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Notorious gangster arrested under PSA in Jammu

JAMMU: Notorious gangster Vikramjeet Singh alias "Vicky" was arrested under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) here, police on Sunday said. Vikramjeet Singh had 15 FIRs registered against him in various police stations and had multiple warrants out for his arrest, a police spokesman said. The spokesman said that a team of the Gangyal Police Station executed the PSA warrant of the wanted criminal and lodged him in prison.

Police party conducting raid attacked in Punjab, constable killed

HOSHIARPUR (PUNJAB): A constable was shot dead on Sunday when a police team came under attack while conducting a raid in a village here to nab a man suspected of harbouring illegal weapons. The incident occurred in Mansoorpur village, about 66 kilometres from here, and the deceased was identified as Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) Constable Amritpal Singh. Hoshiarpur Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Surendra Lamba a CIA team was in the village to raid the residence of Sukhwinder Singh.

YouTuber Elvish Yadav arrested in snake venom-rave party case

NEW DELHI: Bigg Boss OTT winner Elvish Yadav has been arrested in the snake venom-rave party case. Mr Yadav was called for questioning earlier in the day. He will be presented before a court soon. A case under the Wildlife Act was registered against him in Noida and five others for arranging snake venom at rave parties last year. The police had raided a banquet hall on November 3 last year in sector 51 of Noida and arrested five people including four snake charmers and recovered nine snakes and poison.

Strict action against perpetrators of violence: MEA on GU incident

NEW DELHI: India on Sunday said that the Gujarat government is taking strict action against the perpetrators of violence at a university in Ahmedabad in which two foreign students sustained injuries. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said one of the two foreign students injured in the violence has been discharged from hospital. "An incidence of violence took place at Gujarat University in Ahmedabad yesterday. State government is taking strict action against the perpetrators," he said.

Summer-like weather in Kashmir

AGENCY SRINAGAR, MAR 17

Summer-like weather conditions prevailed with bright sun shining in Kashmir valley on Sunday. With the improvement in weather conditions buds of several flower and fruit trees blossomed at various gardens and parks sensing the early summer in the Kashmir valley. Meteorological Centre Srinagar predicted a fresh spell of rain and snow at many places from March 21 to 24 over Jammu and Kashmir. The weather is likely to remain dry till March 20, it said. The day temperature in Kashmir Valley recorded

BJP got Rs 6,987 crore; Future Gaming top donor for DMK: Bond data

Cong received Rs 1397 cr, BRS Rs 1322 cr

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MARCH 17

Top purchaser of electoral bonds Future Gaming and Hotel Services donated Rs 509 crore to Tamil Nadu's ruling party DMK through the now scrapped payment mode, the Election Commission data showed on Sunday.

The BJP received the maximum funds through these bonds at Rs 6,986.5 crore since they were introduced in 2018, followed by West Bengal's ruling party Trinamool Congress (Rs 1,397 crore), Congress (Rs 1,334 crore) and BRS (Rs 1,322 crore).

Odisha's ruling party BJD was the fourth largest recipient at Rs 944.5 crore followed by DMK at Rs 656.5 crore and Andhra Pradesh's ruling party YSR Congress redeemed bonds worth nearly Rs 442.8 crore.

The JD(S) received bonds worth Rs 89.75 crore, including Rs 50 crore from Megha Engineering, the second largest purchaser of electoral bonds. Future Gaming of lottery king Santiago Martin was the biggest purchaser of electoral bonds at Rs 1,368 crore, of which nearly 37 per cent went to the DMK.

Other major donors of the DMK included Megha Engineering Rs 105 crore, India Cements Rs 14 crore and Sun TV Rs 100 crore.

The TMC received Rs 1,397 crore through electoral bonds, second largest recipient after the BJP.

The DMK was among the few political parties to disclose the identity of the donors, while major parties such as the BJP, Congress, TMC and AAP did not disclose these details to the Election Commission, which has now made public those filing as per a Supreme Court



order.

The TDP redeemed bonds worth Rs 181.35 crore, Shiv Sena Rs 60.4 crore, RJD Rs 56 crore, Samajwadi Party got Rs 14.05 crore via electoral bonds, Akali Dal Rs 7.26 crore, AIADMK Rs 6.05 crore, National Conference Rs 50 lakh.

The CPI(M) has declared that it will not receive funds through electoral bonds, while filings made by the AIMIM and BSP showed nil receipts.

The EC released the data a day after it announced the dates for the Lok Sabha elections to be held in seven phases from April 19 to June 1.

The latest documents released by the EC only show raw data of the date of the bonds, denominations, number of bonds, issuing State Bank of India (SBI) branch, date of receipt, and date of credit. It does not disclose the unique numbers of the bonds. The Trinamool Congress has written to SBI asking for the unique numbers of the bonds so that the party can comply with the Supreme Court's directions. The BJP has not given any such request to SBI, but has given raw data. Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) said it hasn't got any donation via electoral bonds. The Communist Party of India (Marxist), or

CPI(M), said it too didn't get donations via electoral bonds.

The Congress said it will release raw data given by SBI to the EC. The Congress's Goa unit said it got a donation of 30 lakh from VM Salgaocar, a company based in Vasco da Gama.

The BJP Tripura unit and the Nationalist Congress Party's West Bengal unit said they have not got any donation via electoral bonds.

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), now known as Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), got 230.65 crore in bonds from 2018 to 2019.

Karnataka's Janata Dal (Secular), or JD(S), said Embassy Group, Infosys, and Biocon are among their donors.

Electoral bonds have been a key method of political funding, allowing donors to give anonymously through certificates purchased from SBI. But last month the Supreme Court struck down the scheme as unconstitutional, saying it violated the right of voters to know who was financing parties.

The BJP had received slightly less than 48 per cent of all election bonds cashed by parties up to March 2023. In the same timeframe, the Congress had by contrast received 11 per cent of the total.

ED issues 9th summons to Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAR 17

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued ninth summons to Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supreme Arvind Kejriwal in a money laundering probe related to irregularities in the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22 case asking him to join the investigation on March 21.

The fresh summons to the Delhi Chief Minister followed the eighth summons which he had skipped on March 4.

ED's move comes a day after Kejriwal first time appeared before the city's Rouse Avenue Court physically on Saturday in connection with the case as the agency earlier filed two complaints against him in the court complaining for disobeying their summons to join the probe in the Delhi excise policy case. The court later granted him bail in the case filed by the agency

for skipping its summons.

Kejriwal got bail on a bail bond of Rs 15,000 in the case of complaints filed by ED. He is on bail and has been asked by the court to

skipped eight previous summons issued by the ED on March 4, February 26, February 19, February 2, January 18, January 3, November 2 and on December



respond to the ED summons and obey the law. The court directed the Dehi Chief Minister that following the law is appropriate for a person who has taken the oath of the Constitution.

Kejriwal has so far

22, calling them "illegal and politically motivated".

The ED wants to record Kejriwal's statement in the case on issues like formulation of policy, meetings held before it was finalised, and allegations of bribery.

Siddhu Moosewala's parents welcomes baby boy

BUREAU MANSA, MAR 17

Parents of the late Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala, Balkaur Singh, and Charan Kaur welcomed a baby boy on Sunday, almost two years after the singer was killed in Punjab.

Moosewala's father posted on his Facebook official page, saying they were blessed with the younger brother of Moosewala.

"With the blessings of millions of souls who love Shubhdeep, the Almighty has put Shubh's

younger brother in our lap. With the blessings of Waheguru, the family is healthy and thankful to all the well-wishers for their immense love."

Balkaur Singh posted on Facebook. Earlier, Balkaur Singh had denied the reports of his wife's pregnancy at the age of 58, and even requested everyone not to believe rumours. "We are thankful to Sidhu's fans who are concerned about our family. But we plead that there are so many rumours going around about the family, that they are not to be believed. Whatever news, the family will share with you all," his post shared on Facebook read.



Uttarakhand Cong MLA Rajendra Bhandari joins BJP

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAR 17

In a setback to the Congress ahead of Lok Sabha elections, Uttarakhand MLA and a prominent leader of the grand old party Rajendra Singh Bhandari joined the BJP here on Sunday.

The 60-year-old MLA from the Badrinath assembly seat in Uttarakhand joined the BJP in the presence of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and Union Minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi.

Bhandari, a three-term Congress legislator who was also a minister in the state in the

past, joined the BJP hours after his resignation from the Congress.

Bhandari after joining the ruling party, lauded the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that he has full faith in the BJP's policies. "I have expressed my faith in the leadership of PM Modi, the way he has been working to lead the nation forward has inspired me... I have full faith in the policies of the BJP," he said.

Welcoming Bhandari to the BJP, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said that the former Congress leader got inspired by the work of PM Modi.



Arunachal, Sikkim assembly election results date changed to June 2 from June 4

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAR 17

The Election Commission on Sunday changed the date of counting of votes in the Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim assembly polls from June 4 to June 2.

The decision was taken because the term of the two Assemblies is till June 2, which means elections have to be wrapped up on or before that date, said the EC, in a press release.

"EC is to conduct election to Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim before the cessation of their terms, in exercise of the



powers conferred upon under Article 324 read with Article 172(1) of the Constitution of India and Section 15 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. The term of house of both the Legislative Assem-

blies of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim is due to expire on 02.06.2024," the EC in its press release stated further. The date of counting of votes was changed from June 4 to June 2 and the date before which the election shall be completed was changed from June 6 to June 2 as well. The two states go to polls on April 19. "There shall be no change in respect of Schedule for Parliamentary Constituencies of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim," the EC said. Counting for the Lok Sabha seats, and Andhra Pradesh and Odisha Assembly polls will be held on June 4.

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INDRI (MAINPAL KASHYAP) : As soon as the Lok Sabha elections were announced, the pickle code has come into force. The sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections in Haryana state will be held on May 25. Due to which the process of depositing weapons has also started. These weapons include licensed guns, revolvers, pistols and others. Indri police station in-charge Naseeb Singh said that the methods of Lok Sabha elections have been announced and the code of conduct has also come into force. He appealed to the people to deposit all the licensed weapons immediately before the elections so that no untoward incident happens in the elections and the elections are conducted in a peaceful manner. Police will take strict action against them if they do not deposit their weapons.

Annual Sant Samagam held at Shri Guru Ravidas Ashram

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR: Today, the annual Saint Samagam was organised by Shri Guru Ravidas Ashram Begumpura under the patronage of Saint Mainpal Singh Annol Ji. Hundreds of saints arrived and thousands of devotees participated. Darshan Kheda, BSP leader and former chairman of Municipal Council Jagadhri was present as the chief guest along with his entire team in the Sant Samagam. The existing Sant Samaj blessed Darshan Kheda to serve the entire society. Along with Sant Samagam, blood donation camp and free eye check-up camp was organized by Vishal Eye Center Jagadhri. Darshan Kheda, while addressing the gathering, said that Saint Ravidas ji fought against casteism and drove away the evils prevalent in the society.

Complaints regarding violation of model code of conduct can be registered at C-Vigil app

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAR 17

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Shri Anurag Agarwal stated that along with the announcement of the Lok Sabha 2024 general elections, the Model Code of Conduct has been enforced. Now, the Haryana government cannot announce new development projects. The projects already underway will continue. To address complaints of violations of the model code of conduct, the Election Commission has developed the C-Vigil app, where any citizen can submit videos and audio recordings. Action will be taken within 100 minutes upon receiving complaints.

