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NEWS BRIEFS

Legendary South African all-rounder Mike Procter dies

JOHANNESBURG: Cricket South Africa (CSA) on Sunday mourned the death of one of country's finest all-rounders Mike Procter. He was 77. Procter's career as a fast bowler, capable off-spinner, hard-hitting middle-order batter, and astute captain is etched in the annals of South African cricket history.

All-Women Police Posts inaugurated in Delhi

NEW DELHI: Delhi Lt Governor VK Saxena and Po-lice Commissioner Sanjay Arora on Sunday inaugurated two All-Women Police Posts at Khan Market in the city's central area. "I am very happy with this historic step by the Delhi Police. Today, we inaugurated two All-Women Police Posts (AWPPs)," Sax-ena said and added that such posts are a need for Delhi. Women victims will now be able to tell their problems freely to women officers and the force will immediately ensure a res-olution, he added.

Smriti Irani, Rahul Gandhi in Amethi today

AMETHI: Union minister Smriti Irani will pay a four-day visit to her parliamen-tary constituency of Amethi beginning Monday, on a day Congress leader Ra-hul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra is set to enter the Uttar Pradesh town. Rahul Gandhi had repre-sented Amethi in the Lok Sabha for 15 years before he was defeated by Smriti Irani in the 2019 Lok Sa-bha elections. This will perhaps be the only second time since 2019 that the two leaders will be in Amethi at the same time. They had been in the town at the same time in February 2022 to attend different campaign events in the run-up to the assembly polls. Smriti Irani's representa-tive Vijay Gupta said the minister will be in her con-stituency for four days, during which she will hold interactions with residents of several villages and at-tend her house-warming ceremony on February 22.

Delhi's Red Fort reopens for visitors

NEW DELHI: The historic Red Fort complex, which was closed for visitors about a week ago due to security reasons in view of a farmers' march, has been reopened, official sources said on Sunday. The iconic Mughal-era monument, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in old Delhi, was "suddenly sealed" late Monday night "due to security reasons". "It was reopened a couple of days ago," a source at the Archeological Survey of India told.

Earthquake of 5.1 magnitude jolts Afghanistan

KABUL: An earthquake of magnitude 5.1 on the Richter scale was recorded in Afghanistan on Sun-day evening, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said. According to the NCS, the tremors were felt at about 4:50 pm.

PM urges BJP workers to reach every voter in next 100 days for decisive win

SHASHI PAL JAIN
NEW DELHI, FEB 18

Noting that the BJP will have to cross 370 seats for the NDA to surge past the 400-mark in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, Prime Minister Naren-dra Modi on Sunday urged party workers to reach and engage every voter in the next 100 days for a decisive third term of the government. "Over the next 100 days, our goal is to unite and en-gage with every new voter, every beneficiary, every sec-tor, and every community. It is essential to earn the trust of the people, and with collec-tive efforts, the BJP will have the opportunity to serve the nation with the highest man-date ever," PM Modi said here while addressing the BJP's national convention. While he highlighted the achievements of the govern-ment over the last 10 years, Modi said that the next five years would play a crucial role in realizing the dream of a developed India. "To achieve our goals, the first step is the BJP's grand return to power. ... To make this a reality, the BJP must secure over 370 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha elec-tions," he stated. Modi said that he was not asking for the decisive man-date for political gains or en-joying power but for taking the nation forward.



He noted that the govern-ment had completed many tasks that had been pending for decades and centuries.

"We have shown the courage to solve the problems that were pending for centu-ries. By building a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya, we have ended the wait of five centu-ries. The dharma dhwaja has been unfurled in Pavagadh, Gujarat, after 500 years. After seven decades, we have opened the Kartarpur Sahib corridor. After waiting for seven decades, the country has gotten rid of Article 370," PM Modi said. He also took a jibe at op-position parties and said that they may not know how to fulfill their promises, but they don't hesitate to make false promises. "Despite this, they lack the courage to make one promise: no opposition party will promise you a 'Viksit Bharat'."

Seeking stronger mandate for India's benefit: Modi

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NEW DELHI, FEB 18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday asked the BJP cadre to work with re-newed vigour and con-fidence for the next 100 days to reach out to new voters and win their confidence to

ensure the party's return to power in the Lok Sabha elections with a stronger mandate. Addressing the BJP national convention here, Modi said the na-tion will now have to dream big and make big resolutions to make In-

dia a developed country by 2047. "The next five years are going to be crucial. We have to take a big leap towards 'Viksit Bharat'. The first im-perative is to ensure the re-turn of the BJP to power in strong numbers," the prime minister said.

Farmers' March: Internet services suspended in parts of Pb till 24th



CHANDIGARH: The suspen-sion of internet services has been extended in certain areas of some Punjab districts, in-cluding Patiala, Sangrur and Fatehgarh Sahib, till February 24 on the orders of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. Earlier, the internet ser-vices were suspended from February 12 till 16 in view of the farmers' 'Delhi Chalo' march. According to the minis-try's February 16 order, inter-net services will remain sus-pended in areas falling under

Shambhu, Julkan, Passian, Patran, Shatrana, Samana, Ghanaur, Devigarh and Balb-hera police stations in Patiala; Lalru police station in Mohali; Sangat police station in Bathinda; Killianwali police station in Muktsar; Sardulgarh and Boha police stations in Man-sa; and Khanauri, Moonak, Leh-ra, Sunam and Chajli police sta-tions in Sangrur; and areas un-der Fatehgarh Sahib police sta-tion.

The Centre used its special powers under the Telegraph Act of 1885 to suspend internet ser-vices in these areas of Punjab. "In exercise of the power con-ferred by section 7 of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 read with Sub-rule 1 of Rule 2 of the Tem-porary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules 2017, and in the interest of maintaining pub-lic safety and averting public emergency, it is necessary and expedient to order, the tempo-rary suspension of internet ser-vices from 00:00 Hrs on Febru-ary 17, 2024 to 23:59 Hrs on Fe-b-ruary 24, 2024 in the following areas," the order read.

LS Polls: Around 700 companies of SFs to be deployed in J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU, FEB 18

Nearly 700 companies of secu-rity forces are to be deployed in the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and La-dakh for the smooth conduct of Lok Sabha polls scheduled for April-May this year in the country. Official sources said

that after West Bengal (920 companies), the highest num-ber of companies of paramili-tary forces will be deployed in the Union Territory of Jam-mu and Kashmir and Ladakh. "As many as 635 compa-nies of paramilitary troops shall be deployed in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kash-mir and 57 will be deployed in

the Union Territory of Ladakh for the successful and smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha elec-tions," they said. Post-elections, sources said that one company will remain stationed in Jammu and Kashmir for the strong room and safe counting of votes, adding that "moreover, as per the need, demand for central forces during the elections.

India win Rajkot Test by 434 runs



AGENCY
RAJKOT, FEB 18

Yashasvi Jaiswal's sensational double hundred found harmoni-ous co-existence with the stun-ning craftiness of five-wicket man Ravindra Jadeja as ruth-less India demolished wasteful England by a record 434 runs on the fourth day of the third Test here on Sunday. England resist-ed their desire to play 'Bazball' but the Indian bowlers led by Jadeja (5/41) were an irresistible force, as they hustled out the tourists for 122 in their second innings while chasing an im-probable 557-run target. India, now, lead the five-match series 2-1. Star batter Yashasvi Jaiswal achieved a remarkable feat as he became

the first Indian to score two double-hundreds against Eng-land in Tests during the fourth day of the third Test match in Rajkot on Sunday. Jaiswal's first double ton against England came in the second Test match in Vi-sakhapatnam, where he scored 209 runs in India's first inning. The 22-year-old's second dou-ble hundred came in Rajkot when he played an unbeaten 214-run knock in the third Test match of the five-game series. Other than the 22-year-old, Virat Kohli, Sunil Gavaskar, Vinod Kambli, Gundappa Viswanath, Rahul Dravid, Cheteshwar Pujara, Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi all smashed only one Test double hundred against England.

Congress, AAP mutually agreed to go solo in Punjab: Kejriwal

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NEW DELHI, FEB 18

The Congress and Aam Aad-mi Party (AAP) had "mutual-ly agreed" to contest Lok Sabha seats in Punjab sepa-rately and there is no bad blood between the two parties over this issue, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has said. Mr Kejriwal today visited Congress leader and re-nowned lawyer Abhishek Singhvi's home for lunch. Speaking to reporters on the decision by AAP and Con-gress to go solo in Punjab, he said, "In Punjab, Congress and AAP have mutually agreed to contest the polls



separately. There is no hostil-ity over this." The tussle between Con-gress and AAP, rivals in Pun-jab but allies in the INDIA Opposition bloc, has made headlines for weeks now. Mr Kejriwal said the AAP is in

talks with the Congress to fi-nalise seat-sharing in Delhi. "We are in talks with the Con-gress over an alliance in Del-hi. We are discussing seat-sharing arrangements. The BJP will have it easy if there is no alliance (between

Congress and AAP)," he said. The BJP won all seven parliamentary seats in the national capital in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. They had achieved the same feat in 2014. Mr Kejriwal's remark suggests that the INDIA allies have decided to balance their national objective of taking on the BJP and their regional goal of holding on to their strongholds. Earlier, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had announced that AAP had decided to contest all 13 seats in Punjab alone. Partap Singh Bajwa, one of the Congress's top leaders in Punjab and Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, had 'thanked' the

Chief Minister and said this is exactly what the Congress wants. "There is a difference be-tween Punjab and other states. Here, they (AAP) are in the government and we are the principal opposition. How can both of us get together," Mr Bajwa had told NDTV. "If we get together, the anti-in-cumbency vote is going to shift, either to the BJP or to the Akali Dal. How can we re-linquish our position? Con-gress is on the comeback train. This way, we will finish our existence. We have to pre-serve our vote bank, and build on it. This is much bet-ter for both (Congress and AAP)," he had said.

Saleem Sherwani resigns from SP's national gen secy post

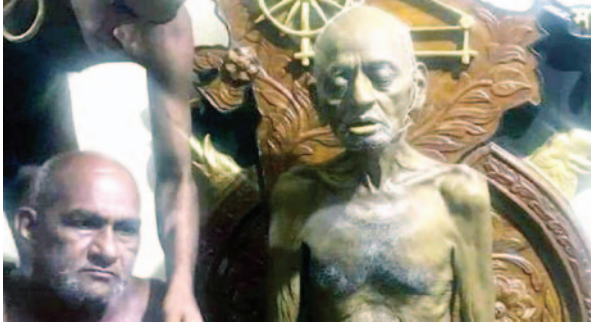
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LUCKNOW, FEB 18

In another setback to the main opposition party Sama-jwadi Party (SP) ahead of the Lok Sabha polls slated this year, party's national general secretary and former MP Sale-em Sherwani on Sunday re-signed from the post alleging neglect of the Muslims.

He said, "I have been continuously dis-cussing the situation of Mus-lims with you for some time now and I have always tried to tell you that Muslims are feeling ne-glected and are continuously losing their faith in the party." He has claimed that the distance between the Muslims and the party is continuously increasing and they are in search of a true 'Rahanuma' (leader). "I also tried to tell you that the party

should not underestimate his support. There is a growing feel-ing among Muslims that no one in the secular front is ready to raise their legitimate issues," he said. The former MP has stated, "As per the tradition of the party, I had repeatedly requested you for a Rajya Sabha seat for the Muslim community (even if you do not consider my name) but there was not a single Mus-lim candidate among the can-didates announced .

Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj's last rites performed



RAJNANDGAON, FEB 18

The last rites of Jain seer Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj were performed in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon on Sunday. Acharya Shri 108 Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj embraced death through the practice of 'sallekhna', a voluntary fasting unto death for spiritual purifi-cation. Sallekhna is a Jain reli-gious practice involving volun-tary fasting unto death for spiritual purification, a state-ment from the teerth said. Acharya Vidyasagar Ma-haraj attained Samadhi through 'Sallekhna' at Chan-dragiri teerth at 2:35 am, the statement said. Chhattisgarh government has declared a

half-day state mourning to-day i.e. on 18 February on the demise of Jain seer Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj. "During this period, the na-tional flag will remain at half-mast and no state functions/ programs will be organised," CM Vishnu Deo Sai said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed condolences on the demise of Jain muni. "My thoughts and prayers are with the count-less devotees of Acharya Shri 108 Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji. He will be remembered by the coming generations for his invaluable contributions to society, especially his ef-forts towards spiritual awak-ening among people.

Higher reaches of Kashmir receive fresh snowfall

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SRINAGAR, FEB 18

Higher reaches of Kashmir valley including Gulmarg and Sonamarg received a fresh snowfall while plains were lashed by rains result-ing in closure of Srinagar-La-dakh highway on Sunday, of-ficials said. Srinagar - Sonamarg-Gumri road connecting Ladakh was closed for vehic-ular traffic following the ac-cumulation of snowfall at Baltal and Zojila pass. Keran and Machil roads in Kupwara district were also closed for



vehicular traffic due to snow-fall on Sunday. Meteorological Centre

still snowing there much to the delight of the tourists staying there. Reports of snowfall were also received from Sonamarg, Machil, Keran and Gurez in north Kashmir. Srinagar and its adjoining areas received rains since morning and it was still rain-ing at several plains of the Kashmir valley till this re-port was filed. The Met office said there is a possibility of light to moderate rain/Snow at most places with heavy snowfall over isolated higher reaches of the north, northwestern, central

and south Kashmir today. Light to moderate rain/ Snow at most places (Plains & Lower reaches) with pos-sibility of heavy to very heavy snowfall over middle & higher reaches of Kup-wara, Baramulla, Bandipo-ra, Ganderbal, Badgam & districts of South Kashmir during next 24 hours, it said. On February 21 there is a possibility of intermittent light to moderate Snow at many places till afternoon/ late afternoon and gradual improvement thereafter, the MeT office said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Only Guru can show us right path and save us from going on wrong path: Sandeep Garg



LADWA (NARESH GARG): Satsang and a huge Bhandara was organized on the 647th appearance day of Saint Shri-romani Shri Guru Ravidas Ji on Sunday at Shri Guru Ravidas Ashram located on Ladwa-Mustafabad Road. In which social worker and leader Sandeep Garg participated as the chief guest and participated in the satsang. Social worker Sandeep Garg said that heaven lies at the feet of the saints and we all should acquire the knowledge given by the saints and follow the path shown by them so that we can walk on the right path. Because Guru is the only medium who can save us from going on the wrong path and can put us on the right path by showing us the right path. Director Mahatma Gurbal Das told that the 647th appearance day of Saint Guru Ravidas ji was celebrated with pomp in the ashram, satsang and a huge bhandara was organized. In which a large number of Sangat participated in the Satsang and took Prasad of curried rice in the Bhandara.

Four-day Hanuman fair from March 12 to 15

LADWA (NARESH GARG): Preparations have been started for the 77th 4-day ancient Hanuman ji fair organized by Shri Sanatan Dharma Mahabir Dal of Ladwa. This fair of Hanuman ji is being organized since 1948. People believe that whoever has darshan of Hanuman ji in the fair, his wishes are always fulfilled. Shri Sanatan Dharma Mahabir Dal Secretary Pawan Bansal said that a 4-day Hanuman ji fair will start from March 12 to March 15. Due to which the work of painting and decorating the temple premises is going on. He told that the work of decorating all the idols of Gods and Goddesses installed in the temple premises by painting them etc. has almost been completed.

Gang dupes families of jewelleries worth lakhs in Ambala

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, FEBRUARY 18

A gang that cheats women by blaming them for domestic affairs is active. Two members of the same gang committed the crime at two different places in Ambala Cantt police station area. The first incident took place near Ambala Cantt Gur Bazar and the second near SD Vidya School. In their place, two women were lured to perform puja to remove the evil of domestic affairs and cheated them by taking off jewellery worth lakhs of rupees. Ambala Cantt police station started investigating the case after receiving complaints in both the cases. Whereas the investigating agencies have got CCTV from Gud Bazaar and two thugs are seen in it.

The first incident took place near the Jain temple in Gur Bazaar of the canton-



ment. Two thugs deceived Kamlesh, a woman resident of scrap market, who was returning after paying obeisance at the Jain temple. They said that your family is being affected by 'Griha Dosh'. In this way, he was tricked into doing a small

puja on the spot. They said that the woman does not wear any jewellery in this puja. Due to this, the thugs made the woman remove four gold bangles, chains and earrings and ran away with them. This incident was captured on CCTV. Similarly, near SD

Lecture organized on character building topic

PARI BAJAJ KARNAL: Today, under the joint aegis of MSD Public School Shamgarh and Research Project, Haryana Education Culture Upliftment Trust, a lecture was organized in MSD Public School on the topic of character building in which the main speaker was Dr. Devi Bhushan, Head of the English Department of Guru Nanak Khalsa College. Dr. Devi Bhushan said that character building of students is very important for the individual, society and the country. If the character of the students is good then the society itself will become good and the country will move on the path of progress. Being a person of character will automatically eliminate many evils from the country

Seminar on Job Readiness held at Guru Nanak Group of institutions

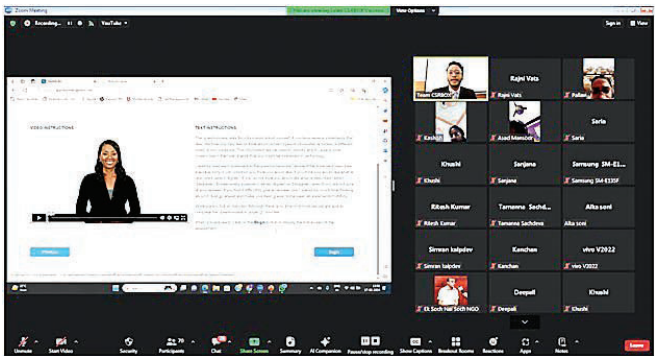
RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, FEB 18

A seminar on Job Readiness was organised at Guru Nanak Khalsa Group of Educational Institutions. This seminar was organised in collaboration with IBM Skill Build, CS Rbox and NGO Ek Soch Nai Soch Sanstha. This program was inaugurated by Dr. Amit Joshi. It was done by welcoming the chief guest Deepanshu Raghav who came for the first time and Mr. Shashi Gupta, head of Ek Soch Nai Soch. Thereafter, Dr. Amit Joshi thanked other colleges who participated in this webinar. Students from various colleges of Sirsa, Kaithal, Chhachhrauli, Mewat, Radaur, Ambala and Yamunanagar districts of Haryana state mainly participated in this programme.

In this seminar, Deepan-

shu Raghav, Project Associate of IBM's CSR Box, was the main speaker who gave information about the questions asked in the resume

have to give an interview. While giving the interview and making the resume, students have to face many problems which Because



making interview. Lifetime free access to IBM Skill Build Platform given to all students. This programme will prove helpful in reducing the stress that children face at the time of job because to get any job they

many times a good job goes away from their hands, but with the help of this type of webinar, students can give interviews without stress. In the end, Shashi Gupta thanked all the guests and students.

People join BJP in large numbers

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, FEBR 18

Influenced by the public welfare policies of the Haryana Government, dozens of people from Jagadhri city joined the BJP. This information was given by BJYM District Vice President Nischal Chaudhary. Giving information, BJYM District Vice President Nischal Choudhary said that influenced by the policies of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas of Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar in Haryana Government, people from different political parties are continuously joining BJP. Under this link, Ward No. 178 of Jagadhri city. Dozens of people from Gurunanakpura left various political parties and joined BJP, those who joined BJP included Harvinder Singh, Manoj Mittal, Gulshan, Sanjay Verma, Kamal Kant, Anil Kumar, Mukesh Kumar, Harish Bhola, Ojas Kharbanda, Rahul, Rajan Rana. Harsh Brar, Bittu, Omprakash, Bablu, Baldev, Satvinder, Mohan, Shyam, Narendra, Ashwini, Akash, Nirmal, Satvinder,



Gaurav, Nakul, Rahul, Sanjay, Mohan, Shanti, Ajay etc. joined BJP along with their friends. BJYM District Vice President Nischal Chaudhary welcomed everyone by wearing a BJP party placard and a garland of flowers around their neck. BJYM District Vice President Nischal Chaudhary, while addressing the people on this occasion, said that School Education Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar is working to develop the Jagadhri assembly constituency. He is continuously engaged in development, he himself is visiting every ward and every colony and providing grants for development works and is continuously getting the development work done. It is the effort of School Education Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar to make Jagadhri

Assembly Constituency the number one light, School Education Minister Kanwarpal always lives among the people of his area and participates in their happiness and sorrow, due to which the people of Jagadhri assembly constituency have made up their mind to bless BJP for victory in the upcoming elections. Development works are being carried out continuously on priority basis on demand. During this, OBC Morcha Mandal President Rinku Dhiman, Harvinder Singh, Manoj Mittal, Gulshan, Sanjay Verma, Kamal Kant, Anil Kumar, Mukesh Kumar, Harish Bhola, Ojas Kharbanda, Rahul, Rajan Rana, Harsh Brar, Bittu, Omprakash, Bablu, Baldev, Satvinder, Ankit Sharma, BJP media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg etc.

