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NEWS BRIEFS

Six killed, six injured as speeding car rams another in Rewari

REWARI: At least six people were killed and six more injured in a major road accident at Haryana's Rewari on Sunday late night, police said. Among the dead were four women and two men, officers added. "We got a call at night. As one of the cars stopped midway due to a flat tyre, the other rammed it from behind before it overturned and fell into a ditch," Dharuhera Station House Officer Jagdish told. Sharing details about the condition of the injured persons, the SHO told a news agency, "The car that stopped after a tyre burst had six women and the driver. While four women died on the spot, the driver succumbed to his injuries at the hospital."

10 NDA, 3 SP candidates file papers for UP Legislative Council polls

LUCKNOW: Ten candidates of the NDA and three of SP on Monday filed their nomination papers here for the biennial elections to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council. Monday is the last date for filing of nomination papers for the MLC polls. The 10 NDA candidates, including seven from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), filed their nominations in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Sex racket busted in Delhi, 7 people apprehended

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police apprehended seven people, including a woman, and claimed to have busted a sex racket in Jagat Puri area of Shahdara. According to the police, they also rescued six women. "On Saturday, the special staff of Shahdara received information about the racket. A decoy customer was sent to the spot with Rs 1,500. He met a person who identified himself as Karan Chaddha," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) Surendra Choudhary said.

MeT predicts light rain, snow at few places over J&K

SRINAGAR: Meteorological Centre Srinagar predicts light rain and snow at a few places over Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. The MeT office said the weather will remain partially to generally cloudy on Monday, and there is a possibility of light rain and snow at a few places while the weather will remain partially to generally cloudy on March 12. It has also been predicted that there is a possibility of light to moderate rain and snow in many places with thunder and lightning accompanied by gusty winds on March 13. The weather will remain partially to generally cloudy with the possibility of light rain and snow at a few places on March 14, the MeT office said.

Centre notifies implementation of Citizenship Amendment Act rules

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 11

The Union Home Ministry has notified rules for implementation of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) on Monday days ahead of the announcement of the Lok Sabha elections schedule.

Home Minister Amit Shah, on multiple occasions, said that CAA rules would be notified ahead of the Lok Sabha elections to be held in April-May.

The CAA rules, introduced by the Narendra Modi government and passed by Parliament in 2019, aim to confer Indian citizenship to persecuted non-Muslim migrants - including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis, and Christians - who migrated from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan and arrived in India before December 31, 2014.

Following the passage of the CAA by Parliament in December 2019 and its subsequent Presidential assent, significant protests erupted in various parts of the country.

As per an official, the CAA law can be put into action with the issuance of MHA notification, allowing

Key points about CAA rules:

- These rules are called the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024. They will enable the persons eligible under CAA 2019 to apply for a grant of Indian citizenship.
- The applications will be submitted in a completely online mode for which a web portal has been provided.
- The applicants will have to declare the year when they entered India without travel documents.

eligible individuals to obtain Indian citizenship.

The implementation of the CAA, which has been delayed for over four years, necessitates the formulation of its associated rules.

"The regulations are prepared, and an online portal is already set up for the entire process, which will be conducted digitally. Applicants

will need to disclose the year of their entry into India without any travel documents. No additional documentation will be required from the applicants," stated the official.

On December 27, Union Home Minister Amit Shah asserted that the implementation of the CAA cannot be halted as it stands as the law of the land. He had also ac-

cused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of misleading the public regarding this matter.

Speaking at a party meeting in Kolkata, Shah earlier emphasized that the BJP is committed to implementing the CAA. The TMC, led by Mamata Banerjee, has been opposing the CAA.

The assurance of implementing the highly debated CAA was a significant electoral agenda for the BJP during the previous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in West Bengal.

Leaders of the ruling party at the Centre view it as a credible factor contributing to the BJP's ascent in the state. As per the manual of parliamentary procedures, the guidelines for any legislation should have been formulated within six months of receiving the presidential assent, or the government should have sought an extension from the Committees on Subordinate Legislation in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Since 2020, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been regularly seeking extensions from the parliamentary committees to continue the process of framing the rules associated with the legislation.

PM inaugurates Dwarka Expressway in Gurugram

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 11

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 112 road projects worth about Rs One lakh crore, including Dwarka Expressway in Gurugram, Haryana.

The 8-lane segment of the Dwarka Expressway, spanning 19 km and constructed at a cost of Rs 4,100 crore.

It aims to improve traffic flow and ease congestion between Delhi and Gurugram on the National Highway (NH)-48.

The two other packages of 10.2 km long Delhi-Haryana Border to Basai Rail-over-Bridge (ROB) and 8.7 km long Basai ROB to Kherki Daula were also inaugurated by Modi.

It will also provide direct connectivity to the IGI Airport in Delhi and the Gurugram Bypass.

Addressing an event in Gurugram, the PM asserted that the country has taken another big step towards modern connectivity; adding, that the modern expressway will work to shift gears not only in vehicles but also in the lives of the people of Delhi NCR.

"I am glad that today, I have got the opportunity to dedicate Dwarka Expressway to the nation. An amount

worth over Rs. 9,000 crore has been spent on the entire stretch of the project" Modi said. He added, "Today onwards, the experience of transportation between Delhi and Haryana will transform forever". The Prime Minister said, "This modern expressway will not only 'shift gears' in the vehicles, but also in the lives of the people of Delhi

NCR". Modi said, "The rapid infrastructure construction work going on in the country will equally quickly make India the third largest economic power in the world". Hitting out at the Congress Party, he said "Congress and INDIA Alliance are afraid of the pace at which development is being undertaken in the country".

Haryana gets four major development projects

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the Shamli-Ambala National Highway (Package 1, 2, and 3) costing Rs. 4890 crore, which will span 43 kilometers. Additionally, he also laid the foundation stone of Bhiwani-Hansi Road (including four bypasses and widening and strengthening), costing Rs. 1330 crore. Furthermore, he inaugurated two projects of Dwarka Expressway (Package 3 and 4) costing Rs. 4087 crore.

SC directs SBI to file details of electoral bond by today

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 11

The Supreme Court on Monday rejected the application of State Bank of India (SBI) seeking an extension till June 30 to disclose details of each electoral bond encashed by political parties and directed SBI to file the details by March 12.

The Supreme Court also directed ECI to put the information of each electoral bond encashed by political parties on its website by 5 pm on March 15.

CJI D Y Chandrachud questions the delay in revealing the details of each electoral bond encashed by political parties.

CJI lashed out at SBI and said, "We passed the judgement on February 15, and today is March 11. What steps you have taken in the past 26 days? Nothing is stated by You. We expect some candour from the State Bank of India."

Senior Advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the SBI told the Supreme Court, 'We need a little more time to com-

ply with your lordships' order. We are having to collate all the information. Our process made sure that there was no correlation between the KYC and bond numbers.'

'We have not told you to match donor KYC with political parties. We have only asked that you disclose the

available details to the EC. SBI can simply comply with the judgement by disclosing available information," the CJI said.

CJI further added that grounds for seeking an extension do not exist. SBI has KYC details, all details are available in the main branch of SBI. SBI can simply open up the sealed covers and correlate the information, CJI said. Harish Salve argued that we need to be able to match donor details with the political parties.

AAP launches LS campaign in Punjab

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAR 11

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) started its Lok Sabha election campaign named 'Sansad Cha Vi Bhagwant Maan, Khushhal Punjab Te Vadhegi Shaan' (Bhagwant Mann in Parliament too, means Prosperous Punjab and more glory) in Punjab.

A party function was organized in Mohali on Monday where AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann officially launched the campaign. The

AAP Punjab Working President Principal Budh Ram, General Secretary Harchand Singh Barsat, all ministers and MLAs of the AAP government were present in this programme. Thousands of AAP workers and party office bearers of all districts also participated in the function.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann appealed to the people of Punjab to give the Aam Aadmi Party all the 13 seats in the state and said that when all the MPs of the state

are ours, then the Central Government won't be able to stop the funds of Punjab. Mann

said that I have to fight alone with the Central Government and the Governor. If 13 MPs win then our hands will be strengthened and courage will be increased. Mann assured Arvind Kejriwal that we will win 13 out of 13 seats and put them in your bag. He said that in 2014, when the Aam Aadmi Party was contesting the Lok Sabha

elections for the first time, four MPs of the party won, reached the Lok Sabha and all of them were from Punjab. He said that we are working day and night for the progress of the people of Punjab. After the formation of the government on March 16, 2022, not a single day has passed when we did not go to the people.

We bought a thermal plant. Functioning our own coal mine. Gave more than 42000 government jobs. Providing free electricity. Built Schools of Eminence and Mohalla Clinics. Started a pilgrimage scheme for old people. One crore rupees ex-gratia to the families of the martyrs.

Share of women investors in mutual funds grows from 15 to 21 pc

AGENCY
MUMBAI, MAR 11

The share of women investors in mutual funds has increased from 15 per cent in March 2017 to nearly 21 per cent in December 2023, according to the latest data of Amfi (Association of Mutual Funds).

The overall asset under management in mutual funds crossed the Rs 50 lakh crore-mark in February this year as a large number of passive investors are flocking to mutual funds to save and earn more. The Amfi data showed the share of women investors in mutual funds increased from 15 per cent in March 2017 to nearly 21 per cent in December 2023. This pace of growth was

more prominent in the hinterland versus the urban centres during the period. The share of women folios and assets in B-30 cities has increased from 15 per cent to 18 per cent and from 17 per cent to 28 per cent, respectively, the data showed. The report, prepared by Crisil for Amfi and released by Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, further said that almost 50 per cent of women investors fall in the 25-44 age group as against around 45 per cent for overall set of individual investors. Goa boasts the highest share of women in the mutual fund industry at 40 per cent, followed by northeastern states with high 30s percentages. Chandigarh, Maharashtra, and New Delhi also have over 30 per cent share of women in assets under management.

Cong moves SC, urges court to restrain Centre from appointing new ECs

SHASHI PAL JAIN
NEW DELHI, MAR 6

A plea was filed in the Supreme Court to restrain the central government from appointing the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners as per Sections 7 and 8 of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment Conditions of Service and terms of office) Act 2023.

Sections 7 and 8 lay down the procedure for the appointment of ECI members.

The application filed by the Congress leader Jaya Thakur also sought direction to appoint members of the Election Commission as per the Supreme Court judgment which had directed the constitution of a committee consisting of the CJI, the PM, and the leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha for appointment.

Following the resignation of Election Commissioner Arun Goel last week and the retirement of Anup Chandra Pandey, two vacancies of Election Commissioners have arisen.

Advocate Varun Thakur, appearing for the petitioner,

also mentioned the plea for an early hearing before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud. The bench asked the lawyer to send an email regarding this and it will look into the listing.

Thakur had earlier also challenged the provisions of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and terms of office) Act, 2023.

Underscoring that the Lok Sabha Election 2024 may be announced shortly, the application was filed to prevent the appointment of the next Election Commissioners under the amended CEC Act, 2023. In its fresh application, Thakur told the top court that during the pendency of her plea, in which a notice was issued on January 12, "one member of Election Commission namely Arun Goel gave resignation on March 9, 2024.

India successfully conducts 1st flight test of nuclear-capable Agni-5 missile

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 11

In a major boost to its military might in the midst of the eastern Ladakh row, India on Monday tested Mission Divyastra - the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology.

Top government sources said the launch will ensure that a single missile can deploy multiple warheads at different locations.

The project director of Agni 5 is a woman and the development that will alter India's geopolitical position has significant women's contribution.

"With the test of Mission Divyastra, India has joined the select group of nations who have MIRV (multiple

independently targetable rented vehicles) capability.

"This system is equipped with in-

digenous Avionics systems and high accuracy sensor packages, which ensured that the re-entry vehicles

reached the target points within the desired accuracy. The capability is an enunciator of India's growing technological prowess," government sources said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday congratulated DRDO scientists over the first flight test of Agni-5 missile.

"Proud of our DRDO scientists for Mission Divyastra, the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology," Modi said on 'X'.

The Agni-5, with a range of 5,000 km, is developed considering the long-term security needs of the country. The missile can bring almost the entire Asia including the northernmost part of China as well as some regions in Europe under its striking range.

Shrimad Bhag'wat Story Essence of Vedas: Bhag'wandas Kabirpanthi

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI, MAR 11

Senior leader of Bharatiya Janata Party and former MLA of the constituency, Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that Shrimad Bhagwat Katha was the essence of the Vedas. By listening to this one got virtue for many births. He said that in Kali-yuga, listening to Shrimad Bhagwat Katha brought enthusiasm in life and bad thoughts were destroyed. Mr Kabirpanthi was addressing the devotees in the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha organized in the cowedish of village Amupur. He paid obeisance at Shrimad Bhagwat Katha along with workers and supporters in village Amupur and wished for prosperity in the lives of the people of the area. Former MLA Kabir-



panthi was also honored with a memento by the organizing committee. Before this, villagers and dignitaries gave a grand welcome to

former MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi with flower garlands.

On this occasion, Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said



that wherever God's story was being narrated, listening to it was the only solution, people those were not able to listen to the story and could not give time in such a situation, listened to the essence of the stories. Wherever Shrimad Bhagwat Katha was taking place, that place should be sacred. The environment should

be calm and the listeners should have calm minds. A large number of devotees were present on this occasion.

If Lok Sabha ticket is not given, Rajput community will hold Mahapanchayat and take concrete decision: Dr. Narendra Pratap

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL MAR 11

Rajput community has come vocally into the fray regarding the Lok Sabha elections. On Monday, a meeting of Rajput Sabha Karnal was organized at Maharana Pratap Bhawan, Sector 8, which was presided over by Dr. Narendra Pratap Singh, President of the Sabha. In the meeting, a strategy was prepared for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. After this a press conference was also organized. During the press conference, President of Rajput Sabha Karnal, Dr. Narendra Pratap Singh said that from 1966 to 2019, any mainstream national political party has shown gross negligence by not giving Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha tickets to the people of Rajput community in Haryana. Rajput community has mobilized for its rights in the 2024 elections. Rajput community is about 8 percent in Haryana state, due to which tickets should be given to Rajput community from at least two Lok Sabha constituencies. There are about 1.5 lakh voters

of Rajput community in Karnal Lok Sabha constituency, hence their priority is that a person from Rajput community should get the ticket from Karnal Lok Sabha constituency. Whichever mainstream national political party will give ticket to the Ra-



in the 2019 assembly elections, the Rajputs had given a blow to the BJP, in which when Nayanpal Rawat did not get the ticket on Prithla seat, he showed a mirror to the BJP by winning as an independent, whereas in Radaur, the ticket of the MLA of Ra-

jput community, it will be supported with all its heart and money. If BJP and Congress ignore Rajput community then Rajput community will hold Maha Panchayat and take concrete decisions. He said that Rajput community has decisive votes in many seats including Ambala, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Bhiwani-Mahendragar, which prove to be decisive in winning or defeating any party. He said that

jput community was given. BJP candidate was defeated due to cutting, it also affected Assandh and Nilokheri in Karnal district and its effect was seen in the entire state. He said that Rajputs are nationalist and conscious society, but political parties use them only for votes but this will not happen in future. Mainstream national parties will have to give representation to Rajputs on the basis of their numbers.

DC Prashant Panwar holds a review meeting of the ongoing Nutrition Fortnight

KAITHAL (RANVIR PRASHAR): DC Prashant Panwar said that Nutrition Fortnight would continue in the district till March 23. During this fortnight, parents would be made aware about nutritious food, so that no child became malnourished. He also instructed to keep a special eye on such villages where any child was found weak.

He was giving necessary guidelines by holding a review meeting in view of Nutrition Fortnight in the auditorium located at Mini Secretariat. On this occasion, he also administered the nutrition oath to everyone. He said that different awareness programs would be organized on different days till March 23. Under this, Healthy Children's Fair in all Anganwadi centers on March 12, awareness about plantation and cleanliness on March 13, nutrition as well as education, sports and education program on March 14, Village Health Cleanliness Campaign on March 15, nutrition day, awareness about clean drinking water on March 16, Prabhat Pheri on March 17, breast feeding awareness on March 18, adopting good diet on March 19, anemia screening on March 20, awareness about the health of pregnant women on March 21, five sutras of nutrition will be organized on March 22 and nutrition fair will be organized on March 23.