In the state, 1,99,38,247 voters can participate in the elections. Sh. Agarwal mentioned that in the previous Lok Sabha elections, approximately 70% voter turnout was recorded in Haryana. There is an appeal to increase voter participation in

the upcoming elections. There are 1 crore 99 lakh 38 thousand 247 voters in the state, with 2,64,760 voters aged over 85. Similarly, there are 11,028 voters over 100 years old, and 41 voters over 120 years old. Arrangements will be made for voters to choose between voting at polling stations or from their homes. The number of service voters is 1,08,572. The number of voters in the age group of 18 to 19 is 3,65,504 and the number of voters in the age group of 20 to 29 is 39,31,717.

Regarding the election schedule, Sh. Agarwal stated that the notification for elections will be issued on April 29. The deadline for filing nominations is May 6. The scrutiny of nominations will be done on May 7, and candidates can withdraw their nominations until May 9. Voting will take place on May 25, followed by counting on June



4. The entire election process will be completed before June 6. Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) will be used for voting, and adequate EVMs are available. Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines will also be placed at all

polling stations. 10 to 15 percent reserved EVMs will be available with the Sectoral Magistrate, wherever there is a complaint, EVMs will be made available.

There will be a total of 19,812 polling stations in the state, including 6,224 urban and 13,588 rural polling stations, with 2,289 vulnerable and 63 critical polling stations. Each polling station will accommodate an average of 1,001 voters, with all necessary facilities ensured. Sh. Agarwal emphasized the importance of conducting elections impartially and transparently. He mentioned that 15 companies of central armed police forces have already arrived, and the Home Ministry has been requested for 200 more companies. Additionally, Haryana Police and home guard personnel will be deployed for security during the elections.

To conduct the LS elections in a free, fair and peaceful manner, Model Code of Conduct will be strictly followed - DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 17

Deputy Commissioner –cum-District Election Officer Utam Singh held a press conference on Sunday in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat regarding the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 and gave detailed information about the election process. He said that the model code of conduct would be strictly followed to conduct the elections in a free, fair and peaceful manner. The district administration has completed all preparations for the Lok Sabha elections and Karnal Assembly by-elections. He appealed to the public that maximum number of voters should participate in the great festival of democracy and exercise their franchise.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the Model Code of

Conduct has come into force from the date of announcement of the elections and its notification would be issued on April, 29. Under the election process, nomination papers can be filed till May 6.



Scrutiny of nomination papers will be done on May 7 and the last date for withdrawal of nomination papers for the candidates will be May 9. He told that voting would be held on May 25 and

counting of votes would take place on June 4. The date of completion of the election process was June 6. He said that 20, 81,560 voters would exercise their franchise during the general elections from Karnal Lok Sabha constituency which includes 10,95,941 male voters, 9,85,582 female voters and 37 transgender voters.

For the convenience of these voters, a total of 2023 polling stations have been set up under the parliamentary constituency, out of which 1147 polling stations have been established in Karnal district and 876 polling stations have been established in Panipat district. For the convenience of voters, arrangements for drinking water, accessible toilets, ramps have been made at all polling stations. \

People will work hard to make Khattar win with record votes: Virk



PARI BAJAJ ASSANDH, MARCH 17

Not only the workers but also the people of the area are excited about former Chief Minister Manohar Lal being made the candidate from Karnal Lok Sabha constituency. Manohar Lal will win from Karnal Lok Sabha constituency with record breaking votes. The above views were expressed by former BJP MLA and assembly convenor Bakshish Singh Virk while addressing the villagers in Jundla. The villagers welcomed former MLA Baksh-

Babain School wins cricket friendly match



DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAR 17

Today, an educational exchange programme was organised between Government Model Culture Senior Secondary School, Babain and Government Model Culture Senior Secondary School, Khairi at Khairi. Special arrangements were made for this event by Khairi Principal Daya Singh Swami. Under the leadership of Principal Babain Ramesh Boudh, teachers shared experiences related to their subjects and other activities. After this, all the teachers were

given a tour of the school premises, everyone praised the arrangement and beautification of the school. After this, a friendly cricket match was organised between the teachers of both the schools.

Babain's team was led by Vinay and Khairi's team was captained by Anil. Babain won the toss and decided to bat first. Babain scored a total of 98 runs in his innings, in which Manish had 24 runs, Vinay had 18 runs, Joginder had 22 runs, Karan Singh had 23 runs and Karmaveer ji had 11 runs. In reply, Khairi's team could score only 92

runs in the stipulated overs and thus Babain won the match in a tough match. In Babain's team, Vinay, Joginder, Ashok, Vikrant, Karmaveer, Karan, Manish Kamboj, Daljeet, Sunil, Manish, Amit performed well during the game and hoisted the flag of victory in the cricket friendly match.

Apart from captain Anil from Khairi's side, Devendra, Pradeep, Inderjeet, Shivrav and players participated. After the match, Khairi Principal Daya Singh Swami honoured Babain school Principal Ramesh Boudh and his winning team with a trophy.

NSS holds one-day camp



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, MARCH 17

A one-day camp was organized by all the three units of National Service Scheme at Shaheed Udharn Singh Government College, Matak Majri under the leadership and guidance of College Principal Dr. Vikas Atri. First of all, all the students were given information by the National Service Scheme in-charge Professor. Dimple, Professor Vandana Saini and Professor Bal Rishi were made aware of the importance of cleanliness and were inspired to keep their college and neighbourhood clean. After that all the students were divided into three groups. One group was

Commerce and Science. The work of cleaning started in the park in front of the faculty. The volunteers of the second group did the work of painting the trees and plants in the college, while the students of the third group cleaned the ground floor of the new library. After this, the students had lunch and after that an awareness rally was taken out by all the volunteers in village Indergarh. The awareness rally was related to the cleanliness campaign. The college principal sent the three NSS in-charges Professor Dimple, Professor Vandana Saini and Professor Bal Rishi to the camp. Congratulations on the successful operation of the camp.

BJP should not ignore Anil Vij's stature: Vishwa Hindu Takht

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, MARCH 17

Vishwa Hindu Takht and Anti Terrorist Front India chief Viresh Shandilya arrived late last evening to wish former Haryana Home and Health Minister Anil Vij along with his colleagues on his 71st birthday. Veeresh Shandilya presented Mata's chunari and golden idol of Mata Durga to Anil Vij. Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Viresh Shandilya, while addressing hundreds of supporters at Anil Vij's residence in the presence of Anil Vij, said that first of all he wishes for Anil Vij's long life and may he remain healthy. He continued serving BJP and the 3.25 crore people of the state in this way. Shandilya said that he is neither a spokesperson of BJP nor a member of party but he has been associated with Anil Vij since 1990 and the reason for associating with Anil Vij is his thinking. He said that when

Anil Vij became Azad MLA, he supported Bansi Lal, Om Prakash Chautala and because of his humanity, spirit of public service and honesty, Bansi Lal and Chautala considered Anil Vij as their son and who was the one who shared the chair and table.

The sofa divan was in-



stalled in Anil Vij's house in 1990 and the same item is still installed in 2024. Anil Vij is an honest leader of Haryana and that is why today the people of Haryana sacrifice their lives for him. Otherwise, today poli-

tics has become a medium to earn money but it is only because of honest grassroots leaders like Anil Vij that politics is alive in the eyes of the common people. Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya said that for the last several days there were reports about Anil Vij that he was being made the Deputy CM but Vij has refused.

Veeresh Shandilya said that all these are political things but each member of his Vishwa Hindu Takht and Anti Terrorist Front India is with Anil Vij and on behalf of Vishwa Hindu Takht, he has demanded from Modi and BJP high command that Anil Vij BJP should not make the mistake of ignoring. Like Modi established BJP in the country. Anil Vij has thinking like Modi. He said that Anil Vij is the Modi of Haryana and the BJP high command should again give him more strength than before.

JJP holds meeting with workers and sought suggestions for Lok Sabha elections



RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 17

A meeting of JJP workers was held in the office of Pradhan Parmanand Yogi in Jagadhri as per the instructions of former Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana Dushyant Chautala. Bhag Singh Dandama, state spokesperson of the party arrived in the meeting as the chief guest. He addressed the workers those came in large number. During the occasion, suggestions for the Lok Sabha elections were sought from the people and their opinions were taken. A large number of people attended this program.

In-charge said that JJP

was fully prepared for the Lok Sabha elections. They were companions of Tau Devi Lal's struggle. The workers those reached here said that they would sacrifice their lives to bring their leader Dushyant Chautala to power.

On this occasion, District President Gurvinder Tejli assured the in-charge that whatever order would be given to the workers by the party, they would follow it. On this occasion, Daman Sharma, Intezaar Ali, Amit Khandwa, Inderjeet Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Ashu Pandit, Aman Batori, Sanju Ratawala, Rakesh Sankheda, Bunty Jogi, Vinod Jogi, Pawan Jogi, Basant Singh, Babu Ram, Pawan, Deep Sharma, were present

Hundreds of workers will give a grand welcome to the CM and the LS candidate on highway

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA TARAORI, MAR 17

A meeting of workers and divisional presidents was organized at the BJP office located at Tarawadi grain market. The meeting was presided over by former MLA and senior BJP leader Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi. All workers, supporters and officials participated in the meeting. Preparations for the Lok Sabha elections were discussed in the meeting. Addressing the meeting, former MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that on March 19, a rally would be organized in the grain market of Gharanda regarding the Lok Sabha elections. There was a wave of enthusiasm among the workers. He told that on March 19 itself, Nilokheri GT thousands of workers would welcome Lok Sabha candidate Manohar Lal and Chief Minister Naib Saini and the workers would participate in the

Gharanda rally with a convoy of hundreds of vehicles.

Former MLA Kabirpanthi said that every worker has geared up for the prepara-

tions. He said that strength from here would strengthen the party in the Lok Sabha elections. In the meeting Rakesh Garg, Nilokheri Mandal President Balbir Maratha,



tions for the Lok Sabha elections. The party was being strengthened even up to the booth level. He said that Lok Sabha elections would be held in Haryana state on May 25. For workers the happiness was that they have got Manohar Lal Khattar as their candidate in the Lok Sabha elec-

Ranjit Bhardwaj, Rajesh Chhabra, Mukesh Rana, Pawan Prajapat, Ramkumar Gupta, Umesh Sharma, Ravindra, Krishna Sain, Surendra Battn, Pradeep Rana, Rajpal Hai-batpur, Ramdev. A large number of workers including Rambir were present.

22nd marriage ceremony organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, MAR 17

22nd mass marriage ceremony was organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Radaur. In which 11 young men and women got married. BJP leader Sandeep Garg participated in the programme as the chief guest. Social worker Bhimsingh Rathu Vashishtha was present in the program as a guest. The program was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp. On this occasion, Regional Joint General Secretary of BVP, Paramjeet Pahwa, Program Chairman, Provincial President Dheeraj Bhatia, Provincial General Secretary Kapil Gupta, Manish Malik and Dr. Anjali Bharti were present in the program as special invited guests. The pro-

gram was presided over by branch patron Mansingh Arya and head Dr. Baldev Saini.

The stage was coordinated by Secretary Sardar Inderjit Singh. Chief guest Sandeep Garg said that while a son brightens one family, a daughter brightens two families. After marriage, daughter goes to another house and respects the members of that house more than her own family members and serves them. Women should become self-reliant and self-reliant. Due to which not only she can gain respect for herself in the society but also helps in increasing the respect of her family. Chief guest Bhimsingh Rathu said that this work being done by BVP uninterrupted every year is commendable.