Annual sports competition held at C S International School

MEGHRAJ LUTHRA KACHWA, FEBRUARY 18

A grand annual sports competition was organised at CS International School, Kachhwa, in which School Vice President Mr. Balwinder Lather, School General Secretary Dr. Bansilal Saini, Principal Mr. Su-shil Rana, Vice Principal Priyanka, Chief Guest, Sarpanch representative Dr. Deepak Gram Panchayat, Hearty Heart of Kachhwa. Was welcomed. This sports

competition was organised for students from Pre to 12th. The competition was started by the chief guest and school authority by lighting the lamp, hoisting the flag, torch relay and hoisting balloons. In this sports competition, 50 metre, 100 metre, 200 metre, 400 metre, 400 metre relay

race, long jump, shot put, javelin throw, lemon race, three leg race, volleyball, badminton, skating were included. Students participated enthusiastically and displayed their sportsmanship. Concluding the event with a cultural programme, the chief guest, school manage-



ment and principal honoured all the winning players with gold, silver and bronze medals and certificates and congratulated them, telling them the importance of sports and encouraging them to progress in the field of sports in the future.

Manohar govt has become enemy of farmers: Tarlochan Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 18

Karnal Congress District Convenor Tarlochan Singh said that Haryana CM Manohar Lal is torturing farmers to make numbers in the court of PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. The manner in which deadly attacks are being carried out on farmers on the Shambhu Board is proving that CM Manohar Lal is the enemy of the farmers. The Chief Minister has no solution to handle the situation. Efforts are being made to suppress the voice of farmers with sticks and bullets. Tarlochan Singh said that the farmers want to go to Delhi and present their views before the Central Government. In a democracy, everyone has the right to raise their voice regarding their

demands. The Manohar government is treating farmers like infiltrators. Why are farmers coming from Punjab not being allowed to go to Delhi? Farmers living in all the



states of the country have brotherhood among themselves. Efforts are being made by the Modi and Manohar government to break this brotherhood.

NSS camp organised at govt college



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, FEBRUARY 18

A one-day camp was organised by all three units of the National Service Scheme at Shaheed Udhm Singh Government College, Matak Majri, Indri, Karnal, the main theme of which was Clean Drive. This one-day camp was organised by College Principal Dr. Vikas Atri. Under the leadership of the National Service Scheme and the Advisory Committee of the National Service Scheme, which was conducted as per the guidelines of Dr. Rajeev Gupta and Dr. Rajkumar (History Department), emphasis

was laid on making the college a plastic free campus. This programme was started by Professor Dimple and Professor Vandana Saini. Awareness lecture related to cleanliness was given. The volunteers were told about the rights and duties of an aware citizen.

Only an aware citizen creates an aware society. Students were motivated to spread awareness in the society. After the awareness lecture, students were taught about cleanliness. The oath was administered by Professor Dimple, in which the students took an oath that neither they themselves would spread filth nor would they al-

low others to spread it. After this, masks and gloves were distributed to the students. In this, the entire campus was cleaned by the students and An awareness campaign was conducted by taking out a rally from Mahavidyalaya Matak Majri to village Indergarh. About two hundred and fifty volunteers participated in it. Refreshments were provided to all the volunteers in the program. College Principal Dr. Vikas Atri congratulated National Service Scheme Programme Officer Professor Dimple on the success of the programme and congratulated the programme officer Professor Vandana Saini.

Illegal colonies coming up in Jagadhri

R K KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, FEB 18

The colony is being illegally carved up inside the boundary wall in front of Gurdayal Metal in Ganganagar Colony, Ward No. 3 of Jagadhri, and the government is being charged lakhs of rupees. In Ganga Nagar of Ward No. 3 of Jagadhri city, a colony is being cut illegally without the permission of the District Planner, in which the plants are being sold after cutting the colony with the lure of providing facilities like roads, sewerage, electricity, water etc. This area comes under the municipality. For the colony, the map has to be passed from the municipality but all the rules and regulations are being flouted here. While the poor are being lured to invest their hard-earned money in the illegally cut colonies, the government is also being defrauded of revenue. Let us tell you that in urban areas, a colony can be es-

tablished without the permission of the District Town Planner and only if the coloniser has a licence. But in ward number 3 of Jagadhri, illegal colony cutting work is being done in about



7 acres area. In this colony, plants are being sold to the poor people at cheap prices and in the name of providing facilities, which is completely wrong and illegal. Thus, not only is it illegal to cut a colony in the urban area without the permission of the District Town Planner, besides this, the registration of these cut plots is still being done in the tehsil.

Japanese delegation visits Maharana Pratap Agriculture University

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 18

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) A 10-member delegation from Japan visited Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture (MHU), Karnal to discuss research collaboration between Kochi University (Japan) and MHU, Karnal. When the delegation reached MHU, Research Director Prof. Ramesh Kumar Goyal welcomed. The delegation discussed making IOP with Maharana Pratap Udyan University. During this, the delegation from Kochi University, Japan and the Research Director from MHU held talks regarding IOP in an encouraging atmosphere. Prof. Nomura of Kochi University (Japan) also presented. In the coming days, scientists from MHU and Kochi University, Japan will jointly carry forward the research work, not only this, scientists



from both the universities will go to the university and do research. The delegation members visited MHU's Poly House, Green House and various labs. During the lab visit, the Director of Research gave detailed information to the delegation members about the research being conducted in various labs. During this, Japanese delegation of students studying in PhD and B.Sc of MHU also held talks. Ms. Maria Kato and Prof. from JICA Tokyo Headquarters. Nishiguchi met Vice Chancellor Prof. for fruitful

discussions for future research collaboration. Thanks to SK Malhotra.

Research Director Prof. Ramesh Goyal informed that the Haryana Government is working on the project on creation of horticulture value chain, under the project monitoring under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Haryana, JICA Mission, JICA Headquarters, JICA India Office, Kochi University Japan, Kochi and members from Japan. The Prefect visited Maharana Pratap Udyan University.

There cannot be a better leader than Fazel - Ram Mehar Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA, FEB 18

The Gujarat Giants registered their fourth consecutive victory after defeating U.P. Yoddhas 36-29 in the Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 on Saturday. When asked about his thoughts on Fazel Atrachali as a leader, Gujarat Giants' Head Coach Ram Mehar Singh said, "There cannot be a better leader than Fazel. He motivates everyone in the team and understands the team's plans very well. He's had a long career and his experience has benefited the team a lot."

Meanwhile, Fazel Atrachali also spoke about working with Ram Mehar Singh this season, "You need a good coach during your bad days. It's a long season and a coach like Ram Mehar sir always pushes you to play better ev-

eryday. He always supported me and helped us to play freely during this season."

When asked about his own impact on the side this season, the skipper said, "We



have only one goal and that is to win the trophy. Individual performances don't matter. The name Gujarat Giants is important and I am a part of the team. We'll utilize our last league stage match against Jaipur Pink Panthers to check a few different combinations on the mat. "

Shri Krishna was born to impart knowledge: Mahamandaleshwar Swami Vikas Das Maharaj

MEGHRAJ LUTHRA KACHHWA, FEB18

Bhagwat Ratan Mahamandaleshwar Swami Vikas Das Maharaj said in the story of the fifth day that Lord Shri Krishna was born to destroy the demonic powers and to give knowledge. He said that by killing Putana, Shri Krishna saved him. When Kansa sent his father-in-law in the form of a bull, he killed him. By killing the demon Bakasur, Ajasur and many other demons, he provided welfare to them. While beautifully describing the childhood pastimes of Shri Krishna, he said that after the birth of Krishna, the most powerful demon of his kingdom, Putna was sent to kill him. When Putna tried to feed poisonous milk to Lord Shri Krishna from her breast, then Lord Shri Krishna killed her. After that, in the month of Kartik, the people of Brij



prepared to worship Lord Indra to please him. But Lord Krishna told his people not to worship Indra, but to worship Govardhan Maharaj. When Lord Indra came to know about this, he got angry and with his anger it started rains and all the people of Brij

got worried and there was panic.

Then Shri Krishna lifts Govardhan Mountain on his little finger and called all the people of Brij under it. After raining for a week, Indra Maharaj himself tired and stopped the rain. Their pride

was shattered. Then the people of Brij offer 56 types of food items to Lord Krishna. Swami ji said that Chitra Vichitra Maharaj ji was coming specially on February 21 and more and more people arrived on that day.

In today's story, Lord Shri Krishna's childhood pastimes of playing the flute were also described. How the cows would stop eating and drinking water when he played the flute. The Gopis working in the fields stopped working. All the villagers used to come together and go there. Radha used to walk from Barsana to the banks of Yamuna after listening to the tune of his flute. In today's story, Mahant of Shiv Temple Pritam Giri Ji Maharaj, Shri Shyam Yuva Mandal President Mukesh Sheri, Raman Jain, Nathiram Jain and a large number of men and women were present.

Mischievous elements have joined protesting farmers: Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, FEBRUARY 18

In the last one week, the mischievous forces that are spoiling the atmosphere in the farmers' movement going on on the Ambala-Delhi highway have also reached here, in which terrorists are seen in the hoarding movement of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala, Amritpal Singh and government property has been destroyed by anti-national forces. But also posters of terrorist Bhindranwala have been put up which will not be tolerated at any cost. The above words were said today by Veeresh Shandilya, National President of Anti Terrorist Front India and International Head of Vishwa Hindu Takht.

Shandilya said that he had crossed the country at Shambhu border. A written complaint has been sent to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit

Shah, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav and Director of NIA against the anti-national forces who are trying to break the unity and integrity of India. In the letter sent by Shand-



ilya, said that under the guise of the farmers' movement, the so-called anti-national forces are putting up hoardings and pictures of terrorist Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala on government property and have also joined the farmers' movement by carrying photos of Bhindranwala and Amritpal in their hands and tractors and T-shirts bearing the photo of terrorist Bhindranwala.

Gharinda police arrest two accused along with one kilo of heroin, Rs 60 thousand drug money



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: Under the supervision of DSP Attari, SHO Gharinda police station received secret information that two persons riding on a white colored Activa were roaming around village Hardo Ratan Second Defence. On this, SHO Gharinda Taking action, after briefing the employees, they blocked the second defense drain and started checking the vehicles. Then a white colored Activa number PB 02 ER 0594 was seen coming from the village Hardo Ratna, which the Activa driver informed the police. Seeing the party, he tried to turn back but due to slip of Activa, he fell down. Police overpowered him in the party. During interrogation, he gave his name as Bobi son of Charan Das resident of Kot Atma Wali Gali Ramban Amritsar and Nameev Singh son of Satnam Singh resident of Kot Khalsa. Amritsar told that after searching them, 1 kg heroin, Rs. 60 thousand drug money, one Activa number PB 02 ER 0594 and two mobile phones were recovered.

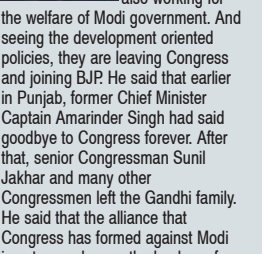
Abhivyakti-2024 organised at Bela Pharmacy college



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Amar Shaheed Baba Ajit Singh Jujhar Singh Memorial College of Pharmacy (Autonomous) Bela, recently hosted 'Abhivyakti-2024', a vibrant fresher party to welcome new students in Master, Degree, Diploma Pharmacy and Paramedical programs for the academic year. The event commenced with a Saraswati Pujan and a lamp lighting ceremony, symbolizing the institution's commitment to traditional traditions. Director of the college Dr. Shallesh Sharma, set an inspiring tone for the occasion, urging students to strive for excellence and revolutionize the field of pharmacy. He highlighted the vast opportunities available for students based on their qualifications and skills within the pharmaceutical industry. The program featured a showcase of art and culture by both new and existing students, fostering a sense of community and celebrating diversity within the college. Mr. and Miss fresher were chosen for their outstanding qualities, added an element of excitement and friendly competition to the festivities.

Impressed by welfare, dev oriented policies of Govt, leaders are leaving Congress in hurry: Gill

VERMA GURDASPUR: Senior leader of Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency and National Vice President of Himalaya Parivar Organization, Paramjit Singh Gill, while reacting to former Maharashtra Chief Minister Ashok Rao Chauhan saying goodbye to Congress Party and joining BJP, said that now his senior leaders are also working for the welfare of Modi government. And seeing the development oriented policies, they are leaving Congress and joining BJP. He said that earlier in Punjab, former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh had said goodbye to Congress forever. After that, senior Congressman Sunil Jakhar and many other Congressmen left the Gandhi family. He said that the alliance that Congress has formed against Modi is not enough, now the leaders of their parties are also leaving the Congress and it seems that in the near future only the Gandhi family will be left alone in the Congress. He said that Madhya Pradesh There are talks of the former Chief Minister also leaving the Congress, from which it is clear that the senior leaders of the Congress Party want freedom from the Gandhi family, for which the Gandhi family should understand this as soon as possible. That running Congress is no longer in his power. Gill said that the leaders of the opposition parties and the countrymen now know very well that the future of the country is safe in the hands of Modi and only Modi can give better governance to the people.



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Aam Aadmi Party MLA Rampura Phul Balkar Sidhu visited the local town and various villages today and shared in the joys and sorrows of the people. On this occasion, he also listened to the problems of the people and resolved them on the spot. On this occasion, MLA Sidhu said that those who come to him with their problems are tried to be resolved on the spot and regardless of whether they belong to any party, and wherever necessary, they will contact the relevant officials. They also give instructions over the phone so that people do not face any kind of problem. He said that the guarantees that Aam Aadmi Party had given to the people before the elections are being implemented and are being brought to the people. The decisions taken by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann in favor of the people, now the opponents are in shock. MLA Sidhu said that the anti-farmer face of the Modi government at the center has come before the people.

Anti-farmer face of Modi govt has come to light: Balkar

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PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, FEB 18
Local bodies minister of Punjab Mr. Balkar Singh today said that the Punjab Government headed by chief minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann would ensure complete facelift of the cities in the coming months as a comprehensive plan is being prepared under which facilities like drinking water , concrete streets , lights , sewerage and Parks would be provided to all citizen.
Today along with Member Parliament Sushil Kumar Rinku and MLA Sheetal Anuagral, the cabinet minister started the development works worth Rs. 3.75 crore in-

Taxation dept along with police nabs GST fraudster for generating fake ITC: Cheema

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

In a major breakthrough, the Punjab Excise and Taxation department, in a joint operation with the Fatehgarh Sahib Police, has successfully apprehended a GST fraudster for ingenuine ITC claimed by him amounting to Rs.3.65 Crore.
Revealing this in a press communique issued here, Punjab Finance, Planning, Excise and Taxation Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema said that a show cause notice under section 74 of the Act ibid was served upon accused Deepak Sharma s/o Surinder Pal Sharma by the Deputy Commissioner State Tax, Ludhiana on January 25, 2023, confronting him about ingenuine ITC claimed by him amounting to Rs. 3.65 Crore but he neither deposited the tax nor submitted any



reply. Thus, an order under the section of the Act ibid was passed by the adjudicating authority on June 13, 2023, and a demand of Rs. 11.75 Crore was created including Rs 4.45 crore as interest and Rs 3.65 crore as a penalty, said Cheema.
He further added that an investigation was conducted by TIU and the Sales Tax Officers and it was found that Deepak Sharma had submitted a forged GST Registration Certificate to a Bank.
He said that this bank account has been frozen by the Bank at the request of Sale Tax Officer Fatehgarh Sahib and a recovery notice for Rs 26 lakhs has been sent to the

said Bank. He said that a special task force constituted by the SGST Department acting on meticulous intelligence gathered over several weeks conducted simultaneous raids along with the Fatehgarh Sahib police at multiple locations linked to the accused.
He said that the authorities are in the process of identifying and pursuing all entities involved in this fraud, an FIR has been registered, and further investigations are underway to determine the total extent of the fraud and recover the evaded taxes.
Meanwhile, the Finance Commissioner Taxation cum Additional Chief Secretary Vikas Partap said that the department has been working on a data analytic software to identify those who generate fake ITC, and will take strict action against them.

Where Champions Rise- Cambridge Mohali Sports Fest 2024

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA, FEB 18

Cambridge have always empowered and encouraged its students to excel in the dynamic field of sports. To honour the same, the school organized the Annual Sports Fest on 15th February 2024 at their Campus that turned out to be a spectacular event where the students portrayed their proficient skills.

Showcasing speed, strength, coordination and endurance the kids participated in events that were designed and planned to equip kids with not only speed but challenge them on coordination, reaction, strength and teamwork. The enthusiastic students participated in sports like Simple Race, Relay Race, Standing Broad Jump,



Sorting of colors, Pyramid race, Balloon Race, Hoop Race, Long Jump, Ball throw, Wheel Barrow Race, Tyre Pull Race, Balloon Race, Obstacle Race, Long Distance Race, Long Jump, Shot Put and Tyre Flip. The event was vibrant and engaging fostering a spirit of athleticism and camaraderie among the students. The involvement of

both students and staff, as well as the recognition of extracurricular achievements, highlights the importance placed on holistic development within the school community. Students who won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for extracurricular activities were felicitated by the Principal and respective coordinators.

Congress workers are ready for Lok Sabha elections: Jass Bajjoana



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, FEB 18

Congress workers and leaders meet with Congress workers and leaders at Sailbarah village under the leadership of District Vice President Advocate Jaswinder Singh Jass Bajjoana in view of the Lok Sabha elections. In which Parminder Singh Dimple, Coordinator of Halka Rampura Phul, arrived specially. Advocate Jass Bajjoana said that Congress will win 13 out of 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab.

The graph of the Congress party in the state is high, while the people are completely fed up with the government of the Aam Aadmi Party and the people of the state are ready to teach themselves a lesson in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Sarpanch Gurjant Singh, group panchayat members, Bikkar Singh Panch, Nachatar Panch, Nirmal Singh, Amar Master, Surjit Singh, Nachatar Panch, Balour Panch, Indira Panch were present on this occasion.

Sandeepni Gurukul organises Vigyanam 5.0 program

BUREAU
PATHANKOT, FEB 18

Sandeepni Gurukul School Village Kauntarpur Pathankot was celebrated with great fanfare Vigyanam 5.0 festival full of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and art. Chief guest Jangi Lal Mahajan MLA Mukerian and Modern Sandeepni School Pathankot Chairman Pawan Mahajan and Manager Pinky Mahajan, Sandeepni Gurukul Chairman Sahil Mahajan and Manager Swati Mahajan were present as special guests. All the guests started the program by lighting a lamp in front of Goddess Saraswati. In this programme, children from KG wing to 10th standard along with their



peers presented projects based on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in front of the present guests and parents. Highlights of the event include Snow Removal Robot, Jester Controlled Robot, Battery Operated Car, Plant Watering Robot, Earthquake Alarm, Line Following Robot, Water Sprinkler Robot, Automatic Grass Cutter, Multicolor RGB Circuit, Human Conductor Circuit, So-

lar Night Lamp, Anti Theft Alarm and Chandrayaan 3 Launcher Simulation, Remote Control Car, Ultrasonic Alarm Security System, Android Phone Control Car, Vacuum Cleaner etc. Sandeepni Gurukul Chairman Sahil Mahajan and Managing Director Swati Mahajan said that we have dedicated Vigyanam 5.0 to students interested in science, technology, engineering, mathematics.

Punjab cities to witness complete facelift: Balkar Singh



cluding construction of two roads, renovation of Dr. B R Ambedkar park in the new Green Model town area, installation of tubewell etc .
The minister informed that inter-city roads to be renovated and strengthened as the tender process has already been finalised by the department. Terming the development and welfare of people are the priority sector for Punjab Government, Mr. Singh said that 600 Aam Aadmi clinics, school of eminence

, 1076 helpline for citizens centric services , Ghar Ghar Ration scheme have provided great relief to the masses , especially in the service sector .
The Minister said that following the path shown by Dr Ambedkar, the Punjab government is working for the development of all sections of society. He also laid the foundation stones for renovation and strengthening of two roads having length approximately 2 KM with Rs. 81 lakh and 73 lakh respectively. Besides that a tubewell with Rs. 24.32 lakh will also be installed in the new green park which will provide drinking water to the new green park , Bootan , Partap nagar and Punjabi Bagh area .

