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### NEWS BRIEFS

**VP to release book on Haryana today**



**CHANDIGARH:** The Vice president, Jagdeep Dhankar will release a book titled '9 incredible years of Haryana Government tomorrow at Surajkund. The ceremony will be attended by CM Manohar Lal and Governor of Haryana Bandaru Dattatreya. The book is focused on the major achievements of Manohar Lal led BJP-JJP govt in last nine years.

**Engineering student dies by suicide in coaching hub Kota**

**KOTA:** A final year BTech student allegedly died by suicide in his paying guest room in Rajasthan's Kota, police said on Friday. Noor Mohammed (27) took the extreme step sometime on Wednesday but his body was recovered from his room in Vigyan Nagar area on Thursday night. No suicide note was recovered, they said. This is the third suicide reported from Kota in two weeks. A native of Uttar Pradesh's Gonda, Mohammed was pursuing a BTech degree from SRM University, Chennai and lived as a paying guest. DSP (Vigyan Nagar) Dharmveer Singh said Mohammed studied in coaching institutes in Kota to prepare for the entrance exam from 2016 to 2019 and after being admitted to SRM University, he used to take online classes from his Kota PG.

**PM Modi interacts with industrialists at Bharat Mobility Global Expo**

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will shortly address a programme at India's largest and first-of-its-kind mobility exhibition, Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024, at the newly constructed 'Bharat Mandapam' in the national capital. Meanwhile, PM Modi, accompanied by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, was seen interacting with industrialists. Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024 will showcase India's capabilities across the entire mobility and automotive value chains. The Expo will feature exhibitions, conferences, buyer-seller meets, state sessions, a road safety pavilion and also public-centric attractions like go-karting. With over 800 exhibitors from 50+ countries, the Expo will highlight cutting-edge technologies, sustainable solutions and breakthroughs in mobility. The Expo will feature participation from over 28 vehicle manufacturers, in addition to the presence of more than 600 auto component manufacturers.

## Champai Soren takes oath as CM of Jharkhand, trust vote on 5th

AGENCY RANCHI, FEB 2

Amidst the political unrest in Jharkhand, Champai Soren, a leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha party, took oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand on Friday at the Raj Bhavan in Ranchi. He will seek trust vote on February 5.

Alongside Soren, Congress' Alamgir Alam and RJD's Satyanand Bhokta also took the oath as ministers in the Jharkhand cabinet. After the swearing in, several legislators are leaving for Hyderabad ahead of the floor test in the assembly. This is an effort by the alliance to protect its flock. In the 81 member Jharkhand assembly Jharkhand Mukti Morcha has 29, its ally the Congress has 17 seats while



### Hemant Soren sent to 5-day ED custody

**RANCHI:** JMM leader and former chief minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, has been sent to five-day custody of the Enforcement Directorate by the High Court in connection with an alleged land scam case. Hemant Soren was arrested by the ED after several summons in the alleged land scam case and several hours of questioning on Wednesday night. Earlier, Soren was sent to one-day judicial custody by a special PMLA court in Ranchi. Earlier, the ED said it had recovered cash worth in excess of Rs 36 lakh from the possession of the JMM chief along with documents linked to the ongoing investigation into the alleged acquisition of land by 'fraudulent means'. The agency added that land parcels spanning 8.5 acres were part of the criminal proceeds that the former CM allegedly acquired. ED stated that in a raid conducted on April 13, 2023, they unearthed several property-related records and registers that were in the possession of Revenue Sub-Inspector Bhanu Pratap Prasad. It informed further that the probe further revealed that Bhanu Pratap Prasad and others are part of a "very large syndicate involved in corrupt practices of acquiring properties forcefully as well as on the basis of false deeds."

### MLAs of coalition head to Hyderabad

**RANCHI:** Shortly after Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader Champai Soren was sworn in as the chief minister of the state, MLAs of the ruling JMM-led coalition reached the airport here to fly to Hyderabad. A senior leader of the ruling coalition said that the decision to shift the legislators to Hyderabad, the capital of Congress-ruled Telangana, was taken considering that the opposition BJP may make attempts to "poach" them. "We were given 10 days to prove the government's majority. We can't take any chance during the period as the BJP might try to contact our MLAs," the senior leader told a news agency.

the RJD and the CPI (ML) have 1 seat each. With the support of 43 MLAs the INDIA bloc has the numbers to sail through a floor test. On the opposition bench the Bharatiya Janata Party has 26 seats, AJSU 3 while Independents and others have 3 MLAs. 1 seat in the assembly is vacant. On Thursday, Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan invited Champai Soren to Raj Bhavan to form the government in the state. Champai Soren, a loyalist of JMM leader Hemant Soren, has been mandated to demonstrate his majority in a floor test, which will be held within the next 10 days.

## Over 200 workers of AAP, BJP detained during protest in Delhi

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 2:

Over 200 workers of AAP and BJP were detained on Friday afternoon while they were marching towards each other's offices at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg here, police said.

"We had already made elaborate arrangements with multi-layered barricades to stop the workers to reach to the party offices. About 150 workers from AAP and 60 from BJP have been detained and taken to separate police stations in buses," an official said said. The AAP march began soon after Delhi Chief Minister



Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann left the protest site announcing peaceful protest to their party workers. They asked them to stop where the Delhi police stops them. The BJP's protest was led by its Delhi unit head Virendra Sachdeva.

An official said over 1,000 personnel were deployed around ITO and DDU Marg. Two companies of paramilitary comprising women staff and personnel from Delhi Police's armed unit were deployed at the DDU Marg with anti-riot gears.

## Himachal to be a frontrunner in reducing fossil fuels: CM

BUREAU SHIMLA, FEB 2

In a short span of just one year, 19 fossil-fuel based vehicles have been replaced with e-vehicles resulting in savings of Rs. 28,32,853 in the state exchequer. This eco friendly move has significantly reduced the carbon footprint by 87.3 tonnes per year. The endeavours to transform Himachal Pradesh as a Green Energy State by 31st March, 2026, have started



yielding favourable outcomes. The launch of 19 e-vehicles in the Transport Department has proven to be a game changer for both environment conservation and cost savings.

Chief Minister said, "The transport department was the

first in the country to adopt e-vehicles, marking a successful milestone in our commitment to environmental sustainability". Last year, on 3rd February, the transport department was provided with 19 e-vehicles across 12 Regional Transport Offices and in the transport directorate. Demonstrating his concern for environment protection, the Chief Minister is also using an e-vehicle, while in Shimla town.

## Allahabad HC declines to stay order allowing Hindu prayers in Gyanvapi

AGENCY VARANASI, FEB 2

Allahabad High Court on Friday denied the stay on the Varanasi Court order that allowed the Hindu side to offer prayers in the southern cellar of Gyanvapi mosque.

The court granted time until February 6 for the Masjid Intezamia Committee of Gyanvapi mosque to amend its pleadings to include a challenge to a January 17 order consequent to which the January 31 order was passed.

The next hearing will now be held on February 6.

The bench of Justice Rohit Ranjan Aggarwal said that the mosque side should first challenge the order of January 17, 2024. By this order, District Magistrate Varanasi has been appointed as the receiver, and after that, the DM took possession of the Gyanvapi premises on January 23.

After this, the District Court, by an interim order dated January 31, has given permission to Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust to perform puja in the basement through a priest. The court had asked the



Masjid Intezamia Committee lawyer SFA Naqvi why the basic order of January 17, 2024 was not challenged? The committee's lawyer said, "That due to the order of January 31, he had to come immediately. Will also challenge it (the basic order). Because as soon as the order was given, the district magistrate made preparations at night and started the puja within nine hours." Vishnu Shankar Jain, the Hindu side lawyer, objected to the maintainability of the appeal. He said that the original order has not been challenged. The subordinate court has not granted relief to the plaintiff. The authority has been given to the temple trust.

The Masjid Intezamia Committee had also gone to the Supreme Court in the early hours of Thursday, but the Supreme Court had suggested going to the High Court.

## Dictatorship of BJP is hurting souls of martyrs and freedom fighters: Bhagwant Mann

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) held a big protest near BJP headquarters in Delhi against rigging in Chandigarh Mayor elections. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann led the protest. Many MLAs, MPs and ministers from Punjab and Delhi also joined them.

Addressing the people during the protest, Chief Minister Bhagwat Mann attacked

the BJP and said that on January 30th, the entire country witnessed how the presiding officer of the BJP deliberately tampered with the ballot papers of Aam Aadmi Party councillors in front of the cameras in the Chandigarh Mayor elections. But the BJP made a mistake there and didn't execute it according to the plan, otherwise they would have stopped the video recording. This is not the first time they have done this. They do this type of rigging in every small and big election,



but because of the cameras, they have been caught doing this for the first time in Chandigarh.

Mann said that the BJP has a problem with the elections. BJP leaders want that there should not be any elections in the country. If they have their way, they will eradicate the whole election process of the country. He said that if Narendra Modi comes to power again in 2024, he will implement the law of Russian President Vladimir Putin in India.

## Delhi: Woman gang-raped, accused nabbed from Meerut

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 2

Two persons were arrested from Meerut in Uttar Pradesh for the alleged gang rape of an 18-year-old woman in the national capital, Delhi Police informed on Friday.

According to the FIR filed in the matter, the incident occurred in the South Delhi dis-

trict on January 29.

The FIR was registered on Wednesday, officials said, adding that the matter came to light after the victim approached the police and lodged a complaint against the two persons on Wednesday. "The accused, aged 19 and 21, were acquainted with each other and were residing in Meerut," an official said. The woman, in

her complaint, said on the afternoon of the incident, around 1 pm, one of the accused, who she identified as an Instagram friend of hers, called her over to a place where she was waiting with a friend on a Scooty. As the accused asked her to ride pillion, she refused, police said, adding that at this, he forcibly sat her on the two-wheeler.

## 22 IAS, 94 HCS officers shifted in Haryana

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

Haryana Government has issued posting and transfer orders of 22 IAS and 94 HCS officers with immediate effect.

Sujan Singh has been posted as Director State Transport and Special Secretary to Government, Transport Department.

Dr. Harish Kumar Vashishth has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Citizen Resources Information Officer, Panchkula.

Dr. Brahmjeet Singh Rangi has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Citizen Resources Information Officer, Palwal.

Swapnil Ravindra Patil has been posted as Additional Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Faridabad.

Sahil Gupta has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Citizen Resources Information Officer, Jind.

Dr. Vaishali Sharma, has been posted as (i) Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-

District Citizen Resources Information Officer, Kurukshetra. (ii) Chief Executive Officer, Kurukshetra Development Board, Kurukshetra. (iii) District Municipal Commissioner, Kurukshetra.

Akhil Pilani, has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner-Cum-District Citizen Resources Information Officer, Karnal.

Anupama Anjali has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner-Cum-District Citizen Resources Information Officer, Rewari.

Vaishali Singh has been posted as Additional Deputy Commissioner-Cum-District Citizen Resources Information Officer, Rohtak and Special Officer, APZ, Rohtak. Anand Kumar Sharma has been posted as Administrator, HSPV, Faridabad and Additional Director, Urban Estate, Faridabad, in addition to his present duties. Dr. Balpreet Singh has been posted as Additional Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Gurugram. Renu Sogan has been posted as Administrator, HSPV, Gurugram and Additional Director, Urban Estate, Gurugram.

## Model Poonam Pandey dies of cervical cancer at 32: Report

AGENCY MUMBAI, FEB 2

Model and actress Poonam Pandey, who was suffering from cervical cancer, passed away on Friday, sending a shock wave among her supporters and the film industry. She was 32.

Poonam's manager, Nikita Sharma, confirmed the news. It was also confirmed on the official Instagram handle of the actress.

A post on her Instagram handle read, "This morning is a tough one for us. I am

deeply saddened to inform you that we have lost our beloved Poonam to cervical cancer. Every living being that ever came into contact with her was met with pure love and kindness. In this time of grief, we would request privacy while we remember her fondly for all that we shared."

Poonam, a model and occasional actress, was one of the Kingfisher Calendar girls in 2011. Known for her controversial remarks, she was last spotted on the reality TV show 'Lock Upp', which was hosted by actress Kangana



Ranaut. Her media manager Parul Chawla, who was cited

by reports as having confirmed her death, later asserted that Poonam Pandey's sister had called "regarding her sudden demise" and that she was waiting for details.

"This is to place on record that we have received a call from her family member (sister) this morning regarding her sudden demise (as posted on her official Instagram id). We are awaiting further information from the family to update everyone. We will release official statement as we receive the further update to be shared," Ms Chaw-

la said.

This morning, the news emerged when the model's team posted on her official Instagram page.

"This morning is a tough one for us. Deeply saddened to inform you that we have lost our beloved Poonam to cervical cancer. Every living form that ever came in contact with her was met with pure love and kindness. In this time of grief, we would request privacy while we remember her fondly for all that we shared," the statement said.



## Property

I, Angrej Singh S/o Gurbinder Singh R/o. Vill Manakpura, PO Sarai Amanat Khan TamTaran have Changed my name to Angrej is my given name and Singh is my surname  
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I, Navneet Kaur W/o Angrej Singh R/o. Vill Manakpura, PO Sarai Amanat Khan TamTaran have Changed my name to Navneet is my given name and Kaur is my surname  
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I, Kiran Bala wife of Varinder Kumar R/o H No. 15, Model Town, Phase III, Jandiala Guru, Amritsar 143115, I have changed my name from Kiran Balato Kiran Sharma  
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I, Jagroop Singh S/o Dilbag Singh R/o. Vill. Heir Amitsar declare that sale deed executed by jyaswant singh S/o bawa Singh IFO Dilbagh Singh S/o Bawa Singh Doc No.4478, Jil. Punjab No.3479, Safa No.52 dated 12/03/2003 has been lost at V. Sainsara kallan Amritsar  
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I hitherto known as HUSANPREET KAUR W/O HARVINDER SINGH R/O VILLAGE DARGAPUR, TEHSIL NABHA, DISTT. PATIALA PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GURJIT SINGH.  
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I hitherto known as NARINDER KAUR D/O JAGTAR SINGH W/O MALWINDER SINGH R/O STREET NO. 3, AMARPUR WARD NO. 15, AHMEDGARH TEHSIL AHMEDGARH, DISTT. MALERKOTLA - 148021 PUNJAB, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NAVDEEP KAUR.  
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## Budget presented by the govt has completely failed: Mewa Singh

**LADWA (NARESH GARG):** Ladwa MLA Mewa Singh said that the budget presented by the Central Government has been completely disappointing because no one is going to get any benefit from this budget. MLA Mewa Singh was talking to journalists at Shivala Ramkundi complex on Friday, he said that the government has not given anything to any section. He said that there is nothing in this budget for neither education nor health, nor for the elderly including women nor for businessmen. He said that the government has presented the budget by making tempting promises not only for its own benefit and because elections are near. He said that the present government has been talking about the railway line in Ladwa for the last 10 years, but every year in the budget, the people of Ladwa constituency keep an eye on the budget of the railway line.

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI , FEB 2**

Haryana Traders Welfare Board District Head Manoj Gupta, while giving his reaction on the interim budget, said that a very good budget has been presented by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, by the year 2047, India will become the most developed country in the world because there are indications of this at every point. This is how India is moving forward rapidly on the development journey. This budget is very important for the development of the people of the country. This budget is an excellent summary of the qualitative and quantitative changes of the Indian economy in the last 10 years. Haryana Traders Welfare Board District Head Manoj Gupta said that in the coming days, when we are moving towards a developed

India with development for all, faith for all and efforts for all, this budget is an initial effort for that. In this budget, Asha sisters, Anganwadi workers and helpers have also been linked to the Ayushman Bharat scheme. There is also talk of increasing the number of medical colleges in this budget. Manoj Gupta said that the objective of this budget is to strengthen India's economic sector in line with PM Modi's resolve to make India the third largest economy in the world. This is a budget to accelerate the development of the country and increase employment. The Government of India is working on Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sab-



ka Vishwas. The determination with which the government is working. BJP district Yamunanagar media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg said that the BJP government

at the Center and the Haryana BJP government have worked to provide water to every household, electricity to all, gas, financial services and opening of bank accounts. BJP government has fulfilled the basic needs which has increased the income of people in rural areas and with the efforts of the government and the cooperation of the public, India will become a developed nation by 2047. This is a budget for the welfare of the common man, welfare of the poor and eradication of poverty.