AAP, Congress preparing to win Kurukshetra seat

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MARCH 17

By declaring its state president Sushil Gupta as joint candidate from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha seat with the support of Congress, Aam Aadmi Party is working on a concrete strategy to thwart the challenge that it has given to the ruling BJP. In the last election, this seat was won by BJP leader Nayab Singh Saini, although this seat has also been held by Congress and Naveen Jindal who used to be its MP at that time. Now the outgoing BJP MP Nayab Singh Saini has been replaced as the Chief Minister of Haryana in place of Manohar Lal. According to sources, BJP

is also seriously considering fielding a public-oriented Vaishya face from Kurukshetra seat. For this, the names of the country's well-known in-



dustrialist Naveen Jindal or his wife and outgoing Mayor of Karnal Renu Bala Gupta have been in discussion for the last several days, is expected that BJP will soon announce the name of its official candidate from Kurukshetra. INLD had announced the name of its lead-



er MLA Abhay Singh Chautala a day earlier, who is INLD supreme and is also the political successor of former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash

them. On the other hand, the by-election of Karnal Legislative Assembly has also been declared along with the Lok Sabha. After the resignation of former Chief

Minister and Karnal MLA Manohar Lal, newly appointed Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is certain to contest in this by-election. The Congress is still searching for a candidate for this seat, however, former Chief Minister Manohar Lal's past election rival Sardar Tarlochan Singh, former MLA Sumita Singh and Haryana Congress Provincial Working President Suresh Gupta have submitted their nominations to become the Congress candidate from Karnal.

Bus of devotees leaves from Radaur to visit Ganga, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra flags off

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, MAR 17

Under the Ganga Darshan Pilgrimage Campaign, Haridwar, a bus of devotees left from the office of BJP leader Amit Garg Radaur on Sunday to have Ganga Darshan. BJP District President Rajesh Sapra flagged off the bus. Amit Garg told that this bus service has been started by him for the devotees. Every Sunday, the bus will take devotees in the morning for free Ganga darshan and will return in the evening. Food arrangements have also been made for the

devotees. Rajesh Sapra praised this work of Amit Garg and said that many devotees who till date were



deprived of the darshan of Mother Ganga due to some reason, will be able to have darshan due to this effort of Amit Garg.

AIPEF opposes privatisation agenda of central government, Elects new body



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: The Federal council meeting of All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF) unanimously opposed the privatisation agenda of Ministry of Power through the Electricity (amendment) rules. Large scale privatisation of transmission is going on in almost every state in the name of competitive bidding. The federal council meeting was held at Chennai and 23 state constituents from across the country participated in it including Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Assam, Gujarat, and Tamilnadu. . Shailendra Dubey elected unanimously as Chairman and P Rathnakar Rao elected unanimously as Secretary General of AIPEF for consecutive third term. V K Gupta was again made spokesperson of federation. Kartik Dubey of Uttar Khand was elected Srvice chairman, Jitender Garg from Punjab and Vijender Lamba of Haryana were made Secretary and joint Secretary respectively.

Huge quantity of heroin seized, six arrested with drone and pistol



VERMA GURDASPUR: In a major recovery, Gurdaspur police seized huge quantity of heroin and arrested six with drone and pistol. Divulging the information, SSP Gurdaspur Dayma Harish Kumar said that a special campaign against drugs has been launched under the guidelines given by the Honorable Director General Police, Punjab. During this campaign, on March 8, based on the information given by the residents of village Chakk Ram Sahay, a special search operation was conducted with BSF and police personnel at village Mamuwali. During the search, a packet of heroin weighing 470 grams was recovered in the fields and a case was registered against unknown person at Baharampur police station. On March 9, on the basis of secret information received by the Chief Officer Police Station Dorangla, a Varna car coming from Amritsar was coming from Hi-Tech Naka Babbari Bypass Gurdaspur was stopped and checked. The occupants of the car were Gurjit Singh alias Kalu, son of Lakhbir Singh and Satnam Singh, son of Mukhtiar Singh Vassian. 405 grams of heroin, one pistol of 30 bore and 4 live rounds were recovered and arrested from Maluk Chak.

Training imparted to health workers under National vector borne disease control program



GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL KHAMANO / SANGHOL: As per the instructions of Civil Surgeon Fatehgarh Sahib Dr. Davinderjit Kaur, District Epidemiologist Dr Gurpreet Kaur and Dr Deepji conducted one day training for Multipurpose Health Worker (MEL) and Multi Purpose Health Supervisor (MEL). In which these health workers from different blocks participated. Speaking during the training, Civil Surgeon Dr. Davinderjit Kaur said that by destroying the breeding grounds of mosquitoes, the spread of diseases like malaria, dengue, chikungunya could be prevented. She said that investigation of every suspected case of fever should be ensured. Dr. Gurpreet Kaur said that it was very important to complete the prescribed malaria surveillance measures to meet the goal of malaria eradication in Punjab and to get its recognition from the World Health Organization. She said that since malaria was a modifiable disease, every private lab and hospital was required to give a report regarding malaria testing so that the spread of malaria from any person from other states was prevented.

Chatiwind police arrest fugitives wanted in two separate cases



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: As per the directions of SSP Rural Amritsar Satinder Singh, a special campaign is being run against mischievous miscreants and fugitives. Giving information, SHO Chatiwind Inspector Mukhtyar Singh said that Gurneji Singh alias Kaka, son of Mohinder Singh, resident of Chatiwind, who was wanted in the case registered under NDPS Act in the year 2019, has been arrested. Similarly, Sukhjit Singh alias Minister, son of Swarn has been arrested. Success was achieved in arresting Singh resident of Patti Satte village Varpal who was wanted in a case registered under the Excise Act in the year 2020.

Police fully geared up to ensure free, fair and peaceful polls: DGP

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 17

A day after the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced the dates of the poll for the General Elections 2024, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav on Sunday said that Punjab Police is fully geared up to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections in the border state.

The DGP accompanied by Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla was virtually briefing all the senior Police officers from headquarters, Range ADGsP/IGsP/DIGs and CPs/SSPs to take stock of the security arrangements in the state ahead of the General elections.

Pertinently, with the announcement of the election dates the model code of conduct has come into force. Polling for the general elections in Punjab will be held in the last phase of polls on June 1. DGP Gaurav Yadav directed all the officers to strictly adhere to all aspects of the Model Code of Conduct and follow all the instructions and guidelines from the Election Commission of India for



holding free and fair elections.

He said that a special campaign has been launched to arrest Proclaimed Offenders (POs) and Parole Jumpers and for execution of non-bailable warrants (NBWs). SSPs and CPs have also been asked to ensure surveillance over

people indulging in selling of illicit liquor and narcotics and psychotropic substances, he added. The DGP also directed the CPs/SSPs to ensure the deposition of weapons in compliance with the ECI norms.

Sharing more details, Spl DGP Arpit Shukla said that

security has been beefed up across the state and field officers have been asked to carry out audit of police force and muster 75% of the police force for deployment during elections. All the CPs/SSPs have already been asked to keep vigil around the anti-social elements and carry out flag marches in their jurisdictions to build confidence among the general public, he added.

He said that the checking at Inter-state borders has been intensified to check the movement of criminals, bootleggers and drug smugglers. The 25 companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) have been deployed in vulnerable districts of the state to instil confidence among the general public as well as to dominate sensitive and hyper-sensitive areas in the state, he added.

The 25 companies include five coys of Central Reserved Police Forces (CRPF), 15 coys of Border Security Force (BSF) and five coys of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). Meanwhile, the Spl DGP said that all the Police officers have also been circulated the guidelines issued by ECI.

Netaji Model school celebrates its 45th foundation day

DAVINDER SHARMA
RUPNAGAR, MAR 17

The 45th Foundation Day of Netaji Model School was celebrated with great pomp in the premises on Sunday. This auspicious occasion was celebrated with the statue of Late VP Saini (Founder of Netaji Model School). The ceremony was started by lighting the lamp and singing Bharat Mata Ki Aarti, written by him.

On this occasion, the school director, Mrs. Bharti Saini, remembering late VP Saini, told all the students that the establishment of this school was very important. The foundation of this school has been laid to fulfill the higher objectives. It was laid to fulfill the good thoughts and dreams of Netaji Subhash



Chandra Bose which was being implemented well without any interruption for the last 44 years. She along with the group of staff and students Pledged that Netaji Model School would continue to build good personalities for India with hard work and dedication.

On this auspicious occasion, Principal of the school, Mrs. Seema Sehgal also congratulated everyone and said that this school was built keeping in mind the objectives. With a strong resolve to fulfill them they would move forward on this path and would continue to give the best and dutiful citizens to the country from the school. This function was concluded with the national anthem.

Modi's goal is to build developed India: Paramjeet Singh Gill

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 17

Senior leader of Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency and National Vice President of Himachal Pradesh Parivar Organization, Paramjit Singh Gill said that the aim of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is to make India a developed country for which he is working day and night and meaningful results are also coming. Clearly visible to the world.

Gill said that while Modi has implemented schemes to ease the living standards of all sections of people, the unemployed youth, women and other people of the country are also being provided resources to do their work with their heads held high. He said that before 2014, there were only a

few startups in the country, but now under the leadership of Modi, thousands of startups have been established and people in 600 districts of the country are making their lives easier by starting their own businesses.

He said that this is the first time that a central government has given an opportunity to the youth to start their own business by giving loans without any guarantee and under this scheme, loans worth Rs. 26 lakh crore have been distributed so far, which are without any guarantee. Not only this, among the beneficiaries of this scheme, there are 8 crore

people who have started their own business for the first time in their life, which is a matter of great honour. He said that Modi is working 18 hours a day for the prosperity and

progress of every section of the people of the country and by 2047, India will emerge as the number one country in the world and the world will be forced to follow the path shown by him. Therefore, in the coming Lok Sabha elections, we all should once again strengthen Modi's hands and hand over the power at the Center to Modi with full majority.



NFL organizes 7th Half Marathon



KULWINDER BHATTA
NANGAL, MAR 17

Nangal unit of National Fertilizer Limited (NFL) organized the 7th Half Marathon on Sunday. The marathon was flagged off by Executive Director Atul Jain. Around 1000 people participated in this half marathon and different running competitions were held such as 21 km, 10 km, 5 km and 2.1 km. Attractive prizes were also given to the winners on this occasion.

Speaking on this occasion, Atul Jain said that sports were very important in

their life. It not only helped in physical development but also developed the spirit of leadership by becoming mentally strong. He also highlighted other social service works being carried out by the Nangal unit of National Fertilizer in the area.

On this occasion V.K. Gupta CGM, Gurinder Jeet Kaur GM, IP Singh GM, Sanjay Kumar Sharma Chief Manager, Sohan Lal Public Relations Officer NFL. Apart from this, employees of various departments and presidents and members of unions were also present.

Kulwinder Singh Gurusar appointed Legal Adviser of Bharatiya Ambedkar Mission

ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO, MAR 17

Advocate Kulwinder Singh Gurusar has been appointed as the Legal Advisor of Rama Block by Bharatiya Ambedkar Mission, an active social service organization of India. Advocate Kulwinder

Singh Gurusar informed that this appointment has been made on the recommendation of the state senior vice president Ram Krishna Kangra.

He thanked Madam Poonam Kangra Patron and National President Darshan Singh



Kangra and said that he will fulfill his responsibility with full dedication. He said that for the further strengthening of the organization, he will always be ready for the welfare of every class without any discrimination.

Punjab CEO Sibin C releases election programme

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAR 17

Punjab's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Sibin C, has released the election programme of Lok Sabha Elections 2024 for the state of Punjab. Providing key insights, he said that the Gazette Notification for the elections is scheduled to be issued on May 7th, 2024 (Tuesday).

The deadline for nominations is set for May 14th, 2024 (Tuesday), with scrutiny of nominations to take place on May 15th, 2024 (Wednesday). The Candidates can withdraw their nominations till May 17th, 2024 (Friday). The

Polling day is scheduled for June 1st, 2024 (Saturday) in Punjab, with the counting of votes set for June 4th, 2024 (Tuesday) encompassing the entire country, including Punjab. The final date for the completion of elections is June 6th, 2024 (Thursday).