Deputy Commissioner inspects doorstep distribution of ration

ASHISH PURI
KAPURTHALA, FEB 18

In order to check delivery of ration at beneficiaries' doorsteps, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal on Sunday evening visited a site, where ration was being distributed amongst beneficiaries.
While interacting with the officials providing ration to people, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal also inspected the process as well as speaking with the beneficiaries, who expressed satisfaction and delight over smooth distribution of ration. He said that the Punjab Government's Ghar Ghar Muft Ration (doorstep delivery of ration) scheme was meant to ensure hassle free delivery of ration to beneficiaries near to their homes. He said that the beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act would get packaged Atta (wheat flour)/wheat in their localities where officials concerned through model fair price shops would provide flour/ wheat to them. Deputy Commissioner directed the officials of designated agency Markfed to ensure the seamless distribution and people should



not face any problem in getting their ration. He said that mandatory requirements of biometric verification, handing over of printed weigh slip to the beneficiaries and others would also be done meticulously at the time of distribution.
Panchal also instructed the officials of Markfed to keep regular visits at the sites where ration would be distributed in the district so as to ensure hassle free process in larger interest of beneficiaries besides informing them in prior about distribution.

Camp organized at ward no 12 under 'Aap di Sarkar Aap de Duar'

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, FEB 18

The Aam Aadmi Party's Mann government has started a campaign under 'Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Duar' to provide government facilities to the people. Under



which camps are being organized by government officials under the leadership of Constituency MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Mann in different wards of the city. Accordingly, a camp was organized today in ward number 12 at the local railway road BDPO office.

Tajinder Toor, Harmilan Bains win Gold medals in Asian Indoor Athletics Championship



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

Punjab Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer has congratulated the athletes Tajinder Pal Singh Toor and Harmilan Bains who won Gold Medals in the Asian Indoor Athletics Championship and the Indian Women's Badminton team who became champions in the Asian Championship for the first time.
In the ongoing Asian Indoor Athletics Championship in Tehran (Iran), Punjab's Athlete Tajinder Pal Singh Toor won the shot put event and Harmilan Bains won Gold Medal in 1500 Mtr. Tajinder Toor also created a new National record by throwing the shot 19.72 Mtr. In his illustrious sporting career, Toor has previously won gold medals twice in the Asian Games and three times in the Asian Champi-



onships. Harmilan, who won gold in the 1500m with a time of 4.29.55, won two silver medals in the Asian Games last year.
Meanwhile, in the Badminton Asian Team Championship in Malaysia, the Indian women's badminton team won the gold medal by defeating Thailand 3-2 in the final. The Indian women's team has won the Asian Championship for the first time. Tanvi Sharma from Punjab is a member of this team.
Congratulating the winning players, Sports Minister Meht Hayer said it is a matter of pride for Punjab that our sportsmen are continuously getting good results in the field of sports. On the instructions of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab has made such a sports policy that the players are being given cash for preparation for international tournaments besides getting cash prizes.

Harsimrat Kaur Badal visits Thath Nanaksar Bharowal Kalan



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, FEB 18

MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal visited Thath Nanaksar Bharowal Kalan. Shiromani Akali Dal IT wing president Balraj Singh Bhatthal's family accompanied her in her visit. Harpreet Kaur Bhathal and Navjot Parkash Singh Bhathal warmly welcomed Badal and gifted her a bouquet. Harsimrat Kaur Balal paid obeisance at Thath Nanaksar Bharowal Kalan and also sought blessings of Sant Ajmer Singh. Talking

about her visit, Badal said that she finds herself extremely fortunate to be able to visit the place and also commended Bhathal family for making her visit possible. "I reached today at Thath Nanaksar Bharowal Sahib, the land of Naam Simran, thanks to the initiative of Bhathal family, and after reaching here I got a lot of peace and tranquillity in my mind," she stated. At this occasion, Manjinder Singh Toor, Harjinder Singh, Major Singh Bhadowal, Surjeet Singh Sawaddi, Gurpreet Singh, Harmel Singh etc.

5 miscreants booked for attacking Shiv Sena leader Palta

PHAGWARA, FEB 18 (UNI)

Taking swift action against the miscreants involved in assaulting Shiv Sena Punjab Vice-President Rajesh Palta on Saturday late evening, the police have registered a case against five youths identified as Tanish alias Bhinda, Abhi, Anmol, Gagan, and Mattu (all residents of Subhash Nagar Phagwara) and their four unknown accomplices on the charges of assaulting and seriously injuring Sena leader and vandalising a shop of another youth Shiv Sena President Rahul Karwal in Khawara Gate Phagwara.
SP Phagwara Roopinder Kaur Bhatti, while confirming it here on Sunday morning, said ASI Ishru Parshad has been appointed Investigating Officer for this case. She said the police are working from different angles to

trace the case, and even CCTVs installed in surrounding localities are being scanned to bring the truth to light. Meanwhile, when contacted, SSP Kapurthala Vatsalya Gupta said peace and communal harmony would be maintained at all costs. He said that lawbreakers could not be spared.
It may be mentioned here that more than half a dozen miscreants attacked and wounded Shiv Sena Punjab Vice President Rajesh Palta with hockey sticks when he, along with other Sena leaders Vipin Sharma, Jimmy Karwal, and Vinay, were collecting donations for the Shobha Yatra of Maha Shiv Ratri in Subhash Nagar Chowk on Saturday late in the evening.
Palta was admitted to a local civil hospital with multiple blunt injuries.

Sandhu unanimously elected President of truck union Nabha: Mann



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, FEB 18

Sukhdev Singh Sandhu was unanimously elected President of Truck Operators Union Nabha. After receiving his blessings, he thanked all the truck operators and assured them that they will always work diligently and honestly to solve the problems of the truck operators and will work for the good of the truck union. Kapil Mann, Gulab Mann, Harbans Singh Ex-President, Charanjit Singh Ex-President, Ravinder Sharma Ex-President, Vi-

jay Kumar Contractor, Baba Ram Singh, Ajit Singh Ageta, Joginder Singh Dhanori Sarpanch, Raj Singh, Sukhjot Hans, congratulated him on this occasion.
Gurvinder Singh Pappi former sarpanch, Harpreet Singh, Navjot Singh, Iqbal Singh, Lakhpreet Singh, Sahab Singh Dhigi, Rajdeep Singh, Manpreet Singh, Ekpreet Singh, Guri, Gagandeep Singh, Jatinder Singh, Daljit Singh, Paramjit Gurdipura, Sukhwinder Singh, other than A number of truck operators were present.

Interview for posts of Shastri and language teacher on Feb 28

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Deputy Director Elementary Education Una Devendra Chandel while giving information said that 6 posts of Shastri and one post of language teacher are being filled on batch basis. For the candidates whose names have been sponsored by District Employment Office

Una, Amb, Bangana and Haroli for filling on batch basis, the interview will be held on February 28 at 10 am in the office of the Deputy Director of Elementary Education. He said that information related to the list of candidates, biodata, educational qualification, age limit, batch

under consideration for recruitment in pay scale etc. is available on the website of the office. For language teacher, one post is reserved for the dependent of unreserved freedom fighter, while for Shastri, 4 posts are reserved for dependent of ex-serviceman general, one post

is reserved for dependent of OBC ex-serviceman and one post is reserved for dependent of SC ex-serviceman. He said that only those candidates can participate in the counseling process who fulfill the prescribed qualifications for recruitment and promotion of science and language teachers.

Budget futuristic and development centric, caters to all sections of society: Health Minister

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 18

Health, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil termed the budget as "futuristic and development centric" while appreciating Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for presenting a budget that caters to all sections of society. He said that the second budget of the government was set to accelerate the pace of Vyavastha Parivartan in the state and help in achieving the targets of making Himachal a Green Energy state by 31 March, 2026.

Reacting to budget estimates, the Health Minister said that budget is an inclusive and innovative budget. Commending the Chief Minister for his vision, the Health Minister said that



this budget is a budget for building the future of the state. This budget will strengthen the foundation of self reliant Himachal 2032, he said. The government is appreciative of the role played by para-workers in successful implementation of different schemes in the state, said the Minister, lauding the

decision to increase the honorarium of various para-workers, including Anganwari Workers, Asha Workers, Mid-Day Meal Workers, Multi-purpose Workers, Panchayat Workers, Jal Rakshaks, Silai Teachers, SMC Teachers and IT Teachers among others.

The decision to increase the daily wage was yet another significant step as it greatly benefits a large section of our working population, said the Minister. Speaking about the announcements made for the Health sector, Dr. Shandil said that futuristic and development centric bold decisions have been taken to ensure speedy delivery of medical services at the doorsteps to the people of the state. He said that the decision to establish 'State Cancer Institute' in Dr. Radhakrishnan Medical

College, Hamirpur, 'Cancer Day Care Centres' in district hospitals and Adarsh Swasthya Kendras, and setting up of Linear Accelerator (LINAC) machine at IGMCI, Shimla, for advanced radiotherapy treatment was a commendable step given the rising number of cancer patients in the state. Health Minister said that Hospital Management Information Service (HMIS) will be established in 53 health institutions of the state in the first phase. With this, patients will be able to get better treatment on the basis of their medical history. The Minister added that setting up an 'Integrated Public Health Lab' in every district with state-of-the-art test facilities available at one place would save time and money, and cut short travel to far off places, hugely benefitting the patients.

Raj Bhavan staff congratulate Governor on completing one year's term



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, FEB 18

A program was organized at Raj Bhavan on the completion of one year tenure of Shiv Pratap Shukla as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh. Raj Bhavan staff congratulated the Governor on the occasion. Lady Governor and Chairperson

of the State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Branch, Smt. Janaki Shukla was also present on the occasion.

While interacting with the staff of Raj Bhavan, he thanked the people of the State for their cooperation and contribution in various works. He said that his tenure of one year was pleasant and satisfactory.

Rajesh Sharma, Secretary to the Governor, while congratulating the Governor, briefed various social welfare activities being run in the State through him and shared his experiences. He also expressed his gratitude for the guidance given by him for the development of the State during this period.

Dr. Husan Chand of Nalagarh selected by European Commission for Curie Action Fellowship

VICHITER SINGH

BAROTIWALA: Dr. Hussan Chand of Sardar Patel University, Mandi has been selected for the Marie Skłodowska Curie Action (MSCA-2024) Postdoctoral Fellowship by the European Commission. Dr. Hussan Chand will research into single-atom catalysts for light-driven C-X coupling processes. Dr. Hussan Chand will complete this fellowship from Politecnico di Milano University, Italy. Let us tell you that currently Dr. Hussan Chand, son of Jeet Ram is working as a guest faculty of Industrial Chemistry in Sardar Patel University, Mandi. They are basically permanent residents of Nalagarh. He completed his B.Sc from Government Post Graduate College, Nalagarh, then he went to HPU Shimla to do M.Sc and M.Phil. Dr. Hussan Chand completed his PhD from IIT Mandi under the supervision of Prof. Venkata Krishnan. Dr. Hussan Chand studied two-dimensional heterogeneous catalysts for carbon dioxide conversion and waste water treatment during his PhD. MSCA postdoctoral fellowships are highly competitive due to the large number of applications received. This year, 8,039 proposals were received from around the world for MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships. Out of these, only 1250 participants were selected by the European Commission. Under this fellowship the European Commission provides the researcher with a living allowance, which covers their salary, as well as funding for research costs and overheads.



Development work on war footing under leadership of CM

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: The government formed under the leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal has started a series of development works in the entire state. Giving this information, MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that roads are the axis of development and his endeavor is to strengthen and refurbish as many roads as possible in the area as soon as possible. To fulfill this objective, the Haryana government has strengthened the road system of the state. being strong. If the roads are strong, the wheel of development will turn at a faster pace. He said that for Indri assembly constituency, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has given a gift to the public by sanctioning an amount of Rs 23 crore for the repair and



renovation work of 14 roads and the construction of these roads soon will provide a lot of convenience to the villages around them. He said that to promote rural development and improve the rural lifestyle, a network of roads is being laid in rural areas to connect them to the main roads, through which villagers will be able to directly connect with business, education and health. Expressing his gratitude to Chief Minister

Manohar Lal, MLA Ramkumar Kashyap said that the villages of the assembly constituency are Shergarh to Dhanokhedhi, Nagla Rodan to Gheed, Khanpur to Budhanpur, Hinauri to Bhauji, Bibipur Jatan to Kamalpur Rodan, Bibipur Jatan to Nagla Rodan, Gheed to Shergarh. Roads were soon constructed in villages like Tapu, Nising Link Bayana Road, Kalsaura to Islamnagar, Gadhbirbal to Shergarh Road, Beed Majri Ape Road, Gorgarh Ape Road, Gheed to Salarpur Road, Karnal, Ramba, Indri, Ladwa Road to Sangoha etc. Will go. He said that his aim is that more and more development works should be done in his assembly constituency so that people can get the benefits of these development works.

Construction taking place in green area despite court orders

SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: In recent developments in Omaxe Parkwood 2, issues have arisen regarding compliance with court judgments with respect to the green area prescribed within the colony. Washindo of the society said that despite the court orders, some persons have gone ahead with unauthorized construction activities, causing many inconveniences to the neighboring residents. Many efforts have been made to resolve this issue through discussions and meetings to ensure the well-being and well-being of all residents. A meeting of Omaxe Parkwood Phase 2 was held in Baddi on Sunday in which concern was expressed over non-availability of facilities. Former President K Kumar and former Vice President S Pal said that the society has not been able to take any decision on the agreements made earlier. Sadly, these efforts have not yet yielded any solution as the parties concerned have not attended the meetings convened for this purpose. The disputed Green Park area in Omaxe Parkwood 2 Colony is located between house numbers 36H and 75. During the recent discussions, the former Pradhan alleged that Virendra, Gurnam Singh, Sanjay Singh, Pradhan Ashok, his team Pushpendra, Ajay Bhardwaj, Sachin and other persons have violated the rules of the court. He said that he has participated in disruptive activities inside the Green Park area. Residents of Omaxe 2 Colony have stressed the importance of the court order and their ambition to abide by the decisions taken to maintain peace. Efforts are continuing to resolve the matter, and we reiterate our commitment to an unanimous decision to resolve the issues facing all parties, while respecting the integrity of the Court's directives.

Farmers protest in front of BJP leader Kewal Singh Dhillon's residence

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 18

The dharna in front of BJP leader Kewal Singh Dhillon's residence at Barnala on the state level call of Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Ugrahan continued today. On this occasion, Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Ugrahan State General Secretary Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan, Senior Vice President Jhanda Singh Jethuke said that the BJP government is bringing down repression, which cannot be tolerated. While the demands of the farmers are legitimate. Whose support was filled in the Delhi Kisan Morche. He said that if the central government does not change its bad behavior, it will face strong opposition from the farmers. He said that the prices of all crops should be fixed as per Swaminathan's



recommendations, the MSP Guarantee Act should be guaranteed, the entire debt incurred by farmers should be waived, the culprits who killed farmers and journalists in Lakhimpur Khiri should be punished severely. be given On this occasion, state leader Hardeep Singh, vice president Roop Singh Chhna, district president Ram Singh Bhainibagha, Jarnail Singh Badra, Bhagat Singh Chhna, Bukan Singh Saidowal, Darshan Singh Bhaini,

Inderjit Singh Jhabbar, Gurcharan Singh Rama, Buta Singh Bhagike, women leaders Kuldeep Kaur Kussa, Jyoti Kaur Budhlada, Kamaljit Kaur Barnala, Binder Pal Kaur Bhadour, Naib Singh Kala, Gupal Singla besides leaders of Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union, Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Dakouda (Dhaner) were also present. According to the information received, this protest will continue till February 22.

Devi Lal expresses gratitude to MLA for getting budget approved for sewerage

KISHORI LAL BAINS

GAGRET: Former Director of State Youth Welfare Board, Devi Lal Shandilya, while addressing a press conference on Sunday, expressed gratitude to MLA Chaitanya Sharma for approving the special budget taken by the State Government to complete the incomplete sewerage work of Gagret Nagar Panchayat. Have done. Devi Lal said that sewerage was being laid in the entire city with a cost of about Rs 14 crore, the work of which had started during the previous Congress government, but by not providing budget for sewerage by the BJP government, this work was put in Thanda Basti. The local people told the MLA about this which was pending for many years and during the budget session, the MLA presented before the Chief Minister a demand for a special budget to restart the sewerage work of Nagar Panchayat Gagret. For this, with the announcement of the budget by the Chief Minister in the budget session, now the sewerage work will start again so that along with Nagar Panchayat Gagret, other adjoining villages will also get the benefit of this sewerage and now this old problem will be completely eradicated. Devilal said that after MLA Chaitanya Sharma becoming MLA, there is no shortage of funds for development works in Gagret Nagar. Every type of development is being done in all the wards of Gagret. The little development work that remains will also be completed soon.



Gangster Kala Dhanaula shot dead in police encounter

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, FEB 18

Punjab police shot dead gangster Kala Dhanaula during in encounter held in Barnala on Sunday. The long-standing crime empire of Gurmeet Singh Mann alias Kala Dhanaula, popularly known as Khunkhar gangster of Punjab, came to an end today when he was confronted by AGTF near Badbar Toll Plaza on Barnala-Chandigarh Road. It happened with the team led by midfielder Sandeep Goyal. According to the information received from the sources, AGTF The team of Kala Dhanula was following him. When Kala Dhanula reached near the toll plaza, he had an encounter with the police. During the encounter with the police party, Kala Dhanula was seriously injured. Kala Dhanula died on the spot.



Details including details are not yet available, but AGTF. Official Sandeep Kumar Goyal confirmed this and said that soon the police will share detailed information about this competition with the media. He said that the district police and officials are present at the spot. It is worth mentioning that for about a month, Kala Dhanula and his associates attacked Balan, former president of truck union Dhanula and Congress

leader. A case was registered against Kala and his accomplices in the Dhanula police station under the offense of murder with intent and the Arms Act. The police were looking for Kala Dhanula from the same day. Kala has also been the vice president of Dhanula Nagar Council. Dozens of cases have been registered against him in various districts of Punjab in connection with many incidents of murder, robbery and beating.

District level folk dance competition on 23rd Feb

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 18

Language and Culture Department, District Kangra is organizing a district level folk dance competition on 23 February 2023 at 10:00 am in the Community Hall, Kotwali Bazaar, Dharamshala. The parties/organizations participating in the competition can send their nominations on e-mail to the District Language Officer office. Giving this information, District Language Officer Amit Guleri said that the number of dancers in folk dance groups should not exceed 20, which will include the singer-instrumentalist and dancer of the group. The duration of the folk dance will be 12 to 15 minutes. Only traditional folk songs, dances and musical instruments will be presented in the competition and the concerned groups/organizations will present only the dances, songs and music popular in their area. He informed that mixed folk dance/instrumentalists/singing groups from different regions will not be able to participate in the competition. Only traditional musicians will be used by a particular team in the competition. Along with this, the costumes and jewelry of the dancers/singers/instrumentalists should be traditional and original. The decision of the jury will be final and universally accepted.

Solving public problems and getting them resolved is my main priority: Sandeep Garg



NARESH GARG

LADWA: Villagers of village Beed Kalwa met social worker and leader Sandeep Garg and promised to support him in the upcoming elections. Villagers Praveen Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Harsh, Nirmal Kumar etc. said that all the work being done by social worker Sandeep Garg cannot be praised enough. Till date, there have been three MLAs in Ladwa Halke, but no one did any work, they only worked till taking votes and were not even seen after taking votes, this is completely wrong. The job of an MLA is to solve the problems of the people and not just to get votes. Therefore, this time we will work on sending a good person to the assembly and the way Sandeep Garg is supporting the people of Halke without making anything, the entire village is with him. Meanwhile, social worker Sandeep Garg said that the villagers of Ladwa Halke and all of them are his own and solving all their problems and getting them resolved is his main priority.

District level Ramotsav competition held

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI, FEB 18

Ramotsav has such power that it can unite everyone. Direct evidence of this was seen across the country on the day of Shri Ram Lala Pran Pratistha. These words were said by RSS Haryana Prant Karyavah Pratap while honoring the winning participants at the PWD Rest House. On the occasion of the consecration of Shri Ram Lala Temple, on behalf of Vishwa Samvad Kendra Haryana, the winning participants of the district level Ramotsav reporting competition were honored with cash amount and certificates. Hui. The participants took part in photography, video and reel



making and newspaper report writing. Pratap said that Prabhu Shri Ram has the power to organize the nation. The entire world has seen direct evidence of this on 22 January. All work is done according to God's plan. In the Shri Ram Lala Pran Pratistha program, God made a complete plan and selected

Ram devotees. Without any government machinery, programs were organized on the day of Shri Ram Lala Pran Pratistha in every street and locality of the country. Big countries all over the world expressed surprise at this. Hindu society got organized regarding its culture. Ram devotees distributed Akshat

from house to house. Took out rounds in the morning. Temples and houses were decorated with girls. On that day, every temple in the country became a Ram temple and every district appeared as Ayodhya. Co-city director Dr. Jitendra Sharma encouraged the winners. Rajni Prakash said that Vishwa Samvad Kendra provided an opportunity to the participants to showcase their talent by organizing a reporting competition on Ramotsav. Competitions were held in photography, video and relay making and newspaper report writing. The three winners of each category were honored with Rs 1100, Rs 750 and Rs 500, certificates and literature respectively.

