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### Pak officials rescue nine Indians stranded in Arabian Sea

ISLAMABAD: Officials from the Pakistani navy and Maritime Security Agency rescued nine Indian nationals stranded in the open sea in the Arabian Sea, a statement released by the country's military said on Monday night. The Indian citizens had been stranded in a boat in distress for 24 hours in the open sea when the Pakistani security agencies reached out to them and conducted the successful rescue operation, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of the military, said in the statement.

### No respite from cold conditions in Kashmir valley

SRINAGAR: There was no respite from the intense cold wave conditions in Kashmir on Tuesday as the minimum temperatures stayed several degrees below freezing point at most places in the valley, a MeT department official said. Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir which serves as the base camp for the annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 11. degrees Celsius and was the coldest recorded place in the valley last night. The mercury in Gulmarg skiing resort in north Kashmir fell to minus 10.5 degrees Celsius from previous night's minus 10.0 degrees Celsius.

### HC quashes summons to Kejriwal in poll code violation case

PANAJI: The Goa bench of the Bombay High Court on Tuesday quashed the summons issued to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal by a magistrate in an alleged case of violation of the model code of conduct. Talking to a news agency, the party's Goa unit chief Amit Palekar said the high court quashed the summons issued to the Delhi chief minister on a complaint filed against him during the 2017 Goa assembly election. The judicial magistrate first class (JMFC) Mapusa had summoned Kejriwal in connection with a chargesheet filed against him under the Representation of the People Act and section 171 (E) of the Indian Penal Code dealing with bribery. "Kejriwal had represented before the JMFC when the summons was issued to him in November last year.

### PM wishes for speedy recovery of Britain's King Charles

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday conveyed his wishes for the speedy recovery of Britain's King Charles III, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Modi conveyed the wishes while responding to a post on X by Britain's royal family that communicated the news of the king suffering from a form of cancer. "I join the people of India in wishing speedy recovery and good health to His Majesty King Charles III," Prime Minister Modi said on social media post X. On Monday, Buckingham Palace, in a statement, said that during King Charles's recent hospital procedure.

## UCC bill tabled in Uttarakhand Assembly

Registration of live-in relationships mandatory for couples, equal rights to women in property

AGENCY DEHRADUN, FEB 6

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Tuesday tabled the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) bill in the Uttarakhand Assembly after which the House was adjourned.

The Bill contains the laws relating to marriage, divorce, succession, live-in relationships, and related matters.

Among the many proposals, the Uniform Civil Code Bill makes it compulsory for live-in relationships to be registered under the law.

Once the proposed UCC Bill is in place, "live-in relationships" will have to get registered under the law within 1 month from the "date of entering into the relationship". To live in a live-in relationship, adults will have to obtain consent from their parents.

The Bill also imposes a complete ban on child marriage and introduces a uniform process for divorce. The Code provides equal rights to women of all religions in their ancestral property.

As per the UCC Bill, the

age for marriage will be 18 for women and 21 for men in all communities. Marriage registration is mandatory in all religions and marriages without registration will be invalid.

No divorce petition will be allowed to be filed for one year of marriage.

Highlighting the ceremonies for marriage, the proposed UCC Bill noted that marriage may be solemnized or contracted between a man and a woman in accordance



### All India Muslim Personal Law Board objects to UCC

LUCKNOW: All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) disapproved of the Uniform Civil Code after the UCC Bill was tabled in the Uttarakhand State Assembly during its ongoing four-day session. Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahali, Executive Member of AIMPLB voiced his concern questioning the nature of the 'uniform code' if any community is exempted. "As far as UCC is concerned, we are of the opinion that uniformity cannot be brought in every law and if you exempt any community from this UCC, how can it be called a uniform code?," the AIMPLB member said. "There was no need for any such uniform civil code," he added.

## Delhi Court permits Sanjay Singh second time to go to Parliament to take oath as MP

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 6

The Rouse Avenue Court of Delhi on Tuesday permitted Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh for the second time to go to Parliament in police custody and take oath as a Rajya Sabha MP. The court has allowed Singh to go to Parliament on February 8 or February 9.

Special Judge MK Nagpal while allowing Sanjay Singh's application stated that on February 3, 2024, this court had directed the jail authorities to take the accused to Rajya Sabha under judicial custody for administration of oath as a member.

However, it has been submitted that though he was taken to the Rajya Sabha the oath could not be administered to him due to certain reasons and hence he is directed to be taken again to the Rajya Sabha on February 8 and February 9, 2024, said the Court.

The court further directed that the applicant shall be taken to Rajyasabha from judicial custody and under appropriate security for administration of



oath on either of the above dates on which he may be required to visit for the above purpose. In this regard, the Jail superintendent is being directed to communicate with the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. The Court has allowed Singh's Lawyer to visit Tihar Jail to meet Sanjay Singh to take his signatures on relevant documents. Advocates Rajat Bhargava and Mohd Irshad appeared for Singh in the matter and Special Public Prosecutor Naveen Kumar Matta appeared for the Enforcement Directorate. It was submitted by the counsels for Singh that certain documents are required to be signed by the accused and these have to be submitted in the concerned office of Rajya Sabha.

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 6

Haryana Chief Secretary, Mr. Sanjeev Kaushal, directed the formation of coordination committees comprising officials from various departments, including Development and Panchayats, Irrigation and Water Resources, HSPV, Public Health Engineering, and Municipal Corporations/Committees in every district. The purpose of these committees is to strengthen coordination and collaboration among departments for effective pollution control measures.

## NOC no longer required for registration of property in Punjab

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 6

In a big relief to the residents of the state, the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has decided to do away with the clause of No Objection Certificate (NOC) for registration of any land and property.

Divulging the details, the Chief Minister said that the deci-

sion has been taken in larger public interest to ensure that people do not face any sort of inconvenience. He said that the legal mechanism for this decision has already been worked out and the details will be shared very soon. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this decision has been taken in due consultation with

the general public and is aimed solely at ensuring their benefit. The Chief Minister said that currently the public both from urban and rural areas in the state were facing lot of problems due to non availability of NOC. He said that this resulted in non execution of registration of land thereby creating lot of problems for the common man.



House by junior Personnel Minister Jitendra Singh, the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill references "leakage of question paper, or answer key" and "directly or indirectly assisting the candidate in any (unauthorised) manner" as some of the offences.

Others include "creation of fake website(s) to cheat or for monetary gain" and the conduct of fake examinations or issuing of fake admit cards and/or offer letters for similar ends.

The probe was related to the issuance of allegedly illegal DJB contracts for various projects valued at over Rs 30 crore.

The agency arrested the former chief engineer Jagdish Kumar Arora of the Jal board under PMLA law last month. They also arrested a businessman on similar charges. The

place at the site and people running to save themselves. Efforts were on to control the blaze, according to officials. After the incident, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav held a meeting and said the Army was being contacted to arrange for helicopters for the rescue work. "I spoke to the officials concerned and sought details of the incident," he said. The Centre been informed about the incident, he added. CM Yadav announced an assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of each of the deceased. The entire cost of treatment of the injured persons will be borne by the state government.



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AGENCY BHOPAL/HARDA, FEB 6

Nine people were killed and around 200 injured after an explosion leading to a blaze at a firecrackers factory in Harda town of Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday, officials said.

A number of people were also feared trapped in and around the unit, Harda Collector Rishi Garg said.

The incident took place in Bairagarh locality on Magardha road on the outskirts of Harda town, about 150 km from the state capital Bhopal.

Some videos of the incident surfaced on social media

## No proposal to raise PM-KISAN payout: Govt in Parliament

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 6

The Centre on Tuesday said that there is no proposal under consideration to hike annual cash support to farmers under Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN).

Under the PM-KISAN scheme, the central government currently provides financial benefit to the tune of Rs 6,000 per year to farmers across the country.

The amount is provided in three equal installments every four months directly into the bank account of the beneficiaries.

The PM-KISAN scheme is one of the largest direct benefit transfer (DBT) schemes of the world.

"No proposal (to increase cash support under PM-KISAN) is under consideration," said Union Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha.

Lawmakers Jayanta Kumar Roy and Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo asked the government whether it was planning to increase the amount from Rs 6000 to Rs 8000/12000 per year to farmers under the PM-KISAN scheme.

The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme which was launched in February 2019 by the central government to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers.

## Haryana to establish Committees to enhance Pollution control measures



transparent mechanism to ensure the timely completion of this crucial work. As part of this initiative, sewage treatment has been successfully implemented using a three-tier pond system in 38 villages, while purification processes are currently underway in 42

other villages. Scheduled for completion by December 2024, this project underscores the government's dedication to efficient wastewater management in the area. Additionally, efforts are being made to improve the existing sewage treatment infrastructure. Notably, the expansion of the sewage treatment plant in Samalkha, Panipat, with a capacity of 5 MLD, is underway to ensure compliance with solid waste discharge standards, anticipated to be finished by December 2024.

He said that the state gov-

ernment is taking all measures to extend the sewerage network in these areas. Of the proposed 328 kilometers of sewer lines in Panipat district, about 262 kilometers have been laid, with the remainder scheduled for completion by December 2024.

The Chief Secretary highlighted that, in line with sustainable water management practices, a framework has been prepared to reuse treated sewage water for micro-irrigation purposes across the state.

## ED conducts raids at Kejriwal's PS and MP ND Gupta premises

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 6

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday raided the premises of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's secretary Bibhav Kumar, Rajya Sabha member ND Gupta and other members of the Aam Aadmi Party.

As per sources, the agency has searched 10 locations linked to the personal secretary as part of its money laundering probe in the Delhi Jal Board case.

Sources said the probe was related to the issuance of allegedly illegal DJB contracts for various projects valued at over Rs 30 crore.

The agency arrested the former chief engineer Jagdish Kumar Arora of the Jal board under PMLA law last month. They also arrested a businessman on similar charges. The

raids come days after the ED filed a complaint at the Rouse Avenue court against Kejriwal for non-appearance to its repeated summons in the Delhi liquor policy case. The court will hear the matter on February 7. Reacting to the ED raids,



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Minister Atishi alleged that the ED is threatening witnesses to speak against AAP leaders so that cases can be filed against them.

She added that for the last 2 years, AAP leaders have been threatened in the name of this so-called liquor scam,

but after hundreds of raids in two years, ED has not been able to recover even a single rupee." Welcoming the raids, Delhi BJP president Virender Sachdeva said, "Arvind Kejriwal and all their associates are involved in corruption, and the investigating agency is working to expose corruption."

## Lok Sabha passes bill to prevent paper leaks, cheating

AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 6

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed an 'anti-cheating' bill to check fraudulent practices - such as leaking of exam papers - in government recruitment exams.

The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill will now be tabled in the Rajya Sabha and, when cleared, presented to President Droupadi Murmu for her assent before it becomes law.

Under this bill, students who take competitive exams in good faith (i.e., they do not knowingly seek to profit from cheating) will not be targeted. However, those who leak exam papers or tamper with answer sheets, by colluding with officials will face up to 10 years in jail and a fine of 1 crore.

Significantly, all offences under this bill shall be cognisable, non-bailable, and non-compoundable, meaning police will be empowered to act on its own (and arrest sus-



ppects without a warrant), the accused will not be entitled to bail, and the alleged offences

cannot be settled via compromise.

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100014 I Harshdeep S/O Sital Ram Vill & P.O.Lidder Kalan Teh.Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, have Changed my name to Harshdeep Dadra."Dadra" is my surname. Please Note.	100078 I Buta Singh Khiva S/o Joga Singh R/o Harayu Khurd Tehsil Patran District Patiala Changed my name to Buta Singh	989666 I (Old Name) Noorjaha shaik Spouse of Jc 312890W, Rank: Sub ,Name : Easa shaik residing at Vill. Nambur, Post. Nambur Tehsil , Peddakakani, Distt. Guntur State (Andhra pradesh) Pin 522508 Have Changed my Name to (New Name) Noorjahan shaik (Noorjahan shaik and Noorjaha shaik) Both Names Are Same Person) Vide Affidavit Dated 03-02-2024 Swom Before Notary Satpal Pathankot (PB)	12737 I, Bobby Kurl S/o Lakhlan Lal R/o.H.No.F16/256 Friends Avenue Majitha Road Amritsar declare that in my matriculation Certificate my father name is written as Lakhan Lal Kurl but my father name is only Lakhan Lal	72737 I, hitherto known as Amandeep Kaur W/O Badshah Banga R/O Vill- Khun Khun, Jalandhar, Punjab-144630, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kaur Amandeep.	63372 I, Sharanjit Kaur W/o Palwinder Singh R/o Vill: Karnama Po. Dadiala Nazara Teh-Batala (Gurdaspur) Pb, India, have changed my name to Sharanjeet Kaur.	63372 I Kamal Singh S/o Malkeet Ram R/o Vill Bhattian Po Shahpur Teh Phillaur (Jalandhar) my given name is Kamal and my surname is Singh.	63372 I Gurmeet Singh Kaler S/o Amarjeet Singh R/o Vpo Bassian Tehsil Raikot Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh.
900022 I, Birbal s/o Shyam Singh r/o Village Pharal, District Kaithal (Haryana), have changed my name from Birbal to Birbal Rana. Concerned please note.	50008 I Amritpal Singh Deol S/o Gurjant Singh R/o Bhotna Tehsil Tapa, District Barnala Now I Have Changed My Name Amritpal Singh Deol To Amritpal Singh.	989666 I.Priya Narula W/o Ankush Monga # 358, tikana Bhai jagta ji Gurudwara Street, ward No 12, Goniانا mandi, Bathinda, 151201, have Changed my name Priya Narula to Priya Monga W/o Ankush Monga, Please Concerned note,	12737 I, Rhythem W/o Varun Dhawan R/o.1834-A, Basant Vihar Colony, Kalka Panchkula Haryana-133302 have Changed my to Rhythem Dhawan	461257 I, hitherto known as Pardeep Kumar S/O Harbhagwan Gupta R/O Kalyanpur, Jalandhar, Punjab - 144206, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kumar Pardeep.	63372 I, Pawanpreet Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh Grewal R/o Vpo. Ikolaha Teh-Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Pawanpreet Kaur Madahar.	63372 I Vansh S/o Manjit Kumar R/o Vill Tarkhan Mazara Po Atti Teh Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Vansh Kumar.	63372 I Satnam Singh Badesha S/O Bhola Singh R/O Raiya Urf Hardaspura Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Satnam Singh.
84451 I, Lalit Sharma s/o Radhe Sham Sharma r/o 55/6, Lal Peo Bazar Kaithal (Haryana), have changed my name from Lalit Sharma to Lalit Kumar Sharma. Concerned please note.	50008 I Namdeep Kaur w/o Karanveer Singh Khangurha residence of Village Dhandoli khurd , District Sangrur have changed my name to Namdeep kaur Khangurha.	90004 I, Rhythem W/o Varun Dhawan R/o.1834-A, Basant Vihar Colony, Kalka Panchkula Haryana-133302 have Changed my to Rhythem Dhawan	12737 I, Bahwana Soni W/o Sumit Soni R/o.44, Holy City Paradise Phase-1, Amritsar have Changed my name to Bhawna Soni	461257 I, Deepali W/o Anil R/o HN-504/14, Sanjay Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana-124001 declare that my deceased mother was known by both names Rekha and Rekha Kumari during her lifetime. Concerned Note.	63372 I, Jagjit Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/o Vill: Rano Po. Maksudra Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jagjit Singh Bangar.	63372 I, Gagan deep Grover S/O Raj Kumar, mohalla DAV School, Club Road, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla have changed my name to Gagan deep.	63372 I Jaspreet Kaur Gondara W/O Satnam Singh R/O Raiya Urf Hardaspura Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Jaspreet Kaur.
100078 I No. 15137362A Rank SHM(OPR) D Deva Sagayam of Unit 668 Army AVN SQD (R&O) Pin-925668, C/o 56 APO have changed my son name from D J Deva Reyanesh to Deva Reyanesh D J vide affidavit dt. 06.02.2023 before Notary Public Bathinda	50008 I Gaganpreet Singh S/o Manmohan Singh R/o #5, Chaudhri Hari Singh Nagar, Badala Road, Sec-09 Kharar, Sas Nagar Mohali Declare That Kuldeep Kaur And Kuldip Kaur Both Names Of One And Same Person. But In Every Identity Proof Spelling Is Written As Kuldip Kaur. So Now Her Name Will Continue With Kuldip Kaur	12737 I, Bahwana Soni W/o Sumit Soni R/o.44, Holy City Paradise Phase-1, Amritsar have Changed my name to Bhawna Soni	12737 I Bahadar Singh S/O Kulwant Singh R/O Vpo Ugger Aulakh Tehsil Ajnala Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Bahadur Singh Aulakh.	42778 I, Neelam Rani W/o Vinod Kumar R/o H.No. 3669, Street No. 4, Tej Mohan Nagar, Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar, Punjab-144002, India have changed my name from Neelu to Neelam Rani. All concerned please note.	63372 I, Jasvir Singh Mann S/o Surinder Singh R/o Vill Ladian Po Jandiala Teh Banga (SBS Nagar) have changed the name of my minor daughter from Japjit Kaur to Japjit Kaur Mann.	63372 I, Gurdeep Kumar S/o Prem Chand R/o Vill: Hiala Distt. Nawanshahr have changed my minor son name from Abhay to Abhay Kumar.	63372 I, Paramjeet Singh S/o Sucha Singh R/o Vill: Jainpur Po. Mehandpur Teh-Balachaur (SBS Nagar) Punjab-144526, have changed my name to Paramjit Singh, for all future purposes.
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**Sandeep Kumar transferred, Rajat Sharma in charge of Jathlana police station**



**NIRMAL SAINI**

**RADAUR:** Jathlana police station in-charge Sandeep Kumar has been transferred. He has been posted as IO in Sadar Yamunanagar. In his place, Rajat Sharma from Arjun Nagar police post has been posted in-charge of Jathlana police station. Rajat Sharma took charge on Tuesday. Sandeep Kumar's transfer is being linked to the dispute between two communities that took place in village Barheri three days ago. Sandeep Kumar was in-charge of Jathlana police station for a long time. Newly appointed police station in-charge Rajat Sharma said that maintaining peace in the area and curbing crime will be his priority.

**Body donation takes place in AYUSH University for research of newcomer doctors**

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:** Aman-deep Singh, a resident of Pipli, donated his body at the Ayurveda Study and Research Institute of Shri Krishna AYUSH University after the completion of his father Late Balwant Singh's earthly journey. Vice Chancellor of AYUSH University, Prof. Vaidya Kartar Singh Dhiman appreciated this step of Late Balwant among the doctors and He described him as useful for the society and said that the visiting doctors would do research on his body. Along with this, he will go to the society and do public utility work. Amandeep Singh told that his father was a social reformer as well as a proponent of rational thoughts. His wish was that even after his death his body should be useful to the society, hence to fulfill his wish his body has been donated for the research of doctors.

## Pond renovation work going on in state

**PREETI RANI SADHAURA, FEBRUARY 6**

The work of renovation and beautification of two thousand ponds of the state is going on through the Pond Authority constituted by CM Manohar Lal. Whereas work is being done keeping in mind the target of all 18 thousand pounds of the state. Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal said this while laying the foundation stone of the renovation work of Toranwala Pond to be done at a cost of Rs 2.37 crore on Monday. He said that apart from being the first state to constitute a Pond Authority, Haryana is also a leader in improving the condition of ponds. Kanwar Pal said that before 2014, there was discrimination in development works, especially North Haryana was always neglected, but to realise PM Modi's intention of a developed India by 2047, CM Manohar Lal's efforts are being made.