## Two accused of firing arrested, motorcycle used in crime recovered

**NARESH GARG**

**LADWA :** Police in Ladwa have arrested two accused of firing openly in the air. The team of Crime Investigation Branch-2 of the police has succeeded in arresting Abhishek alias Nanu and Harpreet alias Pitu of Bakali on the charges of firing. Ladwa police station in-charge

Naresh Kumar said that Shubham's son Tilak Raj Ladwa told in his complaint to the police that he works as a salesman at a liquor shop near Hinauri Chowk. On September 7, around 8:45 pm, he was sitting in a liquor vend. At the same time, three unidentified youths on a motorcycle, who had their faces covered with cloth, came from

Hinauri Chowk towards Hinauri village, opened fire and fled from the spot. On whose complaint a case was registered in Ladwa police station and the investigation was handed over to Amit Kumar, head constable of Ladwa police station. Later the investigation of the case was handed over to Crime Investigation Branch-2.

## Sports equipment is being provided to Gram Panchayat and Municipal Bodies: DC

**PARI BAJAJ KARNAL, FEB 2**

Haryana Government has started the provision of Haryana Sports Equipment Scheme with the aim of providing sports equipment in Gram Panchayat and Municipal Bodies so that the players of rural areas can also get the benefit of excellent sports facilities at the village level. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner and District Sports Council President Anish Yadav during the review of Haryana Sports Equipment Scheme provision.

He said that Haryana Sports Equipment Scheme provision is an important scheme of Haryana Government for the players. Under which necessary sports equip-



ment is being provided by the Sports Department in Gram Panchayat and Municipal Bodies. He instructed the officials of the Sports Department that the said scheme should be publicized on a wide scale so that more and more Gram Panchayats and Municipal Bodies can come forward to get sports

equipment in their respective areas. He appealed to the public representatives of Gram Panchayats and Municipal bodies that they can get the application form from the office of the District Sports Officer to get sports equipment and submit it to this office as soon as possible.

## Sweetie Ranga Nalvi promotes the policies of Congress Party by visiting villages



**KURUKSHETRA (DALBIR MALIK):** Congress leader Sweetie Ranga, Nalvi area visited Ajrana Khurd village of Shahabad to promote the policies of the Congress party. Sweetie Ranga said that all the workers should work as much as possible for the Congress Party and take the policies of the Congress Party to the people. She said that today unemployment was increasing in the state due to which the future of the youth was in darkness. Every section was unhappy with the current government. Everyone has made up their mind that Congress Party should form the government in the country and the state. As soon as the Congress Party government was formed, basic facilities would be provided to everyone. On this occasion, Baldev Singh, Lekh Raj Mam Raj, Balbir Kumar, Manish Kumar were present along with Congress leader Sweetie Ranga.

## Vehicles should be parked in the earmarked four parking area only: Aditi, Joint Commissioner, MC

**DR ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL:** Municipal Corporation's Joint Commissioner Aditi said that for the convenience of the city residents, four parking spaces have been earmarked last month. Citizens should use these parking spaces instead of parking their vehicles on the road. The special thing is that parking spaces are provided in the market area only. This parking is in the old vegetable market area,



near Virk Hospital, Jarnaili Colony and the old Municipal Corporation office located at Ghan-taghar Chowk.

She has asked the city residents to use the above mentioned parking spaces to park their vehicles if they come to the market for shopping. For this, very reasonable charges have been fixed for two-wheeler and four-wheeler vehicles.

She said that no citizen should park his vehicle in the market, road or no-parking zone. Tow vans were also put on service around the city to lift such vehicles violating parking rules. She said that parking charges have been fixed according to two-wheeler and four-wheeler vehicles. Charges were fixed for 2 hours, 6 hours, 24 hours and monthly pass. She said that for scooter, motorcycle and auto rickshaw, the parking charges were fixed at Rs 10 for 2 hours, Rs 20 for 6 hours, Rs 50 for 24 hours and Rs 500 for monthly pass. Apart from this, for four wheelers like car, jeep and taxi, the charges were fixed at Rs 25 for 2 hours, Rs 50 for 6 hours, Rs 100 for 24 hours and Rs 1,000 for monthly pass.

The Joint Commissioner appealed to the citizens to use the above mentioned parking spaces instead of parking their vehicles here and there on the road.

## Hanuman Chalisa recitation organized under the campaign of Bodhraj Sikri

**VIPIN SEHGAL GURUGRAM :**


Hanuman Chalisa recitation was organized in Jacobpura (near Jain Handloom) under the campaign of social worker Bodhraj Sikri on Friday. In which Gajendra Gosain recited Hanuman Chalisa 11 times from Vyas Peeth along with musical kirtan and all the devotees present stood up and danced on recitation of Hanuman Chalisa.

Before this, Sunderkand was recited. In which a total of 80 seekers participated. This program was organized in Jacobpura on the occasion of the marriage of Krishna Kumar Budhiraja's daughter, in which Bodhraj Sikri discussed in detail the glory of Ram Tattva.

Bodhraj Sikri ji congratulated the people of Gurugram for joining the campaign of reciting Hanuman Chalisa. In his address he said that this was the land of birth, work and this land was everything for him.

In the program, Mr. B.D. Pahuja, Mr. Satpal Nasa, Mr. Kishori Lal Dudeja, Mr. Yudhishtir Almadi, Mr. Rajendra Bajaj, Shri Sukhdev, Shri Darshan Bajaj, Mrs. Suresh Sikri, Mrs. Sheel Sikri, Mrs. Jyotsna Bajaj, Mrs. Pushpa Nasa from women's cell were present.






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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

Children Science Congress is helpful in increasing scientific temper of children: Komal Mittal



**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal said that Children Science Congress helps in advancing the scientific thinking of children. They today Rayat Bahra were addressing children on the second day of the 31st State Level Children Science Congress going on at Group of Institute, Hoshiarpur. During this, he encouraged the children by seeing their projects. On this occasion, Assistant Commissioner (Complaints) Divya.P, District Development Fellow Zoya Siddiqui, District Education Officer Dr. Gurinderjit Kaur, Dr. K. S. Bath Joint Director Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Dr. Mandakini Thakur Project Scientist Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Campus Director Dr. Chandra Mohan were also specially present.

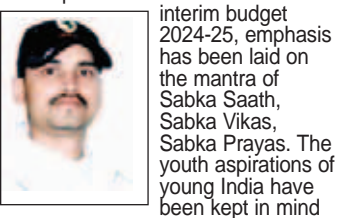
Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar Jagraon assume charge



**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON:** Punjab Government made transfers in various departments and under the same series, Jagraon Tehsildar Jeevan Singh and Naib Tehsildar Gurdeep Singh were also transferred. Succeeding them, Sukhcharan Singh has assumed charge as Tehsildar Jagraon while Vinod Kumar has assumed charge as Naib Tehsildar.

Interim budget to strengthen foundation of developed India: Gagan

**VERMA GURDASPUR:** NRI Gagan Vidhu on Friday described the interim budget presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as a budget that would strengthen the foundation of developed India. He said that in the



interim budget 2024-25, emphasis has been laid on the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas. The youth aspirations of young India have been kept in mind in this budget. With the aim of empowering the poor and middle class, emphasis has been laid on creating new income opportunities for them. He said that on the basis of PM Narendra Modi's pledge to make India the third largest economy in the world, this budget of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman would strengthen the country's economy. He said that this budget was going to increase exports, progress in industry and business and creation of new jobs. Infrastructure has got the highest priority in the budget and definitely in the coming time, four big infrastructure related sectors in the country - Roads, Railways, Airport and Power would become world class.

AAP members are doing drama to save their CM involved in corruption from arrest: Gill

**VERMA GURDASPUR, FEB 2**

Senior leader of Lok Sabha constituency Gurdaspur and national vice president of Himalaya Pariwar Organization, Paramjit Singh Gill made sharp political attacks on the Aam Aadmi Party, calling them a group of dramatists.

Gill said that today the invitation given by the Aam Aadmi Party to gherao the BJP office in Delhi has made it clear that Chief Minister Kejriwal has completely failed in running the government in Delhi and all these tactics are against the people of Delhi. They are doing this to divert attention. He said that the way a Chief Minister has asked the workers to stage a protest in the entire state, he has made it clear that there is no such thing as government in Delhi and they want



to make the country a jungle state. Because Delhi is the capital of the country and if thousands of people gather in the country's capital and protest like this, then the common people will have to face problems and the reputation of the country will also be harmed. Gill said that Aam Aadmi Party workers are creating all this drama to save their corrupt leader Kejriwal from arrest because Kejriwal, who considers himself a dictator, does not even

care about the law of the country. Gill said that when a case is filed against an opponent by the Aam Aadmi Party, they say that they are within the law and jurisdiction but when their leaders are accused of corruption and the central agencies ask them to come clean. Gill said that if Kejriwal is innocent then why is he not appearing despite five summons issued by ED? He should present his side before the investigating agency and give a proper reply to the allegations against him so that the truth can be revealed to the world.

Gill said that the face of the Aam Aadmi Party, which came to power by making misleading claims to the people about ending corruption, ending VIP culture, ending drug addiction and many other things, has now been completely exposed.

## BJP committed fraud in Chandigarh mayoral polls: AAP's Saurabh Bharadwaj

**NEW DELHI:** After the alleged detention of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers, who were on their way to protest against the disputed Chandigarh mayoral polls, Delhi minister and AAP leader Saurabh Bharadwaj said the BJP committed 'fraud' in the elections.

The AAP erupted in protest after the presiding officer declared the BJP nominee the winner after 8 votes were ruled invalid.

Speaking to ANI on Friday, the AAP leader said, "The nation saw how the BJP committed fraud in the Chandigarh mayoral polls. Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann are leading a peaceful protest at the BJP office today. However, ahead of this protest, our MLAs, councillors and party workers were detained at various places across Delhi. Is the BJP so scared of Arvind Kejriwal that they are not even letting this protest take place?"

Also, hitting out at the BJP-led Centre for the alleged detention of an AAP MLA from Gandhinagar, Bharadwaj said, "He is our elected



representative from Gandhinagar. Is there an undeclared emergency in the country now? Can't we even hold a peaceful protest?"

Earlier, fellow party leader and minister Atishi, too, launched a blistering attack on the BJP over the alleged detention of AAP workers ahead of the scheduled protest in the national capital.

"There was brazen fraud in the Chandigarh mayoral elections. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann are holding a

peaceful protest over this issue in Delhi today. However, before the workers could even reach the protest site, police barricades were put up all over the city. Our MLAs were placed under house arrest and party workers were detained. Why is the BJP so scared?" the AAP leader asked.

She claimed that busloads of AAP volunteers were detained outside the party office.

"Heavy barricades all across Delhi, buses full of AAP volunteers being detained, hundreds of paramilitary forces outside the AAP party office--why is the BJP so scared of a protest on the Chandigarh mayoral elections?" Atishi posted from her official X handle.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, too, weighed in on the events, claiming that cadre arriving at the protest site were stopped at various places across the national capital.

"All across Delhi, they are detaining elected MLAs, councillors and volunteers who were coming to

## Police organises seminars about road safety rules

**SANGRUR (SUMER GARG):** Under the guidelines of the Punjab Government, the campaign to create awareness about road safety rules in district Sangrur continues on a regular basis. As part of the ongoing efforts to make every motorist aware of traffic rules, awareness seminars are being conducted at all government and private schools of the district by the district traffic police under the directions of SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal. While disclosing this information, district traffic education in charge, Pawan Sharma said that the students gave full response to the seminars held at Government Kanya Smart Senior Secondary School, Sangrur and Springdale School and the experts of the traffic cell have given detailed information regarding the rules of walking on the road, sign boards, traffic lights and vehicles.



## CS conducts surprise visit of civil hospital Mohali



**GAURAV GOEL, CHANDIGARH, FEB 2**

Punjab Chief Secretary Mr Anurag Verma on Friday conducted a surprise inspection of Civil Hospital Mohali. After the inspection, while talking to media persons, he said that the purpose of this inspection was to check and ensure that the announcement by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann regarding providing free medicines to the patients at Government hospitals was being properly implemented. Verma also spoke to patients coming out of the Civil Hospital and inquired from them as to whether they had been provided all the medicines pre-

scribed by the doctors free of cost. All the patients confirmed that they had got free medicines and appreciated this public welfare initiative of the Government. Verma said that in consultation with the doctors, an Essential Drug List (EDL) comprising of 276 drugs has been prepared by the Health Department. Out of these, rate contracts have been done for 90% of the drugs.

For the remaining drugs and drug prescribed by Government doctors, the Senior Medical Officers (SMO) will purchase the medicines from the market and provide them to the patients so that patients do not have to spend anything from their pocket for purchase of prescribed medicines.

## Police avert target killings planned by notorious gangster Happy Jatt

**JS SODHI JALANDHAR, FEB 2**

In a major blow to organised crime in Punjab amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state launched on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police have averted planned target killings in the state with the arrest of Harpreet Singh alias Happy Baba of village Aladinpur in Tarn Taran, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Friday.

Accused Happy Baba has been facing several criminal cases pertaining murder and attempt to murder. Police teams have also recovered one .30 bore auto-



matic pistol along with a magazine and three live cartridges from his possession.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that the arrested accused is an operative of most-wanted gangster Harpreet Singh alias Happy Jatt of Jandiala, who was hatching a conspiracy to execute target killings to disturb the peace and communal harmony in the border state of Punjab, and assigned the former to accomplish this task in lieu of

huge money. "Accused Happy Baba is also one of the biggest weapon suppliers in Punjab, and was closely associated with weapon suppliers of Madhya Pradesh," he said. The development came 25 days after Counter Intelligence Jalandhar had arrested Vikramjit Singh alias Vicky Bhatti of Nanaksar Mohalla in Tarn Taran after recovering two pistols along with ammunition from his possession. Sharing more details, AIG Counter Intelligence Jalandhar Navjot Singh Mahal said that during questioning of accused Vicky Bhatti, it came to light that the Happy Jatt has assigned Happy Baba to carry out target killings in the state.

## Wolverhampton, UK delegates visit Cambridge Mohali



**MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA):** Cambridge Mohali had the opportunity to host the representatives from Wolverhampton, UK on 1st February-2024. The delegates Ms.Liza Bramwell and Mr.Carl Longmore were welcomed by the Principal, Dr.Rohit Pande and after the felicitation of the guests the delegates interacted with Foundational Staff and students. They visited different classrooms and interacted with students and teachers about the syllabi, teaching methodology and co-curricular activities with great enthusiasm. This exchange program is aimed to bring a unique perspective to classrooms and to know updated innovative teaching pedagogies through discussion and a better cross cultural understanding. The infrastructure and environment of Cambridge was greatly appreciated by them as they toured through important venues like the Computer Labs, Library, Robotics Lab, Science Lab, and the Sports areas.

## VB registers another case against Amritsar improvement trust accountant for taking Rs 45 lakh bribe

**CHANDIGARH:** The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), in its commitment to combat corruption in the state, has registered another corruption case against Vishal Sharma, Accountant of Amritsar Improvement Trust (AIT), for accepting Rs 45 lakh as illegal gratification. An official spokesperson of the state VB disclosed today that FIR no. 01, dated 31.01.2024, has been registered against the said accused under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act at VB police station, Amritsar range. This case has been registered on a complaint lodged by Major Singh, a resident of Sultanwind village, Amritsar.