Sibin C emphasized that following the announcement of the election schedule by the Election Commission of India on March 16th, 2024, the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) has been implemented immediately across the state of Punjab. The MCC will be applicable to all candidates, political parties, the State Government, as well as to the Union Government.

He apprised that a copy of the MCC manual can be downloaded from the ECI's website link: <https://www.eci.gov.in/handbooks-manuals-modelchecklist>. Sibin C further informed that the instructions of the Election Commission of India have been circulated through the Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, all Ministers, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, all Additional Chief Secretaries, Financial Commissioners, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, all Head of Departments, Chairmen and Managing Directors of all Boards, Corporations and Authorities of the Punjab for their strict compliance.

Tehsildar Ramchand takes charge of Jalandhar Tehsil 1, additional charge of Jalandhar Tehsil 2

JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): For the past several days, there was a shortage of Tehsildar in Jalandhar's Tehsil 1 and especially Tehsil 2.



Whichever Tehsildar used to come, he was a guest for a few days only and he used to die, due to which people were facing a lot of problem in getting their work done in Tehsil 1 and Tehsil 2, but yesterday Tehsildar Ramchand was posted in Jalandhar Tehsil 1, who was also given the additional charge of Tehsil 2. Tehsildar Ramchand said that his first priority would be to complete the previous pending works.

Remember that Tehsildar Ramchandra has previously also held the post of Tehsildar in Jalandhar. Paramjit Singh Jalandhar

Jagseer Singh assumes charge as superintendent at Sawaddi Kalan



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAR 17

As per the promotions made by department of technical education and industrial training, ITI Moga senior assistant Jagsir Singh has been promoted as superintendent. Singh assumed the charge as superintendent of ITI Sawaddi Kalan in the presence of principal Pardeep Kumar, Parminder Singh, Sukhwal Singh and others. They dear-

ly welcomed Singh and wished him all the luck for his duty as superintendent. Singh thanked the staff for their greetings and best wishes and assured that he shall fulfill his duties wholeheartedly and honestly. At this occasion, ITI Impies union Punjab vice president Kulwant Singh, Gursharan Singh, Navdeep Singh, Avtar Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Narinder Singh, Harmandeep Singh and others were present.

Ludhiana rural police gears up for Lok Sabha elections



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): In order to maintain peace and law and order in the area during Lok Sabha elections, district Ludhiana rural police SSP Navneet Singh Bains issued instructions to the police officers. SSP Bains conducted a press conference talking about preparations made by my department ahead of elections. "With the announcement of days of polling, election commission issued instructions and based on these instructions necessary preparations shall be made to ensure that elections are conducted peacefully and impartially in the area. "Incharges of police stations and other concerned officers have been ordered to check every kind of suspicious activity and to arrest bootleggers trying to disrupt law and order," he said.

He added that police is committed to provide a safe atmosphere to the voters so that they can cast their votes without fear or pressure. "Total 612 polling stations have been set up at constituencies Raikot and Jagraon and 51 among them are sensitive so, paramilitary forces shall be deployed at these polling stations. Moreover, sectors shall be formed at polling station and 53 teams of police officials shall keep be there on round to avoid unfortunate incidents.

National Law Festival organised in campus of Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAR 17

Rayat College of Law organized a two days National Law Festival. This festival was inaugurated by The Supreme Court Justice C.T. Ravikumar.

The event commenced with a prior cultural evening to welcoming hon'ble Justice C.T. Ravikumar and Madam Sara Ravikumar, showcasing traditional culture of Punjab and celebrating unity in diversity in campus. The students left the audience mesmerized with their performances. The cultural evening was also attended by Mr. Kawaljit Singh Bajwa; District Session Judge SBS Nagar, Ms. Kamal Sisodia, Commandant 13th Battalion CRPF, Mr. Navjot Pal Singh Randhawa, Deputy Commis-



sioner SBS Nagar and Mr. Mehtab Singh, SSP SBS Nagar. In inaugural ceremony Dr. Monika Sharma, Principal Rayat College of Law welcomed the esteemed dignitaries, guests and participants from around the country and ceremony was started with lightening sacred lamp which holds the symbol of hope and light.

The interactive session of Senior Advocate Dama Sehari Naidu, The Supreme Court (Former Justice Bombay High Court) enlightened

the audience to the new spheres learning.

Dr. Sandeep Singh Kaur, Chancellor LTSU shared his words of guidance by connecting the Law with Science taking in reference the Satluj River and the flooding conditions in Punjab Region. He gave various real-life examples for sensitizing the students for encircling.

Hon. Justice Mr. CT Ravikumar inspired the students citing that success comes to those who are prepared to study and suffer.

Ranjit Bakshi's photo removed: Akil Bakshi

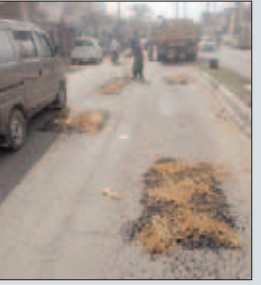


SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR: Keeping in mind the code of conduct of Lok Sabha elections, Ranjit Bakshi Jankalyan Sabha President Akil Bakshi said that following the instructions of Election Commission, Ranjit Bakshi Jankalyan Sabha has removed Ranjit Bakshi's photo from wherever it was in public places. I appeal to all politicians to follow the guidelines of Election Commission.

First blood donation camp by PGI Langar Group Barotiwala today

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI: A one day blood donation camp is being organized by PGI Langar Group Barotiwala on March 18. Group Chairman Gaurav Gupta said that on Monday, a blood donation camp will be organized in the premises of Chintamani Hospital near Sewing Center Barotiwala from 10 am to 4 pm. The team of PGI Blood Bank Society Chandigarh will collect blood in the camp.

Within 24 hours, Gondar fulfills his promise to improve road



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA TARAORI: The main road leading from Taraori GT Road towards the city has now become a mess. The credit for this goes to Nellokheri MLA Dharampal Gondar. It had become difficult for people to walk due to the innumerable deep potholes on the road. But now due to the efforts of the MLA, the potholes have been filled. Thousands of people from outside were troubled due to potholes on the road. Two days ago, senior district journalist Harish Chawla had raised this matter with MLA Dharampal Gondar in public interest. The MLA had assured that the potholes on the road would be repaired within 24 hours. Taraori is a big rice industry city. Therefore, thousands of heavyweight vehicles travel on this road every day. But due to rain, potholes are formed on the road. Because there is no drainage on the road. However, due to the efforts of the MLA, the work of laying sewerage on this road is going on. But it will take time to complete. Therefore, MLA Dharampal requested that the people of Tarawadi are very troubled due to potholes. Journalist Harish Chawla had raised this issue two days ago.

Vijay Bahl greets Dhumal on Anurag getting ticket for 5th time



RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: There is a flood of congratulations in Sameerpur for Union Minister Anurag Thakur, who won the Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat four times in a row, on getting the BJP ticket for the fifth time. On Sunday, state BJP executive member Vijay Bahl along with about 50 BJP workers reached Sameerpur and congratulated former Chief Minister Professor Prem Kumar Dhumal. Vijay Bahl said that every voter has become aware to form a strong government in the country and make the country strong. He said that the country's election system is capable of conducting fair elections in the world's largest democracy. On this occasion, former Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal expressed his gratitude to all the workers who came and said that every voter must use his vote in the democratic system.

'Parour's Sonal Choudhary gets patent, makes polythene that dissolves in water and soil'

KANGRA: In future, there will be no compulsion to use only plastic film to pack chips, noodles, dry fruits, dry spices and pulses etc. Scientists of Panjab University, Chandigarh have prepared a biodegradable packaging film in which strong packaging is possible without harming the environment. These scientists of Punjab University have prepared this biodegradable food packaging from the gum of Neem tree. Scientists also got its patent on Thursday. Sonal Chaudhary, Researcher of Punjab University, said while giving information in this regard Every year, approximately 430 million tonnes of plastic products are produced globally—a number that could triple by 2060. Only around 9 percent of plastics are



actually recycled. The rest is incinerated, sent to landfills, or ends up in the environment, where it can take centuries to degrade. However, even then, it never fully disappears. This patent covers the development of a biodegradable food packaging film made from renewable environmentally friendly materials intended for storing and preserving food.

Himachal travel agents urge ECI to change poll schedule

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAR 17

The Himachal Pradesh Travel Agents' Association (HPTAA), representing travel agencies across the state, on Sunday petitioned the Election Commission of India (ECI) expressing concern regarding the potential impact of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections on the tourism industry. President of HPTAA Budhi Prakash Thakur and Secretary Suresh Sharma said in a letter to ECI that the election should be scheduled in the first phase in Himachal Pradesh, instead of in the seventh and last phase on June 1 as announced by the poll panel. The HPTAA claimed that during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, scheduling Himachal's



elections in the final phase had a demonstrable negative effect on tourism. "Prolonged campaigning and frequent rallies discouraged tourist visitation, resulting in substantial losses for hotels, transportation providers, restaurants, and other tourism-related businesses," they said. "We believe scheduling Himachal Pradesh's elections

in the earlier phases would significantly mitigate these negative consequences," they said. The state experiences a peak tourist season from April to June. Holding elections during this period directly clashes with tourist arrivals, leading to substantial revenue losses for the entire industry. HPTAA showed concern that extended campaigning periods disrupt regular business operations, creating uncertainty for tourists. Potential travel restrictions, roadblocks, and rallies lead to booking cancellations and decreased tourism activity. Increased movement of political personnel and campaign vehicles could strain transportation infrastructure, causing congestion, delays, and

Migrant youth molests 11- year-old girl in Chunadi village of Baddi, case registered

ANWAR HUSSAIN NALAGARH: Rape cases are coming to light every day in industrial area Baddi. Police and administration unable to provide security to minor girls of migrant laborers. Awareness campaign run by District Police

Baddi limited to papers. Latest case of rape of a migrant minor girl has come to light from Manpur police station. Have come where a migrant youth raped an 11 year old minor girl in Chundi Khad. According to the police, both the migrant

youth and the girl were living in slums near Chunadi village. The youth had lured the girl and took her towards a ravine. There he raped the girl. The girl narrated her ordeal to her family. On which the police has arrested the accused Rahul,

resident of Bihar and the girl has been sent to Nalagarh Hospital for medical treatment. SHO Manpur Shyam Lal has confirmed the matter. The police have registered a case under the POCSO Act and arrested the accused.

Cong faces dilemma in deciding its Shimla LS candidate

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAR 17

The outcome of the February 27 Rajya Sabha election in Himachal Pradesh that saw the defeat of the Congress candidate, despite the party having an absolute majority in the state Assembly, has posed a new challenge to the ruling party which now cannot spare any sitting MLA as candidate for the upcoming Lok Sabha poll. Party sources state that Chief minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu was earlier contemplating to put Vinod Sultanpuri (MLA from Kasouli) in the fray from Shimla parliament (reserved constituency). After the rebellion of six MLAs who cross-voted in the RS polls, Congress now finds it more challenging to assert its majority in the state assembly and save the government from becoming a minority, even though the rebel

legislators have been disqualified by the Speaker. In this scenario, the AICC has dropped the name of Sultanpuri from the list. BJP has already finalised the name of former Air Force officer and sitting MP Suresh Kashyap from Shimla Lok Sabha seat. In the last ten years, Congress hasn't succeeded in winning the seat as Kashyap and his close relative Variender Kashyap have won the LS polls from the seat. After the defection of six Congress MLAs and withdrawal of support by the three independent legislators in the 68-member assembly, Congress now has 34 MLAs. The Election Commission of India has also announced election to six seats vacated after the disqualification of the six disqualified lawmakers. If Congress spares an MLA for Lok Sabha election it would be disastrous for the health of the state government given

the party's wafer thin major in the assembly. Now Congress may rely on former two time MLA Sohan Lal who won the 2003 and 2007 assembly elections. The name of Ami Nanda, a close aide of Pradesh Congress chief Pratibha Singh is also doing the round. "Chief minister Virbhadra Singh was a mascot and he could galvanise the voters in favour of novices. However, the party cannot take a chance now by fielding a greenhorn," analyst and former Principal of Sanskrit College Shimla Dr Mast Ram Sharma says. Issue of reservation to Hattee community, employees, pensioners, apple crop and its marketing are some of the issues that could affect the outcome of election in Shimla parliament seat. In the previous Assembly poll, the Congress won 13 out of the 17 assembly seats that make the Shimla LS constituency.