DC Prashant Panwar said that under this campaign, awareness should be spread about nutritional dietary practices and women's health. Recently, the department has done good work in improving nutrition, in which the district has got second position at the state level. Similar work should be done during Nutrition Fortnight also. Anganwadi workers those can make the common people more aware about nutrition should be encouraged. The activities carried out during this campaign should be uploaded on the Poshan Jan Shradha dashboard. On this occasion, ADC C.Jaya.Shandha, DDPO Kanwar Daman, CMO Renu Chawla, Program Officer Manisha Gagat, CDPO Shashi Bala, Satish Machal, Suman, Poonam, Pooja, Anjali, Mukesh Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Gaurav were present.

BJP's announcements proved to be a bundle of lies: Surya Pratap Rathore

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: State Secretary of Haryana Congress Party, Surya Pratap Rathore today in Thanesar Assembly and Kaithal Assembly today made a stormy tour of many villages and exposed the announcements made by the BJP government to the people and said that the announcements made by the BJP have proved to be a bundle of lies. He said that BJP is only making false promises to mislead the public. He said that the real guarantee is the promises made by former National President of Congress Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi's



promises will be fulfilled from the first pen if the Congress government is formed. During his visit to village, Rathore was making the public aware of manifesto by running a door-to-door, Congress-every-house campaign. After this, while talking to the journalists, Surya Pratap Rathore said that Modi government had made many announcements and promises to public in the public interest, all of which proved to be hollow, including the promise of providing employment to 2 crore youth every year, bringing back black money from abroad. Be it the promise of depositing Rs 15 lakh each in the account of the countrymen or any other promise including doubling the income of the farmers, all have proved to be a bundle of lies. State Sachin Surya Pratap Rathore of Haryana Youth Congress said that in whichever state the Congress has whatever promises were made during the elections, they will be fulfilled first when the government is formed, similarly, if the Congress government is formed at the Centre, the promises made by Rahul Gandhi to the youth will be fulfilled first. He called upon the youth to contest the Lok Sabha elections with full strength so that the Congress Party can form the government in the state and the country.

Bullet fired at Gumthala liquor shop, case registered

RADAUR (NIRMAL SAINI) : In the case of firing at the liquor shop in Gumthala, the police have registered a case against unknown miscreants under various sections including attempt to murder on the complaint of the liquor contractor. The miscreants committed the crime and fled through the same route from which they had come. In the complaint given to the police, liquor contractor Sanjeev Kumar, 38, resident of Mandhar village, said that he has taken the contract of English and country liquor in Gumthala village from December 2023 to June 2024. He was sitting at the contract around 8 pm on March 10. Abhishek, resident of Kalayat village, district Kailash, is a salesman on his contract. Then two persons came on a bike and stopped in front of his shop. The bike riders had their faces covered with cloth. He fired four bullets at the contract with the intention of killing after which the miscreants took the bike towards Kandraul village and while going, fired three shots in the air.

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Improper speed breakers built on Kotkapura-Moga road causing accidents: Avtar
SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA: Random speed breakers built by people at many places on the Kotkapura-Moga road are causing accidents and many people have been injured in these accidents within a short period of time. These words were expressed by Avtar Singh Sahota senior leader of SCBC Mahapanchayat. A demand letter was given to Deputy



Commissioner Moga today regarding the difficulties faced by people due to these illegal and dangerous speed breakers. Giving information in this regard, Avtar Singh Sahota said that the road number 16 from Moga to Kotakpura, which is about 45 km in length, there has been a toll plaza on this road for a long time and now after the closure of this toll, there are many potholes on the road, where the vehicles passing by on a daily basis often get a lot of damage, which needs immediate repair.

Rabies affected dog bites 20 children, creating panic in area

KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU: Suddenly a black dog which was affected by rabies bit about 20 children in Navi Abadi area of Jandiala Guru, some of whom are undergoing treatment in the hospital. Area residents Sunderpal Singh, Baldev Singh, Harinder Singh said that their Suddenly this evening this black dog came to the area and started biting the children. Due to this, this dog spread panic in their area. Then people killed this dog. He said that the number of stray dogs in Jandiala is very high. To control their population, neither the Municipal Council Jandiala nor the Animal Husbandry Department has taken any concrete step to control their population. Apart from this, people in Jandiala city have started breeding pit bulls without government permission. They are also keeping a dog which is a deadly breed and there is a ban on keeping it at home. Despite this, no meaningful step has been taken by any official to enforce the rules. If the situation continues like this then in future And people can also become victims of rabid dogs.

Book released on concerns, constraints of contemporary agri



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: Book entitled "Concerns and Constraints of Contemporary Agriculture: Technology and Policy Solutions.", authored by Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Pro Vice Chancellor and Registrar, Guru Kashi University, Talwandi Sabo was released by S.Gurlabh Singh Sidhu, Chancellor in an impressive ceremony in the presence of Prof.(Dr) S.K. Bawa, Vice Chancellor, Deans and Faculties of the University. This book delved on the key issues affecting the farmers and agriculture in regions of Punjab and India. Dr. Bawa, lauded the initiative and expressed that this book underscores the significance of diversification. The author focused on the concerns and constraints post Green Revolution along with the economical and sociological impact. Dr. Baldev Singh, Former Joint Director of Agriculture Punjab (Inputs), Karanbir Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer (Bathinda), Dr. Davinder Singh Ladhar, advisor to Chancellor, acknowledged the efforts and contribution of Dr. Dhiman in agricultural research.

Bhagwant Singh Mann will meet traders in Hoshiarpur on today: Jimpa
DALJEET ANJOHA
HOSHARPUR: Cabinet Minister Punjab Bram Shankar Jimpa said that on March 12, the Chief Minister Punjab will meet the traders of Hoshiarpur during the government-business meeting in Hoshiarpur and listen to their problems. During this time, he also reviewed the preparations for the event made by the district administration. He said that the government-business meeting had started from Mukerian in Hoshiarpur district in Punjab and under this programme, the Chief Minister of Punjab is coming to the district for the second time to listen to the problems of the traders, The Cabinet Minister instructed the officials that no stone should be left unturned for the success of the program.

GNDU's incubation center, PUM
Netherlands Collaborate to Propel Punjab's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU: Punjab has emerged as the most promising market for entrepreneurship, according to experts from the Netherlands, as the Golden Jubilee Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Infity), a distinguished innovation center of Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), takes bold strides in nurturing local talent. In a strategic move to amplify its incubation program, GNDU's incubation center recently orchestrated a transformative interactive meet, merging visionary insights with hands-on expertise. Under the esteemed guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice-Chancellor of the university.

CM slams opportunists for switching sides for sake of their vested interests

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 11

The Chief Minister said that these leaders are opportunists who switch the sides just because of their vested interests. He said that these leaders have single agenda of setting their families in the arena of the public life but these people have been time and again rejected by people. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the greed of power of these leaders is never satiated and they vie for it on pretext or other.

The chief minister said that these leaders neither have vision nor intention to serve the people adding that their sole motive is to plunder the wealth of state. He said that industry wants infrastructure and we want jobs for youth and tax for the welfare of the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this circle is the basis of the industrial policy of the state government due to which they are holding these meets with traders and industrialists.

The Chief Minister said that Punjabis are successful across the globe but can't rise in the state due to regressive policies of these leaders. He said that these leaders have



ruined the state for their vested interests and have mercilessly looted the wealth of Punjab. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that due to this reason only the residents of the state have trounced these leaders.

The Chief Minister said that during the previous regimes people were so scared of success as the leaders used to put share in their ventures. He said that these leaders looted the masses and their hands were soaked with the blood of Punjab and Punjabis. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that but now the government of common people is there in the state which is giving chance to every individual to succeed in life.

The Chief Minister said that the traditional parties are envy of him because he hails

from a common family. Bhagwant Mann said that these leaders who believed that they have divine right to rule the state due to which they are not able to digest that a common man is running the state efficiently.

He said that these leaders have befooled the people since long but now people are not getting swayed by their misleading propaganda. The Chief Minister said that these leaders are a new variant of unemployed people who have ousted by the people because of their non performance. He said that these leaders are envious of him because he hails from a common family adding that these leaders had always believed that they have divine right to rule the state due to which they are not able to digest that a common man is

running the state efficiently.

The Chief Minister said that the budget of this year is roadmap for a progressive and vibrant Punjab as the people of state have ousted the political parties that used to play musical chairs of power to loot them after every five years.

He said that his government has been given chance by people to serve them and they will work hard to fulfil their expectations. Bhagwant Singh Mann asked the opposition to shun criticism for the sake of criticism and allow them to work for well being of Punjab.

The Chief Minister said that the credit of transforming the politics and bringing common man on the agenda of the political parties goes to Arvind Kejriwal.

Pb govt solves problems of industrialists



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, MAR 11

A team of industrialists, under the leadership of Aman Jakhmi, President, Sangrur District Industrial Chamber(SDIC), Block Sangrur met Mr. Dalvir Singh Dhillon, Chairman, Punjab Small Industries and export Corporation(PSIEC) at Chandigarh.

Jakhmi apprised the Chairman of PSIEC about the difficulties being faced by the industrialists. In response, Mr. Dhillon assured the industrialists that according to

the slogan of the Punjab government the problems of the industrialists will be solved very soon.

"The Punjab government will listen and redress the problems of every industrialist through the industrialists bodies and for this an industrial meeting will also be held at chamber bhawan, industrial focal Point, Sangrur", he added. Besides others, Patron, Hariom Jindal; Secretary, Vishal Gupta; Cashier, Rakesh Garg and Ankur Bansal were present on the occasion.

'Rana welcomed for being made district head of Youth Akali Dal Dehāti for fourth time'



VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 11

Jaspreet Singh Rana was honored by the senior Akali leaders of Shiromani Akali Dal of District Pathankot at the District Headquarters Office of Shiromani Akali Dal for being made the Rural District Head of District Youth Akali Dal for the fourth time. On this occasion, Akali leaders Jathedar Jagjit Singh and Balwant Singh Balsua said that party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, General of Majhi S. Bikram Singh Majithia, National President Youth Akali Dal Sarbjit Singh Jhinjar praised

Jaspreet Singh Rana for becoming the President. On this occasion, Youth Akali leader Kuldeep Singh Balsua said that Shiromani Akali Dal is a party which gives opportunity to every section for inclusion. S. Rana said that he will fulfill the responsibility given by the party wholeheartedly. On this occasion, Nirmal Singh Gora was also honored for serving as the community general secretary. On this occasion, senior Akali leader Jathedar Jagjit Singh, S. Balwant Singh Balsua, S. Gurbaksh Singh, Hardev Singh, Tajinder Singh Wahla, Ram Singh etc.

Voter awareness campaign conducted by sweep team through EVM van



ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO, MAR 11

Following the instructions issued by Deputy Commissioner cum District Election Officer Bathinda Sardar Jaspreet Singh IAS, Electoral Registration Officer Talwandi Sabo Sardar Harjinder Singh Jassal SDTaking forward the series of voter awareness campaign being run by sweep team Talwandi Sabo under M, the general public was made aware through EVM / VVPAT van in the villages of Talwandi Sabo. People were informed about the use of

EVM/VVPAT by taking this van to the booths of the constituency. Voters expressed their satisfaction by casting their votes with EVM machine and verifying their vote on VVPAT. The public especially the new voters showed special interest in this machine. The EVM management team also accompanied this awareness vanOn this occasion, Sweep Nodal Officer Talwandi Sabo Chandra Shekhar encouraged the common people to vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Team members Khushdeep Singh, Ranjit Singh.

DBU students claim second prize in chef competition

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 11

Desh Bhagat University proudly announces the outstanding achievement of its School of Hotel Management & Tourism students, who clinched the second prize in the prestigious International Cuisine competition held at Robomania 2024 hosted by the Gulzar Group of Institutions.

Competing against top-tier institutions from across the nation, the dynamic duo of Manveer Singh and Manav Shahi showcased their culinary prowess by presenting exquisite Chinese cuisine. Their culinary creations captivated both the esteemed panel of judges and fellow participants, earning them well-deserved accolades. In an



other event, the faculty of the School of Hotel Management & Tourism also shone brightly at the event. Dr. Aman Sharma, Director of the School, and Chef Rinku Singh were honored with the esteemed Aahar Ways Award for the year 2023-24. Dr. Aman Sharma was recognized as the best Associate Professor (HM), while Chef Rinku Singh secured the title of best Assistant Professor. This recognition underscores their dedication and excellence in the food and HoReCa industry. Expressing his elation over these achievements, Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor of Desh Bhagat University, emphasized the significance of these triumphs in reflecting the University's commitment to providing contemporary learning methodologies.

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Jharkhand contingent pays obeisance at Sri Harimandir Sahib, remembers freedom fighters at Jallianwala Bagh



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAR 11

The 51-member Yuva Sangam Jharkhand student contingent, currently undertaking a week-long educational and cultural exposure visit to Punjab from March 9-14, 2024, , managed by the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (CU Punjab), immersed themselves in the rich tapestry of Punjabi culture during visits to iconic locations in Bathinda, Firozpur, and Amritsar. The Jharkhand Student Delegates arrived in Punjab on the morning of March 9, 2024. Upon reaching the Central University of Punjab

Campus located in Bathinda District, they were greeted with traditional Punjabi Dhol Beats by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari and the university fraternity. This warm welcome marked the beginning of an enriching journey for the Jharkhand youth. On the inaugural day, the students explored the historic Qila Mubarak and vibrant markets of Bathinda. On the following day, the Yuva Sangam Jharkhand delegates paid homage to revolutionary heroes Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru, and Shaheed Sukhdev at the National Martyrs Memorial, Hussainiwalla Border.

State level Shaheed Udham Singh memorial all open cricket tournament organized



MORINDA (RADHEY SHYAM SHARMA): State-level Shaheed Udham Singh memorial all open cricket tournament organized by Cricket Academy. In which more than 30 prestigious teams of Punjab participated. Giving information in this regard, national cricket player Hardeep Singh Bains said that this tournament organized under the patronage of coach Mahender Singh and was inaugurated by senior Akali leader Mohanlal Kala. Dr. Desh Raj Yadav, CEO of PDR Group, reached Gurgaon as the chief guest.

On this occasion, Karnail Singh Jeet Vice Chairman PAD Bank participated as a special guest. The final match of this tournament was held between the teams of FR Cricket Club Morinda and Verma Cricket Club Sahnewal District Ludhiana. In which the team of FR Cricket Club played excellently and captured the trophy by scoring first place.

While the team of Verma Cricket Club Sahnewal brought laurels by securing the second position. Similarly, in the semi-final match, FR Cricket Club Morinda defeated the strong team of Morinda Cricket Academy and entered the final.

Dev revolution starts in Gurdaspur during two-year tenure of Mann govt



VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 11

Punjab Health System Corporation Chairman Mr. Raman Bahal has congratulated the people of the state on completion of two years of the Aam Aadmi Party government in the state. During the press conference at his residence today, Chairman Shri Raman Bahl said that the Chief Minister.

While the Punjab Government under the leadership of Bhagwant Singh Mann has made exemplary

development in every sector across the state, these two years have also proved important for the progress and prosperity of Gurdaspur assembly constituency. He said that in the last two years a development revolution has been started by spending more than Rs 100 crore on various development works in Gurdaspur Assembly. He said that the development works have just started, record development will be done by the Honorable Government in the next three years.

CM is harassing everyone: Chetanya Sharma



Chetanya Sharma said that the Chief Minister is harassing six MLAs out of frustration, sometimes he is harassing someone by blocking the way to their house, sometimes someone's property is being assessed, when nothing is found against him, then a false case is filed against his father. An attempt has been made to defame him by getting it registered. Chetanya Sharma said on phone that the Chief Minister will not achieve anything by personally harassing all the six MLAs. He said that action will also be taken against those who file false cases like this.

Australia's high level delegation meets Dalai Lama

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: Members of Australia's high-level delegation met Tibetan religious leader Dalai Lama in McLeodganj and discussed the current situation in Tibet and Tibet's independence. The Dalai Lama also expressed grief over the atrocities being committed by China on Tibetans living in Tibet and the violation of their human rights. He said that we want solution to every problem peacefully. The high-level delegation from Australia shared its concerns over human rights violations by the PRC inside Tibet. MP Michael Brand said China's even more repressive and more aggressive leadership is a threat not only to Tibet but to the peace and stability of Asia and beyond. Condemning the Chinese Communist Party's aggressive foreign policies and its repressive domestic actions, the long-serving German parliamentarian called for joint efforts from like-minded countries. He acknowledged that the atrocities being committed on Tibetans in Tibet are not hidden from the world.