## Elections of Indri unit of Anganwadi Worker and Helper Union held



**MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, FEB 6**

The election of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Union (related to CIU) of Block Indri was held at Herbal Park Indri on Tuesday under the chairmanship of District Cashier Satpal Saini. Mr Saini said that in the elections. Rekha Kalra was unanimously elected as President, Shalini Fusgarh as Secretary, Naresh Indri as Cashier, Madhu Sharma Byana as Senior Vice President, Amarjeet Kaur Dhanaura, Sunita Bhauji and Sushma Byana as Vice

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## Character building is essential before physical development : CM

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 6**

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh Manohar Lal, while emphasizing the importance of character building, said that character building is essential before the physical (infrastructure) development. Once character building is ensured, physical (infrastructure) development will automatically follow. No one had earlier thought that any government would focus on character building.

Sh. Manohar Lal was addressing the officers of Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Haryana Civil Service during the 'Ethics Conclave' organized under Mission Karmayogi in Panchkula today.

He said that Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi has initiated Mission Karmayogi to instill the



spirit of morality in government officers and employees. It is the responsibility of the officers and employees to boost people's confidence in the system. He acknowledged that eliminating the feeling of distrust among the people is a big challenge, but officials can meet public aspirations by bringing about change in their vision and working style. Mission Karmayogi aims

to awaken the spirit of social service with determination, strength, and morale among of ficers and employees. If they truly become Karmayogis and dedicate themselves to society, they will attain spiritual satisfaction, he added.

The Chief Minister mentioned that when he assumed office in 2014, he harboured numerous questions regarding governance and the conduct of officers/employees. Despite the presence of many well-intentioned individuals in the government, he recognized the necessity for change and several initiatives towards systemic reform were launched on the first Good Governance Day on December 25, 2015. Over the past nine and a half years, numerous successful endeavours have been undertaken in pursuit of good governance. However, still much more needs to be done, and offi-

cers and employees can play a vital role in this direction.

The Chief Minister said that we are fortunate that we have got the opportunity to serve the public under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi. He said that the Prime Minister and he himself come from an ideology where morality is paramount. Taking initiative, Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi first worked to improve the image of politicians. It is a matter of great pride that the Prime Minister has not only followed it himself but has also ensured a sense of ethics in his entire team. He recalled that the former Prime Minister had once said that out of one rupee sent from Delhi, only 15 paise reaches the bottom and the rest goes here and there. But today every penny sent by the government is being utilised on development works.

## Haryana Chief Minister announces special girdawari in hailstorm-hit areas

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH:** Haryana Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal today said that directions have been issued to conduct special Girdawari to assess crop damage caused due to hailstorms in the state. Sh Manohar Lal informed this

while interacting with the media persons after addressing 'Ethics Conclave' organized under Mission Karmayogi in Panchkula today. Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Sh Gian Chand Gupta was also present on this occasion. The Chief Minister said that

State has witnessed rain and hailstorm in the last three-four days. Crops have been damaged in many districts due to hailstorm. Special Girdawari will be conducted in such areas and compensation will be paid to the affected farmers.

## 2-day Samagra shiksha programme concludes

**PARI BAJAJ KARNAL, FEBRUARY 6**

Under the aegis of Samagra Shiksha, the two-day inclusive education awareness program going on under the chairmanship of Block IED Convenor and Principal Vandana Chawla at Government Model Culture School concluded today. While addressing the participants in the awareness program, Shashi Bhushan Sharma said that disabled children, like normal children, are proving their talent in every field. He said that Yashaswini, who is a student who is completely blind from birth and has passed first class from Indri Primary School and studied from Plus Two Senior School, is today a final year graduate student of Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, who has brought glory to Indri area with her talent and also

worked to inspire ordinary students. He said that disabled children cannot be developed without recognizing the creativity hidden within them.

Speaking in the program, Dr. Rajesh Kumar said that the



society has nurtured many negative notions towards disabled children. Disabled children are addressed by various nicknames which are completely unethical and unconstitutional. He said that the laws made for these children give

them the right to move forward as equals. He appealed to the parents of the children not to keep the disabled children confined in their homes due to fear of alleged loss of honour. Introduce these children to the

world beyond their threshold to develop their social and everyday skills. Special teacher Amit Kumar Panwar, in charge of the awareness program, said that the important information given by the two-day awareness program resource persons Arun Kumar and Mahindra Kumar has greatly benefited the teachers and parents of disabled children, and

has instilled enthusiasm in them. Lead teachers Sachin Gandhi, Dhanpal, Anish Gandhi, Ashok Kumar, Man Singh Chandel, Rajiv Kumar, Dhamraveer Lathwal, Jagdish etc. participated in the awareness programme.

## Preetpal Singh Pannu honoured with special citation

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 6**

On behalf of Global Book of Excellence England, NIFAA Founder President Preetpal Singh Pannu was honoured with a special citation for his social work spanning more than three decades. Manish Kumar, Head of Global Book India, who reached Karnal today, honoured Pannu by draping a shawl and giving him a special citation and certificate for his services that have made a special impact on the betterment of the society. In the letter accompanying the certificate, it was said that Global Book of Excellence is a London based company which certifies the good works of all those personalities, institutions and groups globally who have promoted humanitarian qualities through their great deeds on the global stage. According to the citation, Preetpal Singh Pannu has promoted humanitarian thinking in the social, cultural and legal fields for the last three decades and has also made invaluable contributions



in promoting justice and peace. Global Book of Excellence London has recognized that the story and life journey of Preetpal Singh Pannu will be inspirational in building a good society while having a positive impact on the society.

Thanking the representative of Global Book of Excellence England, Manish Kumar and the Board of Directors, who came to Karnal especially for this honour, Pannu said that they are working selflessly and he would like to thank all of them for the honour given by the Global Book of Excellence. Dedicated to his colleagues who have been shouldering the wave of social awareness with him for the last 30 years.

## Central, state teams arrive to probe irregularities in mining zone

**RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, FEB 6**

A team of 40 members formed by NGT reached the mining zone to investigate irregularities in mining in Saharanpur and Yamunanagar districts of the state. The team members kept investigating the mining site throughout the day due to which there is a stir in the mining zone. The team will inspect all the sites and prepare a report. After that further action will be decided. Fines and cases may also be registered in this.

According to Pollution Control Board's Regional Officer Virendra Punia and District Mining Officer Om Dutta Sharma, the team to investigate the mining site includes scientist Nizamuddin from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Central Pollution Control Board and scientist Gaurav Kumar, ADC, SDM Bilaspur Jaspal Singh Gill. ,

Naib Tehsildar Anand Rawal, XEN Sandeep Kumar of Irrigation Department, Virendra Poonia of Pollution Control Board and Sandeep Verma from IIT Roorkee, SDO Kurukshetra and a team of 40 officers from Water Commission arrived to investigate



which inspected all the mining sites.

Complainant Balbir Sandhu has given a complaint to NGT about the shortcomings in mining in Yamunanagar and Saharanpur, in which it has been said that huge irregularities have been taken during mining in Yamunanagar and Saharanpur, due to which huge damage is being caused to the environment.

## Cab robbery gang became active again, took driver hostage and looted

**VIPIN SEHGAL GURUGRAM, FEB 6**

Cab robbery gang has once again become active in Gurugram. The miscreants posing as passengers are now committing robbery by taking the drivers hostage. The second such case in two days has come to light in Gurugram. Sector-14 police station has registered a case on the basis of the complaint and started investigation.

In the complaint given to the police, Ram Kumar Pandey said that he is originally from Ayodhya and lives in Rajendra Park with his family and drives a cab. He takes passengers in cabs from Gurugram to Delhi. He was taking his cab at six in the morning with three passengers from Gurugram to Delhi's Karol Bagh. When he left for Delhi after fixing the fare of Rs 700, as soon as he crossed Mahipalpur flyover, a

young man stopped the cab to urinate. It is alleged that as soon as the cab stopped, the youth overpowered them and pulled them back. After beating him, they put a sheet over his face and left in the cab.

After roaming them for about two hours, the accused left them in the forest between Hayatpur-Gadauli of Gurugram and fled. He told the police that his mobile and purse were in the car. There were about 2200 rupees in the purse.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case and started investigation. Let us tell you that a day before this, two youths posing as passengers had committed robbery by taking an auto to Sector-37 near Basai flyover. The police had not yet been able to catch these accused when the miscreants committed another crime.

## Sacrifice of martyred farmers cannot be forgotten: Rattanman

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 6**

In Kisan Bhawan located in village Jamba of the district, the sacrifice day of farmer leader Teja Singh was held with devotion. On this occasion, farmers from all over the state reached this program and paid tribute to martyred farmer leader Teja Singh. The ceremony organised on the Martyrdom Day was conducted by Seva Singh Arya, National Vice President of Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU). Nilokheri Pradhan Dharam Singh Mohadi presided over the sacrifice day. In the premises of Kisan Bhawan, offerings were made in the yagya and wishes for happiness and prosperity were made and halwa prasad was distributed. Farmer leaders paid their respects to his statue by offering flowers. It is noteworthy that Teja



Singh, a farmer of Jamba village, was martyred in the farmers convention held in Nagpur in 1994. Kisan Bhawan has been constructed in his memory in village Jamba. Where every year on his sacrifice day an event is organised by farmer organisations. BKU State President Rattanman, who reached the occasion while paying tribute, said that the sacrifice of farmer leader Teja Singh can never be forgotten. The farmer movement in the country and the state has become stronger due to the martyrdom of the farmers who were martyred in various farmer movements. He said that ru-

ral India will remain closed on 16th February. During this bandh, no farmer labourer from the village will go to the fields or to the city market in protest. This announcement has been made by the United Kisan Morcha. Rattanman said that the promises made by the Central Government in the Delhi Farmers Movement have not been fulfilled even till date. Therefore, farmer organisations are being forced to agitate. Raising the issue of heavy hailstorm in Yamunanagar, Ambala and Panchkula districts recently, Rattanman said that till date the government has not taken care of the farmers.

## New team of BJP District Yamunanagar announced - BJP District President Rajesh Sapra

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, FEB 6**

The BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said that after discussing with BJP State President Nayab Saini, senior leaders of the state and senior leaders of BJP District Yamunanagar, he has announced the new team of BJP District Yamunanagar. He told that the responsibility of District General Secretary was assigned to Krishna Singla and Surendra Bankat. Other included in the team were District Media In charge Kapil Manish Garg, Social Media In charge Vipin Sahni, IT Head Shubham Dutta, District Treasurer Jagdish Vidyarthi, District Office Secretary Mohit Gera, District Vice President Amit Garg, Vineet Kaur. Responsibility was also assigned to Sunita Sharma, Surendra Sharma, Joni Rana, Rampal Nambardar, District



Secretary Seema Gulati, Savita Kamboj, Harminder Singh Sethi, Karmaveer Sethi, Narendra Rana, Jangsher Singh.

Mr Rajesh Sapra said that BJP's district organization of Yamunanagar was working strongly and he has full hope that the new team of BJP District Yamunanagar would work hard to take the BJP District Yamunanagar organization forward. He said that since 1977, Chief Minister Manohar Lal was ready to serve the country and society.



## Jobs in every house when Congress govt is formed: Selja

**PREETI RANI SADHAURA, FEB 6.**

While addressing the meeting organised in the grain market of Bilaspur to welcome the Sandesh Yatra of Congress Party, National General Secretary of Congress, former state president and in-charge of Uttarakhand, Selja said that now is the time of Congress, once the Congress government comes, every house will be given employment. In the last ten years, the people of the country and the state have become fed up with the sloganeering BJP governments because the BJP leaders do not want the development of the people but want their own development. He said that BJP is dividing people in the name of caste and religion but this time do not fall into their trap. She said that the government is building a bean market on the HMT land, this is the thinking of the BJP government. He said that the youth in the state is being ruined due to

drug abuse, but the government and administration are sitting with their eyes closed. Addiction is spoiling the race and families are being ruined. She said that democracy is in danger, when elections come, BJP starts remembering Ram Mandir. Ram does not belong to BJP and RSS, Ram belongs to everyone, is everyone's and will remain everyone's. BJP is making Ram temple an issue only. Ram should not be made a political issue. BJP is dividing people in the name of caste and religion while Rahul Gandhi is busy uniting the country. Selja said that at

this time a wave of change has started. He said that the youth is moving towards foreign countries. No section of the society including women, unemployed, labourers, farmers and shopkeepers is getting justice. If someone asks for justice, the government instead of giving them justice, gets them beaten with sticks.

She said that Modi and the Khattar government of the state have robbed the budget of housewives by increasing the prices of LPG cylinders, tea leaves and edible oils. The person who is ruling

the country today calls himself a tea seller. During his rule the rates of tea leaves increased up to 5 times. Lakhs of farmers continued to agitate against the three agricultural laws.

### Unemployed youth on the path of crime: Surjewala

In his address, Randeep Singh Surjewala said that instead of providing employment to the youth, the BJP government is doing the business of selling employment. During the tenure of this government, papers have been leaked 47 times but no action has been taken against anyone. During the tenure of this government, many types of scams took place in most of the departments but no one was punished. He said that the youth do not consider their future secure and hence have started migrating to foreign countries.

NEWS AT A  
GLANCEStreet light non-functional  
for long creating problem  
for people

**RADHEY SHYAM MORINDA:** Due to non-functioning of street lights near Kurani Tea Point in the city, people were facing a lot of problems. Local shopkeepers said that this street light has not been working for a long time due to which it became darker at night. Because of the darkness, any accident can occur here. Due to the darkness, the pedestrians passing through here also face a lot of problems. People have demanded from the city council officials that the big street lights should be fixed soon.

Big relief to traders under 'One  
Time Settlement Scheme' by  
Punjab Government: Sharma

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** Assistant Commissioner State Tax Dr. Navjot Sharma said that the Punjab government has started the 'One Time Settlement Scheme' (OTS) keeping in mind the interests of the traders of Punjab, in which great relief has been given to the traders whose assessment date has been fixed till 31.03.2023. She said that under this scheme, all taxpayers with tax

liability up to one lakh rupees can avail 100 percent discount on the amount of tax, interest and penalty till March 31, 2023. She said that till March 31, 2023, all taxpayers with a tax liability of between one lakh rupees and one crore rupees can avail 100 percent discount on the amount of interest and penalty as well as 50 percent discount on the amount of tax. She said that under this scheme only taxpayers can apply, whose tax assessment has been done by the department till March 31, 2023. This scheme will be applicable till 15 March 2024. She appealed to the group workers of Hoshiarpur district to take maximum advantage.

VB nabs Sub  
Inspector for taking  
Rs 15,000 bribe

**CHANDIGARH:** Aiming to curb the menace of corruption in the state, the Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Tuesday, arrested Sub Inspector (SI) of Police Manjinder Singh, posted at CIA Barnala while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 15000. Disclosing this here today, an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above mentioned police official has been arrested on a complaint lodged by Simrandip Singh, a car dealer from Barnala city. He further added that the complainant has approached the VB and informed that he was having a financial dispute with one Dharmal of Moga city regarding sale of a Scorpio vehicle and SI Manjinder Singh has been pressurising him to strike a compromise with other party. The complainant alleged that the said police personnel was demanding Rs 15,000 as a bribe from him otherwise FIR would be lodged against him in case if he failed to execute compromise. The spokesperson added that after preliminary investigation of this complaint, a VB team from Patiala range laid a trap and caught the said SI red handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 15000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses.

Dalit Yuva Samwad' shall promote Educational  
Empowerment in Punjab-Kainth

**AJAY MALHOTRA  
FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEB 6**

In a significant stride towards educational welfare and empowerment, the Bharatiya Janata Party SC Morcha, Punjab, is organizing the "Dalit Yuva Samwad" program on Wednesday, 7th February 2024, at Desh Bhagat University, Amlouh, Fatehgarh Sahib district, Punjab.

The initiative, designed to create awareness among young students, particularly those from Scheduled Castes, is aimed at maximizing the benefits of the Post-Matric Scholarship scheme for Dalit students pursuing higher education under the Government of India. The program shall commence with a thoughtful discussion of the scholarships



received by various castes, other backward classes, and minority students. In this regard, Paramjit Singh Kainth, Vice President of the BJP SC Morcha Punjab met with university officials today and the dialogue emphasized a joint program scheduled for 7th February 2024, aiming to pave the way for a meaningful and successful future for Dalit students.

The meeting included Professor Virendra Singh, Advisor to Vice-Chancellor, Mr.

Rajinder Pal Anand, Senior Vice President, Khatri Mahasabha Punjab, and Mr. Kamal Rakhra. In addition to the ongoing dialogue, a written proposal has been presented to various universities, including Desh Bhagat University, outlining the "Dalit Yuva Samwad" program. This initiative seeks to address challenges during the admission period, ensuring that deserving students do not face difficulties in accessing higher education opportunities.

CM launches 'Aap di sarkar',  
AAP de dwaar' scheme

**SHASHI PAL JAIN  
SAS NAGAR, FEB 6**

In another major citizen centric initiative aimed at offering the government services at doorsteps of people, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday launched 'Aap Di Sarkar, Aap De Dwaar' scheme which stipulates holding of camps at village/ mohalla level to benefit the people.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister described it as a 'red letter day' in the history of the state as people will no longer, have to rush to government offices for their routine administrative works. Rather, he said that the government officers will come at the doorsteps of the people and offer services to them thereby immensely benefitting them. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this is the real empowerment of people where government will wholeheartedly work for the well being of the masses. The Chief Minister envisioned that Punjab will once again lead the country as this citizen centric initiative will be replicated in various other states in the coming times. He said that the state Government had in December 2023 started a flagship scheme regarding doorstep delivery of major Government services by starting delivery of 43 important services to Citizens. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that as per that scheme Citizens can call



1076 number, give appointment as per its own convenience and official visits at doorstep of citizen, apply service and finally delivers certificate to citizen. The Chief Minister said that now going beyond that the state Government has taken other important initiative 'Aap ki Sarkar, Aap Ke Dwar' to reach out to the citizen by organizing Camps across the state. He said that more than 11600 camps will be organized

across the state in this month covering rural area and urban area of state adding that four Camps will be organized in every tehsil of the state daily. Bhagwant Singh Mann all types of measures have been taken for public awareness about information about camps like Venue, Date, Time and others adding that the public can view today's camps and forthcoming camps on the portal too.

AAP ministers, MLAs running their own mafias, robbing  
state of its natural resources : Sukhbir Badal

**CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA  
AMRITSAR, FEB 6**

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) ministers and legislators had created their own mafias who were robbing the State of its natural resources including sand besides openly providing shelter to drug traffickers.

Addressing public gatherings in Jandiala Guru and Baba Bakala as part of the Punjab Bachao Yatra during the course of which he is receiving a tremendous response in both rural and urban areas, the SAD president said "people are coming up to me and telling me that AAP ministers and legislators are themselves indulging in illegal mining besides coming in



the way of the arrest of drug smugglers". The SAD president made this statement after some women came up to him and told him that Jandiala Guru legislator and minister Harbhajan Singh had formed his own mafia which had resulted in a sharp hike in sand prices besides resulting in a large number of drug overdose deaths in the area. The women said sand which was available for around Rs 15,000 per trolley during the

SAD tenure was now being sold for as much as Rs 60,000 per trolley.

The women also appealed to the SAD president to take up the cause of families whose children had fallen prey to drug overdoses. Mr Sukhbir Badal said it was shocking that the AAP government was harming the interests of the common man whom it claimed to represent by increasing the cost of home construction manifold.

