

Inspector Ram Lal awarded with the ‘Adamaya Sahas Puruskar’

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

In view of the steps taken by the Haryana Chief Minister, Sh.Manohar Lal to promote adventure sports and tourism in the Shivalik and Aravalli mountain ranges of the state, the National Adventure Club organised the 30th National Adventure Festival from February 2 to 10, 2024, in the Morni Hills. Sharing information in this regard an official spokesperson said that about 275 boys and girls from all over the country between the age group of 16-45 participated along with a team of seven participants

from Bangladesh in this Festival. He said the competitions included activities like trekking, rock climbing, repelling, river rafting, snow skiing, archery, commando obstacle, river crossing, etc.

He stated that before being sent to Solang Valley in Manali (Himachal Pradesh), all participants were required to climb from Mountain Quil to Karoh Peak, the highest point of 1467 metres of the Morni hills

He further stated that the National Adventure Club awarded the prestigious “Bharat Gaurav” and “Adamaya Sahas Puruskar” awards at the national and international

levels to distinguished adventure players. This year, Inspector Ram Lal was awarded the “Adamaya Sahas Puruskar”, which included a cash prize of Rs.31,000, a certificate of appreciation, and a plaque.

Former Chairman, Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board, Bangladesh-cum- President, Bangladesh Adventure Foundation, Sh. Naba Bikram Kishore Tripura, and Former Chief Secretary, Haryana-cum-President, National Adventure Club (India) Sh.S.C. Choudhary, IAS (Retd.) were present as chief guests during the function.

Kashyap lays foundation of Pubjabi Biradari Bhavan

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, FEBRUARY 11

Ramkumar Kashyap laid the foundation stone of Punjabi Biradari Bhavan in Bada village of Kunjpura Mandal and provided a grant of Rs 21 lakh for the foundation stone of the new construction of this Punjabi Bhavan. Speaking at the foundation stone laying ceremony, the MLA said that the BJP government and Chief Minister Manohar Lal has paid special attention towards the public and religious places built in the villages because the construction of these places promotes mutual brotherhood among the village people and the villagers can easily perform their public works at these places. He said that the BJP government believes in getting development works done in every assembly constituency without any discrimination and the government has no shortage of funds

for development works. He said that it has been his endeavour to ensure that maximum development works take place in his assembly constituency.

The MLA said that under the able leadership of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, the state gov-

ple of the state, for this, development schemes are being implemented with transparency in every area. MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that Bharatiya Janata Party believes in getting development works done. He said that if we have to take our country further and realise the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then we should work together to make India a developed nation by 2047 then work will have to be done on this occasion. State Executive Member Nandlal Block Committee

President Roop Kumar Sarpanch Representative Karshan Lal Block Committee Member Mohan Saini Punjabi Sabha President Devendra Bhatia Mohit Rana Narendra Rana Gulab Singh Kashyap Brahmin Sabha President Prem Sharma Dal Singh Saini Ram Mehar Sharma along with Village dignitaries and BJP office bearers were also present.



International Saraswati Mahotsav starts with reverence and enthusiasm from the origin place of Adibadri Saraswati in Yamunanagar

PRITI RANI
YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 11

Chief guest Tourism Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar, who arrived at the International Saraswati Mahotsav, formally offered prayers along with the Vice Chairman of Saraswati Heritage Development Board and BJP leaders and administrative officials. Today in Yamuna Nagar, the International Saraswati Mahotsav-2024 started with full devotion and enthusiasm amidst 31 Kundiya Havan Yagya and chanting of mantras at Adi Badri, the origin place of Saraswati. On this occasion, Haryana Tourism Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar participated as the chief guest. First of all, worship was done with chanting of mantras at the origin place of Saraswati. After this, Saraswati Mahotsav was formally inaugurated by performing Havan Yagya. On this occasion, chief guest Tourism Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar and other guests planted saplings. Aarti of Goddess Saraswati was also performed in the Mahotsav along with conch sound. A cultural program was also present-

ed by the school students. The Mahotsav will conclude on 14th February at Pehwa. Haryana Tourism Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar said that today the Saraswati Mahotsav has started in the state from Adi Badri which is considered to be the origin place of Saraswati river. The international festival



has been formally started here with Havan puja. Our government is doing the work of bringing the flow of Saraswati river to the ground. He said that Goddess Saraswati is the goddess of intelligence, education and wisdom. He said that sages and sages have composed many religious texts on the banks of river Saraswati.

Door-to-door garbage collection started in Ghoghadiipur village on Swachh Bharat Mission

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL, FEB 11

Now, door-to-door garbage collection has started in the villages on the lines of cities. On the lines of Municipal Corporations and Municipalities, some Gram Panchayats of Haryana have now taken many steps forward in the matter of cleanliness. In this series, garbage collection started on the lines of cities on Sunday in Ghoghadiipur village of Karnal district. Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana Executive Vice Chairman Subhash Chandra inaugurated it today by cutting the ribbon on the tractor trolley of the Gram Panchayat. On this occasion, when Subhash Chandra reached the village, the villagers welcomed him with flower garlands. Swachh Bharat Mission Vice Chairman Subhash Chandra, while addressing the villagers, said that Gogripur is a historical village. This village has set many records in the past and has now taken a new initiative of cleanliness by collecting garbage from door to door. On behalf of the Haryana Government, I heartily congratulate him for this. Now the work of collecting garbage from every house will be started by the Gram Panchayat. After the arrival of tractor-trolley, the cleanliness system in the village will be stronger than before. He said that everyone will have to make joint efforts to ensure that every



village of the state is beautiful and clean. The Haryana government, on its part, is also committed to door-to-door garbage collection in all the villages. On this occasion, Subhash Chandra, along with village and Panchayat representatives, conducted a cleanliness campaign in the village. To renovate the pond located outside the village, he talked to the officials on the spot and asked them to start the work on it soon. Subhash Chandra also assured to build a new water house in Valmiki locality of the village on the demand of the Sarpanch. Village Sarpanch representative Ashok Sharma said that a new tractor has been purchased to further strengthen the cleanliness system in the village. Soon another new tent will also be purchased. These two vehicles will roam in the streets of the village and collect garbage from the houses of all the villagers.

List of state coordinators and co-coordinators for BJP's units released

RAHUL KOHLI

JAGADHRI: The list of state coordinators and co-coordinators for BJP's units in the state has been released by Shri Nayab Singh, the state president of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Haryana. Under this, former civil surgeon and social worker Dr. Vijay Dahiya from Yamunanagar has been appointed as the 'State Coordinator of Medical Cell' for the Yamunanagar district. Earlier, Dr. Vijay Dahiya had worked as the co-coordinator of the med-

ical cell for the state BJP since April 3, 2022, and was appointed as the co-coordinator of the state BJP's medical cell on May 13, 2022. Now, from February 7, 2024, he has been appointed as the state coordinator of the medical cell. Prior to this, Dr. Dahiya has also served as the state president of the H.C.M.S. Association and vice-president of the state unit of the National Medical Organization. During his service, he has worked in the Haryana Civil Medical Services for more than 29 years and has

made significant contributions to saving the district from epidemics like COVID while serving as the civil surgeon of Yamunanagar. His services have been appreciated by various organizations, and he has been honored with several prestigious awards. On his appointment as the 'State Coordinator of Medical Cell' in the state BJP, Dr. Vijay Dahiya thanked the Honorable Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar, State President Nayab Singh Saini, and Haryana's Education Minister Kanwar Pal.

Farewell party held at Sunrise Senior Secondary Public School

RK KASHYAP

CHHACHHRAULI: A farewell party was organized at Sunrise Senior Secondary Public School in Kasba Pratap Nagar, which was titled Umang. In the farewell party, the students of class XI gave a farewell party to the students of class 12th. In the farewell party, the students of class XI presented colorful programs to mark the farewell ceremony of



the students of class 12th. Giving information, school principal Paramjeet Kaur Sandhu said that at present the days of examinations are going on, due to which the students of class 12th will give a new beginning to their future by taking the examination and taking admission in the college in the next classes. He said that on this occasion, the students of class XI organized a farewell

ceremony for the students of class 12th so that the moments, fights, fights and sour sweet memories spent with the students studying in class 12th could be remembered under the pretext of having a ceremony. The school principal wished all the children a bright future and inspired them to move ahead in life. He also honored the children who did excellent work in classes 11th and 12th.



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During farmers strike, vegetable market will remain closed from 11 am to 4 pm on Feb 16



AMRIK SINGH AMRITSAR: Kisan Union Sanjukt Morcha Bharat members Lakshir Singh and Dharmendra Singh, a meeting of vegetable producer farmer leader was held with Sabzi Mandi Fruit and Vegetable Merchant Association President Charanjit Singh Batra and General Secretary Jitendra Khurana, in which the farmers expressed their demands. The talks were held during the bandh period. On this occasion, President Charanjit Singh Batra and General Secretary Jitendra Khurana said that they have a very close relationship with the farmers, hence they would stand with the farmer brothers at every step and would support them on February 16 from 11:00 am to 4:00 am. The vegetable market would remain completely closed neither nor vegetables would be bought nor sold.

Tinku calls upon people to unite to bring Congress to power



RADHEY SHYAM MORINDA: "We all need to unite to bring Congress party to power to save the country," says Vijay Sharma Tinku in-charge Kharar. He said that today they were taking workers from Kharar to welcome Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge at Bodli Samrala. He called upon the people to support the Congress to oust the Central Government from power and reached the Smrula Samagam with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, a large convoy of workers left for Samrala under the leadership of Tinku. On this occasion, Manjit Singh Nawangrao Senior Vice President Congress, Madan Singh Marakpur Sharif Block President Majit, Gunder Singh Baidwan Punjab President Congress Kharar, Babu Singh Famous Pushpinder Singh, Hansraj Singh Bootgarh Chairman SC Wing, Kamal Kishore MC Kharar, Hamek Singh Takipuri Chief Speaker Congress, Ajit Singh Bhargava, Gunder Singh Baidwan Block President Kharar, Gagandeep Singh Committee Member, Naveen Banshal Khizrabad Vice President Congress Mohali etc.

Aged Father roaming for his physically disabled son's transfer



VIKAS VERMA DHURI: The Dhuri Resident Charan Singh is roaming the Government Offices for the transfer of his physically disabled son Kamajit Singh who is working as a Clerk in the office of Assistant Registrar with the Cooperative Societies at Jalandhar. Kamajit Singh is presently suffering from 90% physical disability and cannot travel or live without the help of any other person. Charan Singh while narrating his hardships said that he has made several applications and rounds to the government offices regarding the transfer of his son to Dhuri but he didn't get any success despite the lying of vacant post at Dhuri. He has also met with the senior officers in this regard but all in vain. He lashed at the Punjab govt that on one side the govt is self-appraising itself in solving the problems of the physically handicapped persons but in the case of his son's transfer it has just become deaf and dumb.

Sangats attended Gurmata ceremony held at Gurdwara Sahib Char Sahibzade



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: The Sangat of the area enthusiastically participated in the Gurmata ceremony organized at Gurdwara Sahib Char Sahibzade Sanguana Basti. On the other hand, personalities working in the religious and political sectors of the city also bowed. Addressing the function on this occasion, Baba Hardeep Singh Mehraj thanked the Sangat for this effort and appealed to the gathered Sikh Sangats to be alert to manage the Sikh institutions in accordance with Gurmata. Bibi Joginder Kaur, member of Shiromani Gurdwara Management Committee Bathinda, religious preacher Bhai Virbhay Singh Jee, Hardeep Singh Bala also attended the event. On this occasion Shiromani Akali Dal Bathinda city leader Iqbal Singh Babi announced to give 5100 rupees for the service of Gurdwara Sahib. Used Guru's Langar Atul for Sangat. During the event, the family of late Bhai Mukhtiar Singh who donated land for the Gurdwara Sahib and children who won gold and silver medals in various fields were also honoured. Bhupinder Bansal of Aam Aadmi Party, Satpal, Bhai Tara Singh, Ranjit Singh, Kaur Singh, Bhai Varinder Singh Gaushtala Wale, Bhai Gurwinder Singh Bathinda of Dal Khalsa etc.

AVTAR SINGH BHANWRA CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

Desh Bhagat University hosted an Ayurveda Ph D Scholars Workshop, focusing on research methodology. The event witnessed participation from PhD scholars representing various states across the nation. In his welcoming address, Deputy Di-



rector of Research, Dr Dharmendra Singh, underscored the im-

portance of presenting research that can withstand rigorous scrutiny. He assured prompt resolution of any issues related to chosen research topics. Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Abhijit Joshi, delineated the regulations governing PhD programs as per UGC standards.

Fourteenth bus from Mohali under Mukh Mantri Tirath Yatra Leaves for Amritsar

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, FEB 11

In Cognizance of the Mukh Mantri Tirath Yatra Scheme rolled out by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar departed the fourteenth Bus of pilgrims to Sri Amritsar today.

Giving more details, Sub Divisional Magistrate Kharar, Gurmandar Singh said that the 43 pilgrims who have left for the Pilgrimage of the religious circuit Amritsar-Sri Anandpur Sahib would pay obeisance to the historical Gurdwara Sahiban at Amritsar and Anandpur Sahib during the two-day long pilgrimage.

He said that the pilgrims also handed over kits comprising Blankets, Bedsheets, Pillows besides toiletry Kits. He further said that S. Jodha Singh Mann father of Tourism Minister and MLA Kharar Constituency was also present on the occasion. The bus was flagged off from Teor Village of



Kharar Constituency. He said that as per the demand of the residents, more buses are in the queue in the coming days to get them to their re-

spective religious places. The people from the area who joined the pilgrimage expressed gratitude to the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant

Singh Mann for making available opportunities for them to visit the religious places by facilitating them with free boarding and lodging.

Indian Overseas Bank, Ludhiana celebrates its 88th Foundation day



ANKUSH LUDHIANA, FEB 11

The Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) Regional Office, Ludhiana celebrated its 88th foundation day on February 10, 2024. On the occasion, the Bank distributed school bags to deaf and dumb children in a school at Hambran Road, Ludhiana. It also organised Free Health Checkup camp besides carrying out several CSR ac-

tivities throughout the day. Shri Suryanarayana Murthy RN, Senior Regional Manager, IOB Regional Office Ludhiana, along with other executives and staff members from Regional Office and Ludhiana Branches participated. Similar Health/Blood Camps were organised at other branches of Amritsar, Jalandhar and Bathinda. The Senior Regional Manager recalled the initiatives introduced by Shri M. Ct.

M. Chidambaram Chettiar, founder of the bank. Mr. Murthy also flagged off the Walkathon and later distributed plants. Chief Managers and staff members of the Bank were also present. During the flag-off Around 50 executives and staff members of the Bank walked in and around rose garden Ludhiana. Bank carried out several social activities in various districts of Punjab on this Day.

Karate competitions held at Kadal Kalan smart School



ASHISH PURI KAPURTHALA, FEB 11

Sports activities improve the personality of students and help in the physical and mental development of children. These words were expressed by the school Head Sandeep Kumar during the karate competitions organized at Government Middle Smart School Kadal Kalan. Under the supervision of karate training coach Naina and coach Gurpreet Singh Sethi, under the Rani Lakshmi Bai self-testing scheme, karate

competitions were conducted for all female students of the school in different weight categories -35, 40, 45, +45. Show off your talents by enthusiastically participating in competitions. After that, the school Head Sandeep Kumar and all the staff awarded the winning students Pawan-deep Kaur, Jashandeep Kaur, Navpreet Kaur, Jaspreet Kaur, Alisha, Jasmine, Mandeeep Kaur, Prabhajit Kaur with Gold Medal, Silver Medal and Banraj Medal. Master Harnet Singh Thanked the guests.

Diksha Chauhan becomes sub-inspector in Punjab Police

CHETRAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR, FEB 11

It is a matter of great pride for Halka Balachore that due to her hard work, daughter Diksha Chauhan daughter of Satinder Pal Chauhan (Baga) of village Sant Nagar Bungari (Balachore) district Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar has been appointed as Sub Inspector in Punjab Police.

On the occasion of this great achievement, his friends sweetened the face of Satinder Chauhan (Baga) and the congratulators continued to cheer.

The well-known personalities and intellectuals of the area who congratulated on this occasion have appealed to the young boys and girls of the area. Taking guidance from this talented hardworking Kutch girl. All the youth



Chauhan, they can achieve a great position even by staying in their own country. And the example of which is before you.

Ganpati Jeweller of Gurdaspur gets Best Service Award in All India Gem, Jeweler Domestic Counsel Program



VERMA GURDASPUR, FEB 11

Ganpati Jeweller of Gurdaspur has received the Best Service Award in the All India Gem and Jeweler Domestic Counsel Programme. Giving information, Gaurav Verma, son of Tarsem Verma said that an annual program was organized in the North Zone by All India Gem and Jeweler Domestic Council.

In which only he has received the award in Gurdaspur. He said that Sayyam Mehra, Chairman of All India Gem and Jeweler Domestic

Council and Rajesh Rokde, Deputy Chairman, Madan Kothari Convener have been given this award on behalf of PMI. 400 goldsmiths were invited in this entire program. Out of which 329 people participated and out of these 6 awards were distributed, two awards were received in Gym, Amritsar, two awards in Delhi, one in Jammu and one in Gurdaspur. It is worth noting that Ganpati Jewellers have been providing good services in Gurdaspur for a long time, due to which this jeweller's shop has become the first choice for the general public.