Two women die, driver injured in road accident

SATISH SETH KALAYAT, MAR 17

Two women died in a road accident near Ramgarh Road near Ramgarh turn on Hisar-Chandigarh National Highway. While the car driver was seriously injured and has been referred to PGI Chandigarh for treatment. The cause of the road accident is being investigated by the police who reached the spot. IO Krishna Kumar told that at around 2.30 pm, the Hyundai Ascent car going from Kaithal to Narwana suddenly got a tire burst and the uncontrolled car collided with the divider and collided with the Maruti Alto car coming from the front in the other lane. The accident was so severe that 57-year-old Roshni, resident of Katla Tehsil Safidon and 59-year-



old Ramesh Kumari, resident of Kurukshetra, who were traveling in the Alto car, died while 40-year-old driver Jitendra, resident of Kurukshetra, was seriously injured. In view of the serious condition of Jitendra, the doctors have referred him to PGI Chandigarh after first aid. He said that the post-

mortem of the deceased has been done in the District Civil Hospital and the matter is being investigated further after handing them over to the family members. 17 Alto car crashed in a horrific road accident near Ramgarh turn on KLT 1, Hisar-Chandigarh National Highway.

1642 polling booths will be established in Kangra distt: Hemraj Bairwa

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAR 17

Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa said that with the release of the notification for voting for Lok Sabha Elections-2024, the Kangra District Model Code of Conduct has come into force and all officers and common citizens have been requested to ensure compliance with the Model Code of Conduct. Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa said that hoardings, banners, posters, flags, calendars with photos of political leaders and other publicity materials will be removed from all government buildings and premises within 24 hours, and from various public places like bus stands, check-points and walls etc. within 48 hours. Instructions



have been given to remove them from various private premises within 72 hours. If any person has installed this material in his personal premises with his consent, then written permission will have to be taken from him in this regard. Photos of political leaders will also be immediately removed from government websites and social media platforms. The Deputy Commissioner asked the officers to prepare the list of this material installed in

their respective departments, premises and work areas from now on. He said that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, there will be a complete ban on election meetings and gatherings in government rest houses and other premises during the Model Code of Conduct. No person will be given room in rest rooms for a period exceeding 48 hours. The Deputy Commissioner said that all officers should fully

study the guidelines of the Election Commission and maintain complete clarity regarding the Model Code of Conduct, so that confusion or unnecessary controversy does not arise at any level. The Deputy Commissioner said that 1642 polling booths will be set up in 15 assembly constituencies of Kangra district, including 118 critical polling stations. He informed that the total number of voters in the district is 1328768 in which male voters are six lakh 79 thousand 472 and female voters are six lakh 49 thousand 292. The number of new voters in the age group of 18-19 years is 10441 while the number of disabled voters is 9938. The number of senior voters above the age of eighty is 37,505.

Haryana's daughter shines in Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand

bureau PANCHKULA, MAR 17

There was a time when Haryana was criticised for it's bleak gender ratio, but now the tables have turned. Today the state is known for it's exceptionally talented and diligent daughters who have proven their metal in every field. One such exemplary story is of Dr Sezal Singh born in kalayat, situated in kaithal district of Haryana, currently residing in Panchkula. The only child of Mrs Manta and Mr M. L. Rana has outshone everyone in her university by becoming the best graduate in Mbbs, winning the best all rounder Dr P upadhyaya gold medal, R P Aggarwal gold medal, Champa Devi Memorial



Award and Dr K G Mittal gold medal with recordbreaking seven distinctions. The story does not end here, apart from excelling in academics she is the best shuttler among the medical students in Uttarakhand and the reigning champion of UMANG sports games and PYREXIA (AIMS RISHIKESH SPORTS FEST) in badminton. Our distinction

girl also enjoys immense popularity among her batch mates and juniors. Having eminent leadership skills, she was elected the Class Representative for five consecutive years and also the head of antiragging student's committee in her college. Known for her helping and benevolent nature she was given the title of Best Senior along with Miss farewell by her juniors.

IIIT Una hosts one-week high-end workshop on VLSI circuits and systems

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 17

School of Electronics, IIIT Una is organizing One Week High-End Workshop (Karyashala) on "Hands-on workshop on VLSI Circuits and Systems using Xilinx and Cadence Tools" sponsored by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), DST, Gol under the Accelerate Vigyan Scheme during 16-22 March 2024. In the inaugural session, Prof. J. S. Sahambi, IIT Ropar was invited as chief guest and Dr. Gargi Khanna, NIT Hamirpur as Guest of Honour. Prof. Sahambi discussed the opportunities and relevance of electronics manufacturing and semiconductor fabrication. Later on, Dr. Gargi Khanna briefly discussed the relevance and apt need of the



hour for the knowledge of semiconductors in various fields of electronics. She also emphasized on the PM's Semiconductor mission which includes the lucrative prospects of designing /manufacturing industries. In line with the vision and mission of Viksit Bharat scheme of GoI, the institute is organizing the hands-on workshop for the benefit of

more than 35 participants that includes 25 participants from other institutes. Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Director IIIT Una stated, "This workshop aims to empower participants with the skills necessary to excel in the dynamic field of VLSI circuits and systems by providing hands-on experience with cutting-edge Xilinx and Cadence tools."

MCMC to keep close eye on paid news

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, MAR 17

The code of conduct for the Lok Sabha elections has come into force. All the committees formed in the district have started their work to conduct the election process in a free and fair manner. All political parties should provide their full cooperation to conduct the election process in a free and fair manner. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal said that as per the guidelines of the Election Commission, Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) has been constituted at the district level to keep a close watch on paid news in the Lok Sabha elections. The Media Certification and Monitoring Committee has started its work as soon as the code of conduct came into force. This information was given by the Deputy Commissioner while presiding over the MCMC meeting held on



Sunday. He said that MCMC will keep a close watch on the advertisements and news published and broadcast in all newspapers, radio, TV, e-paper, bulk messages and social media. He said that for giving advertisement, it is mandatory for the candidate to obtain pre-certification from the district level MCMC. He told that if any candidate gets paid news published in any media, then a notice will be sent to the concerned candidate by the Returning Officer. It will be mandatory for the candidate to answer within the

prescribed period. The District Level MCMC will take a decision on the candidate's answer. He said that if paid news is declared, it will be included in the election expenses of the candidate. While directing the MCMC committee, he said that if any kind of paid news or complaint is received, the committee should take immediate action. He also asked all political parties to submit applications to MCMC three days in advance for certification of advertisements in print, electronic and social media.

Camps organized in villages under drug addiction awareness movement



ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO: Baba Deep Singh Navjevan Welfare Society Talwandi Sabo launched an awareness campaign against drugs and organized camps in Singo Mandi, Behman Jassa Singh, Behman Kaur Singh and other villages to encourage the youth to stay away from drugs. Among the speakers are Dr. Rakesh Kumar Bathinda, Suresh Kumar Vaid Mor, Sukhinder Singh Bhagiwander, former member Zilla Parishad Bathinda, Dr. Jaswinder Singh Bathinda, Lachman Singh Yatri, Chief Sewadar Gurmeet Singh Wadachh gave a speech where they inspired the youth to stay away from drugs, while warning the parents to protect the children from these drugs. He said that keeping in mind the coming time, the parents were forced to fulfill the fake-Village headmen and villagers were present on this occasion.

Dr. Tajinder Singh Jot becomes President of Medical practitioner with Sarb Samiti



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER
BALACHAUR: Medical The meeting of Practitioner Association Raj 295 Block Balachaur was held under the leadership of Dr. Dildar Singh Chahal, Chairman, Punjab. On this occasion, Dr. Tajinder Singh Jot was unanimously elected as the president. District President Dr. Kashmir Singh Dhillon, District Chairman Tek Chand, District General Secretary Dr. Dharamjit, Dr. Bimal and Dr. Kulbir Singh were specially present in the meeting as chief guests. On this occasion, Dr. Dildar Singh Chahal, Dr. Jaspa Sharma was elected district member. Dr. Manohar Lal, Chairman, Dr. Mamohan Singh, Organizer Dr. Gian Singh General Secretary Harjinder Singh Cashier Senior Vice President Dr. Sarabjit Singh Senior Vice President Dr. Balwant Singh Vice President Dr. Pinka Vice Chairman Dr. Bhupinder Singh Deputy Secretary Dr. Hardeep Singh Nanawal Press Secretary Jasveer Singh Majowal Chief Advisor Dr. Baldev Singh Dr. Sucha Singh Dr. Jasbir Singh Hokra Dr. Prem Singh Dr. Harbhajan After the election meeting, SHO Bajjit Singh City Balachore asked for the help of the practitioners to eradicate drugs.

300 Maloya families put up name plates with suffix 'Modi Ka Parivar'

CHANDIGARH: Following RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav's "parivarvaad" jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, families of Maloya, in a unique gesture, have put up name plates with suffix 'Modi Ka Parivar' outside their houses. As many as 300 families have already put up these plates to support PM Modi. "The families were hurt by the personal statement made against Modi. So, to show solidarity with him and support him, they have decided to have it," said Sanjiv Rana, BJP spokesperson, who is leading this campaign. "The demand for name plates has increased. We have ordered 200 more such name plates. People are proudly putting up these name plates outside their houses. Due to their cheap mindset, the opposition makes derogatory remarks against our beloved Prime Minister and his family. They should know that it is due to Modi that several families are living happily today," added Rana. The BJP said they expect more people in other parts of Chandigarh will also be impressed by this and will put up nameplates with the suffix. They said it is not just a tagline, but also a method to show they stand with development and against "parivarvaad." District vice president Raj Kumar Rana, Mandal president Krishan Kumar Garg, Uday Raj Yadav, Pardeep Kumar, Rajinder Kumar, Shobit Rana, Rohit Kaushal, Karan Rana, Mahipal Rana, Rupinder and others are part of this campaign. Chandigarh BJP leaders led by party president Jalinder Pal Malhotra have already added the suffix on their social media handles in solidarity with Narendra Modi. All senior leaders, workers and volunteers have added the suffix of 'Modi Ka Parivar.'

DAV college organises alumni meet

YUGMARG BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 17

Alumni meet of the former students of DAV College Sector 10 Chandigarh was organised in the Mahatma Anand Swami Auditorium of the college.

On this occasion, senior BJP leader, co-in-charge of Himachal and former state president of Chandigarh BJP, Sanjay Tandon, who is himself an alumnus of this college, also took part. He was honoured by becoming the head of DAV Alumni. Old friends shared

their thoughts and experiences. On this occasion, Principal Professor Dr. Rita Jain said that it is a very happy day for the college when a gathering of old students associated with the college is being organised.

Alumni meet is a must. This gives an opportunity to old students to visit their educational institution. You get an opportunity to know the system there. Also, many students reach big positions and achieve high positions in the institution from which they have graduated, they con-

tribute to the betterment of that institution.