GNDU cultural team shines at 37th  
North Zone Inter University Youth  
Festival 2023-24

**JANDIALA GURU (KULJIT SINGH):** The Guru Nanak Dev University Cultural Team has secured the 2nd Runners up Position at the 37th North Zone Inter University Youth Festival 2023-24. The festival, organized by Punjabi University Patiala from January 31 to February 04, 2024, under the banner of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), witnessed a spirited display of talent and creativity from 18 participating universities. In an outstanding display of artistic prowess, GNDU won the 3rd position overall, showcasing the depth of talent within the university. The contingent, comprised of 54 individuals, actively participated in 26 events, leaving an indelible mark on the cultural landscape of the festival.

Dr Amandeep Singh, Incharge Director Youth Welfare Department said that In the overall standings, Lovely Professional University secured the 1st position, followed by CU Ghur-an at 2nd, GNDU Amritsar at 3rd, Punjabi University Patiala at 4th, and Panjab University Chandigarh at 5th.

ADC reviews programs  
being conducted  
under NRSM

**SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, FEB 6**

On the instructions of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal; Additional Deputy Commissioner(G), Akash Bansal held a meeting with the officials of various departments to review the programs being conducted in connection with the National Road Safety Month(NRSM) at his office here today. On this occasion, the ADC instructed the officials that maximum efforts should be made to reduce road accidents in the programs conducted under the NRSM.

Bansal said that awareness seminars should be conducted regularly to make people follow traffic rules during NRSM. He said that the vehi-

ulars should be encouraged to use helmets and seat belts, so that the loss of lives during road accidents can be minimized. He further said that apart from this, students should be made more aware by conducting seminars on road safety in the schools, colleges and other educational institutions. ADC said that vehicles carrying school students should also be specially checked during the NRSM and apart from this, a special campaign should also be conducted to install reflectors on vehicles. Besides others, RTO, Kuldeep Bawa; DSP Bharpur Singh; Assistant Civil Surgeon, Dr. Sanjay Mathur and Traffic Incharge Jaswinder Singh were also present on the occasion.

Councillors write letter to Nitin Gadkari  
to make Bhago Majra toll plaza free

**MORINDA (RADHEY SHYAM):** A demand letter has been written to the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on behalf of all the councilors of Morinda Municipal Council. Giving information in this regard, Councilor Rajpreet Singh , City



Council Morinda said that the toll plaza which was located near Bhago Majra before Kharar people were made to pay Rs 205 for a distance of 10 km. Due to which people were facing financial problems for a long time. He told that before Samrala there was a toll plaza near Nilo which was at a distance of about 10 km to 15 km. But 30 villages within 25-km radius have been exempted from paying toll. Therefore, on their behalf, this demand letter has been issued to make the toll of Morinda area also toll free for the residents of city so that they can get rid of this problem.

Public hearing camps organized  
at Faridkot, Kotkapura

**KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI):** Under the guidelines of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the pending issues of the people were resolved by the SDMs in three blocks of Faridkot, Kotkapura and Jaito in the public hearing camps. To monitor these camps, Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar himself went to various camps and directly contacted the people and asked them that if people face any kind of problem, then they bring it to their attention. The Deputy Commissioner said that in these camps birth certificate, income certificate, affidavit verification, scholarship to children of beneficiaries, residence certificate, scheduled and backward class certificates, registration of construction workers, old age pension, payment of electricity bill, birth certificate Regarding enrollment in, verification of income records, copies of death certificates, registration of marriage under the Compulsory Marriage Act, registration of construction workers.

Huge response to special camps organized  
under 'Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Door'

**RAKESH JINDAL  
SAMANA, FEB 6**

The special camps organized under the exclusive initiative 'Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Dwar' launched by the Punjab Government today received overwhelming response from the people. Meanwhile, Punjab Information and Public Relations Minister Chetan Singh Jaudamajra, who came to inspect these camps at different villages, said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has fulfilled his promise to 'take the government on the shoulders of the people'.

Cabinet Minister Chetan Singh Jaudamajra inspected these special camps in the villages of Ranbirpura, Inderpura, Jahlan and Nasapur of Samana sub-division in sub-division Patiala. He interacted with the people on this occasion and after listening to



their problems, he instructed the officials of the concerned departments to solve them on the spot. On this occasion, Patiala and Samana SDMs Arvind Kumar and Richa Goyal and other officials were also present.

Jaudamajra thanked Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan for organizing such camps and solving the problems of the people by going to their homes and said that in these camps people will have government-related

work but in the past due to some reason Deducted pensions and ration card will also be done. Water Resources, Mining and Geology, Horticulture, Land and Water Security, Freedom Struggle and Defense Services Welfare Chetan Singh Jaudamajra said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Maan, the Punjab government with the purpose of providing administrative services to the people close to their homes.

Golden Jubilee celebrations held at  
Kirpal Sagar: Dr. Karamjit Singh

**NAWANSHAHR (CHETRAM RATTAN):** On the occasion of the blessed birthday of Param Sant Kirpal Singh Ji, the Golden Jubilee Ceremony was celebrated by the Unity of Man organization on February 6. Dr. Karamjit Singh, president of the organization, gave detailed information about human unity to the devotees of the country and abroad in the sat-sang house. That, the history of the creation of Kirpal Sagar, the life purpose of Sant Kirpal Singh ji, Dr. Harbhajan Singh ji and BG Surinder Kaur ji's overall message of unity and commonality. Explained in detail about the functioning units of Kirpal Sagar, Kirpal Sagar Academy, Kirpal Sagar Hospital, Old Age Ashram. The existence of man, his life purpose, the process of birth and death, all these things were discussed in detail. Mr. Wolf Gang Gerlich , Mrs. Eva Wahl, Mrs. Rag-gine Weise who came specially from Europe, spoke about human basic unity.

Information about ongoing development works at Kirpal Sagar. The enlightened people of different religions from all over India presented ideas regarding human unity.

DC urges needy people to take  
benefit of daily camps

**SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, FEB 6**

As part of the important initiative taken by the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann to provide a large number of administrative services to the people near their homes, 28 camps were organized in a single day at various sub-divisions of district Sangrur today, in which a large number of needy people benefited abundantly and the process of redressal of people's complaints was also implemented on the spot through the concerned departments.

The Deputy Commissioner(DC), Jitendra Jorwal along with SSP Sartaj Singh Chahal while taking stock of



various such camps organized at village Barwal of Dhuri sub division said that the people, who attended the camps are fully appreciating this initiative of the government because this step has been taken to fulfill the needs of the people related to government services at one place.

DC said that this campaign has been started by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann to completely stop the trouble of the people

in the government departments, under which camps will be continued not only in Sangrur district but in the state now on a daily basis. During this, he also interacted with the people and many complaints were settled on the spot. The DC has instructed all Sub-Divisional Magistrates to continuously monitor these camps in order to provide the benefits of government services to the rural and urban population of the sub-divisions.



**LUDHIANA (SHARMA):** Bank of Maharashtra, the fastest growing bank in the public sector, opened its new branch near Malhi Complex in Civil Lines, Ludhiana which was inaugurated by Amit Srivastava, Chief Vigilance Officer of the bank. Done in the presence of zonal Manager H.K.Trivedi, deputy zonal manager Ravi Jain and other officials and distinguished customers. Addressing the customers, Amit Srivastava said that among the public sector banks, Bank of Maharashtra is registering the highest growth in every sector, registering a deposit growth of 17.89 percent in the third quarter and CASA is at the top in deposits with 50.19 percent. Zonal Manager HK Trivedi said that this is the 44th branch in Punjab and the 51st under the zone. Branch Manager Gaurav Kumar welcomed everyone and assured to take the business of the branch to greater heights with good customer service.

Online cheating of  
Rs 54 lakh reported  
in Dharamshala

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA:** By making two people victims of their fraud, cyber thugs have defrauded a huge amount of Rs 54 lakh 60 thousand. After realizing that they have been cheated, both the victims have lodged a complaint in Cyber Police Station Dharamshala. A person belonging to Kangra district, in a complaint lodged at the cyber police station, alleged that an unknown miscreant had defrauded him of Rs 22 lakh 25 thousand. The miscreants called and lured the person to an online training website, on which the person also fell into their trap and lost Rs 22 lakh 25 thousand through various transactions in the desire to earn money sitting at home. In the complaint lodged in the cyber police station, a person from the same district Una alleged that he was cheated of Rs 32 lakh 35 thousand in the name of training investment. Vicious people are always finding new ways to cheat people, in such a situation a person from Una has been made a victim of fraud in the name of trading investment. Confirming this matter, Northern Region ASP Cyber Crime Dharamshala Parveen Dhiman said that on the complaint of the victims of Kangra and Una districts, cases have been registered and further action has been started. He has appealed to the people to be aware in such matters. He said that people should not fall prey to these miscreants in any way and should not share their bank information with anyone. He said that people are being cheated by adopting new methods by the vicious people, hence all the people need to be aware so that they can be saved from these vicious people.

HIMACHAL

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Now 180 days maternity leave for female cooks and helpers: CM

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, FEB 6**

The government has decided to grant Maternity leave of 180 days to around 17,889 female cook cum helpers under Maternity Benefit Act, 1962 working in the education department so as to ensure better mother-child care. Earlier, there was no such provision of maternity leave for the above category. Necessary directions in this regard have been issued to the concerned department, revealed Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Working for the welfare of the vulnerable sections of the society, this decision will fulfill the long pending demands of mid day meal workers, he stated. Chief Minister said that the State Government was working with the aim of holistic development of the downtrodden



with special focus on child care and women empowerment. Sh. Sukhu added that since the formation of the government historic decisions were being taken with special focus on welfare of employees and other workers. In the very first Cabinet meeting, it

was decided to reinstate the OPS for the government employees thereby benefiting more than 1.36 lakh individuals. This decision was not politically motivated but aimed to secure the future of the retirees so they could live a dignified life with family after their retirement,

he remarked.

The government was committed to the upliftment of the weaker and underprivileged sections of the society, said the Chief Minister, adding that the government has become the voice of vulnerable sections and has accorded priority to bring them in the mainstream of the society. Various schemes and policies have been launched benefitting such sections and many initiatives were in the pipeline, said Sh. Sukhu. The government has substantially increased the wages of daily workers, honorarium of part time water carriers besides that of Anganwari workers, Mini Anganwari workers, Anganwari Sahayikas, Asha Workers, Mid day Meal Workers, Water Guards, Multi-Purpose Workers of Jal Shakti Vibhag, Para Fitters and Pump Operators, Panchayat and Revenue Chowkidars, reiterated the Chief Minister.

Tenders invited for providing IT services in Lok Sabha elections

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**

**UNA:** Tenders have been invited till February 19 for providing IT services for the smooth conduct of Lok Sabha general elections. Giving information in this regard, Election Registration Officer and SDM Bangana Manoj Kumar said that tenders were invited including CCTV/HD camera 4 mega pixel/5 MP IR/night vision, NVMe/DVR 8 ports, hard disk drive 4 TB, POE switch 8. Port, Inverter 1050 VA, Voice Logger, All in One Computer with Wave Cam, LED TV 32 Inch, 42 Inch and 50 Inch, Projector Screen with Monitor, TFT 17 Inch, Cat-6 Only, HDMI 3 and 5 Meter Only, Power Only, Single Only, Wired Mouse, BNC Mouse, DC Pin, RJ45 Conductor, Extension Board 3 & 5 Port Power Socket, CCTV Cameras and Inverter Maintenance Charges, Anti Virus, Toner Cartridge, Tone Refill, Printer Drum, Fuser Assembly, Magnet Road Changing, 4GB RAM, Computer Speaker, Extension Board, Keyboard, Window Installation, D Link Router, 16 AMP 3pin Top, 6AMP 3pin Top, Inverter.

Rajesh Dharmani calls on Union Education Minister

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, FEB 6**

Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training Minister Rajesh Dharmani who met Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan at New Delhi today, urged to establish an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Himachal. Discussions were also held on new proposals and pending issues related to skill development and technical education. Advocating for the establishment of IISER, Sh. Dharmani said that such an endeavour would act as a potent catalyst for propelling India's scientific and technological prowess. He said that Himachal has emerged as a flourishing hub of academia as renowned institutions like, IIT Mandi, IIIT Una, NIT Hamirpur and Central University along with few engineering colleges both in public and private sector,



have already established a strong educational foundation, attracting brilliant minds and fostering a collaborative research ecosystem. The State Government stands firmly committed to this vision and has enough land to establish the IISER's campus, said Sh. Dharmani. With a focus on the Himalayan ecosystem, the IISER's research would contribute to crucial environmental solutions, paving the way for sustainable development practices. He said that the state was eager to collaborate with the central government and all stakeholders to bring this vision to reality.

Free Medical camp organized at Radha Krishan Temple by Health Department



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**

**UNA:** Free Medical Camp organized at Radha Krishan Temple Kotla Kalan by Health Department Una. These days, Bhagwat Katha is going on in Radha Krishan Temple. For this reason the health department organized a free medical camp here. So that the coming people can get benefit. This medical camp was organized from 1st February to 6th February. Dr. Shiv Pal, Mohan Lal, Vipin Sharma are included in this health department team and are providing their services. More than 2000 people were treated in this medical camp from 1st to 6th February. Along with this, two MP mobile health teams also treated 115 people on 6th February. And also lab tests were done. Dr. Manu Priya, Dr. Anshu Sharma and other staff members Kusam Lata, Dinesh, Nitin, Ritu Rana and Sudesh Kumar served in the MP Mobile Health Service team.

Two die in landslide mishap near Shimla

**AGENCY**  
**SHIMLA:** Two labourers died as they were hit by a landslide on Mehli-Junga Road in the outskirts of Shimla town on Tuesday, a senior officer of district administration informed. Deputy Commissioner Shimla Anupam Kashyap on Tuesday received the information about the landslide incident on Mehli-Junga Road. He immediately rushed to the spot in the morning and took stock of the rescue operations at the incident site. Around 1 pm last night, a landslide occurred near a crusher site on Mehli-Junga Road, in which the workers' huts collapsed, two people died as they were buried under the debris, and

five people evacuated from the spot. A team of police, fire brigade, SDRF, and home guards started the rescue work early this morning after receiving information about the mishap. The police, SDRF team, fire brigade, and Home Guard personnel recovered the bodies of the deceased from the debris in about 1000 hours on Tuesday. The deceased have been identified as 34-year-old Rakesh and 36-year-old Rajesh Kumar, residents of Bihar. The bodies of the deceased have been sent to IGMCI Shimla for a post-mortem. Apart from this, the injured include 18-year-old Rahul Kumar, 42-year-old Megh Sahni, 35-year-old Bajinath Ram, 45-year-old

Ashok Ram, a resident of Bihar, and 20-year-old Tony Kumar, a resident of Chamba. The district administration has provided interim relief to the dead and injured. The Deputy Commissioner talked to the workers who were rescued safely from the incident and consoled them after their colleagues died in the accident. The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the better efforts of the police, SDRF, fire, and home guards in the rescue operations.

During this, Additional District Magistrate (Law and Order) Ajit Kumar Bhardwaj, Sub Divisional Magistrate Shimla Rural Kavita Thakur, and other officers were present.

Jaisinghpur area will be recognized as sports hub: Yadvinder Goma

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, FEB 6**

By creating modern sports facilities in Jaisinghpur assembly constituency, the area will be recognized as a hub of sports. Minister of AYUSH, Youth Services and Sports, Law and Justice, Yadvinder Goma while addressing the people at a grand program at the historic Chaugan Maidan in Jaisinghpur on his birthday. He said that a grand indoor stadium will be constructed at Chaugan Ground in Jaisinghpur for the convenience of the players, so that children can get better sports facilities in every season. He said that Rs 30 lakh has also been released for the beautification of Jaisinghpur Chaugan ground and the stage



will also be constructed with Rs 25 lakh. He said that other grounds of the Assembly constituency will also be renovated and transformed into better sports grounds. He said that Rs 20 lakh has also been released for leveling the Haled ground and a synthetic track will be installed in the ground near Jhunga Devi Khad. He said that indoor stadium will also be built in Salyana. He said that an attractive stage will be built in Salyana and Panchrukhi with

Rs 30 lakh each. Yadvinder Goma expressed his gratitude to the Block Congress and the people of Jaisinghpur for grandly organizing various competitions on his birthday. He said that the blessings and affection of the people of Jaisinghpur always remain with him. He said that with the seal of trust and love of the people, the top leadership of the party and Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu have included him in the cabinet of Himachal Pradesh.

PM's focus on uplifting poor, women, youth and farmers: Kashyap

**DINESH AGARWAL**

**SHIMLA:** Former BJP President and MP Suresh Kashyap said that the Central Government is working with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' and the whole nation's vision of 'Sabka Prayas'. In the interim budget 2024-25 of the Central Government, the Prime Minister's focus was on upliftment of four major sections- namely poor, women, youth and farmers. Welfare of the poor, welfare of the nation' During the last 10 years, the government helped 25 crore people come out of multidimensional poverty. Direct transfer of Rs 34 lakh crore to bank accounts using PM-Jan Dhan accounts. This saved the government Rs 2.7 lakh



crore. Loan assistance to 78 lakh street vendors under PM-Swanidhi. 2.3 lakh hawkers received loans for the third time. Emphasis on development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) through PM-Janman Yojana. End-to-end help to artisans and craftsmen associated with 18 professions under PM-Vishwakarma Scheme. He said that under the 'Annadata' welfare PM-Kisan Samman

Yojana, financial assistance was provided to 11.8 crore farmers. Under PM-Crop Insurance Scheme, crop insurance was provided to four crore farmers. 1,361 mandis have been integrated under the Electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). With this, services are available to 1.8 crore farmers with procurement worth Rs 3 lakh crore. Emphasis on women power: 30 crore Mudra Yojana loans were given to women entrepreneurs. Women's enrollment in higher education increased by 28 percent. 43 percent enrollment of girl students and women in STEM courses, which is the highest in the world. Under PM-Awas Yojana, 70 percent houses were given to rural women.

MLA Rajendra Rana inaugurates Panchayat building in Lag Kadhiyar

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR, FEB 6**

Sujanpur assembly constituency MLA Rajendra Rana inaugurated the newly constructed Panchayat building at Gram Panchayat Lag Kadhiyar at a cost of about Rs 29 lakh and dedicated it to the public. Addressing the public meeting organized on this occasion, MLA Rajendra Rana said that being the representative of Sujanpur assembly constituency, he has no room for bias, he expects the same from the Panchayat residents also. His every work will be done with the aim of rising above politics and connecting the Panchayats with the mainstream of development, so that the Panchayats of Sujanpur



assembly constituency emerge as an example for the entire Himachal. This thinking has to be brought to the ground. He expressed hope that with the new Panchayat building a new story of development will be written in the Panchayat. We all will have to work together for progress and development of villages, hence all Panchayat residents should

come forward together. There is similar work in every village, if there is problem then do not hesitate to tell them, they are dedicated to the public all the time. MLA Rajendra Rana also listened to the public problems and solved most of problems on spot. Instructions were given to concerned officers to resolve remaining problems quickly.

Prabhat Pheri organized



**JOGINDR DEV ARYA**

**BANGANA:** The fifth day of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Excellent Government College, Bangana NSS Unit started with Prabhat Pheri under the leadership of Program Officer Professor Sikandar Negi. This Prabhat Pheri was taken out by the volunteers from the camp site to the college campus via Bangana Bazaar. Saraswati Vandana, Thought of the Day, Yoga practice and drill were done by the volunteers. After morning breakfast, group wise reporting of all the volunteers took place. NSS Program Officer Prof. Sikandar Negi said that the team of Bangana Fire Brigade participated in the first session of the special camp to provide demonstration and information related to the disaster. Fire Brigade Officer Madanlal provided information and demonstration to the volunteers and college students about disaster prevention methods. He said that the job of the fire brigade is not just to extinguish the fire. Its primary function is disaster relief. In case of any kind of disaster, the fire brigade starts relief work. Whether someone falls into a well, earthquake occurs or any other natural disaster occurs, fire brigade personnel have been trained to carry out relief work.