Top officials sports inspiration in city



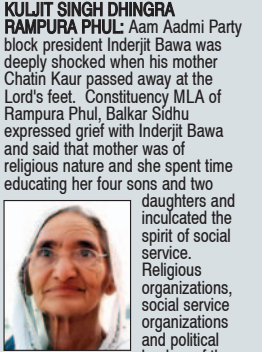
CHANDIGARH: Vijayendra Kumar, IAS (HY:1995) Principal Secretary to Government Haryana & Rajneesh Bhatia CEO Domestic & Ecommerce -Trident Group who are top officials in their respective domains have set an example of passion and fitness for Chandigarh city. Both of them combined to play in 50+ age category in recently concluded Chandigarh State Seniors (Veterans) Badminton Championship held in Sector 42 Sports Complex Chandigarh from 17th to 18th February . Both of them will be representing Chandigarh in National Championships which will be held in Haryana in March 2024.

21.39 crore passengers travelled by air in 2023: Arora



SHARMA LUDHIANA: Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru are the busiest airports in India for domestic operations whereas Delhi, Mumbai, and Chennai are the busiest airports for international operations. This has been revealed by the Minister for Civil Aviation Gen (Dr) V.K. Singh (Retd) in an answer to questions on 'Data on Air Passengers' asked by MP (Rajya Sabha) Sanjeev Arora in the recently concluded interim budget session of Rajya Sabha. In a statement here today, Arora said the Minister also provided month-wise total number of passengers carried for Scheduled Domestic and Scheduled International operations for the year (January-December) 2023. With regard to question about average cost spent by passengers on air tickets within the country per trip and per flown Km, the Minister answered that no such data is available.

AAP block president breaved



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Aam Aadmi Party block president Indertjit Bawa was deeply shocked when his mother Chaitin Kaur passed away at the Lord's feet. Constituency MLA of Rampura Phul, Balkar Sidhu expressed grief with Indertjit Bawa and said that mother was of religious nature and she spent time educating her four sons and two daughters and inculcated the spirit of social service. Religious organizations, social service organizations and political leaders of the city expressed their grief with the family. On this occasion, MLA Balkar Sidhu, Khadi Board Industry Chairman Indertjit Mann, Jatinder Singh Bhatia Chairman Nagar Improvement Trust, Davinder Bhola, Sawinder Singh Panna President Truck Union, Ravi Singla Kala Bhuchio, RS Jethi, Sukhi Maluana, Robby Brar Block President, Sher Bahadur Dhalwal, Gurbhajan Dhillon, Lekh Raj President Aarthia Association, Amarnath President Business Board etc.

Birth anniversary of Shri Guru Ravidas to be celebrated on 22



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER KATHGARH: Dedicated to the birth anniversary of Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji, the Akhand Path Sahib of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji will be started by the Sadh Sangat of village Paragpur Mubarakpur on Thursday, February 22. Shri Guru Ravidas will be entertained on Saturday. Giving information in this regard, Kulwinder Singh Sarpanch Paragpur said that after the feast, famous Kiratians and ragi dhadis of Punjab will entertain the congregation by singing Iai Bari. And on this occasion, he also organized a grand city kirtan. On this occasion, he has appealed to the residents of the area to reach the village of Paragpur, increase the excitement, and get the blessings of the great men. On this occasion, Guru's langar will be served.

Satnam Jalalpur gives cheque of one lakh rupees for gym, sports equipment



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER NAWANSHAH: S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Chief Minister of Punjab, furthering the thinking of Satnam Jalalpur, Chairman District Planning Board and District President Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar presented a check of one lakh rupees to the panchayat of village Karimpur Chahwala for gym and sports equipment. At this time, Dr. Shati Bassi senior AAP leader, former sarpanch Tirtha Ram (Niku Fauzi) Ashok Banthi, Naresh Banthi Dolat Banthi, Master Raj Kumar, Jagdish Kumar, Goga, Pali Banthi, other village dignitaries and many young comrades were present. Satnam assured the villagers of Jalalpur that they would make all-out efforts to build a stadium in the village.

UIAMS organises value added course on "Ethics in Research"

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

The University Institute of Applied Management Sciences (UIAMS), under the auspices of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), organised a Value-Added course focusing on "Ethics in Research." The course was held from February 12th to February 18th, 2024, at the UIAMS, Panjab University campus. Prof. Devinder Singh, Department of Law and Prof. Rajiv Puri, Department of Physics blessed the participants with their benign presence in the inaugural session.

Prof. Sanjeev Sharma, course coordinator highlighted that ethics in research is a critical aspect of academic and professional development, ensuring integrity, credibility, and accountability in scholarly endeavours. Prof. Monika Aggarwal said that this value-added course was aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of ethical considerations in research practices, including issues related to data collec-



tion, analysis, publication, and collaboration. Throughout the week-long course, participants were engaged in interactive lectures, workshops, and discussions led by experts in the field of research ethics. The experts were drawn from various fields including Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Odisha, Prof. Jasveen Kaur, Guru Nanak Dev University, Prof. Sanjeev

Chadha, MGSIPA, Dr. Neeraj Singh, Deputy Librarian, Panjab University, Prof. Pampa Mukherjee, Department of Political Sciences, P.U., Prof. Monica Singh Munjal, Social Works, P.U., Prof. Prashant Verma, ICSVS, P.U., Dr. Ajay Dogra, UIAMS, P.U., Dr. Aman Khara, UIAMS, P.U., Prof. Sanjeev K Sharma, UIAMS and Prof. Monika Aggarwal, UIAMS, P.U. and Dr. Shriram, Thapar University,

Prof. Mohit Vasdev, Govt. College for Yoga and Prof. Shivani Department of Philosophy, P.U. The resource persons shared their insights related to ethical principles and guidelines governing research conduct, responsible data management and confidentiality, authorship and publication ethics, conflicts of interest and research integrity, and ethical considerations in interdisciplinary.

Chandigarh state seniors badminton championships -2024

CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

Vijayendra Kumar, IAS and Rajneesh Bhatia of Trident Group combined to win the Mens 50+ Badminton title beating Gurmeet Singh and Riyaz in straight games with scoreline 21-10 , 21-6 in the Chandigarh State Seniors (Veterans) Badminton Championships 2024 which concluded today at Sector 42 Sports Complex, Chandigarh. Rajneesh Bhatia lifted Mixed doubles 50+ trophy too combining with Geeta Agarwal. Deepak Saxena won Tripple crown by winning all the three events in 45+ age category.

The Championship was played on 17th and 18th February 2024 wherein approxi-



mately 100 players from 35+ to 75+ age group participated in more than 35 events spreading across singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Dr . Sunil Rayat , Joint Director Sports, Chandigarh Administration was the chief guest of the closing ceremony and attractive prizes were given away to the Winners and Runners up by the Chief Guest along with the distinguished

Guests of honor Sh Vijayendra IAS and SH Prabhjot Singh IAS. The Chandigarh State team for forthcoming Nationals (Veterans) Championships to be held in Panchkula from 16th to 18th March will be selected on basis of performance of players in this championships, stated Col Raj Parmar, Sr Vice President, CBA and tournament Director.

Breast awareness camp by students of Radiology, imaging technology



LK BANSAL MOHALI, FEB 18

Rayat Bahra University's Department of Radiology and Imaging Technology, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chancellor S. Gurvinder Singh Bahra, organized a Breast Cancer Awareness camp at Government Primary School, Bhago Majra, Kharar.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Parvinder Singh, Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Dinesh Sharma, Dean Academic Affairs Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Bansal, Principal Dr. Akshay Sharma, Prof.

(Dr.) Neena Mehta. Prof. (Dr.) Pankaj Kaul, along with other Deans and HODs from different departments of RBU were also present on the occasion. Organizing Chairperson Prof. (Dr.) Lalit Gupta, along with Organizing Secretary Ms. Mamta Panda & Ms. Varshdeep Kour, spearheaded the initiative, bringing together faculty and students of Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology (MRIT), US-AHS. The program aimed to educate and empower the community about breast cancer, emphasizing early detection.

Malwa Sahitya Sabha Barnala organises discussion on Dhaliwal book Bunga Mastuana century's journey (1923-2023)

KARNPREET KARAN BARNALA, FEB 18

Malwa Sahit Sabha Barnala organized a monthly literary event at the local Punjab ITI. In this event, Baghel Singh Dhaliwal's book Bunga Mastuana Ek Sadhi Da Safar (1923-2023) was discussed. Speaking about it, Teja Singh Tilak said that Baghel Singh Dhaliwal used the word "Jhanga Bunge" in Nit's prayer, starting with the words of Damdama Sahib, and preserved it in history and kept it alive forever, which was destroyed by our car service workers. President of Malwa Sahitya Sabha Dr. Sampurna Singh Tallewalia said that Baghel Singh Dhaliwal has written a com-



plete history of Bunga Mastuana from the beginning to the present and also included the entire history of Damdama Sahib, the importance of the book has increased.

That will prove beneficial for future researchers. After that, Chamkaur Singh Sekhon's book Kalyan Heer Ki was dedicated to the people, speaking about which Jugraj Dholi said that Chamkaur Singh Sekhon has eloquently described the conversation between Heer and Ranjhe in the folk language.

Jarnail Singh Achharwal said that regarding Heer. Of course, there have been hundreds of books, but Chamkaur Singh Sekhon has given it a new look by doing some unique things in this book. On this occasion, Rupinder Tharaj Kanada's Mini Kahani Khuh Ki Tinda was also presented to the public. Dr. Bhupinder Singh Bedi, Darshan Singh, Guru Manjit Singh Sagar, Nirmal Singh Pandori, Dr. Kulwant Singh Joga, Dr. Amandeep Singh Tallewalia.

Rotational irrigation programme for rabi season from Feb 19 to 26 released

CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

The Punjab government has issued rotational irrigation programme of canals for the Rabi Season for the period between February 19 to 26, 2024. Disclosing this here, an official spokesperson of the Water Resources Department said that the

channels of Sirhind Canal System will run in the priority basis from Patiala Feeder, Abohar Branch, Bist Doab Canal, Sidhwan Branch and Bathinda Branch, respectively. He further said that Ghaggar Link and its off-taking Channels i.e. Ghaggar Branch and P.N.C. in Group 'B' being in the first preference will run to

their indent. Balanced water supplies available will be utilized in direct distributaries of Bhakhra Main line in Group 'A', respectively. The spokesperson further said that Punjab channels and branches off-taking from Harike and Ferozepur head works i.e. Abohar Branch off-taking from Sirhind Feeder.

Punjab govt will bear expenses of passengers going on yatra: Jimpa

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, FEB 18

Under the 'Chief Minister Tirtha Yatra Scheme' launched by the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Cabinet Minister Bram Shankar Jimpa Sri Mittha Tiwana Sahib for the darshan of Sri Talwandi Sabo and Sri Amritsar Sahib Ji. The departing bus was flagged off.

First of all he paid obeisance at Gurudwara Sahib and during this he also took blessings Saints. On this occasion, Mayor Surinder Kumar, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Jyoti Bala Mattu, Senior Deputy Mayor Praveen Saini, Agya Pal Singh Sahni, Prof. Apart from Bahadur Singh Sunet, Dheeraj Sharma, other dignitaries were also present.

On the occasion of flagging off the bus of devotees from Hoshiarpur for the visit of Sri Talwandi Sabo and Sri Amritsar Sahib Ji, Cabinet Minister Jimpa said that with the launch of this scheme, the



people of Punjab will get the opportunity to visit different pilgrimage places across the country. The travel facility is available free of cost. He said that the Punjab Government will bear the expenses of the passengers traveling under this scheme, which includes all the expenses of their travel, accommodation and food. He said that Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann has taken care of every small and big need of the common people of the state. The Cabi-

net Minister said that under this scheme, people are being made to travel to different pilgrimage places.

He said that similarly as per the plan, buses of devotees will continue to leave to visit different pilgrimage places. While congratulating the pilgrims, he said that the Chief Minister Teerth Yatra Scheme is proving to be a boon for the people who are deprived of visiting the major religious places of Punjab and India due to old age.

BJP govt always cheated farmers: Mantu

BUREAU GURDASPUR, FEB 18

Strongly condemning the lathi charge, tear gas shells fired on the farmers. Amit Singh Mantu, District President of AAP and Halka In-charge said that the BJP government at the Center has always cheated the farmers.

Mantu said that even before this, farmers sat on strike for a year and more than 700 farmers were killed unnecessarily, but till date the BJP government at the Center has not given compensation to the families of the deceased. The Central Government did not fulfill the promises made to the farmers during the last 10 years, due to which the farm-

ers had to adopt the path of struggle. Thakur Amit Singh Mantu said that the Central and Haryana governments have no right to stop the farmers coming to Delhi by putting up barricades and torturing them. He said that farmers are important stakeholders in the progress of the country, hence their rights should be given.

He said that he fully supports the farmers' movement and stands with them. He said that the farmer is the food provider of the country and it is the duty of the government to help him. He said that instead of torturing the farmers, the Central Government should create double sources of income for them through MSP.



Heated discussion on important issues held in meeting of Majha Press Club, Amritsar

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, FEB 18

An emergency meeting of Majha Press Club, Amritsar was held at Jandiala Guru under the leadership of President Gurdeep Singh Nagi, in which President Gurdeep Singh Nagi shared his views on the difficulties faced by journalists working in the field and said that Journalism is a double-edged sword and journalists risk their lives to bring ground-level conditions to governments and readers.

He said that it is not necessary that all parties agree with the writing of the journalist, but in today's era of social media, more attention is paid to raising an issue instead of con-



sidering it, so people get distracted from the real issue, so we need to use it on all kinds of platforms. One should think constructively and forward thinking.

The patron of the club Amritpal Singh and General Secretary Jaswant Singh Mangat expressed deep concern over the pollution of the environment, the incidents of robberies, hooliganism, the

flow of drugs, unemployment etc. On this occasion Amritpal Singh, Jaswant Singh Mangat, Harish Kakkar, Simratpal Singh Bedi, Kuldeep Singh Bhullar, Gurpal Singh Rai, Kuljit Singh, Savinder Singh Shinda Lahoria, Parvinder Singh Malakpur, Kuldeep Singh Khaira, Satpal Vinayak, Dr. Gurmeet Singh Nanda, Advocate Shukarguzar Singh, Harjinder Singh etc.

Search operation conducted under Operation Casho in Kathgarh



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER BALACHAUR, FEB 18

Under the direction of SSP Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Dr. Mehtab Singh under the direction of SP PBI Iqbal Singh and DSP Balachore Sham Sunder Sharma under the direction of SSP Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Dr. Mahtab Singh under the Windy campaign of Punjab Government In Kathgarh town, Paniyali village and Majra Jatt, a search operation was conducted under Operation Casho. On this occasion, DSP Balachore Sham

Sunder Sharma while giving information said that today the heads of various police stations and heavy police force in Balachore Sub Division have thoroughly checked the houses of the suspects in these villages and also the suspicious vehicles coming and going. Checking done.

On this occasion, City police station Balachore SHO Pavitar Singh, Kathgarh police station SHO Hemant Malhotra, Chowki Anson in charge ASI Paramjit Singh Rowdy, SI Puran Singh, ASI Prem Lal etc. were present with them.

Jod Mela dedicated to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur to be celebrated in Gurudwara Kotha Sahib, Vallah



AMRIK SINGH VALLAH AMRITSAR, FEB 18

Jod mela dedicated to the 9th Guru of Sikhs, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib will be celebrated this year too in the historical Gurudwara Kotha Sahib Vallah. Lakhs of people from all over the country and surrounding villages are expected to come to pay obeisance at this fair which lasts for more than a month.

On the instructions of Amritsar Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar,

police personnel were deployed at various places under the leadership of SHO Maqboolpura Police Station Sarabjit Singh to control the movement and security of the fair. So that the people come are not being allowed to face any kind of problem. On behalf of the Gurdwara Management Committee under the leadership of Gurdwara Kotha Sahib Manager Jobanjit Singh, Police Station Head Sarabjit Singh was honored by giving him a Siropa in recognition of his services.

Khatu Shyam
Sankirtan organised



ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL: The fourth huge Khatu Shyam Sankirtan was organised by Shri Khatu Shyam Sevak Mandal Karnal at Khalsa School, Railway Road, Karnal. In this programme, the glory of Khatu Shyam and his hymns were sung by Brajras lover Purnima ji (Poonam Didi). "I have to go to him." People started dancing after hearing "Mohe Vrindavan reached daiyao". Apart from this, bhajan conductor Nishant Pathak of Shaml and bhajan conductor Monu Dua of Chandigarh enthralled the devotees with Shyam bhajans. In Sankirtan, all the bhajan singers presented different bhajans. On which the devotees danced vigorously. The whole pandal kept resonating with the cheers of Baba Shyam. Stage management of the program was done by Panipat resident Prince Bajaj. Shyam Baba's court was the centre of attraction in Shyam Mahotsav. On this occasion, Shyam Baba was decorated with fragrant flowers and Chhappan Bhog was offered to Shyam Baba. On this occasion, in addition to the organiser of the program, Shyam Bhakti Ajay Singh, Vishal Verma, Dr. Vikas, Sharad Kumar Puni, Rahul Verma, Mohit Verma, Tarun Sharma and thousands of Shyam devotees attended the programme.

8 month old
foetus found in
garbage heap



VIPIN SEHGAL GURUGRAM: An 8-month-old foetus has been found in the garbage heap near the primary school in ward number 18 of Sohna. As soon as the information was received, the police reached the spot and took possession of the fetus and sent it for post-mortem. The police were investigating the matter. According to the information received from the police, this afternoon the Sona police station had received information that a foetus wrapped in a cloth was lying near the primary school of Ward No. 18, which the dogs were trying to eat. When the people passing by saw this scene, they ran away and informed the police. According to the police, it appeared that the foetus was about 8 months old. The foetus was a boy. It has been taken into custody and sent for post-mortem. Information about pregnant women was being obtained from nearby hospitals so that it could be found out by whom this fetus has been thrown away. Efforts were also being made to reach the accused with the help of the CCTV cameras installed here.

Rahul Gandhi and Selja are voice
of the players: Akash Batra



R K KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI: On the occasion of the conclusion of the tournament, Youth Congress leader Akash Batra said that sports competitions organised in rural areas enhance the talent of the players and sports lead to physical and mental development of the players. Sports teaches discipline and sportsmanship, hence rural areas. Sports competitions should be organised in the areas. The committee welcomed Akash Batra on his arrival at the venue of the tournament. He said that the present government does not care about the youth. That's why talents seem to be dying. Congress has always had a policy of promoting sports. Selja's policy and determination has been to promote youth in sports. Recently Rahul Gandhi and Selja also raised the voice of players' rights with full force. Due to which the government had to listen to the players. Former Union Minister Kumari Selja had constructed six sports stadiums in the district during her tenure, but today the condition of the stadiums is bad due to neglect. The BJP government is not paying any attention towards the stadium, neither are there coaches nor other facilities.

'Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress' campaign for
change of power in country and state: Rajendra Balla

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NISING, FEB 18

Rajendra Balla, member of Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee and former member of Haryana Police Recruitment Board, while meeting the people in village Mohdi Jagir on Sunday under the Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress campaign, said that the campaign was giving sleepless nights to the coalition government. There was no peace because the main objective of the Har Ghar Congress campaign was to make the common people aware of the policies of the Congress Party and to form the Congress government in

'PM Modi dared citizens to dream
of Shrestha Bharat': Amit Shah

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, FEB 18

Hailing of the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the former not only gave his fellow citizens the courage to dream of a 'Shrestha Bharat' (great India) but also make a collective effort to realise that dream.

Addressing party supporters and leaders on the second day of the BJP's ongoing National Convention, Shah said he was convinced that the BJP-led NDA would win a thumping mandate in the Lok Sabha polls and PM Modi would return for a third, straight term in office.

"From day one since assuming the office of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi-ji gave 140 crore fellow citizens the courage to not only dream of a new and



a great India but also make a collective effort to realise that dream and the larger goal to take the country to new heights. He underlined his goal before the country: to make India a developed country by the end of the 'Amrit Kaal'--2047. We are working towards a self-reliant India, an India free from the shackles of slavery. This solemn resolution of ours stems from the collective determination and confidence of 140 crore

Indians to take their country to new heights of development and progress," the Union Home Minister said to loud applause from supporters in the audience.

