cleanliness of the school. Chief guest Tilak Raj Dhaman introduced the students to N.S.S. He gave Best wishes for the camp and appealed to serve the country and society by becoming good citizens in the future by studying well and Ashwani Dhaman inspired the students to work hard by setting goals in life. All the dignitaries were welcomed by Principal Sarvodaya Goyal and staff members with flower garlands. Tilak Raj Dhaman presented the amount as financial support to the school and assured support to the school in future also.



Ravindra Singh, Sheesh Pal, Kuldeep Singh, Rajiv Kumar, Kaushal Antwal, Anil Kumar, Ranbir Singh, Rajni, Sonika, Sandhya Rani, Sudesh Rani, Jyoti Singla, Mahesh Kumar and other staff members were present.

IPS celebrates annual function 'Anandotsav'

NIRMAL SAINI
RAUDAUR:

The annual function 'Anandotsav' of Indian Public School Radaur was organised with great pomp in which the students displayed their excellent talent and enthralled everyone. During this, thunderous applause from the audience greatly boosted the morale of the participants. Educationist OP Taneja had attended the program as the chief guest. The chief guest started the program by lighting the lamp in front of the idol of Lord Ganesha and Mother Saraswati. The program was presided over by Principal Ish Mehta and Indu Mehta. The participants who participated in the program were honoured with awards. On this occasion, chief guest OP Taneja said that talent is not anyone's slave.

Neither can anyone stop it nor can anyone steal someone else's talent. Be it rich or poor, big or small, if he recognizes the talent hidden within him and brings it on the stage, then not only he gets success but others can also get inspiration from his talent. Today, the way children displayed their best talent on stage through this platform is praiseworthy in words. Coming on this stage and showcasing one's talent is not within everyone's reach, for those who come, it is a privilege to be on the stage. Therefore, everyone should make efforts to achieve this good fortune. The country is progressing only on the basis of the talent of children. Those who are showcasing their talent on stage today have to run the country tomorrow.



Millet products stall at International Geeta Jayanti Mahotsava

RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR, DECEMBER 28

P.G. Department of Food & Nutrition and Department of Education, Guru Nanak Girls College, Yamunanagar set up Millet Nutritious Products Stall in the International Geeta Jayanti Mahotsav, Kurukshetra from 7th to 24th December, 2023. This initiative was started with the excellent vision and constant guidance of the institution's Director Dr. Varinder Gandhi and Principal Dr. Harvinder Kaur. This stall was set up in Haryana Pavilion located at Draupadi Well, Brahma Sarovar, Kurukshetra. This stall was in collaboration with the Self-reliant India

Campaign, whose coordinator Ravinder Saini was present during this period.

Stall coordinators Dr. Prajapati Kaur and Dr. Suman Rani Khaket clarified that the main objective behind this stall is to create entrepreneurship among the participating students. The organising committee of this event includes Ruhil Grewal, Geeta Rana, Varsha Rani, Dajinder Kaur, Saloni Singh and Gurpreet Kaur. The student volunteers who were given this opportunity included UG Home Science students Himanshi, Muskaan, Rambha, Komal and Sapna. The endeavour of this venture was the persistence of Haryanvi culture regarding the consumption of millets in our daily diet. Buyers showed keen interest in purchasing hygienically prepared millet snacks at reasonable prices and appreciated the taste as well as the efforts of the students.



300 jerseys distributed to students of govt school

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL, DECEMBER 28

300 jerseys were distributed to students of govt school. On this occasion, Bobby Goyal, Director of Basmati Double Chabi Rice and Nitesh Goyal, Director of Lakhdar Packaging, who arrived as chief guests, reached the school and distributed jerseys to all the children. District Organisation Commissioner Anil Saini and school head Om Singh Rana honoured him by giving him a bouquet. Speaking, the school head said that it is a very noble act that the needs of the students are being fulfilled through social service organisations. A needy student can stay away from diseases during the winter season. Bobby Goyal and Nitesh Goyal distributed jerseys to the students with their own hands and blessed the children and said that if the teachers of the school continue to make such positive efforts, then the demands of the needy children can be fulfilled. After seeing the arrangements of the school, he praised it a lot and thanked all the school staff. At the last stage of the program, Seema Bindal and Sameer Pal honoured these social workers by giving mementos.



Many competitions held under reading promotion programme

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PEHOWA:

Various competitions were organised under the reading promotion program in Bhatt Majra, Government Senior Secondary School of Block Pehowa. In these competitions, teachers from different schools came to participate in the competition with selected students. Disha of Government Secondary School Duniya Majra got first position in Spell-Bee spelling English and Hindi subject. In the debate competition in class 6 to 8, Muskaan Gau from Chaudhary stood first, Janvi from Kalsia and Himanshi from Fauji Group stood first. Harman from Arnecha, Navneet Kaur from Duniya Majra and Srishti from Rua stood first in story writing in class 6 to 8. Madhu, Tamanna, Aditya and Geeta stood first in the debate competition in classes 9 to 12. Harsh, Bobby, Hina and Tania won in English tenses. Prachi, Anjali, Manisha and Amandeep stood first in the story writing competition. Deeksha, Disha, Amandeep and Swati stood first in poetry writing.



Development works done under Modi, Khattar: Kanwar Pal

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI, DEC 28

School Education Minister Kanwar Pal arrived as the chief guest in the programme organised under Vikas Bharat Jan Sankalp Yatra in Piruwala and Pheruwala. He said that under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Manohar Lal, work is being done to get development works done equally at all places. Today the country and the state are continuously moving towards the path of progress. The government has implemented welfare schemes for every section of the society, be it farmers, labourers, women, businessmen, workers, etc. and implemented them on the ground. School Education Minister Kanwar Pal had arrived as the chief guest in the programme organised under the Vikas Bharat Jan Sankalp Yatra in village Piruwala

and Pheruwala on Thursday. Addressing the villagers present, he said that the participation of the common people is very necessary to fulfil the res-

olution taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India a developed nation by the year 2047. When 100 years of independence will be completed, we too will be included in the list of developed nations. We have to fulfil this dream that Prime Minister Narendra Modi

has cherished. While administering the oath to all present on this occasion, the Chief Guest said that this is the first government which is working to find schemes related to Agriculture Department and other schemes. Kanwar Pal said that in the Vikas Bharat Jan Sankalp Yatra, while work is being done to provide information about the schemes to the people and get their benefits, people are facing problems related to pension, problems related to family identity card or any other problem. By knowing this, those problems are also being resolved by the officials. He also observed the stalls through which information about government schemes is being given to the general public. SDM Bilaspur Jaspal Gill, BDPO Bilaspur Kartik Chauhan, Representative Chairman Panchayat Samiti Bilaspur Bhushan Gurjar, Vice Chairman Rahul Panjeto, Sarpanch Peeruwala Suman Lata, former Sarpanch Kulbir, BJP workers Suresh Pal and Naresh Panjeto and other dignitaries were present.