Higher reaches of HP experience light snowfall



**SHIMLA:** A light spell of snowfall continued in the higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh, plummeting the mercury below normal in many places as it was partly cloudy. In Shimla district, tourist resort Kufri received two cm fresh snowfall and Khadralla four cm, in Bharmaur, Chamba district, had three cm snow, Gondla in Lahaul Spiti 1.3 cm and Sangla in Kinnaur 0.6 cm. Mandi had 10.4 mm rain, Chopal in Shimla 10 mm, Slapper in Mandi 9.2 mm, Bhunter in Kullu 8.4 mm, Seobagh 8.2 mm; Dharmshala had 7.2 mm and Sundarnagar had seven mm. The minimum temperature in Kaza was minus 16 degrees, Keylong was minus 10 degrees, Kukamseri minus 8. Kalpa minus 5.6, Narkanda minus 3.6, Bharmour minus 2.2, Kufri minus 1.7, Shimla 0.8, Manali minus 0.9 degrees, Solan 1.6, Mandi, Dharmshala, Hamirpur, and Chamba three degrees, Jubberhati 3.8, Kangra, and Una 3.5 degrees. The Met Office forecasts mainly dry weather in the state during the next 24 hours.

Special life skill education session organized at Govt Sr Sec School, Haroli

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA, FEB 6**

By increasing life skills, students can be saved from falling prey to drug addiction. In this direction, the drug-free Una campaign was playing an effective role. The school intervention program under the aegis of the district administration was showing encouraging results. Under the drug-free Una campaign, sessions were being organized in schools in a phased manner. In this series, a special life skill education session was organized at Government Senior Secondary School Haroli on Tuesday in which children shared their experiences based on drugs.



Apart from this, in the conversation with the children, the Navchetna module being conducted inside the school was discussed in which the children told that they were being given information about the ill effects of drugs through various activities in the school. In the drug-free Una campaign, Baldev Rana, mentor teacher of Government Senior

Secondary School, said that sessions were being organized with the students on various issues of this life skill. Ravinder Kumar of the school thanked the district administration for implementing this program and laid great emphasis on making the youth aware about drug addiction. He also talked about discussing important topics like peer influence.

Talent of women is improving in Anurag's Mahila Pahari Sangeet programme

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR, FEB 6**

Union Minister Anurag Thakur has run various programs for education, health, sports, skill development and hill culture in his parliamentary constituency. Thousands of people are getting direct benefits from these programs. In this series, the Mahila Pahari Sangeet program run by Union Minister Anurag Thakur was inaugurated in the premises of Mata Mandir Tauni Devi in Sector Tauni Devi of Sujanpur Assembly Constituency. 40 women's groups participated in this program. First place



women's team Paranali got second place women's team Kohli. Chief guest in this program, IPL President Arun Dhimal participated and honored all the women's teams by giving them awards. Afternoon

bhajan was arranged for everyone. In this program, automatic sanitary pads were distributed through Prayas organization and an exhibition was also organized by the self-help group.

2 POs arrested by Jagraon Sadar police



**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON:** District Ludhiana rural police is carrying out a campaign under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains in order to arrest POs wanted in different cases. Under the same series, Jagraon Sadar Police has arrested 2 POs in different cases. Giving more information about this, SHO Narinder Singh said that in the first case, police has arrested PO Nachhatar Singh son of Virsa Singh as he had a FIR filed against him under NDPS act in year 2017 and had been declared PO by honourable court. "In another case, police arrested PO Kulwinder Singh alias Raja Singh as a FIR was filed against him in year 2009 in police station Sidhwan Bet and was declared PO after that," he added. Singh further said that police shall produce both of them before court and further procedure shall be initiated.

SAD Jagraon set to conduct 'Punjab Bachao Rally': SR Kaler



**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON:** Shiromani Akali Dal is set to conduct its 'Punjab Bachao Rally' that aims to target the ruling party in Punjab. A meeting regarding the same was conducted at Jagraon under the guidance of SAD constituency incharge SR Kaler. While addressing the meeting Kaler talked in detail about the rally and asked the party workers to propagate the ideas of party among maximum number of people. "Punjab Bachao rally aims to create awareness among people about mental and financial exploitation of the innocent people of Punjab in the name of change. People are feeling highly disappointed owing to the betrayal meted out to them by AAP and its false promises," he added. Kaler mentioned that SAD shall conduct meetings in several villages to mobilise people against the policies of AAP government. SGPC general secretary Bhai Gurcharan Singh Grewal said that only Shiromani Akali Dal is capable of dealing with all the problems faced by Sikh community.

Medical camp organized at Garg Cotton Mill Jiwan Singh Wala



**ISHWER GARG**  
**TALWANDI SABO:** A medical camp was organized at Garg Dhaga Mill at Jiwan Singh Wala village in Talwandi Sabo. During the camp, the employees and their families who came to work in the mill were medically checked up. Hundreds of workers and their families arrived and availed the camp to check up in the camp. Free medicines were given to the patients after check up. This camp was organized by the management senior officials of the factory and ESI. Specialist lady doctors had arrived here from I who checked up the patients who had arrived late in the evening. After that, the officials of ESI informed all the workers about the benefits and facilities provided by the organization. To make the camp a success, the senior officer of the factory, Charanjit Singh, Special contributions were made by DK Sharma, Dharmapal, Inderjit Singh and Amarjit Singh Mann.

Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rajeev Sood releases Executive Diary 2024



**JAGDEEP SINGH GILL**  
**JAITU:** In an important development aimed at streamlining administrative functions and increasing organizational efficiency, the Vice Chancellor of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Professor Dr. Rajeev Sood released the much-awaited Executive Diary Year 2024. The release of the Executive Diary marks an important moment for the University, reflecting its commitment to careful planning, effective communication, and operational excellence. As a renowned institution dedicated to health sciences education and research, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences is committed to using the Executive Diary as a strategic tool to advance its mission and objectives. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Rajeev Sood emphasized the importance of structural planning and organization for achieving institutional goals.

Chandigarh Administration to conduct mock exercise on earthquake scenario in collaboration with NDMA

**SHSAHI PAL JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH, FEB 6**

In a proactive step towards disaster preparedness, a meeting regarding Conduct Mock Exercise on Earthquake Scenario was held under the chair of Anisha Shrivastava, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) at the UT Guest House. The meeting was held via video conference. During the deliberations, it was unanimously decided to conduct a Mock Exercise on Earthquake Scenario across different locations in Chandigarh. This initiative aims to enhance the city's resilience and preparedness in dealing with such calamities effectively. The exercise will be conducted under the guidance and support of both the Chandigarh Administration and the NDMA. It underscores the commitment of the authorities towards ensuring the safety and well-being of the citizens. This collaborative effort signifies the importance of coordinated action and proactive



measures in mitigating the impact of natural disasters. All stakeholders are urged to actively participate and contribute towards making this exercise a success. Sub Divisional Magis-

trates, Officers from Education, Engineering, Public Relations, Fire, Police, Home Guards and other Departments participated in the meeting.

Sachtek Educational society hosts three-day Entrepreneurship Development Program at Govt. Home Science College Chandigarh



**'CHANDIGARH (GAGAN JAIN):** The Sachtek Educational society (Regd.) is hosting a three-day Entrepreneurship Development Program at Govt. home Science College, Sector 10, Chandigarh, made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Directorate of Industries, Chandigarh. This initiative aims to empower students with knowledge about the exciting opportunities in entrepreneurship, providing valuable insights into the ever-evolving world of business growth. The event commenced with a warm welcome and an introduction to the program by the college coordinators. Mr. Paramjit Singh, the Chairman, led the session, offering valuable insights into the realm of entrepreneurship to the eager students. His guidance covered a wide array of topics essential for budding entrepreneurs. Additionally, the platform was graciously extended to several young entrepreneurs, allowing them to impart their firsthand experiences and wisdom to the audience.

Chandigarh Mayor election: Aam Aadmi Party calls BJP 'vote chor' party

**CS JOLLY**  
**CHANDIGARH, FEB 6**

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is continuously protesting in Chandigarh against the rigging in the Mayor elections. The hunger strike by the party leaders continued for the third day. In the hunger strike, one councilor and four workers of the party sit on fast for 24 hours every day. During the demonstration on Tuesday, Aam Aadmi Party Chandigarh co-incharge Dr Sunny Ahluwalia addressed the media. Showing the inside video to the media during the Chandigarh Mayor election, he said that this video has made it clear that the Bharatiya Janata Party is a vote-chor party. They win elections by stealing votes and by rigging and hooliganism. He said that Anil Masih has only completed the work he was as-



signed. The real conspirator of it all is someone else. Action should be taken against them also. He said that it was clear from Anil Masih's expression that he had received orders from above. In the video shown to the media by Ahluwalia, Anil Masih was seen tampering with the ballot papers of Aam Aadmi Party and Congress councilors in front of the camera. He was also looking towards the camera in a state of doubt from time to time.

At the same time, many nominated councilors of BJP were removing the cameramen of various media channels present there and stopping them from coming inside. Ahluwalia said that this time they are caught red handed. Now they cannot escape. The Supreme Court has also accepted that the BJP murdered democracy in the Chandigarh Mayor election. Now the Supreme Court will take action against their hooliganism.

MP Arora urges Central Government to increase daily wages for Punjab MNREGA workers

**LUDHIANA (SHARMA):** MP (Rajya Sabha) from Ludhiana Sanjeev Arora has express his utter dissatisfaction with lesser wages being given to the workers of Punjab under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) compared to the neighboring state Haryana. In a statement here today, he said he had taken up this issue in the ongoing budget session of Rajya Sabha, mentioning that He the current wage rate under MNREGA in Punjab is Rs 303 per day which is much lower than the neighboring state Haryana, where the wage rate is Rs 357 per day. He pointed out that the Punjab State Labour Department has notified unskilled agricultural labour wage rate of Rs 412.95 per day, which is much higher than the wage rate offered under MNREGA. Arora said that such discrimination creates inequality among workers and also weakens the dignity of labour and the intention of the MNREGA program. He urged upon the Centre to intervene in the matter and revise the current wage rate for Punjab. He said, "It is imperative that the wage rate is increased to bring it on par with either Haryana or the wage rates set by the labour department." Arora regretted that the annual amount released under MNREGA has reduced in 2022-23 compared to previous years, this amount should have increased keeping inflation in mind. He said this issue was raised earlier also by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. He had said that the Punjab Government is getting more work done under the MNREGA scheme, but the Centre is discriminating against workers of the state. He said that in comparison to the year 2020-21 (Rs 77 crore), three times more work of repair of canals.

Kataruchak visits various camps set up under 'AAP's Government by AAP'

**SHARANJEET**  
**PATHANKOT, FEB 6**

The Punjab government led by Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann is committed to provide maximum facilities to the people and these facilities are being provided to the people in their villages so that the hardships of the people can be reduced. For which the Punjab government is setting up people convenience camps in different villages and wards and the benefits of these camps are being given directly to the people. This was expressed by Lal Chand Kataruchak, Forest Department, Wildlife Protection, Civil Supplies and Food Minister, Punjab while addressing the camps organized in different villages in the district. On this occasion, Chairman Market Committee Vikas Saini, Joint Commissioner Surjit Singh, Deputy Tehsildar Raj Kumar,

Revenue from GST, Excise and VAT crosses 30K Crore in 10 months: Cheema

**CHANDIGARH (GAURAV GOEL):** Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday said that the economy of Punjab has been moving in the right direction as the tax revenue from Goods and Services Tax (GST), Excise and Value Added Tax (VAT) in the 10 months of fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 crossed the figure of 30K Crore with a 15.67 percent growth in Goods and Services Tax (GST) and 10 percent growth in revenue from Excise as compared to FY 2022-23.



Disclosing this in a press communiqué issued here, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that the Finance Minister said that the total revenue from VAT, CST, GST, PSDT, and Excise by the end of January registered 13.39 percent growth with a total collection of Rs 31003.14 Crore as compared to Rs. 27342.84 crore collected during the FY 2022-23. Cheema said that the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government has been taking every step to improve the fiscal health of the state. He said that the state has made record tax collections with better planning and effective implementation since the formation of the AAP government in March 2022. "In the 10 months of the current fiscal year, Net revenue from GST is Rs. 17354.26 Crore and Net revenue from Excise is Rs. 7370.49 Crore", he added.

Farmers are being given benefits of Rs 75 thousand crore every year through Kisan Samman Nidhi

**VERMA**  
**GURDASPUR, FEB 6**

Senior leader of Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency and National Vice President of Himalaya Parivar Organization, Paramjeet Singh Gill described the Modi government as the biggest farmer-friendly government till date and said that the respect and benefits the farmers are getting during the Modi government is more than any other government. Was not found at the time. Giving detailed information, Gill said that during the Congress government, only Rs 25 thousand crores were kept in the budget for the country's Annadata, whereas during the Modi government, this budget is Rs 1 lakh twenty-five thousand crores, from which it can be estimated. Which government is work-



ing in favor of the farmers? Gill said that more than 12 crore poor farmers of the country are being given Rs 6,000 every year as Kisan Samman Nidhi, which alone amounts to Rs 75,000 crore in a year. This scheme was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 24 December 2018 and is continuously benefiting the Annadata farmers of the country. He said that not only this, subsidy is also being given on fertilizers.



BDPO Sujampur Jasbir Kaur, Block President Pawan Kumar Fauzi, Block President Rajinder Singh Bhilla, Thakur Bhupinder Singh, Block President Sohan Lal, Block President Baljinder Kaur, District Coordinator NREGA Nidhi Mehta, Balbir Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Satwinder Saini and district officers of various departments were present. Speaking during the ceremony, Cabinet Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak said that the government is continuously

working on public welfare works. Under which the ration cards cut off by the Punjab government on the previous day have been restored. Which will benefit more than 10 lakh 77 thousand people. Apart from this, Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann has benefited the people by abolishing the condition of NOC in residential registries and this will also increase the revenue of the Punjab government.

Students showcase their skills in "Knowledge Expo" at Sweet Blossoms School



**SARDULGARH (KULWINDER KARWAL):** Students of Sweet Blossom School Sardulgarh celebrate every festival related to Indian culture with great enthusiasm, recently a special event named "Knowledge Expo" was organized in the school. In this event, students showcased their skills by creating various projects. Including Punjabi Culture, Haryanvi Culture, G-20, Indian Parliament, Seven Wonders, Science City, Solar City, Chandrayaan, Flour Mill, Generator, Probability, Trigonometry, Lord Shri Ram Temple Project, Robot, Skating Ground, Parts of Speech, Art, Music, Bank, GST etc. Apart from this, many good projects were made from the waste materials by the small children in a very neat manner, which were appreciated by the parents and teachers. Rehan Sharma of class 4 showed his extraordinary ability by identifying the flags of different countries. School Administrator Nem Chand Chaudhary (Director PSTCL) and Deepak Garg, Amit Garg, Shabina Garg saluted the hard work.

District language office, Pathankot's trilingual poet darbar reaches peaks of success

**BUREAU**  
**PATHANKOT, FEB 6**

Chief Minister, Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann, Minister of Higher Education and Languages, Punjab Harjit Singh Bains under the patronage of others and under the leadership of Language Department, Punjab District Language Office Pathankot District Language Officer Dr. Under the leadership of Suresh Mehta, a Tri-lingual Poet Darbar was organized in Guru Nanak Dev University College, Pathankot. In which Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi poets from different districts participated. In this College Principal Dr. Arpana and Naresh Nirgun, District Revenue Officer and Assistant Commissioner (General) Pawan Kumar Gulati participated as the chief guest and Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada Chairman Ajaib Singh



Chatha participated as a special guest. The chief guests, special guests and presiding personalities who came from the college were welcomed by giving plant prasad. The poets of Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi enthralled everyone with their words and the audience was seen cheering and applauding. Dr. Ashok Hastir, Puran Ehsan, Dhyan Singh Shah Sikandar, BR Gupta, Dr. Gurcharan Gandhi, Gopal Sharma Ferozepuri, Raj Gurdaspuri, Banka Bahadur Aroara, Rakesh Malhotra Nudrat,

Vijay Sharma, Sunil Aftab, Devinder Attri, Gurdeep Safari, Bishambar Awankhia, Vijay Kumar, Ram Kishore, Ramni Sujanpuri, Kshama Lal Gupta, Jugal Kumar Pangotra, Vishal Sharma, Fakir Chanda, Janak Raj etc. attended with their beautiful alphs. The chief guest Pawan Kumar Gulati and others congratulated the language department for this beautiful event and expressed satisfaction on the continuous efforts being made and also presented their speech. Ajaib Singh Chatha, the guest who arrived from the Canada.

Huge excitement in congress over convention on Feb 11



**SANGRUR (SUMER GARG):** Regarding the convention, the Punjab Congress Party held a press conference with the district level leaders, which mainly included, former minister, VijayINDER Singla; Kaka Randeep Singh, co-ordinator of district Sangrur; District President, Dalbir Singh Goldi; Barnala District President, Jaspal Dass; District Malerkotla President, Kuldeep Singh Dhillon. On the occasion, media coordinator, Sandeep Singla said that the convention of Punjab Congress will be held at Samrala on February 11 and the National Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge will attend it. He said that a convention of Punjab Congress has never been held before this and till now the entire structure has not been prepared by all those who have become presidents. Amarinder Singh Raja Waring has completed this goal in two years. The state president, Amarinder Singh Raja Waring has updated the entire body of Punjab Congress by making 2145 mandal presidents & 24570 mandal committee members; 289 block presidents & 8959 block committee members; 29 district presidents & 2675 district committee members. He has painstakingly prepared this draft which has strengthened the Punjab Congress at the ground level. It is the hard work of Waring that National Congress President, Mallikarjun Kharge is reaching to meet the workers.

Children perform  
Surya Namaskar



**NIRMAL SAINI**  
**RADAUR:** In the prayer assembly at Rajkiya Uchh Vidyalaya Mandhar, children were led in performing Surya Namaskar, in which about 50 children participated. The program was chaired by PTI Rohit Aroda. Rohit Aroda explained that as per departmental orders, children are to perform Surya Namaskar during the prayer assembly from February 1st to February 20th, and detailed information about it is also to be provided to the children so that they can understand its benefits. The children were also told to inform family members about Surya Namaskar and encourage them to perform it daily at home. Rohit Aroda said that adopting such yoga in life can free a person from various diseases. Therefore, incorporate yoga into your daily routine and allocate some time for yoga amidst your busy life.

MCG takes action against illegal  
encroachments in village Gwal  
Pahari and Bandhwadi



**VIPIN SEHGAL**  
**GURUGRAM:** Municipal Corporation Gurugram took action against illegal encroachments and encroachments in villages Gwal Pahari and Bandhwadi. In village Gwal Pahari, the team freed about 600 square yards of valuable land from illegal encroachments, while in village Bandhwadi, the team also took action to remove encroachment from the public road. On Tuesday, on the instructions of Joint Commissioner Vijay Yadav, Assistant Engineer Wasim Akram of the Enforcement Wing of Zone-3 area, Junior Engineers Hariom and Vivek and Patwari Rajesh reached village Gwal Pahari with bulldozer and police force. Khasra No.93 here was illegally occupied by some people. The team demolished four houses, two shops and four walls built on two plots with the help of JCB. The team succeeded in freeing about 600 square yards of valuable corporation land from illegal encroachments. After this the team reached village Bandhwadi where the team took action to remove various types of encroachments on the public road. Heavy police force was present on the spot to deal with any kind of protest situation. According to Dr. Narhari Singh Bangar, Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Gurugram, illegal construction, encroachment and illegal encroachment on corporation land will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

BJP wants to eliminate opposition,  
allege INDIA bloc leaders

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, FEB 6

The leaders of the opposition bloc INDIA alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party wants to "eliminate" the entire opposition and were "politically motivated" while responding to Enforcement Directorate raids at the residence of Aam Admi Party leaders.

