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NEWS BRIEFS

4-time Cong MLA Mahendrajeet Malviya joins BJP

**JAIPUR:**In a setback to the Congress in Rajasthan, four-time MLA and former minister Mahendrajeet Singh Malviya joined the BJP on Monday. Malviya, the MLA from Bagidora in Banswara district, said he joined the BJP for the development of the Vagad region. Vagad is a tribal region in south Rajasthan and comprises the Banswara and the Dungarpur districts. Malviya, who is also a former MP, reached the BJP office in Jaipur and was welcomed to the party by its Rajasthan in-charge Arun Singh, state unit chief CP Joshi and other leaders. The lawmaker said he met BJP chief JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Sunday and added that he was influenced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address during the saffron party's national convention.

Smriti Irani hold Jan Samwad in Amethi, even as Rahul Gandhi's yantra enters constituency

**AMETHI:** Even as former Congress president Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra enters the erstwhile bastion of Amethi a political face off was seen. Union Minister and BJP MP from Amethi, Smriti Irani held a Jan Samwad in Amethi on Monday as part of a four-day visit to her parliamentary constituency. Amethi used to be a Congress stronghold in Uttar Pradesh, where Rahul Gandhi lost to Smriti Irani by a margin of around 55,000 votes in the 2019 elections. The Congress is still undecided on whether Rahul Gandhi will make an attempt at regaining the Congress stronghold specially since Sonia Gandhi has also left Rae Bareilly for the Rajya Sabha. "CEC will decide on who will contest from Amethi. Rahul Gandhi has been an MP from Amethi thrice. His father Rajiv Gandhi also used to contest from Amethi. It is a very important constituency for the Congress party..." said Congress leader Jairam Ramesh.

World's most powerful passports 2024: India stands at 85th position

**NEW DELHI:** France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore and Spain have the world's most powerful passports. Allowing visa-free entry to 194 global destinations, these nations have occupied the top slot on the latest Henley Passport Index. These nations are followed by Finland, Netherlands, South Korea, and Sweden, which have visa-free access to 193 nations. With visa-free access to 62 nations, India stands at 85th position on the index, which ranks 199 passports based on their strengths. Indians have visa-free access to popular tourist destinations like Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand among others. It must be noted that India has slipped one rank compared to last year's 84th position. The country stands behind nations like South Africa (55th), Maldives (58th), Saudi Arabia (63rd).

Farmers' body rejects Centre's five-year MSP contract offer



**BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 19**

Amid a tense stand-off between the government and farmers, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha - an umbrella organisation of farmer unions not directly linked to those leading this round of protests has rejected a five-year contract to buy three types of pulses, maize, and cotton at the old MSP.

The SKM on Monday evening criticised the proposal as "diverting and the focal demands of farmers", and insisted on nothing less than

the purchase of "all crops (23, including the above five) with guaranteed procurement (as) promised in the BJP manifesto (before the) 2014 general election". This procurement, the SKM stressed should be based on the C2+50 per cent MSP, or minimum support price, formula of the Swaminathan Commission and not the existing A2+FL+50 per cent method.

The SKM also criticised the government - led in this instance by three union ministers, including Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda - for a

lack of transparency through the four rounds of talks so far. And finally, the SKM has also demanded the government make progress on other demands, which include loan waivers, no hike in electricity tariffs, and the withdrawal of police cases filed during the 2020/21 protests, when protesting farmers had violent clashes with security personnel.

There has also been no progress, the SKM said, on demands like a comprehensive public sector crop insurance scheme and a monthly pension of 10,000 to farmers

over the age of 60. A demand to prosecute junior Home Minister Ajay Mishra Teni in connection with the deaths of farmers in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri - has also not been resolved. The Samyukt Kisan Morcha is not the farmer body at the head of these protests, which are led by a non-political offshoot with the same name. Nevertheless, as a large federation of farmer unions, it can influence those farmers who participated in Sunday's meeting with the government.

With pilgrimage sites, hi-tech infrastructure also developed across country": PM Modi

**AGENCY SAMBHAL, FEB 19**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that along with pilgrimage sites, hi-tech infrastructure has been also developed across the nation. While addressing a gathering in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of Shri Kalki Dham, PM Modi said, "Today, on one hand, our pilgrimage sites are being developed, and on the other hand, hi-tech infrastructure is also being created in the cities."

"If temples are being built today, then new medical colleges are also being built across the country," he added. "Today, with the devotion of revered saints and the spirit of the people, the foundation of another holy place is being laid. Now I have the privilege of laying the foundation stone of the grand Kalki Dham in the presence of all of you. I am confident that Kalki Dham will emerge as another great centre of Indian faith," the Prime Minister said. He also hailed the country's achievement in terms of foreign investment. "Today our ancient sculptures are also being brought back from abroad and foreign investment is also coming in record numbers. For the first



time, an Indian citizen, no matter which corner of the world he is in, feels proud of himself. The wave of positive thinking and confidence in the country is amazing. Therefore today our power is also infinite and the possibilities for us are also immense," the Prime Minister remarked. PM Modi reiterated his call for 'Ram Rashtra' saying that a new journey is beginning for India for the next thousand years adding that Kalki will determine the course. "Now a new period has started from 22nd January. When Lord Shri Ram ruled, his influence lasted for thousands of years. Similarly, with the enthronement of Ram Lalla, a new journey is beginning for India for the next thousand years," PM Modi said. "Like Lord Ram, Kalki's avatar will also determine the

course of thousands of years. We can say that Kalki is the initiator of change in the cycle of time and is also a source of inspiration," he added. PM Modi said that Acharya Pramod Krishnam, chairman of the Shri Kalki Dham Nirman Trust "gave him nothing" but expressed his feelings while indirectly taking a dig at 'possible corruption charges'. Drawing parallels with the Lord Krishna-Sudama encounter from the myths, he said that if it were the current times, then Lord Krishna would have been charged with corruption. "He (Acharya Pramod Krishnam) said that everyone has something to give but I have nothing. I can only express my feelings. Pramod ji, it is good that you did not give me anything, otherwise the times have changed .

Haryana assembly's budget session to begin today

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 19**

The Budget session of the Haryana Assembly will begin on Tuesday. The session -- the year's first -- will begin with the governor's address. Later, there will be general discussion in the House on the address. According to the tentative schedule, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who also holds the finance portfolio, will present the state's budget on Friday.

With assembly polls due later this year, Khattar -- who will present the last budget of his second term -- had recently told reporters that the focus will be on welfare for all sections of society. Sectors such as health care, education, rural development and environment will be in focus, he had said. Meanwhile, the opposition Congress is gearing up to take on the BJP-JJP alliance on a host of issues.

The party is likely to raise the issue of the farmers' protest as thousands of protesting farmers continue to camp at the Shambhu and Khanauri points of the Punjab-Haryana border to press for their demands.

Leader of Opposition in



the Haryana Assembly Bhupinder Singh Hooda accused the Khattar government of having failed on all fronts and had recently said the Congress would bring a no-confidence motion during the session. The former chief minister has said his party would raise several issues, including alleged scams under the BJP-JJP government. "The Congress will also seek answers from the government on issues such as rising unemployment in the state, irregularities in skill employment corporation, sending youths to the war zone in Israel, giving priority to outsiders in Haryana's recruitment, recruitment scams," he had said. The Congress will raise issues such as the state's "increasing" debt, "rising" drug abuse, farmers' plight and "deteriorating" law-and-order situation.

Chandigarh mayoral polls officer 'has to be prosecuted': SC

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, FEB 19**

Taking a strict view of the alleged defacement of ballot papers during the Chandigarh mayoral election, the Supreme Court has said that the returning officer, Anil Masih, should be prosecuted. The court said this after seeking answers from Mr Masih, marking the first time in the history of independent India that a returning officer has been cross-examined by the country's Chief Justice.

Conducting a hearing on a petition on the alleged irregularities in the election on Monday, a day after three AAP councillors switched over to

Mayor quits, 3 AAP councilors cross over

**CHANDIGARH:** BJP leader Manoj Sonkar resigned as Chandigarh mayor late last evening, a day ahead of the Supreme Court hearing in the alleged tampering in the mayoral election. He won the poll - seen as the first election battle against the INDIA bloc by defeating the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Kuldeep Kumar - less than a month ago, on January 30. The BJP secured 16 votes and Kuldeep Singh, the joint candidate of the Congress and AAP was able to manage 12 votes. 8 votes - that became a flashpoint between the BJP and opposition - were declared invalid. The troubles for the AAP, however, are far from over as three of its councillors - Poonam Devi, Neha and Gurcharan Kala - joined the BJP yesterday.

the BJP, the Supreme Court also said that the "horsetrading" that is going on is a seri-

ous matter. The court has asked for the ballot papers to be brought to it for examina-

tion on Tuesday. After initially proposing that, instead of carrying out a fresh election, the votes must be counted afresh by a new returning officer, the court said that it will decide on the issue after examining the ballot papers. During the counting of the mayoral election on January 30, eight votes had been declared invalid by returning officer Anil Masih and the AAP's mayoral candidate had been defeated by Manoj Sonkar of the BJP with a margin of four votes. The AAP had claimed

that Mr Masih - a member of the BJP's minority cell - had deliberately invalidated the votes. A video had emerged of Mr Masih writing on the ballot papers of some AAP councillors while looking at the camera, and the Supreme Court had called his action a "mockery of democracy" during a hearing on February 5. During the hearing on Monday, the bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took note of the fact that the BJP's Manoj Sonkar had resigned as mayor the previous evening.



SC stays Privileges committee proceedings against West Bengal CS, others

**SHASHI PAL JAIN NEW DELHI, FEB 19**

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the proceedings of the Lok Sabha Privileges Committee against the Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, and three other officials of the State of West Bengal who contended that 'Parliamentary Privileges will not extend to political activities and that this act was beyond their jurisdiction.'

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud took up the case on an urgent basis and as an interim measure stayed the Privileges Committee's proceedings against Bhagwati Prasad Gopalika IAS (Chief Secretary of WB), Sharad Kumar Dwivedi IAS (District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas District), Rajeev Kumar IPS (WB DGP), Dr. Hossain Meheddi Rehman IPS (Superintendent of Police, Basirhat, North 24 Parganas District) and Partha Ghosh (Additional SP, Basirhat, North 24 Parganas District).

The matter pertains to a

complaint filed by BJP MP Sukanta Majumdar over alleged mistreatment against him during the protests at Sandeshkhali region on February 13 and 14.

Dr. Majumdar sent his complaint to the Lok Sabha



Speaker Om Birla on February 15, and in a swift move proceedings were initiated by the Lok Sabha Privileges Committee against the officials, and summonses were issued for their appearance before the committee for today (February 19). Senior Advocates Kapil Sibal and Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi, approached the Supreme Court to stay the proceedings of the Privileges committee against the officials.

Higher reaches of HP experience snowfall

**AGENCY SHIMLA, FEB 19**

The higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh have been experiencing snowfall since last night, and a light windstorm hit many places. However, the weather conditions are partly cloudy in the rest of the state. According to the Shimla Met Office, Kukamseri had 50 cm of snowfall in Lahual-Spiti district, the district headquarter in Keylong had 15 cm, and Kalpa in Kinnaur had 1.5 cm. Bharmour in Chamba

had 11 mm of rain, Manali nine mm, Dalhousie five cm, and Chamba 4 mm. Palampur, Kangra, and Reckongpeo (Kinnaur) Bhuntar (Kullu) had traces of rainfall. The minimum temperature of the state stayed a couple of degrees above normal: Kukamseri minus 0.5 degrees, Kalpa 0.5 degrees, Manali and Dalhousie 2.8 degrees, and Shimla 7.2 degrees (3.8 degrees above normal) Airport Bhuntar 6.5 and Jubberhati 9.4. Abode of Tibetan Spiritual Guru Dalai Lama, Dha-



ramshala and Bilaspur were 11.2 degrees, Kangra was 13.8 degrees (warmest), Vhamba and Una were 9 degrees, Mandi was 9.8 degrees, and Nahan was 10 degrees, respectively. Two western disturbances, a cyclonic circulation and induced jet winds in the North Western Himalayan region, may lead to rain or snowfall in many places in the next 24 hours, and a red alert was also issued in the state by the IMD, predicting heavy to very heavy rain or hail in the state.









**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Junior bid farewell to senior students**

**RADAUR (NIRMAL SAINI)** : Convocation ceremony was organized at Janta Public School, Alahar. A farewell party was organized by the junior side for the students of class 10th. The function was started by School Manager Mukesh Shastri, Ruby Kamboj and Principal Kuljinder Kaur by lighting the lamp and wished the students a bright future. During this period various colorful and cultural programs were presented. Kuljinder Kaur said that only an educated person can serve the nation by becoming a civilized citizen. If a student spends his life with determination in achieving his goal then he definitely achieves success. The function was conducted by students Cheshta and Deepali. Palaksh Kamboj and Khushi Sharma were given the title of Mr. and Miss Farewell.



**IPS Sumer Pratap Singh to be Chandigarh SSP Traffic**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA CHANDIGARH:** New appointment has been made on the post of SSP Traffic in Chandigarh. Haryana cadre 2012 batch IPS Sumer Pratap Singh has been appointed SSP Traffic, Chandigarh. The Central Government has sent Sumer Pratap Singh on deputation from Haryana to serve in Chandigarh for 3 years under AGMUT cadre. He will serve in Chandigarh for 3 years or till further orders of relieving. Sumer Pratap Singh was currently posted as DCP in Panchkula.

# All India Road Mahasabha election case reaches HC

**DR ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL, FEBRUARY 19**

The matter of All India Road Mahasabha elections has reached the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Last year, some members of Panipat lodged several complaints and gave representations before the District Registrar of Firms and Societies, State Registrar and Registrar General regarding various issues like Collegium Scheme of the General Assembly, irregularities and misuse of funds, amendment in bye-laws etc. When the outgoing head Naseeb Singh and other officials and executive members resigned from their posts on 16 October 2023, the government took over the supervision of the road dharamshalas built in Karnal, Kurukshetra, Panipat, Panchkula, Haridwar



and Assandh run by the Road Mahasabha on 16 November. In order to conduct elections and elect new office bearers, the SDM of Gharaunda was appointed as the administrator of the Road Mahasabha. But a member filed a civil writ petition number 29450 of 2023 titled "Balbir Singh vs. Haryana Government etc" in the High Court, the hearing of which will now be held on March 11, due to which the election got stuck in limbo. Meanwhile, Chaudhary Shakti Singh, senior advocate and social reformer of the fraternity, while appealing to the people of Rod community, said that it is not at all good to involve the Mahasabha in legal entanglements and handing over our mustache (respect) to others i.e. administrative officials because the Rod Mahasabha The sentiments of millions of people of the community are attached with it. Therefore, for the progress and progress of the fraternity, it is necessary that the responsible people forget their differences and come forward and resolve any kind of irregularities or shortcomings of the Mahasabha at their own level with mutual consent and appoint new office bearers of the Mahasabha as soon as possible in a constitutional manner.

## Auto driver shot dead in broad daylight in Karnal

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 19**

An auto driver was shot dead by unknown miscreants in broad daylight on GT Road in Namaste Chowk, Karnal. This incident happened in Karnal in the afternoon. The attackers fled after committing the murder. The number of attackers has not been confirmed yet. The shopkeepers immediately informed the police. As soon as the information was received, police from many police stations reached the spot. After this the family members also reached there. The seriously injured auto driver Shankar was also taken to the hospital. But the doctors declared him dead. At present his body has been kept in the mortuary house for post-mortem. According to the information, auto driver Shankar had come to a shop located at Namaste Chowk to get his auto repaired. Shankar used to drive a company's auto whose owner was also present on the spot. Af-

ter some time, a young man came to Shankar and started arguing. The argument escalated so much that the attacker took out a pistol and fired two bullets at Shankar. The bullet hit his head due to which he was seriously injured. He was immediately taken to the hospital. But he died. After receiving the information, police and CIA staff from several police stations including IPS officers reached the spot. After this the FSL team was also called to the spot. According to the information, it is being said that Shankar had a dispute with someone. However, Shankar's family members present at the spot said that the person who murdered Shankar was none other than a close relative of Shankar. At present the police are checking the cameras installed nearby. Police say that a case of murder has been registered on the complaint of family members. Only after the complete investigation is done can it be said whether the matter is a transaction story or something else.

## Scheme will soon be prepared for the rehabilitation of poor people residing in Slums at village Khark Mangoli, Rajiv and Indira Colonies : CM

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA, FEB 19**

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal said a scheme will soon be prepared for the rehabilitation of poor people residing in slums at Kharak Mangoli village, Rajiv and Indira colonies in Panchkula. About 7500 slums have been identified to benefit under this scheme.

Sh Manohar Lal was interacting with the media persons soon after inspecting the land identified for the rehabilitation of people, at village Kharak Mangoli in Panchkula today. Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Sh. Gian Chand Gupta was also present on this occasion.

Sh. Manohar Lal said that people in village Kharak Mangoli, Rajiv and Indira colonies have been living in unauthorized slums for years. To remove unauthorized encroach-



ments and rehabilitate people, 59.12 acres of land have been identified in Kharak Mangoli village by the Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP). He directed the HSVP to hold a meeting soon with Forest, Public Works, Irrigation and Water Resources and Revenue Departments to discuss all aspects related to this land and prepare a scheme accordingly.

The Chief Minister said that in view of rehabilitation scheme to be prepared for slum dwellers of Kharak Mangoli, Rajiv and Indira colonies, he himself visited Dhanas and Maloya areas of Chandigarh along with Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker today and interacted with the residents as well as officers of the administration. He said that before fi-

nalizing the scheme, discussions will be held with all stakeholders on various models. If necessary, the government will also facilitate loans for beneficiaries through banks, he added.

Sh. Manohar Lal said that a portion of HSVP land adjacent to Ghaggar river is lying unused due to its low-lying nature. He directed the concerned officer of Pradhikaran to prepare a comprehensive plan for the utilization of this land considering the safe flow of water in the Ghaggar river, so as to ensure the development of the area.

In response to a question regarding the government's action plan to make Gurugram, Faridabad and other big cities slum-free, Sh. Manohar Lal said that a separate plan will be prepared for each city based on the availability of land and encroachment.

## CM blesses daughter and son-in-law of HSSC Chairman Khadri

**RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, FEB 19**

Chief Minister Manohar Lal attended the wedding of the daughter of Haryana Staff Selection Commission Chairman Bhopal Singh Khadri and blessed the bride and groom. On Monday, Chief Minister Manohar Lal reached the wedding of Garima Bharti, daughter of Haryana Staff Selection Commission Chairman Bhopal Singh Khadri, at the Culture Palace located in Khadri village of Yamunanagar. After reaching the wedding, he congratulated Chairman Bhopal Singh Khadri, his brother-in-law Krishna Chhaukhar and the family and went to the pavilion and blessed the groom Gaurav and bride Garima Bharti.

On this occasion, Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta, School Education Minister Kanwar Pal, Power Minister Ranjit Chautala, RSS state

chief Vijay Bhatia, Political Advisor to the Chief Minister Bharat Bhushan Bharti, HPSC Chairman Alok Verma, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ayush Sinha, District Council President Ra-

er Man Singh Arya, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra, former IAS Rajeev Sharma, outgoing Mayor Madan Chauhan, former chairperson Rosie Malik Anand, former chairmen Ramnivas



mesh Thaska, former minister Karnadev Kamboj, HPSC Secretary Satish Saini, Radaur SDM Chandrakat Kataria, Chhachhrauli SDM Rajesh Poonia, social work-

Garg and Rameshwar Chauhan, BJP district general secretary Krishna Singla and BJP officials and district administration officials were present.