The spokesperson further informed that the complainant has submitted his complaint on the Chief Minister's Anti-Corruption Action Line, accompanied by audio-visual evidence. Following an enquiry, VB Amritsar range found the allegations in the complaint to be true and correct, leading to the registration of this case against the said AIT official. Further investigation into this case was under progress, he said.

The spokesperson added that the accused is currently in jail under judicial custody for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 8 lakh in another bribery case. He would soon be taken on a production warrant for his arrest. Notably, in the case registered on January 7, 2023, a co-accused AIT law officer Gautam Majithia, a resident of Green Field, Majitha Road, Amritsar, has already been arrested by the VB and is also in judicial custody.

## Rotary Club Rupnagar organises third traffic awareness drive



**RUPNAGAR (BAHADURJEET SINGH):** In association with Traffic Police & Regional Transport Authority, Rotary Club Rupnagar today organized its third traffic awareness campaign from Police Lines & Bypass Road of Rupnagar. Campaign started by Ms Anamjot Kaur -SDM Nangal cum Regional Transport Officer Rupnagar, DSP Detective & Traffic Rupnagar Shri ManvirSingh Bajwa & Past Rotary District Governors Dr RS Parmar & Chetan Agarwal. In the third such project of today of last one month, 250 reflectors got installed on the three & four wheelers passing thru bypass road. RTO Rupnagar appreciated this initiative of Rotary Club Rupnagar & requested the club leadership to organize such project in the NangalSub division also. She assured her complete assistance for this noble cause. Shri Bajwa also appreciated the Rotary Club Rupnagar, specially for taking lead in doing the society centric initiatives. Eminent Surgeon & Past Rotary District 3080's Governor Dr R S Parmar advised RTO & Police department to initiate CPR workshops for all employees of the newly introduced SSF wing for highways of Rupnagar area as this training can save lives of the persons injured in the accidents.

## Bharaj inaugurates library in Govt Ranbir College

**SUMER GARG SANGRUR, FEB 2**

Narinder Kaur Bharaj, MLA from Sangrur assembly Constituency inaugurated the e-library of Lok Kavi Sant Ram Udasi memorial in the local Govt Ranbir College here today.

On this occasion, MLA Narinder Kaur Bharaj said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann is committed to bringing revolutionary reforms in the field of education in the state and continuous efforts are being made for this. She further said that under these initiatives, a library equipped with modern facilities has been inaugurated today, so that students can be provided with a good environment for study. MLA Bharaj said that



no effort is being spared to fulfill the basic needs of the Government Ranbir College and to provide the necessary facilities to the students, so that they can contribute constructively to the society after completing their studies. She said that only by bringing reforms in

the field of higher education, the dream of bringing meaningful reforms in the society can be turned into reality.

Besides others, Principal, Dr. Sukhwinder Singh; staff of the college, dignitaries and AAP leaders were present on the occasion.

## Punjab National Bank inaugurates new ATM on Saili Road



**PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET):** Punjab National Bank inaugurated a new ATM at Saili Road, Pathankot for the convenience of the people. During this program conducted under the leadership of Bank Divisional President Gurpreet Singh Hira and Sub Divisional President Pardeep Kaur, Vice Chairman of Hindu Bank And the famous businessman of the city Vinod Mahajan was present as the chief guest. Vice Chairman Vinod Mahajan inaugurated the ATM by cutting the ribbon. During this, the bank honored him by presenting Dushala and bouquets. Bank's Divisional Head Gurpreet Singh Hira said that considering the demand of the consumers, the bank has opened an ATM on Saili Road.

Holders of Punjab National Bank as well as other banks can avail this. Chief Guest Vinod Mahajan said that the customers of PNB are increasing day by day seeing its services. He said that Saili Road is one of the busiest roads in the city where the bank has ATMs. Opening has given people relief opportunities. On this occasion, apart from dignitaries belonging to different sections of the city, all the staff of the bank were present.

## 2 drug peddlers arrested with 50 grams heroin



**JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR):** District Ludhiana rural police had another success in its anti-drug campaign as they arrest 2 drug peddlers with 50 grams heroin. Giving more information about this, CIA staff Jagraon incharge Kikkar said that ASI Lakhbir Singh alongwith the police team was present at Tehsil chownk when he received information about drug peddlers Harsimranjeet Singh alias Seeta son of Gurcharan Singh and Ranjeet Singh alias Rinku son of Darshan Singh.

"The accused were driving towards Lande Fatak road from Disposal road on their car (PB 29 AF 3091) peddling heroin when police received information about them. Police established a naka and arrested both the accused with 50 grams of heroin," he added. Police has seized the vehicle used for trafficking as well. "Police obtained 3-days remand of the accused and during investigation police shall aim to find out about smuggler who sold heroin to them and they too shall be added to the FIR," he mentioned.

## Meeting of Pb govt with NRI to be held at Pathankot today: DC

**BUREAU PATHANKOT, FEB 2**

On the initiative of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government has met the NRIs belonging to the four districts of Pathankot, Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Hoshiarpur as part of the meetings with Punjabi NRIs conducted across the state from February 3. The program will be held on February 3 at 10 am at Chamrod (Mini Goa), Pathankot. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner Pathankot Aditya Uppal to NRI at Chamrod (Mini Goa) today. After reviewing the arrangements being made regarding the meeting, he gave a meeting with the officials. He said



that this NRI meeting will be inaugurated by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh. He said that the purpose of these meetings is to solve the problems and complaints faced by the Indian diaspora of Punjab.

He has appealed to the migrant Punjabi Indians related to the said districts to reach Pathankot on February 3 dur-

ing this meeting. He said that registration counters will be set up for the migrant Punjabis there, on the spot. On this occasion, he assigned the duties of the district officials of various departments to successfully implement the above program. On this occasion, a route guide map was also released by Punjab Police Pathankot.





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## Harsh Mohan Gautam takes charge of SHO city police



**PT DAVINDER SHARMA RUPNAGAR:** Harsh Mohan Gautam took charge as SHO of Ropar City Police. While talking to the journalists, he said that the police administration was committed to stop any kind of crime in the city. He warned the mischievous elements of the society. He said that any anti-social activity and violation of law would not be spared in any form. He mainly imposed the strictest possible action against drug addicts, drug sellers, China string sellers and those who fly kites with China string. He appealed to the residents of the city and said that if they saw any mischievous element or any suspicious person selling drugs in the streets, localities or any colony around their houses in the city, then informed the police about it. He said that peace and law and order in the city would not be allowed to be disturbed in any way.

## Navneet student of KC Hotel Management, gets fifth place in merit of university

**CHET RAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR:** In the April 2023 examination conducted by Inder Kumar Gujral Punjab Technical University (PTU) at KC College of Hotel Management, Nawanshahr, student Navneet's daughter Chaman Lal has secured fifth position in the merit list of the university. College Principal Dr. Palvinder Kumar said that Navneet, a student of BHMCT's course from 2019 to 2023, has brought glory to the college by securing 8.59 SGPA (session grade point average). The student was presented by KC Group Chairman Prem Pal Gandhi, Executive Campus Director and SAO Eng. RK Moom, Principal Dr. Palvinder Kumar, Dr. Sukhdeep Kaur, Gagandeep Singh, Ankush Chandel, Haripreet Singh, Vishal Kumar and Raman Kumar have heartily congratulated.

## Asia Labex 2024 Mega Laboratory Show to start from February 5th in Chandigarh, North India



**CS JOLLY CHANDIGARH:** We are happy to announce that ASIA LABEX, the Biggest and Dedicated Exhibition on Laboratory, Analytical, Microbiology, Research and Biotechnology Instruments, Chemicals and Consumables will be holding an exhibition from February 05- 06, and 07 2024 at Sector - 17 Parade Ground in Chandigarh, India. While giving information about the Mega Show, Mr. Jaspal Singh, Director, Asia Labex says, "The theme of the Seminar is 'Science Meets Industry : Bridging the Gap Between Research and Application'". The seminar would showcase the new, the exhilarating and the future developments in the sector and will be a wonderful opportunity for multi-disciplinary researchers from Academia , Pharmaceutical industry, Research Institutes CRO's. He further added that regulatory organizations to present their most updated research achievements and discuss and deliberate on diverse aspects of the relevant field with special emphasis on the latest trends.

## MCM holds awareness rally against drug abuse



**RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH:** The Victory Against Drug Abuse (VADA) Club and Student Council of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, under the aegis of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, organised a rally focused on raising mass awareness against drug abuse. The rally, marked by spirited slogans and a solemn pledge ceremony, not only showcased the students' commitment to creating a drug-free society but also served as a powerful platform to educate and inspire change. The rally commenced with an enthusiastic gathering of more than 100 student volunteers displaying banners and posters adorned with anti-drug messages. The slogans conveyed the gravity of the drug menace problem while instilling a sense of responsibility among the participants.

# Health Department, UT administration takes step towards TB Free Chandigarh

**SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 2**

Today, Dr Varinder Nagpal, Acting Director Health Services, Chandigarh Administration in presence of Senior officers flagged off the teams for Active Case Finding (ACF) for Tuberculosis. Dr Nagpal said that these teams will find all presumptive TB cases among the masses of Rehabilitation Colony, Dhanas. They will conduct a house-to-house survey to identify symptomatic persons, will collect on spot sputum sample for free TB testing. Even the free hand holding X-ray facility will be made available in Health and Wellness Centre- Rehabilitation Colony, Dhanas during the ACF survey. Dr Rajesh Kumar, STO said that those who get diagnosed as positive cases will be initiated on free treatment at the earliest after all



other necessary tests. This will help in early diagnosis of cases and breaking the chain of infection. The ACF survey started today on 31st January 2024 and will continue for

fifteen days. This survey will cover Rehabilitation colony Dhanas. 20 teams comprising of 40 trained volunteers will visit and conduct survey in this area. The entire population of

## Jalandhar School Principal criticizes budget for neglecting daily life needs



**JALANDHAR (J S SODHI):** In a candid statement, Rajpal Kaur, Principal of a Jalandhar school, expresses disappointment over the budget's lack of focus on everyday essentials and food items. Kaur asserts that the announced initiative of providing free electricity up to 300 units to one crore people through rooftop solar panels under the Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana may not effectively benefit the impoverished and middle-class citizens in the country.

## Inspector Harminder Singh takes charge of CIA Mohali

**KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN):** Inspector Harminder Singh has taken over his post as the in-charge of CIA Mohali at Kharar today. Talking on this occasion, he said that he has an old relationship with Kharar city and he has served here before. He said that he will fulfill his responsibility with full dedication and hard work. Before this he has served in different places and different positions including Fatehgarh Sahib, CP Jalandhar and Jagraon, CP Ludhiana, Rupnagar. He appealed to the people that if they have any information regarding any wrongdoer, drug trafficker or crime, then contact him without hesitation. The identity of the informant will be kept confidential.

## Campaign against drugs being organised in Punjab

**RUPNAGAR (PT DAVINDER SHARMA):** As per the guidelines of Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Bhagant Singh Mann and DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav, a campaign against drugs is being run across Punjab, in view of which the Rupnagar Police will launch a campaign on Monday, February 5 at 6:00 am at Nehru Stadium. Giving information about anti-drug awareness mini marathon being organized in Rupnagar, Senior Superintendent of Police Sardar Gulneet Singh Khurana said that Rupnagar Police is providing treatment to drug victims of every section including youth in the city and villages. This marathon has been organized to make the residents of the city aware against drugs. He appealed to all the people of Rupnagar and said that they should come to their friends and family members in maximum numbers. By taking part in this marathon, make your valuable contribution to the anti-drug campaign being run by the Punjab government and the police.

## Legal action to be taken against those who pollute water of canal passing through Guru Nagri: Aujla



**AMRIK SINGH AMRITSAR, FEB 2**

People used to throw the puja materials contain of flowers, leaves, idols and religious photos after performing Punja at homes in the canal Aparbari Doab Canal Tarawala bridge passing through Gurnagari Amritsar and the bridge of village Vallah Due to which, while the water in the canal is overflowing, these religious idols are also being desecrated. People like Sonu Jandiala, Jobanjit Singh, Surjan Singh Khankot, Tejveer Singh, Sukhraj Singh, Sarpanch Manawala and social service organizations put forward this issue before Member Parliament Gurjit Singh Aujla. On Thursday, MP Gurjit Singh Aujla visited the spot and started the cleaning campaign of the canal. While talking to the journalists, he said that after talking to Amritsar DC Ghanshyam Thori and Municipal Corporation Commissioner Harpreet Singh, he has started a campaign to clean the canal including the employees of the canal department. Addressing the people, Gurjit Singh Aujla said that the people living in the holy city of Guru Amritsar were still believed in superstition in this modern era.

## Saanjh Kendra gives warm clothes, shoes to needy families



**SARDULGARH (KULWINDER KARWAL):** While contributing to the social service, Police Saanjh Kendra Budhlada team distribute warm clothes and shoes to the needy families. Giving information, employee of Saanjh Kendra Budhlada, ASI Mangat Ram said that as per Guidelines given by Special Director General of Police (Community Affairs) Division Punjab and Additional Director General of Police Bathinda Range Bathinda, and under supervision of SSP Mansa and SP (D) Com District Community Police Officer, today the team of Sub Division Saanjh kendra Budhlada distributed shoes, warm clothes etc to the needy families. He said that Punjab Police always actively participates in social service along with law and order work. At this time DSP Budhlada Reader ASI Bikramjit Singh, In-charge Sub Division Sanjh kendra Budhlada ASI Mangat Ram, HC Parminder Singh, HC Sanjeev Kumar, Lct Hardeep Kaur and Committee Member Gurdeep Singh were present.

## PMFME at Government Industrial Training Institute Jaito awareness seminar organized

**JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITO, FEB 2**

Government Industrial Training Institute Jaito, The scheme being run by the government is P. M. F. M. According to E. ( Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme), an awareness camp was organized for the students .

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NRLM Department of Horticulture and Employment Office Punjab and Sindh Bank etc The representatives of the departments participated in a dignified manner to give information about their schemes . This from Besides Government Industrial Training Institute Jaito Mr the pacific Kumar , Gurpreet Singh And the group staff by Also This the camp to successful make for full of contribution given went.

## Protect Wetlands to Sustain Ecosystem: Dr. Jerath



**KAPURTHALA (PAWAN KALIA):** Science City Celebrated world Wetland Day Pushpa Gujral Science City celebrated World Wetlands Day with a passionate appeal for action, emphasizing the critical need to conserve and sustain wetlands. Commemorated annually on 2 February, this day holds significance as it commemorates the adoption of the Ramsar Convention in 1971. Over 200 students from various parts of Punjab actively participated in the event which centered around the theme "Wetlands and Human Wellbeing." Dr. Neelima Jerath, Former Director General, Science City, who had started working on wetland restoration in 1988, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In her address she stressed upon the urgency of safeguarding wetlands underscoring that preventive action for conservation of wetlands is far more feasible than attempting restoration or re-creation at a later stage, which may prove to be too late.

## Meeting held regarding Sarkar AAP Kae Duar scheme



**KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN):** On the instructions of SDM Kharar Gurmandar Singh a meeting Sarkar AAP Kae Duar scheme of the Punjab Govt. This meeting was attended by various officers and was presided over by Kharar Tehsildar Jaswinder Singh. In the meeting Jaswinder Singh told all the officers about the camps to be organized in various villages and cities of the subdivision from February 6. Jaswinder Singh gave information about this scheme to various heads of the department. He said that the villagers will be able to benefit from the schemes and services being run by the government in these camps in their own villages. In these camps, complaints will be heard and resolved on the spot.