Delhi BJP Chief Virendra Sachdeva said that the agencies were working to "expose their corruption." The Enforcement Directorate is conducting searches at nearly 10 locations, including the residence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's personal secretary, among others connected to the Aam Aadmi Party. Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut told ANI, "ED is an extended branch of the BJP. After the RSS, BJP trusts ED. Who played the game in Maharashtra,



Jharkhand, this has been done by ED...Whoever speaks against the BJP, ED will take action against him." He was referring to the current Jharkhand political crisis and the toppling of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra in 2022. Congress MP K Suresh told, "The ED raids are happening every day against all the opposition party leaders, so there is nothing special...The

Lok Sabha elections are near, and the BJP wants to eliminate the entire Opposition..." Another Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi told ANI the raids were conducted "with the intention to silence the opposition." "...The way raids are conducted and summons are being sent...the intention is to silence them (opposition leaders)...These (raids) are

Surendra Udana gets responsibility of Yuva  
Morcha state media in-charge

MAINPAL KASHYAP

**INDRI:** Bharatiya Janata Party's youth leader Surendra Udana has been given the responsibility of Yuva Morcha state media in-charge. Giving information about this, Surendra Udana expressed his gratitude to the high command including Chief Minister Manohar Lal, State President Naib Saini, State In-charge Biplab Kumar Deb, Organization Minister Phanindra Nath Sharma and Yuva Morcha State President Yogendra Sharma and said that the responsibility assigned to him by the party. He will fulfill his duty with honesty and devotion. He said that under the able leadership of Haryana's most honest Chief Minister Manohar Lal and BJP's easy-going, hard-working State President Nayab Saini, BJP will play an important role in making Narendra Modi the Prime Minister for the third time by winning ten seats.



Special camps set up at 10  
places in Barnala district  
under AAP govt: Meet Hayer



KARANPREET KARAN  
BARNALA, FEB 6

Chief Minister of Punjab Under the guidelines of Bhagwant Singh Maan, the district administration is trying to solve the complaints/problems of the people at their doorsteps (by going to the wards of villages and cities) today under the program 'Aap di Sarkar, Aap de Dwar'. Special camps were organized in the wards of villages and cities under the entire sub-divisions of Giving this information, Sports Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer said that starting this series, camps

were organized at 10 places in Barnala district today. After reviewing the camps held at Municipal Council Barnala, he interacted with the people and said that under this initiative of the Punjab government, services will now be provided to the people near their homes. He said that the continuous monitoring of these camps by the Chief Minister. It is being done by Bhagwant Singh Maan. Meet Hayer instructed the government officials and employees to do the work of the people on priority basis so that the people do not have to face any trouble.

State's welfare schemes  
benefitting all: Ranjit Chautala



SATISH SETH

**KALAYAT:** The Haryana power minister Ranjit Singh Chautala has said that benefits of welfare schemes launched by prime minister Narendra Modi and Haryana chief minister manohar lal has percolated to all sections of society. While talking to Ranvir Parashar a senior journalist and Former president of District Bar Association in Kalayat, Chautala said that due to farsightedness of these leaders there is remarkable improvement in Health, education and other fields and new records had been set up in power generation and it's distribution and lines losses have reduced considerably thus benefitting large section of population by improving power supply to consumers. Minister Chautala said that the present govt has zero tolerance for corruption and was taking strong steps to end social evil. The jobs were being provided to youths only on merit Chautala added.

Jasbir Kaur visits  
Assandh sub-division



PARI BAJAJ

**KARNAL:** Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Jasbir Kaur visited Assandh sub-division on Tuesday. During this time, he also inspected the mediation center and legal aid center run by the Sub-Divisional Legal Services Committee. After this he also held a meeting with panel lawyers and mediators. By sharing his experiences with all the lawyers and mediators, he also inspired them to keep trying to make the mediation system successful. During this, he also took information regarding the facilities and free legal services provided to the prisoners by the District Legal Services Authority. Jasbir Kaur also discussed about the rights of adolescents under the Pan India Campaign during the meeting. He told after the meeting that the District ADR Center is located in Karnal, where any person can get free legal advice. Apart from this, helpline number 1844-2266138 can also be contacted for free legal advice. He said that there is a provision to get free legal aid to any poor person, woman, child, senior citizen, reserved category, disabled, freedom fighter etc. District ADR Center Karnal can be contacted on any working day to get free legal advice.

Honoring of 'new-born girls'  
by the health department

KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA, FEB 6

Special efforts are being made to improve the sex ratio of girls in the district with the special support of the Health Department Barnala and District Administration. Giving more information in this regard, Dr. Harinder Sharma, Civil Surgeon Barnala said that under these efforts under the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' campaign to improve the sex ratio of girls, they have started honoring the girls born in the Civil Hospital Barnala so that in the district By increasing the number of girl children and closing the gap between boys and girls. Civil Surgeon Barnala said that under the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' scheme, 5 new born



girls were honored in Civil Hospital Barnala recently. On this occasion, along with the respect of daughters, people were appealed to be aware under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign'. Dr Pravesh Kumar, District Family Welfare Officer-cum-Nodal Officer, encouraged the general public under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign to encourage the birth of girls, to make them aware of the safety of girls, to make people aware about this scheme and every

citizen of the district. was urged to be a part of the campaign to improve the gender ratio. Dr. Manohar Lal Assistant Civil Surgeon Barnala said that we should take a pledge to provide equal rights and protection to girls in every field. He said that PCPNDT officials in the district. Instructions have also been issued to implement the Act strictly. Dr Tapinderjot Kaushal SMO Civil Hospital Barnala said that no one has the right to deprive the daughter of her right to life by killing her in the womb.

Golden Jubilee celebrated at  
Kirpal Sagar: Dr. Karamjit Singh



**CHETRAM RATTAN**  
**NAWANSHAHR:** On the occasion of the blessed birthday of Param Sant Kirpal Singh Ji, the Golden Jubilee Ceremony was celebrated by the Unity of Man organization on February 6. Dr. Karamjit Singh, president of the organization, gave detailed information about human unity to the devotees of the country and abroad in the satsang house. That, the history of the creation of Kirpal Sagar, the life purpose of Sant Kirpal Singh ji, Dr. Harbhajan Singh ji and BG Surinder Kaur ji's overall message of unity and commonality. Explained in detail about the functioning units of Kirpal Sagar, Kirpal Sagar Academy, Kirpal Sagar Hospital, Old Age Ashram. The existence of man, his life purpose, the process of birth and death, all these things were discussed in detail. Mr. Wolf Gang Gerlich, Mrs. Eva Wahl, Mrs. Raggine Weise who came specially from Europe, spoke about human basic unity. Information about ongoing development works at Kirpal Sagar. The enlightened people of different religions from all over India presented ideas regarding human unity. Brahm Kumari Institute, Speaker of Muslim community from Kadia, Swami Deva ji, humanitarian representative from Sarsa, Bau Des Raj ji gave a bird's eye view of Sant Kirpal Singh ji's entire life journey.

Extension lecture organized on 'Educational  
Reforms' in Guru Nanak Khalsa College



RAHUL KOHLI

**JAGADHRI:** Extension lecture were organized by the Department of Economics, Department of Geography and IQAC of Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar. The theme of the speech was 'Educational Reforms'. The program was started by College Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang by making the students aware of the importance of education. Taking the series of programs forward, Assistant Professor Dr. Himani (Department of Economics) from DN College, Kurukshetra told the students about the importance of education in the present times. She also told the students that in the present times there is a need to open the lock called employment. The only key is education. Only through education, every person can develop his/her mental and intellectual development. The students were also made aware of the changes that have taken place in education due to the New Education Policy and what contribution it will have in employment in the future. College Principal Dr. Kang and Vice-Principal Dr. Kamalpreet Kaur thanked the keynote speaker by giving him a commendable letter. Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Dr. Catherine Masih, Dr. Anurag, Dr. Amandeep Kaur (Convenor) and Prof. Etender Singh (Co-Convenor) and Prof. Vishal the program was successfully completed.

Awareness against cyber crime,  
road safety and drugs: Dr. Ashok



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 6

National Service Scheme volunteers were made aware in a one-day awareness program on road safety, cyber crime and drug-free campaign. On the fourth day of the seven-day National Service Scheme camp at Seth Jai Prakash Polytechnic, Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, in-charge of awareness program and rehabilitation of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, was present as the keynote speaker. This program took place under the chairmanship of National Service Scheme Officer Richa. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma discussed in detail about road safety and survival while involving the students. Discussing the use of mobile and internet in the modern era, Dr. Verma said that the Information Technology Act was enacted in the year 2000. Throwing light on cyber crimes in detail, he said not to pick up unknown numbers. Cyber crime can be avoided only by being careful. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma made students aware on serious issues like drug addiction. He also made the students aware to stay away from drugs through various poems and songs. The oath was administered at the end of the program.

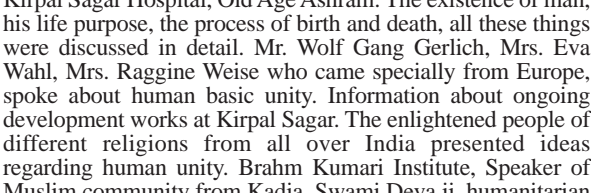
Meeting called at new bus stand of  
Kurukshetra on 8th Feb to prepare for  
hunger strike: Kulbhushan Sharma

DALBIR MALIK

**KURUKSHETRA:** For the success of the state level hunger strike announced by Joint Action Committee Retired Employees Organization Haryana from 12th February, a joint meeting of all the organizations has been called on 8th February at 10 am at the bus stand, Kurukshetra. Giving the above information, State Convenor of Joint Action Committee, Kulbhushan Sharma said that a continuous struggle has been going on for the last two years in support of the demands of retired employees, but the government will not fall on deaf ears. He told that the retired employees have been getting cashless medical and medical allowance from the government for a long time, it should be increased from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 3000, after the age of 60-65-70 years, the basic pension should be increased by 5 10 15%, recovery of commutation should be 15 years. It should be reduced to 12 years as before, LTC facility should also be given to family pensioners, 18 months DA area (Corona Call) should be issued immediately with 6% interest, for pensioners after the age of 60 years. Concessional travel facility should be re-implemented in Railways and all the decisions given by High Court and the Supreme Court in the interest of employees, including giving the benefit of one annual increment to the retired employees on 30th June, are being demanded to be generalized. Sharma said that retired employees are appealing to the government regarding all the above demands. But the government is ignoring the retired employees.



PS Tet pass unemployed DPE Dharna  
by teachers in Sangrur on Feb 11

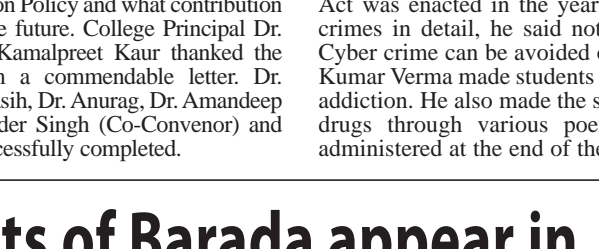


**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA:** PS Tet Pass Unemployed DPE Teachers Union State President under the leadership of Ramanpreet Singh Bains During the meeting held with Education Minister Punjab Harjot Singh Bains last day, the negative attitude of Education Minister Bains and Seeing that the Punjab government has not done sports in the school and the recruitment of education teachers, the union on February 11 A sit-in has been announced at Sangrur, President Bains said that the government has provided 1000 vacant lecturers in schools and 2500 DPE To fill the vacancies of P.S. Vacancies not being withdrawn based on TET, union demands No attention is being paid to it, from which it is clear that this government is not doing anything about physical education teachers and one On the other hand, the Punjab government talks about making the Punjab state one of the country in sports. He said that P.S. Tet Pass The Unemployed Teachers Union Punjab will stage a protest in front of the residence of the Chief Minister and Education Minister.

438 students of Barada appear in  
Super-100 Level-1 examination

MANISH KUMAR  
AMBALA, FEB 6

Under the aegis of the Education Department and Vikalpa Foundation, the Level-1 examination Super-100 was successfully completed on the premises of Government Senior Secondary School, Adhoya, under the guidance and supervision of Manpreet Kaur, Center Coordinator of the Examination Center. On this occasion, the Principal of the school Rajesh Parashar started the examination by wishing the students all the best. Manpreet Kaur said that 438 students appeared in this examination which was held



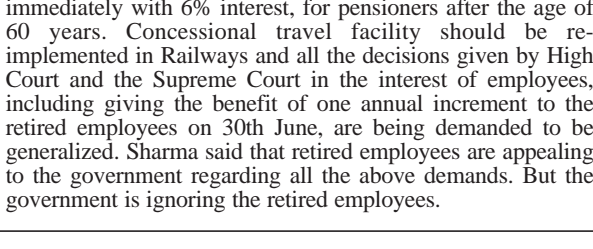
in two schools of Barada block. Pawan Parashar, computer teacher of the school, said that under this scheme, free coaching and further higher education facilities were provided to the students selected for two years. The main objective of this scheme was to provide free higher education to the

promising students those left their studies midway due to lack of funds. This scheme was a boon for such students. On this occasion, Center Coordinator Manpreet Kaur thanked the Principal, Rajesh Sharma, Dr. Balwant Singh, Veerbhan, Pawan Parashar and all the staff members for this successful event.

Function organised in Dasmesh Global School  
under National Road Safety month

MANJIT SINGH DHALLA

**JAITO:** Under the National Road Safety Month, a function was organized at the Dasmesh Global School, Bargari to aware the students about traffic rules. It was organized on behalf of the Police Department Faridkot under the senior police officer, Harjit Singh. He gave detail information to the students about traffic rules and road safety. He told the students that they should never hurry while walking on the road and while crossing the road, they should always look left and right while crossing the road and students those did not have a license should not drive the vehicle. He said that the main objective of celebrating Road



Safety Month campaign by the government was to prevent road accidents and to make people more and more aware about road rules so that precious lives could be saved. He said that the youth group accounted for the highest number of deaths/injury in road accidents. Therefore, while driving, one should follow the traffic rules and drive the vehicle at the correct

speed to avoid any untoward incident. Similarly, the school principal Ajay Sharma also made the students aware about the importance of wearing a helmet while driving a two-wheeler and the importance of wearing seat belt while driving. Apart from this, he also gave detailed information about the traffic rules signs installed on the road.

Editorial

Legitimate means

Germany is reckoning with its idea of itself. Germany's commitment to public reckoning with the troubled history of its own far-Right nationalism has shaped its international reputation as well as its self-concept as a global leader of liberal, humane ideals. As a result, the apparent powerlessness to stem the German far-Right's growing power has been particularly concerning for German citizens and leaders alike. But earlier this month, the constitutional court claimed a victory in targeting far-Right political parties when it ruled that the neo-Nazi, ultranationalist party, Die Heimat (The Homeland), formerly called the NPD or the Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (a thinly-veiled reference to National Socialism), would be unable to receive State party funding for six years due to its ideology. The court ruled that the party "continues to disregard the free democratic basic order and, according to its goals and behavior of its members and supporters, is geared towards its elimination."

The result is that the party is not strictly banned but, rather, severely crippled in how it can receive funding. Political parties in Germany receive State financial support based on their representation in government. They can receive State funding for up to 50% of all party funds, with the rest coming from membership fees and donations. (Although Die Heimat has not received any State funding since 2021 due to the lack of electoral success, it had received 370,600 euros in 2016 when it won 3.02% of the vote in the eastern state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern).

The case against Die Heimat is a windfall after two failed attempts to ban the party and sets a landmark precedent that has potentially far-reaching consequences. The ruling is already being discussed as a possible blueprint for targeting the far-Right party, Alternative for Germany (Alternative für Deutschland, AfD), which is polling in second place nationally with 23% support, more than double the 10.3% it won during Germany's last federal election in 2021. Polls in several eastern German states show the AfD to be the most popular party ahead of State elections in the region this fall and local elections this summer.

The outcry against the growing momentum of the AfD has rocked the country. An estimated 1.4 million Germans have taken to the streets in more than 100 locations in recent weeks to protest against the party after the investigative news outlet, Correctiv, published evidence of a meeting between AfD members and extremists where plans to deport millions of people with 'immigration backgrounds', including German citizens, was openly discussed.

Virtual currency, online payments and dark web transactions

The External Affairs Committee issued a report, emphasising that virtual currency, online payments, and dark web transactions have attracted great attention from terrorist organisations. According to a Financial Action Task Force (FATF) report, virtual currencies such as Bitcoin have increasingly been used in various illegal and criminal activities and terror financing.

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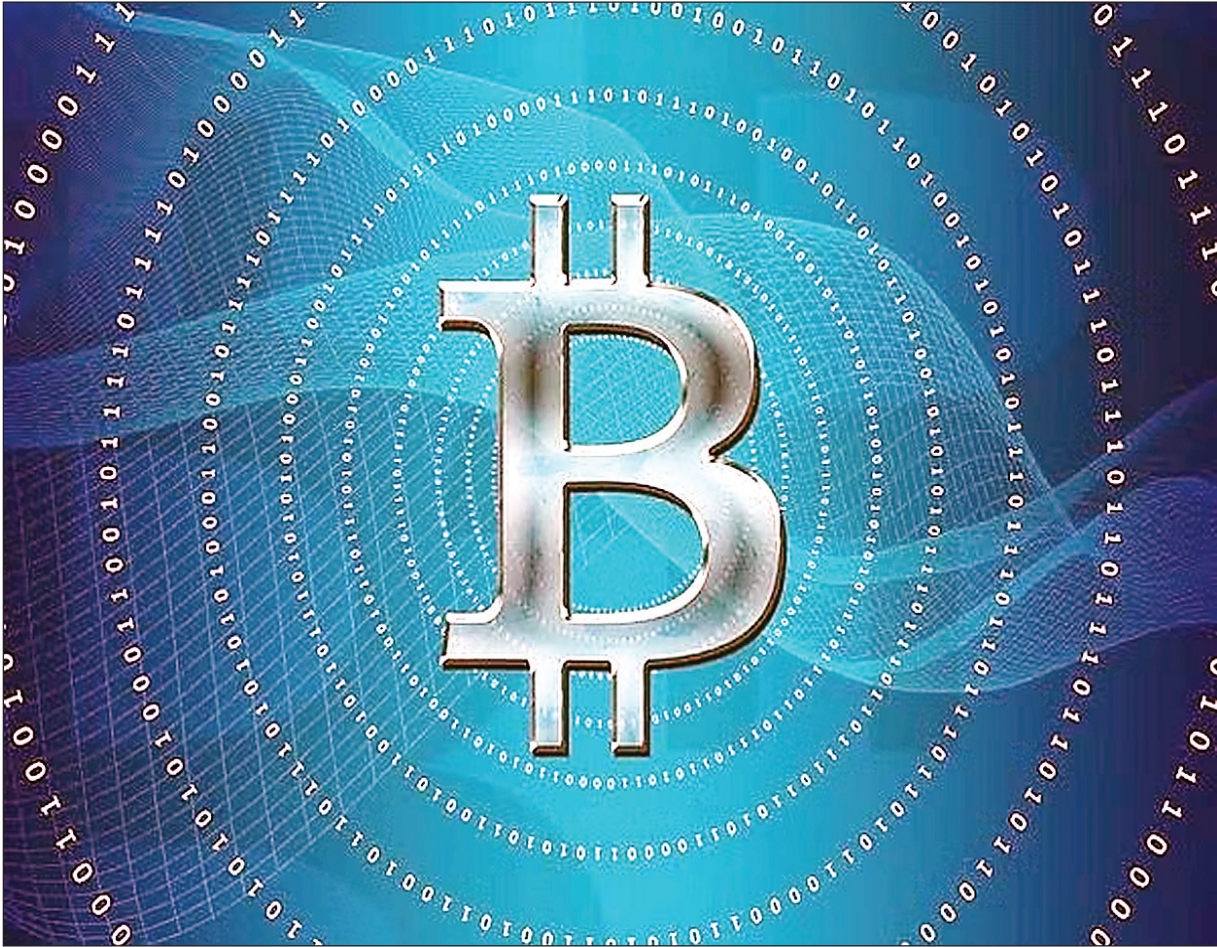
As per the report of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on Money Laundering entitled 'Emerging Terrorism Financing Risks,' virtual currencies such as Bitcoin have increasingly been used in various illegal and criminal activities, facilitating money laundering and terrorist financing," the report said.