Sanjay Tandon said that he is very happy to attend today's meeting. He has got the opportunity to meet old friends and classmates, many of whom he has met after a long time.

Everyone has their own experiences which can be inspiring for each other. Rajiv Dalal - Former DGP Haryana, Suresh Arora DGP, Punjab, Akshay Bhan Justice, Pankaj Jain Justice, Ramesh Negi Chief Secretary (Retd), Sanjay Sardana, Jus-

tice Grover, were also honoured on the occasion. In addition to these IAS officer Lalit Jain, Director of Census North Western Region, Pacific Ocean (PCS) Joint Secretary Health to the Government of Punjab, Shashi Pal Jain, Managing Editor of Yugmarg Newspaper, Anoop Gupta, former Mayor Chandigarh, Vineet Joshi, President Joshi Foundation, former Media Advisor Punjab, Professor Gaurav Kalotra, former President of Geography Department, and other alumni were present.

Karamjit Anmol gets AAP ticket from Faridkot, party workers celebrate

JAITO (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL) : Today, the Aam Aadmi Party has given a ticket to the Faridkot Lok Sabha constituency to Punjab singer and artist Karamjit Anmol. Accordingly, he welcomed the party's decision and thanked him. On this occasion, all the party office-bearers including the workers expressed their happiness and laddus were distributed at Bajakhana. Speaking to the media on this occasion, senior leader of Aam Aadmi Party Balkaran Singh Rasila, President of Cooperative Sabha Nirmal Singh Manta, Jasmail Singh Dhillon said that we are deeply grateful to the entire leadership of Aam Aadmi Party.

Jinnah has awarded a party ticket to Karamjit Anmol, a very intelligent and social worker singer and artist from Lok Sabha constituency Faridkot. We congratulate him on his victory in advance from Lok Sabha constituency Faridkot. Babbu Dhillon, Mangal Singh Dhillon Vice President, Jaswinder Singh Lota, Paramjit Singh Parmli, Amandeep Singh Amna, Harjit Singh Jita Brar, Nirmal Singh Gogi and a large number of party workers and leaders were present on this occasion.

DEO appeals to all political parties to follow Model Election Code

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 17

District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal has appealed to the representatives of all political parties to follow the Model Election Code in view of the Lok Sabha elections and give their full cooperation in the successful implementation of the entire election process.

The District Election Officer today held a special meeting with the representatives of all political parties at the local Panchayat Bhawan and informed them about the instructions of the Election Commission. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal said that the Lok Sabha



elections have been announced by the Honorable Election Commission of India tomorrow at 3:00 pm and only after the announcement of the elections, the Model Election Code has come into force, which will remain in force until the election process is completed. ... The general public and all political parties are requested to follow the election code of conduct in the entire district to conduct peaceful and transparent elections. The

District Election Officer said that the Election Commissioner will issue the notification for the Lok Sabha elections in Punjab on May 7, after which the last date for filing nominations will be May 14. He said the nominations would be scrutinized on May 15 and May 17 would be the last date for withdrawal of candidature. He said that voting will take place on June 1 and counting of votes will take place on June 4.

Kirpal Sagar Academy, complete school of Punjab: Gurjeet Singh



CHET RAM RATTAN
NAVASHAHR, MAR 17

Kirpal Sagar Academy, an educational institution running on the soil of Punjab for the last 34 years, has talked about the loss of time at every moment. This exquisite school with a natural environment spread over an area of 200 acres is an ideal school for your child.

This educational institution in the picturesque valley Kirpal Sagar on the banks of river Sutlej in Shaheed Bha-

gat Singh Nagar of Punjab is an example in itself. He said that more than 6000 students are associated with this beautiful institute which provides information about every aspect of life. Thousands of students have truly lived the purpose of their life by studying here. Go to any corner of the world, you will come across educated students of Kirpal Sagar Academy.

The Chairman of Unity of Man organization under which this educational institution is functioning,

Hayer presents cheque of Rs 42,000 to Baba Jeevan Singh Club for social work



BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): A cheque of Rs.42000 was presented to Baba Jeevan Singh Club Prem Nagar by Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hare, President of Club Harpreet Singh Happy, President of Youth Services Club, Gurdeep Singh Treasurer, Jurjeen Singh Ravjot Singh Jyoti Vine. Kumar, Latil Dubey, Sukhwinder Singh, Gurdit Singh, Shingara Singh, Sandeep Singh, Amit Kumar, Vicky Bhardwaj, Gurdeep Singh, Buta Singh, Bahadur Singh, Vijay Kumar, Raju, Dharwinder Singh, Lucky, Bhola Singh Sidhu, Ranjit Singh Jeeta Maur, Akhtar Ansari, Gurmeet Singh and all the residents of Prem Nagar were present.

Special thanks to Club President Harpreet Singh Happy and the entire club especially to Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet and OSD Hussan Bhardwaj, Chairman Ram Tirth Manna, Gurdeep Singh Bath, PA Rohit Sharma and Ward No. 22 Incharge Ranjit Singh Jeeta Maur.

Punjab govt should arrest Dera Sirsa head, Honeypreet in Bargari sacrilege case: Dhami

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAR 17

Reacting to the revelations made by accused Pardeep Kaler, who was recently arrested in the case of sacrilege of Sri Guru Granth Sahib at Bargari in 2015, in the Chandigarh court, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami asked the Punjab government to arrest Dera Sirsa head Gurmeet Ram Rahim after taking him on production through the court and also immediately arrest his follower Honeypreet.

In a statement issued from the SGPC office on Saturday, Harjinder Singh Dhami said that with the statements recorded in the court by the accused Pradeep Kaler,

who was arrested in the Bargari sacrilege case, it is clear that Dera Sirsa head was behind this entire anti-Sikh crime. He said that from time to time the governments of the state have only played politics instead of giving justice to the Sikhs on this serious matter.

Harjinder Singh Dhami asked the Punjab government that now when the names of Dera Sirsa head Gurmeet Ram Rahim and his follower Honeypreet have clearly come out from the statements of accused Pardeep Kaler, the government should immediately arrest both of them and bring them to Punjab and proceed with the investigation to give justice to the Sikhs.



MCC violators will not be excused: ADEO



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, MAR 17

Under the directions of District Election Officer, Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal, Additional District Election Officer(ADEO), Akash Bansal today held a meeting with the excise and taxation department officials & liquor sellers and ordered them to follow the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI), regarding the Lok Sabha elections. The ADEO said that the administration is fully prepared to crack down on

all possible methods used to lure voters during the entire process of elections and any violation of the Model Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. The ADEO, directed the officials to increase vigilance to prevent illegal storage of liquor, keep a close watch on the inter-state points, suggested to the recording the record of sale of liquor in the stock registers on a daily basis, taking immediate action in case of excess sale of liquor in any contract shop and connect district with the neighboring state.

One arrested for making threat calls, demanding ransom

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAR 17

District Ludhiana rural police has arrested 1 person for making threat calls and demanding ransom. While addressing a press conference regarding this, SSP Navneet Singh Bains said that under the supervision of SP Parminder Singh and DSP Dakha Jatinderpal Singh, police team led by inspector Jasveer Singh and Aatma Singh received complaint from a businessman alleging that unknown persons made threat calls from abroad and demanded ransom from him. "Police had filed FIR 14 under section 387 of IPC at police station Dakha against unidentified persons. During investigation, police inspector Jasveer Singh and Kikkar



Singh, with technical help, traced the calls and nominated Vishal Dev son of Varinder Kumar resident of Ludhiana and Rahul Dev son of Varinder Kumar resident of Ludhiana, currently residing in Birmingham (England).

Accused Vishal Dev was arrested by police on 15 March as per the case records and he confessed that he and

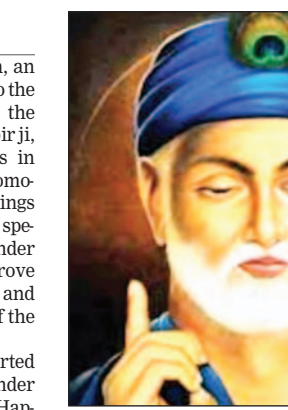
his brother conspired to demand ransom from the complainant businessman to gain easy money," he further said. Bains informed that accused Rahul Dev made threat calls to the complainant from England/Ireland and demanded 10 lakh rupees as ransom. Police took immediate action and arrested one the accused as well.

Bhagat Kabir Welfare Foundation organisation dedicated to propagation, dissemination of Bhagat Kabir's teachings

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAR 17

Bhagat Kabir Welfare Foundation, an organization in Mohali dedicated to the promotion and dissemination of the teachings of Shiromani Bhagat Kabir ji, will conduct state level seminars in every corner of Punjab for the promotion and dissemination of the teachings of Bhagat Kabir ji. Along with this, special camps are being organized under the awareness campaign to improve the living standards of women and make them self-reliant on behalf of the foundation.

The foundation formally started its work in October 2015 by the founder of the foundation Pradeep Singh Happy. Jaswant Singh Bhullar as the president while Pradeep Singh Happy in the role of general secretary started the work. Bhagat Kabir Welfare Foundation organized a state level seminar related to Bhagat Kabir Ji's biography



and teachings at Ratan Professional College Mohali on 11th April 2018 at Ratan Professional College Sohana. As the chief guest in this - Harinderpal Singh Chandumajra MLA Sanur, N.K. Sharma, MLA Derabassi, Professor Tejinder

Pal Singh Sidhu- Former Deputy Commissioner and Constituency In-Charge Mohali whereas Bir Davinder Singh- Former Deputy Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Hamir Singh News Coordinator Punjabi Tribune, Dr. Harbhajan Singh Director (Retired) Punjabi University Patiala and Bhai Surinder Singh Kishanpura Eminent Panthak Scholar attended. Bibi Paramjit Kaur Landran, member of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and former chairperson of Punjab State Women's Commission, played the role of stage management during the event. Vishal Sharma, Assistant Vice President from Induslud Bank and Tejinder Eri, Assistant Vice President from HDFC Bank participated in the event.

On September 11, 2019, the foundation organized a face-to-face event for Google Babe Kulwant Kaur Manala students at Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Simrat Hall Malwa College Bondli

(Samrala) in collaboration with Malwa Education Council Bondli Samrala, in which Sadhu Singh Dharamsot Minister of Forest Printing and Stationery, Amrik Singh Dhillon, MLA Samrala, Dr. S.P. Singh Oberai- Managing Trustee - Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust (Regd), Dr. Sardar Gursaran-deep Singh Grewal- S.S.P. Police District Khanna, Balveer Singh Rajewal - Principal Malwa Education College Bondli Samrala joined. Advocate Jaspreet Singh Kalal Majra - Vice President Malwa Education Council Bondli Samrala, Surinder Singh Kishanpura, Surjit Singh Khamano - Community Service, Balwinder Singh Bomb - Member Block Saiteet, Dr. Sukhbir Singh M.D - Researcher were specially present as special speakers on this occasion. were On this occasion, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur-Principal of Malwa College Bondli Samrala also shed light on the activities of the college. The main objective of the

event was conducted as an exercise to connect the students with ancient history. The foundation launched a sitcom on post-pandemic lifestyle and book 'An Inspiring Saga of Struggle' on 21st November 2020 at Hotel Mountview, Sector 10.Chandigarh During the program, the chief guest-Gyan Chand Gupta- Speaker Haryana Vidhan Sabha and as special guests Sanjeev Vishit- Member Advisory Committee International Airport Chandigarh and BJP District President Mohali, Tejinder Singh Saran- Secretary BJP Chandigarh State, Hilary Victor President-Press Club SAS Nagar, Jaswant Singh Rana- Former President Chandigarh Press Club, Kailashkant Sethi- eminent businessman, Sukhbir Bajwa Senior Reporter- Chandigarh participated. The foundation helped in the marriage of the needy daughter Sharandeep Kaur, which was conducted on 21 March 2021 at village Hamidi (Barnala).