## Devotees excited about Sant Ravidas Jayanti: Mukesh Kansal

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, FEB 19**

In the month of February, programs are being prepared for the birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas. On the occasion of the birth anniversary, Katha Vachan and Jagran programs are being organized in various areas. Along with this, Prabhat Pheris will also be organized. Mukesh Kansal from Mandkhedi said that the devotees Saints gather in their homes to sing the bhajan of Guru Ravidas in the evening. There is enthusiasm among children and elders. Magh Purnima is also there on the day of Jayanti. Saint Ravidas ji, along with being dedicated to the devotion of God, also discharged his social and family duties very well. He is known for teaching people to live in harmony and love without discriminating among themselves. Inspired by the devo-

tion of Saint Guru Ravidas and other saints like Naam Dev, Kabir, Meera Bai, today's youth associated with the path of Bhakti. Inspiration should be taken from the words and speech of Saint Ji. On the occa-



sion of Ravidas Jayanti, Prabhat Pheris are being organized from 11th February to 24th February. On this occasion, a huge Bhandara will be organized on 24th February, after which Shobha Yatra will be organized. The yatra will start from Ravidas temple and pass through the entire village to reach the temple.

## BKU holds meeting on Halla Bol of DC office

**PREETI RANI SADHAURA, FEB 19**

On 21st February, a meeting was held at the toll plaza regarding the Halla Bol protest and siege of the Deputy Commissioner's office. A meeting of Bharatiya Kisan Union was held at Gadhaula toll plaza. The meeting was presided over by Jasbir Numberdar Pando Divisional Vice President. District President Subhash Gurjar told that on February 21, the District Appropriate Office will be surrounded with tractors at the District Headquarters Yamunanagar and this Halla Bol Dharma will continue from 10 am to 4 pm. Gurjar said that the farmers will sit there and do their Pan-chayat and will have langar and tea. Arrangements will be made there itself and the next strategy will be decided. Gurjar said that when farmers ask for rates for their crops, the government shoots bullets at them. Rakesh Tikait said that



from February 26, farmers will turn their tractors towards Delhi. Regarding which strategy has been made today. From 26th February, farmers will tie flags on their tractors and take their tractors on the highway towards Delhi. Subhash Gurjar appealed to all the farmers and said that all the farmers should reach the appropriate office in Yamunanagar on 21st February with maximum number of tractors, motorcycles and cars. And to save your crop and breed, prepare for Delhi on 26th February. Today on the occasion Subhash Hartol, Bir Singh Sandhu Dilbag Taharpur, Jasbir Azizpur, Sukhbir Kaur Sukhdev Salempur.

## Kurukshetra varsity team wins inter college wall painting



**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, FEB 19**

An Inter College Wall Painting Competition was organised under the joint aegis of Creative Writing Society, Economics, History and Sociology Department of Yamunanagar DAV Girls College in which students of Kurukshetra University, Maharaja Agrasen College, GNG College, Sant Nischal Singh Edu-

cation College and DAV College participated. College Principal Dr. Meenu Jain presided over the program. The programme took place under the supervision of Economics Department Chairman Dr. Anita Moudgil, History Department Chairman Dr. Amanpreet Kaur and Sociology Department Chairman Priya Kalra. The jury comprised Dr. Sumita Kaushik, Dr. Meenakshi Saini

and Vikas Walia. The result was as follows: The team of Jagdeep Singh, Parjinder Kaur and Aditi Walia, students of Kurukshetra University, won the first position. The team of Kashish, Sejal and Olivia, students of DAV Girls College, secured second position. The team of GNG College students Jashanpreet Kaur, Anjali and Sonali secured third place.

## Govt College Teachers Association submits memorandum to local MLA

**MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, FEB 19**

Shaheed Uddham Singh Government College, Indri, the local unit of Haryana Government College Teachers Association, submitted a memorandum to local MLA Shri Ram Kumar Kashyap against the negative attitude of the officials of the Higher Education Department. President of the college unit, Dr. Babita said that the promotions of the government college have been stalled for the last five years. For some time now, we have met officials of the Higher Education Department several times, but despite this, they still have a negative attitude towards our demands. Child care leave given to women professors working in the college is also suspended. There is no justification for child care if it is not available on time. UGC rules are also being disregarded by the officials. The online transfer policy is also being put on hold



by the department for a long time, due to which many teachers have not yet got the opportunity to do rural service and their promotion is on hold due to it being linked with rural service. The unit demanded from the Honorable MLA that he should raise these issues related to teachers in the upcoming session and ask the Haryana Government to take action on our demands. Organization Secretary Dr. S.B. Bhardwaj, Treasurer Pardeep Kumar and Rajkumar were present. MLA listened to our demands carefully and assured that our demands will be raised in the Assembly session and will also be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister.

## 20 students selected in campus placement drive at Maharaja Agrasen College

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, FEB 19**

A campus placement drive for the final year students of the college was organised by the Career Guidance and Placement Cell of Maharaja Agrasen College Jagadhri in collaboration with Tech Mahindra Chandigarh. It was inaugurated by the welcome address of Dr. Karuna, Principal of the college who in his address said that employment opportunities should be taken very positively. Every student dreams of a good career after graduation and we are helping them in making this dream come true. At a time when such opportunities are in great need, it is very essential to provide job opportunities to the students and we are committed to provide employment to all the interested and eligible students of the college. Parents also have big dreams for their child



and just getting an offer letter from a good company is enough to make them feel proud of their child. Placement Cell Convenor Professor Gaurav Bareja welcomed Shradha Rana, Principal Human Resource Manager, Tech Mahindra and appreciated her efforts for this noble cause. He said that Tech Mahindra and Maharaja Agrasen College Jagadhri have been continuously providing job op-

portunities to the students for the last few years and he thanked Ms. Shradha for continuing this collaboration. A total of 55 students from BA, B.Com and BCA participated in the drive and at the end of the day 20 students were shortlisted for the final round of interviews to be held in Chandigarh. Since this was the first placement drive of this session, the students were very excited about it

and it was a very good opportunity for them for learning as well as employment. At the end of the drive Professor Gaurav Bareja appreciated the efforts of Lead HR of Tech Mahindra for supporting the students so much and giving them the opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious organisation. He also thanked the college management and the Principal for their continuous support.



**DBA, Kapurthala to observe no work today**



**PAWAN KALIA KAPURTHALA:** The Kapurthala District Bar Association (DBA) observed 'no work day' on today on call given by the Punjab & Haryana District Bar Association. Chandigarh due to brutally attack on brother advocate and manhandling of with worthy president of High Court Bar Association by the Chandigarh Police. The hundreds of members of District Bar Association, Kapurthala near the entry gate and c strongly condemned the illegal and unacceptable attitude of Chandigarh Police and its officials for not taking any appropriate action against the accused and siding with the accused person. DBA President Rajbir Singh Bawa and DBA Secretary Satinder Khinda apprised that Hon'ble members of the Punjab and Haryana Bar Association met with SSP, Chandigarh on today and SSP, Chandigarh has formed a SIT and thereafter supplementary statements of will be recorded and action will be taken accordingly and it is also assured that investigation will be done in a fair manner by SIT and in view of this assurance of SSP, Chandigarh, Bar Association will resume work from 20.2.2024 addresd Mr. Rajbir Bawa.

**Cheema stakes claim over Akali Dal ticket from Anandpur Sahib**



**BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR:** Shiromani Akali Dal leader and former Punjab Minister, Dr Daljit Singh Cheema has staked his claim over the party ticket from Anandpur Sahib, constituency for the coming Lok Sabha elections. Confirming the development Dr Cheema said that he would seek ticket from Anandpur Sahib as he had better claim over the same. However, he said that, it was up to party high command to decide about the same. Cheema said that he had been working sincerely for the party for the last 30 years and wanted to contest the elections from Anandpur Sahib. It may be mentioned that Dr Daljit Singh Cheema had earlier contested the Anandpur Sahib seat in 2009, but lost to Raveenr Singh, Bittu of Congress.

**Krishi Science Center makes college students aware about stubble mgt**



**RAKESH JINDAL NABHA:** An awareness seminar on prevention of stubble burning was conducted by Krishi Vigyan Kendra of Punjab Agricultural University at Govt Ripudaman College, Nabha. On this occasion, essay writing, speech and debate competitions were held for students regarding not burning straw. The main speaker of the seminar Dr. Gurupesh Kaur, Professor (Plant Science) and Incharge, KVK, explained in detail the various techniques adopted for straw management and shared with the students tips for adopting a healthy lifestyle as per the changing times. Dr. Rajni Goyal shares information about the harm caused by junk food. Dr. Rachna Singla, Professor (Horticulture), KVK Patiala explained in detail the various techniques adopted for straw management in horticulture. He gave information about the use of paddy straw in mushroom cultivation. This seminar was organized under the able leadership of Principal Mrs. Hartaj Kaur Ball. The winners of these competitions were also given medals to encourage the students. In the end, Professor Swarnajit Kaur, Head of the Botany Department of the college, thanked the visiting scientists and assured the support of the college for such seminars in the future as well.

**Rayat Bahra Mechanical Engineering students visit Beverages Industry**



**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** Students of the Mechanical Engineering Department of Rayat Bahra Engineering College visited the Beverage Industry located at Mahilawali village of Hoshiarpur. Giving information in this regard, Head of Training and Placement Department, Manmeet Singh said that the department organizes tours to various industries of the country to make the students aware about the industry. Under this series, the second, fourth and sixth semester of Mechanical of the Engineering College. The students were taken on a tour of the Beverage Industry located at Mahilawali. In which students gained information about automation, modern plant, robotics, automatic assembly line. On this occasion, Pankaj Sanotra, HR of Beverages Industry, gave proper information to the students about the plant and also told the students about product assembling.

## CM Mann bats for guarantee of MSP on alternative crops

CHANDIGARH, FEB 19 (UNI)

In a series of high-stakes meetings over the weekend, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann passionately advocated for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) on alternative crops to protect the interests of farmers.

Attending a crucial gathering with Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Arjun Munda, and Nityanand Rai, along with representatives of various farmer unions, Mann raised the issue of importing pulses from Mozambique and Colombia, emphasising that if MSP is assured for these crops, Punjab could lead the nation in pulse production.

Highlighting the potential for a second green revolution in the country, Mann acknowledged the historical challenges faced by Punjab



due to the previous green revolution, emphasising the need for sustainable practices. He proposed that farmers in the state could consider adopting cotton and maize, provided they received the MSP for these crops. Assured marketing of these crops, he argued, could encourage farmers to diversify their crops, reducing dependency on traditional crops like paddy.

Detailed discussions during the meeting focused on seeking guarantees for the

purchase of cotton and maize, with Mann underscoring the potential benefits of crop diversification in the country. He pointed out that the current practice of importing pulses from other nations could be curtailed if farmers were offered remunerative prices, helping save foreign reserves and breaking the cycle of paddy cultivation, which is water-intensive.

Mann, representing the interests of farmers, emphasised the importance of main-

taining peace, law, and order during protests, expressing regret over the tragic loss of two farmers' lives. He assured his commitment to safeguarding the life and property of the state and called for open deliberations between farmers and the union government to find an amicable resolution.

Concerns were also raised about the suspension of internet services in five districts, adversely affecting students' studies during ongoing exams.

## Nursing faculty of DBU organises programme dedicated to World Cancer Day

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEB 19

The nursing Faculty of Desh Bhagat University organized a program dedicated to World Cancer Day under the theme 'Close the Care Gap'.

The second-semester students of B. Sc. Nursing took the initiative to impart essential health education to the public emphasizing the importance of cancer awareness and prevention.

The event was organized by Mrs. Dilpreet Kaur Sohi and Mrs. Bhupinder Kaur Saini, in which students and faculty members actively participated. Principal of the Faculty of Nursing Dr. Victor Devasirvadam provided his guidance and support to ensure the success of the event. Head of Community Health



Nursing Prof. (Dr.) Prabhjot Singh and Head of Mental Health Nursing Prof. (Dr.) Lovesampuranjot Kaur contributed their expertise enhancing the educational aspect of the initiative. Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh and President Dr. Sandeep Singh appreciated the dedication and

commitment shown by the students towards creating awareness about cancer and promoting proactive measures for its prevention. He lauded the students and said that this spirit reflects the commitment to promote a culture of social responsibility and healthcare advocacy.

## Police arrest accused who committed various crimes



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, FEB 19

During a press conference at Police Lines, Hoshiarpur SSP hoshiarpur Surendra Lamba said that on February 15, there was an encounter between the police and those who looted a petrol pump, in which the robbers were injured and are undergoing treatment.

Lamba told that in the last few days, Hoshiarpur Police was closely investigating

at various places in Hoshiarpur regarding two or three reported incidents. During this, they had an encounter with the arrested robbers in which two people were caught.

During preliminary investigation, it was found that the background of the arrested accused was criminal. Including Ashok Kumar, Mohan Kumar, Sam Khan and Umesh, they have committed crimes in Hoshiarpur as well as Jalandhar.

## Harsimrat Kaur Badal visits Thath Nanaksar Bharowal Kalan

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, FEB 19

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.

Hardeep Kaur Bhatthal, Harpreet Kaur Bhatthal and Navjot Parkash Singh Bhatthal 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 Bhatthal family for making her visit possible.



"I reached today at Thath Nanaksar Bharowal Sahib, the land of Naam Simran, thanks to the initiative of Bhatthal 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 Bharowal, Surjeet Singh Sawaddi, Gurpreet Singh, Harmel Singh, Sikanar Singh, Baljeet Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Baljeet Singh, Hakam Singh and others were present.

## CEO instructs officials to achieve "70-par" vote percentage target this time

VERMA GURDASPUR, FEB 19

Chief Election Officer of Punjab Mr. Sibin C. Regarding preparations for the Lok Sabha Elections-2024, today held an important meeting with all District Sweep Nodal Officers and District Social Media Nodal Officers of the state to achieve the target of '70 Par' vote percentage this time.

Mr. Sibin C. Said that all the officials involved in the election process should intensify their efforts to vote more than 70 percent. He said that out of the 13 Lok Sabha seats of Punjab during the last elections, in the areas where the vote percentage was decreasing, work should be done to increase the vote percentage there by marking those areas.



He said that the help of publicity mobile vans, awareness campaigns and other means sent by the Election Commission should be taken to achieve this goal.

He directed that the activities to increase the vote percentage should be accelerated. People should be encouraged to use voting rights as much as possible. The chief election officer was Mr. Sibin. He said that social media platforms should be used as much as

possible in addition to different media for voter awareness. He said that voters of all age groups and genders, including the youth, should be encouraged to exercise their right to vote. He said that every effort should be made to achieve the Election Commission's target 'this time 70 par'. Meanwhile, the Chief Electoral Officer also reviewed the various activities being carried out by the nodal officers of sweep and social media.

## Lopoke police gets big success, 500 gms of heroin, one pistol of 30 bore, 6 rounds recovered



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, FEB 19

Under the supervision of DSP Attari, SHO Lopoke got secret information that Sikanar Singh, son of Rajinder Singh, along with his wife Amarjot Kaur, procures heroin from smugglers of Pakistan and supplies it further and beyond the fencing wire on the border. Family gate pass has also been issued by BSF to go.

Taking immediate action

on this, SHO Lopoke along with raid party raided Sikanar Singh's house in village Mulekot and found a woman in the house who gave her name as Amarjot. Kaur told his wife Sikanar Singh and when asked about her husband, she told that he had gone out for some work. On searching the house, they found 500 grams of heroin, a pistol of 30 bore, 6 alive in a cupboard in a room of their house.

## Third term of Modi govt is very important to make country number one: Gill

VERMA GURDASPUR, FEB 19

Senior leader of Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency and National Vice President of Himachal Pradesh Sahitya Akademi, Paramjit Singh Gill said that today people across the country are eagerly waiting for the Lok Sabha elections to hand over power to the Modi government for the third time.

Gill said that the third term of the Modi government is very important not for power but for making the country number one at the international level because in the last 10 consecutive years, the Modi government has brought the country to the in-

ternational level with great wisdom and its development-oriented policies and hard work. Has been brought to the first row. Gill said that after the independence of the

country, many governments came, many Prime Ministers took the reins of the country, although they also did development work in their time, but as much as the country has developed now

and the life of every class has become better, it is for the Modi government to do so. made efforts, no government could do this.



## Eligible candidates should submit form for SGPC voter registration: DEO

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, FEB 19

Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Hoshiarpur Komal Mittal said that the work of preparation of voter lists for the elections of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (Board) is going on.

She said that for the convenience of the people and to increase voter registration, the work of making votes is going on in the district. She said that eligible candidates from villages can contact their respective Patwari or Tehsil during office hours and get the form submitted to cast their vote. Apart from this, eligible candidates

from urban areas can apply to cast their vote in Municipal Corporation or Municipal Council. District Election Officer said that apart from this, eligible candidates can also submit forms for voter registration during the camps organized in their area under 'Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Dawar'.

## Shubman Gill designated as 'State Icon' for Lok Sabha Elections: Sibin C

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, FEB 19

The office of Punjab's Chief Electoral Officer has designated Indian cricketer Shubman Gill as the 'State Icon'. In this regard, Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C stated that Punjab resident Shubman Gill, popular among the cricket enthusiasts, especially the youth, has been appointed as the 'State Icon', and would assist in garnering more than 70 percent of the votes during the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

He mentioned that Shubman Gill will engage in various campaigns aimed at voter awareness to ensure the achievement of the target of "Is Vaar 70 Paar".

Prior to this, popular Punjabi singer, Tarsem Jassar has also been appointed as a 'State Icon'.

Sibin C further informed that in a meeting with all the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab on last Friday, they were asked to identify such areas where the voting percentage was low during the last elections. He said that



awareness campaigns and appeals made by Shubman Gill and Tarsem Jassar in such areas, would motivate the voters, increasing voter turnout. The Chief Electoral Officer expressed hope that



the first-time voting youth would be influenced by Shubman Gill and Tarsem Jassar, and exercise their franchise, while also appealing to the people of other age groups to vote in large numbers.



State Budget hailed

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR: New Pension Scheme for giving dearness allowance to employee pensioners. State President of Retired Employees Officers Federation, Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Sanjeev Guleria thanked Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu ji and also congratulated him on presenting his first budget, but Dr. Sanjeev Guleria said that if the Chief Minister had made a respectable pension arrangement in the budget for the few thousand retired NPS employees whose service period is less than ten years due to CCS Rules 1972 and who are forced to live a hellish life in their old age after retirement, then it would have been Even after the death of this unfortunate staff officer, the guardian of the employee class, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, remembers and prays to the Chief Minister in the name of Pension Purush.

Youth of Kangra and Chamba participate in National Youth Parliament

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: District level National Youth Parliament program was organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra District Kangra today on Monday, in which the youth of Kangra and Chamba districts participated. Vivek Kumar, District Youth Officer of Nehru Yuva Kendra, said that in this program the youth expressed their views on topics like self-reliant and developed India, contribution of youth in India's development and India as a world leader. He told that Ritika Chambyal from Kangra District got the first position and Sayyasaachi stood second. Disha from Chamba district stood first and Hemraj from Teeasa block stood second. He said that the event was organized successfully and the views put forward by the participants were very important. He said that through such programs Nehru Yuva Kendra is providing a platform to the youth. Through this, along with bringing out the hidden talent within the youth, it is also an effort to make the youth think about various subjects of the country.

DC inspects District Library



KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal inspected the District Library UNA and took stock of the condition and facilities of the library. After inspection, he instructed Block Development Officer Una to complete the repair work of the library building immediately. Apart from this, he instructed the officials that the library premises. Arrangements for pure drinking water should be made and for this an RO purifier should be installed. Deputy Commissioner Una said that Wi-Fi internet facility will also be provided in the district library very soon so that the readers coming to the library do not have to face connectivity problems while studying online. On this occasion, AC to DC Una Varinder Kumar, Block Development Officer Una KI. Verma, Executive Engineer Rakesh Kumar, Junior Engineer Arun Kumar and other officers and employees were also present.