## Baba Farid College of Engineering & Technology is among first three engineering colleges in North India to get NAAC grade A+



**BATHINDA (ANIL VERMA):** Baba Farid College of Eng. & Technology, Bathinda is one of the first three engineering colleges in North India to be recognized with an 'A+' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). This important recognition is a testament to the tireless efforts and commitment of the management team, dedicated faculty members and hardworking students. It may be mentioned that the previous day the NAAC Peer team had visited the college to evaluate the academic and other related activities and facilities, during which the college has obtained this excellent grade while undergoing the process of 'Accreditation Cycle-1'. To provide the best engineering education in North India, to enhance academic quality and standards, Baba Farid College of Engineering & Technology applied to National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) for evaluation and recognition of its high standard of educational infrastructure, facilities, laboratories, workshops and library etc.

## District Chairman takes stock of public welfare work of Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh



**GAGAN JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 2**

Seema Kapoor, District Chairman of Inner Wheel Club 308, met the members of Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh City Beautiful and learned how the club is involved in public welfare work. On this occasion, Seema Kapoor along with President of Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh City Beautiful, Varinder Kaur and Vice President Anita Middha, Former President Usha Sharma, General Secretary Sarbani Dutta, Treasurer Monica Arya, ISO Monica Gupta, Club Editor Nisha, Govern-

ment Elementary School, Kakrali. Visited. Regarding the school, Club President Varinder Kaur said that the club has adopted this school and has completed many pending works of the school, which include the road to the school premises, toilets and other works.

Not only this, the walls of the verandah have been decorated using eco-friendly plants made from waste materials in the school giving the message of saving the environment to the children. On this occasion, IWC imprinted notebooks were also distributed by the club to the children under the

supervision of school principal Jyoti Sharma. After which the school principal praised the commendable work done by the club in the school. On the other hand, after school, District Chairman Seema Kapoor along with the club members met the women senior citizens and children in Bapudham who were adopted by the club and provided them with monthly ration while the children were also given tracksuits.

General Secretary of the club Sarbani Dutta gave a lecture about the upcoming programs and threw light on social work through PPT.

## Canadian delegation holds parlays with GKU senior functionaries on prevailing research, academic concerns

**ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, FEB 2**

A Canadian scientific delegation led by Dr. Shiv O Prasher and Dr. Ramesh P Rudra from McGill University, Montreal and the University of Guelph, Guelph respectively, visited Guru Kashi University and held meaningful discussions with senior officials addressing prevalent research and academic concerns. The delegation met with GKU's Vice Chancellor, Dr. S.K. Bawa, Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, all Deans and faculty members from the Agriculture and Engineering faculties to explore collaborative opportunities.

Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice-Chancellor introduced the delegation members to the house and moderated on the agenda of the in-



teractive meeting. He shared that both Dr.Prasher and Dr.Rudra were recipients of honoris causa degrees of D.Sc from GKU.

Dr. S. K. Bawa highlighted GKU's recent achievements, emphasizing agriculture and sports as the University's flagship areas. Expressing eagerness for collaboration with McGill University and the University of Guelph on various issues and imminent concerns.

The delegation delved into potential areas of research collaboration covering topics like research on envi-

ronment protection, water-saving technology, biochars and hydrogels for soil health, and bioremediation techniques for correcting polluted water. Special focus was given to the ways soils could be scavenged of hormones, antibiotics, and pesticides as well as handling the non-point sources of water pollution, the safety of integrated farming systems, etc.

Academic collaboration possibilities were also discussed, including enhancing student employability for tie-ups with industry, developing specialized courses.

## 108 Ambulance presents first responder program for students



**FATEHGARH SAHIB:** Leading Healthcare Service provider and a proficient medical assistant, precisely reliable for handling emergency medical situations in Punjab, 108 Ambulance services today organized a First responder program at Govt. Industrial Training Institute, Bassi Pathana, Fatehgarh Sahib. The primary objective of such a program is to make students aware of handy medical first aid and guide them on how to cope with alike situations amid an emergency. The program was organized in the presence of Cluster Manager Jaswinder Singh, and FRP Trainer Jaswinder Singh. The prevailing times are witnessed by a plethora of unforeseen events, for this reason, it has become a necessity to keep a regular check on our health and wellbeing. Considering this, Ziqitza scheduled the training where FRP Trainer Mr. Jaswinder Singh gave a clear explanation on how First Aid in emergency situations like CPR, Heart Attack, Bleeding, Fracture, Snake Bite, Fainting, Choking, Hypoglycemia, etc. must be provided to the patients. A practical demonstration was also shown to the Institute students for better understanding, wherein the team showed how emergency cases are well taken care of. Around 30 students and staff attend the Training Program.



Charred body  
recovered near bridge



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA**  
**RAMPURA PHUL:** A charred dead body has been recovered from a needle near the needle bridge located at the local Phul Wale. According to the information received, the president of Sahara Samaj Sewa, Sandeep Verma, said that we received information that a dead body was lying in the needle, then immediately the team of Sahara reached the scene with the organization's rescue van. We reported it to City Rampura police station and reached the spot. In the presence of a police party, the body was taken out of the sluice. The body was in naked condition, height 5 feet 7 inches, age about 50 years and the body appeared to be about 20 days old. The body has been kept by the police in the mortuary of Government Hospital Rampura Phul for 72 hours for identification. Aid workers Sukhdev Singh Kala, Nirmal Singh Kala, Venus Goyal, Devraj Garg etc. were present on this occasion.

Blood donation camp  
by Bharat Vikas  
Parishad tomorrow

**SURINDER PAL**  
**KOTKAPURA:** Bharat Vikas Parishad Kotkapura is organizing a massive blood donation camp at Baba Dairy & Sweets (Bharat Dairy) near New Bus Stand on local Moga Road. Giving information in this regard, Jaipal Garg, office bearer of Bharat Vikas Parishad, TR. Arora, Pawan Mittal, Baldev Kataria and Varinder Kataria said that under the leadership of project in-charges Ved Arora, Harsh Arora and Munish Ladda and with the special support of Ravinder Ladda and Dr.Narinder Ladda, this camp will be organized on February 03, Saturday from 10 am to 02 pm, in which blood will be donated by a large number of local residents apart from club members. He said that out of every ten blood donors who donate blood during the camp, one blood donor will be given a mobile phone as a prize through a lucky draw and each blood donor will also be honored with a memento.

Rajiv Bhanot  
bereaved

**SHANTI GAUTAM**  
**BADDI:** Hariom Bhanot (80), father of senior Una journalist Rajiv Bhanot, died suddenly on Wednesday. On his demise, National Convenor of National Journalist Federation NMC Shanti Gautam, Vice President of Himachal Pradesh Vikas Sharma, National Vice President of National Union of Journalists Ranesh, Editor Shashi Jain, Satish Bansal, Arvind Goyal, Ajay Surya, Yadindra Kumar, Jyoti, Neelam. Adi has expressed deep condolences.

Disappointment for common people  
of country from last budget: Jalalpur

**JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER**  
**BALACHAUR:** The Center has termed the last budget of its tenure presented by the Modi government as just a bundle of papers. District President of Aam Aadmi Party from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar and Chairman of District Planning Board Satnam Jalalpur said that this budget has dashed the hopes of the common people of the country because in it the youth, dalits and backward classes of our country have been deprived. No provision has been made for the welfare of the people and farmers. Jalalpur said that there is no mention in the budget about how many jobs the government has given to the youth of the country. And how many new employment opportunities will be created. Similarly, no provision has been made in the budget for the welfare of Dalits and people belonging to backward classes. Jalalpur said that no new scheme has been brought in this budget for the welfare of Dalits and people belonging to backward classes, nor has any separate provision been made for them in the budget, which directly affects the poor and Dalit class. Being ignored in this budget, the government has not made any provision to uplift our food donors, our farmer brothers and get them out of debt and the farmers have been completely neglected. He said that in Punjab alone, about 17 lakh farmers have been deprived of the benefit of Pradhan Mantri Samman Yojana, so how many farmers will there be in the whole country who have been deprived of the benefit in this way. The people of the country are completely disappointed with this budget and now the Modi government will have to bear the consequences in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections because the people of the country will throw them out of power.

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Assam monitoring Uttrakhand's UCC  
bill, lining up Polygamy ban bill: CM

AGENCY  
GUWAHATI, FEB 2

The Assam government is closely monitoring the Uttrakhand UCC report and will take its decision on banning polygamy in the state, in the upcoming budget session. "We are lining up the Assam Polygamy Ban Act. We are also closely monitoring the development of Uttarakhand. If the Uttarakhand UCC bill is laid in the state assembly on February 5, then can we be in the position to implement the entire UCC, we will see that also. Our assembly is on February 12 and we have some time," the Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. Highlighting the Union Budget's impact on Assam, the Chief Minister revealed, "This year, Assam has received a substantial Rs 3500 crore for



capital projects from the Government of India." "The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that support to the state government for capital projects will continue. So big incentives for the state, along with the commitment to construct 2 crore houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, is

a significant boost for the state" the Assam CM added. Himanta Biswa Sarma emphasized the Union Budget's positive impact on the middle class and devolution to states. "The government will extend support to the middle class, and the increased devolution amount, up by 11 per cent compared to

Pb's road safety force plan will bring great  
results: Saurabh Bahl

SHARANJEET

**PATHANKOT:** Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Maan, while continuous development works are being conducted in the state, historical decisions are also being taken for the welfare of the people. Under this, he has taken a historic decision by forming the Road Security Force. These words were expressed by Saurabh Bahl Youth Wing State Secretary and Block Incharge. He said that the Road Safety Force will work to reduce road accident deaths and ensure smooth traffic. Many precious lives will be saved after the initiation of this scheme. He said that often people go away after seeing the person injured in a road accident so that they do not have to face any problem. But the way the Punjab government has taken this decision keeping in mind the pulse of the people, its positive results will come out.



Vij receives fragrant sandalwood-scented  
postal ticket from Ram Temple



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
AMBALA, FEB 2

Haryana Home and Health Minister, Sh. Anil Vij being presented with a postal ticket scented with the fragrance of sandalwood from the Ayodhya Ram Temple, and adorned with gold foil printing, by Colonel SFH Rizvi, the Chief Postmaster General of Haryana, at his residence in Ambala today.Home Minister Anil Vij expressed admiration for the postal ticket, describing it as exceptionally beautiful.Chief Postmaster General Colonel SFH Rizvi

explained that the Department of Posts has prepared a set of postal tickets for the occasion of the consecration ceremony in the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple. The printing process of these tickets involved the use of water and soil from the sacred land of the Ram Temple, imbued with the divine sentiments and blessings associated with Lord Rama.He mentioned that these postal tickets are scented with the fragrance of sandalwood. Gold foil printing has been applied to certain parts of this miniature sheet to enhance the illumination of the postal tickets with divine light.

Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta  
continues on path of social  
service and religious work



KARANPREET KARAN

**BARNALA:** Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta is doing sports to keep the youth away from drugs and is proving to be a boon in social service and religious activities. And Welfare Club Fatehgarh Chhanna was presented with a sum of 51 thousand. On this occasion, Trident officer Rupinder Gupta said that the founder of Trident Group, Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta, is always ahead in religious and social activities. While they have given employment to thousands of people, they also continue to contribute in religious, social, village and city development works. Under this link, they have given 51 thousand rupees to the Young Sports and Welfare Club of village Fatehgarh Chhanna, so that the tendency of the youth remains towards sports and they stay away from drugs. Club cashier Saminder Singh, Vice President Manpreet Singh, club members Jagdeep Singh, Joginder Singh, Manga Singh etc. have expressed their heartfelt thanks to Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta.

'Freedom from Stomach Worms'  
National Day on Feb 5



KULDEEP SOOD

**BARNALA:** Dr. Barnala from the Department of Health. Under the direction of Harinder Sharma, Civil Surgeon Barnala, the National Day for "Freedom from Stomach Worms" is being celebrated on February 5. On the occasion of releasing awareness materials related to this day, Civil Surgeon Barnala said that on February 5, all The government and private schools of the district, Anganwadi center and all non school going children between 1 to 19 years will be given Albendazole dose and if any child is deprived of this dose due to any reason then this dose will be given on the day of mopup round on February 12. Dr. Gurbinder Kaur District Immunization officer cum District Nodal officer said that this diet is very important for the child to get rid of stomach worms because stomach worms become a big obstacle in the physical and mental development of the child, therefore priority Children should be encouraged to take this diet based on Madam Sukhpal Kaur District RBSK The coordinator said that the support of women and social security department, education department and social service organizations will also be taken to make this campaign successful so that no child is deprived of this food.

Driver trainees made aware against drugs

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KURUKSHETRA, FEB 2

Additional Director General of Police, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, Shri O.P. As per the guidelines of Singh Saheb and orders of Superintendent of Police Mr. Shashank Kumar Sawan Saheb, Bureau's Awareness Program and Rehabilitation Incharge/ Sub Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma is making the young generation aware against drug addiction every day. They are carrying out awareness programs by taking out cycle yatra across Haryana. They reached the new bus stand from Police Lines today and a one-day 282nd anti-drug awareness program was organized with the youth receiving heavy vehicle driver training in which more than 125 youth participated. While making



the youth aware against drug addiction, Bureau's awareness program and rehabilitation in-charge, Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma said that every person wants that he and his family should live happily and stay away from drugs, but due to some reason or the other, people get addicted to drugs. By studying in a private school, he makes his life like hell and then begins an atmosphere of discord and contempt in the family and society. We all want our

family and children to stay away from drugs but drug dealers do not allow this to happen. He further said that even though drugs are completely banned in our country, some of these drugs enter India from foreign countries and it is fatal for our young generation. Haryana government is very alert about this. Strictest action is being taken against drug criminals and on the other hand, Haryana is being made drug free through awareness.

In first for Haryana State varsity, Kurukshetra  
University gets NAAC's A++ grade



DALBIR MALIK

**KURUKSHETRA:** Kurukshetra University (KU) has secured A++ grade, the highest grade, in the fourth cycle of its assessment conducted by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). This marks the university's first-ever attainment of the highest grade, with a cumulative score of 3.56 out of 4. KU achievement places it among a select group of Indian universities assessed in the fourth cycle. KU Vice Chancellor thanked the Governor-Chancellor Sh Bandaru Dattatreya and the Chief Minister Manohar Lal for providing leadership and support to attain this excellent grade. Addressing the media persons in a press conference held on Friday at KU Senate Hall, Prof Som Nath said that KU is the first in the public sector in Haryana to achieve this outstanding grade. It has excelled in NAAC-specified criteria such as curricular aspects (3.63), teaching, learning and evaluation (3.46); research, innovations and extension (3.39); infrastructure and learning resources (3.76); student support and progression (3.61); governance leadership and management (3.36); institutional values and best practices (4). The university has achieved academic excellence through various initiatives in the past five years. The university is credited with having launched initiatives such as complete digitization of administration and examination system, introduction of new undergraduate and postgraduate courses, large number of publications in Scopus-indexed journals from the faculty, 100 crores research funding under RUSA.

MC Jagraon takes action  
against illegal encroachment



SUKH NAHAR

**JAGRAON:** Municipal Council Jagraon team took strict action against illegal encroachment as per the instructions of EO Sukhdev Singh Randhawa and MC President Amarjeet Singh Malwa. The team led by sanitary inspector Shyam Kumar and clerk Harish Kumar seized goods of shopkeepers displayed outside shops on road at Raikot road and Tehsil road bazaar of the city. It is notable that MC President himself appealed shopkeepers not to encroach land as it creates traffic related issues and several other inconveniences as well. Despite all the appeals and warnings shopkeepers did not leave encroached areas hence, municipal council took strict actions against them. The team stated that the shopkeepers should abide by the rules as it is for the convenience of common people only. At this occasion, Jagmohan Singh, Sukhwinder Singh, Rajinder Kumar, Sukhwinder Singh, Rajinder Kumar, Bhanu, Sukhwinder Singh, Sunil Kumar and others were present.