A state level seminar related to the biography and teachings of Bhagat Kabir was organized by the foundation on 7 September 2022 at Sri Guru Granth Sahib Sikh World University Sri Fatehgarh Sahib. Dr. as the main speakers on this occasion. Parmaveer Singh, Professor Jaswant Singh- Department of Sikh History, Punjabi University, Patiala, Dr. Paramjit Kaur Tiwana -Retired Principal Sri Guru Gobind Singh College Jhar Sahib Machiwara, Dr. Kirandeep Kaur Head Sri Guru Granth Sahib Religious Studies Department, Bhai Surinder Singh Kishanpura prominent panthak scholar participated. On this occasion, Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami - President of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Sri Amritsar Sahib, while Giani Raghrvir Singh Jathedar Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib Sri Anandpur Sahib joined as special guests, Karnail Singh Panjoli, General Secretary Shiromani

Committee, presided over the event. Shri Subhash Goyal -MD Vardan Ayurvedic Organization, Swaran Singh Patiala- President National Congress Party, Professor Ajaim Singh Brar- Pro Chancellor, Professor Pritpal Singh- Vice Chancellor Sri Guru Granth Sahib World Sikh University Sri Fatehgarh Sahib joined. During this state-level seminar, honorable women active in various sectors of the society were honored, including Arvin Kaur Sandhu - National Chief Coordinator - So Kio Manda Akhiye Jit Jamai Rajan Welfare Trust, Bibi Surjeet Kaur - President, Niasreen Da Asara Trust, Dugri. Ludhiana, Professor Manpreet Kaur - Guljar Group of Institute Khanna, Madam Satnam Kaur -Sheikhan Majra - Office Incharge H & R Branding - Mohali were specially honored.

The foundation has organized a massive blood donation camp till September 9, 2022.

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA: On behalf of Nehru Yuva Kendra, as per the instructions of District Youth Officer Arshdeep Kaur, a voting awareness program was organized by NYV Komal and Ishita in Singawala village of Ambala. In which Mahila



Vikas Mandal head Preeti and Kavita Singla Asha

worker were present. The program provided awareness to all the women and children about their vote. Everyone also demonstrated discipline in this program and made the program successful. It was told how all of you can bring this country on the

path of progress by going to your nearest voting booth and casting your precious vote. It explained how your wisely elected government will enhance the pride of your country. At the end of this program everyone was served refreshments.

Congress demands reply from PM, HM on electoral bonds

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 17

The Congress on Sunday demanded a reply from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on the electoral bond issue, wondering how a company whose profit is just Rs 20 crore buy electoral bonds worth Rs 400 crore. Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, party general secretary Jairam Ramesh asked, "Where did this money come from and whose money is it? The Home Minister has to reply on electoral bonds." He alleged that electoral bonds were "clearly a route for money laundering". Ramesh said the companies gave crores of rupees to BJP through



electoral bonds, by means of "donate and take business, extortion, pay bribe and take contract and create shell company and donate". The Congress leader accused the BJP-led government of conducting a 'surgical strike' on Congress by freezing its bank accounts and rendering it 'economically handicapped' through 'tax terrorism'. He said, "We went to the Tribunal

but did not get any relief. We went to the High Court and there too we did not get any relief. We will now approach the Supreme Court". He also questioned the duration of the Lok Sabha polls saying that seven stages means the Prime Minister gets more time to campaign. On the Election Commission, the Congress leader said, "The Election Commission is a

Constitutional body whose job is to conduct free and fair elections. But for the last 10 months, the leaders of the INDIA alliance have been seeking an appointment with the EC on issue of VVPAT. But we have not been given time. "We are not against the EVMs but against the Electronic Voting 'Manipulation'. We just want the VVPAT to be matched 100 percent," he said. To a question on ED issuing fresh summons to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Congress leader said, "For the last four to five years, ED has been misused. Opposition parties have been made a scapegoat. ED, CBI and IT are being used by the government, when they see threats from the opposition.

BJP govt should safely evacuate the youths of Mataur trapped in Russian Army: Anurag Dhanda

SATISH SETH
KALAYAT, MAR 17

Senior State Vice President of Aam Aadmi Party Anurag Dhanda met the farmers affected by hailstorm in Badsikri village of Kalayat Assembly and took stock of the damage. After this, he met the family members of the youths of Mataur village trapped in the Russian Army amid the Russia-Ukraine war. Sunil Saharan, Harpal Segra, Rajiv Dhool, Satbir Goyat, Devendra Dhool, Praveen and Shamsher were present with him. He said that due to lack of employment here, 7-8 youth of Mataur were forced to go to Russia to work. But the audio I heard of these youth is very horrifying. The youth who went there are saying that the situation here is very bad, bullets are being fired all around and they have



been pushed into war. The family is also appealing to the administration for their children. But if a citizen of our country gets stuck anywhere then it is the responsibility of the Government of India to rescue him safely. He said that a large number of youth from this area used to join the Indian Army, but the BJP government has closed that path for the youth by bringing Agniveer Yojana. Senior State Vice President Anurag Dhanda said that the crops of

the farmers of Badsikari and Kamalpur have been completely damaged due to rain and hailstorm. MLA Kamlesh Dhanda never took care of the farmers of his area, former Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala, who called himself the messiah of farmers, also never took care of the farmers. Apart from this, even though Chief Minister Nayab Saini has become the Chief Minister now, this is also his Lok Sabha constituency, at least he should have taken care of the farmers.

Hooda meets Baba Balak Nath



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Former CM Bhupinder Hooda met Baba Balak Nath, and many political speculations are being made. Along with former Chief Minister Bhupendra Singh Hooda, Haryana Congress Committee State President Udaybhan and Rohtak MLA Bharat Bhushan Batra and other leaders are also present. Bhupendra Hooda has been coming to Baba Mastnath Math for darshan earlier also. The Bhupendra Hooda family also has a family relationship with the Brahmalin Mahant of the Math, Chandnath Yogi, and the family also has a close relationship with the current Mahant and Rajasthan MLA Baba Balak Nath. Baba Balak Nath had expertise in politics. Baba Balak Nath's name has also been appearing as BJP's contender from the Rohtak Lok Sabha seat. In the year 2019 also, there was speculation that Baba Balak Nath would contest elections from Rohtak. This time also his name is in discussion. Baba Balak Nath was elected MP from Alwar seat of Rajasthan in 2019. Later, due to the assembly elections held in Rajasthan, he got the resignation of the Member of Parliament and made him a candidate from Tijara seat of Rajasthan. Baba Balak Nath had created a big upset by winning the elections from this seat.

Discussion on important issues held in District Pathankot Press Club meeting

BUREAU PATHANKOT: District Pathankot Press Club held a meeting under the leadership of president NP Dhawan at the municipal meeting hall near the swimming pool complex. During this meeting, print media, electronic media and social media journalists from various organizations participated. During this meeting, discussions were held to raise the standards of journalism and the problems faced by journalists. Giving information on this occasion, President NP Dhawan said that today a meeting has been held by District Pathankot Press Club. Discussions have been held about the difficulties and many important decisions have been taken. He said that the martyrdom day of Martyr Bhagat Singh, Martyr Rajguru and Martyr



Sukhdev is coming on 23rd March, District Pathankot Press Club is celebrating that day as Demand Day and on that day the Press Club gave memorandums to the district administration about their demands. In which demands will be placed before the administration to build a press club especially in Pathankot district, to compensate the families of journalists who have lost their lives in the Corona period and to ensure the safety of journalists. He said that many decisions are being

taken by the district administration by turning a blind eye to journalists in Pathankot district. He said that whenever any senior officials of Punjab level or ministers come to the city, the journalists are not informed by the district administration and the news is prepared and sent by the public relations department, which is very bad for the field of journalism. He said that a meeting will be held with the senior officials of the district administration in the coming days.

Sudama's character described on final day of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha



PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: A beautiful description of Sudama character was given on the concluding day of the seven-day musical Shrimad Bhagwat Katha organised at Sai Temple located in Manokamna Maidan. Hearing the description of the musical story, the devotees became emotional and started dancing with joy. In the story of Sudama character, the devotees present at the story venue became emotional after hearing the incident of friendship between Lord Shri Krishna and Sudama. Shastri Yogesh Chamola described Shri Krishna-Sudama very successfully. When Sudama's financial condition worsened, Sudama's wife asked him to go and seek help from his friend. Sudama initially refused, but due to his wife's repeated insistence, Sudama set out on foot to meet Shri Krishna and kept thinking in his mind, how can a person who used to steal and eat butter from others help me? Lord Krishna took Sudama with him on the chariot and took them inside the palace and after making his friend sit on the throne, he himself sat down.

Hopes of independent MLAs have remained unfulfilled

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Going to the elections amidst negativity can cause harm. The question is that by keeping the conditions, the people of JJP enjoyed the pleasure of power for four and a half years while the MLAs who have been supporting the government for the last four and a half years. All these things are in the public's mind, therefore, without expanding the cabinet and accommodating independent MLAs on priority basis, the Bharatiya Janata Party is not going to get the expected benefit in the elections. At the time of the floor test, during the proceedings of the House, Faridabad MLA Neeraj Sharma had also said that these independent MLAs who are supporting the government should definitely be made ministers, perhaps they too will be treated in a similar manner. There seemed to be a possibility of delay or procrastination. Now let's see whether the new government will accommodate the independent MLAs while keeping an eye on their interests or will efforts be made to appease the BJP MLAs. By the way, consider the expansion of the Haryana Cabinet now a lock because it has been told that for this it is necessary to get the approval of the Election Commission. Now only the government knows whether the party will contest the elections or will take the approval.



Polio eliminated from world because of passion of every Rotary member: Arun Mongia

NARESH GARG
LADWA, MAR 17

Rotary Divisional President made an official visit to the city's international social organization Rotary Club. Giving information, Project Chairman Amit Singhal said that Rotary Division 3080 Divisional President Arun Mongia was present as the chief guest during his official visit. Assistant Divisional President Dr. Neeraj Mittal and Divisional General Secretary Sandeep Jain attended as special guests. The function was started by lighting the lamp by the guests and club officials. Club President Ankur Gupta welcomed all the guests and Club Secretary Ishant Goyal mentioned the work done by



Rotary throughout the year. In the ceremony, two new members Ankit Ban and Aman Chopra, who took membership of the club, were given membership by the Divisional President by wearing a rotary pin. The introduction of the chief guest was read by former club president Rakesh Khurana. While addressing the chief guest, Rotary Divisional President Arun Mongia said that Rotary is a 119 year old organization

which has worked to eliminate polio from the world and this has been possible due to the hard work and passion of every member of Rotary. Praising the work done by Rotary Ladwa, he said that the tiffin project being run by Rotary in hospitals and supporting the marriages of needy girls is in itself an example of good social service. The chief guest and special guest were honored by the club with mementos.

DC issues guidelines to ensure compliance of instructions of Election Commission of India for Lok Sabha elections

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, MAR 17

District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Dr. Shaleen said in view of the Lok Sabha general elections 2024 it was the responsibility of all of them to conduct elections in a fair and transparent manner. Lok Sabha elections have been announced by the Election Commission of India with the announcement Model Code of Conduct came into force. In view of this, the district administration Ambala has also come into action. The District Election Officer has also given necessary guidelines to the concerned officials in compliance with the instructions of the Election Commission. Under these instructions to remove



posters, banners and other publicity material related to publicity by Municipal Corporations in urban areas and Panchayats in rural areas. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Shaleen said that elections would be held in Haryana in the sixth phase. All the rules and guidelines issued by the Election Commission regarding conducting the Lok Sabha elections in a fair

and transparent manner would be followed. In this context, as soon as the Model Code of Conduct was implemented, the work of removing the promotional material from the urban and rural areas in Ambala district as well as the places where it was posted has been started. The administration would take prompt action to ensure compliance with the Model Code of Conduct.