Government to spend on higher education of children of widows: CM

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 19

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, while presiding over the state level function of Ekal Nari Sangathan here today, emphasized on the government's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the underprivileged sections of the society. He said that 40,000 new beneficiaries under the social security pension scheme would be added during next financial year and an additional expenditure of Rs. 70 crore would be spent on the same. At present, approximately Rs.1,260 crore has been allocated for the scheme which benefits 7,84,000 individuals, including the elderly, widows, single women, disabled, and leprosy patients, said the Chief Minister. He said that a new initiative, the "Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Shiksha



Yojana", would be implemented in the state in the coming fiscal to support the education of children of widows till they attain the age of 27 years. The income criteria for availing benefits of this scheme would be below rupees one lakh annually. He said that Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Shiksha Yojana would cover expenses for various higher education courses including medical, engineering, NITs, IIMs, IITs, nursing, graduation, and post-

graduation. Additionally, Rs. 1,000 per month would be deposited in the recurring deposit accounts of the eligible children until they reach 18 years of age. The State Government would also cover the annual health insurance premium for eligible women and this initiative would entail approximately Rs. 41 crore as additional expenditure. Under the scheme, the state government would also provide financial support to widows for constructing their

own homes and provisions for essential amenities such as electricity, water and other facilities for the newly built houses would be made, he remarked. A Centre of Excellence for Education of Persons with Disabilities would be set up at Kandaghat in Solan district to provide higher education opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the state, he said. It will offer comprehensive facilities including playgrounds, residential accommodations, and more for individuals with disabilities till 27 years of age. Financial assistance for rented accommodation will also be given to such eligible Divyang children who do not have any place or home to live in, he said. MLA Harish Janartha, Deputy Commissioner Shimla Anupam Kashyap and representatives of the Ekal Nari Sangathan were also present on the occasion.

Dazzling Dashalu Fair illuminates Pangi Valley amidst snowfall

AGENCY CHAMBA/SHIMLA, FEB 19

In the serene landscapes of Pangi Valley, nestled within the tribal expanse of district Chamba, the 12-day Jukaroo Festival reached its zenith with the vibrant celebration of Dashalu Fair on Monday. Taking place on the 10th day, this enchanting event unfolded in four panchayats: Mindhal, Thandal village of Purthi Panchayat, Rei Panchayat, and Shaur Panchayat, despite heavy snowfall blanketing the valley with about one foot of snow. Undeterred by the wintry conditions, the locals exhibited boundless enthusiasm as they adorned their homes with red clay in preparation for the festivities. The day commenced with villagers crafting offerings for their clan goddess, followed by a pilgrimage to the temple. The sacred pandal resonated with the beats of drums as worship unfolded, creating an atmosphere of



spiritual exuberance. The highlight of Dashalu Fair lies in the unique rituals observed at the Mindhal Mata temple. Devotees witness miraculous events, including the ceremonial opening of the temple door with a snowball by Maa Mindhal Vasni Thathadi, a revered disciple. The celebrations in Mindhal village are marked by a grand procession, where residents, bearing sacred flowers, gather at Mena Pandal for collective prayers for the well-being of the world. Traditionally, Thathadi, the disciple of Mindhal Mata, embarks on a journey to the

temple to collect the sacred needle. While sacrifices were once a part of this ritual, contemporary practices now involve offerings of coconut and other materials, following government directives. The Dashalu fair draws visitors from various panchayats across the valley, all eager to witness the mystical aura surrounding Mindhal Mata's abode. A fascinating aspect of the festivities is the pilgrimage of Kartar Singh, the principal disciple of Mindhal Mata, who travels approximately 27 kilometres from Thamoh of Thathadi Kilar.

Two-day Dohak sports and wrestling fair concludes

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, FEB 19

Two-day Dohak sports and wrestling fair concluded peacefully and harmoniously in village Dohak, district Bilaspur. In the wrestling competition, wrestler from Lali Phagwara won Mali and was given Rs. 25000 as first prize and Ladi wrestler from village Baddowal Punjab was the runner-up who was given Rs. 15000. In the volleyball competition, the volleyball team Bathu District Unna was the winner, which was given Rs 11000 as first prize. In Kabaddi matches, the team of Rudra Club Unna won the first prize, which was given Rs 11000 as prize.320 wrestlers from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh participated in the wrestling competition. To



all the winners and runners-up and participating players, Officer of Dokeshtar Foundation Trust, Nandlal Sharma, former CMD Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam and current Chairman, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission, Deshraj Modgil, Rajiv Shastri, Pandit Suresh Modgil Rajendra Kumar, Subedar Balkishan Rakesh Kumar Parsharam Jagdish Chand Joginder Lal. Everyone distributed awards.Trust President Nandlal

Sharma said that from next year the fair will be expanded further, the time of the fair will also be increased and more competitions will also be included in it. This time, apart from wrestling, volleyball and kabaddi, a marathon race was organized separately for children above 18 years of age and children below 18 years, similarly, separate marathon races were organized for girls above 18 years and girls below 18 years and girls' mehendi.

Anurag Thakur opens box for development of Sujanpur VS

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has released approximately Rs 22.5 lakh and Rs 20.75 lakh from the MP fund for the development of different Panchayats of the assembly constituency. This amount has reached DC office Hamirpur which is being further released to the Panchayats for development. Development works will be carried out in rural areas with the amount released, Mahila Morcha District President Archana Chauhan, Sujanpur BJP



Mandal President Vikram Rana and District Council member Captain Ranjit Singh have said that the Union Minister is continuously working to ensure development in the country as well as at the rural level. BJP leaders have expressed gratitude for the development funds given by Union Minister Anurag Thakur.The amount released includes repair of community building near Gausihala Khairi, 1.5 lakh village Chaloh for village Khairi, 50 thousand for cremation ground, construction of boundary wall steel railing etc. towards Jagat Ram's house, 50 thousand for Dhiman Basti Patlandar village Gujreda platform, One and a half lakh for the construction of a road from the main road to the house of SC Basti Gujraera Bhagwan Das etc. in block Sujanpur. Two lakh from the house of Arjun Singh for the construction of a paved road towards village Garoddu, Gram Panchayat Chamanya, Block Sujanpur.

Voting centers determined for the election of vacant posts in Panchayati Raj

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 19

District Election Officer, Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa said that elections will be held on February 25 for vacant posts in Panchayat Raj institutions in Kangra district. After withdrawal of nominations, there will be vacancies of one BDC member, three Panchayat Pradhans, two Deputy Pradhans and three ward members in Kangra district. Elections will be held for the posts. Notification of polling stations has also been issued for this. Under Nagrota Bagban Committee, polling centers have been fixed for Ward No. 21 Salah Jandrah, Ward No. 1 to 5 at Government Secondary School, Jandrah and for Ward No. 1 to 6 of Khart Khas, polling centers have been set at Government High School, Khart Khas, along with this,



Pragpur Block. The polling center for the election of Panchayat Pradhan in Dadasiba has been fixed at Government Senior Secondary School, Dadasiba. Under Panchrukhi block, Ward number one to three, Government Primary School, Salyana and Ward number four to nine, Senior Secondary School, Salyana, have been earmarked for the election of Panchayat Pradhan in Gadiyada and in Bharwana, Ward number one and Government Primary School Bharwana polling centers have been set for three and Government High School Bharwana polling centers for ward numbers 2, 4 and five.

Along with this, there will be a polling center for the Deputy Pradhan in Bhiridi Panchayat under Panchrukhi block at Primary School Badkut for ward number one, Secondary School Bhiridi for ward numbers two and five and Primary School Bhiridi for ward numbers three and four. And under the reconciliation block, for the post of Deputy Head in Rajhnu Gadiyada Panchayat, polling centers have been set for Ward number one to four, Senior Secondary School Ranjhu, Ward number five Primary School Jamula. For the election of Panchayat member in Ward No. 3 of Panchayat Sanhu of Sulah Block, polling centers have been set at Senior Secondary School Sanhu and for the election of Ward Member of Ward No. 3 of Garla Panchayat, polling centers have been set at Panchayat Community Hall, Garla.

Govt Sr Sec School students visit to ITI Nahariyan



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Students of Government Senior Secondary School, Kumeran conducted a one-day "exposure visit" to the Government ITI located at Naharyan on Monday. On this occasion, he learned in detail about the functioning of ITI and the businesses currently running here.Principal of ITI, E. Pravesh Sharma told that this ITI was started in 2007. Presently 87 trainees are undergoing training in Fitter, SOT and Dress Making professions in this ITI. While addressing the students, he said that when you go home, do tell your family and friends about ITI and the various businesses running in ITI. ITI instructors Sunil Kumar, Vivek Kumar and Asha Rani took visiting students to various workshops and provided many important information about the machines installed there. On this occasion, group instructor of the local institute Rakesh Kumar, mathematics instructor Sunil Dutt, office in-charge Nirmal Kumar and teachers from the school Vijay Kumar, Sunita Devi and Santosh Kumari were also present. Rakesh Kumar, group instructor of Government Industrial Training Institute Naiharyan, said that through such exposure visits, while the children get to know about the working of ITI, it also helps them in understanding each other.

Modi govt created history with Nari Shakti Vandan Act: Rakesh Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 19

State BJP spokesperson Rakesh Sharma said that developed India till the year 2047 is the guarantee of Modi. If Modi is there then it is possible, under this, in the last 10 years, the people of the country have seen Modi's guarantees reaching every home and on the basis of these guarantees, they have also seen 25 crore people of the country coming out of the poverty line. In a press statement issued on Monday, Rakesh Sharma said that whether it is the country's highest civilian honor Bharat Ratna or Padma Award, for the first time after independence it has come out of the elite category under the Narendra Modi government. Padma awards are now being given to social workers. There was a



demand for reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly for 27 years. Modi government created history by passing the Nari Shakti Vandan Act 2023 with the aim of empowering women as soon as they entered the new Parliament House in Amritkal. He said that after the abolition of Article 370, the network of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir has been destroyed. Things like stone pelting and violence have ended now. Due to this,

a record 1.88 crore tourists came to the state and the tourism sector has increased. In 2018, 199 youths became terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, this number has reduced to 12 in 2023. He said that under the leadership of the PM, BJP will definitely cross the victory mark of 370 seats and NDA will cross 400. The National Conference of the Bharatiya Janata Party expresses unwavering confidence that Narendra Modi Government 3.0 will further accelerate the pace of development in the country and create new records of success.The BJP spokesperson said that India is currently the fastest growing major economy in the world. India has traveled from vulnerable 5 to top 5 in 10 years. India is now on track to become a \$5 trillion economy and the third largest economy by 2027.

Work will be done in mission mode to prevent malnutrition in district: Jatin Lal

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: The meeting of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Task Force Committee was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal. In the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed all the schemes being run through ICDS in the district. The Deputy Commissioner said that work will be done in mission mode to prevent malnutrition in the district. Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and malnourished (MAM) children will be identified and efforts will be made to bring such children out of malnutrition so that no



child in the district becomes malnourished. He instructed the District Program Officer to ensure that complete details of Sam and Maam children of the district are sent, so that the district can be made malnutrition free.Jatin Lal said that under the Chief Minister Sukh Ashray Yojana, the department should work in mission mode

so that all the eligible children of the district get the benefits of this scheme. He said that the concerned officers and Anganwadi workers should go to their respective areas and ensure that the eligible children fill the forms themselves. He told that under the Chief Minister Sukh Ashray Yojana, orphan children up to 27 years of age

will be given pocket money of four thousand rupees per month, three biswas of land and three lakh rupees for construction of house, one lakh rupees for coaching, two rupees for setting up small/micro industries. A grant of Rs 1 lakh and a grant of Rs 2 lakh is also provided for marriage. He said that till now 105 children of 0 to 18 years and 354 children of 18 to 27 years have been identified under the District Chief Minister Sukh Ashray Yojana. He said that it is necessary to have sanitary napkins and incinerator machines in schools for physical hygiene of girls and environmental protection.

Mixed reactions to Sukhu govt's second budget

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: The second budget presented by the state Congress government is getting mixed reactions. While the opposition is calling it a box of paper announcements, the ruling party is praising it by calling it a happy budget. Let's read who said what.Prem Kumar Dhupal: Senior BJP leader and former Chief Minister Professor Prem Kumar Dhupal said that this budget presented by those who cry day and night about the empty treasury of the state, should not remain only a budget of announcements in the history of the state. He said that putting one's stamp on the schemes of the Central Government, giving them a new name and announcing



their implementation in the state and showing the public a bounty of beautiful announcements without allocating any funds, this is the essence of the state government's budget. The former Chief Minister said that the government which closed hundreds of educational institutions as soon as it came to power is now announcing 'Padho Himachal'. Educational institutions were opened so that children do not have to go

far to study, which were closed by this government saying that the treasury is empty and now they are saying that they will make arrangements for transportation to school. After assuming power, they snatched away thousands of jobs and now they are saying that they will provide jobs. The former Chief Minister said that there is no clarity from where the money will come to fulfill these announcements made in

budget. Dr. Pushpendra Verma: Dr. Pushpendra Verma said that this is called the budget for the happiness of the common man. While praising the budget presented by the Chief Minister, Verma said that the Chief Minister took care of every section, especially the common people, small farmers and gardeners, small farmers. Apart from this, complete care was taken of the employees, daily wage workers, representatives of the common people, Zilla Parishad, BTC, Pradhan and Panches. Vinod Thakur: District BJP Secretary Vinod Thakur has once again called the Congress budget a budget of cheating the public and showing tempting dreams like every time.



DAV school conducts Havan Yajna for success in boards examinations



**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON:** DAV Centenary Public School organized Havan Yajna to seek blessings from almighty for success of students in 10th and 12th class students in boards examination. School principal, teachers and students paid obeisance by reciting Gayatri Mantra with much devotion. After culmination of hawan, the principal wished the students all the best of their examinations and motivated them to work hard and not to feel stressed. He asked students to give their best and not to feel downhearted if the results do not go the way they wanted to. He also talked about strategies to deal with stress during exams and time management.

Workshop on "Obstetric Emergencies"



**RAJIV JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH:** National Institute of Nursing Education, PGIMER, Chandigarh organised seven days' workshop on obstetrical emergencies sponsored by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India from 12th to 18th February to develop the knowledge and skills of nurses to manage the obstetrical emergency. Dr. Vanita Jain, Prof. and Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, PGIMER, Chandigarh inaugurated the workshop. She encouraged the participants to learn and update their knowledge and skills to provide the quality care to the high risk mothers for the better maternal and neonatal outcome. Dr. Sukhpal Kaur Principal, NINE and Coordinator of the workshop welcomed the guests. She emphasized about the importance of learning in workshop as the participants are expected to participate actively in a workshop to enhance their skills further. 29 participants from Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana actively participated in the workshop and performed Hands on practice on Electronic Fetal Monitoring, Management of Shoulder Dystocia, Hypertensive Emergencies including Eclampsia, Postpartum Haemorrhage, Inversion of Uterus and Maternal Resuscitation. Participants expressed that they were highly benefitted from the workshop by updating their skills.

MCM holds camp on Aesthetics and Dermatology



**CHANDIGRAH:** The Medical Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in association with SCULPT, Aesthetics and Cosmetic Clinic, Panchkula, organised a workshop-cum-consultation camp on Aesthetics and Dermatology. The event began with an interactive session by Dermatologist Dr. Anisha Sethi from Sculpt Clinic. Dr. Sethi discussed different types of skin problems, particularly focussing on acne and rosacea and relevant treatments. She also shared tips for keeping skin glowing and healthy. The session was followed by a free derma check-up camp, wherein the students were given consultation for their skin related problems and were screened for their type of skins using a skin analyser.

Ashiana Public School organises session



**NEERAJ SHARMA**  
**MOHALI:** Ashiana Public school had organized a session with the theme-Little Hands at Work on Saturday, 17th February 2024 for the children as well as the parents. Throughout the year, the students were engaged in an array of interesting and purposeful activities and craft work to develop and improve gross motor skills, fine motor skills, coordination, concentration, creativity, imagination, sorting and organization skills. The school teaching approach offers a pedagogies that elevates and empowers the child in the pursuit of these skills. The little budding artists demonstrated the Art and Craft work viz thread painting, block painting, vegetable painting, craft work, shoelace activity, buttoning activity, zip-unzip activity etc with great confidence and agility. The session was packed with enthusiasm and served as a platform for the students to make learning joyous and meaningful. During the event, the school Director, Ms. Lalita Prakash encouraged the parents to spend quality time with children and help them to be involved in activities which promote creativity, imagination and development of gross and fine motor skills.

Adviser to Administrator meets winners of 8th Boccia National Championship 2023-24

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 19

Rajeev Verma, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh, met with the triumphant players of Chandigarh Spinal Rehab who showcased exceptional talent and grit at the 8th Boccia National Championship, 2023-24. Ajeya Raj and Ms. Anjali Thakur, both remarkable individuals with disabilities, brought pride to Chandigarh by securing medals in this prestigious event.

In an inspiring display of resilience, Ajeya Raj, a C4 Quadriplegic, clinched a Silver Medal in the individual category and a Gold Medal in the Pairs, demonstrating unparalleled courage and determination.

Despite facing significant challenges, Ajeya Raj's triumph serves as a beacon of hope, proving that disabilities are never impediments to success. Similarly, Anjali



Thakur, overcoming the hurdles posed by her disability as a C5-C6 individual, displayed unwavering dedication and passion for Boccia, securing Gold Medals in both the individual and pairs categories. Her journey exemplifies the power of perseverance and serves as an inspiration to millions facing similar obstacles. Their remarkable

achievements underscore the indomitable human spirit, emphasizing that with determination and perseverance, any obstacle can be overcome. Recognizing the need for inclusive sports facilities, the Sports Department is underway in developing a Boccia Court at the Sports Complex, Sector 8, Chandigarh, fulfilling the request of the

Chandigarh Spinal Rehab players. Rajeev Verma, Adviser to the Administrator, extends his heartfelt congratulations to the winners and assures Chandigarh Administration's unwavering support to specially-abled sports persons. Moreover, it was announced that Ms. Anjali Thakur will be competing in the Para Olympics - 2024.

Guv pays tributes to Jain Sant Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj

CHANDIGARH, FEB 19

The Punjab Governor and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, Shri Banwari Lal Purohit, mourns the passing of the revered Jain seer Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj, who breathed his last yesterday. The Governor extends his heartfelt condolences to the entire Jain community and admirers of Acharya Vidyasagar Ma-

haraj's teachings. Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj, a prominent spiritual leader, was known for his profound wisdom, compassion and dedication to spreading the message of non-violence and harmony. His teachings sermons, writing and poems have left an indelible mark on countless lives, inspiring people to lead a life of righteousness and virtue.

Governor Shri Banwari Lal Purohit remarked, "The demise of Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj is a great loss not only to the Jain community but to humanity as a whole. His exemplary life and teachings have guided many towards the path of peace and enlightenment. We will always cherish his legacy and continue to uphold the values he stood for."

12th Mr Chandigarh & Miss Chandigarh Championship held at SD College

RN KHERA  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 19

The much-awaited 12th Mr Chandigarh and Miss Chandigarh Championship was held at SD College here amid thunderous cheers from bodybuilding enthusiasts. Vikas Bist was adjudged Mr Chandigarh and Rajneet Kaur was declared Miss Chandigarh. In Men's Sports Physique, Ashish Dogra was declared the winner, and in Men's Athletic Physique, Shubham was adjudged the winner. Cash prizes and gifts were distributed to the champions. Narinder Singh Shergill, Chairman Milkfed Punjab was the chief guest. The event was organised by Chandigarh Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Association (CBPSA) under the aegis of the Indian Body Builders Federation.

Suraj Bhan Nain, Secretary General of North Zone Body Builders Association, was the Chief Judge of the Mr Chandigarh Championship. He said, "Bodybuilding is a sport that can be adopted by youth so that they remain away from distractions. The sport not only increases fitness but also develops disci-



pline. Bodybuilding should be pursued under the guidance of an experienced trainer who has all the knowledge about the sport including diet regimens to be followed."

Many bodybuilders from the region competed in three segments - Senior Bodybuilding, Sports Physique and Athletic Physique. The participants displayed their muscular bodies in both men and women categories. In fact women bodybuilders also showcased their talent on stage by flexing their muscles. The categories in which the competition was held included 50-55 kgs, 55-60 kgs, 60-65 kgs, 65-70 kgs, 70-75 kgs, 80-85 kg and above 85 Kg.