Science College Jagraon conducts Career guidance seminar

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, FEB 11

Career Counselling and guidance cell of Sammati Govt. College of Science Education and Research, Jagraon organised a seminar on "Career Guidance" under the guidance of college director Prof. Kirpal kaur. The college director welcomed the resource person Mr. Dev Raj, Branch Head, Bright Academy, Ludhiana. The resource person gave the career guidance to the outgoing students (B.Sc and M.Sc Chemistry and M.Sc Botany) to help them acquire the knowledge, information, skills, and experience necessary to identify career options, and narrow them down to make one career decision. He provided useful informa-



tion on every aspect of job, be it Govt job or private job. He gave tips on strategic planning, preparation tactics, smart work and time management for making their career decision which results in

their social, financial and emotional well-being throughout. Technical work was taken care by Prof Parminder Singh and vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Jatinder Singh.

Gharinda police recover 520 grams of heroin



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, FEB 11

SSP Rural Amritsar Satinder Singh has given instructions to all the higher officers and SHOs to adopt zero tolerance policy against drug smugglers and anti-social people. Under these instructions, under the supervision of DSP Attari, SHO Gharinda got information that Sukhbir Singh son of Teja Singh resident of Dauke informed that at the back side of his house

Avtar Singh son of Mukhtar Singh resident of Dauke had sown wheat. Last night, movement of some unknown persons was heard. On which SHO Gharinda along with the search party searched the fields. During this, a heavy envelope was recovered in the fields on which white colored tape was wrapped. To check it But 520 grams of heroin was recovered. A case has been registered against unknown person in Gharinda police station.

Grandparents Day celebrated at Meera Public School



KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH, FEB 11

Grandparents Day was celebrated on Saturday at Meera Public School Sardulewala. On this occasion, Bikar Singh, Balor Singh, Balvinder Kaur, Anita Rani, Bharat Bhushan, Principal and administrative members of the school started the event. Glimpses of the love of grandparents and

grandchildren were presented in this event. On this day, The School Principal Dr. Ram Krishan Yadav addressed about the beginning of the new session of the school (2024-25). On this occasion, Kuldeep Singh, Sunil Verma, Mukesh Jain, Himansu Jindal, Amarjit Singh, Jagjit Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Sandeep Singh, Hari Singh and all the staff were present.

Punjab state 5th APTICON organized at Pharmacy College Bela



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR, FEB 11

The 5th Annual Convention APTICON of the Punjab State branch of the Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI), organized successfully at Amar Shaheed Baba Ajit Singh Jujhar Singh Memorial College of Pharmacy in Bela. He two-day event, held under the theme "Challenges and opportunities for pharmacy education supporting Indian healthcare system," brought together around 1000 pharmacy faculty, research scholars, and students from across India.

The convention was inaugurated by Prof. Dulal Panda, Director of the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Mohali. Dr. Panda emphasized the importance of fostering a research-oriented environment in colleges and expressed optimism about the future, referring to the coming years as a golden era for the pharmaceutical field. Dr. Shailesh Sharma, Co-Convener and Director of the hosting college, welcomed all to the convention. Dr. G. D. Gupta Convener of the convention highlights about the convention.

Kanchan Vani
appointed member of
Public Grievance
Redressal Committee



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Kanchan, head of village Dangoli of Kutlehar district and rising Congress youth leader, has been appointed by the government as a member of the Public Grievance Redressal Committee. Kanchan has thanked State Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, Kutlehar MLA Devendra Kumar Bhutto and State Congress General Secretary Vivek Sharma for this honor for her appointment.Kanchan said that work will be done in collaboration with the administration to resolve the problems and complaints of the people. Work will also be done to make the schemes run by the state government in public interest reach the common people. So that the people of the state can get the benefits of the schemes on time. Kanchan has described her appointment in the Public Grievance Redressal Committee as giving respect to women by the state government and the organization.

Kabaddi tournament starts in Amb



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Kabaddi tournament was organized by Baba Balak Nath Youth Club Amb in the grounds of Government Secondary School Amb Bela. In which 16 teams were participating. To inaugurate this tournament, Advocate Vikas Kashyap reached the playground as the chief guest and inaugurated the sporting event by cutting the ribbon. Bhagaram, a national level wrestling player from Amb region who was currently serving in Himachal Police, senior Congress leader Sitaram and Sandeep Sharma were also present on the occasion along with the chief guest. Chief guest Advocate Vikas Kashyap congratulated the Youth Club for starting such an event. He appreciated its work. He said in his statement that India has less interest towards sports as compared to other countries of the world, whereas the history of sports in India was old. Whenever games were held at international level, the reason for the country won very few medals at present was due to less interest in sports. He said that it was necessary to keep the youth away from drugs and involved them in sports. Along with giving an incentive of Rs 5100 he also promised to register the youth club.

Sumit Singla honored by Punjabi actor Raj Randhawa by giving him Star Award first title in annual function held in Chandigarh

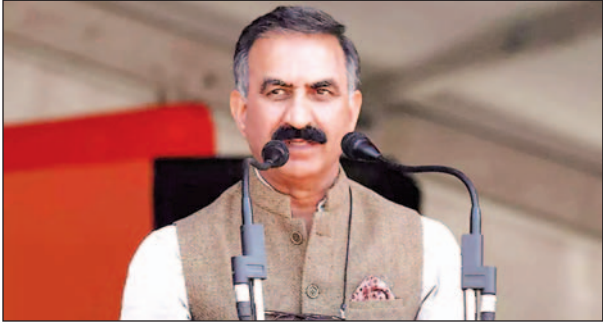
SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, FEB 12

Annual award ceremony was organized by Rotary and Blood Bank Society Resource Center Chandigarh at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration Auditorium. The chief guest of the function was Punjabi actor Raj Randhawa. in function. Guretech Group and Amit Singla Social Welfare Society Baddi was honored with the first title of Star Award. This Star Award is the first title Man Award by Amit Singla Social Welfare Society's founder member Sumit Singla was the chief guest. Another thing is that till date Curetech Group and Amit Singla Social Welfare Society have organized about 28 blood camps on

We all need a family: CM on parenting care of orphans

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 11

Having parents around, gives us much needed comfort and a feeling of being secure. Well understanding that every child needs parents for upbringing them and instilling in them the sense of confidence besides educating them for their bright future, the State Government's flagship Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Ashray Yojana (MMSAY), has proved to be a milestone in this direction wherein 4,000 orphans has been legally adopted as 'Children of the State' to be sheltered, nourished and nurtured in the safe hands of the government. To realize the dreams of the orphans, the foundation stone of one of its kind, state-of-the-art 'Sukh Ashray Adarsh Gram Parisar', with an inmate capacity of around 400 and to have world-class facilities, was laid by the Chief Minister to ensure that they feel the



connect, feel safe and feel protected. To be constructed in Luthan, in Jwalamukhi area, the campus will house all basic and modern amenities like e-library, wellness centers, hospital with physiotherapy unit, community/prayer hall, temple, common room with TV, multipurpose departmental store, saloon, vocational training centre, parks, gardens, quality sports infrastructure viz: indoor and outdoor sports facilities like table tennis, badminton, yoga,

swimming pool, recreation room with play station, gym and various other sports. The complex will also have separate blocks for elderly, women and orphans. It was the first decision taken by Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu after taking oath of office, which showed his compassion and care for the children without parents. To be implemented in letter and spirit, directions were issued to set up Mukhya Mantri Sukh Ashray Kosh and an appeal

made to the people to donate voluntarily and generously for the noble cause. Provisions were made for their well being, pocket money of Rs. 4000 per month, their annual exposure visits and stay in three star hotels, adequate funds for their education, festival allowance and many more. With the implementation of the MMSAY, Himachal became the first State of the country to launch this scheme for the orphans, with legal status. Apart from this, the Government is running numerous Child Care Institutions (CCIs) across the state to shelter orphans. The Chief Minister stated that through effective running of the CCIs, the government was providing a vivacious environment in which all the orphans and inmates could live happily fulfilling their physical, emotional, financial, social and psychological needs.

Daughters of Sujanpur increasing pride of state: Rajendra Rana



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: Krutika Jamwal, daughter of Gram Panchayat Mati Tihra of Sujanpur, has won a bronze medal in the national level wrestling competition held in Pune, Maharashtra. Sujanpur MLA Rajendra Rana honored the student at his residence on Sunday for her brilliant achievement. On this occasion, Professor Sandeep Sharma of Physical Education Department posted in Sujanpur College was specially present. After honoring the student, the MLA said that the daughters are bringing glory to the Sujanpur assembly constituency as well as the entire state and their families. In such a situation, we are not only proud of our daughters but also proud. He said that the daughter was honored by the Government College Administration two days ago. A grand program was organized in his honour. It is a very good thing that the entire college and its students came out on the streets to welcome the daughter.

Congress government's claims are hollow, every employee is going through bad times: Sanjay Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 11

Himachal Pradesh BJP spokesperson Sanjay Sharma has accused the state government that every employee is going through the worst phase during the 14-month rule of the Congress government. The government formed in the name of system change has thrown the lives of the employees into disarray. Neither the employees are getting their pending DA nor the government is paying their arrears. Sanjay Sharma said that every day the employees are being forced to protest on the streets for their demands. The Congress party had promised to provide one lakh jobs in the first



cabinet, but the government is not even declaring the results of the Selection Commission. The government is also ignoring the Supreme Court order to declare the results. He said that SMC employees have to go on strike every day for their demands. But the government is ignoring their demands for salary increase. The students are suffering the consequences of their strike. Electricity Board employees have to go on strike

People will cast their vote of confidence in Modi's guarantee: Nanda

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Under the "Go to BJP Villages Campaign," the Pradesh Media Incharge Kam Nanda participated in an event at Booth Number 35 Cluster in Shimla Mandal. Booth President Prakash Sharma was also present with him. Nanda mentioned that this campaign is progressing



rapidly across the state, and all BJP leaders are undertaking journeys to various booths to strengthen and empower them. The campaign was inaugurated

by BJP's National President Jagat Prakash Nadda from Yol Booth in the Palampur Assembly constituency. Nanda stated that there is a growing vote of confidence in the work and guarantee of Prime Minister Narendra Modi across the country and in Himachal Pradesh.

Will link traditional farming techniques with modern technologies for transformation in agri sector: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 11

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, in the first of its kind interaction meet, with the milk producers of the state at Hotel Peterhoff in Shimla said that the government was encouraging agriculture as an industry to make the farmers self-reliant. Since agriculture and milk production plays a pivotal role in promoting rural economy, the state government is coming up with innovative schemes in the upcoming budget to increase the income of farmers which were likely to yield positive results in the next two years, said the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister said that there is a direct relationship between agriculture and milk production it becomes necessary to go for natural and organic farming in a big way, thereby linking the traditional farming



techniques with modern technologies. "We intend to bring revolutionary change in agriculture sector with special focus on promoting animal husbandry" he said adding that an increase of six rupees in milk purchase price is an indication of our future course of action to strengthen the dairy sector for assuring fixed income to the farmers. He said that the fundamental changes were being made in the policies and rules to ensure that money goes directly to the farmers. The government will also consider giving tax concession to the milk

producers, he assured. He said that the milk quality in Himalayan region was far better and efforts were afoot for its marketing which will add to the income of farmers and making agriculture as an employment oriented industry besides taking measures to prevent them from exploitation while selling their produce in the open market. These efforts will help in strengthening the rural economy, he said. To strengthen the milk-based economy of the state, 'Him Ganga Yojana' has been started with a budget provision of Rs 500 crore.

People are joining BJP's village chalo campaign: Vinod Thakur



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: BJP's 'Gaon Chalo' campaign has gained momentum. Under this campaign, District BJP Secretary Vinod Thakur at Bherda booth number 27 and along with him all the members of the booth executive went door to door and presented this campaign to the public. He said that a different kind of enthusiasm about 2024 was seen among the people of village Thalamber Gubbar Bherda Lambri Bagglu under Bherda booth number 27. The public is excited and waiting to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Modi government for the third time in the Lok Sabha elections. Under this program, the anti-people policies of the Congress government and their false guarantees were also put before the public. In making this program of Bherda booth number 27 successful, booth president Captain Ramesh Chand Guleria along with the cooperation of his executive Munshi Ram Ashwini Kumar Surjit Singh Kishan Chand Kanchan Kumar Naveen Kumar Ravi Kumar Chandel Kalidas Sushil Kumar Chaman Lal had all contributed.

Student led conference organized in Rose Public School Sulyali



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NOORPUR: Students led conference was organized in Rose Public School Sulyali. Former MLA Nurpur Ajay Mahajan participated in this program as the chief guest. During this program, children from nursery class to plus two of the school prepared models and activities on different subjects and put up an exhibition. The main objective of this program organized by Lead School and Rose Public School is to increase the self-confidence of children along with their studies so that children can prepare themselves for the upcoming competitions and can easily achieve success in every competition.Chief guest, former Noorpur MLA Ajay Mahajan said that today I got the opportunity to come to the public school every day. I liked it very much, a Led Students Conference has been organized here, I came here and saw that from small children to advanced classes, the children have very good self-confidence. This school was started in 2003 and it is a very high class education school of Noorpur assembly and I congratulate everyone for the way the principal, chairman and teachers have provided excellent preparation to the children.

Producers hail govt decision to increase milk procurement price by six rupees

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 11

Anil Kumar, a resident of Palampur, who has been running a milk society for the last 29 years expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for one time increasing the procurement price of milk by rupees six as compared to Rs 18 during the last 30 years. He was sharing his experience during an interaction meeting with the milk producers of the state at Peterhoff today and also appreciated the Chief Minister for taking a decision for increasing the compensation on the death of sheep and goats to Rs 6,000 and Rs 55,000 on cows and buffaloes. Vikas Sarin of Nagrota Bagwan, who used to work at Gurgaon, said that he never thought to adopt dairy as his career option by forming a society. He had to face many



difficulties in the beginning and efforts were made for three months to collect just three liters of milk by spending rupees one lakh. But with the one-time increase of six rupees in the milk procurement price, 450 farmers have joined his society now, he said and added that the quality of milk in Himachal was far better and it should be encouraged. Sunita, a resident of Nadaun of Hamirpur district said that no one had ever expected that any state government would increase the price by Rs. 6 in

one go but it became a reality all due to the strong willpower of the Chief Minister, which benefited thousands of farmers of the state. Earlier, the maximum increase was fifty paise or one rupee but this effort of the present government was commendable and now people were opting for milk production on their own, she added. Reena Devi of district Kullu while expressing gratitude to the state government said that her income increased by around Rs. 4500 per month.

ABVP will discuss solutions to various issues in meetings

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 11

The state executive meeting of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) will be held till 12th February. 200 workers from every corner of the state will participate in this meeting. The meeting is being organized at Dharamshala. In this meeting, National Co-Organization Minister of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad Shri Prafulla Akant, North Regional Organization Minister Shri



Vijay Pratap and National Vice President Dr. Pradeep Kumar will be especially present in this meeting. Giving information, State Co-Minister Hrithik Palsra

said that the State Executive meeting of Vidyarthi Parishad is held twice a year. This time this meeting is going to be held in Kangra district in which 200

workers from every corner of the state will participate in this meeting. A complete plan for the year will be made and other issues of the state will be discussed in the meeting and a strategy will be made as to what efforts can be made to resolve those issues. Various issues related to the education sector will also be discussed in this meeting and a proposal will be passed on the current educational scenario of the state. Last year's programs will also be reviewed in this meeting.

Arya Samaj celebrates 200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati in Baddi

VICHTER SINGH PATIAL
BAROTIWALA, FEB 11

The 200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati was celebrated with great pomp in Maharana Pratap Nagar, Baddi. The program was organized by the Baddi unit of Arya Samaj in which Acharya Ashok Dagar participated as the main speaker while bhajan singer Sangeeta Arya took charge of the bhajans. First of all, the representatives of Arya Samaj started the program with Vedic Yagya in which Akhil Mohan Aggarwal, Surajbhan Bansal and



Kamlesh Bansal played the role of host and performed the Yagya. In the Yagya, Veda Mantra lecture was given by hymn preacher Sangeeta Arya from Saharanpur. He threw light on the life and character of Swami Dayanand Saraswati and said that he brought about social

upliftment by removing blind superstitions and showed the true way of life to the people. He said that Swamiji has made an important contribution in reviving the Vedas. President of Amit Singla Social Welfare Society, Sumit Singla, who came as the chief guest in the

program, said that we all should make our lives successful by following the footsteps of Dayanand Saraswati. Keynote speaker Acharya Ashok Dagar said that those who claim to be social reformers today travel in big cars and live in bungalows, but the social reformers of that time went from village to village on foot, hungry and thirsty and not in search of facilities. He used to arouse concern for keeping away social evils. He struggled and set an example with his personality. Only when our life is ordinary will we be able to do extraordinary things.

AAP burns effigy of Kirron Kher in front of MC office



CHANDIGARH: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today protested against the BJP for its discrepancies in holding Mayoral election in Chandigarh Municipal Corporation on January 30, in front of the Municipal Corporation office in Sector 17. The effigy of BJP Lok Sabha Member Kirron Kher was burnt as a mark of protest. It was demanded that immediate action should be taken against BJP nominated councillor and presiding officer Anil Masih, Lok Sabha Member Kirron Kher and all BJP councillors who are responsible for 'murdering democracy' in the Mayor elections. On this occasion, Chairman Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board and co-in-charge AAP Chandigarh Dr. SS Ahluwalia, AAP leader Prem Garg, Vijay Pal, Meena Sharma, Abha Bansal, Naresh Garg, Sukhraj Sandhu, Gurmial Singh Sidhu, PP Ghai, councillor Prem Lata, Suman Sharma, Jasvir Singh Ladi, Neha Musawat, Manowar, Kuldeep Kumar and Jaswinder Kaur apart from a large number of AAP volunteers demonstrated against BJP. Speaking on this occasion, Dr. SS Ahluwalia said that democracy has been murdered by Anil Masih, Kirron Kher and their councillors on the day of election of Mayor, Senior Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Chandigarh Municipal Corporation on January 30 by BJP. Aam Aadmi Party has been on hunger strike in front of the Municipal Corporation for the last 8 days. Today, the effigy of Lok Sabha Member Kirron Kher has been burnt to open the eyes of the administration so that the administration takes action against her. He further said that there is a lot of anger among the people of not only Chandigarh but the entire country over the cancellation of 8 votes by BJP by using the pen of AAP Mayoral candidate Kuldeep Kumar.