It further stated that the committee is aware of the rapid stride in financial technology innovation by terror groups and has desired that the government should work in close coordination with FATF and other bodies to bring about qualitative improvements in the regulatory capacity so that the terrorists do not get new opportunities for financing terrorism and related activities.

Emphasising the need to evolve a global regulatory consensus on bitcoin, the committee urged the government to make coordinated efforts to evolve a global regulatory consensus on bitcoin.

Moreover, the report stated that the committee is aware of the increasing use of internet technology, virtual currency, and online transactions by terror groups and has desired that the government maintain active coordination with the FIUs of other countries to ensure a seamless flow of financial intelligence so as to prevent money laundering and financing of terrorism in the country.

"The government should also explore the opportunity of signing more agreements with the remaining countries and constantly work towards strengthening the collection and sharing of financial intelligence through effective networking of FIUs at national, regional, and in-



ternational levels," it added. It also highlighted that India's Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU-IND), responsible for coordinating and strengthening the efforts of national and international intelligence, investigation, and en-

forcement agencies in pursuing global efforts against money laundering and terrorist financing, has signed 48 agreements with its counterpart FIUs in other countries for the exchange of financial intelligence.

Literature & Health

Heavy snow injures more than 100 in Tokyo



At least 109 people have been injured and taken to hospital in Tokyo through Tuesday morning after many slipped and fell due to heavy snowfall in eastern Japan, local media reported.

The injured, transported to hospital by 10 a.m. local time, were aged between four and 92, and none were in life-threatening condition, Kyodo News reported, citing the Tokyo Fire Department. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) lifted heavy snow warnings for all of Tokyo's 23 wards as well as its Tama region shortly after midnight on Tuesday, but snowfall and rain continued in some areas through the morning.

Weather officials said snow has passed its peak, but urged caution

against traffic disruptions caused by snow and icy roads.

All Nippon Airways and Japan Airlines cancelled a total of 31 flights mainly to and from Tokyo's Haneda Airport on Tuesday, the report said. About 1,700 passengers on six limited express trains on the Chuo Line were forced to stay overnight on carriages at six stations in Yamanashi and Nagano prefectures after operations were suspended due to fallen trees caused by snow, according to the East Japan Railway Company. Through Monday evening, Maebashi in Gunma prefecture logged the highest amount of snowfall at 11 centimeters, while central Tokyo and the city of Saitama recorded eight centimeters each, according to the JMA.

Pakistan EC ready for Feb 8 Polls

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) concluded setting up the Election Management System (EMS) and election monitoring on Monday, ARY News reported.

The general elections are set for February 8, and the campaigning of political parties in Pakistan is taking place in full swing.

Syed Asif Hussain, the secretary of the election commission, revealed to ARY News in an exclusive interview that 3,600 people have received training to operate the EMS system and that 3,000 computers have been set up for the EMS.

The ECP secretary claimed that the problems that arose during the EMS trials had been fixed and that a private network had been set up for the systems so they could function even without internet access, according to ARY News.

Meanwhile, in a different interview, Director-General Information Technology (DG-IT) Khizar Hayat reaffirmed that the EMS has been utilized in 40 elections and that its technology has been improved to guarantee seamless operations during the polls. Khizr Hayat went on to say that the Returning Officer (RO) will receive the results from the Presiding Officer (PO) by EMS, and in the event of a problem, the PO will deliver the findings to the RO in person. The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has also completed the printing of 260 million ballot papers for all constituencies in the country ahead of the



February 8 general elections. As per an ECP spokesperson, "National Assembly ballots are identifiable by green paper, whereas Provincial Assembly ballots are printed on white paper. Except for 31 districts, the distribution of printed ballot papers has been finalised across the nation."

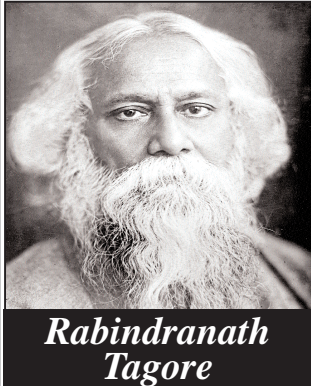
The printing process, which commenced on January 14, concluded on February 3. In compliance with a Supreme Court directive, ballot papers for 11 National Assembly and five Provincial Assembly constituencies underwent reprinting, with the original ones set for destruction as per the court order.

As per ECP officials, this time, a total of 260 million ballot papers got printed, reflecting a 54.74 per cent rise in candidates compared to the 2018 elections.

POEM

The Little Big Man

I am small because I am a little child. I shall be big when I am as old as my father is. My teacher will come and say, "It is late, bring your slate and your books." I shall tell him, "Do you not know I am as big as father? And I must not have lessons any more." My master will wonder and say, "He can leave his books if he likes, for he is grown up." I shall dress myself and walk to the fair where the crowd is thick.



Rabindranath Tagore

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New weight loss medication helps lower blood pressure in adults with obesity

According to new research, nearly 500 adults with obesity who took the new weight loss medication tirzepatide for about eight months saw a significant reduction in their systolic blood pressure--the top number in a blood pressure reading.

The findings were published in Hypertension, an American Heart Association journal.

When it comes to cardiovascular death, diastolic blood pressure--the number at the bottom of the blood pressure reading--is not as good a predictor as systolic blood pressure, which is the upper number.

Over 122 million individuals in the United States, or 47 per cent of adults, have hypertension, and nearly 42 per



cent of adults are obese, according to the American Heart Association's 2024 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics.

Tirzepatide works by mimicking two metabolic hormones in the body: it acts as a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist and also as a glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) receptor agonist. These hormones stimulate insulin secretion and sensitivity after a person eats.

Together, they have been found so far to help regulate the body's blood sugar levels, slow down digestion and reduce appetite, which makes a person feel more full and eat less, leading to weight loss. In contrast, semaglutide has only the GLP-1 hormone; it does

not contain a GIP receptor agonist.

In 2022, the Food and Drug Administration approved tirzepatide for prescription as a treatment for Type 2 diabetes. In late 2023, the FDA also approved it for chronic weight management for people with obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m2 or higher) or overweight (body mass index of 27-29 kg/m2) and at least one weight-related health condition, such as high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes or high cholesterol.

"Our findings indicate treating obesity with the weight loss medication tirzepatide may be an effective strategy for preventing or treating high blood pressure," said lead study author James A de Lemos, MD, FAHA, the Kern

Wildenthal, MD, PhD, distinguished chair of cardiology and a professor of medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"Although tirzepatide has been studied as a weight loss medication, the blood pressure reduction in our patients in this study was impressive. While it is not known if the impact on blood pressure was due to the medication or the participants' weight loss, the lower blood pressure measures seen with tirzepatide rivaled what is seen for many hypertension medications."

The current research was a planned sub-study including 600 of the participants from the SURMOUNT-1 weight loss study to determine if there was an effect on blood pressure.

HSBC mutual fund launches new fund offering (NFO)

Chandigarh: HSBC Mutual Fund today announced the launch of HSBC Multi Asset Allocation Fund (HMAAF), an open-ended scheme investing in equity and equity-related instruments, debt & money market securities and Gold/Silver ETFs. The fund aims to generate long-term capital growth, help reduce volatility and offer diversification. The new fund offering (NFO) opens on 8th February 2024 and closes on 22nd February 2024 and will reopen on 1st March 2024. HMAAF will capitalize on an optimum multi asset allocation investment strategy. The fund will follow a flexicap approach and invest across market caps based on prevailing valuation comfort. The investment process considers several factors including the quality of business, competitive advantage, corporate governance track record, sustainability practices, financial strength, risk-reward evaluation, key earnings drivers, etc. The fund will be managed by Chenu Gupta, SVP Fund Management Equities (for Domestic Equities), Dipan Parikh, VP Dealing Equities (for Gold/Silver ETFs), Mahesh Chhabria, VP Fund management Fixed Income (for Fixed Income) and Sonal Gupta, Head Research Equities (for Foreign Securities). Multi asset allocation funds enable customers in diversification along with asset rebalancing. They rebalance allocations, ensuring timely adjustments to maintain a balanced investment approach. This proactive approach helps investors who are seeking a comprehensive and dynamic investment strategy to navigate the current financial landscape, while optimizing their asset mix. In the calendar year 2023, under hybrid category, multi asset allocation funds witnessed the second highest inflow at Rs. 22,415 crores\* industrywide.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds Makes History as the First Indian Jewellery Brand to Set Up Shop in Australia

Chandigarh: Scripting history as the first Indian International Jewellery brand to begin operations in Australia, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the 6th largest jewellery retailer globally has launched their new showroom in Australia at Sydney. The showroom marks Malabar Gold & Diamonds' expansion into the 13th country of operations. Currently, the brand has an extensive retail presence of over 340 showrooms spread across India, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, KSA, Bahrain, Singapore, Malaysia, the USA, the UK, Canada & Australia. The new showroom was inaugurated by renowned Australian Cricketer Brett Lee in the presence of Mr. Shamail Ahamed, MD – International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mr. Asher Q, MD-India Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mr. Ajith M, Regional Head – Far East & Australasia, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mr. Ameer CMC, Head of Finance & Admin, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mr. Faisal A.K, Head of Manufacturing, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mr. Shaji Kakkodi, Chief Digital Officer, Malabar Group, representatives from the Sydney government, other senior management team members from Malabar Gold & Diamonds, customers & well-wishers.

HDFC Bank Expands SME Payment Solutions with Launch of Business Credit Card

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, today announced expansion of its SME Payment Solutions with the launch of Business range of credit cards customised for business owners, entrepreneurs, and freelancers. The credit cards will be available in 4 variants – BizFirst, BizGrow, BizPower, and BizBlack. The business credit card range offers a best-in-class interest-free credit cycle of 55 days, savings on core business spends like utility bills, GST, income tax, vendor payments, business travel, and business productivity tools. This offering makes up a part of the strong suite of SME payments solutions that the Bank offers. HDFC Bank's SME Payment Solution is a designed to meet the diverse payment needs of self-employed individuals, SMEs and MSMEs. Speaking at the launch, Mr. Parag Rao, Country Head – Payments, Liabilities Products, Consumer Finance & Marketing HDFC Bank said, "At HDFC Bank, we are committed to addressing the diverse payment needs of the self-employed as well as the business sector, ranging from MSMEs to large corporates. Understanding the specific requirements of the self-employed community, our business range of credit cards, is designed to be a practical game-changer in supporting their everyday business needs."

Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd. Approves Allotment of Equity Shares to Fills

CHANDIGARH: Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd. (HMPL) (BSE: 532467), a leader in Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contracting services, has announced that it has approved the allotment of 35,00,000 equity shares to Fills/FPIs, amongst other non-promoter group entities. The company will allot shares to Fills – Vespera Fund Ltd., Aries Opportunities Fund Ltd., Elara India Opportunities Fund, Kifar In LLC, amongst other individuals and body corporates. The company had obtained members' approval at the EGM on January 02, 2024, in addition to an in-principle approval being obtained from the stock exchange. Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd. (HMPL) (BSE: 532467) stands at the forefront of India's rapidly evolving infrastructure landscape, having strategically ventured into the development of a business vertical dedicated to providing high-quality and reliable Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contracting services.

Eicher forays into Small Commercial Vehicles Segment

CHANDIGARH: Eicher Trucks and Buses, a division of Commercial Vehicles, today announced its entry into the Small Commercial Vehicle (SCV) segment with the Global Univel of its EV-First Eicher Truck at Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024. Carrying forward Eicher's proud tradition of delivering innovative, sustainable, and economically viable transportation solutions, this Pro Business Pro Planet range spans from 2T to 3.5T GVW. The product has been meticulously designed to revolutionize city and near-city distribution and transform last-mile logistics. Commenting at the Global Univel, Vinod Aggarwal, MD & CEO, of VE Commercial Vehicles Limited, said that as India grows in the Amrit Kaal, the SCV segment will be driven by rapid urbanization, booming e-commerce, increased personal consumption, and the rise of the hub-and-spoke distribution. Our upcoming range will play a pivotal role in this transformation with its Pro Business, Pro Planet approach. Eicher has a track record of delivering energy-efficient trucks and with this announcement, we reaffirm our commitment to providing cutting-edge solutions crucial for India's sustainable growth in the coming years.

Flipkart introduces 3-hour fresh flower delivery service

CHANDIGARH: Flipkart announced the launch of a 3-hour fresh flower delivery service which allows customers to access high-quality flower arrangements at great deals, delivered via the trusted Flipkart network across 450+ pin codes. With special occasions like Rose Day and Valentine's Day around the corner, Flipkart will ensure 3-hour fresh flowers delivery for orders placed between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM daily. In the run up to February this year, there has been a surge in demand for fresh flowers on Flipkart. Powered by Flipkart's robust logistics network and cutting-edge technology, this service guarantees swift and reliable doorstep delivery of flowers across a growing number of cities including Bangalore, Chandigarh, Faridabad, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Ludhiana, Mumbai, New Delhi, Noida and Patna. Flipkart has been the chosen gifting platform for millions of customers across India over the years and now, they have the option to choose from a wide array of fresh flowers to celebrate Rose Day and make their Valentine's Day extra special.

# Glow from Within: Experts Unravel Secret to Radiant and Healthy Skin



Chandigarh/ Ludhiana : Beauty isn't solely determined by your external appearance; what you eat also plays a big role in making you look and feel beautiful. Recognizing this, the Almond Board of California organized a panel discussion in Delhi at The Park Hotel on "Glow from Within: Nurturing a Radiant Skin." Bollywood actress and celebrity Soha Ali Khan, dermatologist, and skin expert Dr. Geetika Mittal Gupta, along with the regional head of dietetics at Max Healthcare - Delhi, Ritika Samaddar, were part of the discussion and emphasized the significant role of dietary choices in making individuals look and feel beautiful. The panelists agreed that incorporating a handful of almonds into one's diet is crucial for maintaining healthy skin, along with practising mindfulness techniques such as yoga and getting enough sleep.

During the discussion, Ritika Samaddar emphasized that both ancient texts and modern research have revealed the numerous benefits of including almonds in one's daily beauty routine. She also referenced a study showing that substituting regular calorie-matched snacks with almonds improved skin tone and reduced facial wrinkles in postmenopausal women with Fitzpatrick skin types I and II. Additionally, almonds contain healthy fats and vitamin E (alpha-tocopherol), providing anti-ageing properties that are advantageous for skin health.

Expanding on the discussion, Dr. Geetika Mittal Gupta emphasized that incorporating almonds into the daily diet improves skin texture and boosts the skin's resilience against harmful UVB rays from the sun. Continuing the conversation, Bollywood actress Soha Ali Khan shared her dependence on almonds and

can ensure radiant skin and improved overall wellness." Cosmetologist and skin expert, Dr. Geetika Mittal Gupta mentioned the connection between dietary choices and the overall health of one's skin, saying, "Preserving the natural radiance of our skin relies on a balanced diet since our skin mirrors our internal health. As a skincare specialist, I recognize the importance of nurturing our skin from within, and almonds play a pivotal role in this journey. Almonds are packed with essential nutrients like protein, copper, zinc, vitamin E, and polyphenols, which promote skin health, combat the signs of aging, and improve skin texture. To attain healthy and radiant skin, I consistently recommend to my clients the adoption of a nutrient-rich diet and the daily habit of consuming a handful of almonds." Regional Head - Dietetics, Max Healthcare - Delhi, Ritika Samaddar said, "As a dietetics practitioner, I have personally observed the significant impact that almonds can have on both overall health and outward appearance. Almonds serve as an excellent addition to any holistic beauty regimen due to their abundance of vitamins, minerals, and healthy fats. The inclusion of almonds in your daily diet offers numerous benefits, including reducing the severity of wrinkles in postmenopausal women.

## Royal Enfield bullet 350 now available with iconic hand-painted pinstripes in silver



Chandigarh : A true icon in the motorcycling world, the Royal Enfield Bullet 350 continues its storied heritage. Launched in September 2023 on Royal Enfield's super-smooth and globally awarded J-series engine, the new Bullet 350 now adds a new edition to its variants and colourways. The Bullet 350 will now feature distinctive hand-painted pinstripes in silver with the Military SilverBlack and Military SilverRed variants. Positioned between the Military and Standard models, the new variant enhances their appeal with striking hand-painted silver pinstripes adorning solid-coloured tanks.

The 2024 Bullet 350 will now be available in four distinct editions - Bullet Military, Bullet Military Silver, Bullet Standard and Bullet Black Gold all handcrafted with a premium finish that will delight. The new Military SilverBlack and Military SilverRed variant will come with single channel ABS, rear drum brake.

The other variants and colourways will remain the same, with the Bullet Black Gold being top-of-the-line with a striking combination of matt and gloss black tank, copper and gold 3D badge, copper pinstriping and on-trend, blacked-out engine and components.

## National Moot Court Competition: Amity Law School Students Shine

Mohali: The Moot Court Team from Amity Law School, Amity University Punjab, has registered a major victory in the



National Moot Court Competition held at C.T University Ludhiana recently. Focused on the Arushi Murder case, the competition witnessed a fierce battle among 32 teams from prestigious National Law

schools and institutions. Amity Law School students Hargun Singh, Shaurya Walia, and Sejal Kaur, from the 5th-semester demonstrated exceptional legal acumen throughout the competition. Their journey culminated in a thrilling victory in the finals, where they defeated a formidable team of final-year students from Kurukshetra University. "We are proud of our students for their outstanding performance in the National Moot Court Competition. This victory reflects the high standards of legal education at Amity Law School and the caliber of our students," said Dr. Jaspreet Kaur Majithia, Dean-Amity Law School, Amity University Punjab. The team's success underscores the institution's commitment to fostering legal excellence and preparing students for real-world challenges that one can face while pursuing a career in law.

## Samsung Launches Galaxy XCover7

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched its first ever enterprise focused smartphone - Galaxy XCover7, a powerful device which is rugged, and offers exceptional usability. Galaxy XCover7, engineered to survive extreme conditions aims to ease the lives of professionals, providing faster connectivity, seamless continuity, and minimizing risk of interruptions caused by external factors, allowing them to work faster and smarter. The Galaxy XCover7 will deliver enhanced mobility with 5G connectivity, upgraded mobile processor performance and increased memory. Additionally, the Galaxy XCover7 comes with a new powerful rear camera optimised for single and multiple barcode/QR code scanning and expanded display size and reso-



lution, providing users the ability to work in a variety of settings. The easy POGO charging pin for convenient recharging in any setting, and increased touch sensitivity to support

usage even with the gloves on makes Galaxy XCover7 a reliable and convenience-oriented product. "At Samsung our objective is to provide our users convenience and durability through our product offerings. We have introduced Galaxy XCover7 series in two variants, the Galaxy XCover7 Enterprise Edition and Standard Edition. Both devices are engineered with cutting-edge technologies making them extremely powerful and resistant to tough weather conditions. Powered by Knox, we are excited to bring these revolutionary made in India products to our corporate customers and are optimistic that it will enhance employee productivity and ensure data security", said Mr. Akash Saxenaa, Vice President, Enterprise Business, Samsung India.