Launching a blistering takedown of the Opposition bloc, Shah said, "The INDI alliance and the Congress are out to defame the country and are inflicting open wounds on the country's democratic soul and framework. They tainted our democracy with corruption,

Kulveer Kaur wins gold medal in weightlifting International Master Open Tournament

RADHEY SHYAM MORINDA: Kulveer Kaur of the city brought glory to the city and the state of Punjab by winning the gold medal in the 87 kg weight lifting competition in the International Master Open Tournament organized in Germany. Due to which she was honored by the



Rotary Club. Dr. Nirmal Kumar Dhiman said that the city's daughter has brought glory to the city by winning the

gold medal. Kulbir Kaur is serving as a head constable in the Punjab Police. She has already won many medals in weight lifting. Kulveer Kaur told that she was given special support by international weight lifting Coach Davinder Sharma and Olympic hockey Coach Nisha Sharma. Kulbir Kaur

thanked the Rotary Club for honoring her. At this time club members like Avtar Singh, Rajkumar Tulani, Colonel Malkit Singh, Sukhbir Singh Sidhu, Rajendra Kumar Sachdeva, Hamek Singh, Dr. Mavi, Nitin Gupta, Jagtar Singh, Ashu, Bobby Singal, Tejinder Singh were present.

Cong govt will provide free gas
cylinder worth Rs 500 and 300
units of electricity: Rajesh Vaidya

DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHERI, FEB 18

If the Congress government came to power, everyone would be given 300 units of free electricity and all the poor would be given two permanent houses on 100-100 yard plots, said Professor Rajesh Vaidya, former member of Haryana Public Service Commission and PCC delegate, Tarawadi.

Expressing this while addressing the women during the 'Ghar Ghar Congress Har Ghar Congress' campaign at the Guru Ravidas Temple Rajesh Vaidya said that the 'Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress' campaign was started in Haryana from January 15 and Since then, this campaign was going on in full swing in the entire state. Lok Sabha in-charge Dr. Uma Shankar Pandey said that the main objective of today's program was to



take the resolution letter of Congress to every booth. Pandey said that the aim of which was to convey the policies of Congress and the failures of the government to every house and every voter. Before this, public anger rallies were being held continuously by the party, which were getting tremendous support from the public. Now one to one communication would be established with the voters through 'Har Ghar Congress' campaign. The workers

would tell the public how Congress was known for keeping its promises while BJP was known for breaking promises. BJP has retracted from the announcement of providing Rs500 cylinder in Rajasthan. Today there was an atmosphere of inflation and inequality in the entire country including Haryana. The youth of Haryana were forced to migrate from the country. BJP-JJP coalition has broken all records of unemployment and corruption in Haryana.

6 needy girls married



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: Dedicated to the 647th Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj, the marriages of girls from 6 needy families were conducted on 18th February 2024 at Gurughar Tap Asthan Bibi Pradhan Kaur with the support of Sri Guru Ravidas Welfare Trust Raj District Barnala and all the Sangat. Since 2013, the trust has been doing social welfare work like conducting medical camps, awarding students who excelled in education and sports, providing ambulance services, langar services and supporting uniforms and education for children, this time 6 needy families. Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Amritsar Sahib and its member Paramjit Singh Khalsa Manager Surjit Singh Thakhrilave have made a valuable contribution in this wedding program where the girls were married. In making this program a success, Cabinet Minister Meet Hare, his entire team and administration have also contributed immensely.

Anju Choudhary 'Anu's new book
Women Solo Travelers released

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL, FEB 18

Under the aegis of Bhavya Foundation, 200 talents from the country, abroad and the state were honoured in the International Friendship Conference and National Talent Award Ceremony 2024. The ceremony was dedicated to cancer patients, physically disabled and autism warriors children and people. Children of Bal Basera Home were also honored in this program. Awardees from 15 countries participated in the programme. Karnal's Anju Choudhary Anu's new book, Women Solo Travelers (Novel) was also released among all the litterateurs. The stage was moderated by anchor RJ Sapna. This



program organized at Kalindi Auditorium of Suresh Gyan Vihar University Jagatpura Jaipur was started by Jaipur Collector Jaipur Collector. The event was attended by many special guests from all over the country in which the special guest was Anju Choudhary Anu and others were R.D. Baheti, Rajan Sardar, Dr. Priyanka Jain, Dr. Naveen Sharma, Pandit Suresh Prasad Gupta, Anand Prakash Srivastava, Neelu Gupta, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and many distinguished

guests were mainly present. In the ceremony, talents who achieved special status through their mind, dedication and courage in the fields of literature, journalism, social service, education, art, astrology, enterprise, agriculture, film, fashion, astrology and other fields were honored. Everyone congratulated Bhavya Foundation directors Nisha Mathur and Shailendra Mathur for the successful organisation of this programme.

Bungar Cement outlet inaugurated
on Jagadhri Workshop Road



RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR: The new sales promoter (SS Enterprises) office of Bangar anti rust cement was inaugurated on Jagadhri Workshop Road. On this occasion, all the distributor officers of the district along with the shop vendors were given detailed information about it under a program in which the zonal head of the company given a detailed information about it and he told that within Yamunanagar, they have 54 per cent stake of Bangar Cement. With the opening of this new outlet, this partnership would definitely increase further. Only if everyone worked hard for this, this position could be achieved. Bangar Cement was considered a strong company in itself which was also the first choice of every home shop and home builder. Amitabh Sihag (Zonal Head) Manoj Sinha (State Head) Gagan Kapoor (Regional Head) Suresh Poonia (State Head Technical), DP Sen, Anil Gupta, Munish Gaur, Vikram Gupta, Yamunanagar Sales Team and Technical The team includes Shaminder Singh (Technical Officer), Technical Service Officer Deepak Gulati, Mr. Kamal Saini, Mr. Abhishek Kambo were also present.

Calling Annadata a terrorist is
an insult to Lord Ram: Vij

BUREAU PATHANKOT: Punjab Pradesh Congress Treasurer and former MLA Amit Vij said that giving the status of terrorists to farmers by the ruling party at the Center is an insult to Lord Ram and such leaders are criminals of Lord Ram. He said in the speech issued here that it is the food giver who produces the food offered to God. Vij said that if the government does not give MSP to the farmers and does not waive their loans, then 70 percent of the farmers' land will come into the hands of big houses. He appealed to the Central Government to stop the policy of crushing the farmers. He said that by bringing the first three black laws, he shook the whole country. Farmers staged a protest in Delhi for more than a year, in which more than 700 farmers had to sacrifice their



lives. He called it a big conspiracy of the government. He said that more than 70 percent of the farmers in the states are in debt and are forced to sell their lands to get rid of it. He said that on one hand the government can provide benefits to industrialists, then Rs 14 lakh crore of farmers will be waived off. Pointing fingers at the intentions of the Central Government, Vij said that even after 6 meetings of the 27-member committee formed on MSP in July 2022 and 37 meetings of the sub-committee, if there is still anything left to discuss, then everyone is in trouble.

the MSP. Bharat Ratna MS Swaminathan's report also says the same. Even when Prime Minister Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat, he never tired of advocating MSP for the farmers. He said that during its 10-year tenure, Congress waived off loans of farmers worth Rs 2.2 lakh crore, whereas the present BJP government at the Center has waived off loans worth Rs 14.5 lakh crore of industrialists. If the government can provide benefits to industrialists, then Rs 14 lakh crore of farmers will be waived off. Pointing fingers at the intentions of the Central Government, Vij said that even after 6 meetings of the 27-member committee formed on MSP in July 2022 and 37 meetings of the sub-committee, if there is still anything left to discuss, then everyone is in trouble.

Sanyukta Kisan Morcha
meeting in Jind today

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 18

Tomorrow an important meeting of United Kisan Morcha will be held in Jind, the future strategy of the movement will be decided in the meeting. Farmers will protest in the state on 21st February, tractors will descend on all the highways going to Delhi on 26th and 26th February. In view of the farmers' movement, major decisions were taken in the important meeting of the Bharatiya Kisan Union. On the sixth day of the farmers' movement that started from Punjab, the Bharatiya Kisan Union has started making the future outline. State President of BKU Ratan Mann said that Rakesh Tikait has taken many decisions in the national meeting held in Sisoli



yesterday. Ratan Mann said that on Monday there will be an important meeting of farmer organisations involved in United Kisan Morcha in Jind in which the future outline of the movement and strategy of participation will be made. Mann said that on February 21, farmers will protest loudly at all the district secretariats of the state. Farmers will submit a memorandum to the government with their

demands and the farmers standing on the Punjab border will be supported. The BKU leader said that a big strategy is being made for 26 and 27 February. Farmers from all the districts of Haryana will protest for two days. On all the routes leading to Delhi, farmers will turn their tractors towards Delhi and the government will be warned that farmers will go to Delhi whenever they want.

Friendly volleyball match played
between Law and Engineering dept

PREETI RANI
KALA AMB, FEB 18

A friendly match of volleyball was organised between the Department of Law and B.Tech Department of Himalayan Group of Professional Institution Kala Amb under the guidance of Sports Officer Surender Lakharwal. With the clock starting at 2:00 PM, all the players were ready to showcase their skills and passion on the volleyball court. Spectators were also present to encourage the players. The energy displayed by the players from both institutions was remarkable. This continued to draw the crowd



towards the tough competition. The players were completely engrossed in playing. On the other hand, the spectators also had no less attention towards the game. Every hit was supported by applause. Whenever the ball missed either side, the spectators also got disappointed. Both colleges had good experienced players. The game kept the audience engaged till the end.

There were 5 sets of the match. The Law Department won the thrilling encounter with a final score of 3-0. It ended on a high note with a speech emphasising the importance of healthy matches and sportsmanship. This event was successful in every respect. It was a great experience for the players from both the colleges and the other students in the audience.

One time settlement scheme starts by
Excise and Taxation Department: DC

RANVIR PRASHAR

KAITHAL: DC Prashant Panwar said that the One Time Settlement Scheme was started by the Excise and Taxation Department for tax collection. Registered traders and industrialists can avail the benefits of the scheme till March 30. DC Prashant Panwar said that this scheme has been launched to settle cases related to seven tax acts before GST. The department has given exemption under the OTS scheme to settle the outstanding tax related matters of traders and industrialists. Under the scheme, interest rebate has been given under four categories to settle cases related to seven tax acts before GST. These include accepted taxes, disputed taxes, undisputed taxes and differential taxes. The DC said that under the scheme approved under the scheme, interest would be completely waived off on payment of 100 per cent tax. Similarly, under the disputed tax, on paying 30 per cent of the tax amount up to Rs 50 lakh and 50 per cent of the tax amount above Rs 50 lakh, the interest and penalty amount would become zero. Under the undisputed tax category, the interest amount would become zero on depositing 40 per cent of the basic tax in case the amount was less than or equal to Rs 50 lakh and 60 per cent in all other cases.



Editorial

Eternal verities

Posthumous conferrings of the Bharat Ratna have, with one or two exceptions, occasioned the thought in me: 'why could the honouring not have been done in his lifetime?' The ones announced last Friday of those on the late M.S. Swaminathan and the two former prime ministers, Chaudhary Charan Singh and P.V. Narasimha Rao, have not been exceptions. But that response apart, they reminded me of the very first Bharat Ratna that was conferred posthumously.

President Sarvepalli Radha-krish-nan was woken up at 2 am on Janu-ary 11, 1966 to be told that Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri had died of a heart attack in Tashkent two hours earlier. For one who is 78 himself and in none too great health, to be startled by such an interruption at that hour is no simple thing. But Radhakrishnan was no ordinary man. Apart from the fact that he had in Yezdi Gundevia of the ICS an ace secretary and in Sarvepalli Gopal a historian son who gave him immense, if also inconspicuous, strength, the philosopher head of State had a mind that had been honed by years of discipline to be poised, unruffled and — awake. Radhakrishnan moved swiftly to summon the seniormost cabinet minister, Gulzarilal Nanda, and swore him in as acting prime minister with the clear understanding that the Congress Legislature Party, which commanded a majority in the Lok Sabha, would have to elect its new leader very soon. His priority as president was to ensure that India would not be without a prime minister.

It was after his duties by the Constitution had been done that the president sat down to grieve for the man he had sworn in as prime minister only eighteen months earlier upon the death of Jawaharlal Nehru. Lal Bahadur, as he called his prime minister seventeen years younger than himself, had done the nation proud by helming a decisive victory over the aggressive forces of neighbouring Pakistan only a few weeks earlier. As one in whom the supreme command of the Indian armed forces was vested, President Radhakrishnan knew what that victory meant. Asking, in those wee hours of that January day, for a radio broadcast to the nation to be arranged at 8 am, he prepared the address within his uniquely puissant mind. Said President Radhakrishnan to his fellow-citizens in his speech: "I had once or twice, spoken to Lal Bahadur about the greatest distinction we have in our gift of Bharat Ratna and I had decided to announce this award on him on the Republic Day. I do so now with a sad heart and confer on him the Bharat Ratna posthumously." When the president had spoken to the prime minister "once or twice" about the Bharat Ratna, it was obviously in the context of it being conferred on him for the extraordinary victory achieved under his leadership in the war.

1,700-year-old roman necropolis in Bulgaria yields valuable finds

A pair of ancient Roman stone-lined tombs, accidentally discovered near the village of Nova Varbovka (North Central Bulgaria) in the autumn of 2023, have yielded an array of precious artefacts. The finds included jewellery, coins and vessels dated between 200 and 250 AD, the Bulgarian News Agency (BTA) quoted the Veliko Tarnovo Regional Museum of History as saying in a press release.

The larger grave was used for the simultaneous burial of a woman aged around 45-49 and a man aged between 50 and 60. The smaller grave contains the skeleton of a 1-2-year-old child. After analysing the remains, anthropologists of National Institute for Experimental Morphology, Pathology and Anthropology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences concluded that the adults were most likely related and that the boy died before his parents.

The deceased were presumably wealthy landowners and residents of the Roman city of Nicopolis ad Istrum. They probably had a countryside summer mansion in the area.

According to the BTA, the family necropolis yielded a number of funerary gifts: a pair of exquisite gold earrings, a gilded beaded pendant, a silver-plated fibula of several types of metal, a ceramic lamp, bronze coins, an intact ceramic wine amphora, and two glass lachrymariums (receptacles for the mourners' tears).

A rare and very valuable find from the child's tomb is a bronze medallion featuring Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, also known as Caracalla, who reigned between 198 and 217 AD. One side of the medallion shows a scene of the Emperor's visit in 214 to Pergamum, where he sought a cure from the god of medicine, Asclepius. The medallion has a high financial value but due to its size was not used in monetary circulation.



The inscriptions are in ancient Greek.

The manner in which the tombs themselves were constructed suggests that the individuals buried there were of high social status. Only the rich could afford graves lined with bricks, stones and mortar, plastered inside and sealed with huge limestone slabs, says archaeologist Kaloyan Chakarov who, together with colleagues Nedko Elenski and

Mihaela Tomanova, explored the site for a month in December 2023.

A tractor driver ploughing a crop field near the village stumbled upon the necropolis last autumn. Seeing exposed human bones, he alerted the police, assuming that a crime had been committed. Then it was established that the burials dated from the Roman era, and emergency excavations began.

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Literature & Health

India-Taiwan sign Mou to bring in Indian workers



In a further boost to bilateral ties between India and Taiwan, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the two countries Friday to enable Indian migrant workers to find jobs there.

"Taiwan-India relations reach a new high! The MOU on the Facilitation of Employment of Indian Workers, signed by @TWIndia2 Rep. Ger & @ita_taipei Rep Yadav," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Taiwan posted from its official handle on X. The MoU "promises mutual benefits" for the people of both countries, "igniting a powerful momentum for even deeper and more fruitful cooperation."

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding comes at a time when a labor-strapped Taipei is looking to extend its foreign workforce outside its typical Southeast Asian sources. Taiwan, a major semiconductor producer with an ageing

population, is home to over 700,000 migrant workers from Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand, the majority of whom work in manufacturing or as home assistants for the elderly, according to Reuters. Citing Taiwan's Ministry of Labour, Reuters reported that the MoU was signed between each other's de facto embassies in Taipei and Delhi but implementation details were still in the process of being fleshed out. India, like other nations, has no formal links with Chinese-claimed Taiwan, but there is a strong commercial partnership that seeks to attract more Taiwanese technology businesses to invest and produce in India. The ministry stated that Taiwan has been struggling to meet the demand for human resources in key sectors such as manufacturing, construction and agriculture, among others, resulting in a rise in demand for migrant workers year after year.

Symphony of teamwork, strategy at India-France Naval exercises over Bay of Bengal



Aircraft of the Indian and French Navies joined forces over the Bay of Bengal and created a symphony of teamwork and strategy.

The Indian Navy shared a post on social media platform X, emphasising the collaboration. It further stated that the invaluable lessons and experiences shared between the crews will significantly strengthen the bridges of India and France's friendship.

"The invaluable lessons and experiences shared between the crews will significantly enhance the interoperability, strengthening the bridges of friendship between India and France," it added. Earlier this month, the 17th Indian Navy (IN) and French Navy (FN) held discussions on the ongoing naval activities

and new avenues of cooperation including operational, training and Subject Matter Expert exchanges in New Delhi.

The 17th Indian Navy and French Navy staff talks were held from February 6 to 7 in the national capital.

"Broadening the scope of naval engagements, the Staff Talks encompassed fruitful discussions on ongoing naval activities & new avenues of cooperation including operational, training & Subject Matter Expert exchanges," the Indian Navy shared a post on X. According to the post by the Indian Navy, both sides acknowledged the growing cooperation between the two navies and agreed to enhance collaboration and interoperability in the maritime domain.

POEM

Ring out, wild bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light: The year is dying in the night;

Ring out, wild bells, and let him die. Ring out the old, ring in the new,

Ring, happy bells, across the snow:

The year is going, let him go;

Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind

For those that here we see no more;

Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife;

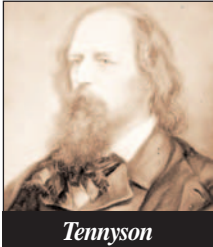
Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times;

Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes

But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Researchers develop novel antibiotic that overcomes bacterial resistance

Researchers from Harvard University and the University of Illinois at Chicago have created an antibiotic that may provide a fresh tool in the fight against drug-resistant bacteria and the illnesses they cause.

According to Science, the antibiotic cresomycin efficiently reduces pathogenic microorganisms that have developed resistance to a variety of frequently administered antimicrobial medications. The promising new antibiotic is the result of a long-term collaboration between Yury Polikanov's laboratory at



UIC, an associate professor of biological sciences, and colleagues at Harvard. Harvard researchers use the vital insights into cellular functions and structure that the UIC scientists provide to assist design and synthesis of novel medications.

In developing the new antibiotic, the group focused on how many antibiotics interact with a common cellular target - the ribosome - and how drug-resistant bacteria modify their ribosomes to defend themselves. More than half of all antibiotics inhibit the growth of patho-

genic bacteria by interfering with their protein biosynthesis - a complex process catalyzed by the ribosome, which is akin to "a 3D printer that makes all the proteins in a cell," Polikanov said. Antibiotics bind to bacterial ribosomes and disrupt this protein-manufacturing process, causing bacterial invaders to die. But many bacterial species evolved simple defences against this attack. In one defence, they interfere with antibiotic activity by adding a single methyl group of one carbon and three hydrogen atoms to their ribosomes. Scientists

speculated that this defence was simply bacteria physically blocking the site where drugs bind to the ribosome, "like putting a push pin on a chair," Polikanov said. But the researchers found a more complicated story, as they described in a paper published last month in Nature Chemical Biology.

By using a method called X-ray crystallography to visualize drug-resistant ribosomes with nearly atomic precision, they discovered two defensive tactics. The methyl group, they found, physically blocks the binding site, but it also

changes the shape of the ribosome's inner "guts," further disrupting antibiotic activity. Polikanov's laboratory then used X-ray crystallography to investigate how certain drugs, including one published in Nature by the UIC/Harvard collaboration in 2021, circumvent this common form of bacterial resistance.

"By determining the actual structure of antibiotics interacting with two types of drug-resistant ribosomes, we saw what could not have been predicted by the available structural data or by computer modelling," Polikanov said.

Col CK Nayudu Trophy : UT boys bowled out Maharashtra (280) on the first day

Chandigarh, UT boys bundled out Maharashtra for 280 on the opening day of the 'crucial' Col CK Nayudu trophy match being played at Cricket Stadium, Sector 16 on Sunday. Visitors won the toss and decided to bat first. Hosts destroyed the top order - AS Dharmadhikari (11), Aniruddha Sabale (9) and SA Veer (19) with 59/3 on the board. Skipper AS Nalavade and HA Kate overcame the crisis with 95 runs partnership to steer the inning to 154. Bowler inform throughout the tournament, Amit Shukla, separated the duo by dismissing Nalavade (59). Later, hero of the last match, Nishunk Birla joined the destruction and consumed middle order RS Hadke (12), Vicky Ostwal (10) and AA Panwar (0) to reduce the side at 211/7. Soon, Shukla accounted for Mahesh Gawde for duck at the team score of 212. But on the other end, Kate held the fort with a valuable 67-run partnership with tailender batter AR Naushad and took the score to a respectable figure of 279. In the last moments of the innings, Neel ended the patience stay of Kate as the batter scored 150 runs off 230 balls with 21 fours and one six. Bawa dismissed Tanpure (0) and the team collapsed at 280 runs in the 89th over. AR Naushad remained unbeaten on one run after playing 48 balls.