Pensioners Federation Morinda unit holds meeting to discuss its demands



RADHEY SHYAM MORINDA: An important meeting of Pensioners Federation unit Morinda was held at Old Hindu Dharmschala under the chairmanship of Raj Kumar Maggi on Sunday. In the meeting, the demands of the pensioners were discussed and the government was appealed to implement the PANSNO tax as per the recommendations of the Punjab Pay Commission at 2.59 multiplier. They demanded that the dues of the last 119 months should be released. They said that due to the government's negligence, around 35,000 pensioners have died awaiting for their dues for 119 months. Due to which there was a lot of anger among the pensioners towards the government. Ideas were also shared in the meeting by Raj Kumar Maggi President, Jagdish Kumar, Hardev Rana. On this occasion, Mewa Singh, Seva Singh, Ajai Singh, Master Hakam Singh, Nachchatra Singh, Head Master Gurdev Singh, Jarnail Singh, Gurnam Singh, Chaman Lal etc.

Mata Vidya Devi Kabaddi Academy Pojewal wins 2nd Kabaddi Cup Rally



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER NAWANSHAH: President Gurpreet Gujjar of Shiromani Akali Dal Badal Constituency Balachor and Dasmesh Sports Club Rail Majra organised the second two-day Kabaddi Mahakumbh at the Government Senior Secondary School of Rail Majra. This Kabaddi Mahakumbh was inaugurated by Swami Dayal Das Singh ji Gadinsin Maharaj Dera Bauri Sahib who gave his blessings to the players. Where on the first day, Mata Vidya Devi Kabaddi Academy Pojewal won the first place in the Kabaddi weight category All Open Kabaddi competition. Nurpur Hakeem team was on the second place. To whom the first prize was 15000 and the second prize was 11000 and the best raider Jafi was given 5100 - 5100. Tug of war competitions were held there. In which the first place was won by the team of Miyapur Ropar and the second place by the team of Shankar Nakodar. 11000 and 7100 prizes were given to them respectively. Kabaddi competition was organized for two players at the village level from outside. In which a total of 22 Kabaddi teams participated. Saipala Sahib District Fatehgarh Sahib got the first place. Dhanas Chandigarh team took the second place. The first prize was Rs 31000 and the second prize was Rs 21000. The best raider was Dulla Kumbra and the best stopper was Manjit Sapli Sahib. 11000-11000 prizes were given to them. On the second day, Kabaddi 55 kg All competitions were held in Kabaddi Maha Kumbh. In which the first place was won by Siva Mata Vidya Devi Kabaddi Academy Pojewal. Sayra's team was in second place. They were awarded 11000 - 8100 respectively.

Large number of Congress workers leave from village Rail Majra in Samrala rally

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER
KATHGARH, FEB 11

A lot of enthusiasm was seen among the workers and office bearers of the Congress Party for the Congress Party State Level Convention at Samrala. Satpal Sandhu, Sanjeev Sonu, Ravi Shankar, Dalip Chand, Raj Veer



Rana, Jagtar Khan, Darshan Panch, Mangal Singh, Samsher Singh, Dipu Kumar, Ram Pal Choudhary, Dhar-minder Kumar under the leadership of President Surinder Chhinda from Village Rail Majra and Prem Nagar. , Manoj Kumar Pandey, Manoj Kumar, Kamlesh Kumar, Chandra Shekhar, Rakesh Tyagi etc.

Meeting held to Address concerns of Christian Minorities in Chandigarh

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

A crucial meeting was convened today to discuss the upliftment and eradication of the sense of insecurity prevailing within the Christian community in Chandigarh. The meeting was chaired by the Honorable Chairman, Shri Iqbal Singh Lallpura, representing the National Commission for Minorities, Government of India.

Organized by the National Commission for Minorities in association with St. Stephen's School, under the guidance of Founder Director Mr. Harold Carver, the meeting saw active participation from representatives of Christian educational institutions and religious leaders.

The agenda of the meeting centered on addressing grievances and implementing measures to uplift and empower the Christian community in Chandigarh. Key discussions revolved around strategies to eradicate the sense of insecurity prevalent among Christian minorities and to foster a more inclusive and supportive environment. Arnus Masih, serv-



ing as the Advisor and Expert Panelist for the National Commission for Minorities, played a pivotal role as the coordinator of the event.

The expert panelists from the National Commission for Minorities provided valuable insights and guidance during the discussions. Fr. Regi Tom from the Don Bosco Church

served as the coordination associate, facilitating smooth proceedings throughout the meeting.

In his remarks, Arnus Masih emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between the government and community stakeholders in addressing concerns and fostering a sense of security and em-

powerment among the Christian minorities in Chandigarh. The meeting concluded with a commitment to establish a dedicated committee in Chandigarh, in association with the National Commission for Minorities, to address grievances and implement measures for the upliftment of the Christian community.

First state executive of Chandigarh BJP concludes under chairmanship of Jitendra



SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

Under the chairmanship of Bharatiya Janata Party Chandigarh State President Jatinder Pal Malhotra, the State Executive of BJP Chandigarh was held at the State Office Kamalam.

Giving the above information, State Vice President and Media Incharge Kailash Chand Jain said that in the meeting, State President Jitendra Pal Malhotra along with General Secretary Amit Jindal, Dr. Hukam Chand, former MP Satyapal Jain, former State President Sanjay Tandon, Kamla Sharma, Dharampal Gupta were present. All state officials, all district presidents-general secretaries, all Morcha presidents-general

secretaries, all mandal presidents, coordinators of all cells/departments, councilors and all state executive members participated in the meeting.

On this occasion, State President Jatinder Pal Malhotra told about the work done by Chandigarh BJP after the previous state executive and gave information about the programs to be conducted by the party in future. He called upon the workers to gear up for election preparations So that the 2024 Lok Sabha elections can be won by a record margin.

He said that under the mantra of winning the election, winning the booth, the responsibility of senior workers is being fixed at every booth, who will be the guardian of

that particular booth and will ensure the victory of BJP in the booth. Malhotra also mentioned about Prime Minister Modi's dedication to the country, service to the country and service to the nation and his political commitment. He said that Modi will have to be followed to make him the Prime Minister again, and every worker should be given personal attention. Discipline will have to be adopted.

State Secretary Ramesh Sahor presented a resolution for granting peace of the souls of the workers or their relatives who died after the last executive. And all the members paid tribute by keeping silent for 2 minutes. Condolences were also expressed on the demise of former city MP Har-mohan Dhawan.

Govt has done excellent work in public interest in less than two years: Jimpa

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, FEB 11

Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Shankar Jimpa said that the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann will complete two years in April 2024, but in such a short time, the Punjab Government has done what the previous governments could never even imagine.

This is the reason why today people love Bhagwant Singh Mann so much in the entire state. He was talking to journalists while starting the road construction work in Ward No. 9 at a cost of about Rs 24 lakh. On this occasion, Mayor Surinder Kumar, Senior Deputy Mayor Praveen Saini and Deputy Mayor Ranjit



Chaudhary were also present with him. The Cabinet Minister said that wherever in Hoshiarpur there was water problem due to the tube well being damaged, the tube well was re-bored and made functional so that people do not face any problem. He said that in the first one and a half year, no municipal corporation has done as much development work as is being done in Hoshiarpur Municipal Corporation. Sewerage line is being laid in village Ba-

jjwada at a cost of Rs 31 crore, apart from this, the problem of sewerage in all the wards of the city has been solved. He said that for public convenience, under the "Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Dawar" campaign, camps are being organized across Punjab and facilities are being provided to the people near their homes which no one had even thought of He said that the government's policy regarding public interest was clear from the very first day.

Punjab govt is taking applause by claiming Centre's door-to-door ration scheme as its own: Gill

VERMA
GURDASPUR, FEB 11

Senior leader of Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency and National Vice President of Him-malaya Parivar Organization, Paramjit Singh Gill said that the Ghar-Ghar Ration Scheme has been started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Under which food grains are being delivered to more than 80 crore people of the country every month. In Punjab also, food grains are being given under this link, but the Punjab government is claiming these schemes as its own. He said that the Aam Aadmi Party government has done nothing except taking loans and advertisements during its

two-year rule and the schemes being given to the people of Punjab by the Central Government are being stamped and achievements are being counted. He said that the Aam Aadmi Party government is doing politics of making its supreme Kejriwal the leader of the country while they are not paying any attention towards Punjab.

The situation that has arisen in Punjab today is similar to that in a state like Bengal. Appealing to Punjabis, he said that the deposits of Aam Aadmi Party candidates in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections should be confiscated so that the eyes and ears of this government can be opened and this dumb.



Ex-serviceman rally for veterans, their dependents at Amritsar under aegis of panther division



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, FEB 11

Indian Army stands for its soldiers always whether they are in service or after retirement. To reach out to Veterans, Veer Naris/ Veer Matas residing in areas under the jurisdiction of Station Headquarters, Amritsar an ESM Rally was organised at Amritsar under the aegis of Panther Division on 10 Feb 2024.

The aim of this Rally was to assist the Veterans, Veer Naris/ Veer Matas by provid-

ing relevant post retirement benefits information, redressal of Grievances & overcome documentation anomalies in coordination with representatives of various Record offices, Principal Controller of Defense Accounts (Pension), state government agencies & bank officials.

A medical camp was also established to provide necessary and immediate medical cover to those in need. A lunch was also organised with the attendees.

GAGAN JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

The Punjab Government has elevated 1240 Anganwadi Centers in the state from Mini Anganwadi Centers to Main Anganwadi Centers.

Dr. Baljit Kaur, Minister of Social Security Women and Child Development, revealed that out of the total 27314 Anganwadi Centers in the state, 1240 had been operating as Mini Anganwadi Centers. In these 1240 centers, one worker was employed, receiving an honorarium of Rs. 3500/- per month. Dr. Baljit Kaur explained that the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, granted approval to convert these 1240 Mini Anganwadi Centers into Main Anganwadi Centers, addressing the long-standing demand of the



Anganwadi Workers Union. Minister stated that following the state government's approval, the central government has also sanctioned the conversion of these 1240 Mini Anganwadi Centers into Main Anganwadi Centers. With this approval, the total count of approved Anganwadi Centers in Punjab is now 27314, falling under the category of Main Anganwadi Cen-

ters. The monthly honorarium for Mini Anganwadi workers will now increase from Rs. 3500 to Rs. 4500.

She further informed that the approval of Main Anganwadi Centers has led to the creation of 1240 honorary posts for Anganwadi Helpers, and the recruitment for these post will take place soon. The honorarium for Anganwadi Helpers will be Rs. 2250 per month.

Dr Baljit Kaur emphasized that, in addition to the fixed honorarium from the Government of India, the state government provides Rs. 5000 to Anganwadi workers and Rs. 3100 to helpers per month. Furthermore, an annual increase of Rs. 500 for Anganwadi workers and Rs. 250 for helpers was implemented in January.

Govt upgrades 1240 mini Anganwadi centers: Dr Baljit Kaur

Residents of society in Zirakpur worried by daily thefts

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, FEB 11

The series of thefts continues continuously in Zirakpur city. Due to the constant thefts in the city, fear has arisen among the people and there is resentment against the police administration. Two days ago, goods worth lakhs of rupees were stolen from village Bhabat and yesterday from Lohgarh's Maharaja Agarsain Charitable Dispensary.

On Sunday afternoon in Sigma City Extension, people caught one of the two thieves who were running away after stealing water motors, while one managed to escape on a motorcycle after throwing the motors. On this occasion, the thief ran away leaving three water mo-

tors. The society residents tied up the caught thief and beat him up and later handed him over to the police. Giving information, society residents BR Thakur, Upendra, Vishal Sharma, Rahul and Vishal and other society residents said that for the last ten days, water motors, AC pipes, AC outdoor and other goods were being stolen from their society, due to which he became very disturbed. For a few days now, he himself was seeing the incidents of theft happening in the society. He said that this thief was caught today only because of the promptness of the residents of the society. He demanded from the police administration to deal strictly against such thieves and demanded to increase the police patrolling.

Akal University Empowers researchers with webinar on "Recent advances in research publishing"



ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO, FEB 11

Akal University took a significant stride in fostering academic excellence by hosting a webinar on "Recent Advances in Research Publishing." The event featured Prof. (Dr.) Sumeer Gul from the Department of Library and Information Sciences, University of Kashmir, as the distinguished resource person.

Dr. Sheikh Basharul Islam, extending a warm welcome to participants, set the tone for the event, emphasizing the university's commit-

ment to advancing scholarly endeavors. Prof. (Dr.) Sumeer Gul delivered a thought-provoking expert talk, delving into crucial topics such as publishing objectives, effective strategies for handling rejections, navigating the publication process, and identifying reputable journals. The webinar introduced innovative tools, providing researchers with valuable insights into enhancing the visibility and impact of their work. The event, serving as a comprehensive guide for researchers, concluded with Q&A session.

'Serene Grove Run'- MCM Meraki pre-event on women safety



RAJIV JANI
CHANDIGARH, FEB 11

In the run-up to its annual cultural extravaganza Meraki 2024, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a meaningful pre-event 'Serene Grove Run' - a marathon that endeavoured to raise awareness about the cause of women safety and cybercrime.

Organised in collaboration with Chandigarh Police, the event was graced by Sh. Dalbir Singh Bhinder, DSP (South), Chandigarh, as the Chief

Guest. Sh. Bhinder flagged off the marathon in the presence of the faculty conveners and coordinators of the event. In his address, Sh. Bhinder apprised the youngsters about the lurking danger in the cyberspace and advised them to tread carefully, taking appropriate precautions in order to safeguard themselves against cyber-crimes. 30 women police officials enthusiastically joined the over 350 participants in the marathon, sending across the pertinent message of the need to ensure women safety and to fight cybercrime.

Kaithal police is on alert as per guidelines: SP Upasana



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: In view of the march of farmers' organizations to Delhi on 13 February. The route has been diverted for vehicle movement. Police spokesperson said that all the checkpoints along Punjab will remain sealed. During this period, traffic management and route diversion for the movement of common citizens will be as follows. To reach Patiala Punjab, use the route from Cheeka via Kalamajra, Baupur, Balbehra. Kaithal Police requests the general public to avoid traveling on 12th and 13th February, travel only in urgent circumstances. In case of any uncomfortable situation, contact dial 112.

Ballu initiates bus journey for Shri Khatu Shyam



CHET RAM RATAN
NAWANSHAHR: Under the pilgrimage plan initiated by the Aam Aadmi Party government, a bus departed from Nawanshahr on Friday for Shri Khatushyam Ji. The bus was flagged off by Aam Aadmi Party's constituency in-charge Laik Mohan Ballu and senior leaders, wishing the pilgrims a successful journey. During this, Ballu said that Punjab's Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Mann has repeatedly said that he will ensure every person in Punjab goes on a pilgrimage, which is why buses are continuously being sent to pilgrimage sites by the government. No expenses are being incurred by the pilgrims during the journey. It used to be heard during the tenure of previous governments that there was a shortage of funds, but under the leadership of CM Mann, the Aam Aadmi Party has started many schemes in 2 years and ensured that there is no shortage of funds.

No proper supply of drinking water in village Kotla Khurd even in winter season

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Residents of Kotla Khurd told that in this correspondent that drinking water supply in our village is not coming properly for several Months, due to which people are facing many problems and they are upset due to non-supply of drinking water. Some residents of Ward Number 5 of village Kotla Khurd told that supply of water from many months is not coming properly. They said that no proper supply of drinking water in this village even in winter season. They further said that many times the concerned department was informed about this problem but till now no solution has been found. The officials of the Irrigation and Public Health Department may have forgotten the problems of the public. The people of the village have requested the Deputy Commissioner Una to resolve this problem as soon as possible.

Fugitive Pradeep Klair arrested in Bargari blasphemy case



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU: The SIT, which is investigating the Bargari blasphemy case, has received the news of the arrest of Pradeep Klair, a member of the fugitive Dera Sirsa, from the area of Ayodhya. According to information received, Pradeep Klair a member of the National Committee of Dera Sacha Sauda Sirsa, who was nominated as the perpetrator in Case No. 63/117/128, was arrested by District Police Faridkot at Gurgaon in connection with the blasphemy cases that occurred in Bargari during the year 2015. After that, he was presented in the honorable court of Faridkot, where he was sent to police remand for two days. According to the information received, Pradeep Keller was using langar on the occasion of the idol installation of Sri Ram temple in Ayodhya and the pictures of him using langar were viralized by the minister of UP himself. After this revelation, the SIT investigating the matter became active and teams were sent to UP and Delhi by SIT chief IG Parmar, Jalandhar rural police chief Mukhwinder Singh Bhullar and Faridkot police chief Harjit Singh and from sources. According to the information received, the police team has arrested Pradeep Klair. In this regard, I.G. Gursharan Singh informed that Pradeep Klair has been arrested in blasphemy cases. Who was declared a fugitive by the honorable court. He said that after the fugitive was arrested, the search was on continuously and now with the help of confidential information and technical intelligence, the police have succeeded in finding him.