## Vi Business Launches IoT Smart Central

SIMLA: Vi Business, the enterprise arm of Vi, a leading telecom player and one of the largest IoT players in India, has launched Vi Business IoT Smart Central-a future-ready, fully integrated, self-care IoT connectivity and device management platform. The newly launched Vi Business IoT Smart Central platform empowers enterprises

to control, monitor, and manage IoT assets remotely on a real-time basis. Vi Business IoT Smart Central provides a comprehensive view of all IoT assets and enables enterprises to remotely manage and control the SIM lifecycle of everything from easy to complex projects across various industries such as automobiles, banking, utilities, and more. It offers real-time diagnosis and

remote troubleshooting for any IoT device installed in the system, with proactive alerts to avoid overlooking of mission critical issues. One of the key differentiators of Vi Business IoT Smart Central is that it empowers enterprises with a full-fledged dynamic billing model and tailored rate plans based on usage patterns using advanced analytics.

## Nurturing Parenthood: Unveiled joy in "Little Things About Pregnancy"

Chandigarh: Pregnancy is a transformative experience marked by significant milestones and changes. While there are easy to focus 'big moments', like baby shower, morning sickness and ultrasounds, it's the little things that often bring unexpected joy and delight along the way. Motherhood Hospital, Mohali unit organized an exclusive session "Little Things about Pregnancy" for expected and new parents, designed to empower acknowledge soon-to-be parents. The event was held on Sunday, i.e., 4th of February, 2024 at Hotel Raddison, Mohali. These small moments mark the start of significant new chapters in your life, the highly respected experts gathered to guide parents through the journey of pregnancy. 40 numbers of participants attended this event. Gynecologists: Dr. Babita Rajesh Chauhan, Dr. Ekavali Gupta and Dr. Tejinder Kaur brought their vast knowledge and experiences onto the table and guided the expecting parents through every stage.



Dietician Sahiba Aggarwal, ensured the mother and baby receive optimal nutrition throughout your pregnancy and beyond. Physiotherapist: Dr. Arvin Kaur, helped navigate physical changes and discomforts with expert advice and exercises. The journey of parenting takes an unanticipated turn when a baby is born. Raising a preterm kid, or facing any kind of difficulties in pregnancy can send parents into an emotional tornado of fear, uncertainty and anxiety that may be too

much for them to handle. For all such complexities and hesitations, the panel was the one stop solution and answers to all your questions. The interactive session was all about planning on starting a family and gaining expert knowledge on various crucial aspects of pregnancy, from prenatal care and labor to postpartum recovery and breastfeeding. All the questions were answered, and parents had personalized conversations with our panel of specialists.

## Marengo CIMS Hospital launches Strokologist Program



Ludhiana: Marengo Asia Hospitals and the Quality and Accreditation Institute (QAI) have joined forces to establish the state-of-the-art 'Center of Excellence in Quality & Patient Safety in Stroke Care' at Marengo CIMS Hospital, Ahmedabad. This collaboration aims to enhance stroke care treatment, with the center focusing on fortifying the healthcare system in the state and region. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) for this collaboration was initiated by Dr. Raajiv Singhal, Managing Director & Group CEO of Marengo Asia Hospitals, and Dr. B.K. Rana, Chief Executive Officer

of Quality & Accreditation Institute (QAI). QAI was instituted to establish an educational, training, quality improvement, and accreditation/certification ecosystem with a vision to create a platform for stakeholders, including professionals and organizations involved in any aspect of quality, to share their expertise and knowledge. Among the verticals within QAI is the Centre for Accreditation of Health and Social Care (CAHSC), which oversees accreditation/certification activities in the field of health and social care.

## Axis Mutual Fund launches 'Axis S&P BSE Sensex Index Fund'

Ludhiana : Axis Mutual Fund, one among the fastest growing fund houses in India, is pleased to announce the launch of its New Fund Offer - Axis S&P BSE Sensex Index Fund (an open-ended index fund tracking the S&P BSE Sensex TRI). The fund will be managed by Mr. Karthik Kumar (Fund Manager) and Mr. Ashish Naik (Fund Manager). The new fund will track the S&P BSE Sensex TRI benchmark. The minimum investment amount is Rs. 500 and in multiples of Re.1/- thereafter. A representation of the large cap companies in India, the S&P BSE Sensex Index is a free float market-weighted stock market index of 30 well-established and financially sound companies listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange. Considering the wide spectrum of sectors the index covers, it offers investors a diversified portfolio and an opportunity to participate in the growth story of various sectors with a single index. Mr. B. Gopkumar, MD & CEO, Axis AMC said, "With the increasing acceptance of passive investing strategies, we recognize the need to provide an investment option.

## Young Lady's Conference organized by Ashish Mittal Foundation



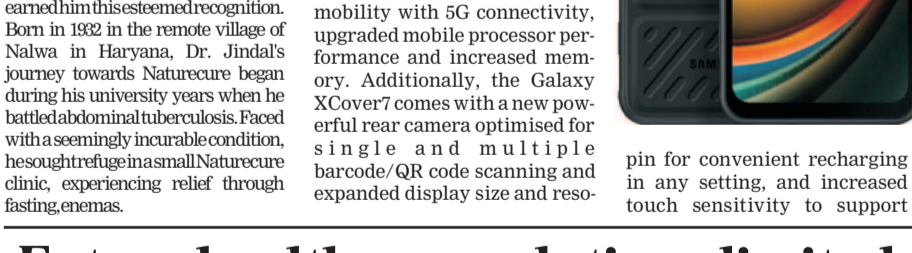
Chandigarh: Young Lady's Conference organized by Ashish Mittal Foundation in association with Enactus for Menstrual Health Awareness. A team from Enactus, Panjab University including Prof. Monika Aggarwal, Director, UIAMS, Panjab University and Students of Chemical Engineering joined to talk about menstrual health and

distribute free reusable and biodegradable sanitary napkins. The event was attended by 50 young ladies from rural areas and concluded with refreshments. Pastor Prachi Singla, Secretary, Ashish Mittal Foundation appreciated the collaboration and specified the importance of talking about women's issue more openly in such forums.

## Amritsar's IELTS Mega Mela empowers more than 350 students towards their global aspirations

AMRITSAR: IDP Education, co-owner of IELTS, successfully organised the vibrant IELTS Mega Mela in Amritsar on 6th February 2024. It was specially created for the IELTS aspirants in Amritsar and aimed to provide invaluable insights and guidance for achieving desired bands in IELTS. This interactive session was part of the ongoing IELTS Mega Mela series organised by IDP across the country. More than 350 candidates attended the event on Tuesday. With IDP IELTS's commitment to the community, aspiring candidates have access to unparalleled expertise and support as they embark on their IELTS journey with this event. Participants benefited from comprehensive sessions covering each session of the examination, including Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

## Entero healthcare solutions limited IPO to open on Friday, February 9



GURUGRAM : Entero Healthcare Solutions Limited (the "Company") proposes to open its initial public offering ("Offer") on Friday, February 09, 2024. Bid/ Offer Closing Date will be Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/ Offer Opening Date, that is, Thursday, February 08, 2024. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed from ₹195 per Equity Share to ₹258 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 11 Equity Shares and

in multiples of 11 Equity Shares thereafter. The Offer comprises of a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹ 10,000 Million (The "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to 47,69,475 Equity Shares (The "Offered Shares"), comprising of up to 470,210 equity shares by Prabhat Agrawal, up to 313,472 equity shares by Prem Sethi, up to 38,15,580 equity shares by Orbimed Asia Iii Mauritius Limited, up to 4401 equity shares by Chethan M.P., up to 1,320 equity shares by Deepesh T. Gala, up to 8,802 equity

shares by Hemant Jose Barros, up to 4,401 equity shares by Hemant Jaggi, up to 2,201 equity shares by K.R.V.S. Varaprasad, up to 39,610 equity shares by K.E. Prakash, up to 1,320 equity shares by Lavu Sahadev, up to 12,103 equity shares by Manoj K Sanghani, up to 8,802 equity shares by Millennium Medicare Private Limited, up to 2,201 equity shares by K. Naveen Kumar Gupta, up to 42,250 equity shares by Novacare Drug Specialities Private Limited, up to 15,074 equity shares by Petros Diamantides.

## The Convocation at IBR Office Shines Bright!

New Delhi: Another grand Convocation @IBR Office unfolded its magic. Welcoming the revered record holders and their families, the festivity kicked off with a heartening reception adorned with traditional vermilion and a cascade of flowers, setting the stage for joy and triumph. A captivating tour of the IBR office preceded a rendezvous in the Achiever's Hall, where achievers shared their compelling journeys, unraveling tales of resilience and determination.

The achievers who got felicitated included Mandar Madhukar Tamhankar, V Kavinah, PT Mithran Dev, Dr Santosh Kumar Gupta, Ravutla Aarohi Shreyashree, Neil Bajaj, Anurag Palei, S Varsha, Inayatulla Ayat Mulani, Ansh Rahul Kanchan, Debojyoti Bandyopadhyay, Dhitya Praveen, Sharvi R Shetty, Rayna H. Meghani, Suryansh Singh, KA Ghouse Hyder, Joshita Sharma, Abhiraj Shee and Neel Siwal. Mandar Madhukar Tamhankar of Pune, Maharashtra covered a 19,650 km

distance in 28 days in Australia. V Kavinah of Thiruppur, Tamil Nadu, sang 24 lines of the Tamil song 'Thiruppugazh'. PT Mithran Dev of Chennai showed his sharp memory. Dr Santosh Kumar Gupta of Hyderabad got certified in 37 medical coding and billing courses. Ravutla Aarohi Shreyashree of Nizamabad, Telangana, and Neil Bajaj of Jammu, demonstrated their sharp memory skills. S Varsha of Vellore, Tamil Nadu, wrote a journal 'If We Were Them' on transgender issues.

## Unimoni Financial Services Ltd announces Grand Opening of its relocated Jalandhar Branch

Jallandhar : Unimoni Financial Services Ltd, a leading Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), is happy to announce the official inauguration of its relocated Jalandhar branch. The branch commenced its operations on 01 February 2024 at Miland Financial Center, G.F-2B, Ground Floor, G T Road, Jalandhar. CA. Krishnan R, Director & CEO of Unimoni India inaugurated the branch in the esteemed presence of Mr Manoj V Mathew, CPO,



Mr Rathish R, CPO, National Business Heads - Mr Prakash Bhaskar (Forex), Mr John George (Travel & Holidays) and Mr Titus K (Gold Loan), Mr Vivek Nayyar, Zonal Head - North India, Mr Ram Lubaya Regional Head - Punjab 1, Mr Dilwara Singh, Branch Head and other officials. As part of its CSR initiative, Unimoni has donated school bags and one water purifier to Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Bhargo Camp during the inauguration ceremony.

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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### Baddi-Nalagarh hospitals lack rabies vaccines

VICHTER SINGH PATIAL

**BAROTIWALA:** The state where 51 per cent of the country's medicines are produced does not have the necessary vaccines to fight serious diseases. A child from Jaswan Paragpur of Kangra district has raised a question about the functioning of the Himachal Govt and the Health Department in question. In the industrial town Baddi Barotiwala Nalagarh, the services of the health department have collapsed to such an extent that there was no medicine for dog bite. A student working in a government school located at Sai Road, BBN was bitten by a dog while coming home from school on Monday. After that he went to Baddi Hospital and he told that when he went to Baddi Hospital, he was given tetanus vaccine and there was no rabies vaccine available there. The child's father Rajiv Bhardwaj, who originally hails from Kangra district and works in an industry here, said that after his son went to Nalagarh Hospital and there too there was no rabies vaccine. The victim child said that he has to take leave from the school which was 20 km away from Baddi, which showed the failure of the government and the department. He said that they lived far away in Baddi but the state government was not concerned about their health even though there were basic facilities. On the other hand, Himachal Kalyan Sabha State President Kulveer Jamwal, Secretary Kalidas Sharma and Vice President Sushma Thakur said that it was shameful if there was no medicine and vaccine for dog bite in Baddi and Nalagarh. If something happened to the child tomorrow then who was responsible? Meanwhile, Anil Arora, in-charge of Baddi Hospital, said that regarding rabies vaccines he has informed the high command whereas BMO Nalagarh did not pick up the phone. The child's father Rajeev Bhardwaj said that when vaccines were not available in Baddi and Nalagarh hospitals, he had to buy the vaccine from a medical store to save his child.

### 45 Students of Modi College short-listed by Auto-Mobile sector during placement drive



RAWEL BHINDER

**PATIALA:** The Placement Cell of Multani Mal Modi College today organised a placement drive for the college students in the auto-mobile sector. During this placement drive 45 students were interviewed and short-listed by the Raj Vehicle Private Limited for Marketing and sales, service marketing and concern resolution Departments. The selection panel was headed by Human Resource Managers Mr. Rahul Sharma and Ms. Rashma Sharma. College Principal Dr. Neeraj Goyal welcomed the human resource team on reaching the college campus and congratulated the short-listed students. He said that our college is committed to provide quality education and skill-based learning to the students which results in their successful careers and fruitful lives. He also told that college is going to organise many such placement drives in the coming days so that our students get a chance to be selected for the best jobs in various industries. Prof. Parminder Kaur introduced the students to the Human Resource team leaders and motivated the students to perform their best in the interviews. Placement Officer Dr. Rohit Sehdeva said that our placement cell is negotiating with different sectors, employment firms and companies, so that we may help our students in choosing their future careers smoothly.

### Police register case against two for assault on Civil Hospital Doctor

KARNPREET KARAN  
BARNALA, FEB 6

A case has been registered against two persons at Police Station City 1 on charges of abusing and manhandling a doctor of Barnala Civil Hospital. Giving information in this regard, SHO Inspector Jaswinder Singh said that on Monday night, Dr. Gagandeep Singh, who was on duty, has filed a statement that he was manhandled and abused by the heirs of a patient. He said that the doctor also gave a video clip to the police. He said that during the investigation of the matter, a case has been registered against Rohit Jindal and Nabha Jindal (both father and son) residents of Barnala under Sections 323,353,186 and 34 IPC and Act 2008 regarding the protection of government employees on duty. He said that the accused will be arrested soon. It may be mentioned that after the said incident happened with Dr. Gagandeep Singh, who was on duty on Monday night, all the doctors of the Civil Hospital went on strike and staged a dharna in the park on Tuesday morning. The doctors were demanding that appropriate action be taken against the accused and their arrest. While late in the evening, a delegation from the city met the police chief to resolve the matter and the plan to resolve the entire incident through a compromise process continued!

## Cong people have forgotten decency and are taking dig at Hindu religion: Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 6

Congress people have forgotten decency and are taking a dig at Hindu religion - Home Minister Anil VijHooda himself is facing ED court enquiry and is blaming others - Anil VijKejriwal turned out to be a rangia jackal, earlier he had donned some other cloak, now his real face is coming out-VijShiv kumar sharma Chandigarh, February 6 - Haryana Home and Health Minister Sh. Anil Vij strongly attacked the rhetoric of Congress leaders and said that Congress people have forgotten decency and are taking a dig at Hindu religion. He said that Congress should not divide Lord Shri Ram into any caste, religion or class, Ram belongs to everyone.Home Minister Anil Vij was interacting to media persons today. Sh. Vij gave a sharp reaction to Congress leader Randeep Surjewala's statement that Damru players have been put in power and



Kumari Selja's statement that since when did Lord Ram belong to BJP and RSS.Sh. Vij, angry at Congress, said that Congress people have forgotten decency and are taking a dig at Hindu religion in some way or the other. Their purpose is to take a dig at Hindu religion. He said that Ram belongs to everyone, belongs to the whole world, at least Ram should not be divided among any caste, religion or class. Ram is for everyone and Ram temple has

been built for everyone, the people of Congress party are shocked by this. Ram belongs to everyone, he added.At the same time, on the statement of former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupendra Singh Hooda that the state government is a government of scams, Home Minister Anil Vij laughingly said that it is a big laugh when someone himself is facing the ED's inquiry and is accusing others. If he have any facts then tell it and action will be

taken on it. On the statement of CM Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi that even if you put him in jail, the development work will continue, Home Minister Vij taunted and said that Kejriwal ji wants the ED to take him by force and he should go with his hands and legs so that his TRP increased. Vij said that before coming into politics, Kejriwal himself had tweeted that "The leader who does not go after being summoned by the court or called by the ED", this is his own tweet, but he (Kejriwal) turned out to be a jackal. He said that "earlier he was wearing a different attire but as time is passing by, his real face is coming to the fore". On Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's statement that if he comes to power, he will remove the 50 percent limit of reservation, Anil Vij said that their governments remained in power for almost 70 years after independence. Jawaharlal Nehru was there, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi were also there.

### Under Officer NCC Balwinder Kaur honoured by college administration



PT. DEVINDER SHARMA  
RUPNAGAR, FEB 6

On her return to college, the Principal Jitendra Singh Gill gave bouquet of flowers to the NCC Cadet under officer Balwinder Kaur of Government College Rupnagar participated in the Republic Day Parade on January 26. She was also honored by the college administration by giving her a trophy. Expressing happiness on this occasion, the Principal said that the NCC cadets of his college have brought immense value to the college and the area by participating in the Republic Day Parade every year. On the occasion, NCC in-charge Professor Harjeet Singh said Balwinder Kaur has set an inspiration and example for other cadets by performing brilliantly in the parade in the NCC contingent

on the path of duty. He told that 44 cadets of the college have participated in the CATC Camp at NCC Academy, Rupnagar. Cadet Balwinder Kaur also shared her views and experience regarding the NCC contingent on the path of duty. She told that she also had the honor of meeting the President of the country Draupati Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On the way to Rashtrapati Bhavan duty, she got an opportunity to meet the three Chiefs of the Indian Army, the Governor of Punjab and various other personalities. In the felicitation ceremony of the cadets, the Vice Principal of the College, Dr. Harjas Kaur, College, Badsar, Dr. Dalwinder Singh, Dr. Nirmal. Singh Brar Dr. Jitendra Kumar and Professor Ravneet Kaur and NCC cadets were present.

### Students briefed about energy conservation



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SANGRUR, FEB 6

Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) in collaboration with Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and Tirtha organized school level competitions at Lajpat Rai Arya Kanya Vidyalaya in order to create awareness about energy conservation. A massive participation was seen in the slogan and essay writing competitions. Later, PEDA's District Manager Gurmeet Singh and Organizer Manmohan Singh gave a presentation to the students and staff about energy conservation. The participating children were awarded participation certificates and the winners were awarded prizes.

### Sports activities for children organized at Green Field Convent School



BALWINDER AZAD

**BARNALA DEHATI:** Sports activities were conducted at Green Field Convent (Senior Secondary) School Dangarh to keep the children physically fresh and healthy. On this occasion, under the leadership of Madam Sukhbir Kaur, sports activities were conducted for young children. During this, first of all, the importance of sports was enlightened to increase the interest of children towards sports. After this, children were given different types of balls and told that for which sport, whose ball is necessary. Apart from this, the children were taken to the park to pass the balls from one child to another on different swings. Along with this, various fun games were conducted for the children so that they could learn to play easily. Games such as frog race, long jump, basketball and hurdles were conducted. Sukhminder Singh Gill said that if children are introduced to sports from a young age, then the feeling of working together (team work) is created in them.