Monu Sabarwal, Amarjit Singh, Ashok Rana, Vikram



Dhull, Nakul, Pardeep Nain, Rahul Preet, and Ram Nain judged the Mr Chandigarh event.

Prof Sukhwinder Singh visits 'Aap Di Sarkar Aapde Dwar' camp at Cheema, Burj Kularan

SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON, FEB 19

Aam Aadmi Party leader and MLA Jagraon Sarvjit Kaur Manuke's husband Prof Sukhwinder Singh visited Punjab Government's 'Aap Di Sarkar Aapde Dwar' camps being held in villages Cheema and Burj Kularan and interacted with people.

In his address he said that Punjab government is committed to fulfil every promise it made with the people. "Cm Bhagwant Mann led government aims to make sure that people do not face any inconvenience during at any governmental institution and the camp is an effort towards the same," he added.

He ensured that the problems faced by people shall be



dealt with at preference. Singh talked in detail about the camp and other achievements of Punjab government and also mentioned that development works done in the constituency under AAP government.

At this occasion, SDO Manjeet Singh Virk, Karnail Singh, Mintu Sidhu Derhka, Jagroop Singh Jagga, Seva Singh, Adv Karam Singh, Hardeep Singh, Makhan Singh, Iqbal Singh and others were present.

Intl Oral Surgery Day celebrated at RBDCH



LK BANSAL  
MOHALI, FEB 19

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of Rayat Bahra University Vice-Chancellor Dr Parvinder Singh. Furthermore, an awareness drive was conducted which had the doctors and students of the Dental College distribute pamphlets to educate the general public regarding road safety to prevent maxillofacial trauma besides making people aware about the field of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, organised a 3-D Mod-

el Making competition for the students which was judged by Rayat Bahra University Vice-Chancellor Dr Parvinder Singh. Furthermore, an awareness drive was conducted which had the doctors and students of the Dental College distribute pamphlets to educate the general public regarding road safety to prevent maxillofacial trauma besides making people aware about the field of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

2 arrested by Sidhwan Bet police with heroin, arms



SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON, FEB 19

Police district Ludhiana rural police under its anti-drug campaign being carried out under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains, arrested 2 drug peddlers. Police recovered heroin and arms as well.

Giving more information about this, Police station Sidhwan Bet incharge Narinder Singh said that the received

information about drug peddlers Rahul Sharma and Manpreet Singh who allegedly peddle heroin in the area. "The accused were allegedly heading towards Sidhwan Bet from Janetpura for drug peddling when police received information about them. Police established a naka and arrested the accused with 260 grams heroin, 1 motorcycle, 1 country made pistol and 6 live cartridges," he added.

NSS unit of Rayat College of Law, Railmajra celebrates auspicious day of Basant Panchmi



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER  
KATHGARH, FEB 19

NSS Unit of Rayat College of Law, Railmajra celebrated the festival of Basant Panchmi Dr. Mahender (Vice-Principal) Dr. Sohnu (Programme officer) and Ms Bharti (Assistant professor) , the NSS candidates, faculty and staff of Rayat College of Law came together to celebrate this beautiful event. Students, faculty, and staff gathered in the central courtyard to participate in various cultural activities and performances. The event commenced with the tradi-

tional puja ceremony dedicated to Goddess Saraswati. The entire campus was adorned with vibrant decorations, including flowers and rangolis, to reflect the festive spirit.

A special assembly was organized where students showcased their talents through music, dance, poetry recitations, and skits, highlighting the significance of knowledge and learning.

The highlight of the event was the 'Saraswati Vandana,' a musical rendition paying homage to the goddess Saraswati, performed by talented students.

Bus tractor-trolley collide near Kamalpur, tractor driver injured



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER  
NAWANSHAHR, FEB 19

A terrible collision between a bus and a tractor-trolley took place in the early hours of today, near Kathgarh Maur, Kathgarh Maur, on the Ropar-Balachore highway. Rescued

According to the information received from the scene, a private company Tourist Bolvo Bus with the number UPAT 5600 which Tarsem Lal son of Ratan Lal resident of Afnoor. Jammu was running This bus was carrying passengers from Jammu to PGI Chandigarh. According to the driver of the bus, there were

about 35 passengers in the bus. In front of this bus, a Swaraj Tractor Mark 855 trolley from Balachaur was being driven by Jaspal Singh son of Swarna Ram Panyali Mand. Jok was going to his village after emptying his cane sugar mill at Nawanshahr, when the tractor driver turned his tractor towards his village, a fast bus coming from Balachaur hit the tractor trolley, causing both the vehicles to be badly damaged.

Damaged And the tractor driver Jaspal Singh got serious injuries, his family members admitted the tractor driver to a private hospital in Ropar for treatment.

Coaches and players honoured by Area Youth Alliance on their arrival in Nawanshahr



CHET RAM RATTAN  
NAWANSHAHR, FEB 19

Area Youth Alliance awarded eight sportsmen and coach Gulshan Kumar for their good performance in the athletic meet. Giving informa-

tion in this regard, Area Youth Alliance Patron Prem Hakla Germany Navagaran Walia said that the members of the organization, Prashotam Lal, the sportsmen of the area have made the name of the area bright in

the whole of Punjab. On which he was honored by the Youth Area Alliance with a special award When the members of the organization reached their village, the members of the organization, Prashotam Lal.

Harsimrat Badal demands AAP govt bring in legislation to procure all 23 crops on MSP

ANIL VERMA  
BATHINDA, FEB 19

Former union minister and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal today demanded the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) bring in legislation guaranteeing MSP for all 23 crops in the forthcoming budget session in case the centre did not do so.

Talking to newsmen here after participating in a sports function at the Central University here, Mrs Harsimrat Badal said "the chief minister is on record to have promised to implement the MSP regime for all 23 crops. In case the centre does not do this, Mr Bhagwant Mann should bring in appropriate legislation to make this a reality in Punjab". She also requested the farm unions to put pressure on the chief minister to



make good on his promise. Also condemning the chief minister for colluding with the Haryana government to stop farmers from marching to Delhi, the Bathinda MP said "if Mr Bhagwant Mann had any care for the farmers he would have faced the drones and rubber bullets first instead of letting farmers fall victim to them". She said by refusing to take action against the Haryana police officials who attacked farmers in Punjab territory the chief

minister had proved that he was only shedding crocodile tears for farmers". She demanded immediate registration of a criminal case against Haryana police officials responsible for the attack on peaceful farmers. Badal also said it was extremely unfortunate that the assurances given in writing to the Samyukt Kisan Morcha by the centre two and a half years back when the Kisan Andolan had been withdrawn had not been implemented till now.

Bank of India honours outstanding performing branches, officers

LUDHIANA : The Zonal office, Ludhiana of Bank of India honored outstanding performing branches and officers at the Nirvana Club.

An event was organized in which the General Manager of the Bank, N.B.G. Chandigarh Anil Kumar Verma arrived as the chief guest and was welcomed by Zonal Manager B.K.Singh in the presence of Deputy Zonal Manager H.K. Harish, Deputy Zonal Manager Neeraj Chaudhary and other officials. Anil Verma praised Zonal Head BK Singh under whose leadership the branches and area officers per-



formed very well. BK Singh congratulated the award recipients and inspired them to continue doing social work in future also.

On this occasion, branch managers and officers who performed excellently were honored with commemorative shields and appreciation certificates.

Shiv Sena pays tribute to Mehrum Sardar Beant Singh



TILAK RAJ  
MOHALI, FEB 19

On the directions of Shiv Sena National President Mr. Pawan Kumar Gupta ji, State President (Youth) Arvind Gautam paid tribute to former Chief Minister of Punjab Mehrum Sardar Beant Singh ji by offering floral tributes to him on his birthday. Arvind Gautam said that due to Shaheed Sardar Beant Singh ji, the end of the dark era of terrorism has been possible from Punjab. He requested the Punjab Government that the

Punjab School Education Board should record the bravery stories of Sardar Beant Singh Ji in books and teach the children about his bravery so that the children can get inspiration from his life and martyrs. Got the inspiration to follow the footsteps of Beant Singh ji On this occasion, Gautam also demanded that the murderers of Sardar Beant Singh, who insulted democracy and brutally killed the elected Chief Minister of Lok Tantra as Bandi Singh, protesting to release them is also democracy.



**Mathematics workshop held on occasion of parent-teacher meeting in Shivalik School**



**MANJEET SINGH DHALLA JATTU:** Maths workshop was also organized during the parent-teacher meeting at Shivalik Public School. Students from class II to class X participated in the workshop. Students showed their interest in mathematics and explained various models and charts like H.C.F, L.C.M, Geo-shapes, Angles, Data-handling, Theorems, etc. in detail. On this occasion, entertaining games related to mathematics were also presented. The teachers discussed in detail about the talent of their wards with the parents while showing their revision test results. In Shivalik School, this meeting is held at the end of every month and the parents are informed about the performance of their wards from time to time. This time all the parents were very happy, they could see improvement in their children's education. Principal Nikhil Gandhi while appreciating the students for the workshop said we should continue to participate in this kind of activity. Also said that the purpose of parent-teacher meeting is to encourage students to work hard. He also discussed about the bright future of the students with the parents. Apart from this, teachers motivated the students to get good marks by working hard for the annual examination. The members of the school management committee, Chairman Ashwani Garg, Sarfar Jaimal Singh, Gaurav Garg, Deepi Garg, thanked the parents and appreciated the students for this workshop.

**Seminar organized on Budget**



**JOGINDRAS DEV A RYA BANGANA:** A special seminar was organized under the chairmanship of Profr Sikandar Negi, Head of the Department of Political Science at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government College, Bangana. The forum was conducted by General Secretary Pariksha of Political Science. Topics of special seminar: Budget 2024, What is Budget, Main documents of Indian Budget, How many types of Budget are there, Importance and process of Budget. When does budget making start? But it was. The key speakers of the seminar were BA first year students Vasu Sharma and Nikhil Bagoria. Nikhil and Vasu Sharma told that the form in which a statement of income and expenditure of the government is collected is called budget. The annual financial statement of the estimates of income and expenditure of the previous year is presented in the budget. Article 112 of the Indian Constitution deals with budget making. Five types of budgets are used in India, general budget, performance budget, zero-base budget, outcome budget, and gender budget.

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## Inclement weather continues in J&K with rain and snow

AGENCY SRINAGAR, FEB 19

Most of the higher reaches of Kashmir, including the ski resort of Gulmarg, received fresh snow overnight, while the plains were lashed by rain for the second consecutive day, disrupting normal life on Monday. The snowfall and rain led to the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and the Srinagar-Leh road. Traffic officials said Jammu Srinagar national highway is blocked due to a mudslide at Mehad-Cafeteria, Ramban, and a landslide at Tabela Chamalwass, Banihal. "People are advised to avoid journeys on NH-44 until the weather improves and the road is clear," a spokesman for the traffic police said. The roads connecting Keran and Machil roads in Kupwara



district, Anantnag Sinthan, and Mughal roads were also closed for vehicular traffic due to snowfall on Monday, they said. Meteorological Centre Srinagar said 40 cm of snow were recorded in Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district in the last 24 hours. The resort also received 41.9 mm of rainfall.

It has been snowing at Gulmarg, Gurez, Peer Ki Gali, Shopian, and other

upper reaches of Jammu and Kashmir since morning.

Srinagar and its adjoining areas have received incessant rains since Sunday, resulting in the waterlogging of several low-lying areas and a considerable drop in the daytime temperature. It was continuously raining in Srinagar and its adjoining areas until this report was filed. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar said Srinagar

VIPIN SEHGAL

**GURUGRAM:** National Lok Adalat will be organized on March 9 by the National Legal Services Authority and Haryana State Legal Services Authority for speedy disposal of the cases pending in the court. Litigants can get their cases settled by themselves or

through their advocate for settlement in the above court. More than 30 thousand cases are expected to be resolved in this Lok Adalat. Most of the cases will be of traffic challans which will be settled on the spot with waiver of fine. Lalita Patwardhan, Secretary, District Legal

Services Authority, said that in order to settle the cases pending in the court through mutual cooperation and amicable means, National Lok Adalat is being organized in District Gurugram by the National Legal Services Authority and Haryana State Legal Services Authority on

March. He told that if any case of any person is pending in the court, then he can get it resolved through 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.

## PM to inaugurate, dedicate to nation and lay foundation stone of multiple development projects in J&K today

NEW DELHI, FEB 19

In a significant step towards upgrading and strengthening the civic and urban infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation the new rail line between Banihal-Khari-Sumber-Sangaldan (48 Km worth Rs 15,863 Cr.) and the newly electrified Baramulla-Srinagar-Banihal-Sangaldan section (185.66 Km worth Rs 470.23 Cr.). Prime Minister will also flag off the first Electric Train in the valley and also train service between Sangaldan & Baramulla station (at Srinagar). The commissioning of the Banihal-Khari-Sumber-Sangaldan section is significant as it features the usage of Ballast Less Track (BLT) all along the route providing a better riding experience to the passengers. Also, India's longest



transportation tunnel T-50 (12.77 Km) lies in this portion between Khari-Sumber. The rail projects will improve connectivity, ensure environmental sustainability and boost the overall economic development of the region. USBRL Project, which spans through challenging terrain of Pir Panjal Ranges and it aims to establish an all-weather comfortable, and economically feasible transportation network with rest of the country. Of the total 272-km USBRL Project (with

Rs 41,119 Cr Project Cost), 161 km has already been commissioned so far and 48 km between Banihal-Sangaldan will be commissioned on 20.02.2024. Currently, the diesel run trains operate on Baramulla-Banihal section (138 km) and with the new line becoming operational, commuters can now travel by train from Baramulla to Sangaldan. Railways will script a new history of trains running on clean fuel in the Valley which has 20 stations on this section.

**Karmjeet Kaur brings glory to Indira Gandhi (PG) college by winning national level poster making competition**



**RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL:** Indira Gandhi (PG) Women's College, Kaithal's B.A. Second year student Karmjeet Kaur brought glory to the college by winning the national level poster making competition. Giving more information, Principal Dr. Aarti Garg said that an online national level poster making competition was organized by the women cell of All India Jat Heroes Memorial College, Rohtak. In which I.G. College student Karmjeet Kaur won first place and cash prize in the competition organized on the occasion of Cleanliness Day. Head of the Managing Committee, Shri Ram Bahadur Khurania honored the student by giving her the prize and inspired her to continue winning other such competitions. Principal in-charge of the evening session Shweta Tanwar and women cell in-charge Monica Googiani, Seema Suneja, Radhika and Kusum etc. were present on the occasion.

## SEVA Trust UK (India) organises juice langar on the Prakashotsav

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, FEB 19

On the occasion of 647th holy birth anniversary of Saint Sri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji, Sri Guru Ravidas Nagar Kirtan Welfare Society organised Nagar kirtan at block level and SEVA Trust UK (India) given juices to the sangat in collaboration with its co-sponsor Dabur India Limited . Social worker Dr. Kuldeep Sharma participated as the chief guest in the program organized under the chairmanship of Sant Nirmaldas Ji Kapalmochan, Sant Mandeep Das Ji Sirasgarh. State Coordinator of SEVA Trust UK Pawan Parashar and Society President Gulshan Kumar, Vice President Shamsheer Singh, Cashier Lahari Singh, Secretary Sanjeev Kumar, Media Incharge Purna Singh



and others welcomed. Saint Nirmaldas ji and Saint Mandeep Das ji started the city kirtan with prayers. In the city kirtan, the congregation bowed their heads at Gurbani. Thousands of devotees from different villages participated in city kirtan riding with their tractor and trolleys. The city kirtan passed through flyover, Kwaliti Chowk, Barara village, Maharana Pratap Chowk, Guru Ravidas Chowk, main market and took place in the premises of Shri Guru Ravidas Mandir located in Maujgarh. On the way to

the procession, various social and religious organizations welcomed the procession by opening archways, colorful flags, moonlight and showering flowers. Apart from this, devotees received the blessings of Ravidas ji by distributing refreshments and prasad of tea, milk, bread pakoras, halwa etc. at various places on the road. Provincial Coordinator of Seva Trust UK Pawan Parashar, Block Barada Coordinator Gurdev Singh, Bajinder Kumar, Sahil Gupta, Naveen Gupta and other members were present.

**Farmers of Gurugram will also march to Delhi on Feb 20**



VIPIN SEHGAL

**GURUGRAM:** Now the farmers of Gurugram have also come out in support of the farmers who are agitating for their demands. The farmers who were protesting in Manesar against the land acquisition by the government have also now supported the farmers' movement. The farmers have held a meeting and announced that they will march to the Prime Minister's residence in Delhi on Tuesday. The movement will include those farmers whose lands were acquired by the government and their problems have not been resolved yet. Regarding this issue, farmers organized a meeting under the banner of Southern Haryana Kisan Khap Committee at Manesar Tehsil office. Farmer leader Rohitash Pradhan presided over this meeting. He told in the meeting that the land of the villages around Manesar had been acquired in which the farmers having land of 1810 acres, 1128 acres, 162 acres and 912 acres will now have to organize and fight. The farmers decided that on February 20, all the organizations would gather at the protest site and march towards the Prime Minister's residence in a peaceful foot march.

**Players took part in Gurugram Marathon given reward of Rs 50 thousand**



VIPIN SEHGAL

**GURUGRAM:** More than 500 players from Tau Devi Lal Stadium and Nehru Stadium participated in the promo race on Sunday morning to generate enthusiasm among the general public for the Gurugram Marathon mega event going to be held on 25th February in Gurugram. This 5 kilometer race organized in Gurugram sub-division started from Kanhai Chowk via Wazirabad and ended back at Kanhai Chowk. The promo race was flagged off by Gurugram SDM Ravindra Yadav. During this, Naib Tehsildar of Kadipur Ashish Malik and District Sports Officer Ramniwas were also present. SDM Ravindra Yadav also honored all the 5 runners who won the promo race by presenting them checks of prize money of Rs 10,000 each on behalf of the district administration. In this, the first three runners in the men's category are Birendra, Purushottam and Vineet Kumar and in the women's category, Chanchal and Milan. SDM said that similarly, in the promo race to be organized in all the sub-divisions, the first five winners will be awarded a prize of Rs 50 thousand. During this, SDM Ravindra Yadav, while giving information about the prize money related to the main event, said that in the first category of the event.

## Blood donation camp organized in warm memory of Kaka Navjot Singh Prince

RAKESH JINDAL NABHA, FEB 19

In the memory of Kaka Navjot Singh "Prince" at village Sangatpura (Bhonki) near Nabha, a huge blood donation was made by the team of Civil Hospital Nabha with the support of Manav Seva Uttam Seva Club by Dr. Abendkar Sadbhavana and Vikas Manch. A camp was set up. About 40 people donated blood during the camp. Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Vikas Mittal, Chairman of Manav Seva Uttam Seva, informed the people about the importance of blood donation and not to believe the misconceptions found in this regard. He said that people should regularly donate blood. Blood donation should be done voluntarily and without any financial gain because there is no substitute



for blood donation. He said that innumerable people in our country lose their lives in road accidents and other accidents and fall victim to some terrible diseases, most of them die due to lack of blood in the body. Some of which can be saved by donating blood on time, but this is only possible if people donate their blood voluntarily. Hina Singla said that by donating blood we can serve humanity in true sense. Anyone with age 18 to

65 years, hemoglobin twelve and a half grams and weight more than 45 kg can donate blood. A healthy person can donate blood every three months. He said there are misconceptions that blood By giving, the body loses blood or becomes weak. Whereas the replenishment of donated blood is completed in the body within a week. District Mass Media Officer Karnail Singh Vallo also donated blood in the camp.