For Chandigarh, Amit Shukla (3/75) and Nishunk Birla (3/102) took the maximum share of the wickets. UT Cricket Association's Treasurer Alok Krishan marked the occasion and cheered the team.

Ranji Trophy Match : Three century in the innings, Karnataka secured 296 runs against UT boys

Ranji Trophy match: With three centuries scored in the innings, Karnataka secured a massive lead of 296 runs against Chandigarh on the third day of the Ranji Trophy match being played at Hubli on Sunday. In reply to Chandigarh's first innings score of 267, Karnataka declared its innings at 563/5. While hosts resumed its overnight score of 268/3, Manish Pandey and Hardik Raji laid the strong foundation for a mammoth 239 runs partnership for the fourth wicket. Karan Kalia ended the partnership by dismissing Harodik (82) with 354/4. 11 runs later, a vallant knock of Manish Pandey was ended by Karan Kalia (31/43) as the batter scored 148 runs with 17 boundaries and three sixes to his credit.

With unbeaten S Sharath (100) and V Vyaska (103), Karnataka declared their innings at 563/5. In reply, Chandigarh scored 61/0 runs before the stumps were drawn. Unbeaten batters - Shivam Bhambr (33) Arsalan Khan (27) are on the crease as the team is still trailing by 235 runs.

BMW presents the second edition of JOYTOWN in Mumbai

Chandigarh: BMW Group India presents the second edition of its music and diving festival – JOYTOWN. The two-day immersive brand experience will enthrall brand fans and enthusiasts in Mumbai on 12-13 April 2024 at Mahadevi Racecourse, Mumbai. Mr. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India, said, "It's with great excitement that we bring the second edition of JOYTOWN in Mumbai, an innovative festival where the thrill of driving converges with the vibrant world of music. JOYTOWN is a celebration that mirrors the ethos of BMW, MINI, and BMW Motorrad, blending our pioneering automotive advancements with the electrifying rhythms of celebrated musicians. We promise an unforgettable journey at JOYTOWN, where meticulous engineering meets sheer passion, and every street transforms into an arena for exceptional and memorable experiences." JOYTOWN brings together BMW, MINI and BMW Motorrad to offer one-of-a-kind experience that is a perfect mix of cars and bikes, music, entertainment and gastronomic delights. Witness experts showcasing the power, agility and the prowess of BMW xDrive on a specially designed track under expert supervision. A grand, live performance stage will set the scene for an unforgettable evening. JOYTOWN will feature a line-up of global sensations such as the popular American electronic DJ duo The Chainsmokers, alongside powerhouse performers such as the popular singer and song-writer Diljit Dosanjh, ensuring a dynamic and varied musical journey. An array of prominent artists and bands, offering a rich tapestry of musical genres such as Indie, Pop, and Electronic music.

Tata AIA partners with its consumers to make them “HAR WAQT KE LIYE TAIYAAR”

YUGMARG : Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA), one of India's leading life insurance companies, has launched its new brand positioning theme, 'Har Waqt Ke Liye Taiyaar'. The new theme highlights its focus on partnering with their consumers through diverse solutions and enabling them to lead a risk-free life. The new positioning expands the brand's focus on protection, effectively conveyed by the earlier theme of 'Rakshakarani Ki Reet'. It thus enables Tata AIA to become lot more relevant and add value to consumers across the many special moments in their life. The new positioning was finalized post multiple consumer research exercises that captured the macro trends as well as targeted survey to gauge response to specific positioning options developed. 'Har Waqt Ke Liye Taiyaar' stood out as the preferred choice for most of the consumers across geographies, gender, age groups etc. It specially resonates with the young and middle age groups. It is perceived as lively, action oriented, positive and projects a 'with you' attitude.

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

Jalandhar – Award winning artist, Prabh Deep launches his latest creation, a music video titled 'Ethe Rakh' in collaboration with John Jacobs for their Turban Edit collection. The dynamic track is the lead single of his latest project, the KING Returns EP - showcasing the multi-faceted artist's ever-evolving creative process and one that promises to resonate deeply with listeners. Ethe Rakh showcases the full range of Prabh's sonic dexterity - offering longtime fans a glimpse of the past as well as a peek into the future of his artistic endeavors. Mirroring Prabh Deep's forward-thinking creative vision, the collaboration is a poignant expression of artistic freedom, akin to the Turban Edit collection. This unique eyewear line not only redefines the conventional but also seamlessly integrates with diverse turban styles with the inward-bent temples for a tailored fit. The collection echoes the message of self-expression and cultural identity much like the song itself. Prabh Deep shared his thoughts on the collaboration, 'John Jacobs has always resonated with me for their bold and individualistic spirit and that sentiment forms the core of what 'Ethe Rakh' is about. This song is about being true to oneself and wearing your heart on your sleeve, no matter how many people try to throw you off.

Lords Mark Industries Ltd Files Patent for its biochemistry reagents

Shimla, LordsMed, the global healthcare division of Lord's Mark Industries Ltd, has launched a set of 10 world-class re-agents for Triglycerides, Uric Acid, Alkaline Phosphatase, Bilirubin, Calcium (Arsenazo III), Creatinine, Glucose, Serum Glutamic Oxalacetic Transaminase (SGOT)/Aspartate Aminotransferase, Serum Glutamic Pyruvic Transaminase (SGPT), Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT) and Total Protein. These re-agents come with 99.7 percent accuracy, the highest level of sensitivity, a shelf-life of 24 months, unique packaging and competitive price-points. The company has filed India patents for these re-agents which will strengthen the preventive healthcare mechanism for critical diseases. LordsMed will manufacture these re-agent its manufacturing facility in Maharashtra and make these re-agents available to pathological labs, hospitals and research institutes through its Pan-India distribution network of over 300 dealers. LordsMed will use the re-agents in its chain of pathological labs as well.

Business

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10 best aerobic exercises for weight loss

Wish to lose weight and don't have time for it? Then aerobics is your answer. Aerobic exercise is a physical activity which will make you sweat. When your heart starts beating faster and you start breathing harder, the by-product of these two is sweat. Doing aerobics exercise not only helps your cardiovascular health but also helps deliver oxygen to your body more efficiently. Since aerobic exercises use large muscle groups, it consequently leads to weight loss. Aerobic means how efficiently your body uses oxygen to meet its energy demand during high activity levels, for example, when you're exercising. Aerobic exercise helps you to lose weight due to how easy they are to follow. Other than that, aerobic exercises also ensure fast and steady results as they get your heartbeat high. Aerobic exercises are easy to follow, quickest in application and not all of them require equipment. Some key benefits of following aerobic exercises are: Increased energy, boosted blood circulation, reduced body fat, weight loss, helps reduce tension and anxiety, improved sleep, helps reduce risk of diabetes, increases endurance and even helps in building a stronger body. If you are a busy individual short on time for



exercise, then aerobics is for you. Since you do not require any fancy equipment to start this regime, aerobic makes for the most compatible exercise regime for many. Several studies have also confirmed the benefits of aerobic exercises which can help prevent accumulation of fat. Not only physical strength but aerobic exercise also helps in mental health issues like anxiety, depression and stress. This is because once your blood starts pumping due to exercise, your body automatically releases happy hormones which lead to better mood. Once you start doing aerobic exercise, you will start feeling a drastic difference in your energy and even feel that your skin has started glowing. Do remember to

match up your exercise with your diet. Read also: 18 ways to lose weight fast

1. Cycling: A vigorous exercise to get your blood pumping, cycling is easy and effective to follow. Don't have time to join the gym? Cycling is your answer.
2. Walking: Easy, effective and free! You do not need a place to go walking or need to pay for expensive classes to get your sweat flowing. Just get your walking shoes on and you're ready!
3. Jogging: It is the high-cardio activity which qualifies as the perfect aerobic exercise. Looking to lose weight fast? Jog!

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4. Dancing: Need

something fun to lose weight? Dancing is the best to do so. Not only will you be sweating your heart after a session but will also enjoy your weight loss journey!

5. Zumba: A derivative of dancing, Zumba is more specialised. With effective exercises specifically made for certain body parts, Zumba is great for weight loss.
6. Swimming: Swimming easily qualifies as a whole-body workout which tones your arms, legs, waist, everything at the same time. A great aerobic exercise to shed those extra kilos.
7. Weight training: Even though you may require equipment for this aerobic exercise, but the end result of this is nothing short of wow.
8. Jumping jacks: Jumping jacks is our favourite childhood exercise and is also a great way to get your heart beating in no time! Again, you can do these anytime and anywhere.
9. Burpees: The hardest and the most successful way to lose weight is through burpees. Just 10 burpees everyday can make you lose weight in no time!
10. Skipping: Get a strong skipping rope and get on with it already. Skipping is an exceptional cardiovascular exercise which can tremendously increase your metabolism.

Canara Robeco Mutual Fund focuses on manufacturing sector with its new fund

Amritsar : Canara Robeco Mutual Fund, India's second oldest mutual fund today announced the launch of Canara Robeco Manufacturing Fund in an attempt to capitalize on India's potential to become the next manufacturing hub. The fund is an open-ended equity scheme that represents India's manufac-

Manufacturing Fund enters the market at a pivotal moment when there is a rising middle class and rising working-age population in India. This fund will be suitable for established investors because of the thriving domestic demand, favourable policy reforms, robust and leveraged corporate balance sheet and a stable political environment. India seems to be well positioned to become an attractive investment destination. This fund will seek to benefit from policy reforms like Atmanirbhar Bharat, PLI, Make in India, Single Window Clearance and import substitution," said Rajnish Narula, CEO, Canara Robeco Mutual Fund. "India is witnessing the confluence of factors which are conducive for the manufacturing scale up. Factors such as, large and growing domestic market, favourable government policies, fiscal support for capex, de-leveraged corporate balance sheets.



turing theme and will be benchmarked against the S&P BSE India Manufacturing TRI. The NFO, opens on February 16, 2024, and offers a medium to provide a dedicated allocation to the manufacturing sector. The NFO will remain open until March 01, 2024." The Canara Robeco

Under Armour CFM reshapes faster running in India



Chandigarh - The inaugural Under Armour Fast Chandigarh Marathon concluded at Chandigarh Club on Sunday marking a significant milestone in the world of competitive running. Conceived with a clear emphasis on performance and achieving faster timings, this event provided participants with a platform to qualify for the prestigious World Marathon Majors.

Hailing from 18 different cities across India, runners con-

verged upon Chandigarh for an exhilarating weekend of athletic prowess. With entry restricted to qualified participants, who had to demonstrate their past performance data for consideration, the race witnessed a remarkable display of personal bests among its participants.

Beyond its athletic significance, the marathon also served as a catalyst for tourism, attracting visitors from far and wide to experience the charm and hospitality of Chandigarh.

iPhone Devices Under Threat as New iOS Trojan That Targets Facial Recognition Data Reported

iPhone devices are being targeted by a rare trojan called GoldDigger, a cybersecurity firm has reported. The malware is part of a cluster of aggressive banking trojans that have been affecting users in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region. The earlier spotted malware

group was only affecting Android users, but a new version has now been unearthed that specifically targets iOS and steals facial recognition data and other sensitive information from devices. This development is rare since Apple is known to be proactive in

releasing security patches for its operating system. Cybersecurity firm Group-IB was behind the discovery of the iOS trojan. The group has been tracking it since October 2023, when it first found a new variant of Android malware and named it GoldDigger.

Dabur Herbal Champions Inclusivity: Celebrating the Beauty of Every Smile

New Delhi - In a groundbreaking initiative led by Smile Train India, the world's largest cleft-focused organization, Dabur Herb'l enthusiastically joined the movement to raise awareness and promote inclusivity for all cleft-affected individuals in the lifestyle and grooming categories. Smile Train India has been providing free cleft surgery and essential cleft care in over 70 countries. Recognizing the lack of representation of cleft-affected individuals, they took a bold initiative and created a repository of stock images featuring happy cleft-affected women on Shutterstock, encouraging brands to use these images in their communication

and embrace diversity. "Dabur as one of the oldest Ayurvedic companies in India has taken a pledge to eradicate oral health issues and make India a healthy country. We are honoured to join hands with Smile Train India in this transformative initiative. Our commitment to holistic well-being extends beyond products, and together with Smile Train, we aspire to raise awareness and champion inclusivity for cleft-affected individuals in the lifestyle and grooming sectors. This collaboration signifies our shared dedication to making a positive impact and fostering a world that embraces diversity." Mr. Mr. Augustus Daniel, Marketing Head - Oral Care, Dabur

India Ltd, Said. Dabur Herb'l responded enthusiastically to this call for inclusivity, challenging the beauty norms and breaking the stereotypes. Leveraging the stock images provided by Smile Train India, Dabur Herb'l initiated a series of creatives on its social media platforms to celebrate the uniqueness of each smile, highlighting the beauty of every smile and challenging societal norms in the process. The collaboration between Dabur Herb'l and Smile Train India goes beyond product promotion. It is a commitment to social responsibility, aiming to break down barriers and stereotypes associated with cleft-affected individuals.

Zenith Drugs Limited's Rs. 40.67 crore public issue opens for subscription from today

New Delhi - Company is offering 5,14,88,00 Equity shares (Fresh Issue) of Rs. 10 Face value at an issue price range of Rs. 75-79 per share on NSE Emerge, SME Platform of NSE. Zenith Drugs IPO Details: Public issue opens for subscription from Monday 19th February, 2024 and closes on Thursday 22nd February, 2024 Minimum lot size for application is 1600 shares per lot. Funds raised through the issue will be used for capital expenditure in its facilities, working capital require-

ments and general corporate purposes and Issue Expenses. For the financial year ended 31 March FY 2023, company reported Revenue From Operations of Rs. 114.52 crore and Net Profit of Rs. 5.15 crore. Gretex Corporate Services Ltd. is the Book Running Lead Manager to the issue. Zenith Drugs Limited incorporated in 2000 and is a leading pharmaceutical company specialising in manufacturing and trading of high-quality, affordable medicines, including generic drugs. The company has a dynamic product portfolio

which comprises of ORS powder and liquid orals, ointments, liquid externals, and capsules and tablets. The company has strong supply chain and distribution network through which it supplies its products to 18+ states domestically and exports to Costa Rica, Yemen, Myanmar, Cambodia and many other prominent countries with focus on tapping the export markets of West Africa, East Africa, South East Asia and Latin American Countries which offers huge Export opportunities.

Balaji's Telefilms Ltd. Reports Robust Earnings for Q3FY24, To release “Love, Sex aur Dhokha 2”

Chandigarh: Balaji Motion Pictures', a division of Balaji Telefilms Ltd.'s (BSE : 532382, NSE : BALAJITELE) highly anticipated Love, Sex aur Dhokha 2 has been in the headlines ever since its announcement. Amid the hyped fervor for the film among the audience, excitement raised a notch higher when the makers officially announced the commencement of the shoot. Now, to elevate the exhilaration, the makers have dropped an immensely intriguing motion poster revealing the new release date, 19th April 2024.

Earlier, the company reported Robust earnings for Q3FY24. Consolidated nine-months EBITDA surged by 243% to Rs. 43.7 cr. ALT Content library at 118+. The Group reported 8.5% increase in revenue to Rs. 490.0 crores in 9M FY24 vis-à-vis Rs. 448.3 Crores in 9M FY23. Group level EBITDA profit stood at Rs. 43.7 crore in 9M FY24 vis-à-vis EBITDA Loss of

Rs. 30.6 crore in 9M FY23 demonstrating the Group's continued focus on operational Excellence and strategic cost rationalizing across business segments, especially the Group's Digital business (ALT Digital). These strategic measures enabled the Company to achieve Significant improvement at the EBITDA level and expected to yield positive results going Forward. Profit after tax in 9M FY24 is Rs. 22.0 crore compared to loss after tax in previous Comparative periods i.e. Rs. 45.7 crore in 9M FY23.

Balaji Telefilms Ltd. is amongst India's leading entertainment companies operating across television, movie and digital content production. The Company, under the stewardship of Mrs. Shobha Kapoor and Ms. Ektaar Kapoor, enjoys market leadership in the television content industry for over two decades with an exemplary track record for content creation across genres and target groups.

Binnu Dhillon opens TVISVA Jewels outlet



Zirakpur: Binnu Dhillon, the multifaceted Punjabi and Bollywood actor, opened TVISVA Jewels outlet at Sai Market, Opposite Chandigarh Sweet, Peer Muchalla, adjoining Sector 20 Panchkula. It is to be noted that TVISVA Jewels' is a tricity based label and is opening stores on the franchisee model. The Peer Muchalla store is the first in the series of franchise outlets of the brand.

An exclusive store for a range of gold and diamond jewellery, TVISVA Jewels' inauguration was marked by an awareness session on Lab Grown Diamonds (LGD's) and a round of the facility for media persons.

Binnu Dhillon said, "TVISVA

Jewels is different from other stores as it's Unique Selling Proposition (USP) is quality with affordability." Explaining this Rohit Bansal, Partner, TVISVA Jewels, said, "Our labour cost for 'making' is 25-30 percent lower than other reputed labels. This makes our prices 35-40 percent less price wise than other well-known brands for the same quality of diamonds and with same certification and purity of gold."

Another Partner Shilpi Bansal said, "We have also announced the start of an exhibition of exclusive jewellery collections which will be on till Feb 25. Many offers are there on purchases made during the exhibition. There is a lucky draw also planned on Feb 25 in which a Diamond Chain can be won."

The Second Edition of Sleepwell 'The Sacred' Cultural Festival begins from 23rd February 2024

Amritsar- Sheela Foam Ltd., announces the commencement of the second edition of its acclaimed cultural festival, 'The Sacred', starting from the 23rd of February 2024 in Amritsar. The festival unfolds under the theme of 'SUKOON', reflecting Sleepwell's commitment to weaving an experience that goes beyond mere relaxation. It aspires to be a celebration of tranquillity, resonating with the brand's ethos of providing peaceful and restful nights. This two- and half-day extravaganza in association with Teamwork Arts, promises a celebration of emotion, encapsulating the very essence of mindfulness and well-being. Celebrating the rich tapestry of art and culture, the festival features a diverse lineup of musical performances, poetry recitals, heritage walks, and insightful conversations with maestros such as Faridkot, Karam Rajput, Jasleen Aulakh, Dastaan LIVE, and Maharaja Trio (Banarasi).

OnePlus 12R Buyers Can Seek Full Refund Until March 16

OnePlus 12R buyers who purchased the higher storage configuration of the handset are eligible to seek a full refund until mid-March. The company said on Friday. The company erroneously listed the recently launched smartphone with UFS 4.0 storage, instead of UFS 3.1 — the same as the base storage option. Launched alongside the flagship OnePlus 12 handset, OnePlus 12R is powered by a Snapdragon 8 Gen 2 chipset along with 16GB of RAM and up to 256GB of inbuilt storage. Adding to his previous clarification on the situation posted to the OnePlus Community forum earlier this week, OnePlus President and COO Kinder Liu stated on Friday that customers who purchased the 256GB storage variant of the OnePlus 12R could get a refund on the handset until March 16. Liu also said that the company's customer service teams have been "fully briefed" on the situation.

Johnson & Johnson continues Sight for Kids initiative to bring critical eye care to more children in underserved communities in India

New Delhi – Johnson & Johnson and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), a leader among international humanitarian volunteer will magnify the impact of the program. "Vision plays such a crucial role in helping children understand the world around them. An uncorrected vision problem may impact a child's ability to learn and develop. Together with our longest standing corporate partner, Johnson & Johnson, we are thrilled to commit to reaching 7 million children over the next five years in India," commented Brian Sheehan, LCIF Chairperson. "Sight For Kids doesn't just help transform the lives of children, but entire communities. Parents are relieved, teachers are informed, and communities are engaged, all by helping one child at a time see the world clearly and reach their greatest potential."