486th Voluntary blood donation camp organized on death anniversary of Pt Deendayal Upadhyay

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA, FEB 11

On the death anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay ji, 486th voluntary blood donation camp was organized in Jhijnharpur. Under the able leadership of Village Sarpanch Gurdas Singh, Panch Ashok Kumar, Kulwant Rai, Gurbachan Singh, Ajay etc. contributed in making the camp successful. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, who has donated blood 166 times and platelets 80 times, awarded the President's Police Medal, National Gold Medal winner Diamond Blood Donor and

Double engine govt working with double speed, says PM Modi in MP

AGENCY
BHOPAL, FEB 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing Jan Jatiya Mahasabha in Jhabua said on Sunday that the double-engine government is working at double speed for all development while reiterating his governments commitment to serve the people. "Some of the many developmental projects in the state show that the double-engine government is working at double speed for all the developmental work...", PM Modi said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was addressing Jan Jatiya Mahasabha in Jhabua.

Expressing his gratitude to the people for offering their blessings, PM said, "There have been a lot of discussions about this visit of mine to the state, and various things are being said. Some



showed petals on the PM and chanted slogans as the Prime Minister greeted them on his way to the venue of his public rally in Jhabua. The visit assumes significance ahead of the Lok Sabha elections just a few months away. He was accompanied during the roadshow by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav. Before holding the roadshow, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various developmental projects worth Rs 7,500 crore at Jhabua. The projects will benefit the significant tribal population of the region, said Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in an official statement. "Prime Minister will dedicate and lay the foundation stone of multiple initiatives that will benefit the significant tribal population of the region. Prime Minister will disburse monthly instalments of Aahar Anudan under Aahar Anudan Yojna to about two lakh women beneficiaries. Under this scheme, Rs 1,500 per month is provided for nutritious food to women of various especially backward tribes of Madhya Pradesh," the PMO said in a statement.

Prime Minister Modi will also distribute 1.75 lakh Adhikar Abhilekh (record of rights) to beneficiaries of the SVAMITVA Scheme.

Indiscriminate firing by unknown motorcyclists at Cloth House in Mahilpur



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: There was indiscriminate firing at Chawla Cloth House on Mahilpur-Phagwara Road by three unidentified motorcyclists at around 10/15 am. In which 10-12 bullets were fired by the attackers which hit the board outside the shop. The biggest thing is that after the attackers opened fire, they gave a slip to the young man Ravi standing at the counter inside the shop, on which an amount of Rs 5 crore and Saurav Kaushal Choudhary Gang was written. Mahilpur police station reached the spot under the leadership of SHO Raman Kumar and started investigating the CCTV cameras installed in the shops of the market. Meanwhile, SHO of Garhshankar police station Baljinder Singh Malhi, Chhabewal police station. Police, police party of CIA staff, DSP Banga Daljit Singh Khakh and SP (D) Sarbjit Singh reached Bahia and started their investigation on various aspects.

Important role of Charvak in Indian philosophy: Dr. Sukhdev Sirsa

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 11

On the occasion of the 22nd death anniversary of the late leader of the Tarkashil Movement, Krishna Bargari, a state level seminar and honor function was organized on the topic of 'Indian Philosophy and Philosophy of Charvak' by the Tarkashil Society Punjab here at Tarkashil Bhawan. The event was presided over by eminent scholar and head of Democratic Rights Council Haryana Dr. Sukhdev Sirsa, national social activist Himanshu Kumar, state leader of the society Master Rajinder Bhador, Hem Raj Stanon, Krishan Bargari's life partner Madam Rajinder Kaur Bargari and rational leader Kulwant Kaur Patiala. Speaking as the main speaker, Dr. Sukhdev Sirsa said that philosophy has had a direct relationship with human life since the beginning of time and the current of



materialist philosophy of Charvak in India has been more pro-people and stronger than ideological philosophy. He said that Charvak's materialistic philosophy opposed the spirit-God, heaven-hell, rebirth, imaginary gods, rituals and superstitions from a scientific point of view and firmly established the concept of scientific consciousness in Indian society. Dr. Sirsa lamented that the present communal ruling classes are presenting mythology as history and the constitutional right to develop scientific consciousness is being destroyed by deification and commercialization of education against which common people are conscious. To do this, other progressive organizations, including the Rational Society, need to step up more strongly. Himanshu Kumar, a renowned social activist dedicated to the human rights of tribals, said that pro-imperialist governments are bent on uprooting poor tribals to loot water, forests, land and other minerals for corporate houses and protesting intellectuals, journalists and social activists.

Sikh scholar Dr. Vikramjit's work in field of religion and education

CHETRAM RATTAN
NAWANSHAHR: Born in Sri Amritsar Sahib, Vikramjit Singh has marked his distinct identity in Mysore, Karnataka, the land of Punjab, the land of Gurus. Vikramjit Singh was the youngest of seven children



born to father Balwant Singh and mother Paramjit Kaur. Since the house was located on Mahana Singh Road near Darbar Sahib, it was a family tradition to circumambulate the Harmandir Sahib every day. The 1984 Operation Blue

Star was mind-blowing. After graduation, Vikramjit Singh decided to leave Punjab, feeling the danger of the environment. By the grace of God, the marriage was completed with Shobha Singh. Jasmin Singh was born from their union.

Delhi-Sangrur National Highway sealed by Haryana Police



BHUPINDERJIT MAULVIWALA
PATRAN, FEB 11

In order to prevent the farmers from marching to Delhi again on February 13 against the policy of non-promise adopted by the Central Government regarding the demands made by the SKM (Non-Political) the Haryana Police made strict arrangements to stop the farmers. are being done Meanwhile, Delhi Sangrur national highway has been sealed by the police of Jind district of Haryana. Preparations are being made on a large scale by the Haryana Police to stop the farmers. By putting up green curtains on both sides of the border, preparations are

being made by the administration to impose restrictions on the farmers, and no one, including the media personnel, is being allowed to come close.

According to the information, due to the sealing of the Delhi-Sangrur National Highway by the Haryana Police, where the commuters going to Delhi are facing major difficulties, the Punjab Police Administration is sending light vehicles through rural roads for transportation. Due to the restrictions imposed by Punjab Police, heavy vehicles have also been stopped due to which long lines of trucks have formed near the village of Dhabi Gujars on the Punjab-Haryana border.

Giving Bharat Ratna to Dr. Swaminathan will be meaningful only if govt implements report of MSP: Vikram Kasana



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Bharatiya Kisan Union (Chadhuni) Youth State President Vikram Kasana Advocate said that the farming community welcomes the award of Bharat Ratna to Kisan Ratna Chau Charan Singh and Dr. MS Swaminathan. Giving Bharat Ratna to Dr. Swaminathan would be meaningful only then. When BJP will implement their Minimum Support Price report Farmers want to ask the Central Government that when will the Minimum Support Price be given to the farmers on the basis of Swaminathan formula. On one hand, the government says that MSP (Minimum Support Price) is there and will continue to be so, but on the other hand, the statement by a member of the MSP Committee constituted by the Central Government that purchasing at MSP is a formula for looting the farmers' crops, for which the farmers have no idea. There is no benefit. So will this government committee give a report to the government to make a law regarding MSP. Youth State President Vikram Kasana said that the farmers are not asking for the dole of MSMP but guarantee and law on this is our right.

Punjabi Seva Sadan distributes ration



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL, FEB 11

Like every month, ration was distributed to economically weaker needy families today in the premises of Punjabi Seva Sadan on 11 February. The program was presided over by Punjabi Seva Sadan President Prashant Paruthi. Giving information, Prashant Paruthi, Head of Punjabi Seva Sadan, said that today ration was distributed by the organization to economically weaker families, which is given every month. Today, the ration

service for the month of February was given by senior members of the organization, Satish Soni and Vinod Khanduja. He further said that the members of the organization, Vishambar Poonani, Sushil Makkar, Manohar Lal Ahuja and Varun Mehta also contributed money for the noble works being done by the organization. D. Paruthi told that along with other services, the organization is also doing social service work by providing all kinds of free courses in the recognized computer institute located in the

Sadan premises. Teaching of tally will also be started from the month of February. Those willing to learn computers You can contact Punjabi Seva Sadan. Pradhan further said that under Kalpana Chawla Shiksha Samman Yojana, Punjabi Seva Sadan is also working to improve the future of children by bearing the expenses of education, dress and books of 55 children. Giving information, Pradhan said that every year in the month of March, the foundation day of the organization is celebrated with great enthusiasm.

Speaker Sandhavan attends the camps of Block Kotakpura

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU: Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhavan in a camp organized at ward no. attended specially. He 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, name in birth certificate, Regarding registration, verification of income records, copies of death certificates, registration of marriage under Compulsory Marriage Act, renewal of registration of construction workers, attested copies of previously registered/unregistered documents, rectification in birth certificate, death certificate, rural area certificate, Copies of Birth Certificate, Widow or Destitute Pension Scheme, Encumbrance Certificate, Entry of Mortgage, Late Registration of Birth,



Fard, Disability Certificate/UDID Card, Counter Signing of Documents, Indemnity Bond, Marriage Registration under Anand Marriage Act, Border Area Certificate, Backward Area Certificate, Land Demarcation, NRI These include counter signing of documents, counter signing of police clearance certificate, late registration of death, rectification in death certificate, blessing scheme etc. He thanked the Punjab government for this initiative.

Public hearing camps will be organized in different blocks of district: DC

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU: Public convenience camps are being organized in all the blocks of the district from February 6 under the campaign of AAP government. These views were expressed by Deputy Commissioner Mr. Vineet Kumar. He said that the main purpose of the Punjab government is to reduce the hardships of the people under this campaign and to provide facilities to the people by informing them about the public welfare schemes of the Punjab government. He informed that on February 12, Bhagthala Khurd, village Ghugiana of block Faridkot, (10.00 am to 12.00 am) village pro-Klan, village Beguvala (02.00 pm to 04.00 pm), ward number 8, 9, 10, 11 (10.00 a.m. to 2.00 a.m.) Besides Ward No. 7, Village Deviwalla of Block Kotakpura (10.00 a.m. to 12.00 a.m.) Ward No. 8, Village Nanakars (02.00 p.m. to 04.00 p.m.), Block Jaito Ward No. 6, Village Burj Camps will be held at Harika (10.00 AM to 12.00 PM), Village Romana Albel Singh (2.00 PM to 04.00 PM). He appealed to the residents of the district and said that these camps will be held daily at different places and people should benefit from these camps as much as possible.



Editorial

Oily culture

The global discourse on energy has been marked by two particular traits: the quantification and the commodification of energy sources such as coal and oil. This is not surprising. Energy has served as a crucial commodity in shaping politics, its attendant conflicts, as well as the changes such conflicts have wrought all over the world. For instance, the United States of America was the predominant supplier of oil before the Second World War, but it ceded space to the Middle Eastern and North African nations in the post-War era that also cemented petroleum's triumph over coal. This led to the inception of the Great Game in the energy sector, with American oil companies playing proxy for the US's political establishment, often ushering in bloody regime changes in other corners of the world in order to maintain America's dominance of not only the energy trade but also geopolitics. The unequal access to and lopsided distribution of oil also resulted in the creation of inequality in vast swathes of the globe.

The economic and the political implications of the energy war have been so momentous that yet another relevant aspect has laid largely dormant in the public domain. This relates to the way fossil fuels have shaped the human mind, influencing the cultural and the psychological moorings of society. So much so that cultural expressions, languages as well as abstract concepts — the societal understanding of identity, for instance — have all been tinged with oil, so to speak. Interestingly, the concealment of energy's sharp psychocultural edge was made possible because the sites of production of popular culture, arts and aesthetics were not exactly immune from energy's arc of influence. From film stock to inks used in the printing of books to Hollywood, the hold of petroleum — the mother material — on the world of art and culture has been formidable. Consequently, it took a while for art to wake up to oil's deleterious cultural consequences of which there are many. The glorification of toxic masculinity — male labour being central to the extraction-based character of oil — and the marginalisation of women and their simultaneous idealisation as submissive members of the petro-State architecture are but two examples of oil's sticky footprints on the fabric of global culture. The scholarship investigating this despicable legacy is both emergent and illuminating. There is a case to argue for greater investment by the fields of humanities and social science to expedite a deeper investigation of the links between fossil fuels and cultural orthodoxy. However, another churn is evident in the realm of energy.

Pakistan: PPP, PML-N making 'hectic efforts' to form government

After the recent elections, both the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) are strongly pursuing paths to establish governments in the Centre, Punjab, and Balochistan, as per Dawn.

Both parties are proceeding cautiously, guarding their strategies while delicately negotiating the contours of a potential power-sharing arrangement.

Today, PPP leader Asif Ali Zardari is scheduled to convene significant meetings in Lahore and Islamabad to deliberate on the specifics of their proposed coalition, reported Dawn.

Simultaneously, a delegation from the Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) is in Lahore, responding to the invitation extended by the PML-N to discuss their post-election strategies.

According to Dawn, following the polls, PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif hinted at the formation of a national unity government akin to the PDM alliance, entrusting his brother and former Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif with the task of initiating consultations for government formation.

A senior PML-N official said, "The PML-N leadership explored the prospect of supporting the PPP to form the federal government, focusing on Punjab, where Shehbaz Sharif holds a substantial majority."

However, unlike the swift formation of the PDM in 2022, deliberations this time are expected to be more thorough.

In a statement to a private Pakistan TV channel, PML-N spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb confirmed initial consultations between Shehbaz Sharif and Asif Zardari, underlining that both leaders would seek their parties' input regarding coalition building.

Addressing queries about engaging with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) or its independent allies, Aurangzeb clarified, "The PML-N has no intentions to engage with PTI independents."

Shehbaz Sharif is expected to be a frontrunner for the premier's position within the proposed coalition government in Islamabad.

"A myriad of discussions are ongoing within the PML-N and PPP concerning coalition formation, including deliberations on the prime ministerial and presidential candidates as well as the allocation of key provincial positions," a party source said.



Meanwhile, Shehbaz Sharif, during a party meeting in Model Town, emphasised the imperative of political unity for Pakistan's welfare, pledging to meet public expectations and prioritise economic relief measures.

The meeting also apprised attendees of the PML-N's dialogues with other political entities regarding government formation in the Centre, exploring various avenues for governance in Islamabad and Lahore.

Amidst the buzz within the PML-N, the PPP maintains a reserved stance, refraining from divulging its strategies prematurely.

PPP leaders, refuting speculations, underscored that no decision regarding joining a PML-N-led coalition had been

reached, emphasising ongoing assessments of election results and the evolving political landscape, reported Dawn.

PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari reaffirmed the party's commitment to constructive politics, highlighting its presence across all four provinces and its pivotal role in potential government formations.

"We seek to transcend divisive politics and foster stability crucial for economic prosperity," Bhutto-Zardari remarked, disapproving of Nawaz Sharif's preemptive address following the elections.

Asserting the party's focus on establishing consensus governments, Bhutto-Zardari stressed the necessity of coalition-building, especially in Balochistan.

Literature & Health

Study shows stress affects brain, psyche via immune system

Chronic stress has a wide-ranging impact on our bodies. Many stress-related mental disorders, including depression, are associated with immune system abnormalities. However, the basic mechanisms dictating how these changes affect the brain are largely unknown.

Enzyme from immune cells in the blood affects nerves in the brain

An international research team led by the University of Zurich (UZH) and the University Hospital of Psychiatry Zurich (PUK) and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, has now uncovered a novel mechanism. "We were able to show that stress increases the amount of the matrix metalloproteinase-8 (MMP-8), an enzyme in the blood of mice. The same changes were found in patients with depression," says first author Flurin Cathomas. MMP-8 travels from the blood to the brain, where it alters the functioning of certain neurons. In the affected mice, this leads to behavioral changes: they withdraw and avoid social contact.

Potential for new treatments for depression

According to Cathomas, the findings are novel in two respects: "Firstly, they indicate a new 'body-mind mechanism', which might be relevant not only for stress-related mental illness, but also for other diseases that affect both the immune and nerv-



ous systems." And secondly, says the psychiatrist, identification of the specific MMP-8 protein could be a potential starting point to develop new treatments for depression.

Changes to brain extracellular matrix

The researchers were able to use animal models to show that stress increases the migration of a specific type of white blood cells called monocytes into the vascular system of the brain, particularly into the reward center regions.

These monocytes produce MMP-8. MMP-8 is involved in the restructuring and regulation of the net-like frame that surrounds neurons in the brain - called the extracellular matrix.

Hungary's President Katalin Novak resigns over pardoning man convicted in child sexual abuse case

Hungary's President Katalin Novak resigned on Saturday after growing pressure for pardoning a man convicted of being involved in conspiring to conceal an instance of a sex abuse case in a children's home, according to Al Jazeera.

Announcing her resignation, Novak said, "I made a mistake...Today is the last day that I address you as president," she said in a speech broadcast on state television.

"I made a decision to grant a pardon last April, believing that the convict did not abuse the vulnerability of children whom he had overseen. I made a mistake as the pardon and the lack of reasoning was suitable to trigger doubts over the zero tolerance that applies to paedophilia," she added.

On Friday, at least a thousand protesters demonstrated in the nation's capital, calling for her resignation. Opposition parties in Hungary also called for her resignation.

Ahead of Pope Francis's visit in April 2023, Novak made the decision to pardon some two-dozen people in April 2023, including the deputy director of a children's home who had assisted the former director in hiding his wrongdoings.

In 2022, Endre K was given a sentence of three years and four months in prison. She also had a five-year ban from engaging in any activities or working in any capacity related to minors. However, Novak was freed and, permitted to return to his profession af-



ter receiving a pardon, according to Al Jazeera.