2 die in road mishap in Bharmour

SHIMLA: Two people died and another sustained injuries when a Bolero Jeep carrying three people fell down in a drain on Hadsar-Bharmour road under Chamba district on Monday. The police chief of Chamb Abhishek Yadav confirmed that two people were killed and one was seriously injured when the Bolero vehicle fell into the drain in Bharmour subdivision. In the mishap, two people died on the spot, while another was seriously injured and has been referred to Medical College Chamba. The post-mortem of the deceased is being conducted. According to the information, the vehicle was coming from Balmui when it suddenly went uncontrollable near the Darati bridge and fell into a deep drain. The deceased are identified as Rakesh Kumar (the driver) and Ashni Kumar. The injured have been identified as Anil Kumar, a resident of village Seri.

MLA Ashish will file defamation case of Rs 50 crore against Bhuvaneshwar and Sanjay Awasthi



Rajneesh Sharma Hamirpur: "OPS Sanjay Awasthi and MLA Bhuvneshwar Gaur have tried to tarnish my image by filing a false FIR against me. I will file a criminal defamation case of Rs 50 crore each against both the leaders," said Independent MLA from Hamirpur Sadar, Ashish Sharma in a statement issued to the press. MLA Ashish Sharma said that apart from these two leaders, all the officers those were involved in filing false cases should also be held accountable in the court. He said that a false case has been made against him. Now when he asked for a copy of the FIR from the police station, he was not provided the copy. He said that he came into politics to serve the public and would always continue to do so. He said that by showing the arrogance of power some leaders have put the Devbhoomi to shame by corrupting the politics of the state. Ashish said that he has always walked with the truth and would walk further also. He said that the people of the state knew very well who was doing corruption and how.

Unsustainable habitat raises concerns over safety and geologic stability

BUREAU PARWANOO: On way to Shimla one can see number of such mind blowing scene on either side of the highway. Blaming nature for destruction is no solution. Man himself has to blame for all disasters because of his follies being played with the nature brings destruction. The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change reports that the Himalayas and coastal regions of India will be the hardest hit by climate change. Anthropogenic factors created by man have also significantly contributed to disaster. In the name of fiscal reforms the mountain States have been forced to generate their own resources for fiscal management. The exploitation of natural resources, including forests, water, tourism, and cement production, became a major focus for development. This led to the rapid construction of hydropower projects, often causing damage to rivers and their ecosystems, widening of roads without proper geological and engineering assessments, expansion of cement plants altering land use patterns.

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CM announces opening of Rajiv Gandhi Model Day Boarding School in Indora



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 11

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today unveiled and laid the foundation stone of 14 development projects worth Rs. 143 crore in Indora Assembly Constituency (AC). He also presided over the annual function of Government Degree College Indora and announced the opening of Rajiv Gandhi Model Day Boarding School in the area. The Chief Minister also announced opening of DSP Office at

Indora, setting up of 33 KV Sub Station at Moki (Surdwan), Tourism Hotel/Unity Mall at National Highway Damtal (Mandir Land), construction of Auditorium/Indoor Stadium at Indora, improvement and widening of Mohtali-Indora road with three bridges, setting up of Gowardhan Unit at Damtal Gaushala, Cold Store at Kandrori, shifting of HRTC workshop/RM office from Pathankot to Dhangu, opening of Veterinary Sub-Division at Indora. He also announced to start new HRTC bus service from Pathankot to Chandigarh

Terms BJP as Power Hungry Party

SHIMLA: Addressing a public gathering at Indora, the Chief Minister said that the present State Government has adopted strict fiscal measures to improve the economy of the state. He said that the previous government had worsened the financial health of the state and a huge debt burden was accumulated due to their unwise overspendings. He added that he took on the economic challenges boldly realizing that the system cannot run for long

on the basis of debt. He said that so far the government has been successful in curbing the corruption and the honest efforts resulted in closure of the avenues of loot and additional revenue of Rs. 2,200 crore has been collected. It has been decided by the government that the Women would be provided Rs. 1500 per month under the Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh-Samman Nidhi Yojna from the revenue generated from our own resources.

via Damtal, Indora, Rey, Khatiad, Talwada, Amb, Una, announced notifying Primary Health Centre Hagwal and Primary Health Centre Kangreri, up-gradation of veterinary dispensary Dugh-

Bakshian tehsil Indora to Veterinary Hospital, construction of bridge over Chakkikhad (Damtal to Majra, Mohtali Kharad) and construction of Suradwan to Malkana bridge.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Dharamshala organizes block level sports competition at Surya Defense Academy

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR, MAR 11

Nehru Yuva Kendra, Dharamshala organized block level sports competition at Surya Defense Academy Pathankot Kandwal-Pathankot Road Bhadrola. In which retired Colonel DS Mankotiya participated as the chief guest. In this sports competition, games like volleyball, 800 meter race, tug of war were conducted. The main objective of organizing this competition of Nehru Yuva Kendra Dharamshala was to increase interest in sports among children and youth and to keep them away from drugs. The chief guest honored the winning teams of



this competition by giving them trophies. In this sports competition, Hagwal stood first in volleyball and Gangwal stood second. While Naziv stood first in 800 meters race, Amit stood second, along with this, in tug of war, the team of Surya Defense Academy stood first, Gangwal's team stood second. Retired Colonel DS Mankotiya said that he has been called here by retired Subedar Narendra Pathania,

director of Surya Defense Academy. He was running an academy and he was very happy that it trained children for army recruitment and also for sports. Retired Subedar Narendra Pathania, Director of Surya Defense Academy, said that a sports competition has been organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Dharamshala in which volleyball, 800 meter race, tug of war were conducted.

Our effort is to strengthen Himachal tourism through cricket: Arun Dhumal



SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAR 11

IPL Chairman Arun Dhumal, in a conversation with PTC News Channel, said that the Indian and England teams have praised the international cricket stadium and said that they have played in stadiums all over the world but they did not experience the same fun in the stadium in Dharamshala. Couldn't find them anywhere.

AYUSH department will organize free medical camp in Charatgarh on March 13

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: AYUSH department will organize a free medical camp in Charatgarh on March 13. This camp will be organized in Nag Mandir Charatgarh under the

direction of District AYUSH Officer Dr Jyoti Kanwar. In which free medicines will be distributed by the AYUSH department. In this camp, Ayurvedic Medical Officers Dr Virender Kumar Dhiman

and Palvi Sharma and Ayurvedic Pharmacy Officers Krishan Chand, Kanchan Devi will especially provide their services on behalf of the AYUSH Department.

CM Sukhu unveils, lays foundation of 14 development projects worth Rs. 143 crore

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 11

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today unveiled and laid the foundation stone of 14 development projects worth Rs. 143 crore for Indora Assembly Constituency. He inaugurated Rs. 5.36 crore ITI Building at Gangath and Rs. 3.25 crore Bridge over Tara Khad at village Dhanotl. The Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of up-gradation work of Ghandran to Rehan via Moki road to be completed at a cost of Rs. 27.44 crore, up-gradation work of Bain-Indorian-Mand-Miani-Milwan to Barota road to be completed at a cost of Rs. 23 crore, up-gradation work of Madholi-Tappa-Indpur-Plahghat road to be completed at a cost of Rs. 12 crore, up-gradation work of Gangath to Gheta road to be completed at a cost of Rs. 9



crore, up-gradation work of Makrol to Changrara road to be completed at a cost of Rs. 12.52 crore, up-gradation work of Indora via Kursain to Kathgarh road to be completed at a cost of Rs. 12.58 crore and construction work of Baleer to Dainkwan via Samoon-Randoh to be completed at a cost of Rs. 6.35 crore. He also laid the foundation stone of Rs. 31 crore five developmental projects to be built by the Jal Shakti Department under NABARD, including remodeling works under Lift

Irrigation Scheme Gangath, Luther Beri and Badukhar in Indora Tehsil, remodeling work of 6 tube-wells under Mand area, remodeling work of 19 tube-wells in Indora Tehsil and embankment work of Surajpur Khad in Indora Tehsil for flood protection. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was the chief guest in the annual awards ceremony organized at the local Government Degree College where he distributed prizes to the meritorious students.

He said that during the test match, the atmosphere of Dharamshala has changed after many years, foreign tourists were seen everywhere. He said that our effort is to promote tourism through cricket and Himachal Pradesh should

benefit from it. Arun Dhumal said that he also received calls from hoteliers and they said that they have got a lot of benefits from cricket matches. He said that his endeavor will be to organize as many of the upcoming Tata IPL and ICC

World Cup matches as possible in Dharamshala. He said that due to the recent disaster, Himachal suffered a lot, the tourism business suffered a huge blow, despair was seen everywhere, but the cricket matches in Dharamshala.

MORE HOLI FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2024

For the convenience of the passengers Northern Railway will run the following additional Holi Festival Special Trains during the upcoming Holi festival season. The details are as under :-

04066/04065 Anand Vihar (T) - Patna Jn. - Anand Vihar (T) Superfast AC Special Express Train (Bi-weekly)				06
TRAIN NO. 04066		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04065
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
---	23:00	Anand Vihar (T)	11:20	---
16:00	---	Patna Jn.	---	17:45
Days of Run : 04066 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) on every Monday & Thursday from 21.03.2024 to 28.03.2024 and 04065 Ex. Patna Jn. on every Tuesday & Friday from 22.03.2024 to 29.03.2024.				
Accommodation : 1stAC, AC 2 Tier & AC 3 Tier.				
Stoppages : Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn., Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. and Danapur stations.				
04062/04061 Delhi Jn. - Barauni - Delhi Jn. Reserved Special Express Train (Weekly)				04
TRAIN NO. 04062		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04061
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
---	08:50	Delhi Jn.	07:35	---
06:30	---	Barauni	---	08:00
Days of Run : 04062 Ex. Delhi Jn. on every Sunday from 24.03.2024 to 31.03.2024 and 04061 Ex. Barauni on every Monday from 25.03.2024 to 01.04.2024.				
Accommodation : AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.				
Stoppages : Aligarh, Tundla, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra and Hajipur stations.				

04518/04517 Chandigarh - Gorakhpur - Chandigarh Reserved Special Express Train (Weekly)				04
TRAIN NO. 04518		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04517
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
---	23:15	Chandigarh	14:10	---
18:20	---	Gorakhpur	---	22:05
Days of Run : 04518 Ex. Chandigarh on every Thursday from 21.03.2024 to 28.03.2024 and 04517 Ex. Gorakhpur on every Friday from 22.03.2024 to 29.03.2024.				
Accommodation : AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, 3 Tier Economy, Sleeper & General.				
Stoppages : Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Raebareilly, Amethi, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh Jn., Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn and Madhubani stations.				

04060/04059 Anand Vihar (T) - Jaynagar - Anand Vihar (T) Reserved Special Express Train (Bi-weekly)				06
TRAIN NO. 04060		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04059
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
---	10:30	Anand Vihar (T)	19:55	---
15:15	---	Jaynagar	---	17:00
Days of Run : 04060 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) on every Tuesday & Friday from 22.03.24 to 29.03.24 and 04059 Ex. Jaynagar on every Wednesday & Saturday from 23.03.24 to 30.03.24.				
Accommodation : Sleeper & General.				
Stoppages : Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Raebareilly, Amethi, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh Jn., Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn and Madhubani stations.				

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01664/01663 Anand Vihar (T) - Saharsa Jn - Anand Vihar (T) Special Express Train				02
TRAIN NO. 01664		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 01663
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
---	11:10	Anand Vihar (T)	13:55	---
11:20	---	Saharsa Jn	---	09:30
Days of Run : 01664 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) on 25.03.2024 and 01663 Ex. Saharsa Jn. on 27.03.2024.				
Accommodation : Sleeper & General.				
Stoppages : Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur Jn, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Dalsingh Sarai, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn. and Simri Bakhtiyarpur stations.				

04010/04009 Anand Vihar (T) - Jogbani - Anand Vihar (T) Special Express Train				02
TRAIN NO. 04010		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04009
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
---	23:45	Anand Vihar (T)	16:05	---
05:20	---	Jogbani	---	09:00
Days of Run : 04010 Ex. Anand Vihar (T) on 26.03.2024 and 04009 Ex. Jogbani on 28.03.2024.				
Accommodation : Sleeper & General.				
Stoppages : Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Bareilly Cantt, Sitapur, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Nalgachia, Katihar Jn, Purnea, Arariya Court and Arariya stations.				

04068/04067 Delhi Jn. - Darbhanga - Delhi Jn. Special Express Train (Bi-weekly)				06
TRAIN NO. 04068		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04067
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
---	19:30	Delhi Jn.	16:40	---
16:30	---	Darbhanga	---	18:00
Days of Run : 04068 Ex. Delhi Jn. on every Tuesday & Friday from 22.03.2024 to 29.03.2024 and 04067 Ex. Darbhanga on every Wednesday & Saturday from 23.03.2024 to 30.03.2024.				
Accommodation : AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.				
Stoppages : Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur Jn, Narkatiaganj, Raxaul, Baigania, Sitamarhi and Janakpur Road stations.				

04004/04003 New Delhi - Sitamarhi - New Delhi Reserved Special Express Train (Bi-weekly)				06
TRAIN NO. 04004		STATIONS		TRAIN NO. 04003
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
---	00:10	New Delhi	01:30	---
22:00	---	Sitamarhi	---	23:30
Days of Run : 04004 Ex. New Delhi and 04003 Ex. Sitamarhi on every Tuesday & Friday from 22.03.2024 to 29.03.2024.				
Accommodation : AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.				
Stoppages : Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur Jn., Narkatiaganj, Raxaul and Baigania stations.				

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Auction Catalogue No. : UMB-Catg-01-24					
S	N	Lot No & Details	Rate unit	Auction start date & time	E-Auction close date & time
1		Catg-UMB-JPS-GMU-34-23-1 (Catering -General Minor Unit (GMU) for General category at PF no. 1 in Jamalpur Shaikhani Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 10:30 hrs
2		Catg-UMB-SML-GMU-24-23-1 (Catering -General Minor Unit (GMU) for Freedom Fighter/War Widow and Widow of Railway employee at PF No. 1 in Shimla Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 10:40 hrs
3		Catg-UMB-SHZ-GMU-23-23-1 (Catering -General Minor Unit (GMU) for General category at Summer Hill Railway Station in Circulating area)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 10:50 hrs
4		Catg-UMB-SML-GMU-57-24-1 (Catering -General Minor Unit (GMU) for General Women stall no. 2 at shimla Extension-2)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 11:00 hrs
5		Catg-UMB-JUDW-GMU-35-23-1 (Catering -General Minor Unit (GMU) for General Women stall no. 2 at platform no. 2 in Jagadhri Workshop Railway Station.	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 11:10 hrs
6		Catg-UMB-UKN-GMU-35-23-1 (Catering -General Minor Unit (GMU) for General category at PF No. 1 in Uklana Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 11:20 hrs
7		Catg-UMB-SFMU-SMU-32-23-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for ST (Freedom Fighter/ War Widow and Widow of Railway Employee) Category at PF no. 1 in Sunam Udham Singwala Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 11:30 hrs
8		Catg-UMB-SOL-SMU-56-24-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for OBC (Freedom Fighter, war widow, widow of Railway employee) Stall no. 1 at PF No. 1 in Solan Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 11:40 hrs
9		Catg-UMB-PTA-SMU-59-24-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for Scheduled Caste category stall no. 12 at PF No. 1 in Patiala Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 11:50 hrs
10		Catg-UMB-KRLI-SMU-38-23-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for SC (Women) category at PF no. 1 in Kurali Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 12:00 hrs
11		Catg-UMB-PUL-SMU-9-23-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for OBC (Women) Category at PF no. 1 in Rampura phul Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 12:10 hrs
12		Catg-UMB-MOT-SMU-13-23-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for Minority Category at PF no. 2 in Malout Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 12:20 hrs
13		Catg-UMB-BCU-SMU-10-23-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for ST Category at PF no. 1 in Bhuchchu Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 12:30 hrs
14		Catg-UMB-DKT-SMU-14-23-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for OBC (Women) Category at PF no. 1 in Dhulkot Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 12:40 hrs
15		Catg-UMB-SRE-SMU-55-24-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for OBC Category Stall no. 2 at PF no. 1 in Saharanpur Railway Station	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 12:50 hrs
16		Catg-UMB-UMB-SMU-54-24-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for SC Women Category Stall no. 14 at PF no. 6/7 in Ambala Cantt Railway Station	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 13:00 hrs
17		Catg-UMB-SOL-SMU-20-23-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for OBC Category in circulating area in Solan Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 13:10 hrs
18		Catg-UMB-GDB-SMU-11-23-1 (Catering -Special Minor Unit (SMU) for Minority (Women) Category at PF no. 2 in Giddarbaha Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	26.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	26.03.2024 at 13:20 hrs
Auction Catalogue No. : UMB-WVM-02-2024					
1		MSS-UMB-PTA-WVM-16-23-2 (Misc-Static Services-01 Water Vending Machine at Patiala Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	27.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	27.03.2024 at 10:30 hrs
2		MSS-UMB-YJUD-WVM-13-23-2 (Misc-Static Services-01 Water Vending Machine at Yamuna Nagar Jagadhari Railway Station)	Annual Licence fee	27.03.2024 at 10:00 hrs	27.03.2024 at 10:40 hrs
For participation in E-auction process or for any other information related to E-auction process prospective bidders are advised to visit www.ireps.gov.in .					
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Seminar on project mgt organized at Rayat Bahra Engineering College



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHARPUR: A seminar on project management was organized at Rayat Bahra Engineering College in Hoshiarpur. The seminar was conducted by the Applied Science Department of the college, in which the students of the department participated. The seminar was organized under the chairmanship of Executive Principal Dr. Jyotsna and In-charge Prof. Brijesh Singh. The seminar was based on the topic 'Framework of Student Project Management'.