Gurugram (Shiv kumar sharma): A five-storey temple has been built in the premises of Khokhra Johad Hanuman Temple in Sector-43 Wazirabad. In this, the program of consecration of the idols was completed in the temple on Sunday amidst the recitation and worship ceremony which lasted for 9 days. During this time, thousands of sages,

saints and common people took Prasad in the huge Bhandara. This temple has been built by Mayank Sharma, a social worker of Kurukshetra. According to Mayank Sharma, havan yagya and rituals were carried out by 21 Brahmins in the temple premises for 9 days. In which 1.25 lakh mantras were chanted by the Brahmins. On Sunday, the last day, all the



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Tata AIA partners with its consumers to make them “HAR WAQT KE LIYE TAIYAAR”

SHIMLA: Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA), one of India's leading life insurance companies, has launched its new brand positioning theme, 'Har Waqt Ke Liye Taiyaar'. The new theme highlights its focus on partnering with their consumers through diverse solutions and enabling them to lead a risk-free life. The new positioning expands the brand's focus on protection, effectively conveyed by the earlier theme of 'Rakshakarani Ki Reet'. It thus enables Tata AIA to become lot more relevant and add value to consumers across the many special moments in their life. Commenting on the new brand philosophy/theme, Girish Kalra, Chief Marketing Officer, Tata AIA said, "Har Waqt Ke Liye Taiyaar" is a clear, impactful and inspiring theme that effectively communicates our focus on partnering our consumers, enabling them to lead a risk-free life. It resonates with our endeavor to offer innovative insurance, wealth creation, wellness and retirement solutions coupled with 'best in class' service to our consumers, always."

The new positioning was finalized post multiple consumer research exercises that captured the macro trends as well as targeted survey to gauge response to specific positioning options developed. 'Har Waqt Ke Liye Taiyaar' stood out as the preferred choice for most of the consumers across geographies, gender, age groups etc. It specially resonates with the young and middle age groups. It is perceived as lively, action oriented, positive and projects a 'with you' attitude.

rich tapestry of human expression. In uniting diverse voices and timeless verses, the festival fosters a sense of unity, understanding, and a shared appreciation for the arts. Our aim is to create an inclusive space where the transformative power of creativity converges, inspiring a collective journey towards cultural enrichment and enlightenment."

Teamwork Arts announces second edition of ‘Sleepwell presents Sacred Amritsar’, a festival that celebrates the magic of SUKOON

Chandigarh, February 17:- Teamwork Arts, in collaboration with Sleepwell, India's leading and most trusted mattress brand, is delighted to announce the second edition of Sleepwell presents the Sacred Amritsar, a festival that celebrates mystic-poets and their timeless verse. At the second edition of 'Sleepwell Presents The Sacred Amritsar', an average football

of 2500 people is expected. The festival will witness delegates from national and international countries such as Dubai, Singapore, Australia, and Hong Kong. Speaking about the festival, Sanjoy K. Roy, Managing Director, Teamwork Arts, said, "The Sacred Amritsar transcends the exploration of music and poetry; it is a profound exploration of cultural narratives and a homage to the

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Fraud of Rs 16 lakh comes to light, case registered

RAMAN GUPTA
KATHAL: On the complaint of the sanitation worker of the Municipal Council, the city police station has registered a case against two people for committing fraud of Rs 16 lakh in the name of getting a loan. Dharamveer, resident of Sirta Road, told in the complaint given to the police that Amit, resident of Sajuma village, living in Shakti Nagar, had to come to his house. A few days ago, he claimed to know Shishpal, a resident of Kurukshetra, and asked him to get a loan. In August 2023, Amit took other documents including Aadhar card, PAN card, bank account and also got some blank papers signed to get him the loan. During that time he also got his signature on some cheques. To get the loan, both of them also took two lakh rupees from him. In September 2023, when he went to Kathal Municipal Council to inquire about his salary, the Municipal Council employees said that his salary had already been deducted as loan installment. When he went to Amit to find out about this, he started evasive. Together, both of them also withdrew the loan amount of Rs 16 lakh from his account through blank cheques.

5th Shree Shyam Sankirtan Phalgun Mahotsav will be organized on Mar 2

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: The 5th Shri Shyam Sankirtan Phalgun Mahotsav program will be organized by Shri Shyam Mitra Mandal Radaur on March 2 at Radaur Grain Market. Mandal member Harish Garg said that like every year, a huge Sankirtan would be organized this year too. In the program, bhajan singers Sonu Singla Fatehabad, Parvindra Palak, Aniket Kamboj and Anil Anuragi would sing the praises of Shri Shyam. The program will begin at seven in the evening. Nishan Yatra will also be organised which will start from Nagar Kheda at 9 am and reach the venue at Anaj Mandi via Main Bazaar.

Cases pending in court should be settled in National Lok Adalat: Danish Gupta

RAMAN GUPTA
KATHAL: District Legal Services Authority Secretary and Chief Judicial Magistrate Danish Gupta said that National Lok Adalat will be organized in the judicial complex on 9 March, 11 May, 14 September and 14 December 2024. Complainants can get their cases settled on their own or through their advocate for reconciliation and settlement in the National Lok Adalat. Rashtriya Lok Adalat is organized to settle the cases pending in the court through mutual cooperation and amicable means. Giving this information, Secretary Danish Gupta said that if a person has any case pending in the court, then he can get it settled through the National Lok Adalat. In Lok Adalat, disputes are settled with the consent of the parties in an amicable environment through mutual consent and compromise between both the parties. This provides benefits like quick and easy justice, no appeal anywhere, final settlement.

200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Swami Dayanand Ji will be celebrated by Arya Kendriya Sabha from Feb 20 to 25



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Under the aegis of Arya Kendriya Sabha Karnal, the 200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Swami Dev Dayanand Ji will be celebrated with great joy at Arya Samaj Sector 6 from February 20 to 25. Under this programme, there will be a procession on February 20, Bhajan Sandhya on February 21, Bal Sanskar Ceremony and Matrishakti Sammelan on February 22, bhajans and sermons on February 23-24 and the program will conclude on February 25. Vedic scholar Acharya Jayendra ji, Swami Adityavesh ji, Padmashree Sukma Arya ji, sister Kalyani Arya ji and bhajan preacher Dinesh Pathak ji were coming to attend the ceremony. This information was given on Sunday in a press conference called by the officials of Arya Kendriya Sabha Karnal at Arya Samaj Sector 13. Arya Kendriya Sabha President Professor Anand Singh, present in the press conference, said that Maharishi Swami Dev Dayanand ji was revered by the people and it was the duty of all of them to celebrate his birth anniversary together with great enthusiasm. Arya Central Sabha General Secretary Swatantra Kukreja said that Maharishi Swami Dev Dayanand has made a huge contribution in the upliftment of the society.

Emergency meeting held at Kisan Bhawan to support the farmers' movement of Punjab

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, FEB 18

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) has also taken a tough stance and announced to intensify the struggle regarding the farmers' movement started by the farmers of Punjab. In a meeting of farmers from five states of Northern India held in Sisoli (Uttar Pradesh) on Saturday it was decided to fully support the farmers' movement of Punjab. To intensify the farmers' movement, the process of organizing farmer panchayats under the banner of Bharatiya Kisan Union has started across the state. Due to this connection, an emergency meeting of farmers was organized under the chairmanship of District President Surendra Singh Ghunman at Deenbandhu Sir Chhotu Ram Kisan Bhawan

Hry is first state to mapping need-based health facilities in state: Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

Haryana Home, Health and Family Welfare Minister Sh. Anil Vij said that Haryana is the first state in the country to mapping Need-Based health facilities in the state so that health facilities can be made available to people according to their needs. He stated that the current budget of the Health Department is 9647 crore rupees, which will be increased in the next budget. In addition, he mentioned that the medical colleges in Bhiwani and Yamunanagar districts will be inaugurated soon. Sh. Vij replying to the questions asked by mediapersons at Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi today. Regarding Haryana becoming a role model in the field of health, he said that the central government has praised several schemes of Haryana, and in this line, mapping has been done for



health-related facilities in Haryana to provide health facilities. He stated, "Previously, health facilities were provided based on demand, but I want health facilities to be made available to people based on need. In this regard, documents related to health mapping have been prepared and examined." He mentioned that through this mapping, gaps in various facilities/requirements have been identified in the field of health development for the future. It shows on the computer the deficiencies in

terms of doctors, staff, buildings, equipment, etc., which is very helpful from a development perspective. Answering a question about the functioning of the Health Department, Sh. Vij said that significant improvements have been made in the functioning of the Health Department during the present state government's tenure. In 2014, the total budget of the Health Department was 1696 crore rupees, and today this budget is approximately 9647 crore rupees. He mentioned that we are planning to increase this budget further in the next budget and have submitted plans accordingly. Additionally, the state government is establishing medical colleges in each district, and the medical college in Bhiwani and Yamunanagar districts will be inaugurated soon. Regarding health facilities, Sh. Vij, while questioning the

working style of previous opposition governments, said that they did not look beyond Delhi and did not promote development outside Delhi. There was only one AIIMS in Delhi, and people from all over the country used to come here for treatment, facing difficulties. On the establishment of AIIMS in Rewari, he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for working on opening one AIIMS in every state. The 22nd AIIMS in Haryana is a significant gift, and it will soon be operational. Answering a question about the preparations of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for the upcoming Lok Sabha election, Sh. Vij said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that their candidate is the 'Kamal,' and they should not wait to announce the candidate. He emphasized the need to start promoting the 'Kamal' from now on.

Palwal Anti-Narcotics Cell nabs 2 smugglers with 361 kg 550 grams of cannabis worth about Rs 1 cr

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, FEB 18

The Haryana Police has achieved major success under the anti-drug campaign. The various crime units of the district police are continuously cracking down on drug trafficking and are successful in nabbing drug smugglers. The team of Palwal Anti-Narcotics Cell in-charge Sub-Inspector Ajit Nagar has successfully nabbed two accused with a large consignment of 361.550 kilograms of cannabis leaves worth about Rs 1 crore in a closed body canter. According to Anti-Narcotics Cell in-charge Sub-Inspector Ajit Nagar, a team led by Sub-Inspector Shahid Ahmed, deployed with CIA Palwal, was present at Chandhat Chowk to check drug activities when they received information from a special informer that two smugglers



were coming from Aligarh in a closed body container with cannabis in vehicle number HR38V-2089 and would go towards Palwal. Based on the information, the team started a blockade on the Aligarh-Palwal road in front of Chandhat police station. After about an hour, the said canter appeared, which was informed by the informer. Seeing the blockade, the smugglers tried to escape but the police party nabbed both the

driver, a resident of village Lahrawadi, police station Punhana, and the owner of the vehicle, a resident of Mohammadpur, police station Pingwan, district Mewat (Nuh). In-charge Antinarcotics Cell Palwal further said that the canter was searched under the supervision of Nodal Officer Mr. Dinesh Yadav, DSP Palwal, in which 16 bags were found. On opening them, cannabis was found in them.

Cabinet Minister Meet Hayer and Harbhajan Singh lay foundation stone of electricity grid at Barnala Farwahi village

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, FEB 18

Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer and Cabinet Minister S. Harbhajan Singh ETO inaugurated the 66 K also laid the foundation stone of the electricity grid on Sunday. Speaking on this occasion, the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hare said that Chief Minister Punjab under the leadership of Bhagwant Singh Mann, work was being done to provide the best basic facilities to the people across the state. Taking forward these works of the



Punjab government fulfilling the long-standing demand of village Farwahi a 66 K electricity grid foundation stone was laid on Sunday. He told that besides this electricity grid, there was also a grid in Barnala, 220 K at Karamgarh. The grid would under load the Handiyaya.

Also a transformer will be installed and its capacity will be increased as required. This grid will be ready at a cost of approximately Rs 6 crores. The construction of the grid will directly benefit the nearby areas of Farwahi, Rajgarh and Kothe Jhabbar villages as well as Barnala city.

Relay fast of Retired Emnploees Action Committee Haryana continues for 7th day



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK: Five comrades from Dadri district sat on a fast on the seventh day of the fast conducted by Joint Action Committee Retired Employees Haryana. Convenors of Joint Action Committee Kulbhushan Sharma, Babulal Yadav, Virendra Sharma, Mehrsingh Nain, Devraj Nandal, Rajendra Phogat, Bhalle Ram Bura, Prem Saini garlanded with flowers the fasting pensioners of Dadri sat on a fast. Sheesh Ram, Hoshiar Singh, Omprakash Phogat, Dharampal and Ishwar Singh Chhillar of district Dadri sat on a sequential fast. In today's sequential fast, hundreds of clerical union colleagues came and supported the pensioners' movement and the Clerical Welfare Association. District head of Roadways Employees Union Sandeep Dangi and Rohtak depot head of Roadways Employees Union, Suresh Nehra addressed them. The Joint Action Committee convenor Kulbhushan Sharma said that the main demands of retired employees included increase in basic pension of five per cent, 10 per cent and 15 per cent respectively after the age of 65, 70 and 75 years.

Buses not running due to farmers protest, passengers worried

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, FEB 18

Due to farmers' march to Delhi, buses coming to Ambala from Delhi and Punjab are completely closed. Due to this, passengers are facing problems. People have to wait for hours for buses. To stop the farmers from marching to Delhi, the police administration has barricaded Shambhu border and Markanda bridge of Shahbad. Due to this, the connection to Delhi Amritsar National Highway is closed. Direct buses are not coming to Ambala from Delhi and Pipli and buses from Ambala are not going towards Punjab. Similarly, buses from Delhi are going to Chandigarh and Himachal



via Barwala, Panchkula and buses from Himachal and Chandigarh are going to Delhi in the same way. Earlier these buses used to go through Ambala. Whereas Ambala depot officials have diverted the routes of buses for Delhi passengers. These buses are going from Ambala via Saha, Dosadka to Balgarh before Delhi. Along with this, the bus from Narayangarh sub depot from Delhi is going from Narayangarh to Balgarh via Jagadhri, Ladwa, Indri.

Nandu, a resident of Panna district of Madhya Pradesh, told that he has come to Ambala Cantonment by train with his family and he has to go to Baddi in Himachal Pradesh. But it has been two hours and the bus to Baddi has not arrived. Furkan, a resident of Jagadhri, told that he works in Chandigarh and he has to go to work in Chandigarh. For which he has been waiting for the Chandigarh bus for the last one hour at Ambala Cantonment bus stand.

Farmers, Khap Panchayat and labour organizations participate in meeting held in Kurukshetra

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, FEB18

A meeting of farmers, labor organizations and Khaps was held at Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra on Sunday in which it has been decided that all the organizations of Haryana would come together on one platform and fought for their demands. Now Haryana's farmers organization, Khap Panchayat, has also come out in support of the farmers marching to Delhi. Under the leadership of Gurnam Singh Chaduni, National President of Bharatiya Kisan Union Chaduni Group, a rally of all the farmers, laborers and Khap Panchayats took place at the main Brahmasarovar of Kurukshetra. In the meeting, all the organizations came together and announced to intensify this movement. After the meeting, farmer leader Gurnam Singh Chaduni said that all the organizations that reached here on Sunday have decided to protest together. He would keep an eye on the talks held by farmer leaders with the government this evening and if nothing was achieved in meeting, then some major decision would be taken in the future. Talking to journalists, farmer leader Gurnam



Singh Chaduni said on the question of taking tractor to Delhi, one can go with whatever vehicle one has, says he. Farmers have to take food and living things with them, hence farmers wanted to go to Delhi on tractors but he did not know why the government was afraid of tractors. On the other hand, Dhankhar Khap chief Omprakash Dhankhar said that if they have to go to Delhi, they would have to talk to the farmers of Delhi, hence today a four member committee has been formed which would talk to the farmers of Delhi. Apart from buses and trains, farmers would also reach Delhi by marching on foot.

Voluntary blood donation camp organized on birth anniversary of Saint Ramakrishna Paramhansa

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA, FEB 18

On the birth anniversary of the great saint and thinker Ramakrishna Paramhansa, the 487th voluntary blood donation camp was organized in Sirsama. Village Sarpanch Sunita Nain was present as the chief guest in the camp. The camp was presided over by star blood donor Pradeep Garg. Teacher and social worker Dr. Kewal Krishna was especially present. Diamond blood donor and environment watchdog Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, who had donated blood 166 times and platelets 80 times, was the coordinator of the camp. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, in-charge of awareness program and rehabilitation of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, said that human blood should not flow in the drains on the roads but in the veins with the help of the needy. He



further said that today's youth should use their positive energy for the welfare of the society and nation and not destroy their lives by indulging in drugs etc. Dr. Verma said that today's camp is dedicated to the birth anniversary of the great saint and thinker Ramakrishna Paramahansa. Along with this, it is also on the birthday of Manish, son of social worker Pawan Garg. Diamond blood donor Pradeep Garg, who was presiding over the camp, said that blood donation

is the best donation in human life which gives spiritual satisfaction. Village Sarpanch Sunita Nain encouraged the blood donors by presenting them with badges and appreciated the work of blood donation. Social worker and teacher Dr. Kewal Krishna encouraged the blood donors. 26 units of blood were collected by the blood fund of Loknayak Jaiprakash Hospital, in which this blood donation was done under the leadership of retired Chief Technical Officer Naresh Saini.

Vocational training program at Red Cross drug de-addiction Centre Gurdaspur organised



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GURDASPUR: A vocational training program under the employment generation program was organised today at Red Cross drug de Addiction Centre Gurdaspur for rehabilitation of youth getting treatment of addiction at this centre. The seminar on dairy farming was carried out by Project Director, Dr. Ankush Sharma and Dr. Balbir Singh, Krishi Vigyan Main Kendra (KVK) Gurdaspur. The total of 22 addicts has got this training. Some of them also promised to adopt this profession after their treatment. They heard the lecture very attentively and thanks the team to provide such informative lecture. Romesh Mahajan Project Director IRCA Gurdaspur has informed that so far we have treated 27410 indoor and 62378 in OPD and rehabilitated 21847 at various places. He appealed to the youngsters falling prey to addiction to come for their free treatment. He said that addiction is a disease and is curable after treatment.

Mikel Arteta "happy" with Arsenal's 5-0 win over Burnley in PL

New delhi: Following Arsenal's 5-0 win over Burnley in the Premier League (PL) on Saturday in Burnley, the Gunners' head coach Mikel Arteta said that he was "happy" with his team's performance. While speaking at the post-match press conference, Arteta said that every player's performance was good against Burnley. He added that the Gunners wanted to score more goals against Burnley without conceding any.

"Really happy obviously with the performance and the result, with the individual and collective as well. The contribution of every single player has been very, very good and the fact that the team looked like it wanted more. They weren't satisfied, they wanted to score more and didn't want to concede a goal, so I'm really pleased to see that consistency," Arteta was quoted by Arsenal's official website as saying.

When asked about Bukayo Saka's performance, Arteta said that the 22-year-old "trains a lot in many different situations".

"We tried with our players to make them unpredictable and I'm sure the opponents are looking at us a lot, and we have to find ways to create them problems. He's got this ability and he trains a lot in many different situations in and around the box, and today he had two brilliant finishes again," he added.

Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman hospitalised after head injury

Chattogram : Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman on Sunday was taken to hospital after he suffered a blow to the head during a Comilla Victorians practice session at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium, according to ESPNcricinfo.

The 28-year-old fell to the ground after he was hit by the ball on the left side of his head. The incident took place as the Victorians were preparing for their upcoming Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) fixture against Sylhet Strikers. Comilla Victorians' physio Zahidul Islam said that there was an open wound on Rahman's head after he suffered the injury.

"During practice, a ball hit directly at the left parietal area (head) of Mustafizur Rahman. There was an open wound in his parietal area and we worked with a compression bandage to stop bleeding and immediately shifted him to Imperial Hospital. After the CT scan, we are satisfied that he had only external injury. There is no intracranial bleeding. Now the surgical team has given him stitches on the open wound," Islam was quoted by ESPNcricinfo as saying.

"When we were preparing him for the ride to the hospital, he seemed to be acting normally," Comilla's media manager Sohanuzzaman Khan told ESPNcricinfo.

After playing nine games in the ongoing BPL, the Victorians stand in second place on the standings with 14 points by their name.

Williamson, Southee set to play 100th Test together during home series against Australia

Wellington : New Zealand captain Tim Southee and Kane Williamson are part of the 14-member squad to face Australia in the upcoming two-Test series at home, starting from February 29 onwards at Wellington. Both players sit at 98 Tests currently and are expected to achieve the landmark in the second Test of the series in Christchurch. Williamson, who already has 8,666 Test runs at an average of 55.9 with 32 centuries to his name, would look to continue his rich form against Australia. He has the most runs for the Kiwis in the Test format, as per ICC. On the other hand, Southee, with 376 Test wickets at an average of 29.28, would pose to lead his side to a series win against Australia. He's the second all-time Test wicket-taker for New Zealand.

Only Stephen Fleming, Daniel Vettori, Brendon McCullum, and Ross Taylor have featured in 100 Tests for New Zealand. New Zealand coach Gary Stead hailed the pair. "To play 100 Tests for your country is an incredible achievement. It takes a huge amount of longevity and skill, and to keep improving and to manage the demands of Test cricket over a long time is a testament to their character," said Stead as quoted by ICC.