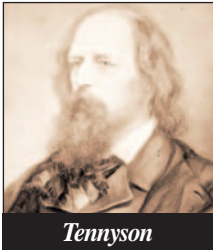
Novak is Conservative Prime Minister Viktor Orban's former family minister and ally. She was also the youngest person to ever hold the position and the first female president in Hungary's history.

Her resignation from the presidential post was a rare instance of political unrest for Fidesz, the nationalist party that has governed Hungary since 2010 with a constitutional majority.

POEM

The Lady of Shalott

On either side the river lie Long fields of barley and of rye, That clothe the wold and meet the sky; And thro' the field the road runs by To many-tower'd Camelot;



Tennyson

The yellow-leaved waterlily The green-sheathed daffodily Tremble in the water chilly Round about Shalott.

Willows whiten, aspens shiver.

The sunbeam showers break and quiver In the stream that runneth ever By the island in the river

Flowing down to Camelot.

Four gray walls, and four gray towers Overlook a space of flowers, And the silent isle imbowers

The Lady of Shalott.

Underneath the bearded barley, The reaper, reaping late and early, Hears her ever chanting cheerly, Like an angel, singing clearly, O'er the stream of Camelot.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Matrimonial dispute:Annulment and divorce

APURV AGARWAL

It can be noted that Prima facie, two types of separation procedures are practiced in India, namely annulment and divorce. The two procedures may look similar, but they hold two different meanings. An Indian and a Foreigner/NRI/PIO can get married in India under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 after fulfilling certain requirements.

Divorce is the dissolution of the formal ending of a marriage. It is a legal declaration of ending or terminating a valid marriage. Under divorce, the validity of a marriage is not questioned, but the continuation of marriage remains in question.

Annulment of marriage is a legal procedure which is meant to declare a mar-

riage null or void. A marriage is declared null or void if certain legal requirements were not fulfilled at the time of marriage due to any reasons. The marriage is considered never existed in the eyes of law in the absence of the fulfillment of certain legal requirements for making a marriage certified. Voidable marriages are valid unless their validity is questioned.

Whereas divorce dissolves a marriage that was existed, annulment disqualifies a marriage that was never existed at all and with an annulment, there will be no 'divorcee' tag as it wipes out the existence of a marriage. Therefore, this is one of the reasons to annul a marriage instead of divorce

In a case for annulment of marriage, there are certain conditions which you need to keep in mind. The questions like Can a

marriage be annulled after 1 year in India and If a year has passed since the concerned fraud came to the petitioner's knowledge, annulment of marriage is not possible.

When the petitioner is aware of the fraud and still chooses to stay with the other spouse, a petition for annulment cannot be filed. In case the husband knew about the wife's pregnancy and still chose to marry, the person cannot file for annulment of marriage.

The grounds for annulment of marriage may vary sometimes, but are generally limited to bigamy, deceit, blood relationship, and mental incapacity as mentioned below:

(a)If either spouse was already married to someone else when the marriage took place;

(b)If either spouse did not attain the age

of marriage as per law;

(c) If either spouse was intoxicated at the time of the marriage;

(d)If either spouse was insane or ill at the time of the marriage;

(e)If the marriage consent is based on any fraud or force;

(f)It is either spouse was physically incompetent to be married;

If either spouse is incapable of a physical relationship in a marriage.

Criminals who have already been sentenced to life imprisonment may not marry.

The procedure for the annulment of marriage in India, in brief, is as follows:

(a)The parties' residence plays an important role in deciding the jurisdiction of the matter.

(b)Either partner can file a petition where she/he was born, where the marriage was solemnized, or has been living together and has to stay for a continuous 90 (ninety) days period before applying.

(c) A petition should be presented before the concerned court under different personal laws. Such as, under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and Special Marriage Act, 1954, one can refer to the Family court or city civil court to decide the matter.

(d) After filing the annulment petition, the court issues a notice to the respondent providing a chance to reply and present before the court.

(e)After proving a marriage void or voidable, the court will pass a decree as per the pieces of evidence and arguments made by the parties.

WhatsApp Now Allows Users to Block Spam Directly From Lock Screen

WhatsApp, the popular messaging platform Meta owns, has rolled out a new feature allowing users to block spam directly from their lock screens. This update aims to combat the rising prevalence of spam messages and give users greater control over their messaging experience. Spam messages have long been a concern for messaging networks such as WhatsApp, flooding users with undesirable messages ranging from promotional offers to fraudulent schemes. By allowing users to take action directly from their lock screens, WhatsApp aims to enhance user privacy and security while fostering a more seamless messaging experience. The new feature enables WhatsApp users to identify and block spam messages without needing to unlock their devices or navigate through the app. When a spam message notification appears on the lock screen, users can now long-press on the notification to access multiple options, including the option to block the sender instantly. WhatsApp displays a secondary prompt to report the contact as well.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launches retirement savings product

SHIMLA: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched ICICI Pru Gold Pension Savings, a tax efficient pension product that enables customers to make systematic contributions and build the desired retirement corpus to lead financially independent retired lives. This unique product is also India's first product which offers customers safety of the capital invested, complimentary health check-ups and make partial withdrawals. Customers can withdraw up to 25% of the contributions made after a period of three years enabling them to meet liquidity needs. Besides, the annual bonus, as and when declared, has the potential to further bolster the corpus and consequently the annuity. ICICI Pru Gold Pension Savings product empowers customers, upon maturity to withdrawal up to 60% of the accumulated savings and receive guaranteed regular life-long pension from the balance amount, enabling financial freedom during the golden years. Amit Palta, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Retirement planning has assumed great importance with the rapidly changing family structures in the country.

Seagram's Royal Stag Announces Second Edition of Royal Stag BoomBox

SHIMLA, 10, February, 2024, Celebrating the spirit of 'Living It Large', Seagram's Royal Stag presents the second edition of Royal Stag BoomBox, a one-of-its-kind musical festival where the best-loved melodies of Bollywood meet the pulsating beats of hip-hop. In an exclusive preview in Mumbai on 07th February 2024, the brand unveiled what's in store at the second edition of Royal Stag BoomBox. For many years, music has been a key consumer engagement pillar for the brand. Royal Stag BoomBox audaciously brings together two distinct genres of the music industry, the melody of Bollywood and the gully vibe of Hip-Hop, to create the original sound of today's generation the Generation Large. This is a vibe that tends to make rather than follow trends, a vibe that is in constant search of soul-touching experiences. Royal Stag BoomBox intends to stir the imagination of this generation, blending music they have inherited, Bollywood scores, with the genre that speaks to them. Hip Hop. Kartik Mohindra, CMO, Pernod Ricard India said, "Music and live experiences bring people together and are natural enablers of conviviality. Royal Stag continues to celebrate music as its key youth passion pillar. Carrying forward the brand's 'Live It Large' ethos and youth connect, we are excited for the launch of the second edition of Royal Stag BoomBox. The kind of response and engagement we received for the festival last year was truly overwhelming. This year, the platform is set to elevate the experience by blending the melodies of Bollywood with the pulsating beats of Hip-Hop.

HDFC Bank Expands SME Payment Solutions with Launch of Business Credit Card Series for Self-Employed Community

SHIMLA:HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, today announced expansion of itsSME 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 designed to meet the diverse payment needs of self-employed individuals, SMEs and MSMEs. 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.

Vi Ramps up Network Capacity in Punjab

Jalandhar: In today's digital world, mobile internet has become a crucial factor for one's daily functioning, be it work or entertainment. To cater to these evolving needs of consumers, leading telecom brand Vi, has enhanced network experience for its customers in Punjab on the back of network initiatives enabling better indoor experience and faster speeds. Over the past 2-3 months, Vi has upgraded the spectrum bandwidth in in LTE 1800 from 10 MHz to 15 MHz, in LTE 2100 MHz band from 5 MHz to 10 MHz and in LTE 2500 from 10 MHz to 20 MHz to increase its network capacity across 1200+ sites in Punjab. With this, Vi customers can experience higher download and upload speeds. In addition, Vi Customers in commercial and residential areas of Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, Kharar, Zirakpur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Patiala, Hoshiarpur, Pathankot, Khanna, Moga and Bathinda will also experience superior network even in crowded or congested pockets of these cities. Speaking about the initiative, Deepak Rao, Cluster Business Head - Punjab, HP & J&K, Vodafone Idea said, "At Vi, our top most commitment is to offer world-class digital experiences to connect and inspire every Indian to build a better tomorrow.

Tripura took the first inning lead of 82 runs, UT boys fight back with 112/0

Chandigarh, Tripura took the lead of 82 runs against UT boys in their first inning during the third day of the Ranji Trophy match being played at the Cricket Stadium, Sector 16 on Sunday. Tripura was all out for 438 against the Chandigarh's first innings of 356. Visitors while resuming their overnight score of 187/4 added another 251 in their total of first innings. Mura Singh (94) was the top scorer while Ganesh Satish scored 88 runs. Wriddhiman Saha (66) and Debnath (64) also scored half-centuries. Gurinder Singh (41/17) took maximum wickets for homeside Chandigarh. In reply, unbeaten Shivam Bhambri (61) and Arslan Khan (49) gave a cautious start as Chandigarh scored 116/0 before the stumps were drawn.

Portion control is the best weight loss method! Here's why!

Weight loss is a difficult journey for majority of people. Not only does it demotivate people to leave their weight loss track altogether but can be a prick when it comes to ruining the health of a person. If you have ever followed a vigorous diet plan, you may have experienced some common symptoms such as nausea, hypertension, high palpitations, excess sweating and so on. However, as per science and many who have lost great amount of weight, portion control is one method which has neither harmed their health or their weight loss plan.

Benefits of portion control: You learn how to calculate calories and decide your meals. It is important to understand what goes on your plate with prior planning. Not only does it make you aware about what you eat but also helps you in getting a deep understanding of what suits your body and what doesn't.

Through portion control you are able to achieve discipline in your eating habits. Since prior to this you have gained weight because of excessive and untimely eating, portion control helps



you draw the line and when to stop.

Portion control is also a great way to begin your weight loss journey. This is because through portion control you will be able to get rid of your addictions for unhealthy foods at odd times. A major factor in weight gain is eating unhealthy snacks such as french fries thinking they are harmless.

Portion control also ensures an adequate intake of calories. When you know your calorie requirement as per your weight, you also know how to control your eating habits. This means that you are not completely leaving

food in order to lose weight but are making sure that along with exercise enough fuel is going in your body to run it. Nutritional deficiency contributes to weight gain and portion control helps counter that.

Portion control also leads to reduced food cravings. Once you start practicing portion control, your cravings for unnecessary foods also diminish. If you have been feeling bloated lately, portion control is your answer.

How does portion control lead to weight?

Portion control should be your first step when approaching weight loss. With

the above mentioned benefits, weight loss will also be a sustainable process. Portion control is an easy step once you get the hang of it. It is important to begin with this step to kick start your weight loss journey in an efficient manner.

With portion control you will also be able to save on a great load of money as the cost of splurging on food will be cut. If you are looking for an effective and affordable of losing weight, portion control should the first on your to-do list.

One example of a portion controlled diet:

Calories needed in a day: 1200

Morning: 1 banana with 1 glass of green tea

Breakfast: 3-egg omelette with 2 slices of brown toast and seasonal fruit shake

Snack: Bowl of fruits

Lunch: 2 rotis, 1 bowl of subzi, 1 bowl of dal, 1 bowl of salad with yoghurt

Snack: Handful of nuts

Dinner: 1 bowl of rice with dal, subzi and salad

Make sure you have minimum 2 litres of water everyday and add exercise to your regime to see results faster.

Dev Samaj School: Farewell Function Held



Chandigarh: Students of class XI bade farewell to the students of class XII of I.S. Dev Samaj Sr. Secondary School Sector-21C, Chandigarh. A grand party was marked by various foot tapping dances and melodious songs by class XI students. The students of XII showed their modeling skills on the ramp. In the Girls category Anshika, Upinder Kaur and Siya Manchanda were declared Ms Dev Samaj, Ms Charming and Ms Elegant respectively. In the boys category Sukhman

Singh, Shreyanshu and Pulkit Verma won the title of Mr Dev Samaj, Mr. Personality and Mr Elegant respectively. Students of XII showed gratitude to the school. Advocate Sahil Abhi Chief Guest wished and blessed the outgoing students to work hard and be successful in life. Principal Sabeeha Dhillion Mangat wished the students well for their future. She also appreciated the 11th class students for making the programme a success.

Journey of folk and traditional dance artist Sridevi Sathiyarayanan

Sr i d e v i Sathiyarayanan is a well-known folk and traditional dance artist. Born in Chennai, India, Sridevi began her dance journey at the age of five, making her debut as a young dancer in the Tamil film, Chandramukhi, starring the famous actor Rajinikanth. Later, she pursued her dance training under the guidance of the popular dance teacher Mr. Dharma. Over the past two decades, Sridevi has performed in several

numerous film award ceremonies. She has also worked as a dancer in many South Indian films. In late 2020, Sridevi moved to the UAE where she became part of the Step N Groove School of Dance under the guidance of Suresh Master. There, she has been regularly performing and teaching youth at the academy. Sridevi wishes to share her talent through educational workshops and performances around the globe.



stage shows across South India for many world dignitaries, well-known stars, and in

Apple to Settle Trade Secrets Lawsuit With Chip Startup Rivos

Apple plans to settle a lawsuit that accused tech startup Rivos of stealing its trade secrets related to computer-chip technology, according to a joint court filing on Friday in California federal court. The companies told the US District Court for the Northern District of California that they had "signed an agreement that potentially settles the case," and that the agreement allows Apple to examine Rivos' systems and recover any confidential information. Representatives for Apple and Rivos did not immediately respond to requests for comment and more information about the settlement. Apple sued "stealth" startup Rivos in 2022. It said Mountain View, California-based Rivos had hired away dozens of its engineers and used its confidential information to develop competing "system-on-chip" (SoC) technology.

Locals throng massively at SARAS fair on Sunday

Chandigarh, The 12-day long SARAS fair being organised by Rural Livelihood Mission under the aegis ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj at exhibition ground, sector 34 witnessed a massive participation of locals on Sunday. Rural women folks managed by Self Help Groups across the districts of HP are displaying and selling their handmade products. Apart from HP entrepreneurs from other states including Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Assam are participating in the fair and exhibiting their products. Apart from local himachali residing in Chandigarh tricity, the fair witnessed an enormous turn out from locals who appraised the rich heritage of the hill state. Along with handmade products, organically cultivated and processed pulses, spices, dry



fruits, flour (atta), fruits, juices, chutneys, pickles and other forms of food products were sold in abundance during the fair. People also expressed their interest in handloom, warm woolen clothes, models of temples and musical instruments and other hand made products. The main attraction of the fair was the food festival of Himachali traditional dishes

wherein visitors thoroughly relished the vivid cuisines. Along with Kangri, Mandiyali, Bilaspuri and Chambyali Dham, Siddu, Babru, Momos etc. became the first choice. Later in the evening, visitors couldn't resist themselves on foot-tapping Pahari dances and participated in the cultural evening. The fair will conclude on February 12.

Prama India and Government of India's C-DAC (Meity) Announce Partnership for Thermal Camera Technology



Chandigarh: Prama India and Government of India's C-DAC (Meity) recently announced a technology partnership through the "Transfer of Technology" (ToT) Pact for Thermal Cameras. This partnership enables Prama India as a technology partner to manufacture, market and support the innovative solutions.

Prama India has recently signed a ToT (Transfer of Technology) agreement with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (Meity), Government of India, for Thermal Camera Technology. With this significant initiative, Prama India has created a new benchmark in the Indian Security Industry. This new

initiative by Prama India will bolster R&D and help to develop innovative thermal technology applications. This technology partnership was officially announced by C-DAC at the 'Digital India Future Labs' launch event held at IIITM, New Delhi, in the presence of Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Honourable Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti, Government of India.

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) is the premier R&D organization of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (Meity) for carrying out R&D in IT, Electronics and associated areas.

Disney Using New AI-Backed Advertising Tool For Disney+, Hulu Ads

Walt Disney is harnessing artificial intelligence to power a new advertising tool that will help brands tailor their commercials to fit the mood of specific scenes within a movie or television series.

Dubbed "Disney's Magic Words," this tool introduces a new form of contextual advertising for

the Disney+ and Hulu streaming services. It uses a combination of AI and machine learning to analyse and tag scenes across its library, identifying the contents, brands, images and mood.

Brands can use these descriptive tags, known as metadata, to identify a specific scene or mood and then personalise

messaging to match. "What that means is leaving broad demos (demographics) behind and buying specific audiences," said Geoffrey Calabrese, Omnicom Media Group's chief investment officer. "These magic words are literally going to be able to connect me to the emotions of the consumer, at an audience level.