45 pc of women take benefits from govt-backed schemes: Survey

RAJENDRA KHATRY CHANDIGARH: PayNearby, India's leading branchless banking and digital network with over 50 Lakh retail touchpoints, reveals that 45 per cent of women report availing benefits from government-backed schemes. Over 63 per cent of women in India aspire to start their own business, reflecting a strong desire for financial independence and self-reliance. This insight was shared as part of a Pan-India survey report titled 'PayNearby Women Financial Index (PWFII),' showcasing financial consumption by women at retail stores. The survey was conducted by the company among over 5,000 retail stores in the country recording financial transactions of women consumers as observed in those outlets.

Baba Farid College student Lovepreet Singh's startup idea get financial support of 4 lakhs



BATHINDA ANIL VERMA: Research and Development Foundation (CUPRDF) of Central University of Punjab, Bathinda organized a national level event SPRINT in collaboration with IIT, Ropar (I Hub-Awadhi). Total 22 teams shortlisted out of 91 teams from all over India to present their startup ideas in this event. After evaluating the startup ideas submitted by the participants, the best startups were selected by the judges. On this occasion, Under the able guidance of Dr. Ankit Kumar (Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, BFC) and Dr. Nivedita Gupta (Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, BFC), Lovepreet Singh of B.Sc.Agriculture - 6th semester and his team present their Startup Idea AMT (Agricultural Machines and Tools) which has received a financial support of Rs 4 lakh. Vice Chancellor of Central University of Punjab, Bathinda Prof. (Dr.) R.P. Tiwari honored the Lovepreet & the team by giving a cheque of 4 lakhs.

N.K. Sharma accuses AAP, Congress of misusing Zirakpur MC money



VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR: Former MLA of Derabassi Constituency NK Sharma held a press conference on Monday and accused the Congress President and the current government of misappropriating the funds of Zirakpur Municipal Council. He warned the Congress President of the Municipal Council that if the money was released to the Municipal Council Lalru, the countdown to his stay in power has started. Sharma said that during his government till 2017, he considered Zirakpur as his own city and collected every single penny so that in the future there would be no shortage of money for basic facilities according to the rapidly growing population of Zirakpur city. He said that after the coming of the Congress government in Punjab in 2017 and now after the coming of the Aam Aadmi Party government in 2022, this city has been neglected with roads, sewage, piped water, which is not being paid attention to. is After the change of government in 2017, the money of Zirakpur Municipal Council is being sent to other cities of Punjab.

Crossing with blind curve behind Radha Krishan Mandir poses serious threat

RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH: Speed Breakers and Blind Curve on Road Crossing, behind Radha Krishan Mandir and Lal Dwara Mandir, Sector 40A, Chandigarh have become a source of inconvenience for the public. The spot has also become safety concern behind the Radha Krishan Mandir and Lal Dwara Mandir in Sector 40 A, Chandigarh. The crossing poses a serious threat to motorists and pedestrians due to the combination of high speeds and a blind curve. The issue lies in the fact that motorists tend to drive at high speeds on this stretch of road. The crossing is coupled with the presence of a blind curve and creates a significant risk of accidents. The lack of proper speed control measures such as speed breakers, further aggravate the problem. Hence there is urgent need of speed breakers to be strategically placed at appropriate intervals to force motorists to slow down and navigate the curve with caution. There is a need of erecting clear and visible warning signs alerting drivers about the blind curve ahead. These measures will significantly reduce the risk of accidents at this location and ensure the safety of all road users.

BJP Kharar holds special meeting in view of upcoming Lok Sabha elections



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, MAR 11

BJP Kharar held a special meeting under the chairmanship of President Subhash Agarwal in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. In this meeting Puneet Bansal, Advisor of Vidhan Sabha Kharar also participated.

Giving information in this regard, Advocate Devinder Gupta and Ram Gopal, General Secretary of Kharar Mandal, said that Puneet Bansal asked all Shakti Kendra in-charges and executive officers to mobilize for the preparation of the upcoming elections. President Subhash Agarwal said that every resident of Punjab is troubled

by the present Punjab government. Not a single issue was completed from the votes on which this government was formed. He said that the women of Punjab did not get 1000/- rupees per month, nor did the drugs end, but the drugs increased, gangsters are increasing day by day. This government has failed from all

sides. That is why people are now looking towards BJP. All the executive officers are being run by the central government and are being briefed about the schemes. Vijay Gupta, Pravesh Bharti, Arun Jindal, Rajiv Sharma, Davinder Singh, Naresh Sharma, SK Sastri etc. members were present on this occasion.

Cops attacked by goons in Jagraon, FIR filed

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, MAR 11

A very concerning incident has taken place in Jagraon in district Ludhiana rural where some goons attacked police ASI Balraj Singh. According to the information from police station city Jagraon, ASI Balraj Singh son of

Balveer Singh resident of village Jaimwala is currently giving his services in district Ludhiana rural and was on his duty on a motorcycle when the incident took place. The victim was on his duty like everyday when he received a call from another police cop informing him about some bad elements trying to pick up fights near

Hargobindpura. ASI Balraj Singh with two other police cops reached the area to stop them but some of the youngsters tried to attack the police officers. According to the information, a youngster allegedly attacked ASI Balraj Singh with iron rod who was later identified as Bittu Singh son of Shinder Singh.

Rich tributes paid to Principal Harjit Singh

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, MAR 11

The Shardhanjali ceremony for late Principal Harjit Singh who passed away on February 26 was held at his residence Mundi Kharar.

On this occasion, a large number of dignitaries participated and offered Sardhajali to him. Earlier, Kharar resident and former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi also went home and shared his grief with the family.

It is worth mentioning that while Principal Harjit Singh ji served in the field of education in Chandigarh and Punjab, his name is also



counted in the forefront in the field of social service.

He was associated with Gurdwara Sish Marg Mundi Kharar, Rotary Club and Ma-

haraja Aaj Sarovar from the beginning. Former Minister Jagmohan Singh Kang, former Rotary Club District Governor Manmohan Singh Eye Donation Motivator Harpreet Singh Rekhi, Principal Jasveer Chandra, Principal Hazara Singh and Ajit Singh, Sant Adeya Das etc. paid tributes to him and talked in detail about the qualities of the deceased.

It is worth mentioning that according to his wish, his eyes were donated after his death, with which two needy persons were given sight. Dilraj Singh Son of the deceased thanked all for coming.

Big blow to AAP, Hardeep Singh, who contested council elections, joins Congress

ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): Congress got a big boost in Zirakpur today when Hardeep Singh from Ward No. 30 of Municipal Council Zirakpur Who contested the council election who along with his colleagues said goodbye to Aam Aadmi Party and joined Congress. Sardar Deepinder Singh Dhillon welcomed him warmly and assured that he will be given due respect in the party. On this occasion, Deepinder Dhillon said that the people of Punjab have become fed up with the AAP government within 2 years. He said that this government is working only with statements. While no work is visible on the ground. Deepinder Dhillon said that the workers who strengthened the Aam Aadmi Party had no value. Because of this, its workers and leaders are angry. Even in our constituency, many AAP leaders are angry with the party. Even today, Hardeep Singh, who contested the councilor election from the Aam Aadmi Party from Ward No. 30 of Zirakpur, joined the Congress with his colleagues.



Transformative partnership to elevate graduate employability unveiled



LK BANSAL MOHALI, MAR 11

In a pioneering endeavour to bolster student employability on a global scale, Employability.life and Chandigarh University have entered into a strategic collaboration. This partnership aims to institute comprehensive programs tailored to equip students with the requisite skills and experiences vital for success in diverse professional environments worldwide, in collaboration with Federation University Australia. With a special emphasis on Federation

University Australia, this collaboration is meticulously crafted to synchronize education with the ever-evolving demands of the global workplace, ensuring graduates are well-equipped for dynamic job markets.

Chandigarh University has formalized a Letter of Intent with Employability.life, cementing the establishment of a mutually beneficial Future of Work Experience centre. This centre will offer students invaluable project-based learning opportunities in both Punjab and Melbourne.

Satluj Press Club Rupnagar formed unanimously



ROPAR (PT DAVINDER SHARMA): A meeting of all the journalist friends of Rupnagar and the area was held at Water Lily Rupnagar. On this occasion, all the journalist friends decided that a new press club should be formed and unanimously, Sutlej Press Club, Rupnagar was formed. On this occasion, Ashok Kumar was unanimously elected as the President, Sarabjit Singh Kotla Nihang as the President, Avtar Singh Kamboj as the Vice President, Shamsher Singh Bagga as the General Secretary, Darshan Singh Grewal as the Cashier, Gurminder Singh Sihomajra as the Joint Secretary, Somraj Sharma as the Press Secretary and President and General Secretary including Kamal Bharaj, Amar Sharma and Manpreet Singh Toki Ghanoli were made members of the disciplinary committee.

Apart from this, Vijay Kapoor, Kashmir Chand Rana, Mandeep Singh, Kulwant Singh Saini, Paramjit Singh, Anil Sharma, Sanjeev Thakur, Gurmeet Singh Tony, Davinder Sharma, Radhe Shyam, Dhruv Narang, Pulkit Bains and Gurminder Romi have been made members. Newly elected president Sarabjit Singh Kotla Nihang said that efforts would be made to resolve the problems of all journalist colleagues and people by bringing them to the notice of the administration.

Gyan to Karma: Prof. Prem Kumar Khosla Unveils His 'Eighty-Four Memoirs



R N KHERA CHANDIGARH, MAR 11

In an enriching addition to the world of literature, Prof. Prem Kumar Khosla, a distinguished educator serving as the Chancellor of Shoolini University, Solan and a visionary in the field of biotechnology and management sciences, announced the launch of his latest book, Eighty-Four Memoirs here at Chandigarh Press Club today. This compilation is not just a reflection of Prof. Khosla's life but a profound journey through the myriad experiences and insights he has gathered over the decades. In the presence of

notable dignitaries, including Major General Neeraj Bali, and amidst an enlightening conversation with Motivational Speaker and former IAS officer, Vivek Atray, Prof. Khosla shared his compelling journey encapsulated in this new book. Major General Neeraj Bali remarked, "Prof. Khosla's 'Eighty-Four Memoirs' is not just a book; it's a beacon of knowledge and experience, illuminating the path for future generations."

Prof. Khosla shared, "As I journeyed through the process of writing these memoirs, I found myself traversing the vast landscape of my mind, both archived.

CEC-CGC Landran gets NAAC A+ Grade



TILAK RAJ MOHALI, MAR 11

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has awarded A+ grade to Chandigarh Engineering College (CEC) a constituent college of CGC Landran.

The institution scored a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 3.42 on a 4-point scale. CEC-CGC Landran has been conferred the A+ grade after being assessed on key parameters including Curricular aspects, Teaching-Learning and Evaluation; Research, Innovations and Extension; In-

frastructure and Learning Resources; Student Support and Progression; Governance, Leadership and Management; Institutional Values and Best Practices. Established in 1994, NAAC is an autonomous entity that assesses and accredits Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) such as universities and colleges to derive an understanding of the quality status of the institution. It undertakes a rigorous evaluation process taking into consideration an institution's teaching methodologies, research output, infrastructure, governance.

Doaba group of college successfully concludes its 11th annual athletic meet

CHETRAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR, MAR 11

Doaba Group of college organized its two-day 11th annual athletic meet. For this, a grand opening ceremony was organized at the campus, where all students participated. DGC Mr. H.S Bath (President of DKTGI) had declared the meet open by running with the sports' torch ceremony and getting the cauldron lit at the playground for smoothness of the sports' activities.

Our honorable Management Mr. H.S Bath (President of DKTGI) and Mr.M.S Bath was with us. Who had warmly accepted invitation to join athletic meet along with Dr Rajeshwar Singh (Director), Dr.Khushneet Kaur Bath (Principal), Gurpreet



Singh Bath(Trustee), Navpreet Singh Sangha (Trustee), Guest Mr.Tajinder Singh Atwal and Mr.Raghujit Singh Sandhu and staff members at the college.

At the very onset the flag was unfurling the colorful balloons released. March past and P.T was performed by the students of different houses (Doaba Warriors, Doaba Sea-Hawks, Doaba Chargers, Doaba challenges). All the participants took oath under the

leadership of own house leaders. The oath taking ceremony filled in the hearts of everyone with the spirit of true sportsmanship and unity. H.S Bath (President of DKTGI) encouraged athletes to develop the spirit of leadership and team work under fair play. He mentioned the importance of sports and told that these athletic activities are very important for physical and mental growth of an individual.

Nodal officers get training about postal ballots, VVPATS, MCC, eronet, MCMC besides others

J S SODHI JALANDHAR, MAR 11

Aiming to ensure smooth conduct of upcoming general elections, Jalandhar District Administration on the directions of Election Commission of India (ECI) organized a special training session for district level masters trainees and assembly level masters trainers for various election related tasks.

State Level Master Trainers including Additional Deputy Commissioner Jasbir Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Amit Mahajan, and SDM Balbir Raj Singh imparted training to DLMTs and ALMTs during the training session. They provided an insight into various tasks with respect to various election tasks including postal ballot, ETPBS, EVMS, VVPSTs, Counting &



Declaration of Results, MCC, EEM, Media Complaints, MCMC, Paid News, Vulnerability Mapping, E-Roll, ETONET, SVEEP, IT Application, DEMP, polling parties, and Poll Day arrangements.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Jasbir Singh said that the main aim of training

was to ensure that a platform was offered to the officers for keeping them abreast with the latest technological advancements in democratic set up. Election Tehsildar Sukhdev Singh, Election Kanoongo Rakesh along with other officers were present in the meeting.

1047 cases decided in National Lok Adalat, settlement of Rs 1,11,22,558 made: Goyal



VIKAS VERMA DHURI, MAR 11

This year's first National Lok Adalat was organized in Dhuri. Giving information in this regard, Neha Goyal Additional Civil Judge Senior Division said that this Rashtriya Lok Adalat was set up in which 1047 decisions were taken and a settlement of Rs 1,11,22,558 was made.

In which cases like bank loan, check bounce, water bill, motor accident claim

case, labor dispute etc. were settled immediately. Bar Association President Advocate Kewal Singh Chahal and Advocate Rajeev Singla, Raj Kumar Singla, Gandhi Singh Advocate said that whatever cases are settled in this Lok Adalat, it is valid everywhere because these cases are settled by the judges only. And appeals to the people to take advantage of such Lok Adalats as much as possible which saves their time and money. At this time officers.

Mehfil-e-Sham and book release ceremony concluded with pomp and show



CHANDIGARH, MAR 11

On behalf of Pinky Soch Badlo Trust, in collaboration with Dr. Anmol Ratan Sidhu, the book release program of 'Mehfil-e-Sham' and 'Pinky Ki Shayari' was held at Law Bhawan Auditorium, Sector 37, Chandigarh.