## Police busts racket involved in smuggling of drugs

PARAMJIT SINGH

**JALANDHAR:** The Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr. Swapan Sharma has busted a racket involved in smuggling of drugs by arresting a criminal with 200 grams of Heroin. Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that the Police had got a tip off that a gang involved in drug peddling was operative in the city. Subsequently, he said that the Police had laid a trap near T Point Joginder Nagar, Rama Mandi, Jalandhar. Mr. Swapan Sharma said that the Police intercepted a Toyota Innova car with number PB08-ED-0214 approaching from Hoshiarpur side. The Commissioner of Police said that on the search of the vehicle, the Police recovered



200 gram heroin from the car. He said that the Police immediately arrested the driver of the car identified as Rohit Kumar s/o Gulzar Kumar r/o Mohalla Jaswant Nagar Tarntaran. Mr. Swapan Sharma said that a FIR 51 dated 17-02-2024 u/s 21-61-85 NDPS Act has been registered against the accused at PS Rama Mandi Jalandhar. The Commissioner of Police said

that further investigation into the case is going on and details will be shared later. He said that no criminal background of the criminal has been traced so far. Mr. Swapan Sharma reiterated the firm commitment of the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police to wipe out the scourge of drugs from the city adding that no stone is being left unturned for this noble cause.

## Health department continues to honour 'new-born girls'

KULDEEP SOOD

**BARNALA:** Special efforts are being made to improve the sex ratio of girls in the district with the special support of the Health Department, Barnala and District Administration. Dr. gave more information in this regard. Harinder Sharma Civil Surgeon Barnala said that under these efforts under the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' campaign to improve the gender ratio of the district, honoring the girls born at the Civil Hospital Barnala has been started so as to increase the number of girl children in the district, to eliminate the gap between boys and girls. Civil



Surgeon Barnala said that under the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' scheme, a total of 67 newborn girls have been honored at the Civil Hospital Barnala since February 4, 2023, and will continue to be honored. On this occasion, along with the honor of daughters, people were

appealed to be aware under the campaign 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'. Dr. Parvesh Kumar District Family Welfare Af Sar -cum-Nodal Af Sar to promote the birth of girls under the campaign 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' to the common people, make them aware about the safety of girls, make people aware about this scheme and districts. Every citizen of India was urged to be a part of the campaign to improve the gender ratio. Dr. Manohar Lal Assistant Civil Surgeon Barnala said that we should take a pledge to provide equal rights and protection to girls in every field.

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA

**RAMPURA PHUL:** Pre-vocational fair of sixth to eighth class students at Government Girls' Senior Secondary School Rampura Mandi under the pre-vocational education awareness campaign being conducted by the education department to promote vocational education. installed In the fair, students prepared charts, models on various subjects. Giving more information, School Media Coordinator Ranbir Singh said that various activities are being conducted to create enthusiasm among students towards vocational education, under which seminars to inform students about vocational education, already ongoing vocational trade health care and the beauty and wellness labs include basic information and fairs for students. The charts and models of students participating in the fair were judged by school lecturers Meenu Gupta, Narinder Kumar and Neetika Garg. In the fair, the team of Khushdeep Kaur and Harsimrat Kaur got the first place, the team



of Chahat and Tanu got the second place and Simranpreet Kaur got the third place. School Principal Sunil Kumar Gupta distributed the prizes to the winning students and all the participating students were given key rings with logos of the school and pre-vocational. He said that by introducing vocational education in small classes, the confidence of the students can be strengthened. All the activities and the fair were conducted under the supervision of vocational teachers Neeti Srivastava and Sandeep Kumari.

**SGPC Elections: DC holds meeting with officials to get maximum voter registration**



KULDEEP SOOD

**BARNALA:** Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (Board) Elections Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Barnala Poonamdeep Kaur today held a meeting with the district officials regarding maximum voter registration. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner directed the officials to register as many voters as possible. He said that the forms of Sikh Kesdhari eligible voters are to be filled by Kanungo/Patwari/BLOJ for these elections and this work is to be completed by 29 February 2024. In this regard, he instructed to complete the 100% target of making these votes in Barnala district soon. Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) Anupreeta Johal, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Manjit Singh Cheema, Sub - Divisional Magistrate Mahal Kalan Satwant Singh, Tehsildar Barnala Rakesh Kumar, Naib Tehsildar Mahal Kalan Gurbans Singh, Karj Sadhak Af Sar Nagar Council Barnala Vishaldeep, Election Tehsildar Ramji Lal, Election Kanungo Manjit Singh, Patwari, Mall Kanungo, Sector Officer and others were present.



Editorial

Cuts deep

The American filmmaker and composer, Robert Rodriguez, had stated, "When you take technology and mix it with art, you always come up with something innovative." But could deepfake — powered by machine learning and Artificial Intelligence — as art be an exception? Deepfakes of celebrities are going viral. The euphoria regarding the capacious potential of AI is being tempered by ethical concerns. An epistemological shift seems to be lurking in the world of art, culture and communication.

As the new lexicon in the fields of digital art, creativity and culture, deepfake provides ample opportunities for audience engagement. AI-generated synthetic media is catching on in entertainment, film production, and other forms of artistic expression in unprecedented ways. However, the art driven by AI can also be terrifying. The exploitation of deep learning by the new technology is leading to the generation of noxious art forms.

From the ancient cave paintings of Lascaux to the Renaissance masterpieces of the Uffizi, art has constantly mirrored social developments and technological advancements. From the invention of oil painting to the emergence of photography, the fusion of technology with creativity has given rise to groundbreaking artistic movements. Similarly, the intersection of AI and art that is at a transformative moment is offering unprecedented possibilities of creative expression.

Many deepfakes are entertaining; some are even helpful. Deepfake videos can bring galleries and museums to life. The Dali Museum in Florida houses a deepfake of the surrealist painter to present his art to visitors. In the entertainment industry, this technology can be used to improve the dubbing quality of foreign films or, more controversially, resurrect deceased actors. Yet another attribute is AI's potential to democratise the art space. An inclusive art landscape can be created with the help of AI in which anyone with a vision can have the means to be creative. Little wonder then that video artists are using deep fakes to playfully rewrite cinema history by reinterpreting a canonical film.

But the rise of synthetic media is changing our relationship to creative works. In an era dominated by digital advancements, deepfake technology has unveiled a new frontier fraught with ethical, social, and political implications. Deepfakes and hyper-realistic manipulated videos or audio recordings generated by AI algorithms have the potential to alter the world as we know it. This rapidly evolving technology, while harbouring the promise of innovation, also raises profound concerns regarding the erosion of truth, privacy, and trust. Deepfakes have the power to deceive, manipulate, and sow discord. Politicians, celebrities, and ordinary citizens can fall victim to malicious intent.

Taiwan reinstitutes NBC gas chamber training as compulsory military service

In a significant move to bolster Taiwan's military preparedness, a cohort of new conscripts underwent nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) training inside a gas chamber for the first time in over a decade, Focus Taiwan reported.

This development comes in the wake of the recent decision to reinstate Taiwan's compulsory military service to a full year, as opposed to the four-month period implemented in 2013.

The training session, held at Cheng Kung Lin Base in Taichung, aimed to familiarise the soldiers with the proper usage of gas masks. The conscripts were initially instructed on the correct method of wearing their masks before entering the chamber - a confined space resembling a classroom. Military instructors meticulously ensured that each conscript's mask was securely in place, as reported by Focus Taiwan.

Once inside, the conscripts, clad in protective gear, gathered around a burner emitting tear gas. The primary objectives were to instil confidence in the conscripts regarding their NBC protective equipment and to expose them to the effects of tear gas on their skin. Following this experience, a group of volunteers was invited to re-enter the chamber without their masks, providing them with firsthand exposure to tear gas. The volunteers emerged with teary eyes and coughing, promptly instructed to use cool water to alleviate irritation.

The Ministry of National Defense (MND) stated that gas chamber training was a standard practice for all conscripts during boot camp until the compulsory military service period was truncated to four months in 2013. With the recent reinstatement of the one-year military service program starting January 1, 2024, the MND reintroduced the gas chamber drill. The conscripts in Taichung became the first batch in 11 years to undergo this type of training for a year of military service in Taiwan.

The decision to extend compulsory military service to a full year primarily targeted individuals born on or after January 1, 2005. Those born before this date continue to serve a four-month term. The rationale behind this move, as articulated by Taiwan's government, is to enhance the nation's combat readiness in response to perceived threats from China. In addition to the gas chamber training, Taiwan's military has undertaken various measures to modernize and reinforce its capabilities. These include updating training regimens, providing conscripts with new helmets and bulletproof vests, and acquiring new mortars, cannons, and machine guns. The one-year compulsory service will comprise eight weeks of boot camp followed by an assignment with a designated unit in various branches of the armed forces, tailored to each individual's skills.

As of 2021, Taiwan's military predominantly relies on a volunteer force of approximately 215,000 individuals, with conscripts serving in supportive roles, Focus Taiwan reported.



Literature & Health

Researchers find how proteins guide electrons to right place



Researchers at the University of Gothenburg in a recent study explained how energy moves through the cell via minute atomic movements to reach its goal in the protein.

Imitating the structural changes of proteins may result in more effective solar cells in the future. The sun's rays are the basis for all the energy that creates life on Earth. Photosynthesis in plants is a prime example, where solar energy is needed for the plant to grow. Special proteins absorb the sun's rays, and the energy is transported as electrons inside the protein, in a process called charge transfer. In a new study, researchers show how proteins deform to create efficient transport routes for the charges. "We studied a protein, photolyase, in the fruit fly, whose function is to repair damaged DNA. The DNA repair is powered by solar energy, which is transported in the form of electrons along a chain of four tryptophans (amino acids). The interesting discovery is that the surrounding protein structure was reshaped in a very specific way to guide the electrons along the chain," explains Sebastian Westenhoff, Professor of Biophysical Chemistry. The researchers noted how the changes in the structure followed precise timings in line with the transfer of the charge - important knowledge that could be used to design better solar panels, batteries or other applications that require energy transport. "Evolution is nature's material development and it is always the best. What we have done is basic research. The more we understand about what happens when proteins absorb sunlight, the better we can imitate this conversion of solar energy into electricity," says Sebastian Westenhoff.

Tribal violence in Papua New Guinea leaves 64 dead



In what has been described as the biggest tribal clashes in recent history, Papua New Guinea's northern highlands witnessed a devastating episode resulting in at least 64 casualties, Al Jazeera reported citing local reports.

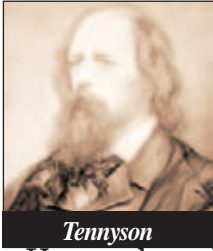
The violence erupted at dawn on Sunday in the Wapenamanda District of Enga Province, involving the Ambulin and Sikin tribes along with their respective allies. The clashes, marked by the use of high-powered firearms such as AK47 and M4 rifles, left a grim trail of 64 bodies strewn across the roadside, grasslands, and hills of Wapenamanda by Monday morning, Al Jazeera reported citing a report from Post-Courier newspaper. George Kakas, a senior officer in the country's police force, expressed the unprecedented scale of the bloodshed, saying, "This is by far the largest [killing] I've seen in Enga, maybe in all of Highlands as well, in Papua New Guinea." The intensity of the conflict surpassed previous clashes involving the same tribes, which resulted in 60 deaths in Enga Province the previous year.

The aftermath has left communities devastated and mentally stressed, with Kakas struggling to comprehend the scale of the tragedy. In the capital, Port Moresby, opponents of Prime Minister James Mara's government urgently called for action, including the swift deployment of additional troops to the afflicted area. They implored the government to investigate the sources of firearms and ammunition contributing to the violence.

POEM

The Kraken

Below the thunders of the upper deep,  
Far, far beneath in the abysmal sea,  
His ancient, dreamless, uninvaded sleep  
The Kraken sleepeth: faintest sunlights flee  
About his shadowy sides; above him swell  
Huge sponges of millennial growth and height;  
And far away into the sickly light,  
From many a wondrous grot and secret cell  
Unnumbered and enormous polypi  
Winnow with giant arms the slumbering green.  
There hath he lain for ages, and will lie  
Battening upon huge sea worms in his sleep,  
Until the latter fire shall heat the deep;  
Then once by man and angels to be seen,  
In roaring he shall rise and on the surface die.



Tennyson

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Plant-based diet linked to better sexual health in males



According to a new study, a diet low in meat and dairy but high in fruits, vegetables, grains, and nuts is associated with lower rates of erectile dysfunction, urinary incontinence, and other frequent side effects in prostate cancer patients.

Led by researchers at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, the analysis of more than 3,500 men with prostate cancer explored whether eating a more plant-based diet was associated with quality-of-life issues that often arise after treatment.

Sorting patients into five groups (quintiles) based on the proportion of plant versus animal foods the men said they eat, the authors found that the quintile that consumed the most plants scored 8% to 11% better in measures of sexual function compared with the group that consumed the least. Similarly, the results revealed up to 14% better scores for urinary health, with fewer instances of incontinence, obstruction, and irritation. The authors further found up to 13% better scores in hormonal health (which assesses symptoms like low energy, depression, and hot flashes) among the highest quintile of plant-based diet compared with the lowest.

"Our findings offer hope for those looking for ways to improve their quality of life after undergoing surgery, radiation, and other common therapies for prostate cancer, which can cause significant side effects," said study lead author and urologist Stacy Loeb, MD. "Adding more fruits and vegetables to their diet, while reducing meat and dairy, is a simple step that patients can take," added Loeb, a professor in the Departments of Urology and Population Health at NYU Langone Health. Prostate cancer is among the most common and deadliest forms of cancer among American men, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Previous research by the same team had already found that eating a plant-based diet may reduce the risk of developing the disease in the first place. Other investigations have connected this diet to a lower risk of sexual dysfunction in general but not specifically for those with prostate cancer, who are at particularly high risk for such issues.



New Delhi to Host 4th edition of India International EV Show

New Delhi- Delhi is poised to host a groundbreaking event in the electric mobility sector with the upcoming 4th India International EV Show 2024 (IIEV Show). From March 15th to 17th, 2024, the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IIOC) in Dwarka, New Delhi, will serve as the venue for this prestigious exhibition. Recognised as India's largest gathering in the electric vehicles industry, the event provides a vital platform for engineers, mechanics, scientists, and decision-makers to come together. The exhibition is organised by Futorex Group along with the Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) as the Industry Association Partner. The event is supported by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA), IPC International Inc & Electric Mobility Financiers Association of India (EMFAI). The India International EV Show stands as the nation's premier platform for the electric vehicle industry, providing a common ground for engineers, mechanics, scientists, and decision-makers to collaborate and drive innovation across the EV and advanced battery sectors. With a keen focus on the latest EV trends and emerging technologies, the show facilitates the exchange of groundbreaking ideas. It fosters discussions on critical topics such as battery technologies, energy storage solutions, and charging infrastructure development.

Winners of Amazon's Propel Startup Accelerator Season 3

LUDHIANA/JALANDHAR/AMRITSAR: Amazon India today announced Mirana Toys, Avimee Herbal and Perfora as winners of the Amazon Global Selling Propel Startup Accelerator (Propel Accelerator) Season 3. The winners cumulatively got ₹100K in grant from Amazon. Mirana Toys, combines digital and physical play through app-controlled augmented reality games and offers a range of innovative smart toys. Avimee Herbal, founded by 85-year-old Ruchi Krishna Choudhary, aka Naniji, is a hair care solution brand rooted in Ayurveda, offering effective, century-old remedies for everyday hair concerns. Perfora focuses on elevating everyday oral care with clean ingredients and good design. It is India's first made-safe certified oral health brand and a member of the "1% for the planet" community. Bhupen Wakankar, Director Global Trade at Amazon India said - "I would like to congratulate all the winners and the finalists from Propel Accelerator Season 3. It's heartening to see such innovative brands, innovation and the ambition of building global brands from startups in different parts of the country."

Malabar Gold & Diamonds Secures 19th Position in Deloitte's Global Luxury Ranking; Tops the List in India

Mumbai- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the leading jewellery retailers, secures the 19th position in Deloitte's Global Powers of Luxury Goods 2023 ranking. The brand has also secured the top spot in India, reaffirming its dominance in the country's luxury market. The Deloitte Global Powers of Luxury Goods ranking list is compiled by assessing the global sales and brand value of jewellery, apparel, watches, and beauty products. Malabar Gold & Diamonds' exceptional performance in global sales and brand value has propelled it into this distinguished list, marking a significant milestone for the brand. Deloitte's report highlights the dynamic changes in India's jewellery retailing sector, the world's second-largest market, where Malabar Gold & Diamonds has emerged as a front runner. Celebrating thirty years of excellence, the brand boasts an extensive collection of both contemporary and traditional jewellery styles. Its commitment to reliability and authenticity has earned Malabar Gold & Diamonds a coveted position as a consumer favourite. M. P. Ahmed, Chairman, of Malabar Group, expressed his gratitude, stating, "We are honoured to be recognised on the global stage by Deloitte. This achievement is a testament to our unwavering commitment to quality, transparency, and customer satisfaction."

Samsung Announces Exciting Cashback Offer on Galaxy A34 5G

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest electronics brand, today announced an exciting cashback offer on Galaxy A34 5G smartphone. Galaxy A34 5G offers a premium experience with Samsung's signature Galaxy design and flagship features like Nightography, which help consumers shoot sharper images and videos in low light conditions. With best-in-class IP67 rating, Gorilla Glass 5 protection, 4 Android OS upgrades, and 5 security updates, Galaxy A34 5G is designed to provide a worry-free user experience. As a special offer, consumers can now purchase Galaxy A34 5G with an instant discount of INR 3000. Originally priced starting INR 27499 for the 8GB + 128 GB variant, consumers can now own Galaxy A34 5G at just INR 24499 and the 8GB + 256GB variant at just INR 26499. Galaxy A34 5G features a floating camera setup as well as a metal camera deco which matches the device's colour. It is available in four trendy colours - Violet, Lime, Silver and Graphite. Built to last, Galaxy A34 5G has spill and splash resistance with an IP67 rating, meaning, it can withstand 1 meter of fresh water for up to 30 minutes.

See How Amazon Delivers Customer Orders at 4,500 feet above sea level in Indian Himalayas

Shimla : Situated in the upper Himalayas, nestled at 4500 feet above sea level, Maharishi Ashram in Gajoli is a serene haven for close to 60 meditation practitioners in India. It's an ashram where people come from around the world to practice meditation and find inner peace. The ashram is isolated and disconnected from the rest of the world to ensure no distraction from the external world. While this is a conducive environment for the practitioners, the location makes it extremely challenging for them to access daily essentials. Coming down to the closest town includes a 30-40 minute trek through hilly terrain to the nearest village Gajoli, and then a local public transport to nearest town Uttarkashi. This journey is not only difficult but also time-consuming, as there are no shops or delivery options in and around the Ashram area. Things changed in 2020, when Amazon.in became the first and only e-commerce company to deliver to Maharishi Ashram in Gajoli village. It opened a world of possibilities where practitioners could order things from any part of India, and they were delivered to them right at their doorsteps. Amazon launched its operations in the region with a Delivery Service Partner station in March 2019, catering to the population in and around Uttarkashi. Identifying a specific need for the Maharishi Ashram in Gajoli, the station started delivering to the ashram in early 2020.

UT boys ended their Ranji's campaign with draw

Chandigarh, The Ranji Trophy match being played between Karnataka and Chandigarh ended in a draw at Hubli on Monday. After bowling out Chandigarh for 267 runs, Karnataka declared its innings at 563 runs at the loss of five wickets and took a handsome 296 runs lead. Chandigarh, while resuming its overnight score of 61/0, lost settled batters – Shivam Bhambhani 33, Arslan Khan 63, Manan Vohra 23 and Kunal Mahajan in quick succession before 274 on the board as the team found themselves in trouble in an inning defeat. Later, patience of Ankit Kaushik (15 56) failed, followed by treated batters – Mayank Sidhu 56 and Karan Kalia 25 forced visitors to settle for a draw as the scoreboard reads 236/5 at the end of the day.