Geopolitical and economic uncertainty bolster gold demand and prices in 2023

Chandigarh : The World Gold Council's Gold Demand Trends report reveals that annual gold demand (excluding OTC) fell to 4,448t in 2023, down just 5% from a notably strong 2022. When factoring in demand from the OTC markets and other sources, total demand climbed to a new annual record at 4,899t. Investment from this more opaque source of demand supported 2023's highest annual average gold price on record. The central bank buying streak continued on from 2022 at a blistering rate. Demand reached 1,037t last year, making it the second highest on record, down just 45t on the previous year. In contrast to robust OTC and central bank demand, ETF outflows continued in 2023, losing 244t in a third consecutive year of decline, with outflows in Europe dominating the picture. Turning to bar and coin investment, demand was subdued and down 3% as strength in some markets worked to offset weakness else-

where. European demand continued to plummet, down 59% year-on-year. This decline was offset by a strong post-COVID recovery in China, where annual demand was up 28% to 280t; combined with notable increases in India (185t), Turkey (160t), and the US (113t). The global jewellery market proved to be remarkably resilient amidst record-high prices as demand inched up by 3t year-



on-year. China played an important role, recording a 17% increase in demand for gold, as it recovered from COVID-19 lockdowns, offsetting a 9% decrease in India. Mine production was relatively flat in 2023, up 1%. Recycling increased by 9%, which was lower than expected given the high gold price and drove total supply up 3%. Louise Street,

Senior Markets Analyst at the World Gold Council, commented: "Unwavering demand from central banks has been supportive of gold demand again this year and helped offset weakness in other areas of the market, keeping 2023 demand well above the ten-year moving average." "In addition to monetary policy, geopolitical uncertainty is often a key driver of gold demand and in 2024 we expect this to have a pronounced impact on the market. Ongoing conflicts, trade tensions and over 60 elections taking place around the world, are likely to encourage investors to turn to gold for its proven track-record as a safe haven asset. "We know that central banks often cite gold's performance in times of crisis as a reason to buy, which suggests demand from this sector will stay high this year and may help to offset a slowdown in consumer demand due to elevated gold prices and slowing economic growth."

Dive into the Next Wave of Punjabi Pop with 'Daydream' by Faraz



Chandigarh: Embark on a musical journey, where emerging Punjabi pop singer-producer, Faraz, invites listeners to immerse themselves in a refreshing experience with the launch of his album 'Daydream'. With a blend of catchy beats, relatable lyrics and a unique sound, the album brings a fresh perspective to the Punjabi Pop genre.

Featuring an eclectic lineup of six tracks - 'Gallan', 'Dangerous', 'Let It Go', 'Bawale Se', 'Nasha Hone Do', and 'Kharab

Kar Gayi' featuring Abir, Faraz infuses each track with a distinctive blend of beats, creating an immersive experience that transcends the boundaries of conventional genres. Picture yourself on a night drive or a casual day at home, the beats of these tracks seamlessly weaving into the fabric of unforgettable moments.

Inspired by a diverse range of global artists, Faraz has successfully incorporated these influences into his own sounds, resulting in the creation of "Daydream."

Speaking passionately on the release of his album, Faraz shares, "This is a very special album to me. I wanted to create tracks that would resonate with people's daily lives and with 'Daydream' I have done just that. The album is my attempt to blend cultures, genres, and emotions to create something that speaks to the universal language of the heart and gets them grooving. I hope 'Daydream' becomes a shared journey through the highs and lows of life."

Rachana Mistry steps in the shoes of Arya post leap in 'Dabangii - Mulgi Aayi Re Aayi'

CHANDIGARH : Starting 14th February, Dabangii - Mulgi Aayi Re Aayi will witness a 14-year leap with Arya returning to avenge the



death of Ankush and her mother, Chhaya. Sony Entertainment Television's intriguing narrative, 'Dabangii - Mulgi Aayi Re Aayi', has kept

the audience riveted with Arya's quest to find her father; and entering into a world of hidden secrets and entangled relationships that turned her life upside down. Talking about playing the role of a grown-up Arya, Rachana Mistry shared, "Arya embodies the same Dabangii spirit from her childhood, yet her maturity now grants her a deeper understanding of the world. Her acts of kindness and empathy illuminate her path, prioritizing human connection over material pursuits; a reflection of all that her Baba, Ankush, has taught her. Despite the deep loss she has gone through, Arya's courage remains steadfast, fueled by a quest to face Satya, to avenge the death of her parents and his wrongdoings."

Shubhangi Atre's recent spiritual retreat!



In our busy lives, where the modern world's demands can make us crave peace, a yoga retreat becomes a haven for the soul. &TV's Angoori Bhabhi from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, Shubhangi Atre, recently went for a peaceful yoga and spiritual retreat in Coimbatore, finding spiritual exploration, rejuvenation, and self-discovery. Sharing details on her recent spiritual retreat, Shubhangi Atre, aka Angoori Bhabhi, commented, "The Isha Foundation in Coimbatore beautifully blends tradition, modernity, and natural beauty. Venturing to the outskirts, a day at the esteemed Yoga Centre provided a peaceful haven. The well-maintained ashram served as a serene retreat, allowing me to meditate, practice yoga, and explore amidst the lush surroundings of Dhyanalinga. Visiting Linga Bhairavi Devi Centre further heightened my peace. Engaging in Klesha Nashana Kriya and Devi Abhishekam deepened my connection with the divine presence of Devi. The latter, involving eleven offerings to Linga Bhairavi Devi, became a cleansing ritual using fire and elements to purify spiritual energy. In the evenings, there were joyous gatherings where like-minded souls met for group meditations, chanting, and reflective discussions. Its special culinary offerings aided in skillfully nourishing body and spirit, fostering harmonious balance. The spiritual ambience and positive energy left an enduring impression on my soul. Reflecting on my time there, I am grateful for the profound moments of self-discovery and the nurturing embrace of the spiritual haven. This journey has left an indelible mark on my heart, and I carry forward a renewed sense of well-being and

Vi Ramps up Network Capacity in Punjab

Bathinda/Amritsar, 11 February: In today's digital world, mobile internet has become a crucial factor for one's daily functioning, be it work or entertainment. To cater to these evolving needs of consumers, leading telecom brand Vi, has enhanced network experience for its customers in Punjab on the back of network initiatives enabling better indoor experience and faster speeds. Speaking about the initiative, Deepak Rao, Cluster Business Head - Punjab, HP & J&K, Vodafone Idea said, "At Vi, our top most commitment is to offer world-class digital experiences to connect and inspire every Indian to build a better tomorrow. With this vision, it is our endeavour to constantly upgrade our services to not only address the evolving needs of our customers but also offer a seamless network experience. This network enhancement across the key cities of Punjab will empower our customers with a superior experience and a strong network for them to enjoy smooth connectivity while they work, study, socialize, access entertainment, e-commerce and other.

Elevate your living space to celebrate the season in style with Amazon.in's Home Shopping Spree

Chandigarh: The most awaited Amazon.in's Home Shopping Spree is back with unbeatable deals and offers on a wide selection of Home, Kitchen and Outdoor products. Don't miss out on the chance to elevate your home with everything from trendy decor to kitchen appliances, curtains, bedsheets, mattresses, and much more across top brands such as AWANI, Bajaj, Pigeon, Prestige, Cellbell, Borosil, Vega and more. Home Shopping Spree is live from 8 February till 11 February, 2024. Get a minimum 40% off on top

brands across Home, Kitchen and Outdoor products. Grab 10% instant discount with CITI Bank on a minimum transaction of INR 5000. Get a maximum discount of INR 1000 on CITI Bank Credit Card and Debit Card and EMI transaction of INR 1250. Get an additional INR 300 off on a minimum purchase of INR 1500. Amazon Prime is designed to make your life better every single day as it provides the best of shopping, savings, and entertainment in one single membership. Members get FREE one-day delivery on over 40

debt maturities at VRL are more evenly spread which was our main objective for the exercise. As you are aware, Vedanta Group announced a significant demerger and reorganization plan in September last year. This will reconstitute the Vedanta Group across 17 major businesses. Each of the business has world-class management leadership,

Vedanta Resources completes repayments to its bondholders

Ludhiana : Vedanta Resources Limited (VRL/Vedanta) announces that it completed repayments to its bondholders on February 7, 2024 in line with the consents it received earlier in the year in which maturities of \$3.2 bn in bonds were successfully funded to 2029. VRL is pleased to note that with the completion of this exercise, the

employ the latest cutting-edge technologies have import substitution and fulfilment of domestic demand as a core proposition. They also offer high quality and diversified investment opportunities to institutional and retail investors alike. We will update progress on the implementation on a timely basis.

CGC Landran organises literature festival



TILAK RAJ MOHALI: A Literature Festival and a book fair was organised by the Chandigarh group of colleges on 8 and 9 February in collaboration with The Great Indian Book Tour in which more than 30 authors from all over the country interacted with the students and discussed various aspects of literature including poetry writing in a number of Panel discussion sessions. Also, interactive workshops on theatre and poetry were organised to help students hone their creative skills. Some of the leading authors who participated included- Raj Abhishek Singh from Orissa, Dr.Sonika Sethi from Ambala, Dr Ritu Kumar from Yamunanagar, lifecoach and poet Nazam Riar, author and podcaster Mubarak Sandhu, Nisha Luthra, author from Chandigarh Narinderjit Kaur from Patiala and Ridhima Batra. The authors were felicitated by the Director Student Welfare Gagandeep Bhullar. A book fair was organised during the liftest that not only witnessed huge crowds of students who bought books at various stalls but also provided and opportunity to the students to learn about book publishing. Amandeep Singh, Water Artist attended the prog, said it's a great platform for the author's to interact with the youth and young students and to share their experience with them, the workshops will help the students to enhance their writing skills.

'200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati will be celebrated'



DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHEDI: On Sunday, Swami Shradhdhanand Senior Secondary School, Nilokhedhi, run by Arya Samaj Mandir Nilokhedhi, will be celebrated 200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanande Saraswati. Shastri Yogacharya and Shastri Surendra Kumar of the school told that this Shobha Yatra would be held at various places in the entire city. This procession would be concluded at Arya Samaj Nilokhedhi. This procession would be started from Arya Samaj Nilokhedhi itself and would conclude at Arya Samaj Nilokhedhi. Features of this procession will be the tableau of soldier Dayanand who came in the procession, Chandrashekhar Azad . Tableau of Bhagat Singh, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Azad Hind Fauj, Judo Karate, Lathi demonstration, of Yoga demonstration, NCC, Legum, Dumbbell, PT, Ram Darbar, Yagya, of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Arya Samaj Mahila Mandal, Yoga. Apart from this there will be different types of tableaux, all the people of the city should participate enthusiastically in this program.

Renubala MLA Sadhaura appointed member of Haryana Congress Election Manifesto Committee

PREETI RANI SADHAURA: On the appointment of Sadhaura MLA Renubala as a member of the Haryana Election Manifesto Committee formed under the chairmanship of former state education minister Geeta Bhukkal, MLA Renubala expressed her thanks and gratitude to the Congress Party state unit and the National High Command. While thanking all her regional and national senior leaders, she also thanked her senior leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Kumari Selja, Randeep Surjewala and Kiran Choudhary and assured that she would fulfill whatever responsibility has been assigned to her by the party. She would perform well with complete honesty. Renu Bala said in a statement issued to the press that the people of the state were completely fed up with the present government and were in the mood for change. She said that unemployment was at its peak in the state. Law and order has broken down, and crimes were being committed by miscreants somewhere or the other every day. She said that loud slogans were raised on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and cow protection all of which have proved to be flops. She said that today neither women nor cattle were safe. Renubala said that when the Congress government came to power, youth would be given employment and on the lines of the previous Congress government, appropriate solutions would be taken for the safety of cows. She said that women's safety and security would also be taken full care of.



250 patients benefited from 19th free eye and free medical check-up camp



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER NAWANSHAHR: Darshan Singh Mahil, Senior Trust Member of Guru Nanak Mission Medical and Educational Trust Dhahan Klar and Chairman of Ram Leela Welfare Committee village Mahil Gahilan, in support of all Mahil Parivar and Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Dhahan Klar. 19th Annual Free Eye and Free Medical Checkup Camp was organized today at Government Elementary School Mahal Gahlan. This

'Congress Sandesh Yatra' successful in conveying message of Rahul Gandhi and Kharge: Rakesh

MEGRAJ LUTHRA KACHHWA, FEB 11

Not only the five assembly constituencies of Karnal but the people of all the surrounding assembly constituencies were unhappy with the anti-people policies of the BJP government. The purpose of the Sandesh Yatra under the leadership of Shailaja was to convey the message of Rahul Gandhi and Kharge and the policies of Congress to the people. During public relations, workers have to make people aware of the history and public welfare policies of Congress. State spokesperson of Congress Party Rakesh Rocky Saidpura was speaking during the Sandesh Yatra of Kumari Shailja. He said that the national leaders of Congress, former Congress President Rahul Gandhi and Kharge were fighting for the people of the



country. He said that Rahul Gandhi has started Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra through which Rahul Gandhi was making the people of the country aware of the anti-people policies of the BJP government. National General Secretary of Congress, CWC member in-charge of Uttarakhand, former Union Minister and leader of 36 communities of Haryana, Kumari Shailja said that today the people of the state were unhappy with the

policies of the BJP government and have decided to bring the Congress government. The BJP government was making a policy against the farmers, Dalits, labourers, proletariat and the deprived society, due to which there was resentment among the people all around. The coming time would be of Congress. The Congress party always made welfare schemes for the poor which provided direct benefits to

the public, but today the BJP government has made such policies which were making the common people unhappy. National General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, who was leading the Yatra, former Minister Kiran Chaudhary, Working President Ramkishan Gurjar and Assandh MLA Shamsheer Singh Gogi played an important role, due to whose efforts the Yatra was successful in entire Haryana.

Punjab Education Dept gets innovation in Project Based Learning Award in Dubai



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH: Punjab School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains's dream project, Punjab School Education Department's Business Blaster Young Entrepreneur Scheme, received an international award in Dubai. Special Education Secretary Churchill Kumar said that along with making the education model of Punjab better than the rest of the world, we also want to ensure that the students studying in our government schools do not think, what should I do now after completing 12th? He said that students studying in government schools of Punjab will no longer become employment seekers but employment providers. It is noteworthy that Project Business Blaster, which is being run with the technical support of Udyam Learning, was launched in November 2022.

Police busts gang involved in blackmailing people through honey trap

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, FEB 11

The Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma has busted a gang involved in extorting money from people through Honey trap. Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that the Police had got a lead that a gang involved in extorting money from people through honey trap. He said that this gang used to call people in hotels rooms and subsequently blackmailed them using recorded videos. Mr Swapan Sharma said that the Police party laid a trap and arrested three-members



of gang near Nangal Shama Chowk in Jalandhar. The Commissioner of Police said that the arrested criminals have been identified as Preet Kaur d/o Kamaljit Singh r/o HNO L51 Amrik Nagar Jalandhar, Aman w/o Rishav r/o Amrik Nagar opposite Raju Karyana Store Jalandhar and Mohini w/o Rakesh Kumar r/o Amrik

Dr. Baljit Kaur put demands of Pb before Union Minister



Athawale on important issues of Punjab. While discussing, he placed demands related to his department. The meeting was held during the Union Minister's one-day visit to Faridkot, which focused on various issues related to the effective functioning of

social justice and social security departments. During the conversation with Dr. Athavale, Baljit Kaur stressed the need for sufficient funds to ensure smooth operation of construction of hostels under Babu Jagjivan Ram Yojana.

Hry govt starts Jan Sahayak Help Me App, to provide information and facilities of govt : DC

RANVEER PRASHAR KAITHAL, FEB11

DC Prashant Panwar said that the services and information provided by the state government could now be obtained on mobile through a single app. For this, Jan Sahayak Help Me App has been started by the state government. Through this app, all government services and information would be available to common citizens on mobile phones only. Giving this information, he said that one could view these services through the app while being at home and availed the benefits of the schemes. For this, the district residents can download the Jansahayak app on their mobile. To use the app, it was necessary to register through mobile number or family identity card. He said that citizens would get information about department wise and services available on Saral portal on Jan Sahayak App. He



informed that 112 emergency services, 100 police help, 108 ambulance, 101 fire, 104 health, 1091 women helpline, 1098 child helpline, 1075 Covid-19 helpline and other services like tenders, bill payment, travel, jobs, sports, basic services and information like structure and skill development and simple services, department wise services, users services and public complaints and RTI were available on Jan Sahayak App. Besides, The app also has a government telephone directory including latest news, calendar and events, latest achievements and

announcements of the government, which people can access through their mobile phones. The Deputy Commissioner said that through the Jan Sahayak App, the government could send notifications to the citizens of a particular district, age group etc. The benefits of government welfare schemes could be availed by registering on Jan Sahayak App. Through this Jan Sahayak app, citizens could also give their suggestions on the services provided by the government. Also, by analyzing the suggestions received, the service delivery of the departments can be made more excellent. He said that with the help of Haryana Jansahayak App, there was also an option to provide various facilities to the citizens of the state including distribution of dry ration, ready-made food, doctor, education, pass for commuting, financial help, cylinder, ambulance.

TSPL extends nutrition support to TB patients in Civil Hospital Mansa



ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: Talwandi Sabo Power Limited (TSPL) the largest thermal power plant in Punjab has supported the district health department Mansa under the 'Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat' with nutrition kits for TB infected patients. For this Initiative TSPL partnered with the Kalinga Bharti Foundation (a Delhi based NGO) to provide essential nutrition kits to tuberculosis (TB) infected patients aiming to support the nutritional needs of individuals undergoing treatment for TB. 150 kits were provided to TB infected patients in the presence of Dr. Ranjit Singh Rai, Civil Surgeon Mansa and other senior doctors. Tuberculosis continues to be a significant health concern globally, affecting millions of people each year. Recognizing the importance of nutrition in combating this disease, TSPL and the Kalinga Bharti Foundation collaborated to provide much-needed assistance to TB patients in the Mansa region.