On this occasion, the famous Khan Brothers (Alamgir Khan and Aman Khan) mesmerized everyone with their performance. On this occasion, famous actress Pinky Sandhu released the book 'Pinky Ki Shayari'. Pinky Sandhu thanked

everyone after the book release and said that we have been organizing such events for a long time.

He said that his organization works a lot with the children of slum areas. On this occasion, he distributed stationery and food items to the children of slum areas. Congratulating Pinky, Dr. Anmol Ratan Sidhu said that it is my wish that my sister always remains successful like this. He congratulated everyone who participated in the program as the chief guest. After this a magic show was also shown.

Imported liquor will be cheaper in Punjab

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER NAW ANSHARH : The Cabinet of Punjab has approved the new excise policy, which will make imported liquor cheaper in Punjab. Also, there has been no increase in the prices of liquor produced in Punjab. It has the highest consumption in Punjab. The state government has made the imported liquor cheaper in its new excise policy. Now it will become cheaper by around Rs 100 to Rs 200 per bottle. It is to be mentioned that in the previous excise policy of Punjab, due to the high cost of alcohol, there have been complaints of smuggling in large quantities in Haryana and Chandigarh. The contracts of the adjacent areas of these two states were either not auctioned at all or remained at a loss. Now because alcohol is cheap, the effect has reversed. Due to this policy Punjab The income has also increased significantly.

Havan Yajna performed at HMV Collegiate School



HARPREET SINGH LEHAL JALANDHAR : The inaugural Havan for the new academic session 2024-25 for SSC 2 of Collegiate School was performed at HMV Collegiate Sr. Sec. School. The new session as well as the day began on a very enthusiastic note. Everyone joined hands in chanting the holy mantras and invoking the blessings of the Almighty for the new session. Principal Prof. Dr. Ajay Sareen paid homage to the great visionary and social reformer Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati ji on the auspicious occasion of Rishi Dayanand Bodh Utsav. Dr. Seema Marwaha, Dean Academics and School Coordinator, Arvinder Kaur, School Co-Coordinator, Pankaj Jyoti, Accounts Superintendent, Lakhwinder Singh, General office Superintendent, Ravi Maini, Superintendent Admin encouraged the students to be invincible in life and with unflinching dedication only success can be achieved.

Screening of newborns under National Congenital Defects Awareness Month



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA : National Congenital Defect Awareness Month 2024 is being celebrated in all maternity institutions, Anganwadi centers and government schools across the district under the leadership of Civil Surgeon Barnala by the District Health Department. Under which nine types of congenital defects found in newborns such as neural tube defects, Down syndrome, cleft palate with cleft/cleft alone, clubfoot, developmental dysplasia of hip, congenital deafness, congenital heart diseases, retinopathy of Children are being tested daily for prematurity and more and more people are being made aware about it. During this national congenital defect awareness campaign, Dr. Gurbinder Kaur, District Immunization Officer, Barnala examined the new born babies in the Civil Hospital Barnala.

Common people get roof under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana: Surbhi Garg



RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL : A program of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana was organized in the Municipal Council office. Chairperson Surbhi Garg presided over this program. More than 50 people were given an amount of Rs 2 lakh 50 thousand per beneficiary under the scheme. While talking to all the people, Surabhi Garg took information whether the people are getting the full amount given by the government under this scheme or not, on this the people said that they will get the full amount. The Chairperson said that the government has released this amount to build permanent houses under the scheme. For this we all express our gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Municipal Council Chairperson Surabhi Garg said that under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, an amount of Rs 2 lakh 50 thousand is given in urban areas. Till now this amount has been given to 400 families. This amount is given to the beneficiaries in three installments. He said that the country and the state are developing under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

AAP pushed Punjab towards economic emergency: Chugh

VERMA GURDASPUR: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh today said the AAP government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has pushed Punjab to the brink of economic collapse by grossly misusing resources and burdening the state with unprecedentedly huge debt. Demanding a white paper on the economic condition of the state, Chugh said that if the decline continues for some more time, Punjab may have to declare fiscal emergency as happened in Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Chugh held the Bhagwant Mann government responsible for completely ruining the economy of Punjab. He said as Punjab's share in central taxes is rising steadily from Rs 14,000 crore in 2022-23 to Rs 22,000 crore in the current financial year, the debt-GDP ratio has touched alarming heights. Contrary to the RBI's recommendation of keeping it at 32 per cent,



Punjab has recklessly increased the state's debt to 45 per cent. In the last financial year, the state had taken a loan of Rs 94000 crore, but the total debt of Punjab has reached Rs 3.7 lakh crore. Further, the capital expenditure has been reduced from Rs 10354 crore in 2022-23 to Rs 7445 crore in 2024-25. This makes it clear that the AAP government of Punjab does not have any concrete strategy for development. He said that what is worrying is that the allocation for rural and small scale industries has been reduced from Rs 385 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 126 crore in 2024-25. Similarly, the allocation for roads and bridges has been drastically cut from Rs 295 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 192 crore in 2024-25. Even the allocation to agriculture and allied sectors has been cut by about Rs 100 crore, a serious reflection of the wrong and anti-development policies of the AAP government in Punjab.

People of dozens of villages join BJP

RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI : Impressed by the welfare policy of BJP, dozens of villagers in Khairi Tajwala have left other parties and joined the BJP family. BJP leader Ashok Choudhary welcomed the villagers into the party by wearing party placards. In the program chaired by BJP leader Ashok Choudhary, dozens of villagers of Sufiyani, Jamsaid, Farooq, Mustaqeem, Shahid, Ilyas, Qurban, Nawab, Barik, Haroon left other parties and joined the BJP. Addressing the villagers during the program, BJP leader Ashok Choudhary said that people were leaving other parties and joining the BJP family after being impressed by the welfare policies of the BJP in the

Thousands pay tribute to late DSFO Sardar Grunam Singh

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Today the late DFSO The memorial service of Sardar Grunam Singh Ji was held at Gurudwara Kala Mehr. In the last prayer, Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, Member of Parliament S. Simranjit Singh Mann and Police Administration ADGP A.S. Rai had arrived. By eminent persons Paying tribute to Gurnam Singh who has bid farewell to this mortal world, he said that Gurnam Singh was an honest man, sincere and devoted to his duty. People of his honesty still give examples today. He had



immense faith in Akal Purakh. He focused on the future of his son senior public prosecutor Dilpreet Singh Sandhu alias Bablu. Due to which Bablu is doing his duty with full honesty and truth while following the path shown by his father. Being emotional about his father, Bablu ji said that he never stayed at home during retirement. Whenever the children wanted to get something from the market, they would immediately ask Dadaji and Dada would immediately leave all the work and fulfill the children's wishes.

Chairman GN Khalsa College unveils Khalsa Supreme League

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, MAR 11



Guru Nanak Khalsa College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Matunga, a renowned powerhouse of sports in Mumbai, announced the kickoff of its highly anticipated cricket tournament: "Khalsa Supreme League (KSL)". This groundbreaking initiative is the brainchild of the visionary leader S. Gurinder Singh Bawa, Chairman of G.N. Khalsa College & Chairman of GNIMS. The Khalsa Supreme League, set to be the biggest community-based cricket tournament in Mumbai, promises to be an unparalleled extravaganza, bringing together the best talent from across the nation. Saabat Soorat Sikhs from every corner of the country will converge in Mumbai to participate in this momentous event,

showcasing their prowess on the cricket field and celebrating the rich spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship. With 8 franchise owners and over 120+ players representing their teams from all over India, the league will redefine cricketing excellence and community engagement on a grand scale. The list of teams and their owners- Ahuja Giants - Owned by S. Satinder Singh Ahuja & M.P. Singh, Timmy & Bachher Tigers - Owned by S. Gurbinder

Singh Bachher & Harvinder Pal Timmy Mehta, Bright Stars - Owned by S. Satinderpal Singh Bright, Simran Royals Kings - Owned by S. Harpal Singh Bhatia, Randhawa Warriors - Owned by S. Mehar Singh Randhawa, Bindra Legends - Owned by S. Happy Bindra & King Bindra, Supreme Panthers - Owned by S. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Dasmesh & Ronak Royals - Owned by S. Harjinder Singh Saini & S. Amardip Singh Vij.

MLA and chairperson lays foundation stone of Gurjar Bhawan to be built with Rs 41 lakhs



RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL: MLA Bhai Leela Ram and Municipal Council Chairperson Surabhi Garg laid the foundation stone of the hall to be built at a cost of Rs 41 lakh in Gurjar Bhawan Kaithal. MLA Leela Ram said that Bharatiya Janata Party is doing amazing work in terms of development. He said that record breaking development works are being carried out in Kaithal Halke. The MLA said that very commendable work is being done by the Chief Minister in terms of development for Kaithal. For whatever work you ask for money from the Chief Minister, he immediately gives you the money. MLA Leelaram said that development works are going on in all the wards of Kaithal city. Leelaram said that it is a matter of great pride for Kaithal constituency that none of the roads connecting one village to another is unpaved. Leela Ram said that the government will provide whatever money is required for Gurjar Bhawan.

Manpreet of Basi Pathana wins gold medal at national level in Hockey Under-19: MLA Happy

GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL KHAMANO: Manpreet Kaur, a resident of Khalspur village of Basi Pathana tehsil of Fatehgarh Sahib district, has brought glory to her country and the area by winning the gold medal in the Under-19 hockey national competition held in Jalandhar. Giving this information, Basi Pathana constituency MLA Rupinder Singh Happy said that it was a matter of pride for them that the daughter of Basi Pathana constituency has brought glory to herself and the district. He congratulated Manpreet Kaur at her home and said that this created enthusiasm among other youth of Punjab and also gave guidance to the parents to pursue their daughters' education. He said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has given priority to sports in Punjab and efforts were being made to make Punjab a colorful Punjab again. The Punjab government was with such hardworking, tireless and capable players. It was a matter of great pride for them that despite so many difficulties, Manpreet Kaur has achieved this position. On this occasion, Manpreet Kaur was given the blessings of Guru and she was given inspiration to move ahead. While encouraging, he said that other children should also get inspired by Manpreet Kaur and contribute in sports and bring glory to Punjab and their village. Talking on this occasion, Manpreet said that every person has to struggle, but to reach this position, more than that, it was the result of his mother's tireless hard work day and night that she has achieved this position. Every family should consider their daughters as equal and pay attention to their education and give them a chance to move forward.

Maharashtra company caused loss of millions of rupees to Trident Group?

KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: District Police Barnala has registered a case against a Maharashtra company and 7 other persons on charges of causing economic loss of lakhs of rupees by cheating Trident Udyog Dhola. It is worth noting that Trident Industries is a major supplier of towels and sheets with a large unit at Dhaula town in Barnala district. The towels made by this company have a distinct identity in other countries especially in America. Naginder Malik, an officer of Trident Industries Dhaula (Barnala), told the police through an application that Solonisi Chemical Private Limited had entered into an agreement with the Maharashtra company on January 6, 2023 for the supply of resins and other services. The company had to provide skilled manpower and other services for smooth and efficient use of biocide resins in paper machines of our companies. But this Maharashtra company had sent one of its skilled person, but the said person was caught by our officials on the spot using wrong chemical with the intention of damaging and destroying the machines with bad intention. Officer of Trident Industries Dhaula Malik filed a case against the said company of Maharashtra at Roodeke Kalan police station of district Barnala on the charges of causing financial loss of lakhs of rupees to the Dhaula factory due to the chemical supplied by the company and the said person and the police have started the investigation of the said matter.

Under Drug Free Haryana, 5460 criminals sent behind bars in 3823 cases: Dr. Ashok Kumar



Haryana aware not only against drugs but also about road safety, environmental protection, cycle promotion, cyber crime as well as patriotism. He had reached Government College Saraswati Nagar today and organized the 74th one-day awareness program against drug abuse. This program was organized under the chairmanship of college principal Suman Bhatia in which 206 students and teachers participated. While creating awareness against drug addiction, Bureau's awareness program and rehabilitation in-charge Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma said that the Government of India is taking strict cognizance to make India drug free. Haryana Government also constituted Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau on 25 August 2020 with this effect. Last year, Haryana Police and Bureau had filed 3823 cases against drug smugglers and sent 5460 criminals behind the bars. Not only this, the properties of 86 drug smugglers have been confiscated and they have been sent behind bars.

Public meeting organised



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: A public meeting was organized in village Darad under the leadership of senior party leader and former MLA Rakesh Kamboj regarding the 'Ghar Ghar Congress Har Ghar Congress campaign. In which many leaders including ICC Observer Pradeep Mann and Karnal Lok Sabha in-charge Chaudhary Lahari Singh participated. In the public meeting, Rakesh Kamboj read out the party resolution letter to the people and resolution letters were also distributed to everyone. A large number of villagers were present. Former MLA Rakesh Kamboj distributed the party's resolution letter to the villagers and read it out to them. Taking a jibe at the BJP government, he said that the corruption of the Bharatiya Janata Party is at its peak and the youth of the state are not getting employment in foreign countries. Going in. As soon as the Congress Party government comes to power, it will work strongly on all the schemes. He said that the Congress Party government will be formed at the Center in the coming Lok Sabha and the Congress Party government will be formed in the Legislative Assembly elections in the state. In-charge Pradeep Mann said that every guarantee given by Narendra Modi BJP Khatarr government is fake like Modi and said that every guarantee given by Rahul Gandhi is true which will benefit the people of the country and Haryana.



entire state and the development works being carried out without any discrimination. Even in the villages of Jagadhri Assembly, people were leaving other parties and joining BJP every day. He said that people were joining BJP after being impressed by the development works taking place in Jagadhri Assembly. The development works in Pratapnagar area was before the public. The government has got dozens of major works done on priority without any discrimination. In which Rs 21 crore has been approved for hospital construction, bus stand construction, ITI construction and college building construction in Pratap Nagar. He further stated that funds were being given for construction of roads and development works in the Panchayat.

Editorial

Handheld morality

In January, the International Court of Justice saw South Africa present its 84-page legal dossier detailing allegations of genocide brought against Israel. Western media giants were widely criticised on social media platforms for what has been described by the Palestinian writer and analyst, Yara Hawari, as an “outstanding” lack of adequate coverage of the hearings. Furthermore, the same media giants that pointedly failed to broadcast South Africa’s case went on to air Israel’s two-hour-long defence against the allegations in a later session.

In a move that many have hailed as a necessary corrective to this blatant media bias, clips featuring several actors, including well-known faces from Game of Thrones, reading out key passages from South Africa’s case against Israel were circulated widely on social media platforms. The videos have since gone viral, with X users pointing out that the limited coverage of South Africa’s arguments had had the unintended effect of ensuring that hundreds of internet users would be made familiar with the details of the charges brought against Israel.

While digital activism is not new to us, what sets the current situation in Gaza apart is that one would be hard-pressed to name any other ‘conflict’ in history which has seen such extensive real-time uploading and sharing of videos and images of brutal slaughter, displacement, and resilience across social media platforms. Every single development in the past few months in the lives of the Gazan people has been meticulously documented and streamed directly to our mobile devices. Ideological wars continue to be fought in X threads, Instagram reels and TikTok comments as propaganda machines work overtime to churn out contrasting accounts of a decades-old conflict. Images of violence and destruction flood in from Gaza, often in defiance of deliberate media and internet blackouts, even as content creators on TikTok and Instagram take to their ring lights and phone cameras to create videos, memes and trends advocating for the rights of the persecuted.

And, yet, one cannot help but be dismayed at the implications of the need to relentlessly post, share and reshare images of death, dismemberment, despair and destruction of a people on a daily, even hourly, basis. Grieving privately is a privilege no longer granted to the traumatised victims of the carnage, as cameras must constantly point to and shoot scenes of overwhelming devastation in an effort to humanise victims and survivors.

Actors wear red pins calling for Gaza ceasefire on Oscars red carpet

On the Oscars red carpet, a striking departure from the typical glitz and glamour unfolded, with notable celebrities such as singer Billie Eilish and actor Mark Ruffalo proudly donning red pins as a poignant call for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war, The New York Times reported.

This marked a significant departure from the general trend of Hollywood stars shying away from drawing attention to the ongoing conflict during this awards season.