Romesh Mahajan celebrates 78th birthday  
by bringing smiles to underprivileged  
children in village Maan Kaur slum



VERMA

**GURDASPUR:** Celebration of birthday in the slum area of village Maan Kaur where under privileged children previously in the profession of rag picking etc - a memorable event of my life - Romesh Mahajan. It is said that count your life by smiles, not tears, Count your age by friends, not years. On this count I have been extremely lucky as I go on to celebrate my 78th birthday. On this occasion I sought the blessings from every walk of life especially from the under privileged children residing in one of the worst slum area of District Gurdaspur, Village Maan Kaur. While on my part I pray to almighty who has bestowed upon me good health even at this age. The children who are getting free education in a recently beautiful built building with extra modern furniture were so excited and made an elaborate arrangements to celebrate my birthday which include Rajasthani folk dance, Bhangra etc in a beautiful costumes. While reciprocating their emotions and to improve their all around development on this occasion, I provided a modern computer centre and a music centre and a well-equipped library for them.

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organized in which 466 students and teachers participated. While making the students aware against drug addiction, Bureau's awareness program and rehabilitation in-charge, Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma said that if a fire breaks out in someone's neighborhood, then its smoke, heat, humidity and pollution affect other neighbors too and may

That fire will burn the nearby houses also. This is the condition of intoxication. When a person takes drugs, other people can also become addicted to drugs. This is such a poisonous snake that it would be best to crush it in the beginning itself. Due to drug addiction, not only the entire family but also the society and the nation is affected.

Patron of PBG Welfare Club Narinder Berh  
donates blood for Thalassemia suffering children

SURINDER DAMDAMI  
KOTKAPURA, FEB 1

Under the special campaign being conducted by PBG Welfare Club Kotkapura to provide blood for Thalassemia suffering children, two senior members of the organization visited the blood bank of Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital and donated blood for Thalassemia suffering children. Meanwhile, the president of the organization, Rajiv Malik, said that the patron of the organization, Narinder Berh, Director Baba Milk, and Pawan Bharti donated blood. While making the donation, he said that the organization has been working for children



suffering from thalassemia for a long time. He said that around 125 children are undergoing treatment here, and they are given blood transfusions. He said that the organization organizes camps, etc. to arrange blood for all these children. He said that today he received a call from the doctor in charge of the blood bank that one AB-

negative and two B-negative children are in dire need of blood, so I contacted the club's patron Narinder Berh, director Baba Milk and Bharti, he immediately came to the blood bank and donated blood. He said that club patron Narinder Baird has donated blood for the 81st time and Pawan Bharti for the 38th time today.



Editorial

Growth for all

India's tradition of interim budgets dates back to R.K. Shanmukham Chetty's first presentation on November 26, 1947, necessitated by the Partition. Chetty's minimalist budget addressed immediate needs with minimal tax changes. C.D. Deshmukh continued the tradition in 1952, introducing a 'white paper' for transparency and turning a deficit into a surplus by cutting expenditures rather than raising taxes.

The distinction between an interim budget and a vote-on-account is significant in the context of this year's budget. An interim budget, following the precedents set by Chetty and Deshmukh, allows for adjustments — albeit limited — in fiscal policies. In contrast, a vote-on-account, specified in Article 116 of the Constitution, is more restrictive, aimed solely at ensuring the government's functioning without policy changes. Nirmala Sitharaman's interim budget for 2024 reflects this approach, making cautious adjustments in anticipation of a more comprehensive fiscal plan by the incoming government post-elections.

Historically, interim budgets have been a chance for governments to highlight their achievements and announce new subsidies, loan waivers and freebies, influencing public perception before elections. While such sops help in garnering votes, they are fiscally disastrous and the multiplier effects are also limited. Against this backdrop, the current finance minister chose to focus on a decade's performance without resorting to populist measures, emphasising long-term fiscal discipline and empowerment of people.

There were clearly four focus areas in the interim budget speech of the finance minister. First, the focus was on empowerment over fiscal dole-outs. The budget speech outlined several key programmes and initiatives aimed at sustainable poverty alleviation through empowerment of vulnerable sections. For example, the Lakhpati Didi scheme has already empowered over 80 lakh self-help groups and nearly one crore women by facilitating credit linkages and income-generating activities. The target is to assist three crore women to become Lakhpati Didi. Similarly, in a departure from the trend set by some leaders who announce free electricity as a populist measure, the Union government has chosen a path of empowerment with the introduction of the PM Suryodaya scheme. Unlike conventional promises of free electricity, this initiative leverages roof-top solarisation to provide up to 300 units of free electricity each month to one crore households. This approach not only aligns with the government's sustainable energy goals but also fosters economic benefits and employment opportunities.

'Space Diplomacy' builds bridges on earth

As far as Professor Teodoro Valente is concerned, there's no question that collaboration in space exploration builds bridges on Earth.

"Actually, we are dealing with this term that is often called 'space diplomacy.' Valente, the president of the Italian Space Agency told the Tazpit Press Service.

"The scientific activities which are running on the International Space Station, that's an environment in which no boundaries exist. We have astronauts coming from all different countries, and countries on different sides of technological levels. Or, due to their geopolitical situation, they do not collaborate. So space can be a bridge using space diplomacy or scientific activities which are outlined in space frameworks."

Valente was in Israel for the 19th annual Ilan Ramon International Space Conference in Herzliya on Wednesday. The event attracts prominent international figures in the space field.

"Space exploration is very important for people's imagination," he told TPS. "We're talking about the possibility to understand, for example, what is outside the Earth, what is the origin of the universe. We're talking about the possibility of coming back to the moon, we're talking about the possibility of exploring Mars. All these things are important for people's imagination."

Valente told TPS that the Italian Space Agency may join Israel's Beresheet 2 mission to the moon.

"We started just today to discuss pos-



sible cooperation. We decided to set up a joint working group for the next Beresheet 2. We will set up a joint working group to better understand how it will be possible and in which framework. So the relationship is very good," he said.

The original Beresheet mission was Israel's first attempt at a lunar landing. It was launched in February 2019 and carried out by the private Israeli company SpaceIL in collaboration with the state-owned Israel Space Agency (ISA). A technical glitch in one of Beresheet's components triggered the chain of events that caused the main engine of the spacecraft to malfunction, sending it crashing into the lunar surface.

The collaboration between Italy and Israel in space activities has a rich history, dating back to 2005 when the relationship between the Italian Space Agency and the Israeli Space Agency was launched.

One collaboration known as CubeSat involved launching several mini-satellites into space where miniature laboratories can conduct chemical and biological experiments in weightlessness.

The goal is to develop drugs that cannot be created in Earth's gravity. The ninth satellite was launched in August and the experiments are being overseen by Israeli and Italian researchers.

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mally called the JUpiter ICy rings Explorer Mission. The Juice spacecraft, launched in April 2023, will explore three of Jupiter's icy moons, Ganymede, Europa or Callisto and become the first spacecraft to orbit a moon other than Earth's. Juice is expected to reach Jupiter in July 2031. The orbiter includes Italian equipment, Israeli hardware, and a plaque honoring Galileo Galilei, the Italian astronomer who discovered Jupiter's moons. Juice is led by the European Space Agency, but institutions and companies from 23 different countries are involved. Cooperation, Valente explained, helps advance knowledge, and creates shared goals as well as jobs.

Literature & Health

Elon Musk to seek shareholders approval to roll out Tesla in Texas

After the Delaware court ruling to struck down Tesla CEO, Elon Musk's pay package, he said he is seeking shareholder approval to incorporate the company in Texas, CNN reported on Thursday.

It reported that Chancellor Kathaleen McCormick ruled about Elon Musk's 2018 salary package, worth about USD 51 billion at current stock prices, Musk put up a poll on X asking if Tesla should move its registration from Delaware to Texas, where it is already headquartered.

Delaware Chancery Court Chancellor Kathaleen McCormick, who oversaw the bench trial that concluded in November 2022, ruled Tuesday that Musk and the Tesla board "bore the burden of proving that the compensation plan was fair, and they failed to meet their burden."

Hours later, the Tesla CEO wrote that the "public vote is unequivocally in favour of Texas." The poll results showed Texas had won the backing of more than 87 per cent of about 1.1 million votes.

Musk added he will now "immediately" seek shareholder approval to incorporate the electric carmaker in the southern state.

Delaware is famously one of the world's most welcoming places for companies of all kinds and sizes to incorporate for legal and tax purposes. Nearly 70 per cent of Fortune 500 companies are incorporated there. CNN reported that it is seen as a desirable place to seek



approval for mergers and litigate disputes, and doesn't levy sales tax or tax on profits from intellectual property.

While Musk has not commented directly on the judgment on his pay package, he tweeted Tuesday: "Never incorporate your company in the state of Delaware."

"I recommend incorporating in Nevada or Texas if you prefer shareholders to decide matters," he said in another tweet. Attorneys for the Tesla shareholders who brought the suit had argued that the package of stock options was excessive and that the company's directors were too close to Musk to protect their interests.

The 303 million split-adjusted stock options that Musk had received as part of the package are worth USD 51 billion, when calculated using Tuesday's closing price, less the modest exercise price of USD 23.34 a share, CNN reported

Japan's World Sushi Championship: A feast of global culinary talent

Sushi is one of the most famous dishes all over the world. At the beginning of the worldwide sushi boom, the treatment of raw fish was not necessarily perfect. To overcome this situation, Japanese sushi experts walk around the world to teach the correct treatment of raw fish, keeping traditional sushi cooking in check.

A competition between international Sushi chefs to inherit real sushi culture is called the World Sushi Cup.

This year fifteen chefs from various regions and countries participated in the sushi competition.

This competition was held to improve the skill of sushi chefs around the world and to promote sushi culture of Japan.

The Member of the House of Councilors, Satsuki Katayama said, "Including Sushi, Japanese food become the United Nation's heritage. Through charm of Sushi food, we had like to reinforce our friendship with various countries, because when eating good food, everybody is happy, friendly."

This year, 15 finalists from 8 countries competed in the event. Judges marked points on each finalist's creative sushi.

The World Sushi Cup evaluated normal sushi cooking while also decoratively creating sushi for each finalist.

Creative sushi reflects each finalist's image and the country's culture. In the long history of Sushi Cup, cacao-tasting sushi was presented by a Belgian sushi chef.

Sushi culture strengthens ties between Japan and Norway. Current sushi treats salmon.



The spread of Japanese sushi culture accelerated the export of Norwegian salmon. A Norwegian person was nominated as one of the judges.

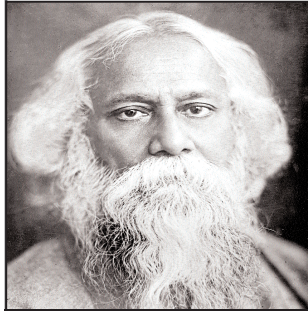
Norwegian Embassy member, Johan Khabheim said, "Sushi is getting more and more popular, and especially among the young people, it's trendy, it's healthy, it's convenient. And the Japanese image of it is very important. Also, in Norway, a Portuguese chef won the World Championship event this time."

Portugal Winner, Jefferson Eliasribeiro Da Silva said, "I tried to make sushi like my teacher, but I couldn't do it well. I also want to apply Japanese skills to my country and improve my sushi skills. I want to get closer to that skill."

POEM

The Judge

Say of him what you please,  
but I know my child's failings.  
I do not love him because he is  
good, but because he is my  
little child.



Rabindranath Tagore

How should you know  
how dear he can be when  
you try to weigh his  
merits against his faults?  
When I must punish him  
he becomes all the more a  
part of my being. When I cause  
his tears to come my heart  
weeps with him. I alone have a  
right to blame and punish,  
for he only may chastise who  
loves.

Rabindranath Tagore

Plant receptors that regulate growth, immunity have common origin: Study

Plants are constantly developing new immunological receptors to combat ever-changing diseases. Researchers at the RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science (CSRS) have traced the genesis and evolution of plant immune receptors. Their research will make it easier to locate immune receptor genes using genomic data and may aid in the development of pathogen-resistant crops. The findings were published in the scientific journal Nature Communications on February 1. As in animals, plants have immune responses that help them defend against pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, and oomycetes. Before in-



vaders can be stopped, they must first be detected, and this is accomplished by pattern recognition receptors located on the surface of plant cells. The ability of these receptors to detect molecular patterns associated with pathogens depends on two types of proteins, called RLPs and RLKs, both of which can contain leucine-rich repeats--sections in which the amino acid leucine appears multiple times.

To trace the evolution of plant immunity, the international research team led by Ken Shirasu and Yasuhiro Kadota at RIKEN CSRS examined the numbers and patterns of receptors. They analyzed over 170,000 genes en-

coding RLPs and about 40,000 genes encoding RLPs, which they obtained from publicly available data taken from 350 plant species. They discovered that RLKs and RLPs with leucine-rich repeats were the most abundant receptor types among all the plant species, making up nearly half of RLKs and 70% of RLPs.

RLPs, and some RLKs, are known to contain a special island region that is crucial for recognizing parts of pathogens. Investigation by the RIKEN CSRS team revealed that among RLPs that contain the leucine-rich repeats, this special region was almost always located in the same place; between the

4th and 5th leucine-rich repeat. These RLPs were found to be associated with immune responses. They also discovered that the island region was located at the same position in some RLKs, nearly all of which belong to a functional group that regulates growth and development.

Comparative analysis showed that the sequence of the four repeats below the island region was very similar between the two types of protein detectors, suggesting that they have a common evolutionary ancestry. In particular, these four sets of leucine repeats contained sections needed for bonding to the same co-receptor, called BAK1.



Aadhar Housing Finance Limited files DRHP with SEBI for an IPO

GURUGRAM : Aadhar Housing Finance Limited has filed a draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) proposing an IPO comprising fresh issue of Equity Shares of up to Rs. 10000 million and an Offer for Sale of up to Rs. 40,000 million by BCP Topco VII Pte. Ltd. (Promoter Selling Shareholder). Since June 2019, BCP Topco, which is the Promoter, and is an affiliate of funds managed and/or advised by affiliates of Blackstone Group Inc (collectively "Blackstone"), currently holds 98.7% of the pre- Offer issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity Share capital. The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds towards the following: (i) To meet future capital requirements towards onward lending; and (ii) General corporate purposes. The Company is an HFC focused on the low income housing segment (ticket size less than ₹1.5 million) in India and we had the highest AUM and net worth among our analyzed peers in six months ended September 30, 2023, according to CRISIL. It offers a range of mortgage-related loan products, including loans for residential property purchase and construction; home improvement and extension loans; and loans for commercial property construction and acquisition.

Bombay High Court Affirms Music Licensing Authority: PPL Prevails in Historic Legal Battle

KARNAL / SONIPAT : In a groundbreaking judgment, the Bombay High Court has unequivocally upheld the authority of music licensing giants Phonographic Performance Ltd. (PPL) and Novex Communications Pvt. Ltd. (Novex) to issue licenses as copyright owners, transcending the need for registration as copyright societies. The landmark decision, rendered on January 24, 2024, settles a prolonged debate surrounding the scope of owner rights to license sound recordings. "PPL's victory in this legal battle is not just a win for us but a triumph for the entire music industry. The Bombay High Court's verdict firmly reinforces the rights of copyright owners and exclusive licensees, providing PPL with the tools to protect against the widespread infringement that undermines the hard-earned investments of genuine music labels. This win underscores the importance of respecting and preserving the creative endeavours that drive the music industry, securing a future where investors in copyrights, artists and their creations are duly valued and protected," said G.B. Aayeer

Announces plotted development under Hero Earth

SONIPAT : Real estate major Hero Realty Pvt Ltd (HRPL) has entered Sonipat real estate market with its flagship premium plotted development brand Hero Earth with a strategic tie-up with Spiti Group from Gurugram. This new tie-up will be the second project under Hero Earth after the astounding success it received for 'The Ark' in Gurugram Sector 85 where all the premium plots were sold out in a single day. Cushman & Wakefield was the transaction advisor for this deal. "Hero Realty's entry into the Sonipat real estate market will prove to be a game-changer. The company's commitment to excellence, innovation, and community development set a new benchmark for the industry. HRPL not only builds premium homes but also creates a thriving community that fosters a sense of belonging and togetherness," said Dr Dharmesh Shah, CEO, Hero Realty Pvt. Ltd.