What you need to know about fenugreek leaves benefits



Fenugreek leaves are the most commonly used ingredients in an Indian kitchen. Don't believe it? Just think about last week when you had it in either your parantha or your sabji. But did you know that having fenugreek leaves in your diet can improve your health? They even have ample benefits for your hair and skin! Here's all you need to know about fenugreek leaves benefits, whether it is your diet or your beauty regime.

Helps in Dieting

Fenugreek leaves are low in

calorie but high in soluble fibre. This makes it ideal for those on a diet or those watching their calorie intake as these leaves tend to give one a feeling of fullness for a longer period of time. Along with feeling satiated, you can even reduce your heartburn symptoms. In one study, the effects of Fenugreek matched those of antacid medications. Hence overall, Fenugreek will help you have a healthier and happier digestive system!

Strong Antioxidant

We all know that our body

loves foods that have an abundant source of antioxidants! Fenugreek leaves are enriched with Vitamin C, Vitamin A, and Beta Carotene. This power combo helps you by building your bodies' immune system which then helps you fight some of the common illnesses. Also, antioxidant properties help maintain your skin's radiance and youth.

Fight Cholesterol and Diabetes

These leaves are helpful in aiding metabolic conditions, for instance, Diabetes. In one study

of people suffering from Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, Fenugreek leaves were helpful in reducing their cholesterol levels. In fact, even people who don't have diabetes can experience lower sugar levels, hours after eating Fenugreek leaves. This is because these leaves help your body by increasing the body's carb tolerance and improving its insulin function.

Reduce Blemishes On The Skin

Don't you just hate it when acne pops up and then leaves its mark on your face? But here is something that can help you overcome this dilemma. Fenugreek leaves can help reduce blemishes and tough marks that are hard to get rid of. All you need to do is apply a mixture of some ground fenugreek seed powder and water on the affected area, leave it for fifteen minutes and then wipe it off. Watch your skin get better with each application!

Get Long and Healthy Hair

Let's get you to be the envy of everyone around. Embedded in ayurvedic recipes for long lustrous hair, fenugreek leaves are excellent for the health of your scalp and your hair. With regular use, one can start noticing thicker and fuller hair. You can apply thick fenugreek paste on your scalp and leave it there for forty minutes. Wash it off with cold water. If you love oiling, then you can heat fenugreek seeds.

In its latest ad film, Mortein expresses gratitude to unsung heroes of our communities



Amritsar / Jalandhar: Mortein, one of the world's leading brands in pest control, has released an ad film under its ongoing campaign, #MorteinKiRakshaJyoti, expressing gratitude to the caregivers of the society. The film encourages people to recognize the selfless work of the community workers, who are working round the clock and extend the "Raksha Jyoti" to them and safeguard them from mosquito-borne

diseases. To stay protected from disease-carrying mosquitoes, every family relies on various pest control solutions, however, the individuals who tirelessly ensure the safety of the entire society are often exposed to diseases such as dengue, malaria and chikungunya. With this campaign film, Mortein emphasizes the importance of taking care of those who care for society, providing them with the shield of Mortein's protection.

BMW presents second edition of JOYTOWN in Mumbai

Chandigarh : BMW Group India presents the second edition of its music and driving festival – JOYTOWN. The two-day immersive brand experience will enthrall brand fans and enthusiasts in Mumbai on 12-13 April 2024 at Mahalaxmi 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 spe-

cially 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.

17 students of Aakash BYJU'S from Ludhiana achieve 99 percentile

Ludhiana, February 19:- Aakash BYJU'S is proud to announce the remarkable achievement of 17 of its students from Ludhiana who have scored above 99 percentile in the first session of the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main 2024. While 36 students secured 95 percentile and above, 33 students secured more than 90 percentile. The notable achievers are Agrim Bhanot who secured 99.91 percentile, Keshav Dharni 99.88, Dhruv Aggarwal 99.82, Aditya Kalra 99.82, Akunth Jain 99.81, Chunit Bansal 99.73 and Brahmasées Singh Makkar 99.73 amongst others. Navya Mittal secured a perfect 100 in Physics and Brahmasées Singh Makkar in Chemistry. The top percentiles of the students showcase their unwavering commitment and academic excellence in one of India's most competitive exams.

Airtel strengthens its retail footprint in Ludhiana



Ludhiana: Bharti Airtel, one of India's leading telecommunications service providers, today, announced that it has launched four new, next-gen Company owned stores in the city of Ludhiana. The new stores that have come up in Shimlapuri Road, Haibowal, Kakawal Road and Salem Tabri Chowk will strengthen Airtel's retail presence and will offer unparalleled service experience to customers. The

stores will also showcase Airtel's cutting-edge technologies across its portfolio.

Designed around the theme of creating excellence and winning customers for life, these neighborhood stores will display the entire range of Airtel's offerings including Xstream, Xsafe, 5G Plus etc. With a vision to deliver unparalleled service experience, the store staff, referred to as 'Airtel Friends' are trained to address and

resolve customer queries across all of Airtel's portfolio including mobile, broadband and DTH.

Commenting on the expansion, Pushpinder Singh Gajural- CEO, Upper North, Bharti Airtel, "Customer obsession continues to be the core tenet driving us at Airtel as we embark on a massive retail expansion in the state of Punjab. As a one-stop-shop for all customer needs, these neighborhood stores will offer an exhaustive range of services including mobile, broadband, DTH, etc. The state of Punjab continues to be a big focus market for us and we will continue to invest in this market." Airtel has been ramping up its offline presence over the past couple of years, fortifying its retail presence in the country. The Company currently has 1500 stores nationally.

Mount Carmel Carnival -2024 bustled with zealous gathering



Chandigarh: Under the auspices of the Founders and Directors of Mount Carmel Schools, Dr. Earnest Charles J. Samuel and Dr. Annie Charles Samuel along with the Principal Dr. Parveena John Singh, the two days of Winter Carnival 'MCC-2024' attracted large crowd this year too. The Mount Carmelites and residents of the Tricity gathered with all zest and joy to enjoy the revelry at Mount Carmel School, Sector 47, Chandigarh.

The Carnival which had a great deal to offer was a crowd

puller on both days i.e. 2nd and 3rd of February 2024. Students gathered in large numbers enthusiastically to decorate and gear up to manage their stalls.

The array of edible eats, exhilarating rides and exciting games allured the old and young alike. The stage was fully occupied with dance and singing performances besides students from different Schools from the Tri-city participated in number of competitions i.e. Inter School Rock Band Competition, Inter School Solo Mime Competition, Inter School Folk Dance

Competition, etc.

The MCC Fashion Show for Mr. & Miss 'MCC 2024' - a contest for the students of class X of the School grabbed eyeballs, while the raffle draw with its attractive prizes kept the crowd captivated till the day was over. The jubilation of the lively crowd made the Winter Carnival a memorable one.

The Chief Guest Colonel Deepak De, Sena Medal inaugurated the Fete and the Guest of Honour was Mr. Lalit Behal ( District Governor of Lion's Club) The closing ceremony was presided over by Mr. Pawan Kumar Bansal ( Former Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs & Water Resources, Government of India) as the Chief Guest. The other dignitaries who graced the carnival were Dr. Earnest Charles J. Samuel and Dr. Annie Charles Samuel (Founders and Directors of Mount Carmel Schools), Mr. Professor Emanuel Nahar ( Former Chairman of Punjab State Commission for Minorities).

Varthana Makes Affordable Schools a Reality in Punjab & Haryana

Chandigarh: In an era where education has become a lucrative industry, there are still a handful of schools that use their positive influence to improve the lives of their students and pave the way for a better future for them. While the rich have an abundance of educational choices, the situation is starkly different for the middle-class and lower-income groups. For children from these groups of population, education is the sole gateway to a better future. Students hailing from a financially stable environment enjoy the choice of a wide array of schooling options, including

international institutions. However, this landscape does not mirror the entirety of society in India. There are a large number of poor and middle-class people in India who rely entirely on government schools and affordable private schools. Though these schools have been established with the aim of bringing seminal changes in the lives of students from middle- and lower-income groups, these schools face numerous challenges. Owners face financial constraints, staffing shortages, gender-based reluctance towards education, teaching quality concerns, student

Sonalika displayed its newly launched tractors at Krishi Darshan Expo Hisar 2024

Hisar, Sonalika Tractors has showcased 6 heavy duty tractors and 2 advanced implements developed especially for Haryana farmers. Leading the grand show is the launch of 3 heavy duty tractors- Sonalika Sikander DLX DI 750 Power Plus, Sonalika Sikander DLX DI 55 III and Sonalika Tiger DI 65 CRDS 4WD. Alongside, the company has also displayed its powerful tractors that includes Sonalika Tiger DI 745 16+4,

Sonalika Sikander DLX DI 55 CRDS 4WD and Sonalika Sikander DLX DI 60 Torque Plus 12+12. The company has also showcased a revolutionary range of implements such as Challenger HD Rotavator and Challenger Alpha Rotavator. With this, Sonalika has unfolded its unique approach to make their farming easy for Haryana farmers as well as increase their income significantly. According to Vivek Goyal, President

and Chief- Sales & Marketing, Sonalika Tractors, said, "Krishi Darshan Expo Hisar is an ideal platform in Haryana to launch our new and advanced tractors which we have fully customised for state farmers as per their regional needs. Kuldeep Singh, VP & Divisional Business Head said "Krishi Darshan event attracts hundreds of people from the state and therefore an exciting opportunity for us to display our new age farm technologies.

dropouts to enter the labour market, technological limitations, and inadequate infrastructure. The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic only added to these struggles. While the government has initiated various programmes to aid such schools, the rollout has often proved sluggish, leaving school owners seeking alternative solutions. Enter Varthana, a non-banking financial company (NBFC), which specialises in extending loans to private affordable schools for the development of infrastructure and other amenities. Its client base resides across all regions of India.

We have best team in the Pro Kabaddi League - Rambir Singh Khokhar

PANCHKULA: The Dabang Delhi K.C. continued their brilliant form as they finished the Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 league stage on a high with a 46-38 victory over Bengaluru Bulls on



Sunday. Speaking about the match, Dabang Delhi K.C.'s Head Coach Rambir Singh Khokhar said, "We started the match very well. We made a few small mistakes, but Ashu picked up the required points for us. We tried a

few new players against Bengaluru Bulls and they played well. Meanwhile, Dabang Delhi K.C. Captain Ashu Malik expressed, "It was great to win our last league stage match. Now, we'll start practising very hard for the Playoffs. We'll take a day off and then jump straight into our training sessions. Furthermore, the Dabang Delhi K.C.'s Head Coach Rambir Singh Khokhar expressed that they have the best side in the tournament. "We've played many close games this season. Most of our encounters have been neck-to-neck. We are ready to take on any team in the Playoffs. I feel we have the best team in the league. Hopefully, we will go on to lift the trophy.

Dev Samaj College of Education holds Sports Day



Chandigarh: Dev Samaj College of Education (DSC), Sector 36-B, Chandigarh, celebrated its 38th Annual Sports Day. The event began with flag hoisting by Dr. Agnese Dhillon, Secretary, College Management, Dev Samaj College of Education. The programme was followed by a march past by the students of B. Ed., M. Ed., and P.G. Diploma in Guidance and Counselling, P.G. Diploma in Child Guidance and Family Counselling of the college, after which an oath-taking ceremony by students pledging to uphold the spirit of sportsmanship took place.

A demonstration of various sports by the students was witnessed. Track and field events like 100 metre race, 50 metre race, relay race and shot put were held. Interesting games like tug of war, lemon spoon race, sack race, chatti race, slow cycling, and many more were also showcased. Ms. Mandeep, a student of B.Ed., was conferred with the 'Athlete of the Year' award. Seema and Vanshika, students of M.Ed., were awarded with the title of Best Sports Person of the Year' for representing the college at the All India Inter-University and National levels.

Sarveshwar Foods Ltd. Reports Stellar Earnings for Q3FY24

CHANDIGARH: Sarveshwar Foods Limited (BSE: 543688, NSE: SARVESHWAR), a leader in the business of manufacturing, trading, processing, and marketing of branded and unbranded basmati and non-basmati rice, has announced stellar earnings for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2023. For the quarter

ended 31 December 2023 (Cons), the company reported a 25% growth YoY in its revenue from operations, rising from Rs. 183.91 Crores (Q3FY23) to Rs. 229.38 Crores (Q3FY24). The EBITDA\* grew 97% YoY, from Rs. 8.93 Crores (Q3FY23) to Rs. 17.55 Crores (Q3FY24). PAT jumped 187% YoY to Rs. 4.93 Crores. (\*EBITDA Includes Other Income) For the nine months ended 31

December 2023 (Cons), the company reported a 25% growth YoY in its revenue from operations, rising from Rs. 559.52 Crores (9MFY23) to Rs. 622.27 Crores (9MFY24). The EBITDA\* grew 63% YoY, from Rs. 28.35 Crores (9MFY23) to Rs. 46.13 Crores (9MFY24). PAT jumped 113% YoY to Rs. 12.76 Crores. (\*EBITDA Includes Other Income)

Plaksha University launches Indorama Ventures Center for Clean Energy

MOHALI: Plaksha University announced the launch of Indorama Ventures Center for Clean Energy. This is one of the first research centers at Plaksha University with an objective to lead a clean energy transition through education and research. The mission of the Indorama Ventures Center for Clean Energy is to support India's transition to a net zero-carbon, self-reliant and energy-secure future. The center is focused on contributing to the global effort in reducing carbon emissions through research, industry and government partnerships, and public awareness campaigns on clean energy. Currently,

the center is focused on three key research areas: Smart Homes, District Cooling with thermal storage, and Mitigation of Urban Heat



Island (UHI). Speaking about the launch, Prof. Rudra Pratap, Founding Vice Chancellor, Plaksha University,

said that at Plaksha, we have committed ourselves to carrying out research that is focused on solving the grand challenges of society. The Indorama Ventures Center for Clean Energy focuses on enhancing energy efficiency, decarbonization of the energy sector, and innovations for efficient usage of renewable energies. At Plaksha, we want to make a tangible impact on human and planetary health. For research to impact society, industry needs to be associated with it. The Indorama Ventures Center for Clean Energy works with several industry houses in its pursuit of implementing energy solutions in society.

See How Amazon Delivers Customer Orders at 4,500 feet above sea level in Indian Himalayas

Gurugram/ Faridabad: Situated in the upper Himalayas, nestled at 4500 feet above sea level, Maharishi Ashram in Gajoli is a serene haven for close to 60 meditation practitioners in India. It's an ashram where people come from around the world to practice meditation and find inner peace. The ashram is isolated and disconnected from the rest of the world to ensure no distraction from the external world. While this is a conducive environment for the prac-

tioners, the location makes it extremely challenging for them to access daily essentials. This journey is not only difficult but also time-consuming, as there are no shops or delivery options in and around the Ashram area. Things changed in 2020, when Amazon.in became the first and only e-commerce company to deliver to Maharishi Ashram in Gajoli village. It opened a world of possibilities where practitioners could order things from any part of India, and they were delivered to

them right at their doorsteps. Amazon launched its operations in the region with a Delivery Service Partner station in March 2019, catering to the population in and around Uttarkashi. Identifying a specific need for the Maharishi Ashram in Gajoli, the station started delivering to the ashram in early 2020. More than 4 years of being the only e-commerce company delivering in Maharishi Ashram is a testament to Amazon's customer obsession in India.

SOCIAL introduces a New Irresistible Menu in collaboration with Nestle!

CHANDIGARH: Embracing the plant-based protein menu isn't just about following a trend; it's about embarking on a culinary adventure that tantalizes the taste buds while championing sustainability and health. MAGGI Professional's innovative plant-based offerings promise an exciting exploration of flavours and textures that redefine traditional dining experiences! From the delectable Sensational Seekh #NotGuilty, where every bite is a guilt-free indulgence, to the Fiery Chilli #NotChicken that packs a plant-powered punch, and the hearty Garden Club Sandwich bursting with fresh, vibrant veggies—each dish invites diners to savour the goodness of nature in every bite. This menu isn't just a meal; it's a celebration of creativity and conscious consumption, inviting our audience to indulge in flavourful delights while making a positive impact on the planet.

Sleepwell unveils 2024 Line-Up Celebrating Poetry and Music

CHANDIGARH: Teamwork Arts, in partnership with Sleepwell, India's foremost and most esteemed mattress brand, and supported by Rangla Punjab, is pleased to announce the commencement of the second edition of Sleepwell presents the Sacred Amritsar. This distinguished festival celebrates mystic-poets and their enduring verse. Scheduled to take place from the 23rd to the 25th of February 2024 in Amritsar, the festival promises a diverse array of offerings. It serves as a testament to the tranquil essence of sukoon, evoked through poetry, art, music, and the rejuvenating embrace of a restful night's sleep. Namita Gautam, Director - Managing Trustee, Sleepwell Foundation, expressed that Sleepwell is delighted to associate with Teamwork Arts for the second edition of The Sacred Amritsar 2024. This distinctive collaboration, themed around 'Sukoon', underscores a shared belief of the significant impact that both sleep and the performing arts can have on our lives. Much like a beautifully composed poem, our partnership is a harmonious blend of experiences, effortlessly merging the restorative power of sleep with the captivating tunes of music and the emotionally stirring verses of poetry. We welcome everyone to join us in The Sacred, where serenity, creativity, and revitalization elegantly come together.

Samsung Announces Pre-book for Galaxy Book4 Series



CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today opened pre-booking for Galaxy Book4 series, the most intelligent PC lineup with Galaxy Book4 Pro 360, Galaxy Book4 Pro and Galaxy Book4 360. Galaxy Book4 series comes with a new intelligent processor, a more vivid and interactive display and a robust security system—beginning a new era of AI PCs that offer ultimate productivity, mobility and connectivity. These enhancements not only improve the device but also elevate the entire Samsung Galaxy ecosystem, advancing the PC category and accelerating Samsung's vision of AI innovation — for today and tomorrow.



Seminar on opportunities in Banking Sector organized



**SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR:** A seminar on "Opportunities in Banking Sector" was organized today by the Career Counseling and Placement Cell at Government Arya College, Noorpur. Its speaker Mr. Kewal Singh talked about the various opportunities available in the banking sector. Mr. Singh told the students how one can come into the banking sector and become a successful banker. With his immense knowledge, he made the students aware of the process of getting into the banking sector. The students not only learned about banking opportunities but also gained the knowledge that they will be in a position to guide others about the same. Around 120 students participated in the seminar and contributed to the successful completion of the programme.

Movement of big vehicles from Chakki bridge will start in month of March: SDM



**SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR:** SDM Gursimr Singh has informed that the movement of large vehicles will start smoothly from the month of March on the ambitious Chakki bridge connecting the Punjab-Himachal border. He said that to protect the pillars of the bridge damaged due to heavy rains, retaining wall is being installed by the National Highway Authority of India, the construction work of which is going on war footing and all this work will be completed by March 20. He said that after the completion of the construction work, the movement of big vehicles on this bridge will be started normally. He has appealed to all people for cooperation.

Patients being treated with Panchakarma method in District Ayurvedic Hospital: Dr. Jyoti Kanwar

**KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA:** Hundreds of patients are being treated with the Panchakarma method in Una equipped with all facilities and the patients are enjoying the benefits of their health. He told that in District Ayurvedic Hospital Una, hundreds of patients are being treated successfully with Panchakarma, Ksharsutra, Cupping and Marma therapy, Homeopathy etc. He told that Panchakarma. Patients are being treated with procedures like Shirodhara, Snehana, Swedan, Akshiptarpan. From time to time, multipurpose free camps are being organized by AYUSH department in remote areas of Una.