The red pins served as a symbol of solidarity with Artists4Ceasefire, a coalition of celebrities and industry members who, in a collective effort, signed an open letter urging President Joe Biden to advocate for an immediate cease-fire, according to The New York Times.

The list of nearly 400 signatories includes this year's Oscar nominees Bradley Cooper and America Ferrera, along with prominent names like Cate Blanchett, Drake, Ben Affleck, and Jennifer Lopez.

"The pin symbolizes collective support for an immediate and permanent cease-fire, the release of all of the hostages and for the urgent delivery of humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza," Artists4Ceasefire said in a news release. "Compassion must prevail," the release continued.

One of the entertainers who wore the symbolic pins was comedian and actor Rami Youssef, who starred in the highly nominated film "Poor Things." Youssef expressed a mixture of hope and disappointment, saying, "There's a part of you that hopes it doesn't have to get to pins... There's a part of us that hoped we would already be at a cease-fire, and we're not."

Youssef also reflected on the surprising lack of questions about the war during earlier red carpet events this season. At the Golden



en Globe Awards in January, he seized an opportunity to redirect a question about Jeremy Allen White's Calvin Klein ad into a call for a cease-fire. He emphasized that this isn't about political strategy but a simple plea: "Hey, let's stop killing kids."

Other notable personalities joining this movement included director Ava DuVernay, actor Quannah ChasingHorse, and Billie Eilish, who won the Best Original Song for "What Was I Made For?" from "Barbie." Eilish incorporated the red accent into her black-and-white Chanel ensemble, a sentiment echoed by her brother and producer, Finneas, as reported by The New York Times. While the Israel-Hamas war had a limited presence on red carpets since the

Golden Globe Awards in January, where stars wore yellow ribbons in solidarity with hostages held by Hamas, the Oscars served as a platform to renew attention to the humanitarian crisis. The Artists4Ceasefire pins, resembling glossy red quarters with an image of a hand surrounding a small black heart, have made intermittent appearances throughout the awards season. At the Grammy Awards, members of the indie rock trio boygenius attached these pins to their suits, and actors Tony Shalhoub and Ebon Moss-Bachrach showcased them on the red carpet at the Screen Actors Guild Awards.

Mark Ruffalo, nominated for the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for his role in "Poor Things," also proudly displayed an

Artists4Ceasefire pin at the Directors Guild of America Awards in February. Ruffalo emphasised the need to give a ceasefire a chance, stating, "We're not going to bomb our way to peace."

The Israel-Hamas war has resulted in a significant loss of life, with over 30,000 people reported killed in Gaza, according to Gazan officials, and around 1,200 casualties in Israel from the Hamas attack on October 7.

Red carpets at award shows have traditionally provided opportunities for stars to draw attention to various issues. At the 2023 Oscars, blue ribbons were donned to express support for refugees. In 2018, women in Hollywood wore black to the Golden Globes in solidarity with victims of sexual harassment. Natalie Portman, in 2020, wore a cape embroidered with the names of female directors at the Oscars.

While Hollywood stars have increasingly spoken out on political leaders, abortion rights, and racial inequality on award show stages, discussions surrounding the war in the Middle East have been relatively subdued. However, the Grammy Awards saw a slight shift last month when Annie Lennox called for a cease-fire during her musical tribute to singer Sinead O'Connor.

The Los Angeles Police Department anticipated possible protests related to the Israel-Hamas war on the day of the Oscars, leading to increased security around the Dolby Theater, the venue for the awards show.

Rami Youssef emphasised the unique role of artists in encouraging viewers to engage with humanitarian issues, saying, "There's that term 'talking heads' -- I think artists are talking hearts," he said. "We're appealing on an emotional level," The New York Times reported.

Literature & Health

Australia to axe hundreds of nuisance tariffs from July

Australian Treasurer Jim Chalmers said on Monday that the federal government would abolish almost 500 nuisance tariffs from July 1.

"We will eliminate import tariffs on a wide range of imported goods, including toothbrushes, hand tools, fridges, dishwashers, clothing, and menstrual and sanitary products," Chalmers announced at the Australian Financial Review Business Summit held in Sydney.

"This is the biggest unilateral tariff reform in at least two decades. It will cut compliance costs, reduce red tape, make it easier to do business, and boost productivity," he noted.

According to the treasurer, the new reforms served as a significant move to simplify Australia's trading system and remove compliance costs for local businesses, particularly small-to-medium enterprises.

"There are 18 free trade agreements and around 16,000 tariff concession orders. Much of our trade is tariff-free but not free of the associated compliance costs. The complexity of the current system means businesses are not fully benefiting from trading opportunities. The compliance burden disproportionately impacts small businesses and occasional importers who are less able to manage the costs of accessing preferential or concessional rates," said Chalmers.

The changes are estimated to scrap about 14 percent of Australia's total tariffs.



Meanwhile, they will also streamline approximately 8.5 billion Australian dollars (5.6 billion U.S. dollars) worth of annual trade and save businesses over 30 million Australian dollars in compliance costs each year.

"It will provide a bit of extra help with the cost of living challenge by making everyday items just that little bit cheaper," said Chalmers (1 Australian dollar equals about 0.66 U.S. dollars).

South Korea begins procedure to suspend licenses of 5,000 trainee doctors



The South Korean health ministry sent prior notices on Monday to suspend the medical licenses of around 5,000 trainee doctors who have defied an order to return to work and have been protesting against the government's proposal to increase medical school admissions, reported Yonhap News Agency.

Deputy Health Minister Jun Byung-wang said that it had completed sending the notices to 4,944 junior doctors last week.

After receiving the notices, the doctors will be required to submit their opinions on punitive measures by March 25, according to Yonhap News Agency.

With the government vowing to take legal action against junior doctors making threats to their colleagues, or impeding their return to hospitals, the health ministry will also open a hotline on Tuesday for the physicians wishing to return, Jun said. "The government will spare no efforts

to help trainee doctors wishing to return to hospitals," Jun added.

As many as 11,994 trainee doctors left their workites at 100 teaching hospitals as of Friday, accounting for some 93 per cent of all junior doctors, the ministry stated, Yonhap News Agency reported.

Health Minister Cho Kyoo-hong said that the government will take lenient measures if trainee doctors return to work before administrative procedures to suspend their licenses are completed.

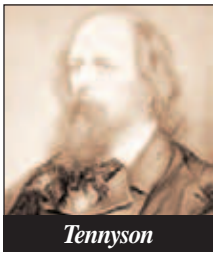
"As we plan to proactively extend leniency to junior doctors who return before the conclusion of administrative procedures, we encourage their prompt comeback," Cho said. Reportedly, local hospitals have been experiencing cancellations and delays in surgeries and emergency medical treatment as medical interns and residents remained silent to the government's call for them to return by the end of February.

POEM

The Lady of Shalott

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

To many-tower'd Camelot; The yellow-leaved waterlily The green-sheathed daffodilly Tremble in the water chill! Round about Shalott. Willows whiten, aspens shiver. The sunbeam showers break and quiver



In the stream that runneth ever By the island in the river Flowing down to Camelot. Four gray walls, and four gray towers Overlook a space of flowers, And the silent isle imbowers The Lady of Shalott.

Underneath the bearded barley, The reaper, reaping late and early, Hears her ever chanting cheerily, Like an angel, singing clearly, O'er the stream of Camelot. Piling the sheaves in furrows airy, Beneath the moon, the reaper weary Listening whispers, 'Tis the fairy, Lady of Shalott.'

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

PM:USHA-A Vehicle for Transforming Higher Education Landscape

Sustained growth in the sphere of knowledge enrichment is an essential factor for the advancement of human civilization. Needless to say that education is the backbone of the holistic growth of an individual, society and the nation. Quality contemporary education promotes economic, intellectual and social growth by empowering youth with attributes, namely, critical thinking, creativity, skill-development, innovation and entrepreneurship. These attributes are essential for inclusive growth, social harmony and horizontal and upward mobility. Moreover, quality education fosters scientific advancement and help create a rational and a just society. With a superb demographic dividend, India's commitment to high quality 21st century education to its youthful population would determine the future of the country.

In this context, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), an overarchingly centrally sponsored scheme, has become a key-driver for promoting equity, access and excellence in higher

education. The sole objective of RUSA is to create an ecosystem for best quality higher education by strategic funding of higher education institutions under state governments and union territories. RUSA also focuses to ensure equity in higher education by promoting inclusion of women, tribals, minorities, differently-abled persons, socially-disadvantaged and economically weaker sections. Additionally, is also aimed at quality assurance, infrastructure development, faculty recruitment and research and innovation.

RUSA is being implemented in mission mode for funding the state government universities and colleges to achieve objectives of education. This has helped state governments for strategic planning and execution for completely revamping higher education ecosystem to resolve the issues concerned with access, equity and quality and other related issues. After the completion of the first phase, it was extended as RUSA 2.0 until March 2020 with further extension provided till March 2021 under the same

programmatic and financial frameworks.

RUSA, a norm based and outcome dependent scheme, has contributed significantly to sectoral outcomes through various focused components. In the first phase, RUSA covered a total of 2,107 institutions across different components with a budgetary outlay of 8,118 crore in infrastructure grants. Under the second phase of RUSA around 1,050 institutions received funding and the total allocation was 6,475 crore of which infrastructure grants accounted for 35% share and quality and research initiatives constituted 31% share. Better achievement of targets in certain areas has been observed under the second phase indicating implementation and process maturity. An independent performance review conducted by IIT Bombay in 2017 found that GER increased from 19.4% in 2013 to 25.2% in 2018 and the teacher-student ratio also significantly improved after the implementation of RUSA. While the number of accredited institutions during the scheme period has increased, a large number of institutions are still unaccredited. Though, RUSA was partly responsible for reducing the number of affiliated colleges the scheme's objectives with re-

gard to reducing the affiliation burden for each state university to two hundred is yet to be met with. Despite the high focus of the scheme on infrastructure augmentation, some surveys done in the past highlight gaps with respect to infrastructural availability and the quality of infrastructure in a few institutes. Limited usage of ICT based classroom transaction has also been observed in some sampled institutes. Moreover, as most of the components under RUSA prioritized funding for institutions with NAAC rating of 2.5 and above, this affected participation of institutions from the backward regions.

With a view to overcome the bottlenecks experienced during implementation of RUSA-1 and 2, RUSA-3 (rechristened as PM-USHA) was launched which will continue until 31st March, 2026. This new avatar of RUSA targets to reach out to the underserved, underserved areas, remote and rural areas, difficult geographies, LWE areas, North-eastern region, aspirational districts, tier-2 cities, areas with low GER etc., and to benefit the most disadvantaged areas and socio-economically disadvantaged groups. It also aims at revamping and re-energising

learning system for delivery of quality higher education in tune with the key recommendations of NEP-2020. The focus of strategic funding under PM-USHA, apart from improving equity, access and quality, has shifted to transformative reforms viz. gender inclusion, multi-disciplinary education and research, ICT, enhancing employability through vocationalisation, skill upgradation and innovations. This would support around 1,600 projects worth Rs 12,929.16 crores with 60:40 share with the state governments.

PM-USHA is the central government's commitment to meet the promises held by the rich expanse of India's state universities. The country's future lies in empowering these campuses with all that it takes to enhance quality learning, transformational research and to promote skill development, innovation and entrepreneurship. As a centrally sponsored scheme, the vision of RUSA is loud and clear that at times the most important lessons of life are learnt outside the classroom. As such, whether it is upgrading libraries or computer centres, promoting autonomous colleges or clubbing them to consolidate their strength and forming

cluster universities/institutions, this programme realizes that every institution holds the power to enrich lives and life values through top-class education system.

In a nutshell, PM-USHA has enabled policy dimensions with regard to smooth, cost effective and timely implementation of various institutional projects including transformational imperatives of NEP. The scheme has ensured proper utilization of project funds and timely submission of financial management reports and utilization certificates. It helped monitor progress and in implementing reforms, resolving bottlenecks, and enabling the institution to achieve targets for key quality imperatives. The programme has focused on state higher educational institutions and drawn upon the best practices from colleges and universities across the nation. PM-USHA may help inspire state governments to re-strategise and revamp their learning system to make it current and relevant and to meet the aspirations of the 21st century learners.

Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda

Shabir Hussain won Snow Marathon

Chandigarh, The Snow Marathon, which has the distinction for being the highest marathon was won by Ladakh Scouts Shabir Hussain in its third edition organised near Manali on Sunday. The reigning champion Tenzin Dolma from Manali ruled the women's category. Due to the recent avalanches in Lahaul, the annual event of Snow Marathon could not be held at Sissu (Lahaul & Spiti) as blocked roads enroute to the venue posed challenges to organizers. Hence this edition was shifted to the snowy hills of Jana Falls. As many as 200 runners from India and abroad exhibited their dominance in four categories. Runners from Russia, US, UK and Sri Lanka also marked their presence in the event. Sewang Nangdan won the half marathon while Hemlata emerged as the champion in the women's category.

vivo Celebrates Women in STEM on International Women's Day

CHANDIGARH- The trusted global smartphone brand, vivo, announced its latest digital campaign, 'The Seal - Celebration of Women in STEM'. With this campaign, vivo reaffirms its commitment to empowering women, particularly in the field of STEM education. The digital campaign is an extension of vivo's ongoing country-wide initiative 'Women in STEM'. Crafted by FCB India, the campaign video highlights the critical need for fostering a supportive environment for women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) domains. Through a compelling narrative, it brings forth the hurdles encountered by women aspiring to pursue STEM education and careers, especially those hailing from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds. The campaign underscores the imperative of providing equitable opportunities and resources to empower women to realize their full potential in STEM fields. Geetaji Channana, Head of Corporate Strategy at vivo India, said, "At vivo, we envision a world abundant with joy, one that embraces industry and fairness for all."

Lords Mark Industries and Unnat Bharat (Govt. of India) take off E Smart Clinic Project Pan India

Shimla, Lords Mark Industries Ltd, a leading manufacturer of IVD products, in collaboration with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a National Programme by the Government of India, under the initiation of FITT (Innovation for Innovation and Technology Transfer), IIT Delhi for the implementation of the ground-breaking E Smart Clinic project aimed at revolutionizing healthcare access in rural India. The project was inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at HIMs Rajkot. The initiative stems from an exclusive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Lords Mark Industries, and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at IIT Delhi on February 22, 2024.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Manav Jit, Executive Director, Lords Mark Industries Ltd, "I am thrilled to witness the culmination of our collaborative efforts with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan in introducing the ground-breaking E Smart Clinic project. This initiative underscores our commitment to innovation and accessibility in healthcare, empowering individuals across rural India with cutting-edge diagnostics and expert medical consultations at an unprecedented affordability. We believe this marks a significant step towards realizing our vision of inclusive and equitable healthcare for all citizens."

Amway India dedicates International Women's Day to Women's Wellbeing

AMRITSAR-Amway India, one of the leading Health and Wellbeing companies, stood at the forefront on International Women's Day with an unwavering commitment to prioritize women's health through the powerful #HerHealthFirst approach. The initiative aimed at inspiring and amplifying the crucial discourse on women's health. By organizing a series of events, the company articulated a powerful message to all aspiring women to take charge of their health goals and persist in pushing their boundaries to accomplish their dreams. Commenting on the occasion, Rajneesh Chopra, Head, Amway India, emphasized, "At Amway, we believe that women are the driving force behind transformative change. In our steadfast commitment to building a healthier India, we recognize the pivotal role women play in their families' wellbeing. Empowered women are key to fostering better health outcomes at every stage of life. Furthermore, by promoting diversity and inclusion for women, there can be a positive ripple effect that reshapes the society for the better." He further added, "This year's International Women's Day theme, #InspireInclusion, resonates perfectly with Amway's commitment to celebrating women's holistic wellbeing. We focus on empowering women to make informed choices regarding their health and that of their families."