Saini elected Chairman of PWD Mechanical Employees Union and Jagdeep is new President

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, FEB 11

Giving information on Water Works CHC today, Amrik Singh Chattha said that All Haryana PWD Mechanical Employees Union Register No. 681, Haryana Employees Federation Branch Ladwa Triennial Election, Local Water Works under the supervision of Chief Election Supervisor, Provincial Head Vishwanath Sharma and Co-Election Supervisor Ramkumar Prajapat was held at CHC. District Secretary Jagdeep Singh conducted the election meeting. All the officers and staff members of the branch participated enthusiastically in the election meeting. District Chairman Ramniwas Sharma, District Head Amrik Singh Chattha were present on the



occasion. The present officers expressed their views regarding the elections and appealed to the present employees to conduct the branch elections unanimously. First of all, the accounts of 3 years were presented by the branch treasurer. After that, branch head Mahendra Singh Saini dissolved the branch executive and appealed to the Chief Election Supervisor to conduct new elections for the branch

executive. Chief Election Supervisor Provincial Head Vishwanath Sharma started the election process and the following officers were elected. Chairman Mahendra Singh Saini, Principal Jagdeep Singh, Secretary Krishna Dutt, Senior Vice Principal Gurmel Singh, Finance Secretary Sikandar Lalar, Chief Organizer Neeraj Sharma were selected. After the election process, provincial head Vishwanath Sharma

administered the oath to the elected officers of the branch. Speaking, the provincial head said that anti-employee policies are being continuously issued by the Haryana government, which the organisation strongly opposes. He said that if the demands of the employees are not resolved soon by calling the provincial organisation for talks, then in the coming time, after the provincial elections, the organisation will be forced to announce a big movement, for which the Haryana government will be completely responsible. Employees like Deshraj Sharma, Karn Singh, Amrik Singh, Bhupendra Singh, Shamsher Singh, Tilakraj, Darshan Singh, Chandrapal, Gurmel Singh, Anil Kumar, Angrez Singh, Sudesh Kumar, Inderalp etc. were present on the occasion.

Speaker Sandhwan and MLA Faridkot launch book 24 Mental Shakti Siddhanta



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITU: Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhawan and MLA Faridkot Gurdit Singh Sekhon launched Jimmy Angad Singh author and psychologist's 24 Mental Power Siddhant book at Officers Club Faridkot. Beant Kaur, wife of MLA Faridkot Gurdit Singh Sekhon, was specially present on this occasion. Launching the book Speaker Sandhwa said that this book tells us how to identify our mental strength. 24 Mental Shakti Siddhanta is a psychological workbook, designed to empower a person with tools for self-discovery and healing. Within the pages of this book is hidden a path of deep self-discovery or therapy. He said that this book will serve you as a guide to solve the complexities of your body, mind and brain. MLA Faridkot said that there is a wealth of knowledge hidden in this book and this book is the real source of mental health, is a treasure. He said the book will also contribute to spreading awareness about the importance of mental health and self-care in our community. This book is published by famous Unistar Publishers Chandigarh of Punjab.

'Khadari' in cinemas now



TILAK RAJ MOHALI: The GFM and Ravishing Entertainment project 'Khadari', produced by Ravish Abrol, Akashdeep Chally, Paramjit Singh, and Gagan Chally, was the most-awaited film by the audience for a long time and is finally in cinemas worldwide. The makers of the film executed a premiere where the presence of the cast and crew, including Gurnam Bhullar, Kartar Cheema, Navdeep Kaler, Prabh Grewal, Lakhwinder Singh Lakha, and Manjit Singh, along with many more, enthralled the audience. The film shows the deep bond between two brothers who have their own lives and struggles but never leave each other in any situation. Khadari is written by Dheeraj Kedarnath Rattan and directed by the exceptionally talented Manav Shah. The film stars Gurnam Bhullar, Kartar Cheema, Surbhi Jyoti, Navdeep Kaler, Prabh Grewal, Lakhwinder Lakha, and Manjit Singh in lead roles. Gurnam Bhullar is known for his lover boy charm and spark, and with this film, he takes his acting skills above the level of his comfort zone and excels. The film Khadari is an out-of-the-ordinary story about two brothers and their bond, shown in a different light. Surbhi Jyoti made her name in Punjabi cinema by landing a major role in this movie, where she gave a stunning performance of her acting.

BJP Kisan Morcha parikrama yatra to start today

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, FEB 11

BJP Kisan Morcha will start village parikrama yatra in Yamunanagar district from February 12. Giving information, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra said that a meeting was held in BJP District Office Jagadhri Yamuna Kamal under the Gaon Parikrama Yatra of District BJP Kisan Morcha has decided to organize parikrama from all the four assembly constituencies in Yamunanagar district on February 12. The Yatra will be inaugurated and by showing this Yatra live program in every assembly, all the schemes of the farmers will be made accessible to the people. BJP Kisan Morcha State Vice President Anand Gurjar said that Chaudhary Charan Singh, the messiah of the farmers has been given Bharat Ratna. He welcomes the announcement



and thanked PM Narendra Modi for this. Farmers' crops were purchased at the minimum support price by the Haryana BJP government through the Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal. He told that in today's meeting, Omkar Deoghar, Ajaib Singh Sandhu, Sardar Yuzvinder Singh, Vikram were felicitated with flower garlands on becoming members of District Grievance Redressal Committee. BJP Kisan Morcha will continue to make efforts for the welfare of farmers. Under the Yatra, farmers will be contacted by organizing programs up to the

booth level in all the divisions of Yamunanagar district. On this occasion, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra, BJP Kisan Morcha State Vice President Anand Gurjar, State Office Head Sachin Gurjar, Kisan Morcha District President Vikram Hadtan, Kisan Morcha District General Secretary Praveen Khadri, Captain Dinesh Sharma, Kisan Morcha District Vice President, Divisional President BJP district Yamunanagar media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg, Rakesh Kumar Shekhumajra, Sanjay Dasaura, were present.

PKL: UP Yoddhas eye victory against Jaipur Pink Panthers

Kolkata: UP Yoddhas will be aiming to finish the Kolkata leg of the Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 with a win in their reverse fixture against table toppers Jaipur Pink Panthers in match no. 117 on Monday, which will be played here at the Netaji Indoor Stadium. When the two teams faced each other earlier in the season, the Yoddhas went down 24-41 against the Panthers. The Yoddhas are currently placed in 11th position in the table with 29 points and a score difference of -70 after going down 34-50 against the Haryana Steelers in their last match. On the other hand, Jaipur Pink Panther won 27-22 against Dabang Delhi K.C. in their previous match and are currently placed at the top of the table with 77 points and a score difference of 80. The match between UP Yoddhas and Jaipur Pink Panthers will be telecast live on Star Sports Network on Monday at 8:00 pm IST onwards. The Yoddhas and the Panthers have locked horns on ten occasions across the seasons of PKL. The rivalry has been very closely contested with both the teams securing victory on five occasions. Speaking before the match, UP Yoddhas Head Coach Jasvir Singh said, "We want to give our best in all of our remaining matches. Our young players are remarkably cashing in on the opportunities that are coming their way. We are grateful for our fans who have supported us throughout the season and we will aim to finish our last few matches with a win."

Maxwell equals Rohit's T20I record

Adelaide, Feb 11 (UNI) Glenn Maxwell here on Sunday equalled Rohit Sharma's record for the most Men's T20I hundreds with a scintillating 120* off 55 balls against West Indies in the second T20I against West Indies. This was Maxwell's fifth T20I century. The batting all-rounder, who walked in after the fall of Josh Inglis and Mitchell Marsh, was off the mark in dodgy fashion, top-edging a hook shot to an empty part of the field. David Warner fell in the next over as Australia slipped to a precarious position, but Maxwell got going with a massive six off Akeal Hosein in the eighth over. It turned out to be the first of many big hits from the Australian as he added two more sixes in the next two overs. When Rovman Powell came in, Maxwell plundered him for four fours in an over. He brought up his fifty off just 25 balls, but wasn't done by any means. In exactly 25 more balls, his hundred came up as Australia crossed the 200-run mark with ease. Maxwell finished his carnage with two fours and a six off Andre Russell in the final over as Australia finished on 241/4, their fourth-highest total in men's T20Is. Maxwell's 120* was his fifth hundred in the shortest format of the game, taking him level with Rohit Sharma for the most hundreds in T20Is in the men's game. It was also the fifth-highest individual score by an Australian in Men's T20Is.

Injury-ridden Jack Leach to miss remaining three Tests against India

Rajkot, Feb 11 (UNI) Jack Leach will miss the remaining three Tests against India due to a left knee injury, according to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). Leach sustained the injury during the first Test in Hyderabad, leading to his exclusion from the second match. The left-arm spinner will travel back home from Abu Dhabi, where England are currently stationed during the long gap between the second and third Test, which begins on Thursday in Rajkot. "Leach will work closely with the England and Somerset medical teams in respect of his rehabilitation," ECB said in a statement on Sunday. Currently, England have not named a replacement for Leach. However, the squad boasts a formidable spin contingent, including Rehan Ahmed, Tom Hartley, and Shoab Bashir, complemented by the part-time option of Joe Root. The series is level 1-1 going into the third Test. England struck the first blow in the first Test with a thrilling 28-run victory in Hyderabad but India bounced back in Visakhapatnam with a 106-run victory.

"Absolute legend": Shubman Gill meets world number one doubles tennis star Bopanna

New Delhi: Star India opener Shubman Gill shared a picture with ace Tennis star Rohan Bopanna on Saturday. The right-hand batter took to his official Instagram handle and posted a photo with the World number one men's doubles player, calling him an "Absolute legend". In the summit clash of the Australian Open men's doubles competition, Bopanna and Matthew Ebden beat Italy's Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vassallo in straight sets 7-6, 7-5 in a thrilling encounter. Bopanna-Ebden dominated on serve throughout the one-hour, 40-minute match, winning 80 per cent (40/50) of games with their first delivery and not facing a break point to top off a fantastic week. Bopanna, who made his 17th Australian Open appearance in this edition, comfortably wrapped up his maiden Grand Slam men's doubles title victory. Aged 43 years 329 days, he also became the oldest Grand Slam champion. The Indian tennis player is also the third Indian man in the Open Era to win a major men's doubles title, following Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi. This was Bopanna's second Grand Slam triumph, his first in men's doubles. His previous Grand Slam victory came in mixed doubles with Gabriela Dabrowski of Canada at the 2017 French Open. Talking about the young India opener Gill, he recently slammed a century in the second Test of the ongoing five-match Test series against England at Visakhapatnam after falling in his last 12 innings in the longest format of the game.

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Former Indian opener Aakash Chopra said that Team India should not rush back star all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja into the side for the third Test against England, since he will have to bowl a lot and also offer plenty with his bat and fielding.

India will play the third Test against England at Rajkot from February 15 onwards. The series is level at 1-1, with three matches to go. Jadeja, who missed the second Test due to injury, has been included in the squad for the remainder of the series, but his being on the field is subject to his fitness, as per the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Speaking on his

Nagal seals victory over Nardi, captures men's singles title at Chennai Open 2024

AGENCY CHENNAI : India's rising tennis star Sumit Nagal defeated Italy's Luca Nardi in the Chennai Open 2024 to clinch the men's singles title on Sunday at the SDAT Tennis Stadium.

Nagal, currently ranked 121, defeated top seed Nardi 6-1, 6-4 to claim the fifth ATP Challenger Tour title of his career and the first of this season.

The Indian star has previously won Challenger Tour titles in Tampere and Rome last year, in Buenos Aires in 2019, and clinched the Bengaluru Open title in 2017.

Nagal was efficient and moved briskly to secure a crucial break in the second game of the first set. He went on to deflect two break points in the fifth game and eventually managed to get the second break of the first set. He went on to go one up by securing the first set in 38 minutes.

Nagal, riding high on

confidence, went on to break the Italian's serve in the third game of the second set. However, the 20-year-old bounced back to level the set by winning the sixth game.

Nagal and Nardi battled it out in extended rallies but were unable to break each other's serves.

In the ninth game, Nagal levelled up his game to break the Italian's serve. In the 10th game, Nagal was down by 40-15 but went on to recover the deficit and win the game which lasted for one hour and 40 minutes.

With this victory, Nagal will be in contention to make the top 100 ATP rankings for the first time in his career.

In the all-Indian doubles final in Chennai on Saturday, Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan defeated Rithvik Bollipalli and Niki Poonacha 3-6, 6-3, 10-5 following a super-tiebreaker to clinch the title.



"It was our best performance": Carlo Ancelotti speaks on Real's 4-0 win over Girona



AGENCY MADRID : Real Madrid head coach Carlo Ancelotti on Saturday called the Los Blancos' 4-0 win over Girona in La Liga their "best performance."

While speaking at the post-match press conference, Ancelotti said that his side showed the right attitude and commitment against Girona on Saturday which helped them clinch a 4-0 win. "It was our best performance. A complete display in every sense: defensively and going forward. It was a humble approach given the demands placed on us by the problems we

had, and the crisis only boosted the team's defensive efforts. The strength of this team is how their commitment and attitude rise to match the demands of the game. Quality is the most important thing but if you can combine it with the right attitude and commitment, like we did today, you get a top-level performance," Ancelotti said as quoted by Real Madrid's website.

The Italian coach praised the opponent Girona and said that they have a "great team" and that they pushed well with their fullbacks.

Glenn Maxwell's onslaught help Australia clinch T20I series against West Indies

ADELAIDE: Glenn Maxwell's breathtaking knock helped Australia clinch the three-match T20I series with a second consecutive win on Sunday at the Adelaide Oval.

Maxwell's unbeaten 120 off 55 deliveries and a clinical spell from bowlers helped the Baggy Greens inflict a 34-run defeat over the Caribbean side and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series.

While chasing a target of 242, West Indies suffered early blows from Brandon King (5), Nicholas Pooran (18), Shai Hope (0) and Johnson Charles (24) losing their wicket inside the powerplay.

West Indies were reduced to 63/5 after Spencer Johnson sent Sherfane Rutherford back

to the pavilion for a two-ball duck.

Skipper Rovam Powell and Andre Russell launched a counterattack with a 47-run stand. They entertained the spectators with a couple of boundaries and high-flying shots.

But Marcus Stoinis brought in his experience and soon put an end to the promising-looking partnership. He ended Russell's quick-fire knock of 37 off 16 deliveries and after this Australia's victory was only a matter of time.

Powell (63) waged a lone war but eventually fell to Adam Zampa's spin on the final ball of the 17th over.

Jason Holder (28*) tried to pull off the unthinkable

Sonika Marak goal gives Kickstart FC full points

BHUBANESWAR: Title aspirants Kickstart FC strengthened their position in IWL 2023-24 when they defeated bottom side Sports Odisha 1-0 at the Capital Football Arena on Saturday. Midfielder Sonia Marak scored the all-important goal in the 13th minute. The win proved to be a crucial one for the Bangalore-based

side, as the three points took Kickstart FC to second in the league table. Having played nine matches so far, Kickstart have 20 points, equal to that of leaders Gokulam Kerala FC, who too have played the same number of matches. The Kerala side, however, enjoys a better goal difference. Mighty

Odisha FC, who once looked like they were simply running away with the title, have now been pushed to third place with 19 points after the defeat against Gokulam in their last outing. The race for the title in the seven-team home-and-away league has certainly now turned interesting.

India lose to Australia by 79 runs at Benoni



AGENCY BENONI: The Indian U19 cricket team lost by 79 runs to Australia in the final of the ICC Under-19 World Cup at South Africa's Benoni on Sunday, in what was a painful repeat of the ICC Senior World Cup last year, where overwhelming favourites India had lost to the Australians at home.

Batting first on Sunday at Benoni after winning the toss, the Australians had set India a target of 254 runs, thanks to a half century from Harjas Singh (55 runs), his first of the tournament.

Batters like captain Hugh Weibgen (48), Oliver

Peake (46) and Harry Dixon (42) had propelled the Australians to the highest total in an U-19 World Cup final.

India, who are five-time U-19 champions, were chasing a record sixth title. They were the defending champions. They were unbeaten in the tournament, having vanquished Bangladesh, Ireland, USA, New Zealand, Nepal as well as hosts South Africa in a tense semi-final.

Australia thus won their fourth U19 World Cup title. Barring India and Australia, only Pakistan have won more than one World Cup titles at the U19 level.



but the ball-to-run gap became unreachable forcing West Indies to settle a 34-run defeat.

Earlier in the innings, after Powell won the toss and put Australia to bat, Maxwell's carnage guided Australia to another high-

scoring total.

In Hobart, Australia put up 213/7 on the board and this time in Adelaide they were even better with the bat.

West Indies managed to strike early and removed the explosive opening pair

of David Warner (22) and Josh Inglis (4). After the powerplay, Alzarri Joseph bagged the wicket of skipper Mitchell Marsh (29) inflicting woes on Australia.

From that point, Maxwell didn't waste a single moment to get his innings going, targeting almost every bowler to raise his bat for a half-century in 25 balls. Stoinis stood on the other end while the explosive all-rounder did the majority of the scoring.

Maxwell celebrated his remarkable knock by lifting his bat once again for a well-deserved ton in just 50 balls.

After Stoinis departed, Maxwell and Tim David applied the finishing touches to propel Australia's score to 241/4.

"Jadeja is indispensable, you don't want to rush him...": Aakash on India's squad



is playing as a batter. But if he is not available, Mumbai's domestic cricket sensation, Sarfaraz Khan, could make his international debut.

"KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja are a part of this team, which was going to be the case. I think KL Rahul should walk into this team because it was a niggles, it was not a tear or something, especially since he is a batter and is not keeping currently," said Aakash.

"So I am assuming he will be available in Rajkot and will play as well. He will fit immediately in place of Shreyas Iyer to bat at No. 4. Just in case Rahul is not available, you could see Sarfaraz Khan making his debut," the former India opener concluded.