Labour Department launches registration facility for unorganized sector workers: DC

**RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL:** DC Prashant Panwar said that the new initiative e-Shram Portal launched by the Ministry of Labor and Employment for the welfare of unorganized sector workers is being implemented strongly in Haryana. Under this, the Labor Department has restarted the registration of workers in the unorganized sector. He said that Haryana Labor Department is committed to the welfare of workers. The unorganized sector includes agriculture, labourers, street vendors, domestic workers and construction workers etc. This digital platform has been created to connect unorganized workers with welfare schemes. Giving information, DC Prashant Panwar said that e-Shram portal is not just a digital platform, but it is an initiative to bring comprehensive improvement in the living standards of unorganized workers. Right now unorganized workers have to face a lot of problems, so they are being connected through registration on the e-Shram portal so that they can take advantage of the schemes offered by the government. He called upon all the unorganized workers to ensure that they get themselves registered on the e-Shram portal as soon as possible. A massive campaign is being run by the Labor Department for the registration of unorganized workers on the e-Shram portal in all the districts of Haryana, through which every registered worker will be given a 12 digit Universal Account Number (UAN) which will be valid for the entire lifetime of the worker.



16th Annual Athletic meet organized at SSD College left lasting memories



**KARNPREET KARAN BARNALA:** The 16th Annual Athletic Meet was conducted at SSD College Barnala, a renowned institution of the area. In which like every time different contestants participated. The chief guest Dr. Rakesh Jindal, the principal of the college, arrived at the athletic meet. Sukhpal Sharma Chairman Punjab State Farmers and Farm Workers Commission Punjab, SD Sabha Raji Barnala Chairman Mr. Shivrashan Kumar Sharma, General Secretary Mr. Shiv Singla, Bittu Dewana, Jatinder Jimmy, Vakil Chetan Sharma and other distinguished gentlemen welcomed. The athletic meet was inaugurated by Dr.Sukhpal Sharma.Flag hoisting ceremony was performed by Chairman Shri Shiv Darshan Kumar Sharma, Balloon ceremony was performed by Shri Shiv Singla.Shivrashan Kumar Sharma (Senior Advocate) Chairman of SD Sabha Raji Barnala. Said that SD Sabha College has various sports grounds for students. In which the students have won cricket, football, kho-kho, hockey. On this occasion, they won Junior World Kick Boxing twice. Inderbir Singh Brar was honored.

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SSS-NIBE organises 5-day national hands-on training program



**BUREAU KAPURTHALA, FEB 19**

Sardar Swaran Singh National Institute of Bio-Energy (SSS-NIBE), Kapurthala organized a five days national hands-on training program on 'Biogas Technology and its Implementation' from 19 to 23Feb 2024. The event was inaugurated by Dr. G. Sridhar, Director General, SSS-NIBE, and Chief Guest Dr. AR Shukla (virtually), President, IBA, with the prayer of Maa Saraswati. On this occasion, Dr. G. Sridhar, Director General of SardarSwarn Singh National Bioenergy Institute, welcomed the guests and stated that this training program is being organized with the cooperation of the Indian Biogas Association. It will include lectures by experts on all aspects related to biogas technology for all participants, along with field visits. He mentioned that this training

program will benefit the country significantly.

Dr. Sridhar shed light on the role of biogas in the Indian Renewable Energy scenario with specific focus on its application as a cooking fuel across Indian households. He emphasized technical barriers such as collection, transportation, and storage of biomass, economic viability, etc. The surplus biomass has the potential to produce electricity, transportation fuel, and cooking and heating fuel.

Dr. Shuklaemphasized on fulfilment of the energy demand of the Indian population, the strategy must focus on basic seven goals which are cost minimization, efficiency maximization, employment generation, system reliability, minimization of petroleum products, maximization use of local resources, and minimization of emissions.The program coordinator Dr. Sachin Kumar, Deputy Director, SSS-

NIBE,introduced the event and elaborated on the objectives of the event. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Sanjeev Mishra, Scientists-D, SSS-NIBE. The certificates will be distributed to all the participants on successful completion of this five days national hands-on training program. All the participants trained during the program are expected to disseminate their knowledge among their working group and implement energy security.

South-Asia Architectures of Transition-platform for dialogue among practitioners

**CHANDIGARH:** With a focus on South Asia, Architectures of Transition is a project initiated by the Graduate School of Design, Lakshmi Mital and family South Asia Institute, the South Asia GSD Student Group and supported by Architecture Foundation, India. It comprises a lecture series, a conference, a

travelling exhibition and a book documenting the research and conversations that emerge during the course of the larger project. This publication is based on a lecture series that ran from March 2022 to March 2023 and served as a platform for discussion among of the young practices included in this book. This publication aims to



capture the current pulse of the region, offering a platform for dialogue among practitioners and exploring the pluralism of modes of practice. As a catalogue, captures the work of 41 Practitioners from the region, representing a comprehensive survey of the South Asian architectural landscape.

Kanwar Pal hears public problems in Janata Darbar

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, FEB 19**

Haryana's School Education and Tourism Minister Kanwar Pal listened to public problems in the Janata Darbar at his Jagadhri residence. While addressing the people from all over the district at his residence, said that it has been more than 76 years since India got independence. Before the BJP rule in the country, the political activities of the country were limited only to familyism and the political parties used the monarchy only for their personal and selfish interests and this was the reason why today the Congress was moving towards its demise due to the Congress leaders putting forward their selfish interests. He said that the momentum that India has achieved in the last 10 years and the courage to achieve historic goals was unprecedented in itself. The heights that the country and



Haryana state have achieved today in every field, the pace of development has connected every person with the big resolve of a developed India. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has started the NDA 400 cross mission from the soil of Haryana and the Haryana government has entered the electoral fray with the aim of winning all the 10 seats of the state in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The School Education Minister was listening to the problems of the citizens who came to the

Janata Darbar at his Jagadhri residence on Monday. During this time he solved most of the problems on the spot. Regarding some complaints, instructions were given over phone to the officials of the concerned department. On this occasion, Jagadhri BJP Mandal President Vipul Garg, BJP Yuva Morcha Vice President Nischal Chaudhary, District Media Head Kapil Manish Garg, Yuva Morcha Mandal President Rahul Garhi and Piyush Gogiann were present.

Chandigarh people will soon get justice from Supreme Court: Dr. Ahluwalia

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH:** Supreme Court today took strong note of the irregularities in the mayoral elections held on January 30. Today's developments have exposed the BJP, which was involved in the rigging. When the Supreme Court asked Anil Masih about cancelling the ballot papers by using a pen, Anil Masih admitted that he had marked 8 ballot papers, commenting on which the Supreme Court said that the work you have done by sitting on the chair of the presiding officer during the mayor elections is not acceptable for which you should be prosecuted. On this occasion, Chairman Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board and co-incharge AAP Chandigarh Dr. S.S. Ahluwalia said that the way the Supreme Court has once again made a strong comment regarding the murder of democracy by Anil Masih in the Chandigarh Mayor elections, it has become clear that the people of Chandigarh will soon get justice from the Supreme Court. He said that the Supreme Court has said that there will be no re-polling for the post of Mayor of Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, the mayor will be declared by ignoring the marks made by Anil Masih with a pen on the votes cast on January 30 and by recounting votes.



Free medical camp organised at Nirmal Hospital

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI:** A free medical camp focusing on diabetes, asthma, and high blood pressure was recently organized at Nirmal Hospital under the guidance of Dr. Nirmal Singh, with the generous support of Mr. Deepak Bhatia from Cipla company. This initiative aimed to provide essential healthcare services to the community, especially those who may not have regular access to medical facilities. Patients had the opportunity to receive comprehensive screenings, consultations, and treatment from specialized doctors and healthcare professionals. The



camp not only addressed immediate health concerns but also emphasized the importance of preventive care and lifestyle modifications in managing chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma, and hypertension. Through educational sessions and awareness campaigns, attendees were empowered with knowledge about

disease management, healthy living practices, and the significance of regular health check-ups. Such collaborative efforts between healthcare providers and corporate sponsors play a crucial role in promoting public health and ensuring equitable access to medical services for all members of the community. The success of this medical camp reflects the commitment of both Dr. Nirmal Singh and Mr. Deepak Bhatia, along with their respective teams, towards improving healthcare outcomes and making a positive impact on the well-being of individuals and families.

CM should resign over poor law and order situation: Tarlochan Singh

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**

**KARNAL:** Karnal Congress District Convener Tarlochan Singh said that CM City has become a crime city. Yesterday, thieves broke into the ATM of a bank 50 metres away from the Civil Lines police station and stole lakhs of rupees. The residences of Karnal DC and Superintendent of Police are on this Mall Road and this road leads to the CM residence in Ramnagar. Thieves committed the crime on VIP Road. On Monday, a person was murdered near Namaste Chowk. In the last four and a half years, incidents of robbery, theft, dacoity, fraud and atrocities on women have increased in the Chief Minister's assembly constituency. Recently, Congress had worked to wake up the government and the Karnal police administration by protesting that there is a lot of thefts and the government is sleeping. It is regrettable that the government did not take any concrete steps to check the crimes. This clearly shows that the CM does not care about the people of Karnal. An atmosphere of panic has arisen among the people of Karnal city. In such a situation, the CM should resign from his post, taking responsibility for the paralyzed law and order situation. He demands from the government that the number of policemen in Karnal should be increased.



MLA Katarian listens to problems of people during AAP camp



**JATINDRA PAL SINGH KALER BALACHAUR:** Chief Minister Punjab The Punjab government led by Bhagwant Singh Maan is committed to provide maximum facilities to the people and these facilities are being provided to the people in their villages so that the hardships of the people can be reduced. For which the Punjab government is setting up people convenience camps in different villages and wards and the benefits of these camps are being given directly to the people. Constituency MLA Santosh Kataria made this statement today while visiting the camp set up in Adoana village. On this occasion, he said that under the campaign "Aap di Sarkar Aap de Duar" launched by the Punjab government, daily in different places in the district. Facilities are being provided by setting up camps. He urged the constituency residents to take maximum advantage of these camps. He also listened to the problems of the people on this occasion and solved them. The MLA said that Revenue Department, Seva Kendra, Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities, Social Security and Women and Child Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Health, Water Supply and Sanitation, PSPCL, Various departments including rural development and panchayats, police.

District Administrations gears up for free and fair elections



**PARI BAJAJ KARNAL:** The district administration has started gearing up to conduct the elections in a free and fair manner. Hence, the deputy commissioner, Anish Yadav held a meeting with DIO and other concerned officials and gave necessary instructions on Monday. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the DIO that in view of the elections, the details of all the officers and employees of the Government of India and the State Government working in the district should be made available in detail. Instructions were also given to give information about which officers and employees were to be exempted from duty as per the instructions of the Election Commission. He said that hundreds of employees were working in the central government offices in Karnal. A certificate should be obtained from the head of the concerned department regarding whether they were assigned duty or not. Also, instructed SDM Anubhav Mehta to correspond in this regard with the heads of all the central government offices located in the district. If necessary, organized a meeting with them immediately so that the correct figures of the number of officers and employees could be revealed. On this occasion it was told that there were 1147 booths in the district. For this, 1147 presiding officers and equal number of assistant presiding officers and 2294 polling staff would be required.

Needy and promising children are taking benefit of Punjabi Scholarship Scheme by Punjabi Sabha



**RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL:** The main objective of the meeting is that needy and promising children should not be deprived of education due to financial constraints. Kaithal, Punjabi Welfare Sabha Sub Committee meeting was held at the Amar Shaheed Madan Lal Dhingra Memorial under the chairmanship of President Subhash Kathuria. In the meeting, the Punjabi Welfare Scholarship Scheme being run by the Sabha was discussed. Pradhan Subhash Kathuria told that this scheme was started by the Sabha from the year 2015. Under the scholarship scheme, needy and promising children were adopted for education. He told that these children have been adopted for re-education to continue their studies in future. This year, some new children will also be adopted under the scholarship scheme for education. The process of admission of children under the Punjabi Welfare Scholarship Scheme started by Punjabi Sabha will be started in different schools soon in the new session. All the schools of the city are getting support from the principal and management staff in this social work. On this occasion, Jagdish Kataria and Tulsi Das Madan, as the chief coordinators of the Punjabi Welfare Scholarship Scheme.

Alemac 'Electronic Switch Company' has made 'Delhi Electric Store' Barnala distributor of entire North Zone

**KARNPREET KARAN BARNALA:** The National 'Electronic Switch Company' Alemac of electrical appliances has made 'Delhi Electric Store' Barnala the distributor of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Jammu Kashmir with which 'Delhi Electric Store' has reached Barnala specially. The National Head of Elemac 'Ujjwal Dutta' and Company Director Paul Jain congratulated the new showroom through a message which was thanked by Chairman Sushil Goyal and MD Ishan Goyal! On this occasion, Ujjwal Dutta, who arrived from Mumbai, informed the media that Alemac Switch Company has been operating since 1961 through a plant established in Goregaon, Mumbai, which produces 24 types of varieties through Economic, Semi Premium, and Premium and for the last 3 years There are distributors of Delhi Electric Store Company with whom we are doing business. Their hard work is famous in the entire Punjab. They have a big role in bringing our Alemac Switch Company' to the heights! There is no such excellent showroom of electrics in the entire Punjab. On this occasion 'Delhi Electric Store' Chairman Sushil Goyal, Ishan Goyal said that it is a matter of pride for us to be honored by the head of Alemac Switch Company in Barnala. The responsibility given by Almec Switch Company will be diligently carried out in showrooms and brand items such as Orient Fans, Hevel Fans,Sujata, including Kothias fitting high level wires, switches, Fine, Elmec, Schneider Boparai, Fancy Lights, Modern Chandeliers, Gate Lamps.



Shri Shyam Vandana Mahotsav will be held in Ladwa on Feb 24



**NARESH GARG LADWA:** A meeting of the city's Jai Jwala Maa Yuva Mandal was held at the office of Mandal President Gagan Mittal regarding the Shri Shyam Vandana Mahotsav and Amrit Bhandara to be held in the city's grain market on February 24. In which duties of the members were assigned regarding Shyam Vandana Mahotsav. Mandal President Gagan Mittal said that on February 24, a grand Shri Shyam Vandana Mahotsav and Amrit Bhandara would be organized under the big shed of the grain market. In which the famous bhajan singer Ayush Somani Jaipur Rajasthan, Shyam Sakhi Gauri Sakshi Vrindavan would sing the praises of Shri Shyam Baba. He told that the stage would be operated by Prince Bajaj Panipat. He said that the Mandal has been busy preparing for this huge bhajan evening for the last several days and now almost all the preparations have been completed. He said that the bhajan evening would start from 6 pm and will continue till the Lord wishes. Many members including Rajiv Kumar, Manish Mujal, Ishwar, Sachin, Manav, Aniket, Vinod, Abhishek, Sudhir, Gulshan, Munish, Himanshu, Santi, Amit, Hemraj were present on this occasion.

JJP leaders fulfilled dharma of alliance very well: Multani



**NARESH GARG LADWA:** Kuldeep Singh Multani, Chairman of Agro and senior JJP leader in Haryana Government, said that JJP leaders have been following the dharma of alliance till date and would continue to follow it sincerely in future also. The JJP party was fully prepared for Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. He was also capable of contesting elections alone on all the ten seats of the Lok Sabha and all the 90 seats of the Assembly. Thanked to the workers, JJP was standing strongly and would definitely form the government in the state. He said this while talking to journalists at the wedding ceremony of the niece of JJP area President and ZIP member Jasbir Panjeta at Taj Palace in Ladwa on Monday. Speaking on the farmers' movement, he said that the legitimate demands of the farmers have been accepted. Negotiations were going on. Problems could be solved only through dialogue. The government should accept the demands of the farmers. He said that JJP party has always stood with the farmers and would continue to stand with them in future also.



Bengaluru Open 2024: Stefano Napolitano beats Seongchan Hong to clinch men's singles title

Bengaluru: Italy's Stefano Napolitano came back from a set down to beat South Korea's Seongchan Hong to clinch the Bengaluru Open at the KSITA Tennis Stadium here on Sunday. The seventh seed Napolitano, whose last ATP Challenger title came way back in 2016, relied on his booming groundstrokes to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in two hours and 23 minutes to take home a prize purse of \$18200 (approximately Rs 15 lakh). The title triumph also helped him bag 100 ranking points. Napolitano, who had got the better of former world no. 25 Vasek Pospisil of Canada in the second round and home favourite Sumit Nagal in the semi-finals, struggled with his first serve in the opening set and that meant he wasn't really able to capitalise on the opportunities and lost his serve twice. But he became more consistent as the match progressed and managed to break his opponent once to force the decider. With the momentum now in his favour, Napolitano broke Hong in the very first game to wrest the advantage. The South Korean stayed in the set by staying off his opponent on his next three service games. However, Napolitano ended Hong's resistance in the ninth game of the set by hitting an inside-out forehand winner for the first point and completed the triumph with a backhand winner before falling down on his back in celebration.

Indian men's team loses 0-3 to South Korea

Busan: The Indian men's table tennis team registered their second loss in the ongoing World Table Tennis Championships, losing to South Korea by 0-3 on Monday. During the men's tie, India's highest-ranked men's singles player Harmeet Desai lost to Korea's Woonjin Jang in the opening match of the tie. The world number 14 Jang dominated Harmeet across three games, beating him 3-0 (11-4, 12-10, 11-8). Up next was Sathiyang Gnanasekaran, who could not offer much fight against the world number 18 Jonghoon Lim during the second match. Lim beat Sathiyang 3-0 (11-5, 11-7, 11-7). India trailed by 2-0. In the third match, world number 95 and multi-time Commonwealth Games champion Achanta Sharath Kamal managed to drag the match forward against the world number 27 Sang Su Lee but still came out on the losing side by 3-1 (11-9, 8-11, 11-6, 11-5). Indian men's side is at number three in group three, with a win and two losses. They have just four points so far. India will next play New Zealand on Tuesday. Earlier, the Indian women's team led by Manika Batra produced a strong performance to blank Uzbekistan 3-0, registering their second straight victory in Group 1 of the 2024 World Table Tennis Championships in Busan on Monday.

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I, Ramesh Chander S/o Bakshi Ram R/o Mazari Teh-Banga (SBS Nagar) declare that my son Navjot and his wife Harminder Kaur (Canada) is out of my control. So I disown with them from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

63372 I, Makhan Singh S/o Sarjit Singh R/o Dadahur Teh-Raikot (Ludhiana) declare that my son Sukhdeep Singh @ Gaggu is out of my control. So I disown with him from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

63372 I, Savitri Kaur, wife of Mr. Naginder Singh, resident of Village Gogon, Tehsil Garhshankar, fully evict my married daughter Named Sweetly resident of Nawan Shahar, from my movable and immovable properties due to her misbehavior and bad character.Note the relevant.

63372 I No. 4458609P EX Naik (TS) Surinder Singh S/o Birbal R/o Vill Tamkodi Po Doraha Teh Samrala (Ludhiana) declared that in my Pension Payment Order No. S/03208/1996 (ARMY) my wife Manjit Kaur age wrongly mentioned as 35 years, but her correct DOB 01/07/1961 as per her Birth Certificate. So amended my wife DOB from age 35 to 01/07/1961 in my Army Pension Payment Order No. S/03208/1996 (ARMY)

63372 I, Ranjit Singh S/o tirath Singh R/o Vpo. Kaleran (SBS Nagar) Punjab, India, 144505, and presently residing at 12776 61 Avenue, Surrey, BC, Canada V3X3M6, do hereby change my name from Ranjit Singh to Ranjit Singh Dhillon, with immediate effect.

63372 I, hitherto known as Gurmit Kaur alias Manjit Kaur W/o Harinder Paul Singh and Daughter of Niranjan Singh R/o H.No C-399, Ward No. 25, Randhana Street, Malerkotla Road, Khana, Tehsil Khanna, Distt Ludhiana, Punjab, 141401. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gurmit Kaur. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

63372 I, hitherto known as Raman Kumar Chuchra S/o Sat Pal R/o House No. 4899, Near Durga Karyana Store, Mohan Lal Street No. 3, Muktsar, Tehsil Muktsar, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, 152026 Have Changed My Name and Shall Hereafter Be Known As Raman Kumar. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements in this Connection.