Budget 2024 - Views of Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, NSE

GURUGRAM / PANIPAT : I give the Interim Budget 10/10. The budget focuses on growth, welfareism and fiscal restraint, while ensuring continuity on policies and taxation. The focus on capacity building through higher spending on hard as well as soft infrastructure and consequently facilitating job creation has continued. At the same time, the budget provides enough for poor, farmers, women, and youth, which in turn bodes well for the overall economic growth, thereby keeping us in a good stead in an otherwise uncertain world. At 5.8%, the revised fiscal deficit for FY23-24 is an improvement from the budget estimate by 10bps. Fiscal consolidation continues to be the front and centre, with the fiscal deficit for FY24-25 brought down to 5.1%, bettering expectations and a commitment of a sub-4-5% target by FY25-26. The capex outlay has increased by 16.9% to a record high of Rs 11.11 lakh crore, implying 3.4% of GDP—the highest in 26 years, with strong focus on roads, transport, and railways. This implies a CAGR of 27% in the last five-year period. The quality of expenditure has also improved, with capital expenditure now comprising 23.3% of total expenditure—the highest in 30 years.

DSP Mutual Fund unveils a thoughtful portfolio approach in 2024

Chandigarh: In its annual report, DSP Mutual Fund revealed insights for a thoughtful portfolio approach in 2024. DSP advocates diversifying your portfolio across market cap segments to maintain a balance during different market conditions. DSP's preference is towards quality midcap as it provides a more effective approach to wealth creation with reduced volatility and fewer draw downs. Recent data indicating improvements in operating performance has led DSP to augment its holdings in PSU companies. According to DSP, India does offer an exceptional long-term investment opportunity, investors should however remain vigilant considering a shifting landscape marked by decelerating global growth, rising global interest rates. While India, with its primarily domestically driven growth, is expected to be relatively less susceptible to global macro risks in this changing environment.\*

OK Play India Ltd. Board Approves 1:10 Stock Split

CHANDIGARH: OK Play India Ltd., a leading player engaged in the production of plastic molded furniture, outdoor play equipment, point-of-purchase products, automotive components, and electric vehicles, has announced that its board has approved the sub-division/split of the Equity Shares of the Company in the ratio of 1:10, i.e. division of every 1 equity share of the nominal/face value of Rs. 10 each into 10 equity shares of the nominal/face value of Rs. 1 each, subject to approval of the shareholders and such authorities as may be required. Earlier, the company had announced that, it, through its recently acquired wholly owned subsidiary, MRH Technologies Private Limited, entered into an agreement with the MANN+HUMMEL Filter Private Limited (MHIN), a subsidiary of the MANN+HUMMEL Group, Germany to act as its sole and exclusive distributor to promote, distribute, supply, install and service its revolutionary new product- "PureAir Mobile Fine.

Fat burning food to include in your diet

Each food goes through a different metabolic pathway in your body, which is why each one of them has a different effect on your hunger, hormones and the number of calories you burn. For a healthy diet for weight loss, you can look at including these fat-burning food items in your diet.

Experts say that people who eat three or more daily servings of oats (or similar whole grains) have 10 per cent less belly fat.

2. Black Beans Looking for a fat burning pill? Say hello to black beans. These are a great source of resistant starch that feeds the healthy bacteria in your gut and results in triggering the production of butyrate. Butyrate encourages the body to burn fat as fuel and reduces fat-causing inflammation.

3. Dark Chocolate While chocolate is not a food you'd expect to see on a weight-loss list, research has found that the gut microbes in our stomach ferment chocolate and boost our body's production of gut-healthy polyphenolic compounds. One such compound is butyrate, a fatty acid that encourages the body to burn fat as fuel. While including dark chocolate in your diet, make sure you pick one which has 70 per cent or above of cacao content, as that has the



highest concentration of antioxidant polyphenols.

4. Quinoa Quinoa has the highest level of betaine, and studies have linked betaine to a faster

metabolism and lesser fat production. 5. Eggs It doesn't matter how you eat your eggs, the food is one of the best sources of choline, which is a major fat-

burning nutrient and aids in loss of belly fat.

6. Almonds We all know that almonds are a great source of protein, but they also have the ability to burn fats. Having a handful of almonds daily will aid in weight loss and higher fat metabolism. Apart from eating almonds as a snack, you can also shift to almond flour.

7. Coconut Oil Including coconut oil in your diet, apart from making your food delicious, also reduces abdominal obesity.

8. Green Tea Green tea is high in antioxidants and that helps combat cellular oxidative damage. Begin your day with a big cup of green tea to give the much-needed kickstart to your metabolism, that will aid in fat-burning.

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank introduces Maxima Savings Account

AMRITSAR: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB), a leading small finance bank, announces the introduction of the Maxima Savings Account and Business Maxima Current Account for the premium customer segment. These new offerings aim to improve the banking experience for both new and existing customers by providing a variety of services and benefits. The products are designed

to provide customers with various benefits, superior features, and a premium experience to meet their various financial and banking needs. The annual interest rate on the Maxima Savings Account is up to 7.5%, one of the highest in the industry, and customers can open the account with ₹1 lakh. Customers also have the flexibility to maintain ₹15 lakh or more in fixed deposits to meet the balance eligibility criteria of the Maxima Savings Account, an

option not available with other standard savings accounts. Other exciting services offered by Maxima Savings Account include higher transaction limits, Free cheque & DD Issuances, Free transactions across all channels, and unlimited cash deposits and withdrawals at any branch. A Complimentary Health Prime Benefit is also offered with the Maxima Savings Account to applicable customers.

Global Travel-Tech Leader, FlixBus launches in India



CHANDIGARH, : FlixBus, a global travel-tech leader offering the world's largest bus network across 42 countries, announces its arrival in India. In the second biggest\* bus market in the world, the company promises to revolutionize intercity passenger transportation with convenient traveling at a competitive price and the best-in-class safety standards. On launching India operations, André Schwämmlein, CEO of Flix, said, "We are delighted to announce FlixBus' expansion into India, a large move as we reach our 43rd

country and one of the largest bus markets globally. Entering the dynamic Indian market is a huge opportunity for us, filled with anticipation and the recognition of the significant potential to change the mobility landscape in India. Our mission is perfectly fitting what India strives for- sustainable, safe and affordable travel options for all. Acknowledging the growing demand for such services in India, we are committed to upholding consistent quality, safety, and delivering a seamless customer experience in every region we operate."

Shahid Kapoor reveals listening to the song Dhan Te Nan



CHANDIGARH : This weekend, Sony Entertainment Television's prestigious singing reality show, 'Indian Idol 14', will welcome Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon, who are promoting their movie, 'Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya'. In this special episode titled 'Dhamaakedar 8', the contestants will put their best foot forward to secure their position in the TOP 8 and

continue the journey to win the coveted title of 'Indian Idol'! Among the many mesmerizing performances, it was Anjana Padmanabhan, who shone bright and once again impressed everyone by singing 'Gulaboo', 'Thunkeshwari', and 'Dhan Te Nan' from the movies 'Shaandar', 'Bhediya' and 'Kaminey' respectively. Shahid Kapoor was left amazed by Anjana's performance.

SARAS fair kicks off in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, With clear weather on Friday, the SARAS Fair which is being organized by the Himachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission of the Ministry of Rural Development has formally started at the Exhibition Ground, Sector 34 on Friday. Apart from the Self Help Group from Himachal

Pradesh, the handmade products prepared by small entrepreneurs from the states of North India and Gujarat, Assam, Bihar, Rajasthan and other states are put on exhibition and sale. The remarkable features of the fair are the handicraft products made by the women hailing from the tribal areas of the hill states. They

have also brought the organic farming products grown there. The fair is also serving the traditional Himachali cuisines wherein locals can relish fresh dishes prepared by these women entrepreneurs. Cultural programs will also be organized in this fair which will run till 12th February.

Paytm app is working, will keep working beyond Feb 29

PAYTM's associate Bank has recently received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) directions in response to which Paytm's Founder and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma assured users that Paytm app will continue to work beyond 29th Feb. In a tweet, Vijay Shekhar Sharma said, "To every Paytm'er, Your favourite app is working, will keep working beyond 29 February as usual. I, with every Paytm team member, salute you for your relentless support.

services continue to remain operational beyond 29th Feb also, as most of the services offered by Paytm are in partnership with various banks (not just associate Bank). Fintech started its journey of working with other banks over the last two years, which it will now accelerate. Paytm works with various banks (not just with its associate Bank), on various payments products. The company offers acquiring services to merchants in partnership with several leading banks in the country and will continue to expand third-party bank partnerships.

Mutual Funds, or NPS. Paytm Money Limited is SEBI-regulated and fully compliant. 4. Loan and insurance distribution to remain unaffected: Paytm's other financial services such as loan distribution, and insurance distribution are not in any way related to Paytm Payments Bank Limited and are expected to be unaffected by this direction, the company clarified in its exchange filing. 5. Paytm Payment Gateway: The Paytm Payment Gateway business (online merchants) will continue to offer payment solutions to its existing merchants. Paytm's offline merchant payment network offerings like Paytm QR, Paytm Soundbox, Paytm Card Machine, will continue as usual, where it can onboard new offline merchants as well. 6. PPSL will move the nodal to other banks: Paytm noted that it will pursue partnerships with various other banks, to offer various payment products to its customers. "With regard to the direction on termination of the nodal account of One97 Communications Limited and Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL) by February 29, 2024, and PPSL will move the nodal to other banks during this period," it added.

Warrior, diplomat, and most favored queen

CHANDIGARH : Sony Entertainment Television's epic saga, Shrimad Ramayan, narrates the life and teachings of Lord Ram, bringing back this timeless story into the hearts and minds of the viewers. In the ongoing narrative, viewers have seen Mata Sita and Lord Ram exchange sacred vows in a beautiful union at Mithila, but back in Ayodhya—they will soon be tested by an intricate web of desires and insecurities. Queen Kaikeyi, known for her beauty, intelligence, and political prowess, plays a pivotal role in this saga. Her initial devotion to King Dashrath will soon be overshadowed by a dormant insecurity, fueled by Manthara, leading to a tumultuous phase in her relationship with Lord Ram. When Manthara reminds Kaikeyi that Lord Ram's coronation is unfair to Bharat, who was not even given the chance to prove his worth, Kaikeyi takes a drastic step, demanding Bharat to be made



the king of Ayodhya and Lord Ram's exile for 14 years, forcing Dashrath to grant her the two boons to help keep his promise. Actor Shilpa Saklani, who has beautifully portrayed this complex character, elaborates on her role, saying, "Queen Kaikeyi is a formidable character; her internal struggle between love and ambition needs an actor to add so much depth.

Thermax Roadshow – REDISCOVER kicks off at Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: Thermax, a leading provider of energy and environment solutions, launched the Thermax Roadshow – REDISCOVER in Chandigarh today, marking a first-of-its-kind knowledge event that will traverse seven cities in India. Aligned to its commitment as a "Trusted Partner in Energy Transition", this event aims to provide stakeholders with firsthand experience of Thermax's latest innovations and green solutions. During the exposition, Thermax showcased advanced technologies pivotal to

making energy transition a reality. These included multi-fuel and biomass-based energy solutions, hybrid renewables, bio-CNG, electrical/hybrid heating & cooling solutions, green hydrogen, and energy-saving water solutions, along with digital and value-added services. At the conference, key stakeholders from prominent industries like textile, F&B, and pharma actively engaged in discussions around Thermax's new-age solutions. The focus was on these solutions adeptly tackling unique energy and environmental challenges.

PDFA to host three-day Dairy Expo from Feb 3

JAGRAON: Progressive Dairy Farmers Association (PDFA) International Dairy & Agri Expo 2024 will be inaugurated by Parshotam Rupala, Minister for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying, Government Of India on February 3. The three-day fair, which will attract lakhs of dairy farmers from across the state, will be held at Cattle Fair Ground here. Mr. Daljit Singh, President, PDFA, informed, "The inauguration ceremony will be held at 11 am on Saturday and competition of breed will be held on the same day. On Day 2 there will be milking competitions, seminars, and farmers award ceremony, while the concluding day will also include competitions and prize distribution function." The Expo is an annual event that brings together stakeholders in the dairy and agricultural industries. The event showcases the latest innovations, technology, and products in these industries, while also providing a platform.

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Inaugurates New Office in Karnal

KARNAL: Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of the leading private general insurers in India, has announced the inauguration of its new office in Karnal, Haryana. This strategic expansion aims to boost insurance penetration across tier 2 and tier 3 cities in India and provide financial stability to our citizens. India's growing economy is fast evolving, but with that, the landscape of risk and uncertainties are also increasing. With their expertise, Bajaj Allianz aims to bring its innovative products and solutions closer to the people of Karnal. The Company will provide a wide range of services backed by technology to seamlessly cater to customers' needs. The new office will serve as a strategic hub for Bajaj Allianz General Insurance to further strengthen its presence and reach its customers.

Jana Small Finance Bank Limited IPO opens on Wednesday, February 7

GURUGRAM : Jana Small Finance Bank Limited (the "Bank" or "Jana SFB"), shall open bids for its initial public offering of Equity Shares face value ₹ 10 on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be Tuesday, February 6, 2024. The Offer will open on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 for subscription and will close on Friday, February 9, 2024. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹ 393 to ₹ 414 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 36 Equity Shares and in multiples of 36 Equity Shares thereafter. The Bank plans to raise funds through initial public offering comprising fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating to ₹ 4,620.00 million (the "Fresh Issue")\* after adjusting for the Pre-IPO placement and Offer of Sale aggregating up to 2,608,629 Equity Shares by the selling



shareholders (the "Offer for Sale") (together, the "Offer"). The Offer includes a reservation of up to ₹135.00 million for subscription by eligible employees ("Employee Reservation Portion"). The Bank proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds from the Fresh Issue towards augmenting Bank's Tier – 1 capital base to meet Bank's future capital requirements, to improve its Tier-I capital and CRAR. Further, the proceeds from the Fresh Issue will also be used towards meeting the expenses in relation to the Offer. (the "Object of the Offer")

The Equity Shares are being offered through the red herring prospectus dated February 1, 2024 ("RHP") filed with the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka at Bengaluru ("RoC"). The Equity Shares issued through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges being BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"). For the purposes of the Offer, the Designated Stock Exchange shall be BSE.

Punjab's Finance Minister felicitates young entrepreneur Shrey Jain

CHANDIGARH: Shrey Jain, Founder, Experience Entertainment, has been felicitated by S. Harpal Singh Cheema, Finance Minister, Punjab with the coveted Living Legend & Corporate Excellence Award 2024. He was given the award in the 'Event Management' category for taking the event management industry in the region to a new level. After receiving the honour Shrey Jain said, "I give all credit to this recognition to my team who have displayed ingenuity and creativity to orchestrate some of the tricity's most memorable events that have captivated the masses. We

specialise in creating unique event properties that are unconventional and full of

helped Experience Entertainment successfully organise the Bangr Festival - a Music and Lifestyle event recently. The festival was a resounding hit with music lovers as over 2 days a record 15,000 people converged at the extravaganza. It is to be noted that with Shrey's vision and efforts Experience Entertainment, has created an event property - The Bangr Festival which is now North India's biggest music and lifestyle festival. The Bangr Festival was able to etch its name in history with a stellar lineup featuring the likes of



King, Anuv Jain, Talwiinder, and more.

innovation." It is noteworthy that Shrey's dynamic leadership

Sarveshwar Foods Ltd. Enhances Procurement with 2 New Centers in Kulgam and Doda

CHANDIGARH: Sarveshwar Foods Limited is strengthening its procurement channel further by setting up of 2 more SFL Chaupals (Procurement Facilitation Centre) for procurement of Walnuts, Rajma, Apple, Black Morels (Guochi), Kala Jeera and other authentic Himalayan Delights directly from Farmers in Kulgam and Doda. With these new locations, now Sarveshwar Food is operating 12 SFL Chaupals at various locations across

the Jammu and Kashmir Region, 7 in Jammu and 5 in Kashmir. All these SFL Chaupals are being managed by trained local farmers who help the local agricultural community to access the information in their local language. SFL Chaupals Sarveshwar Foods Procurement Facilitation Centre are established with 2 objectives: first, to speed up and smooth procurement by eliminating unnecessary leakages, delays, and logistical challenges, and second, to engage with farmers from the start of

the crop cycle, assist them at every stage of cultivation, and provide full patronage. SFL Chaupals made real-time, up-to-date, relevant information on price discovery, agri knowhow and best practices, etc readily available. Through SFL Chaupals, Sarveshwar Food Limited wishes to leverage its expertise, in an organised way, to address the various challenges faced by the farmer and provide a 360-degree intervention platform to trigger a virtuous cycle.