### Haryana SC Finance Corporation empowers BPL families with bank- backed self-employment loans: DC

RAHUL KOHLI

**JAGADHRI:** Haryana Government, on behalf of Haryana Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation, provided loans through banks to Scheduled Caste individuals, those were living below the poverty line, and BPL families to establish their own employment, said the deputy commissioner Manoj Kumar. He said that the benefit of the scheme would be available to those eligible families whose family annual income did not exceed Rs 1.80 lakh (as per family identity card) in rural and urban areas, they would get Rs 1.50 lakh loan through banks for animal husbandry, grocery shop, money making shop, beauty parlor, e-rickshaw, pig farming or any other profitable business. DC said that 50 per cent of the total cost (grant up to a maximum of Rs 10 thousand and 10 per cent margin money at four per cent annual interest rate) was provided by the corporation and the



remaining loan was given by the banks. Interested applicants can apply for the loan on the corporation's website. Application forms can be filled and submitted to the concerned district office. Under another scheme, Haryana Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation was providing financial assistance to Scheduled Caste women for self-employment under Mahila Samridhi Yojana and Micro Loan Scheme to both men and women.

### Geeta Kapur, CMD, SJVN meets Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh

DINESH AGARWAL  
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Smt. Geeta Kapur, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN today met Sh. Prabodh Saxena, Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh after assuming the charge of CMD, SJVN. Smt. Geeta Kapur apprised the Chief Secretary about the portfolio, operational and financial performance of the company. She further detailed the status of various projects being operated and constructed by the company in the state. She sought support of the state government for all the operational and under construction projects for ushering in overall socio-economic development of the state. Smt. Geeta Kapur also briefed about the implementation of newly launched Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana (Rooftop Solar Scheme) for which Ministry of Power, Govt. of India has appointed SJVN as the nodal agency for Himachal Pradesh in addition to Punjab and Arunachal Pradesh. The company is marching forward tirelessly to achieve its New Mission of 12,000 MW by 2026 and Shared Vision of 25000 MW by 2030 & 50000 MW installed capacity by 2040.



### Shri Ram Hanuman Ramlila Committee starts preparations for Shivratri



NARESH GARG

**LADWA:** Shri Ram Hanuman Ramlila Committee of Ladwa started preparations for Shivratri.Committee Secretary Hemant Saini said that a meeting related to the preparations for Shivratri was organized under his chairmanship at the office of Principal Rajesh Verma. In which the committee members participated and expressed their views on organizing Shivratri. Committee head Rajesh Verma said that Lord Shiva is the god of gods and the committee considers itself fortunate to celebrate his festival with pomp and show. Under which Bhole Baba's Prabhat Pheri will start from 12th February. Which will start from Shiv Chowk in Bazaar Chowk at five in the morning and will pass through various routes of the city every day. He also appealed to the city residents that maximum number of devotees should participate in this Prabhat Pheri and those devotees who want to invite Prabhat Pheri to their homes can contact the committee members. Patron of the committee, Jogdhyan said that before Shivratri, Mehndi ceremony will be performed on March 6 and a grand Shiva procession will be taken out in the city on March 7.

### Sum of Rs 6.50 crore distributed to orphans under MMSAY: SJ&E Minister

DINESH AGARWAL  
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Health, Social Justice & Empowerment Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil who presided over a review meeting of the various schemes run by the Directorate of Women and Child Development (WCD), stated that that the State Government was taking all measures to empower women folk so that they could live with dignity and contribute as equal partners in development of the State. He added that the focus was also on nurturing children with full opportunities for growth and development. The Minister said that the District Programme Officers (DPOs) and Child Development & Protection Officers (CDPOs) were ensuring that both the child and the expectant women



get nutritious diet and get proper health check-ups and other facilities. He asked the DPOs and CDPOs to make certain that the children coming to Aanganwaadi centres get all the facilities as being provided and assured that the State Government would provide all possible help in this cause. He stated the department officials were taking care of expectant women and newborns. He added that children at a very tender age visit the

Aanganwaadi centres and it was the responsibility of the concerned staff to nurse and nurture their delicate minds and give them healthy food. On Mukhya Mantri Sukh Aashraya Yojana, (MMSAY) the minister stated that the orphans have been adopted as 'Children of the State' by the State Government and added that such children would be given best education, skill development training and other state-of-the-art facilities.

### SSP Harish Dayama inspires youth at Gurdaspur De-addiction Centre for drug-free Punjab

**VERMA GURDASPUR:** Harish Dayama IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police had paid a surprise visit to Red Cross Drug De Addiction Centre, Gurdaspur interacted with all the 30 youngsters getting treatment against addiction and motivated with this impressive counselling to shun addiction and join the mainstream so as to make Drug free Punjab. He also inspected the various facilities being provided over here for the comfortable stay of the clients . His motivational counselling with each of them has left soothing effect on every one. He spent more than 2 hours . Specially he counselled with the couple who both were taking addiction and spoiled not only their life but also spent more than crores of rupees to have



their kick . He promised to provide them with job for which he assigned the duty to his DSP Mr. Sukhpal Singh. While appreciating the work of this Centre running by its Project Director, Romesh Mahajan , National Awardee since 2004 . He recorded the following remarks too in the visitor book .” The visit to Red Cross De- Addiction Centre, Gurdaspur is inspiring

and motivational. Well kept , sensitive staff and regular follow-up. The requirements from police side have been noted and complied . Best wishes to the staff”He also promised for the upgradation of the multi purpose gym recently provided by Sh . Himanshu Aggarwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur by adding more gym equipments.





# Adah Sharma starrer ‘Bastar- The Naxal Story’ official teaser unveiled

Makers of the upcoming drama film ‘Bastar- The Naxal Story’ starring Adah Sharma unveiled the film’s official teaser on Tuesday.

Taking to Instagram, Adah shared the teaser which she captioned, “A story colored red with the blood of innocent people! Capture the untold story... Bastar - The Naxal Story. Teaser out now!”

[https://www.instagram.com/p/C2\\_pLYt38D/](https://www.instagram.com/p/C2_pLYt38D/)

Helmed by Sudipto Sen and produced by Vipul Amrutlal Shah, the film is all set to hit the theatres on March 15. The teaser showcased the one-minute-long monologue enacted by Adah Sharma’s character IPS Neerja Madhvan. The monologue is a glimpse of the strong narration of the film and some truths that will be unfolded by the team of the film.

In the teaser the makers have ex-

posed the truth about number of martyrs and how Pseudo intellectuals in our country are running a propaganda to divide the country funded by China. Now is the time to think deep.

Soon after the actor shared the teaser, her fans and friends swamped down the comment section and shared their reactions.

“Grab the national award soon dear Adah,” a fan wrote.

Another one commented, “Damdaar teaser aur apka look bhi movie main

strong lag raha hai.”

Shah and Sudipto’s first collaboration ‘The Kerala Story’ emerged as one of the most successful films at the box office in 2023 so far. It depicts how thousands of young women were allegedly brainwashed into joining the Islamic State (IS) and heading off to countries like Syria and Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Adah will also be seen opposite Sunil Grover in the web show ‘Sunflower Season 2’

## Neha Dhupia gives a glimpse of her “midnight” birthday wish for her ‘love’ Angad Bedi

It’s actor Angad Bedi’s birthday on Tuesday and his wife Neha Dhupia left no stone unturned to make the former feel special on his special day.

Taking to Instagram, Neha shared an adorable video of her wishing Angad at midnight. Neha slyly made the video in which she could be seen approaching Angad with a “happy birthday” sign and singing the birthday song. Angad remained peacefully asleep with his daughter Meher by his side.

“The mandatory midnight wish ... I love you soooo much that I did nt wake up !!!! Happy birthday my love, my life, my world @angadbedi ....., Also our mehrunissa is (red heart emojis),” she captioned the post.

This sweet birthday wish left netizens in awe. “Aww so cute,” a social media user commented. “Hahah adorable,” another one wrote. In another Instagram post, Neha dropped her mushy pictures with Angad.

One of the images shows Angad and Neha locking lips. “Happy birthday my soul mate , my roommate and my ‘cheque- mate’ (red heart emojis) I love you so damn much,” Neha captioned the post.

Neha and Angad married in a private ceremony in Gurudwara in May 2018. The couple was blessed with their first daughter Mehr in November of the same year. They welcomed their second child Guriq in October 2021.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Angad was recently seen in R. Balki’s sports drama ‘Ghoomer’, alongside Abhishek Bachchan and Saiyami Kher. He was also a part of ‘Hi Nanna’, starring Mrunal Thakur and Nani in the lead roles.

Neha, on the other hand, will be seen in ‘Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam’. She will share the spotlight with Vicky Kaushal and Triptii Dimri.



## “Empowering Love Beyond Borders: Dil Mil’s Story of Global Romance”

LUDHIANA : In the evolving landscape of online matchmaking, Dil Mil, the NRI matching app, stands as a trailblazer, re-shaping the relationship landscape in India with its innovative approach to modern courtship. Since its founding in 2014, the app has defied stigmas associated with online relationships, marriage, or friendships, connecting a diverse global pool of NRIs in Canada, the US, the UK, Australia, and beyond. Dil Mil is a distinctive platform, specifically empowering Indian women aged between 18 and 40 years to connect with NRIs. It assists in streamlining the search for the right partner abroad through its distinctive user interface which includes culture and religion filters while emphasizing mutual respect and presenting a modern approach. Additionally, it ensures privacy by restricting matches within India, providing a discreet space for users to explore potential relationships as their profiles are only visible to users abroad. With a remarkable track record of over 11 million matches and 1000+ success stories in 2023 alone, Dil Mil is changing the game in online matchmaking. It not only enables strong long-term connections but also empowers women globally.

“Love has no boundaries, and for Amrit & Simrann, Dil Mil bridged the gap between them. In the world of online matchmaking, where connections often fade, their story is like a lively Bollywood movie—a tale of overcoming distance, chasing dreams, and finding ‘the one’ on Dil Mil’s digital stage. Amrit, motivated



by friends tying the knot, ventured into the world of online matchmaking with Dil Mil, seeking a genuine connection. Simrann, a dream-chasing Punjabi actress in Bombay, found herself on a similar journey. Being in different countries—he in Canada and she in India—their connection blossomed instantly.”

Despite being separated by miles, Am-

rit and Simrann nurtured their connection through FaceTime, making Dil Mil the bridge that brought them together. Amrit’s visit to Bombay after 18 years turned into an extended stay, as the couple felt the magic of their connection. Dil Mil’s role in facilitating their initial meeting laid the foundation for a relationship that would withstand the trials of long-distance. As the couple faced the challenge of living in different countries, Dil Mil continued to be their platform for connection and communication. Moreover, their premium subscription of VIP Elite which came with an array of features such as super likes, profile boosting, special community filters etc added a level of ease to their matchmaking journey. Simrann’s career move to Vancouver brought them physically closer, emphasizing the pivotal role this platform played in fostering their connection.

The pandemic threw a curveball at their plans, but Amrit and Simrann’s commitment remained unwavering. Amrit’s ingenious Dubai proposal, coordinated solely through Instagram with all his vendors, highlighted their resilience and love that had its roots in a simple Dil Mil match. Amrit and Simrann’s story underscores the transformative power of Dil Mil, turning virtual connections into real-life love. Their story is a testament to the power of this platform in bringing together hearts across the miles.

Dil Mil is more than a mere platform thought; it acts as a catalyst, igniting the journey from friendship to love, conquer-

ing the challenges of distance. Their unique Community Chat feature plays a crucial role in enhancing the overall experience. These 24x7 global chat rooms facilitate connections and friendships worldwide. Within this virtual space, individuals have the opportunity to get to know each other, allowing relationships to blossom first as friends and later evolve into deeper connections.

Founder & CEO of Dil Mil, KJ Dhaliwal, expressed the app’s commitment to creating a world where all relationships are healthy and equitable. “In today’s world, despite the promise of social media bringing people closer, it often drives people further apart, contributing to mental health issues. We believe that digital intimacy can be a solution to the loneliness, anxiety, and depression that many face these days.”

This authentic approach to online matchmaking today has also opened people up to new possibilities and broadened individuals’ horizons to explore various types of connections. Such platforms support users in discovering someone who aligns with their vibe, whether it’s a friend, a romantic partner, or a potential life companion. Beyond traditional methods, online matchmaking provides insights into users’ personalities, creating a dynamic experience without limitations. So, if your heart is yearning for a cinematic love story, take a cue from Amrit and Simrann. Who knows, your own Bollywood romance might just be a swipe away!!

## Jamie Lever announces her first one-woman stand-up show

Comedian and actor Jamie Lever is set to embark on India’s inaugural one-woman show, ‘The Jamie Lever Show.’ Taking to Instagram, Jamie shared a video of herself doing stand up on Ranbir Kapoor starrer movie ‘Animal’.

Sharing the video, she wrote, “THE JAMIE LEVER SHOW [?][?]Acha laga toh catch me LIVE on 17th & 18th Feb #Mumbai #Thane.”

From unique observations to spot-on impersonations, and even flaunting her singing and dancing skills seamlessly woven into her stand-up set. Coming from the esteemed lineage of India’s first original stand-up comedian, Johnny Lever, Jamie has carved her own niche in the comedy scene, having been a stand-up comedian and having been performing now for over a decade.

Having previously toured and performed worldwide as an integral part of ‘Johnny Lever Live’. The one-woman show is set to take place in Mumbai from February 17 and 18 with one show at the Nehru Centre and another at Kashinath Ghanekar Natyagrahu in Thane. Expressing her feelings, Jamie Lever said, “The ‘Jamie Lever Show’ is a labor of love, bringing together all facets of my comedic and artistic abilities.

## “Daughters Are Meant for Love, Not Commodification in the Name of Dowry”, says ‘Kuch Reet Jagat Ki Aisi Hai’ actor Meera Deosthale

CHANDIGARH : Sony Entertainment Television’s latest offering, “Kuch Reet Jagat Ki Aisi Hai,” is a thought-provoking show, following Nandini’s journey, who is deeply rooted in tradition but also raises objections to any belief that disregards the dignity of a woman. This groundbreaking show puts the spotlight on the prevailing Dahej Pratha that plagues our society, with Nandini making a powerful demand – “mujhe mera dahej waapas chahiye”. At the heart of “Kuch Reet Jagat Ki Aisi Hai” is Meera Deosthale’s portrayal of Nandini and her character serves as a beacon of strength, challenging age-old beliefs that demean the self-respect of women. Based in



Gujarat, the show sees Nandini living with her mama-mami and her brother, Meet. She has her morals and values and is very respectful of her elders, but she believes in taking a stand whenever she sees something going wrong. Speaking about playing this character, actor Meera Deosthale said, “I believe this is a story that needs to be told, more people need to question the kureet that exists in our society, and I am so excited about playing a character with such a strong purpose. I believe daughters are meant for love, not commodification in the name of dowry, and this is the lasting impression that I want to make with my portrayal in this show.

## Kirdaron par mandrayega bhooton ka saya!

CHANDIGARH: &TV’s beloved shows Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hain have consistently been the go-to programs for hearty laughs, thanks to their hilarious storylines and comical character antics. However, this time, the creators have decided to embark on a new and exciting journey that promises to send shivers down your spine while keeping you in splits. Both shows will take their viewers on a horror ride, delivering an unprecedented blend of humour and spine-chilling suspense, ensuring a rollercoaster of emotions that will have you laughing even as you feel the chill of horror. Talking about the interesting track in &TV’s Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, Daroga Happu Singh shares, “Happu (Yogesh Tripathi) ridicules Hritik (Aryan Prajapati), Chamchi (Zaara Warssi), and Ranbir (Somya Azad) when they inform him about a friend’s father behaving strangely as a dancer’s spirit has possessed him. Happu boasts that if any spirit has courage, it must enter the possess a brave



person like him. That night, he dons a mask and scares Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) and the kids, causing panic before he bursts into laughter. The following day, the kids challenge Happu to spend a night in a cemetery. He agrees and brings along Beni (Vishwanath Chatterjee). Instead of staying the night, Happu records a video at the cemetery gate and then heads to the police station to sleep, oblivious to Shakal’s death there. Manohar (Nitin Jadhav) tricks Shakal into eating biryani containing a cockroach and dies. Upon reaching the police station, a mysterious hand touches Happu. When Happu wakes up, Shakal’s spirit enters his body, leading to bizarre behaviour.

## Equal partnership: Akash and Pallavi decide to share family responsibilities in Sony SAB’s ‘Aangan Apno Kaa’



CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB’s ‘Aangan Apno Kaa’ continues to captivate audiences with the heart-felt narrative of Jaidev Sharma (Mahesh Thakur), a devoted single father, and his unbreakable bond with his three daughters. In recent episodes, Pallavi (Ayushi Khurana), along with Akash (Samar Vermani) and her family, find themselves trapped in a hotel hijacked by terrorists. The unfolding drama takes a tense turn when Akash, in an attempt to protect Pallavi, gets shot. After facing these challenging times, Akash and Pallavi will finally tie the knot in the upcoming episodes. However, their marriage comes with a unique condition – a commitment to sharing responsibilities equally between both families. The couple decides on an innovative approach, spending 15 days at each other’s houses and shouldering the responsibilities of both families equally. As this unique arrangement is sure to



bring its share of ups and downs, viewers can anticipate the unfolding drama in Pallavi and Akash’s life as they navigate the delicate balance between both families. It will also be interesting to see how Akash’s family will react to this arrangement.

Samar Vermani, who plays the role of Akash says, “Initially, Akash was hesitant about Pallavi’s proposal of staying with both families, but later when he realized the significance of shared responsibility in a relationship, he agreed. Personally too, I believe that if a woman can leave her home to live with her husband, why can’t a man do the same? Akash and Pallavi are trying to highlight the need for equal responsibilities within families, and this upcoming track surely promises an intriguing storyline.”

Ayushi Khurana, who plays the role of Pallavi says, “Pallavi’s primary concern has always been her father and who will take care of him in her absence.

## “I couldn’t have wished for a more wonderful co-star,” says Rachi Sharma on her bond with Krishna Kaul

CHANDIGARH: In the last 9 years, Zee TV’s popular show - Kumkum Bhagya - has kept the audience on the edge of their seats through its engaging, intriguing, and dramatic storyline. After the recent 20-year leap, audiences have been hooked on the journey of estranged couple Ranbir (Krishna Kaul) and Prachi’s (Mugdha Chaphekar) daughters- Poorvi (Rachi Sharma) and Khushi (Simran Budharup). In the recent episodes, viewers got to watch Poorvi and Rajvansh’s (Abrar Qazi) magnificent wedding with splendour and pure exhilaration but in the twist of fate, Ranbir and Prachi missed meeting each other during the wedding.

As the entire cast dedicates themselves to keeping the audience entertained, it seems that Rachi Sharma is not only putting in hard work but also drawing inspiration from her co-star Krishna Kaul on the sets of the show. In the last couple of weeks, Krishna and Rachi have shot many scenes together, which has led to a great rapport between the two actors. In fact,



Rachi has openly shared her experience of working alongside Krishna, expressing her joy and gratitude for having him as her co-star. Rachi Sharma said “I have been having a great time exploring the character of Poorvi and working with Krishna has been an incredible experience. He is not just a talented actor but also a welcoming co-star who has responsibly carried forward the legacy of Kumkum Bhagya for years. I’ve never seen him take his work for granted. He is indeed an inspiration, and his drive to give his best every time is commendable. There is so much I learn from him every day; I genuinely feel I couldn’t have asked for a better co-star.