63372 I, Sunita wife of Bhim Sain, Residing at H No. 303, St. No.14, Ramesh Nagar, Hoshiarpur, Distt Hoshiarpur, Punjab- 144501, have changed the name of my minor son DEVANSH, aged 17 yrs and he shall hereafter be known as Devansh Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372 I, Hitherto Known as Vijay Paul Singh son of Sham Singh residing at Village Aima Mangat, PO Umarpur, Teh Mukeriana, Distt Hoshiarpur, Punjab- 144211. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Vijay Pal Singh. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

# The way Rohit, and Jaiswal motivated new batsman Jaiswal

AGENCY NEW DELHI: India star opener Yashasvi Jaiswal revealed that the way veteran players Rohit Sharma and Ravindra Jadeja played in the first innings against England motivated him to do better.

In the third Test between two cricketing giants in Rajkot saw Jaiswal removed for a score of 10 by Mark Wood. From that point, skipper Rohit and experienced all-rounder Jadeja drove India's innings to a herculean total of 445.

Rohit struck 131 while Jadeja scored his fourth Test ton to propel India to a dominant position. Jaiswal who witnessed the spectacle from the dressing room was motivated to go big in the second innings.

"The way Rohit bhai and Jaddu bhai played in the first innings, motivated me a lot. Because the passion was there, the talk was there, they were determined to play session by session and when I was inside [the dressing room] I kept thinking that when I go there I have to make it count," Jaiswal said as quoted from ICC.

"The way they were talking about the game, the way they motivated us, I think it's incredible to see them putting a lot of effort," Jaiswal added.



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.

The 22-year-old reflected on his

journey, the importance of working hard and said, "In India, when you grow up, you work really hard for each and everything. Even when getting the bus you have to work really hard to get on the bus. You have to work really hard to get to the train and auto and everything and I have done that since my childhood and I

know how important every innings is and that's why I work hard in my [practice] sessions and every innings counts for me and my team."

## World Table Tennis C'ships: Indian women's team blanks Uzbekistan 3-0



AGENCY BUSAN : The Indian women's team led by Manika Batra produced a strong performance to blank Uzbekistan 3-0, registering their second straight victory in Group 1 of the 2024 World Team Table Tennis Championships in Busan on Monday.

Following a 3-2 victory over Hungary on Sunday, the Indian women's team chose to rest Ayhika Mukherjee and Sreeja Akula while adding Archana Kamath and Diya Chitale to the

lineup. Kamath began proceedings by easily defeating Uzbekistan's Rimma Gufranova 11-7, 11-3, 11-6. Batra followed, defeating Markhabo Magdieva 11-7, 11-4, 11-1 to increase India's advantage. Chitale was put under pressure by Rozalina Khadjieva in the third set of the tie, but she managed to win 11-6, 10-12, 11-4, 11-6, giving India its second consecutive victory after losing to China.

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ਮੈਂ ਜੀਵਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਰਬੰਸ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਤਹਿ: ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੇਕਰ (ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ) ਬਿਅਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਜਮੀਨ ਪਿੰਡ ਚੌਂਕ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਹਦਬਸਤ ਨੰ. 112 ਵਿੱਚ ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਮ ਜੀਵਨਪਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ, ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਦਰੁਸਤ ਨਾਮ ਜੀਵਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਹੈ। ਕਾਰਜਾਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਮ ਜੀਵਨਪਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੋਂ ਜੀਵਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

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63372 ਮੈਂ ਯੋਗੇਸ਼ ਕੌਲਿਕ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਕਰਿਸ਼ਨ ਚੰਦਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਹਾਊਸ ਨੰ. 162, ਕਰਮ ਕਾਲੋਨੀ, ਮਾਲੋਰਕੋਟਲਾ ਹਲਵਨ ਬਿਅਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲਝਕਾ ਵਰੁਣ ਕੌਲਿਕ ਅਤੇ ਨੂੰਹ ਸਿਮਰਨ ਮੋਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਵਰੁਣ ਕੌਲਿਕ ਅਤੇ ਨੂੰਹ ਸਿਮਰਨ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਤਮਾਮ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਜਾਂ ਸਬੰਧ ਰੱਖਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

63372 ਮੈਂ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕਰਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਭਾਨਪੁਰ ਤਹਿ ਤੇ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਬਿਅਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਲਝਕੇ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਪਰਗਟ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

63372 ਮੈਂ ਲੀਲਾਵਤੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਜੈ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮ ਨੰ. 42 ਰਾਜ ਨਗਰ ਤਹਿ ਨੰਗਲ (ਰੋਹਤਾ) ਬਿਅਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਦਿਲੀਪੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਯੋਗੀਤਾ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਲਝਕੇ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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**Form No. INC-26**  
(Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014)  
**Before The Regional Director, Northern Region Ministry of Corporate Affairs**  
**B-2 Wing, 2nd floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003**  
In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014  
**AND**  
In the matter of : **ROOMSVITAL AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED** having its registered office at **136 Defence Colony, Jalandhar, Punjab, India, 144001**  
.....Petitioner

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SHIFTING OF REGISTERED OFFICE FROM THE STATE OF PUNJAB TO STATE OF BIHAR**  
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Regional Director, Northern Region, New Delhi under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 02/02/2024 to enable the company to change its Registered office from the "STATE OF PUNJAB" to "STATE OF BIHAR".  
Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal ([www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to **Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Northern Region at the address B-2 Wing, 2nd floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, 2nd floor, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003**, within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:  
**ROOMSVITAL AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED**  
**Regd. Office: 136 Defence Colony, Jalandhar, Punjab, India, 144001**  
**For ROOMSVITAL AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED**  
**sd/-**  
**AYUSH SINGH**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**DIN: 09786348**

**DATE: 19.02.2024**  
**Place: JALANDHAR**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS**  
**Capel Global Capital Ltd. - Gold Loan**  
Registered & Corporate Office Address: 502, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Senapati Bagat Marg, Lower Panel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. Phone: +91-22-400013. Telephone: 406808110. Fax: 406808170.  
**GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that gold ornaments pledged with us under the below mentioned branches of the company, which are overdue for redemption and have not been redeemed as far as in spite of repeated notices. We will conduct the auction of the concerned branches on **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at 11:00 AM** Address of such Talukas/Centers have been notified at our website [www.capelglobal.com](http://www.capelglobal.com). Each Center has the authority to conduct the auction from the auction list without prior information and has the right to cancel/change the auction date without prior intimation.  
**Mention Below is The District Name and Gold Loan Number**  
**Haryana - Ambala**, GL2305301848, GL2304794877, GL2304794333, GL2304271448, GL2304257480, GL2302229108, GL2302170029, GL2302165878 **Barnala**, GL2302194778 **Bhiwani**, GL2301000087682, GL2301000010458, GL2305080077, GL2304242293, GL2304307072, GL2304292099, GL2304290123, GL2304275445, GL2304277054, GL2304259878, GL2304258571, GL2304258572, GL2304258573, GL2304258574, GL2304258575, GL2304258576, GL2304258577, GL2304258578, GL2304258579, GL2304258580, GL2304258581, GL2304258582, GL2304258583, GL2304258584, GL2304258585, GL2304258586, GL2304258587, GL2304258588, GL2304258589, GL2304258590, GL2304258591, GL2304258592, GL2304258593, GL2304258594, GL2304258595, GL2304258596, GL2304258597, GL2304258598, GL2304258599, GL2304258600, GL2304258601, GL2304258602, GL2304258603, GL2304258604, GL2304258605, GL2304258606, GL2304258607, GL2304258608, GL2304258609, GL2304258610, GL2304258611, GL2304258612, GL2304258613, GL2304258614, GL2304258615, GL2304258616, GL2304258617, GL2304258618, 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## Deepika Padukone presents Jonathan Glazer with BAFTA award

Actor Deepika Padukone presented the award for the Best Film not in the English language to actor Jonathan Glazer for 'The Zone Of Interest' at the BAFTA Film Awards 2024. The 77th BAFTA Film Awards ceremony is currently underway at London's Royal Festival Hall.

Other nominees were '20 Days in Mariupol', 'Anatomy of a Fall', 'Past Lives', 'Society of the Snow'.

Deepika made heads turn on the red carpet of the BAFTA Awards 2024 as she donned a golden and silver-hued shimmery saree with sequins work all over it. She paired it with a matching blouse with strappy sleeves.

For the glam, she opted for dewy makeup with kohl-rimmed eyes. Her messy hair bun and statement earrings definitely accentuated her look.

Deepika recently expressed

gratitude for being chosen as a BAFTA Award presenter.

The list of other presenters includes former England football star David Beckham, singer Dua Lipa, Cate Blanchett, Adjoa Andoh of 'Bridgerton' fame, 'Wonka' Oompa Loompa Hugh Grant and 'Emily in Paris's' Lily Collins.

Taking to Instagram, Deepika recently shared a post on her stories that she captioned, "Gratitude."

In India, the awards are streaming live on Lionsgate Play.

On the film front, Deepika was recently seen in the aerial action thriller film 'Fighter' opposite Hrithik Roshan.

Helmed by Siddharth Anand, the film also starred Anil Kapoor, Karan Singh Grover and Akshay Oberoi in pivotal roles and received good responses from the audience.

She will be next seen in the sci-fi action thriller film 'Kalki 2898 AD' alongside south actor Prabhas.



## Emma Stone wins her second BAFTA for Best Actress

BAFTA 2024 will always remain special for Emma Stone as she bagged the Best Actress award at the 77th awards ceremony. Emma Stone won the coveted trophy for her role in 'Poor Things', which is a black-comedy sci-fi fantasy. On winning the award, Emma in her acceptance speech thanked her mother for giving her life and her "Poor Things" screenwriter Tony McNamara for the line "I must go punch that baby". Variety reported. "I was playing a British person in this movie and [Neil] did not laugh at me when he taught me how to say 'wart-ter', even though as an American I say 'wahter.'" Stone quipped. "So thank you England for accepting me." Giving a shout out to her mother, Emma Stone added, "Because she's the best person I know in the whole world and she inspires me every single day."

## Varun Dhawan, Natasha Dalal expecting their first child

After three years of marriage, the cutest couple of Bollywood Varun Dhawan and Natasha Dalal are all set to embrace parenthood.

On Sunday, Varun took to Instagram and shared the good news with their fans and followers. The image captured Varun planting a kiss on Natasha's baby bump and at the back their pet dog Joey posing for a camera.

Sharing the picture, he wrote, "We are pregnant, Need all your blessings and love #myfamilystrenght."

As soon as this exciting news was shared, fans and industry members flooded the comment section.

Karan Johar wrote, "Love you both!!!!!! So so happy for you and the family!!!! welcome to best feeling in the world."

Bhumi Pednekar commented, "Congratulations."

Vaani Kapoor wrote, "Congratulations."

Janhvi Kapoor dropped heart emojis.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu commented, "Omg, Best news."

Varun tied the knot with his longtime girlfriend Natasha on January 24 in 2021. The wedding was a close-knit affair with very few guests in attendance due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Varun and Natasha, a fashion designer, have known each other since sixth grade. However, the duo fell head-over-heels in love with each other after a couple of years.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Varun Dhawan will be seen in upcoming action thriller film 'Baby John'.

'Baby John' is directed by A. Kaleeswaran. Atlee is presenting the film in association with Jio Studios and Cinel Studios.

In the coming months, Varun will be seen in the Indian adaptation of the Hollywood series 'Citadel' opposite actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu.

It is an Indian adaptation of the Russo Brothers' series of the same name. Priyanka Chopra and Richard Madden headlined the international version. The release date of the Indian version of Citadel is awaited. Raj and DK have created the Indian version.



## "My character is very lively and adores her grandson" says Guddi Maruti on her role in 'Pashminna: Dhaage Mohabbat Ke'

CHANDIGARH : Set in the beautiful backdrop of Kashmir, Sony SAB's 'Pashminna: Dhaage Mohabbat Ke' narrates the love story of Pashminna (Isha Sharma) a starry-eyed romantic who falls in love at first sight with a hard-nosed businessman Raghav (Nishant Malkani). While the two lovers were about to unite after facing multiple hurdles, destiny had other plans for them, separating them once again. The romantic drama has taken a one-year leap and introduced fresh characters. One such character is veteran actor Guddi Maruti as the lively grandmother, Dolly.

As the story takes a leap, Pashminna is getting engaged to Rishi (Leenesh Mattoo) and Guddi Maruti is seen playing his vibrant dadi, Dolly. In a candid conversation, she opens about her character, shooting in Kashmir, and her connection with her on-screen grandson, Leenesh.

**Tell us a bit about your character?**

I'm playing the role of Dadi who adores her grandson and loves to have fun with him. She's the type of grandma who likes to tease him playfully and give him a bit of trouble just for laughs. What makes Dadi fascinating is that she brings



an element of fun and levity to the storyline. While there are emotional mo-

ments, the essence of the character revolves around enjoying life and cherishing the special bond she shares with her grandson and the entire family.

**How was your experience shooting for Pashminna?**

I got a call from Pashminna team, and it was good news. They told me about a shoot happening in Kashmir soon and this got me interested. The shoot went smoothly, mostly in Kashmir. Then we came back to Mumbai to finish the rest of the work. It was nice shooting in beautiful locales of Kashmir for the show. I had a lot of fun there.

**How was your bond with Rishi (Leenesh Mattoo) on the screen?**

It was wonderful working with Leenesh and the whole team. Off-screen as well, we used to have lots of fun. Whenever we would shoot together, we made it a point to sit together and eat. We would talk a lot and we all got along well. When you have a great team, everything goes smoothly, and shooting becomes a lot of fun.

**What sets this show apart from others you've worked on?**

What makes this show special is that

it's set in Kashmir, and that makes it authentic. This show is all about love and passion. It highlights the beauty of Kashmir and the beauty of love. This show is all about celebrating love against the stunning backdrop of Kashmir. Its unique setting makes it stand out from other shows, adding a special charm. In my view, the focus on love and the beauty of Kashmir truly makes it unique.

**As someone with extensive experience in the entertainment industry, did you advise the young actors on the show, or did they come to you for any advice?**

We used to have a lot of chat sessions on the set where I would share stories with the actors. While I didn't impose my advice on them, I always made myself approachable and available for any guidance they might seek. They would often come to me seeking insights or advice on various aspects of their craft and even navigating the industry. It was truly gratifying to be able to share my experiences and offer support to the next generation of actors.

## Rajeev Khandelwal on his character in Showtime: "It's an amalgamation of many actors, and I won't name them"

CHANDIGARH: Nepotism ke mukhaute ke picche, akhar mein har outsider, insider banna chahta hai. Disney+ Hotstar and Dharmatic Entertainment unveil the trailer of their much awaited series, Showtime. The money, the business, the glamour, the relationships, the lifestyle, the inside scoop on all of Bollywood's best-kept secrets, Showtim is releasing exclusively on 8th March on Disney+ Hotstar. Showtime is helmed by Emraan Hashmi, Mahima Makwana with Mouni Roy, Rajeev Khandelwal, Shriya Saran, Vishal Vashishtha, Neeraj Madhav, Vijay Raaz and Naseeruddin Shah in pivotal roles. Created by Sumit Roy, Showrunner and directed by Mihir Desai and Directed by Archit Kumar, the screenplay by Sumit Roy, Mithun Gangopadhyay and Lara Chandni while the dialogues are written by Jehan Handa and Karan Shrikant Sharma.

Rajeev Khandelwal is known for his versatile performances across television, film, and digital platforms. In his recent show, he delves deep into the psyche of Armaan, who's an egoistic and arrogant man. Here is what Rajeev has to say about his character in the series. Talking about it, Rajeev Khandelwal says, "I could never relate to Armaan's character at all. I'm a very different person. So if you look at my career graph or my trajectory or my choices, you will realize that I am not one of those actors. But yes, the kind of actor that I'm portraying, they're all around. So you keep hearing stories about these actors all the time. So it's a mixture. It's an amalgamation of many actors, and I won't name them. But I'm sure I must have reminded you of a couple of them. So it's all about a lot of so-called superstars we've seen in the past and their insecurities, their attitude, approach, their belief system and things like that."



## Bhagya Lakshmi to take a 7-year leap; Aishwarya Khare to portray the mother of a 6-year-old daughter

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Bhagya Lakshmi has been entertaining audiences for the past two years with its intriguing storyline and the ups and downs in the lives of Lakshmi (Aishwarya Khare) and Rishi (Rohit Suchanti). In the recent episodes, viewers watched how in an unfortunate accident Lakshmi is presumed dead after the car she is traveling in explodes after falling off a cliff. Even as we see a devastated Rishi mourning her loss, the show is headed for a 7-year leap where Lakshmi will be seen living in a village with her daughter, Parvati portrayed by Trisha Sarda.

Following the leap, the story takes a dramatic turn as Lakshmi finds herself in a village in Punjab, living with her aunt and her 6-year-old daughter. This transition marks a new journey for actor Aishwarya Khare, as she embraces the role of a mother for the first time in her acting career. Balancing motherhood with her responsibilities, in an upcoming promo, Lakshmi will be seen working in the fields, engaging in farming and parallelly teaching at a local school for a living. She emerges as a strong, independent woman successfully managing both work and motherhood.

Aishwarya said, "Lakshmi has given me the opportunity to grow as an actor, and I will be forever grateful for that. This show has taught me so many things that I will cherish for life. I couldn't be more excited about moving on to this new journey of playing a mother in the show and sharing the screen space with a child. Not just that, I will also be working in the fields, managing farms, and much more. I believe that this leap will bring an exciting new dimension to our show, and with new elements and surprising twists and turns, it will keep the audience hooked. I just hope the viewers continue to shower their love on us like they always have." While Lakshmi is all set for this new journey, it will be interesting for the viewers to watch her new journey as a mother in the upcoming episodes. To find out more about what happens next, tune into Bhagya Lakshmi every day at 8:30 pm, only on Zee TV



## Here is why Janhvi Kapoor doesn't want to work with Rajkummar Rao again!

CHANDIGARH: One of the most highly anticipated and prestigious awards nights of the year, 69th edition of Filmfare Awards, grabbed eyeballs as top celebrities walked the red carpet at GIFT City in Gujarat recently. While it honoured the artistic and technical excellence of cinema and felicitated the inspiring journeys of countless luminaries, filmmakers, and technicians during the awards evening, it also saw the who's who of B-town setting the stage afire with scintillating performances. All eyes are glued to ZEE as it'll be the first time that the network will air the Filmfare Awards. The 69th Filmfare Awards 2024, will air 9 pm onwards on 18th February on Zee TV, Zee Anmol, Zest, Zing. In a fun banter with host Manish Paul, Janhvi Kapoor was asked about the actor she hesitates to work with again, Janhvi humorously singled out Rajkummar Rao. After her initial jest, Janhvi praised Rajkummar's exceptional talent, acknowledging the profound impact his skills have on her as an actor that gives her complex as an actor.

Janhvi Kapoor said "I hesitate to work with Rajkummar Rao again because every time I share a scene with him, I get a complex as an actor. I am constantly in awe of his talent and feel overwhelmed by how much there is to learn from him. I find it challenging to work with him as it makes me realize how much more I have to achieve and learn." In addition to her witty banter, Janhvi Kapoor mesmerized audiences with her captivating tribute to the iconic late Lata Mangeshkar by dancing to her prominent songs. Her energetic renditions of Chadhati Jawani Meri, Kaanta Laga, Do Ghoont Mujhe Bhi Pila De, and Pardesiya, left an indelible mark on the evening's extravaganza. As anticipation builds for the telecast of the 69th Hyundai Filmfare Awards 2024 with Gujarat tourism on Zee TV, viewers can look forward to an enchanting evening filled with memorable performances and delightful interactions. To know that and more, tune in to the 69th Filmfare Awards 2024 on Sunday 18th February at 9:00 pm on Zee TV, Zee Anmol, Zest and Zing!



## Fans select the songs for Sara Ali Khan's performance at the 69th Hyundai Filmfare Awards 2024 with Gujarat Tourism, watch the awards on Zee TV!

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