"This duo has been double trouble for England": Tendulkar hails Jaiswal, Sarfaraz after Rajkot Test

New Delhi: Following a 434-run victory against England at Niranjan Shah Stadium in Rajkot, India legendary batter Sachin Tendulkar took to social media and hailed young Indian batters Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sarfaraz Khan, calling them "double trouble" for England on Sunday. Jaiswal and Sarfaraz had memorable outings during India's 434 run win over England in the third Test as Jaiswal scored his second Test double ton and Sarfaraz managed to get two back-to-back attacking fifties on his international debut. "Double hundred. Double fifty. This duo of Yashasvi & Sarfaraz has been double trouble for England. I couldn't watch them play live, but was very pleased to hear about their knocks. Keep it up!", Sachin wrote on X. https://twitter.com/sachin_r/status/1759156230973698272 Coming to the match, the Three Lions while chasing 557 was bundled out for just 122 runs in 39.4, losing the match by 434 runs. Ravindra Jadeja took 5/41, while Kuldeep Yadav took two wickets. Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah took two wickets each. Earlier, India secured a 556-run second innings lead, declaring their second innings at 430/4. Following skipper Rohit's early fall for just 19 runs, young batters Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill steadied the ship for India with a 155-run partnership for second wicket, which ended after Jaiswal retired hurt for 104. India ended the day three at 196/2, with Gill (65*) and Kuldeep Yadav (3*).



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RAJKOT: A five-wicket haul by spinner Ravindra Jadeja and top-notch knocks from skipper Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, double centurion Yashasvi Jaiswal and debutant Sarfaraz Khan made England's 'Bazball' brand of cricket surrender to Team India in their home conditions, losing by 434 runs in the third Test at Rajkot on Sunday.

India is now 2-1 up in the five-match series. England started the final session at 18/2, with Ollie Pope unbeaten on the crease. Openers Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett could not score much.

Pope was joined by Joe Root at the other end. However, spinner Ravindra Jadeja gave no chance to the fresh duo to breathe as he first got Ollie caught by skipper Rohit at slips for just three. Then he trapped Jonny Bairstow for just four runs, continuing his horrid run. England slipped to 28/4.

Root was joined by England's skipper and crisis man Ben Stokes. The duo took England to 50-run mark in 21 overs.

However, Jadeja gave yet another jolt to the visitors, removing Root for just seven with yet another leg-before-wicket. England had

lost half their side for just 50 runs. Kuldeep also joined the spin party, first trapping skipper Stokes leg-before-wicket for just 15 and later getting Rehan Ahmed caught at the boundary for zero. England slipped to an extremely worrisome 50/7.

Tom Hartley and Ben Foakes attempted yet another rebuild for a cause almost lost. Jadeja managed to take his fourth wicket, removing Foakes for 16. England was reduced to 82/8 thanks to a fine catch by wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel.

Ravichandran Ashwin took the next wicket of Hartley for 16, casting his stumps to sink England to

91/9. India ended England's inning at just 122 runs, with Jadeja getting the final and his fifth wicket and Jaiswal taking the catch to remove Mark Wood for 33. India won the match by 434 runs.

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Siraj was the pick of the bowlers for India with 4/84, while Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja took two wickets each. Jasprit Bumrah and Ravichandran Ashwin managed a scalp each, with the latter reaching his 500th Test wicket as well.

Team India smashes several six-hitting records during third Test



RAJKOT: Courtesy some fine knocks from skipper Rohit Sharma and next-generation of Indian stars at home back in 2019, a series which had three Test matches. With two matches left, India could score a lot more sixes and outdo its previous record by a huge margin.

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SELANGOR : The Indian women's badminton team on Sunday scripted history after they won maiden Badminton Asia Championships title in Malaysia's Selangor.

The Indian women's badminton team defeated Thailand by 3-2 in the final match to get hold of their first-ever medal at the prestigious Badminton Asia Championships.

India displayed a quality performance at the Badminton Asia Championships as they beat China, Hong Kong and Japan on the road to the final. Olympic medallist PV Sindhu started for Team India and beat the 17th-ranked Supanida Katethong 21-12, 21-12. Sindhu dominated her Thai opponents in the opening singles rubber and ended the game in just 39



minutes.

In the second game, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand stepped up yet again. Jolly-Gayatri clinched a win over Jongkolphan Kititharakul and Rawinda Prajongjai by 21-16, 18-21, 21-

16 to give India a 2-0 lead.

However, Thai badminton players gave a fightback with Busanan Ongbamrungphan defeating Ashmita Chaliha by 21-11, 21-14 in the second singles rubber of the tie.

Priya Konjengbam and Shruti Mishra then lost 21-11, 21-9 to Benyapa Aimsaard and Nuntakarn Aimsaard, and took the match to the final round.

The 17-year-old Anmol Kharb had to play a pivotal in

the final round however, he did not disappoint. While facing world No. 45 Pornpichaa Choeikeewong in a high-pressure deciding match, Kharb walked away with a 21-14, 21-9 win to hand India a historic win in the tournament.

"Make way for the history makers, the girls of India #Badminton. Kudos to these powerhouses as they clinch Indian Women's Team's FIRST-EVER medal at #BadmintonAsiaChampionships, smashing through obstacles to emerge as CHAMPIONS against Thailand. Many congratulations to all! This will indeed be a Sunday to remember," the Sports Authority of India (SAI) wrote on their official X (formerly X) account.

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RAJKOT : Following a masive 434-run victory against England on Sunday at Rajkot, the left-hand batter Yashasvi Jaiswal asserted that his seniors advised him to play big whenever he gets set and the knocks from skipper Rohit Sharma and Ravindra Jadeja in the first innings inspired him to score massive runs in the third Test at Niranjan Shah Stadium.

Jaiswal played an unbeaten knock of 214* runs which was laced by 14 fours and 12 sixes. He built an unbeaten partnership of 172 runs along with Sarfaraz Khan, who played an unbeaten knock of 68* runs with the help of six boundaries and three sixes. His knock played a crucial role in India's 434-run win over England in the Rajkot Test.

The 22-year-old spoke about the double century he

scored in the second innings and also talked about the time when he went back to the dressing room after dealing with some back issues on day three.

"I am just trying to make it big whenever I'm set. In Test cricket you never know, I try to make sure I play as long as I can when I'm set. It was pretty difficult, initially, I was not getting runs so I had to play the session and play the bowler. Then when I got set I could score the runs. I had my plans about where I could play my shots and get runs. After some time, my back was not good. I did not want to go out but I had to go out because it was too much. When I came back I tried to give myself time and take it as deep as I can. I knew that if I was there I would take the game forward and be there till the end," Jaiswal said in



the post-match interview.

He further stated that the way Rohit Sharma and Ravindra Jadeja played ses-

sions by sessions inspired him to score big.

"I was feeling there was something in the wicket and

the ball was very hard, I knew it was important for me to give the team a very good start, as we have seen it has a

huge impact on the team. I feel like whenever I am set I need to make it big. As all my seniors have said, when you are set, make it big and make it count. The way Rohit (Sharma) bhai and Jaddu (Jadeja) bhai played in the first innings really inspired me. The way they played session by session was incredible, the way they put effort motivated all of us," the Southpaw added.

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Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff flag off 5km marathon from Atal Setu

Actors Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff flagged off L&T Sea Bridge Marathon from Atal Setu Bridge in Mumbai on Sunday morning. The 5-km marathon which is said to be the first of its kind event or-

ganised over the sea, witnessed participation from a large number of people. The Atal Setu bridge (Mumbai Trans-Harbour Link (MTHL)) was used as the track for the marathon. Entry of vehicles on the bridge was also restricted for the event.

Akshay and Tiger, the ace actors are gearing up for their next project 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. Helmed by Ali Abbas Zafar, the film is all set to hit the theatres on the occasion of Eid 2024. Shot across locations such as Mumbai, London, Abu Dhabi, Scot-

land, and Jordan, this pan-India film is creating buzz for its grand scale and Hollywood-style cinematic visuals. The film features Prithviraj Sukumaran in an intriguing villainous role and also stars Sonakshi Sinha, Manushi Chhillar, and Alaya F in

significant parts. Recently, the makers unveiled the film's official teaser which received a good response from the fans. 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' will be facing a big Bollywood clash with Ajay Devgn's period sports drama film 'Maidaan'.

PARIS HILTON CELEBRATES HER 43RD BIRTHDAY



American media personality Paris Hilton recently celebrated her 43rd birthday. She shared a post reflecting on her journey and said that she is "blessed" for every lesson she got in life, reported People. The mom of two celebrated her 43rd birthday by sharing a reflective post on Instagram. "Another sparkling year of pure #Sliving!..Feeling so blessed for every lesson this year has gifted me," she captioned a carousel of photos featuring her favorite moments from the past year. "From motherhood to wifey duties, girl boss moments, and standing up for what's right...This has been the most iconic year yet! #Aquarius #SlivingBirthday," Hilton added. Hilton posted a photo of herself posing in front of a digital billboard in New York City's Times Square, as well as another of herself promoting her Walmart cookware line. Other photos show the businesswoman smiling in matching pyjamas with her husband Carter Reum and their 14-month-old son, Phoenix Barron, while holding her infant daughter London Marilyn. A day before her birthday, Hilton uploaded a carousel of photographs on Instagram showing styles from previous years. She wore a shimmering silver dress with a slightly plunging neckline and a silver choker in one look, which she accessorized with clear butterfly clips in her mid-length bob. In the next picture, her hair was styled into a shorter bob and crowned with a tiara that matched her Barbie pocketbook and pink clothing. Hilton also shared pictures from a previous year, when she wore a brilliant blue dress with cutouts on the sides and ruffles. "Happy almost Birthday to me! Since it's Aquarius season I'm looking back on my iconic birthday dresses of the past...Which one is your favorite?!", Hilton asked her followers in the caption, reported People.

Hema Malini performs 'Nritya Seva' dance in premises of Ram Mandir



Actor-turned-politician Hema Malini, who is currently in the birthplace of Lord Ram, performed 'Nritya Seva' musical and dance performance within the temple premises in Ayodhya on Saturday. Dressed in heavy yellow ethnic attire paired with heavy jewellery and dramatic makeup, Hema Malini resonated elegance in her scintillating look at Ram Mandir. After her performance, Hema expressed her feelings and told ANI, "I am very and we are all very fortunate to have witnessed the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Lord Ram. The entire country is happy. I want to thank all the members of the temple for giving me the opportunity to perform 'Nritya Seva' inside the temple premises." On Friday, Hema Malini paid a visit to the historic Ram Mandir. After offering prayers at the temple, the actor told, "We had a good 'darshan'. All the arrangements are good here... Because of the temple, so many people are getting employment." The Padma Shri awardee is best known for her work in Bollywood films like 'Dream Girl', 'Sholay', 'Sapno Ka Saudagar', 'Seeta Aur Geeta', and 'Satte Pe Satta' among others.

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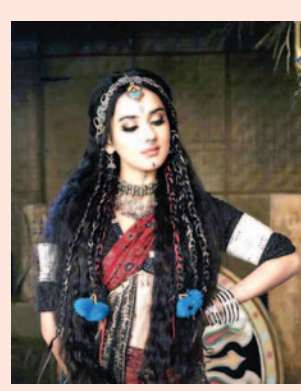
CHANDIGARH: In &TV shows Atal, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabji Ghar Par Hain, viewers will get to see their favourite characters competing with the situations. About &TV's Atal track, Krishna Devi shares, "Tomar (Mahmood Hashmi) and Dayal (Krishna Raj) conspire to frame Atal in a false theft case. They plan to steal the temple's jewelry using a duplicate key and put the blame on Atal. As Atal exits the temple after Ramkatha, Tomar's accomplice deliberately collides with him and puts the stolen jewelry in his bag. When Atal returns home, Krishna Devi prompts him to eat. Simultaneously, Tomar's henchmen incite devotees, accusing Atal of theft. Just as Atal prepares to eat, Tomar's men, accompanied by the devotees, arrive at his doorstep, levelling allegations of temple jewellery theft against him. How will Atal prove his innocence and expose the real culprits?" About &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan track, Daroga Happu Singh shares, "Malaika (Sonali Panwar) applies for a position in the police department but encounters discouragement from Happu (Yogesh Tripathi). However, Keshav (Vedaant Saluja) motivates her. Meanwhile, Ranbir (Somya Azad) displays arrogance due to his status as the son of an ACP, insulting his Master (Vijay Kumar). Simultaneously, Kamlesh (Sanjay Choudhary) receives a call for an interview, prompting Katori Amma (Himani Shrivastava) and Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) to prepare sweets in celebration. Kamlesh confides in Kate (Gazal Sood) about his broken white shirt buttons, and she offers to help fix



them. After school, Ranbir clashes with a ward boy and asserts his status as the ACP's son, only to receive a cryptic response, leaving him puzzled. Kate's attempts to fix Kamlesh's button using online tutorials result in injury to Kamlesh instead. When Chamchi (Zaara Warsi) informs Happu about Ranbir's misbehavior, Happu sides with Ranbir. Later, the ward boy reveals to Ranbir that he is not Happu Singh's biological son, leading to Ranbir's emotional turmoil and eventual disclosure to the family. Amidst all this chaos, will Malaika pass the test?" About &TV's Bhabji Ghar Par Hain track, Vibhuti Narayan Mishra shares, "Saxena (Saahil Verma) brings his uncle in a wheelchair and announces to the residents of Modern Colony his intention to organize Winter Games, with diamonds as prizes for the winners. Displaying a box containing diamonds, Saxena instructs them to make teams of two people. Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour) teams up with Anita (Vidisha Srivastava), while Vibhuti (Aasif Sheikh) teams up with Angoori (Shubhangi Atre). Likewise, others also form teams to participate. Tiwari and Anita name their team 'Team Kaiya' as Vibhuti had called her by that name. Vibhuti and Angoori name their team as Tiwari keeps calling Angoori 'Bodam'. On the other hand, David Chacha (Anup Upadhyay) is upset with Vibhuti because he praised Saxena's uncle at the event and insulted him.

Will Dhruv be able to uncover the mystery of Bijli's identity in Sony SAB's 'Dhruv Tara'?

CHANDIGARH : Sony SAB's 'Dhruv Tara - Samay Sadi Se Pare' unfolds an interesting tale of love and time travel, set against the backdrop of the 17th and 21st centuries. The storyline took a dramatic turn when Tara (Riya Sharma) tragically fell from a cliff, leaving Dhruv (Ishaan Dhanwan) and Suryapratap (Karan V. Grover) grieving as they were unable to save her life. After a six-month leap, Tara miraculously survives, saved by a greedy man with ulterior motives. He manipulates her into believing she's his daughter and a dancer, leading Tara to adopt the new identity of Bijli, unable to recall her memories. Meanwhile, Dhruv strongly feels that Tara is alive and sets out to find her. Encountering Bijli, Dhruv brings her back to the palace, where Tara's son Shaurya's (Evan Dixit) reaction to her resemblance to his mother prompts Suryapratap and Durgavati (Indira Krishnan) to decide that Bijli must stay, unaware of her true identity. In the upcoming episodes, tensions rise as Suryapratap strongly denies Dhruv's claims about Bijli being Tara. Despite Bijli's stark contrast in appearance and behavior compared to Tara's graceful manner, Dhruv remains hopeful in his belief that she is his lost love, convinced that she has simply forgotten her past life. Determined to unveil Bijli's true identity, Dhruv embarks on a mission to discover her reality.



Nisha Nagpal enters Sony SAB's Vanshaj as Koel – the bold and opinionated legal advisor of the Mahajan Group

CHANDIGARH: Sony SAB's 'Vanshaj' keeps viewers hooked with its intricate storyline, exploring the gender dynamics and challenges of inheritance, where men have historically held the upper hand as heirs. Following Yuvika's tragic demise, the show takes a one-year leap, marking a significant shift in the storyline. Recent episodes introduce Yukti (Anjali Tatrari), the doppelganger of Yuvika Mahajan (Anjali Tatrari), poised to take on DJ's (Mahir Pandhi) cunning schemes. The show is now set to introduce a new character that will stir up a storm within the Mahajan empire. Nisha Nagpal steps into the role of Koel, the daughter of a powerful politician and with her bold and sassy attitude, Koel is not afraid to speak her mind. With eyes set on DJ's status, she sees him as her ticket to a luxurious life. Despite her gentle appearance, she's assertive and isn't afraid to even challenge DJ's mother Gargi (Parinita Sethi). Koel's arrival is sure to shake things up even more in the already intense drama of the show, bringing in new surprises and excitement. Nisha Nagpal, who will be essaying the character of Koel, said, "Playing the role of Koel in Vanshaj has been truly thrilling. From the very beginning, I was drawn to the intense nature of her character, with her boldness and ambition shining through. Stepping into her world, I'm eager to delve into the depth of her personality and uncover the driving forces behind her actions. I'm confident that viewers will be captivated by Koel's journey as she disrupts the status quo in Vanshaj. I'm excited to breathe life into her story on screen." Tune in to watch Vanshaj on Sony SAB every Monday to Saturday at 7 PM and 10 PM



Sapna Sikarwar gets teary-eyed at her sister Maansi's wedding!

CHANDIGARH: Sapna Sikarwar, seen as Bimlesh in &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, is currently in her hometown, Ratlam, attending her sister Maansi's wedding. Speaking about the three-day-long wedding celebration, Sapna Sikarwar shares, "Weddings, especially Indian weddings, are a grand affair, with so many ceremonies including Haldi, Sangeet, Mehendi, Engagement, and Wedding Reception so one had to find perfect outfits for each of these. And when it is a family wedding and that of a close relative, it is always exciting and hectic. One not only has to make a lot of arrangements but also be fully decked up for every ceremony. Preparing for my sister's wedding involved various tasks to ensure a smooth and memorable celebration. It was a hectic month as I did lots of shopping for myself and my daughter Manya after shoots. We had an amalgamation of their cultural attire for the South Indian theme sangeet ceremony. Finding a Perfect Kanjivaram saree was quite a task. I went from store to store, and finally, on the 10th store visit, I found the perfect saree for her Sangeet ceremony. With God's grace, everything went smoothly and very well. Following the traditional Hindu customs, we started with the Mehendi ceremony, a burst of colours and joy. The air was filled with the fragrance of henna as intricate designs unfolded on her hands. As the Mehendi dried, it left behind beautiful patterns and the essence of a day filled with love and anticipation for the wedding. The next day featured the Haldi ceremony, a day painted in hues of turmeric. Our friends and family gathered, smearing the golden paste on the bride, symbolising blessings and prosperity for the couple. Everyone looked beautiful and happy, shining bright in yellow. In the evening, my sister's Sangeet was steeped in the vibrant traditions of South India. All our family members wore traditional Mysore silk sarees and embellished jewellery, while the men wore dhotis and silk shirts.



&TV's 'Ek Mahanayak- Dr B. R. Ambedkar' completes 1000 episodes!

CHANDIGARH: &TV's Ek Mahanayak Dr B.R. Ambedkar, launched in December 2019, recently completed a milestone of 1000 episodes. The leads comprising Bhimrao (Atharva), Ramabai (Narayani Mahesh Varne), Ramji Sakpal (Jagannath Nivangune), and Meerabai (Falguni Dave), along with other cast and crew, celebrated this accomplishment on the sets of the show. Atharva, essaying Bhimrao's character, said, "Each milestone signifies a moment worthy of celebration, confirming our accomplishments. Today, we take pride in the diverse achievements that the show has garnered. Portraying the role of Dr. Ambedkar stands as a significant milestone in my career, which helped me earn immense love, respect, and recognition. This journey has been rewarding both personally and professionally. As we commemorate the completion of 1000 episodes, I express my gratitude to everyone involved. Our journey will persist as we aim to set new standards and attain even greater success in the days ahead." Jagannath Nivangune, essaying Ramji Sakpal's role, expressed, "Achieving each new milestone brings a profound sense of accomplishment to us as artists, confirming that we are on the right path. Our team is guided by a vision to portray Babasaheb's unwavering perseverance, evolved vision, and enduring philosophy, which has resonated deeply with people across India. Portraying Ramji, Babasaheb's father, a constant pillar of strength beside his ambitious and visionary son, fills me with pride. The accomplishment of the 1000-episode landmark calls for celebration and serves as additional motivation for us to continue giving our best." Falguni Dave, essaying Meerabai's role, shared, "Being a part of the cast since the beginning, I have seen how the show has evolved with several fantastic episodes and a compelling storyline resonating with the audience. I am proud to be part of this team; we have become a big family. In this journey of 1000 episodes, each moment is a testament to the collective effort and passion invested in the show. Cheers to the wonderful memories created and too many more episodes filled with engaging storytelling and compelling characters!" Narayani Mahesh Varne, essaying Ramabai's character, said, "The experience with Ek Mahanayak-Dr B.R. Ambedkar has been delightful, and achieving the milestone of 1000 episodes fills me with happiness and pride. I extend gratitude to the entire cast and crew, the &TV team, and the audience for their contributions to the show's success.