The third Test will commence on February 15 in Rajkot, while the fourth Test kicks off in Ranchi on February 23. The fifth and final test of the series will be played in Dharamsala on March 7. The series is currently at level 1. After a 28-run loss in the first Hyderabad Test, India won the second Test at Visakhapatnam by 106 runs.

Star batter Virat Kohli will remain unavailable for selection for the remainder of the series due to personal reasons.

Sarfaraz Khan and Rajat Patidar are also part of the series. The participation of batter KL Rahul and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja is subject to their fitness, said

BCCI.

"The participation of Ravindra Jadeja and KL Rahul is subject to fitness clearance from the BCCI medical team," said the BCCI's statement.

Mohammed Shami, who had missed the first two Tests due to injury, continues to sit out. Pacer Akash Deep has also been included in the squad.

Squad: Rohit Sharma (C), Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, KL Rahul, Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (WK), KS Bharat (WK), R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Akash Deep.

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Many schemes will be started soon in Ladwa Halka: Sandeep Garg

LADWA (NARESH GARG): Social worker and leader Sandeep Garg said that many schemes are going on from his side for the people of Ladwa Halke. Like a full meal for just Rs 5, Ladwa Rasoi, Babain Rasoi, Mathana Rasoi along with medical vans and medical camps etc. are being set up. He said that in the coming days, more noble works will be started for the people of Ladwa Halke. So that the people of Ladwa Halke get benefit. He said that he always thinks about the people of Ladwa Halke and that they should not face any kind of problem etc. He said that many sports nurseries have been adopted by him, so that the players can prepare easily and bring glory to their region as well as the country. He said that in the coming days, he is bringing many schemes for the players and other people of Ladwa Halka due to which the people of Ladwa Halke will benefit.

Mahendra Singh Saini elected chairman and Jagdeep Singh as president

LADWA (NARESH GARG): While giving information on Water Works CHC of Ladwa, Amrik Singh Chhattha said that All Haryana PWD Mechanical Employees Union Register No. 681, Triennial Election of Haryana Employees Federation Branch Ladwa, Chief Election Supervisor, Provincial Head Vishwanath Sharma and co. The election was conducted at the local Water Works CHC under the supervision of observer Ramkumar Prajapat.Amrik Singh said that the election meeting was conducted by District Secretary Jagdeep Singh, in which all the officers and staff members of the branch participated enthusiastically. District Chairman Ramniwas Sharma, District Head Amrik Singh Chhattha were present on the occasion. The present officers expressed their views regarding the elections and appealed to the present employees to conduct the branch elections unanimously.

Rakhi Garg appointed National Chief Director of Anti Corruption

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 11

National Supremo of Anti Corruption Foundation of India, Narendra Arora, while expanding the national team, appointed the famous social worker of Karnal, Rakhi Garg, as the National Chief Director, Women's Cell. National supremo Narendra Arora handed over the appointment letter to Rakhi Garg and administered the oath to work for the eradication of corruption while living the dignity of the post. On this occasion, Rakhi Garg said that she will work for corruption eradication awareness by living the dignity of her post and will connect more and more people with the objectives of the organisation. On this occasion, Narendra Arora said that Anti Cor-



ruption Foundation of India is working for corruption eradication awareness in all the states across India. The main objective of the organisation is to make more and

more people aware about eradicating corruption. She said that the main tasks of Anti Corruption Foundation of India include organising seminars in educational institutions and other places for corruption eradication awareness, running signature campaigns and oath taking campaigns, organising competitions related to anti corruption, law enforcement among the people. To spread the message of truth and honesty by honouring the dutiful officers of police and administration department etc. Social service projects undertaken by the Foundation include helping needy students and people, helping poor girls in marriage, etc. Mainly social workers Rajesh Garg and Ujjwal Garg were present on this occasion.

International Saraswati Mahotsav starts with reverence and joy

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 11

On Sunday, the International Saraswati Mahotsav-2024 started with full devotion and enthusiasm amidst 31 Kundiya Havan Yagya and chanting of mantras in Adi Badri Yamunanagar. On this occasion, the chief guest School Education Minister Kanwarpal and other dignitaries planted saplings. Saraswati Sarovar was decorated with thousands of islands. Aarti of Goddess Saraswati was also performed with the sound of conch shell in the festival. Addressing the devotees present, School Education Minister Kanwar Pal said that the action plan made to drain the stream of Saraswati river on the ground is in the final stage, under which Saraswati water storage dam will be built in Adibadri area. He said that Goddess Saraswati is the goddess of intelligence, education and wisdom. He said that sages and sages have composed many religious



texts on the banks of river Saraswati. He said that due to the natural change of nature, the Saraswati river disappeared, which will be brought back to the surface, for which the Chief Minister of Haryana and the Union Water Ministry are making efforts. He said that India's civilization and culture developed on the banks of river Saraswati. He remembered the faith of late Darshan Lal Jain, freedom fighter and Padma Bhushan, founder of Saraswati Research Institute, for the Saraswati River and the efforts made by him for its revival. On this occasion, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra, former MLA Balwant Singh, Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board Vice Chairman Dhumant Singh Kirmich, CTM Piyush Gupta, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Board Law Commission member Advocate Mukesh Garg, former Haryana Social Welfare Board Chairperson Smt. Rosie Anand Malik, BJP District General Secretary Surendra Bankat, DSP Anil Kumar, Executive Engineer Nitin, SDO Jasbir Singh, Block Committee Chairman representative Bhushan Gurjar, Saraswati Heritage Board members Rishi Pal, GS Gautam, Satbir, Satya Prakash, Anil Gupta, Jagannath and Sandeep Balyan, Sarpanch Association President Thath Singh, BJP Mandal President Chandramohan Kataria.

HCS preliminary exam conducted at all 47 centres in district: DC

DR ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL, FEBRUARY 11

The preliminary examination of Haryana Civil Service (HCS) conducted by Haryana Public Service Commission was conducted peacefully and without cheating at all 47 centres in the district on Sunday. Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav visited various examination centres. During this time, Superintendent of Police Shashank Kumar Sawan also remained with him. In the morning session of the HCS examination, which was conducted in two shifts, 48.70 percent candidates appeared for the examination. The DC visited DAV College, DAV School and Delhi Public School and other examination centres. No irregularities were found anywhere. DC took stock of the arrangements of CCTV cameras, security arrangements and jammers etc. on the spot. Arrangements were made for 14,664 candidates in the morning session, but out of these,



only 7142 candidates took the exam while 7522 candidates remained absent. Similarly, in the evening session also, arrangements were made for 14,664 candidates, but out of these, only 7017 candidates took the examination while 7647 candidates remained absent. In the evening session, 47.85 per cent of candidates appeared for the examination. The Deputy Commissioner said that 47 centres were made in Karnal for this examination. At these centres, the examination has been conducted in two shifts from 10 am to 12 noon and from 3 pm to 5 pm. The administration had made proper arrangements for buses etc. for the candidates coming from other districts. Deputy Commissioner said that for this examination, District Council Chief Executive Officer Gaurav Kumar has been made the nodal officer and District Education Officer Rajpal Chaudhary has been made the coordinator. Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav said that strict arrangements were made to crack down on copying. Jammers and CCTV cameras have been ensured at all the examination centres.

Concrete arrangements made in view of farmers' march



KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA CHEEKA, FEB 11

The administration is fully prepared for the march of Punjab farmers to Delhi. The road at Gadgar bridge of Cheeka has been completely blocked by placing barricades and heavy police force is deployed there too. Along with this, the road at Udhham Singh Chowk of Cheeka has also been completely blocked by placing barricades. The route of Baupur Kamari has been made to go to Guhla Cheeka Patiala. The borders of Punjab around Cheeka have been completely sealed. To take stock of the management, Kaithal SP today inspected Ghaggar bridge near Ghaggar river of Cheeka. Full care will be taken to ensure that people do not face any problem. Kaithal ADC Jai Sharda also reached the Punjab and Haryana border today and took stock of the situation. Kaithal SP has appealed to the people to travel only for urgent work. He said that mischievous elements will be dealt with.

Today is the era of creativity of youth: Malik

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 11

Karnal's director, actor and theatre artist Krishna Kumar Malik, while addressing a press conference, said that today is the era of creativity of the youth. Krishna Malik, who recently returned from shooting a lead role in a Haryana web series "DC Rate" produced by Stage App in Hisar, Haryana, said that today due to the arrival of platforms like Chaupal and Stage App in Haryana, people from every field related to films The doors have opened for people to showcase their talent as actors, directors, lyricists, composers, make-up, lights, cameramen and technicians. He further said that today the youth are mentally mature and are not

afraid of doing new experiments, which is why youth dominate the film industry today. Today, many films and web series are being produced at the regional level with new stories and concepts, which is undoubtedly a commendable initiative. Recently, under the government film policy, Yashpal Sharma's film Dada Lakhmi and Hariom Kaushik's film 1600 Kos have been given a prize money of one crore, due to which every section of the people associated with Haryan cinema is excited. Malik said that the shooting of his web series D C Rate has recently been completed. The concept of this web series is Sumit Dhankar, direction is by Rajesh and camera work is by Shubh Sandhu.

Karnal eagerly awaits sister B K Shivani

PARI BAJAJ KARNAL, FEB 11

There is huge enthusiasm among the people due to the arrival of world famous motivational and spiritual speaker BK Shivani Didi in Karnal and the people of Karnal are going to come to listen to her in large numbers. Most of the social, business and religious organisations of Karnal have shown solidarity to make this event a success, considering it a good fortune for Karnal. Today, representatives of various social organisations participated in the meeting organised at the centre of Brahma Kumari Sector 7 and discussed the outline of organising BK Shivani Didi. While giving information to all the eminent people present in the meeting, centre in-charge BK Prem sister said that on 25th February, BK Shivani Didi is coming from 7 am to 9:30 am at Hooda Ground, Sector 12, who will give information to the people of Karnal. Will remove all types of stress from life and show the way to

live a happy life. BK Prem said that BK Shivani, a postgraduate in Computer Science, had been associated with Brahma Kumari Divine University Mount Abu from a young age

stress-free happy life. His speeches are broadcast across the world on social and electronic media. He has already visited Karnal twice and this time, on the demand of his large number



and after opening the layers of deep secrets of life and gaining knowledge, she started working towards building a better society and world. Started guiding people in India and abroad. BK Shivani, who was awarded the Nari Shakti Samman by the President of India in 2019, has till now guided crores of people to live a

of followers in Karnal, it has been kept in an open ground in Sector 12 so that everyone gets a chance to hear his valuable thoughts. Prem sister told that Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal will attend the event as the chief guest and Ghoranda MLA Harvinder Kalyan and Mayor Renu Bala will be the special guests.

Joining BJP matter of great pride: Yogendra Rana

DR ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL, FEBRUARY 11

BJP District President Yogendra Rana presided over the program organised by Sarpanch Jitendra in village Manchuri. On this occasion, village Sarpanch Jitendra, village panchayat member Panch Birbhan, Panch Diler, Panch Gurmeet, Panch Randhir, Kashyap Samaj Pradhan Rohtash Kashyap, Mohan Kashyap, Surendra Kashyap, Raju Valmiki, Sunil Pal and hundreds of other supporters joined BJP. On this occasion, District President Yogendra Rana got everyone to accept the membership of the BJP party and welcomed them with a patta for joining the BJP party. During the program, the villagers welcomed District President Yogendra Rana by giving him a bouquet and garlanding him. BJP District President Yogendra Rana said that I hope that along with taking the public welfare policies of the BJP party to the masses, we will work to include more



and more people in the party. On this occasion, he said in his address that BJP is the largest party in the world and joining this party is a matter of great pride in itself. Giving information about the history of BJP, he said that the party is determined to establish India as a strong, prosperous and powerful nation on the world stage.

Dr. Archana Gupta holds meeting of key workers for booth empowerment

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA ASSANDH, FEBRUARY 11

Go door to door at the booth and meet the people and inform them about the government's schemes and party's policies. BJP State General Secretary Dr. Archana Gupta addressed the key workers for booth empowerment at PWD Rest House. These words Said while doing. He said that there should not be any voter in your booth with whom you do not have contact. Dr. Archana Gupta said that the Guru Mantra to win elections is only as big as the booth. They raised the slogan, won the booth, won the election. Dr. Archana Gupta said that just making one contact will not work but one will have to go to the voter again and again. Be ready 24 hours to serve the people of your booth. Be involved in their sorrows and happiness. While motivating the work-



ers, he said that it is the booth worker who wins the elections and is the root of the party. Dr. Archana greeted the workers by saying Ram Ram and congratulated them on the consecration of the Ram temple. On the dedication day, great thinker Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay was remembered and tribute was paid to his portrait by garlanding it and offering flow-

ers. On this occasion, Dr. Archana Gupta threw light on the principle of Antyodaya and Integral Man given by him. In the meeting, District BJP President Yogendra Rana also inspired the workers to strengthen the booth. Yogendra Rana said that the booth workers should provide the benefits of government schemes to the eligible people of their respective booths.

SMFG India Credit Treats Around 1 Lakh+ Cattle at 6th Pashu Vikas Day

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA REWARI: SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd. conducted their 6th Pashu Vikas Day (PVD), the largest one-day cattle care camp across the country. These camps were simultaneously held across 450+ locations across 15 states aiming to provide essential healthcare services to 1 lakh cattle. In India, more than 8 crore households are directly associated with the dairy sector and women represent 70% of the workforce. To commemorate the efforts of these women, the 6th Pashu Vikas Day celebrated 'Women in Dairy Farming'. This initiative reflects the 'Social' aspect within the ESG framework, emphasizing the significance of gender diversity and inclusion in driving social upliftment. Commenting on Pashu Vikas Day, Mr Swaminathan Subramanian, Chief Operating Officer, SMFG India Credit, said, "At SMFG India Credit, we remain steadfast



in our commitment to rural development and our mission to champion robust social initiatives. As a leading credit provider, we aspire to harness the 'Social' aspect of ESG through our community outreach activities, inclusive programs and a diverse workforce working in unison. With this in mind, Pashu Vikas Day is specifically designed to address the unique healthcare needs of cattle and their owners in rural areas. The event powers aspirations of cattle-owners and focuses on enhancing livestock productivity, subsequently elevating household incomes.

Relief after the strike ended peacefully

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 11

After the strike in vegetable markets across the state ended, the markets opened today. After talks between the state government and vegetable market commission associations, the government assured that the law will be withdrawn by February 15. Avtar Singh Tari, head of the Vegetable Market Agent Association, said that if the law is not withdrawn, then there will be an indefinite strike in vegetable markets across the state. Today there was excitement after the strike. People came to do shopping. Vegetable markets were closed across the state for three days against the arbitrary black laws being imposed on vegetable markets by the Haryana government. This call was given by Haryana Vegetable Market Organization. Vegetables and fruits were not sold across the state for three days. There was a



shortage of vegetables and fruits during these days. Even fenugreek was sold for Rs 100 per kg. The strike was successful for three days. If the demand is not accepted, then after February 15, vegetable markets will be closed indefinitely in the entire state. Tareen said that the state government is harassing them by making arbitrary laws. He said that when the previous government had exempted the vegetable market from market fees. But this government implemented market fees as soon

as it came to power. The brokers termed the new notification as a black law. He said that the government has said that the fees will be collected in advance by increasing it by fifty percent. How is this possible? How will the fees be fixed when vegetables and fruits are not sold? He said that during Corona, when the government had imposed market fees. He said that during Covid, the commission agents in the vegetable market helped the government and the administration a lot but respected everyone, showered

flowers on them, but neither honoured the vegetable market commission agents, on the contrary, imposed market fees on them. At that time it was said that this fee would be taken back. But three years passed and instead of withdrawing the fees, the government issued a new notification. This is an attack on the interests of vegetable sellers. This will not be tolerated. All the brokers present appeared united. There was dissatisfaction among them. On this occasion, Avtar Singh Tari, Krishna Sachdeva, Narendra Kumar, Jitendra Malik, Monu Sharma, Kamal Dhingra, Tejendra Pal Singh Dhingra Dimpy, Pramod Bajaj, Raju Madan, Raju Massey, Pancham Chhawda, Dalvinder Singh, Murari Lal, Anshil Sachdeva, Ram Lal the members including Lal, Nathi Ram had supported the strike. He said that if their demands are not met by February 15, there will be an indefinite strike.

Dr. Umer, head of All India Imam Organisation to be welcomed in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 11

Chief Imam of All India Imam Organisation, Dr. Umer Ahmed Ilyasi, who will attend the Shri Ram Pran Pratishtha ceremony, will come to Karnal on February 13, where he will be honoured with Bharat Gaurav Samman in the presence of dozens of social and religious organisations of the city. On this occasion, Geeta Manishi Mahamandaleswar Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj and Jain saints Piyush Muni Ji Maharaj, Mahesh Muni Ji, Dr. Devi Maitri Anand Saraswati Ji, Swami Divya Nand Ji Shri Awadh Bihari Ji Maharaj and many other national saints also graced the occasion with special significance and importance of this ceremony. Will become pride. A meeting was organised here today regarding this function to be held at the residence of Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana in New Bahadur Chand Colony of the city, in



which responsibilities of the workers were assigned for the preparation of the program. Subhash Chandra, executive vice chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana, coordinator of the program, said that Dr. Umer Ahmed Ilyasi, head of All India Imam Organization, is coming to Karnal for the first time. He is a living beacon of religious harmony and nationalism. With his thoughts and actions he is creating a public sentiment against fundamentalism in the country. It is a matter of good fortune to have such a personality in Karnal. He truly embodies the essence and soul of Indianness. The country of India has always respected such great people. Here his achievements and ideas will be respected.