This Year a heart health check-up must be on your list before starting any new exercise regimen, say expert

LUDHIANA, February 2:- Our sedentary lifestyle, especially after 3 years of lockdown, has made us unhealthy, due to which people have started exercising daily. This is good news. However, taking up a rigorous exercise regimen as you move into the New Year, with new resolutions, shouldn't come at the cost of your health. Exercise-related heart attacks are increasingly common at our times. What's more important according to

Dr. Paramdeep Singh Sandhu, Additional Director of Cardiology at Fortis Hospital in Ludhiana, is to know beforehand whether you have any pre-existing cardiovascular issue that's gone undetected. Speaking on the topic, Dr. Paramdeep Singh Sandhu, Additional Director of Cardiology at Fortis Hospital in Ludhiana, said, "A heart attack, or acute myocardial infarction, can happen when small plaques in the coronary arteries

burst, causing a large clot to form. Not all warnings are obvious. Plaque instability can be brought on by factors such as previous coronary heart disease risk factors, sleep disorders, dehydration, and vigorous activity. This can lead to a brain plaque and the production of a sizable clot. Dr. Sandhu says that it's critical to recognize the complex relationship between pre-existing cardiovascular problems, insufficient warm-up exercises,

Prabh Deep Drops New Track 'Ethe Rakh' in Collaboration with John Jacobs

MUMBAI- National -Award winning artist, Prabh Deep launches his latest creation, a music video titled 'Ethe Rakh' in collaboration with John Jacobs for their Turban Edit collection. The dynamic track is the lead single of his latest project, the KING Returns EP- showcasing the multi-faceted artist's ever-evolving creative process and one that promises to resonate deeply with listeners. Ethe Rakh showcases the full range of Prabh's sonic dexterity - offering longtime fans a glimpse of the past as well as a peek into the future of his artistic endeavors. Mirroring Prabh Deep's forward-thinking creative vision, the collaboration is a poignant expression of artistic freedom, akin to the Turban Edit collection. This unique eyewear line not only redefines the conventional but also seamlessly integrates with diverse turban styles with the inward-bent temples for a tailored fit. The collection echoes the message of self-expression and cultural identity much like the song itself.



## NEWS AT A GLANCE

**Akashdeep Singh from  
Kahneke of Barnala secures  
ticket for Paris Olympics**



**KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA:** In the Indian Open Race Walking Competition held at Chandigarh, Akashdeep Singh son of Gurjant Singh from Kahnake completed the 20 km walk in 1 hour 19 minutes 38 seconds and won the gold medal and set his own Indian record of 1 hour 19 minutes 55 seconds. secured a ticket to the Paris Olympics by breaking through. His early coach Jaspreet Singh said that he is hopeful that he will carry India's gold medal in the Olympics and other upcoming competitions. On this occasion, District Sports Officer Barnala Umeshwari Sharma congratulated Akashdeep and wished him good luck to bring gold medal for India in the upcoming Olympics. Harnek Singh Athletics Coach Bhadour, Dr. to the player and his family. Sukhraj Singh General Secretary Athletics Association Barnala, Baldev Singh International player congratulated.

**ADC Sareen cancels  
fake registry, orders  
action against culprits**



**SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON:** ADC Jagraon took a remarkable decision and ordered action in a case of registration of will by submitting fake receipts of property tax. After carrying out careful investigation, the disputed registration was cancelled and directions were given to take action against the alleged culprits and the sub-registrar. According to the information, complainant Ishan Singla had written to ADC complaining about a disputed property backside of Old grain market Gaushala and alleged that fake documents were used in the registry of the property. Sub-registrar was instructed to investigate the case. He had summed up in his investigation that Bal Krishan Singla had willingly transferred the property to his brother Narinder Kumar on 13 February 2023 and at the time of getting the will registered Balkrishan Singla had produced a receipt of house tax from the municipal council on basis of which the will was registered and documents were verified by councillor Darshna Devi. Moreover, there were 4 other people who verified ownership of Balkrishan on the property. The complainant had filed complaint in October 2023 though registry was done in February. After receiving complaint, municipal council workers were instructed to verify the said house tax receipt and they had written in their report that the house tax report was diled by Narinder Kumar, Balkrishan in year 2013-14 to 201-16 and no property tax return was filled thereafter. The receipt presented for 2019-20 is not in tax return records. ADC Major Amit Sareen went through the entire case carefully and stated that Balkrishan presented a fake receipt before sub-registrar for registry and ordered immediate halt on purchase, sale.

**Commissionerate Police continues  
to tighten noose around snatchers,  
two arrested with valuables**

**PARAMJIT SINGH  
JALANDHAR:** In a move aimed at checking the incidents of snatching, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma arrested two snatchers with valuables snatched from the public. Divulging the details, the commissioner of Police said that the snatchers have been identified as Prince Lathra s/o Satpal r/o H.No NA-110 near Santa da Gurudwara Gopal Nagar Jalandhar and Kamal Kumar s/o Kailash Singh r/o Street No3 Ashok Vihar near Verka Milk Plant Jalandhar. He said that tightening noose around snatchers Police party of PS Division 8 Jalandhar arrested Prince Lathra at Sanjay Gandhi Nehar Pulli. Mr Swapan Sharma said that on search Police recovered a stolen mobile phone and a motorcycle bearing number PB08-DJ-9384 linked to snatching incidents adding that a FIR number 100 dated 02-07-2018 u/s 302,307,323 IPC PS Division 2 Jalandhar was already pending against him. The Commissioner of Police said that FIR number 18 dated 31-01-2024 u/s 379B,34,411 IPC has been registered at PS Division 8 Jalandhar. Likewise, he said that the Police party of Division number I spotted a suspicious youth at Y-Point Bhagat Singh Colony.



# Sukhbir Badal gives clarion call for ousting Delhi based parties from Pb

**BUREAU  
GURDASPUR, FEB 2**

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Punjab Bachao Yatra today received an overwhelming response in these constituencies with party president Sukhbir Singh Badal giving a clarion call for ousting all Delhi based parties including puppet chief minister Bhagwant Mann and placing their trust in the SAD which best represented the aspirations of Punjabis. Making halts at Ajnala and Majitha during the ongoing Punjab Bachao Yatra, the SAD president "we have come to the people to tell the truth about this anti- Sikh and anti - Punjab Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government which has betrayed Punjabis on all fronts. We will expose not only the misuse of the AAP government whose legislators are mixed up with drug smugglers and run illegal sand mining operations, but also the manner in which farmers, youth, women, scheduled castes and trade and industry are being



discriminated against leading to all round loss of faith in AAP and the puppet Bhagwant Mann". Speaking at Ajnala where is also announced that SGPC member Jodh Singh Samra would be the new Halqa Incharge of the constituency, Mr Sukhbir Badal said "I am witnessing the state of link roads and sewerage infrastructure first hand during

the ongoing Yatra. Everything is crumbling but the chief minister is only interested in spending crores to ferry his boss Arvind Kejriwal from one State to another besides indulging in cheap dramas and advertisements which have cost the State Rs 1500 crore in the last two years".Mr Badal also talked to farmers at various places in the Yatra route.

They rued that they had not received compensation for two crop failures. They also highlighted how MSP was not being given despite assurances to the contrary by the chief minister for pulses and maize.The Yatra is set to create history with people from all walks of life coming out to support the Cavalcade of Change. In never before scenes roads, towns and villages turned into a sea of Kesri amidst notes of Utho vi Sher Punjabio Punjab Bacha Lo. The scenes at Majitha were to be seen to be believed. They were reminiscent of the anti emergency surge and Dharamyudh Morcha. Earlier the Yatra halted briefly at Sangat Pura ( Ajnala halka) where one of the numerous Suvidha Centres lies locked, deserted and in a state of total neglect, with broken glasses and termite eaten doors. Mr Badal says that this abandoned and neglected Suvidha centre symbolised the plight to which Punjab's proxy government of outsiders had reduced the State.

**Employee commites suicide, case filed  
against Manager and PACS Head**

**SATISH SETH  
KALAYAT:** Facing pressure of repaying the loan amount in lump sum, the clerk of The Khadalwa Mataur Primary Agriculture cooperative Society (PACS) in kalayat subdivision committed suicide by consuming poisonous substance at Khanori bypass of Kaithal. The incident happened late Thursday evening. On the complaint of the deceased's wife, the city police station has registered a case against the head manager of the cooperative society and two other people for forcing deceased to commit suicide. Chaushala resident Sheela Devi, wife of the deceased, told in her complaint to the police that her husband Rajbir was working as a clerk in the Khadalwa Mataur Agriculture coop.society. Her husband had taken a loan from The Khadalwa Mataur Pacs. PACS manager Ramkumar and Pradhan Nirmal, PACS employees Rakesh and Bishan Singh were pressurizing her husband to repay the entire loan immediately. They used to threaten her husband with firing him from his job if he did not repay the loan. Due to which her husband was very worried. Her husband had also repaid the loan of Rs 5 lakh to manager Ramkumar on January 22. The manager did not give any receipt to her husband and said that he would not get the receipt until the loan was fully repaid. They started pressurizing her husband Rajbir to repay the loan. Due to which her husband started becoming mentally disturbed. On Thursday, her husband had gone for his duty in the morning like every day.

**Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau busts Rs.100 cr scam  
in Integrated Cooperative Development Project**

**RAJENDER KHATRY  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 2**

The Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has busted a major scam within the Integrated Cooperative Development Project, unearthing a ₹100 crore corruption racket. In a swift move, they arrested 14 individuals, including 10 senior officers and 4 private individuals, for their involvement. Providing this information today, a government spokesperson stated that the Anti-Corruption Bureau team, upon investigation, exposed a ₹100 crore scam within the Integrated Cooperative Development Project. The spokesperson further stated that Assistant Registrars and District Registrars of



Cooperative Societies, colluding with an auditor, allegedly misappropriated funds for personal gain. They misused government funds deposited in official accounts to purchase flats, land, and other assets, etc. These officials further attempted to cover their tracks by forging government documents and bank details.A thorough investigation is underway to gather all necessary evidence. In this case, a case has been registered against the accused under various sections in Kamal and Ambala range. Six

gazetted officers, four additional staff from ICDP Rewari, and four private individuals were apprehended by the Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau during their thorough investigation. These arrests included Audit Officer Balwinder, Deputy Chief Auditor Yogendra Aggarwal, District Registrar Cooperative Societies Kamal Rohit Gupta, Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies Anu koshish, Ramkumar, Jitendra Kaushik, and Krishna Beniwal. Additionally, ICDP Rewari's Accountant Sumit Aggarwal, Development Officer Nitin Sharma, and Vijay Singh were also detained. StalianJeet, Natasha Kaushik, Subhash, and Rekha are among the four private individuals currently in custody.

**DC interacts with applicants through video calls,  
asks about 1076 doorstep delivery of services**

**ASHISHPURI  
KAPURTHALA:** With a view to checking the door step delivery services of citizen services through 1076 number launched by the Punjab Government, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal today made direct video calls to applicants and interacted with them regarding the process. In a random call, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal personally spoke with two applicants namely Lakhwinder Singh and Pratima Kaur, who expressed immense satisfaction over the process besides thanking the State Government's unique initiative to provide requisite citizen services at doorsteps. On being asked about the service, Lakhwinder Singh apprised the Deputy Commissioner that he rang up on 1076 number for getting birth certificate a few days back and the Sewa Sahayak had delivered the applied document after completing the entire process. It was a hassle-free, time-bound and smooth process to get the service, said Lakhwinder. Another applicant Pratima,



who applied for social security pension also said that she made a call on Punjab Government's given number and sewa sahayak done all the formalities and put the case in process. Meanwhile, the three other applicants Suresh Kumar Dutta, Komal Kumar and Rajinder Kaur, who recently applied for different citizen services and got the services at doorsteps also appreciated this endeavor of Punjab Government. Dutta resident of local Model Town stated that he applied for translation of birth certificates through Sewa Sahayak and got the documents within a couple of days by sitting home.

**AAP is not afraid of BJP's arrogance  
and dictatorship: Rajneesh Jain**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
NEW DELHI:** AAP demonstrated and expressed anger against the BJP which was killing democracy. The protest was about the rigging of voting in the Chandigarh Mayor elections. Aam Aadmi Party held a massive demonstration outside the Delhi BJP head office, despite heavy deployment of police force around. Thousands of Aam Aadmi Party workers joined the demonstration. They vented their anger against the government. Addressing the journalists on this occasion, the state president of the women's wing of Aam Aadmi Party said that this government wanted to capture power by any means, the latest example of which they have shown in the election of mayor of Chandigarh. She said that Congress and AAP despite Aam Aadmi Party having 20 votes, canceled eight votes was dictatorship and a living proof of election rigging. She said that looking at the kind of action BJP was taking with the governments of opposition parties in every state, it seemed that in the coming times, a complete orgy of BJP dictatorship was going to dance all over India and the presence of police was visible. It has been said that no one has any right to raise his voice in democracy. Anyone who raised voice would be wiped out with police repression. She said that the workers and leaders of Aam Aadmi Party have been opposing the dictatorial attitude of this government with complete fearlessness and determination and would continue to do so in the future also.



**BKU Tikait demands compensation from govt  
regarding damage caused by hailstorm**



**PREETI RANI  
SADHAURA:** All the farmers gathered at the rest house of grain market Sadhaura regarding damage to crops due to hailstorm. They raised slogans and demanded compensation from the government for damage to crops caused by hailstorm. A memorandum was submitted to the Sadhaura Tehsildar demanding compensation. The farmers have demanded the Haryana Government to inspect the damage to the crops and gave compensation as soon as possible. Farmers say that their entire crops have been destroyed due to hailstorm. Farmers say that due to hailstorm, their wheat, mustard, rapeseed and vegetable crops have suffered a lot of damage due to which the farmers are in debt today. Farmers also submitted a memorandum to the Haryana Government through the Tehsildar regarding the loss of crops. The area head of Haryana Kisan Union (Tikait Group) Janak Raj said that the government needed to assess the damage to the crops of the farmers due to hailstorm as soon as possible and get them compensated for their losses due to which the farmers can be compensated for their losses.

**Rajneesh, CRPF jawan  
cremated with state honours**



**MAINPAL KASHYAP  
INDRI:** CRPF jawan Rajneesh, resident of village Panjokhara, died while on duty in Assam, whose body reached his native village on Friday where he was cremated with state honours. The CRPF jawan Dr. Sunil Pawar and police personnel reached his funeral and paid their respects to him. Let us tell you that Rajneesh, a resident of village Panjokhara of village Indri was serving in CRPF for a long time. He was born in 1984. He joined CRPF in 2003. He left behind a son and a daughter. The inspector accompanying the CRPF contingent said that Rajneesh was working in their department and his sudden demise in this manner was a great loss. They saluted such a soldier and today they have come here to pay their tributes to him. He was cremated with state honours.