British Council Unveils GREAT Scholarships 2024 for Indian Students Across Diverse Disciplines

Chandigarh : British Council, the UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations, has announced the GREAT Scholarships 2024, in partnership with the UK government's GREAT Britain campaign. The GREAT Scholarships offer students from India the opportunity to undertake postgraduate taught studies in the UK from autumn 2024, across various fields of study. This year 25 UK universities are offering 26 postgraduate GREAT scholarships to Indian students as part of the programme, across a variety of subjects like Finance, Marketing, Business, Psychology Design, Humanities, Dance and more. Each GREAT scholarship is worth a minimum of £10,000 that will be paid towards tuition fees for a one-year postgraduate course in the UK for the 2024-25 academic year. The GREAT Scholarships programme 2024 also offers two scholarships for Justice and Law studies, to Indian students, in partnership with the Ministry for Justice. These scholarships are offered at two participating higher education institutions, delivering outstanding programmes in the legal field. Indian students interested in pursuing various courses such as human rights, property law, criminal justice, commercial law and more can apply for these scholarships.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor flags off fifth drive of Great 4by4 Expedition

SHIMLA: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the flagging off of the Great 4by4 Expedition by Toyota. This is the fifth thrilling drive in the series of off-roading adventures organized across different regions of India. Notably, under the Great 4by4 Expedition by Toyota, 4by4 enthusiasts will participate in various events to enhance their outdoor lifestyle experience. Through this initiative, TKM seeks to connect the participants to their sense of adventure and inspire them to explore new horizons and thereby provide collective happiness. The expedition comprises a fleet of notable 4-wheel drive SUVs. These also include owners of SUVs from other brands including the iconic Hilux, legendary LC300, popular Fortuner and Highrider AWD (All Wheel Drive). This adds to the spirit and excitement of an adventurous 4by4 drive.

Swiss Beauty Announces Rapid Offline Expansion

CHANDIGARH: In a stride towards amplifying its presence across the nation, Swiss Beauty, India's leading and trusted color cosmetics brand, has unveiled ambitious plans to expand its retail footprint and extend its reach deeper into Tier 2 and smart cities in FY2024. The most innovative color cosmetics Indian brand is set to double its exclusive brand outlets (EBOs) across 12 Indian cities by March 2024-25. Through its multi-fold expansion strategy, Swiss Beauty is committed to bringing its high-quality, premium and wide variety beauty products closer to its customers. Sazhli Nayar, CEO, Swiss Beauty, said, "Indian beauty and personal care industry has immense headroom for growth as cosmetics evolve from basic hygiene products to lifestyle choices."

Best home remedies for acidity and heartburn

All of us have suffered from acidity at some point or other. Severe pain in the stomach, burning, bloating, hiccupping, flatulence and acid reflux are the common symptoms. If you suffer from these problems time and again, we suggest you opt for home remedies for acidity and heartburn. While our immediate and natural response is to reach for that antacid when suffering from acidity, it will not give you long-term relief. Instead, these kitchen treasures can cure and control acidity and boost your overall stomach health. We give you the most effective home remedies for heartburn, acidity, and indigestion. Read on!

Symptoms Of Heartburn and Acidity Acidity is a medical condition that refers to the excess production of stomach acid. This acid is produced by the stomach glands and helps in digesting food. Excess acid can cause acidity or acid reflux, i.e. acid rising up from the stomach into the throat. Acid reflux can also cause heartburn, which is a burning sensation or pain in the lower chest

area. What Causes Eating a heavy meal and lying on your back immediately after that or bending over at the waist or even snacking close to your bedtime can cause acidity. Additionally, certain foods such as citrus, tomato, garlic or spicy food and certain beverages like alcohol, carbonated drinks, and coffee can cause heartburn and acidity. Healthy Habits

Acidity and heartburn can be prevented by indulging in some healthy habits as listed below. Don't Overeat: A large meal often triggers acidity more often than not. What happens if when your stomach is full, there is a greater chance that the stomach acids can be pushed back up the esophagus which will trigger reflux, indigestion, stomach spasms and discomfort. Instead, eat smaller portions but at regular intervals to

prevent acidity. This is a good tip also because staying hungry for too long or having long-time gaps between your meals can also cause acidity. Alcohol Intake: Drinking alcohol is associated with acid reflux. Alcohol and alcoholic drinks can also make the stomach produce more acid than usual. Over time, this can cause the stomach lining to wear away, leading to pain and inflammation, also called gastritis.

Crompton redefines Home Lighting Experience with launch of Trio Range of Lights - Ceiling Lights, Battens & Lamps

Chandigarh: Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals Limited, renowned for its commitment to quality and pioneering innovations in lighting, has been redefining your living spaces with sophistication and unparalleled style. Crompton has launched its all-new premium range, the Trio Range of Lights. A first in industry, the Trio Range offers three distinct lighting experiences from a single product.



lights at the click of a button, this innovative range caters to diverse moods and occasions.

From Ceiling Lights, Battens to Lamps, each one is meticulously crafted to meet the requirements of both decorative and functional needs. Ideal for various settings including homes, hotels, restaurants, cafés, and small offices, the Trio Range of LED lights elevate living spaces with a fusion of functionality and refined style. In the dynamic landscape of interior design, where contemporary tastes continually reshape trends, Crompton lights have consistently evolved to meet changing needs. The introduction of the Trio Range goes beyond conventional lighting solutions; it unveils an immersive experience tailored to meet the ever-evolving needs of modern living. Mindful of the myriad roles our living spaces serve in today's dynamic lifestyles, Crompton recognizes that they are more than mere habitats; they are stages where countless moments unfold. The Trio Range is a transformative lighting solution, offering a singular product with three distinct modes – theatre, work, and party. With the fusion of Cool, Warm, and Natural range caters to diverse moods and occasions.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Associates with Manipal Academy of BFSI



CHANDIGARH: Kotak Mahindra Bank ("KMBL" / "Kotak") associates with Manipal Academy of BFSI to launch the Kotak NextGen Bankers Programme to skill and foster industry-ready talent to address the evolving needs of the banking industry. The 12-month Post Graduate Diploma in Relationship Management will train banking aspirants in customer experience and culminate in securing an assured* job as a Branch

Relationship Manager (Deputy Manager) at Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. Virat Diwanji, Group President and Head - Consumer Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. said, "We are happy to associate with Manipal Academy of BFSI to nurture talent and prepare new-age relationship managers for the banking industry. The Kotak Mahindra NextGen Bankers Programme is an ideal launch pad for ambitious and aspiring youth, equipping them with the skills for growth and success in their banking career."

A Hat-Trick Win For Camikara: 1st Indian Pure Cane Juice Rum

Chandigarh / Ludhiana: India's first pure cane juice rum maker, Piccadilly Distilleries, has once again set a benchmark for Indian Rums and has created history for India at a global level. At the recently held Rum & Cachaça Masters 2024 competition, Camikara aced the Agricole aged rum category with two golds and a silver: Camikara 12YO and 8YO won gold medals and

Camikara 3YO secured a silver medal. Camikara is the only Indian brand to have won among the finest rum and cachaça brands from around the world. The well-deserved accolade shows that the indigenous premium rum has emerged as a worthy contender, and the world is awakening to the new star from India that is Camikara. The Rum & Cachaça Masters competition,

chaired by The Spirits Business, is a prestigious event within the spirits industry held in London, UK. This competition holds significant weight due to its rigorous blind tasting format, which ensures an unbiased evaluation of each entry. The assessment criteria, including aroma, flavor, complexity, and balance, reflect the nuanced qualities that define exceptional.

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund, one of India's largest mutual fund house inaugurates its first branch in Kurukshetra, Haryana

Kurukshetra : ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund, one of India's leading fund house, on March 11, 2024, inaugurated its first branch in ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Ltd., SCO no -6 sector-17 Huda, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118. The branch was formally inaugurated by Mr. Vipul Ghai, Regional Head - Retail Sales & Distribution - Punjab, Haryana, H.P. & J&K, ICICI Prudential MF along with several other leading financial advisors. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vipul Ghai, Regional Head - Retail Sales & Distribution - Punjab, Haryana, H.P. & J&K, ICICI Prudential MF



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Toyota Kirloskar Motor Flags Off Fifth Drive of its Great 4X4 Expedition

LUDHIANA / JALANDHAR: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the flag-off of the Great 4X4 Expedition by Toyota, being the fifth exhilarating drive in a series of adventurous off-roading conducted in various regions of India. This captivating event in the unique and highly significant Northeast region promises an unforgettable experience, uniting passionate off-roaders in the picturesque landscape of PRP Valley and explore some of the scenic locations in region. Earlier in

May 2023, TKM announced its first-ever initiative of 4X4 experiential drives for the motoring enthusiasts from across the country, which were held in four zones (regional level - North, South, East and West), gaining lot of popularity and interest amongst 4X4 fraternity. These drives have been designed to engage with country-wide 4X4 SUV community, offering the delightful experiential drive.

Notably, the 4X4 enthusiasts will partake in various engagements to elevate their outdoor lifestyle experi-

thanked all the channel partners and acknowledged their contribution as fundamental to the success and growth of the company. He noted, "We strive to create a distinctive customer experience and make financial solutions simpler and more accessible. The opening of this new branch is another step in this direction". Over the past two and a half decades, ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has gone from strength-to-strength to emerge as one of the leading player in the fund management space with total average assets under management worth Rs. 7.27 lakh crore (As on Feb 29, 2024).

ence during the 'Great 4X4 Expedition by Toyota'. Through this initiative, TKM aspires to connect participants with their sense of adventure and inspire them to explore new horizons, and thereby delivering 'Mass Happiness'.

The expedition features a convoy of remarkable 4-wheel drive SUVs, such as the iconic Hilux, the legendary LC300, the popular Fortuner and the Hyryder AWD (All Wheel Drive) and including the owners of SUVs from other brands as well, thereby fuelling their spirit of adventurous 4X4 drive.

Auckland Warriors & Cheshire Cats sets to lock the horn



Chandigarh : Plate Semi Final Update: Teams who couldn't make it to the main round play the Plate Round, wherein each team gets only 12 overs Plate Semi Final: Auckland Warriors Won by 6 wickets against Perth Power | Player of The Match: Quintin Tjajaard for his bowling figures of 9 runs and 3 wickets in 3 overs Plate Semi Final 2: Cheshire Cats Won by 8 wickets against Brisbane Burners | Player of The Match: Carwyn Johnson for his bowling figures of 6 runs and 3 wickets in 2.3 overs Tournament Format: Last Man Stands (LMS) is a 2 hour, 8-side, T20 cricket game played globally, by approximately 180,000 players. AB De Villiers, is an

official Global Ambassador of LMS. Last Man Stands India Super Series (Chandigarh 2024) started from 3rd March at 2 Venues, Cricket Hub Banur and JR Institute Barwala This is the first time Tri-city has hosted such a tournament for corporate players at global level with the support of SPS Realty and Royal Sportsters Private Limited 10 International Teams from Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Melbourne, Johannesburg, Durban, London, Liverpool, Warwickshire, Auckland and Dhaka 10 Indian Teams from Chandigarh, Mohali, Punjab, Delhi, Erode, Gurgaon, Mohali, Kathiawada, Vasai, Bangalore and Jaipur Out of 20 teams.

In the Spotlight and Supported: Isha Kaloya's Journey Illuminated by a Mother's Love."

Isha Kaloya, a rising star with Punjabi and Marwari heritage, discovered her passion for entertainment during mass communication studies at Guru Nanak Dev University, transitioning from her initial role as a lively medical student. While working as an assistant director on Vicky Kaushal's film "Sardar Udham," Isha discovered her passion for acting. The international yoga player and national scatter, who began her yoga journey in 4th standard, brings a unique blend of skills to the screen. After auditions and a stint in Zee Punjabi's "Tedha Medha Sada Vedha," Isha ventured into Bollywood with ad films, web

series, and a movie set to release soon. Despite challenges, her mother's unwavering support has fueled Isha's pursuit of diverse roles, including her upcoming lead role in Zee Punjabi's "Heer te Tedhi Kheer," premiering on April 1st. Isha Kaloya's dynamic journey from a small town to the glamour of the entertainment world is a testament to her talent, perseverance, and the belief that one can achieve anything with passion and determination. As she takes centre stage in "Heer te Tedhi Kheer," audiences can expect an enthralling performance from this emerging sensation.



Debunking Myths and Recognizing Benefits of Palm Oil

NEW DELHI : It's palm oil, a basic ingredient in almost 70% of personal care stuff like soap, shampoo, makeup, and lotion. This oil is everywhere – in margarine, ice cream, chocolate, detergent, instant noodles, biodiesel, cosmetics, and cooking oil. People have been using palm oil in food for a long time, but recently, it's getting more attention for being good for health. In India, where more than 1.3 billion people live, palm oil is not just for cooking – it's in lots of different foods and products. India is the biggest buyer of palm oil globally, getting more than 20% of the world's supply. Palm oil has been a subject of ongoing debate and discourse, marked by numerous myths and misconceptions regarding its production and utilisation. Certifications, along with ongoing efforts from the Malaysian Palm Oil Council demonstrate a commitment to responsible production. Eliminating myths and recognizing palm oil's benefits fosters informed discussions, supporting economic well-being. Myth: Health Concerns with Palm Oil : There's a misconception that palm oil is unhealthy due to its high saturated fat content.

Formation of the National Citizen Security Culture for a Secure India

CHANDIGARH: The Central Association of Private Security Industry (CAPSI) is convening a roundtable conference in Delhi on March 15th to delve into discussions regarding the advancement of the Evolving National Citizen Security Culture campaign. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has principally accepted the concept and assured support. The campaign aims to develop and implement a comprehensive initiative to foster a sense of national security culture, marking a significant milestone in India's journey towards safeguarding its citizens and fortifying its societal fabric. By utilizing a multi-faceted approach that incorporates methodologies, processes, public awareness events, government engagement and the active participation of universities and civil society organizations, this campaign seeks to enhance the knowledge, skills, and awareness of citizens in ensuring their own safety.

&TV's female protagonists share views on 'Invest in Women

Chandigarh: This year, the theme for International Women's Day is 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress', which emphasises the importance of economic empowerment of women and girls as a key lever to accelerate progress. &TV's female protagonists Neha Joshi (Krishna Devi Vajpayee) from Atal, Geetanjali Mishra (Rajesh), Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma) from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabhi) and Vidisha Srivastava (Anita Bhabhi) from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai share views gender equality and women's well-being being essential for a prosperous economy and a healthy planet. Neha Joshi, essaying Krishna Devi Vajpayee in &TV's Atal, says, "Recognizing women's rights as a critical investment issue is of paramount importance in creating transformative solutions that enable women to realise their rights, break free from the cycle of poverty, and truly thrive."

Investing in women is a cornerstone for building inclusive societies, and progress for women benefits us all. Despite significant progress, women still face numerous challenges in the professional landscape, including gender



bias, wage gaps, and leadership disparities, which persist and hinder the full realisation of women's potential. Therefore, it's time to dismantle these barriers and create environments that empower women to reach their fullest potential." Geetanjali Mishra, essaying

Rajesh in &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, "I firmly believe in creating a society where women are given equal responsibilities and opportunities as men. Society often perceives women as weak, but I assure you that they are among the most powerful creations of God. A woman aware of her potential can shake the world with strength and fearlessness. My mother is a prime example for me. After my father's death, she became a single mother, but she handled her responsibilities with such resilience that I never sensed any inadequacy. Her unwavering support has fortified me. I strongly advocate investing in women and providing them equal opportunities, accelerating society's progress." Vidisha Srivastava, essaying Anita Bhabhi in &TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, says, "The world is undergoing a significant transformation in accepting women's various roles."

Krystal integrated services limited initial public offer to open on March 14

GURUGRAM : Krystal Integrated Services Limited ("KISL" or "The Company") shall open its Bid / Offer in relation to its Initial Public Offer of Equity Shares on Thursday, March 14, 2024. The Offer Size comprises of fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 1,750 million (₹ 175 crore) (The "Fresh Issue") and Offer for Sale up to 1,750,000 Equity Shares (The "Offer for Sale"). (Together, The "Offer")

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹ 680 to ₹ 715 Per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 20 Equity Shares and in multiples of 20 Equity Shares thereafter. (The "Price Band") The Anchor Investor Offer shall be on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. The Bid / Offer will open on Thursday, March 14, 2024 for subscription and close on Monday, March 18, 2024. (The "Bid / Offer Period") The company proposes to

utilize the Net Proceeds from the Fresh Issue towards funding – (i) Repayment/prepayment, in full or part, of certain borrowings availed by the Company amounting to ₹ 100 million (₹ 10 crore); (ii) Funding working capital requirements of the Company amounting to ₹ 1000 million (₹ 100 crore); (iii) Funding capital expenditure for purchase of new machinery amounting to ₹ 100.

Amway India dedicates International Women's Day to Women's Wellbeing with #HerHealthFirst Campaign

Chandigarh: Amidst the resounding global call for #InspireInclusion, Amway India, one of the leading Health and Wellbeing companies, stood at the forefront on International Women's Day with an unwavering commitment to prioritize women's health through the powerful #HerHealthFirst approach. The initiative aimed at inspiring and amplifying the crucial discourse on women's health. By organizing a series of events, the company articulated a powerful message to all aspiring women to take charge of their



health goals and persist in pushing their boundaries to accomplish their dreams. Commenting on the occasion, Rajneesh Chopra, Head, Amway

India, emphasized, "At Amway, we believe that women are the driving force behind transformative change. In our steadfast commitment,

Second athletic meet will be inaugurated in Govt Girls College

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA
GUHLA CHEEKA: The second two-day athletic meet will be inaugurated by Kaithal Ms. Upasana at Government Girls College Cheeka on Tuesday. Giving the above information, College Principal Dr. Ram Niwas Yadav said that on the second day of the meet, S.D.M. Guhla Krishna Kumar will attend as the chief guest and distribute prizes to the winning players. Mr Yadav said that on this occasion, Arjun Awardee Olympian Harvinder Singh and Cheeka Municipal Secretary Rajesh Kumar will participate in the program as special guests.

BJP makes Amit Dogra district coordinator of local body cell

BUREAU
PATHANKOT: Strengthening the party in view of Lok Sabha elections 2024, Bharatiya Janata Party has released the list of appointment of District Coordinators of Local Body Cell Punjab. BJP state president Sunil Jakhar and



state cell and cell in-charge Ranjam Kumar announced the names of district coordinators of 24 district local body cells of BJP. Under this series, Amit Dogra, district secretary of BJP and former councilor of ward number 10 of Mamun, has been made the district coordinator of the local body cell. Newly appointed local body cell district coordinator Amit Dogra thanked state president Sunil Jakhar, cell in-charge Ranjam Kumar, district president Pathankot Vijay Kumar, former state president and MLA Pathankot Ashwani Kumar, former deputy speaker Dinesh Babbu and party high command for his appointment said that he will fulfill the responsibility that the party has entrusted to him with full sincerity and diligence.

Shaminder Singh Dhillon appointed Executive Committee Member of PCI

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITO: The leader of Punjab Para Sports Association, Shaminder Singh Dhillon, was appointed as the executive committee member of PCI during the election of officers of Para



Olympic Committee of India, the highest body recognized by the Government of India for disabled athletes. Gaya which is a very proud thing for the para players of Punjab. Punjab Para Sports Association President Charanjit Singh Brar, General Secretary Jaspreet Singh Dhaliwal, Davinder Singh Tuffy Brar, Pramod Dhir, Dr. Ramandeep Singh, Jagrup Singh Suba Brar, Amandeep Singh Brar, Jasinder Singh, Manpreet Sekhon, Jaswinder Singh, Gurrepreet Singh etc. Expressed happiness while congratulating Shaminder Singh Dhillon.

Aman Arora releases grant of Rs. 2.85 cr for development

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAR 11

Punjab Cabinet Minister, Aman Arora during a function held last evening while releasing another grant of 2.85 crores has been issued to the local Municipal Council(MC) for the rejuvenation of Sunam city said, "As part of the series of development works being carried out in the state by the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Punjab, Bhagwant Singh Mann, grants are being issued so that the works started to change the face of Sunam assembly constituency(SAC) will be more diligent. Arora said that the surrounding cleanliness is very important for a healthy life, for which various modern vehicles have been provided to the MC from time to time in addition to the equipment



related to cleanliness. He said that the cleanliness of the city has improved on a large scale due to the provision of basic infrastructure as per the requirement. He further said that now the grant issued will be used for Tata Ace, E-Rickshaw, Community Toilets, Public Toilets, MRF Sheds, compost pits and C&D site upgrade. He said that

separate dumps will be made for wet and dry waste, so that where the waste will be disposed of in a good manner, it can also be used as fertilizer. Aman Arora said that due to these small efforts, regular steps are being taken in the direction of fulfilling every demand and need of the people in a planned manner and this grant will further

enhance the beauty of the city. He said that the Punjab government under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Maan will not allow any shortage of funds for the development of SAC and Sunam will be included in the front row cities of the country by making it a model city. The minister said that not only the city of Sunam, but also the villages, towns and cities of the SAC, the development work is going on rapidly, which is causing major changes in the landscape of the area. He specially thanked the Chief Minister, Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann, who is giving a large number of grants to SAC and he himself is monitoring each and every project to carry out these development works with full rigor and integrity.

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 11

State Secretary of Haryana Congress Party, Surya Pratap Rathore today in Thanesar Assembly and Kaithal Assembly today made a stormy tour of many villages and exposed the announcements made by the BJP government to the people and said that the announcements made by the BJP have proved to be a bundle of lies. He said that BJP is only making false promises to mislead the public. He said that the real guarantee is the promises made by former National President of Congress Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi's promises will be fulfilled from the first pen if the Congress government is formed. During his visit to village, Rathore was making the public aware of manifesto



by running a door-to-door, Congress-every-house campaign. After this, while talking to the journalists, Surya Pratap Rathore said that Modi government had made many announcements and promises to public in the public interest, all of which proved to be hollow, including the promise of providing employment to 2 crore youth every year, bringing back black money from abroad. Be it the promise of depositing Rs 15 lakh each in the account of the countrymen or any other

promise including doubling the income of the farmers, all have proved to be a bundle of lies. State Sachin Surya Pratap Rathore of Haryana Youth Congress said that in whichever state the Congress has Whatever promises were made during the elections, they will be fulfilled first when the government is formed, similarly, if the Congress government is formed at the Centre, the promises made by Rahul Gandhi to the youth will be fulfilled first.

Police arrests man with opium at Hitek Naka



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER

KATHGARH: During the checking of vehicles on the fixed hit-check road near the shelter on the Balachaur Rupnagar National Highway, the police have arrested a person with 500 grams of opium and registered a case. Kathgarh Police Station Sub Inspector Rakeshwinder Singh while giving information said that under the leadership of ASI Ram Shah, the vehicles were being carefully checked at the Hitech checkpoint and during this time a bus with passengers coming from Ropar side was checked by the police personnel. On the way, a man got down from the back seat of the bus with a heavy envelope in his hand and went to the side on the pretext of urinating, but when the man moved a little beyond the bus, he threw the envelope in his hand on the right side of the road. The grass growing along the canal was thrown towards the grass and due to the fall, the mouth of the envelope opened and a black substance was seen in a transparent envelope and the person started to slip away from the spot but he was caught by the employees on suspicion.

Women power is taking advantage of public schemes given by PM Modi: Meena Chauhan Raison

DARSHAN SHARMA
NILOKHEDI, MAR 11

In village Nigdhu of Halka Nilokhedi, Bharatiya Janata Party's women state vice president Meena Chauhan held a Sanghanatam meeting in booth no. 46, 47, 48, 49 of Shakti Kendra, the booth president and Tridev met and talked about the future of the party. Made Nari Shakti aware about the schemes. And the Ujjala scheme given by Prime Minister Modi ji. Nari Shakti is taking full advantage of it. After that, Nari Shakti is also taking the benefit of Lakhpati Didi Yojana. In which the scheme of drone etc. Meena Chauhan said that Bharatiya Janata Party runs along with all the comrades. And whoever is the candidate



of Bharatiya Janata Party, we only have to see the lotus flower and make it victorious. After this program, Meena Chauhan village She was a special guest in Shrimad Bhagwat Katha at Gau Shala in Amupur, where the villagers welcomed her with flower garlands. Meena Chauhan listened to Shrimad Bhagwat Katha. She said that

we should serve mother cow wholeheartedly. This does not mean that you serve the mother cow as long as she gives milk and when she stops giving milk, you scold her. This should not be done. One should always serve the mother cow. This gives good results. After this Meena Chauhan thanked the villagers from the bottom of her heart.

Sunam girl Dimple passes PCS Exam

SUMER GARG

SUNAM: Ms. Dimple Garg, who was born in the family of Mr Gian Chand Garg, father and Ms Sarita Rani, mother at Sunam in an interview to this Yugmarg correspondent here today said that my heart is full of gratitude that God has blessed me to have been able to live my dream of becoming judicial officer. Foremost, I would like to thank my parents, who have given me the wings to follow my heart & fly high in my life, next I would thank my brother and sister in law, who have always motivated & guided me throughout, last but not the least my teachers, relatives and friends, who have always blessed me. She further said that I started off my journey from completing my secondary education from Vasant Valley Public School, Ladda, Sangrur. Thereon, I did my senior secondary education from SD Public School, Chandigarh. Then, I have appeared for the entrance Exam known as CLAT and got the privilege of studying from one of the best Law Schools in India, that is National Law Institute University, Bhopal in MP. After completing my graduation from there I started my preparation for the judicial services examination and fortunately I got the support of Mr. Rahul Yadav and the Rahul's IAS team, who have helped me in every possible manner, so that I can make my dream a reality.



Group of 55 members from Harsh Blood Donor Society leaves for 3rd walking tour of Shri Kali Mataji Mandir



RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA: A group of 55 members under the leadership of Harsh Blood Donor Society Reg 1069 President Bhuvesh Bansal Bhaski, Chairman Gypsy Bansal and Project Chairman Sanjiv Garg left for the 3rd walking tour to Sri Kali Mataji Mandir from the local Milan Palace. The departure ceremony of the trip was jointly performed by Gurbakshish Singh Bhatti, President Focal Point and former President Municipal Council Nabha, Pawan Garg, former President, and also President Bhatti said, "Is this a good initiative of the Harsh Blood Donor Society, which is good for our society?" In addition to the religious journeys, we also keep seeing religious and social activities in the blood donation field of the society team. They have gone above and beyond for the society. sang the praises of, Vipan Sound and DJs arranged the sound to sing the praises of Mata Raniji.

General meeting of Medical Practitioner Association Punjab District Faridkot will be held on March 14



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL

JAITO: The meeting of Medical Practitioners Association Punjab District Faridkot was held under the chairmanship of District President Amritbir Singh in which all Block Presidents, Block Officers, District Delegates and District Team participated. In this meeting full support was given for Kisani Sanghras and warm tributes were paid to Shubkaran Singh who was martyred during the agitation. After this, the district president said that the general meeting of district Faridkot will be held on Thursday, March 14, at Kothe Baba Gajjan Singh Memorial Trust, Bathinda Road, Kotakpura at 10 am. In the meeting, it was announced that the Aam Aadmi Party would declare a struggle in the coming days to get their rightful demands from the government. On this occasion, District General Secretary Dr. Sirajdin, Treasurer Jagsir Singh, Jarnail Singh Dodd, Jaswinder Singh Khiviya, Bikram Singh Chauhan, Dr. Bhagwan Singh, Sukhchain Singh Sandhu, Ranjit Singh, Gurtej Singh, Mahender Singh, Varinder Singh, Sukhjinder Singh, Mandir Singh Jeonwala, Baldev Singh, Raj Singh, Gurpal Singh, Vaid Bagicha Singh etc. doctors were present.

Works worth crores of rupees inaugurated by Kanwar Pal



RAJNI SONI

YAMUNANAGAR: Works worth crores of rupees were inaugurated by the Forest and School Education Minister Shri Kanwarpal Gurjar in Sector 18 A Jagadhri. President of Residents Welfare Association Sector 18A Dharamveer Kamboj Sudhir Verma General Secretary, K.S. Sandhawa was welcomed by Finance Secretary, Balwant Singh, Sunil Garg, Shashi Sandhawa social worker and other dignitaries with a bunch of flowers. It is noteworthy that the main double way road of Sector 18 has been completed at a cost of Rs 1 crore 55 lakh, apart from this, the reconstruction work of Park Number One has started at a cost of Rs 18 lakh 57 thousand. Renovation work of two has also started on which an amount of Rs 16 lakh 56000 is to be spent. Even before this, on the request of the Resident Welfare Association of Sector 18, an amount worth crores was passed by the Honorable Minister and the street road of the sector was constructed.

BJP leader Parminder Singh Brar participates in Ayushman card Camp in Jagraon



SUKH NAHAR

JAGRAON: Ayushman Card camp was organized today in the city in order to convey social welfare policies of the government to common people. In this camp, Ayushman cards were handed over to the people who had registered for them. BJP General secretary Parminder Singh Brar visited village Kamalpura of Jagraon to handover Ayushman cards to nearly 3335 beneficiaries. He elaborated on achievements of central government and stated that PM Modi led BJP Government aims to develop every corner of the nation. Brar criticised AAP government of Punjab for making 'false' promises with the people and betraying them. He also criticised policies of the government. At this occasion, BJP leaders and workers including Inderpal Singh Dhaliwal, Rohit Aggarwal, Gurjeet Kaur, Rashpal Singh, Satwant Singh, Balwinder Singh, Gurcharan Singh, Amarpreet Singh, Harpal Singh, Ashih Gupta and others were present.

SCWA honors Hitesh Vir Gupta, PCS



SUMER GARG

SUNAM: Hitesh Vir Gupta, who is working as Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner in the Department of Excise and Taxation, Government of Punjab was honored by the Senior Citizen Welfare Association(SCWA), Sunam, as he has been selected in PCS(Executive Branch). On the occasion a portrait of Shaheed Udham Singh was presented to him. The President and the members of the SCWA, while giving congratulations to the entire family of Mr. Gupta also honored his father Dr. Parshotam Singla. On the occasion SCWA also celebrated its 11th foundation day and welcome the new members in the association. Dr. Rimple Seth and Dr. Sunil Sethi both Ayurvedic doctors gave a lecture about the physical problems of people, who have crossed to the age of 50 - 60 years. The doctors also advised, how they can be treated by Ayurvedic pathy.

Sandhavan attends Volleyball Smashing Tournament at Village Wandar Jatana as Chief Guest



SURINDER DAMDAMI

KOTKAPURA: Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kultar Singh Sandhwan participated as the chief guest in the volleyball smashing tournament held at the ground of Government Senior Secondary School of Village Wandar Jatana of Halka Kotkapura. Girls and boys teams from Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan participated in this volleyball smashing tournament organized in the village. Speaking on this occasion, he said that the village Wandar Jatana is a very proud village. He said that no stone will be left for the development of this village. For this, whatever funds are required will be provided. He said that there was a demand of the villagers, that a gym should be built in the village, according to this demand of the villagers, a good and high standard gym will be prepared very soon. He said that earlier it used to be that our players used to win national level games, but they were not helped in any way., eventually they were forced to leave sports and work. The victory achieved by the players was not appreciated. But the government led by Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Maan gave jobs to the winning players and apart from that they are also given financial help.

Chandigarh Mayor approves agenda of 20,000 litres of free water and parking

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 11

City residents have a reason to cheer as the Finance and Contract Committee (F&CC) of the Municipal Corporation today gave its nod to 20,000 litres of water and free parking. In a story meeting, BJP councillors today disrupted the house meeting and marshals had to be called to handle the situation. The agenda was brought up by the India Alliance under which 20,000 litres of free water will be given to every house in Chandigarh and along with this, parking will also be made free in the city. Mayor Kuldeep Kumar further said that in the F&CC (Finance and Contract Committee) elections in Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, three members of India Alliance



councillors Jaswinder Kaur, Ramchandra Yadav and Taruna Mehta have been elected. Just before the F&CC elections, the time of the Municipal Corporation was wasted by the BJP councillors by asking all kinds of wrong questions to the Municipal Corporation officials and the voting process was not allowed to start for a long time. Finally, when the voting process was started, BJP withdrew the

name of its councillor Jasmannpreet Singh from the election process due to fear of defeat and the remaining members were elected without voting. Mayor Kuldeep Kumar said that what the BJP councillors did today during the election of F&CC members in the Municipal Corporation was damaging the dignity of the Constitution. 'The officers' time was deliberately wasted by the BJP

councillors. He said that BJP already knew that their defeat among F&CC members was certain today, due to which their councilors wasted time by asking counter-intuitive questions as part of a plan. On this occasion, he also congratulated the newly elected members. On this occasion, seven different agendas were presented in the Municipal Corporation. The first agenda was to install radiographic machinery and complete the work of X-ray room, ultrasound room and operation theatre in the Veterinary Hospital, Raipur Kalan, Chandigarh. Which was passed with consent. The second agenda was of water pipeline in Buraal village, which was kept for consideration in the upcoming meeting.