**Financial assistance of Rs 80 thousand is being  
given to BPL families for house repair: DC**

**RAHUL KOHLI  
JAGADHRI:** DC Captain Manoj Kumar said that Haryana Scheduled Caste and Backward Class Welfare Department is providing financial assistance of Rs 80 thousand to all BPL families for repairing houses under Dr BR Ambedkar Housing Renovation Scheme. He told that till now this benefit was being given only to the Scheduled Caste BPL families, but last year the Haryana Government had changed the scheme and decided to include all the BPL families in it. He said that along with increasing the scope of beneficiaries under the scheme, the government had also increased the amount received under the scheme from Rs 50 thousand to Rs 80 thousand. DC said that this housing renovation scheme of Haryana Government is related to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and the applicants included in the BPL list have been made eligible for this scheme. Giving information about the terms and conditions of the above scheme, he said that if it has been 10 years or more since the first house was constructed or the house was constructed during your time and the house is capable of being repaired, only then you can avail the benefit of this scheme.









## President Murmu inaugurates 37th Surajkund International Crafts Fair

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 2

President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu today inaugurated the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Fair-2024. Haryana Governor Sh Bandaru Dattatreya and Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal also attended the event.

Following the inauguration, the President commended all teams involved for the successful organization of this fair, which has been organised since 1987. He specifically lauded Haryana Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal and his team for their efforts in organizing this year's event.

Highlighting the Republic of Tanzania as the partner country of this year's fair, she informed the significance of cultural exchanges, which were discussed during her meetings with Tanzanian



President Samia Suluhu Hassan in October last year. She said that visitors to the fair will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the vibrant and colorful arts and crafts of Tanzania, including wood carving, pottery, and weaving. It is a wonderful platform to showcase Tanzanian dance, music and cuisine, in which we can also

glimpse some Indian influence due to centuries of people-to-people contact between India and the East African coast. The participation of Tanzania as a partner nation in this fair highlights India's partnership with the African Union.

Mrs. Droupadi Murmu highlighted the rich art and tradition of Gujarat, the part-

ner state of this year's fair, as something truly worth experiencing. The diverse and vibrant art forms of the state will be showcased through the skilled craftsmen and artists representing various regions of Gujarat. She also noted that the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation Limited is the cultural partner of this year's fair, further enriching the cultural tapestry of the event. Mrs. Murmu expressed appreciation for the craftsmen who have diligently preserved the artistic heritage of the country, emphasizing that their dedication deserves commendation.

She said that a trade worth more than Rs 20 crore is expected during this fair, which is a huge platform from the economic point of view for the craftsmen and handloom traders.

## Budget disappointed people of the country: Balla

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 2

Rajendra Balla, former member of Haryana Police Recruitment Board, member of Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee, said that no provisions were made for the common man of the country in the Union Budget. There was no mention of inflation, unemployment or increasing farmer's income. Talking to journalists, Rajendra Balla said that the Modi government, which did not take care of the working people for 10 years, has cheated the working people by not increasing the tax slabs in the last year of its rule. For them, income up to at least Rs 10 lakh should have been made tax free, but by not doing so, their suffering has continued. Expressing grief over the neglect of Haryana state in the budget, Rajendra Balla said that the expectations of the people of Haryana state have also been



dashed by this budget. Haryana state has been completely ignored in the budget. Along with the central government, the BJP-JJP government of Haryana is also responsible for this.

He said that the Modi government, which has been in power since 2014 after promising to double the income of farmers, did not make any provision for them even in its budget. Neither any amount was fixed in the budget to im-

plement the Swaminathan Commission report nor any financial provision was made for the increase in crop prices. Rajendra Balla said that the Finance Minister's silence on inflation has proved that the central government has failed miserably in managing the finances of the country. There was no provision in the budget to provide relief to the public from the skyrocketing prices of everyday goods. The government could not present any road map regarding the continuously increasing unemployment. He said that in this budget there is only juggling of figures for the common man. Whatever has been given, it has been arranged for his capitalist friends. The public already knew that the government which had not given them anything in 10 years, was not going to give them anything even now. It would have been nice if the Finance Minister had talked about the

## Selja will address a public meeting in Bilaspur on 5th

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 2

National General Secretary and former Union Minister and former State President of Haryana Kumari Selja, Kiran Choudhary and Randep Surjewala will address a huge public meeting at Anaj Mandi, Bilaspur on 5th February. District Coordinator of Congress and former Chairman of District Council Yamunanagar, Shyam Sundar Batra called upon the Congress workers as well as the residents of the district to make the public meeting successful. Shyam Sundar Batra said that Kumari Selja is the only leader of the state who is aware of the needs and problems of the common man. He said that Selja is carrying out Congress Sandesh Yatra in Haryana so that Congress gets strength in the state. He said that by strengthening the Congress Party, everyone's welfare is possible. The interests of all sections can be protected only



in the Congress Party. National President Malikkarjun Kharge and leaders Rahul Gandhi and Kumari Selja are raising the voice of the people at the Center so that the Congress government can be formed in the country and the state.

Batra said that when Congress government is formed in the state, it will also strengthen the poor and middle class. While calling upon the people to make the public meeting a success, Batra while narrating the work done by Selja while she was the minister, said that

sister Kumari Selja did many things for the welfare of the poor people in Ambala Lok Sabha constituency. He said that now the time has come that the people of the state should strengthen the Congress in giving command of the state to Selja.

On this occasion, District Councillor Ashok, Rinku Majra, TP Singh, Deep Sudh, Youth Congress leader Akash Batra, Manpreet Singh (Lovely) Vipan Sharma, Rinku Juneja, Satnam Singh Sandhu and other workers were also present.

## Hollow budget by the BJP govT: Malaur

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, FEBRUARY 2

Former MLA and State Congress Committee member Jasbir Malaur, while reacting to the interim budget presented by the Central Government, said that the present

Central Government has set a new record by presenting a hollow budget for the tenth consecutive time. Malaur said sarcastically that this is the farewell budget of the BJP government and there is nothing special in the government's budget except the illusion of words.

Accusing the government, Malaur said that the government has broken so many promises to the public that the public does not see clarity and truth in any policy of the government. Malaur said that along with the budget, BJP

should also release a white paper regarding the promises of the previous budget. The government did not mention any special scheme in the budget for the uplift of poor and middle class families. Unemployed youth are disappointed with the budget. During the time of Congress government, the average growth rate of the country was 7.5, which has now come down to less than 6 per cent. Malaur said that India is an agricultural country and the government has not given any explanation regarding the upliftment of the

agricultural sector, whereas today the farmers of the country are troubled by the policies of the government. The MSP of crops and other demands have been ignored in the budget. Neither has the taxpayer got any relief in the budget nor is there any road map to reduce the rampant inflation.



## Manju Sumit Narwal becomes BJP Kisan Morcha State Secretary

ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL, FEBRUARY 2

Bharatiya Janata Party has announced the new team of Haryana Kisan Morcha. A letter has also been issued in this regard. Many faces have been included in the new team of Kisan Morcha. BJP Kisan Morcha State President Sukhvindra Mandi of his state Manju, the wife of IPL cricketer Sumit Narwal, resident of village Chidhnav of Karnal, has been given an important place in the state executive and has been given the post of state secretary in BJP Kisan Morcha. On his appointment, Manju Sumit Narwal thanked Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, State President Nayab Saini and Kisan Morcha State President Sukhwinder Mandi and expressed his gratitude that the party organisation has shown confidence in him. Apart from living up to it and making BJP's state and cen-



tral public welfare schemes reach the people, the party will work to connect more and more people with the organisation.

Sukhvindra Mandi has appointed 8 state vice presidents, 2 state general secretaries, 8 state secretaries, treasurer and co-treasurer, state office secretary and two co-office secretaries in his state executive. In the state executive, apart from Manju Sumit Narwal from Karnal, Attar Singh Sandhu has been made the state vice president and Rajkumar Bhargava has been made co-treasurer.

## Important role of NSS in promoting spirit of social dedication: Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 2

A seven-day National Service Scheme camp was started by Horticulture College MHU Karnal at Government Middle School Sidpur as per the instructions of MMU Vice Chancellor Sudhir Rajpal. NSS camp was inaugurated by Directorate of Students Welfare (DSW) Prof. Ranjan Gupta. NSS volunteers of the college participated in the camp. Director of Student Welfare Prof. Ranjan Gupta said that NSS has an important role in promoting the spirit of social dedication. NSS has been actively involved in making the general public aware of social concerns like health, environment protection, education and social equality. He said that NSS works to provide opportunities for prosperity to the students with spirit and



cultural awareness and promotes prosperity through social service.

Horticulture College Dean Prof. Ramesh Kumar Goyal said that the National Service Scheme is a good medium for overall development of the personality of the students. Certainly, through this training camp, the participating volunteers will gain experience that will be useful throughout their life. School headmaster Krishna Kumar Kashyap said that this spirit

of service inspires them to contribute to the development of society and country. Therefore, it is useful to join NSS etc. in student life. He said that the work done by the NSS students of Horticulture College along with their studies in the social sector is quite commendable. Program coordinator Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Rajkumar, Dr. Rajendra, Bhupendra Singh, Rakesh, Renu Bala, Rinku and others were present on the occasion.

## Hooda condoles death of Kadian, Dalhir, Gupta, Bhardwaj



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 2

Former Chief Minister Bhupendra Singh Hooda, who reached Karnal on Friday, participated in many social programs. The former Chief Minister expressed grief over the demise of Prem Singh Kadian, Dalbir Lather, Bhagat Ram Gupta and Suresh Bhardwaj. Condolored the bereaved families. Before leaving for Chandigarh, Youth Congress workers under the leadership of State Secretary Anshul Lather welcomed Bhupendra Hooda at

NDRI Chowk. Anshul Lather, expressing gratitude for making him the State Secretary, wore a turban on the former Chief Minister and the workers welcomed him by showering flowers. Advocates Amandeep and Suraj Lather presented shrota and bouquet to Bhupendra Hooda. On this occasion, District Coordinators Trilochan Singh, Ashok Khurana, Rani Kamboj and Anshul Lather introduced the youth workers to the former CM. On this occasion, Bhupendra Singh Hooda said that youth are the backbone of the organisation. If a Con-

## ED should not be misused: Hooda

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 2

Former Chief Minister of the state and Congress Legislature Party leader Bhupendra Singh Hooda said that ED should not be misused. ED is an investigating agency. She does her work in her own way. If no crime has been committed then why be afraid of ED or other investigating agencies. Former Chief Minister Bhupendra Singh Hooda today reached the residence of well-known farmer leader Mehtab Singh Kadian. Where he expressed grief over the demise of his father and the biggest landowner of this area, Prem Singh Kadian and offered floral tributes to his portrait. It is noteworthy here that Prem Singh Kadian had passed away recently. There is a continuous flow of people condoling his demise. Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, former Union Minister Ch. Birendra Singh, former member of Rajya Sabha. Many leaders including Trilochan Singh and



former MLA Premrata arrived to express their condolences. Former Chief Minister Hooda consoled Mehtab Singh Kadian and his family. While talking on this occasion he said that Ch. Prem Singh Kadian was a big farmer leader of this area. They also got a chance to meet. He was greatly impressed by his personality. Now his legacy is being carried forward by his son Mehtab Singh Kadian. While discussing the mayor elections held in Chandigarh, he said that whatever happened was wrong. But since it is pending in the court, he will not comment on it. Regarding the upcoming assembly session, he

said that he is preparing to corner the government on many issues. Apart from this, when he was asked about the visit of SRK Group, he said that there is no SRK group in Congress. He did not know who SRK Group was. On this occasion, former speaker Kuldeep Sharma, former MLA Sumita Singh, former MLA Narendra Sangwan, former state general secretary Ramesh Saini, senior Congress leader Mahendra Singh Kadian, S. A large number of Congress leaders and workers including Trilochan Singh, Ramswaroop Janbaz, Congress woman leader Gurvinder Kaur, Ranpal Sandhu, Surjit Saini etc.

## Budget beneficial for every section: Madan Chauhan

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 2

Outgoing Mayor Madan Chauhan, while giving his reaction on the budget presented by the Central Government, said that this budget is beneficial for every section. Many welfare schemes have been announced in the budget keeping in mind women, youth, farmers, elderly and villagers. To empower women economically, a target has been set to make 3 crore women out of 9 crore women associated with 83 lakh self-help groups as Lakhpati Didis. Girls aged 9 to 14 years will be vaccinated with cervical cancer vaccine. Anganwadi centres will be upgraded. Nutrition 2.0 will be implemented and vaccination will be strengthened. All Anganwadi workers and Asha workers will be included in the Ayushman Bharat scheme. He said that the participation of the private and public sector in ag-



riculture sector will be strengthened. Self-reliant oil seed campaigns will be strengthened. Under this, new agricultural technology and agricultural insurance will be promoted. Schemes like Rashtriya Gokul Mission are being run for dairy farmers. Fisheries resources are also being strengthened. Seafood production has doubled. Through Matsya Sampada Yojana, productivity will be increased from three to five tonnes per hectare. 55 lakh new employment opportunities will be generated. Five integrated aqua parks will be built.

## Mahendra Sharma demands to implement old pension scheme

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, FEB 2

The District General Secretary of Pension Restoration Struggle Committee, Kurukshetra, Mahendra Sharma while addressing the employees said that pension was the honor of every employee and an employee served the public by working for the government for 30 to 35 years of his life. In return, after retirement, it was the responsibility of the government to maintain the honor and respect of employees by giving an amount in the form of pension. Not only this, he was also given health facilities and other facilities. But there was nothing like this in the new pension policy. This is an attack on the old age of the employees. Today, under the new pension scheme, a re-



tired employee was getting a pension of around Rs 570, 740, 1125, 2175. Due to which his old age was being affected. In today's time, Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 was spent monthly on medical expenses after attaining the age of 50 years. In such a situation, how could an employee get proper treatment, questioned he.

The government should implement the old pension policy keeping in mind the future of its employees, so

that they could live a respectable life in the society. He said that the Pension Sankalp Maharally which was going to be held in Jind on February 11, in which lakhs of employees of Haryana would participate. He said that in this rally Mother power would play an important role because today's women were moving forward shoulder to shoulder in every field and leading the society.

On this occasion, the

women employees tied Raksha Sutra and pledged to Mahendra Sharma that they would reach this rally along with their family and co-workers and would also inspire other employees for this rally. Poonam Nain, Archana Sharma, Sushila, Amarjeet Panchal, Satish Saini, Ketaki Rana, Saroj Rani, Rekha, Neelam Hooda, Chandrashekhar, Jitendra Kaur and hundreds of employees were present on this occasion.

## Dealers meet organised by Bhuvan Marketing

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, FEBRUARY 2

Yesterday, a dealers meet was organised by Bhuvan Marketing at Drive-in-22 located on Narayangarh Road, Ambala city. In which dealers from across the state participated. During this, Bhuvan Marketing Director Vimal Kumar Bhasin said that the entire range of Tacon coolers was demonstrated. In the new range, it was said that the new coolers are coming with new technology which will be available in the market at affordable prices. He said that this cooler will provide cooling like AC in summer. Even the sturdiness of these coolers is quite high. He said that this cooler is available in copper and aluminum motor and new colours will also be available. The coolers will also come with an iron grill which will enhance the

beauty and strength of the cooler. Dealers from all over Haryana had come to this program. All the dealers highly appreciated the cooler and other accessories. Bhuvan Bhasin told that



along with coolers, washing machines and LEDs will be available in Bhuvan Marketing's tremendous lineup. Here customers are getting goods at much lower prices than the market. Besides, better service is also being provided. He said that there will be 2 years complete warranty on LED, 2 years complete warranty on washing machine and 5 years on motor.