We should worship God and seek blessings from him: Sandeep Garg

NARESH GARG
LADWA, MAR 17

The 12th huge Bhandara was organized on Sunday at the Samadha of Shri Siddh Baba located in Ward No. 13 Ravidas Nagar of the city. In which BJP leader and social worker Sandeep Garg bowed his head and worshiped Baba and got the Bhandara started. While giving information, Samadha's servant Imna Kataria said that for the last 12 years, Bhandara has been organized at Shri Siddh Baba's society. He said that in the same sequence, a huge Bhandara was organized at the Samadha of Siddha Baba on



Sunday also. BJP leader and social worker Sandeep Garg, who reached the spot as the chief guest, said that such events should be organized from time to time and we should worship God and seek blessings from him.

Before this, he offered prayers to Siddha Baba in the society. A large number of devotees offered prayers at Baba's Samadha and took Prasad. Prasad of curried rice and halwa was distributed by the devotees.

Mega Job Fair and Annual Pool Campus placement drive organized

KAPIL ARORA
SHAHABAD
MARKANDA, MAR 17

Mega Job Fair and Annual Pool Campus Placement Drive was organized at Galaxy Global Group of Institutions Dinarpur Campus. Giving this information, Director Saurabh Gupta said that more than 5 companies from the corporate sector have visited the institute during programme. He said that apart from this, more than 700 candidates from 25 colleges, 3 universities and other institutions went through registration process to participate in this mega event. The program started with the



Heads of Departments and senior faculty of various departments felicitating the HR managers and executives of renowned corporates by presenting saplings. Then pre placement talk was conducted by Mani from Stephen Technology. Kamalpreet Kaur, Training and Placement Officer appreciated the mega event. Information about initial screening and

assessment of communication skills, communication assessment, technical interview, operational interview, HR interview was also given. Director Saurabh said that such programs are necessary to boost the confidence of students and strengthen the image of our institute by creating a bridge between reputed banking organizations and GGGL.

BJP govt will be formed once again in country and state: Bir Singh

KAPIL ARORA SHAHABAD MARKANDA: BJP leader Bir Singh Bihauli said that it is certain that BJP government will be formed once again in the country and the state. He said that the Prime Minister of the country Narendra Modi only talks about keeping the people of the country happy. He said that no previous government had run as many welfare schemes for the public as the BJP government. Bir Singh said that today every section is getting the benefits of public welfare schemes run by BJP like Ujjwala Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Har Ghar Jal, Ayushman Card. He said that today the voice of India is being heard even in foreign countries. The tasks which were impossible have been made possible by the one and only Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Bir Singh said that BJP has increased the respect of the society by appointing Dr. Ashok Tanwar as Sirsa and Banto Kataria as Ambala Lok Sabha candidate. He said that Dr. Ashok Tanwar Sirsa and Banto Kataria will win from Ambala Lok Sabha with huge votes. Bir Singh said that BJP will hoist the flag in the country and the state by registering victory for the third time.



Editorial

TikTok, tick-tock

The West's hegemony after World War II rested on two claims: its ideological sponsorship of a globalised economy and its claim to being the guardian of international law. Both claims had become frayed over the years and in 2024 they came undone. America's assault on TikTok and its complicity in genocidal violence in Gaza are two contrasting but connected symptoms of the dissolution of the US-led world order.

Till the collapse of the Soviet Union, the hypocrisies of the West were discounted by the reality of the Cold War. The Cold War was sold as an existential conflict, a life-and-death struggle that justified the napalming of Vietnam, murderous counter-insurgency in Southeast Asia, violent coups that overset democratic governments in Iran and Chile and the embrace of apartheid South Africa. Not everyone accepted the 'free world' at its own evaluation, but within its borders it was incontestably freer than its ideological enemy, actually-existing communism.

The end of Soviet communism deprived the West of this get-out-of-jail card but for the first twenty years after the Wall came down, this didn't matter because America was the world's solitary hyperpower and its world order was the only game in town. Manmohan Singh's eagerness to tilt towards the US in the Noughties was just one instance of this geopolitical reality: countries had a choice of sheltering under America's umbrella as an ally or a client, or risk becoming roadkill like Iraq or Afghanistan or Libya.

Historians will find many reasons for the end of this American era, but the siege of TikTok reminds us that its largest cause was the epoch-defining rise of China and America's unwillingness to deal with China on level terms. The US government's willingness to curb China's technological and trading clout through bans and restrictions isn't new. The bans that most Western countries imposed, prompted by the US, on the integration of 5G technology from China into Western networks, the ban on gadgets and appliances manufactured by Huawei, were early instances of Western discomfort at being out-competed by China.

Those interdictions had a semi-plausible rationale; Chinese hardware in the West's digital plumbing might allow Beijing a backdoor into its data networks. The bid to force the sale of TikTok to an American company or some pliant third-country operator lacks even that pretext. Here the argument is that the algorithmic secret sauce dreamt up by Chinese scientists has captured the American imagination and that can't be allowed. The solution is either a forced sale or a total ban.

Unification of Taiwan not priority for many Chinese

The 'unification' of Taiwan with mainland China is not the main priority for many Chinese people, and around one-third consider launching a full-scale war on the self-ruled island "unacceptable," Al Jazeera reported.

But, even though the people's focus remains underpinned on the economy and other crucial fronts, the Taiwan issue will remain the 'cornerstone' of the Chinese Communist Party's narrative.

The communists won the Chinese Civil War in 1949, and the nationalists of the Kuomintang (KMT) fled Beijing for the island of Taiwan. It was on Kinmen, the main island of the archipelago of the same name, less than 10 km (6.2 miles) from the coast of China, that the nationalists repulsed repeated communist invasion attempts, but not before the fighting had wreaked havoc on both Xiamen and Kinmen, Al Jazeera reported.

Kinmen and its outlying islets - some of which lie even closer to the Chinese coast - have been a part of Taiwan's territory ever since.

Chinese citizens were once able to get tourist visas to visit the islands, but that ended with the pandemic.

"It is difficult to imagine that this used to be a warzone," 23-year-old Shao Hongtian said. "Kinmen, China and Taiwan are all part of the same nation, so it should be possible to visit, and I hope I can visit one day."

Like Shao, Chinese President Xi Jinping and the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP) too claim that Taiwan and its territory are part of China.

Xi said in his New Year's address that China's unification with democratic Taiwan was an "historical inevitability," and China



has not ruled out the use of force to achieve unification. Last year Xi called on China's armed forces to strengthen their combat readiness.

In recent years, the Chinese military has increased its pressure on Taiwan with almost daily airborne and maritime incursions close to Taiwan's air and seaspaces. This further intensified after the visit of former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taipei.

At times, the Chinese manoeuvres have been accompanied by sabre-rattling rhetoric and large-scale military drills.

Lately, tensions have also been rising near Kinmen.

Last month, two Chinese fishermen were killed when their speedboat capsized as they attempted to flee the Taiwanese coastguard when they were discovered fishing

"within prohibited waters" about one nautical mile (1.8km) from the Kinmen archipelago, Al Jazeera reported.

Since then, the Chinese coastguard has stepped up its activities around Kinmen.

Zhu Fenglian, a spokesperson for the Chinese government's Taiwan Affairs Office, called the February incident "vicious" and stressed the waters were "traditional" fishing grounds for fishermen in China and Taiwan. There were no off-limits waters around Kinmen, she added.

A second capsizing was reported on Thursday, and on this occasion, China asked for help from the Taiwan coastguard.

But, despite the recent tensions, Chinese citizen Shao says hostilities are not the way to bring China and Taiwan together.

"I want unification to happen peacefully," he said. He said that if that is not possible, it would be better to keep things as they are. He knows that many of his friends feel the same way. According to Shao, if they go to Kinmen and Taiwan, it should be as visitors, not as fighters.

"The Taiwanese haven't done anything bad to us, so why should we go there to fight them?" he said, convinced that any war between China and Taiwan would result in significant casualties on both sides. "Unification with Taiwan is not worth a war."

According to Al Jazeera, a study published by the University of California San Diego's 21st Century China Center last year suggests that Shao and his friends are not alone in opposing a war over Taiwan.

The study explored Chinese public support for different policy steps regarding unification with Taiwan and it was found that one-third of Chinese respondents termed

launching a full-scale war to achieve unification as "unacceptable."

Only one per cent rejected all other options but war, challenging the Chinese government's assertion that the Chinese people were willing to "go to any length and pay any price" to achieve unification, Al Jazeera reported.

Mia Wei, a 26-year-old marketing specialist from Shanghai is not surprised by such results.

"Ordinary Chinese people are not pushing the government to get unification," she said. "It is the government that pushes people to believe that there must be unification."

At the same time, support for a unification war turned out to be close to the same level found in similar studies from earlier years, indicating that despite the growing tension in the Taiwan Strait and renewed talk about taking control of Taiwan, there has not been a corresponding increase in support for more forceful measures.

Wei believes that Chinese like herself are more concerned with developments inside their country, amid issues like property crisis and economic concerns.

"First there was Covid, then the economy got bad and then the housing market got even worse," she said.

"I think Chinese people have their minds on more important things than unification with Taiwan."

However, regardless of what Chinese people might think, Eric Chan, a senior fellow at the Global Taiwan Institute in Washington, DC believed that unifying Taiwan with the mainland will remain a 'cornerstone' of the CCP's narrative.

Literature & Health

Volcano erupts in Reykjanes Peninsula, prompts evacuation in Blue Lagoon, Grindavik



A volcano erupted in Iceland's Reykjanes Peninsula, prompting the evacuation of Blue Lagoon and the nearby town of Grindavik, CNN reported citing Iceland's public broadcaster RUV.

Lava appeared to be flowing rapidly towards the north of Grindavik, just like it did during the volcanic eruption on February 8, according to the Icelandic Met Office, CNN reported, citing RUV report. Icelandic Met Office said, "The fissure is about three kilometres long, and runs from Stora-Skogfell towards Hagafell."

The Blue Lagoon, located just an hour's drive from Iceland's capital Reyk-

javik, is one of the country's most popular tourist destination.

The site is part of southwest Iceland's Reykjanes Peninsula, which is also home to the country's main airport, Keflavik International.

Iceland is one of the most active volcanic areas on the planet. Instead of having a central volcano, the Reykjanes Peninsula is dominated by a rift valley, with lava fields and cones, CNN reported.

Earlier, in March, the lagoon was evacuated due to seismic activity, the report said. Earlier, in November, the lagoon was closed for a week after 1400 earthquakes were recorded in 24 hours.

Will terminate every open border policy: Trump

Former US President Donald Trump came out heavily against the Biden administration over the 'heavy influx' of migrants from the border and migrant crimes, while announcing that he will terminate every 'open border policy' if he comes to power, Fox News reported.

He was addressing a rally in the Dayton suburb of Vandalia, Ohio, during which he also mentioned the death of University of Georgia nursing student Laken Riley.

The former President further attacked Biden, blaming him for "allowing millions of migrants," including, "violent gang members and gangsters," into the US.

"Not one more American life should be lost to migrant crime. We can't have another Laken...When I'm President of the United States, we will demand justice for Laken on day one. My administration will terminate every open border policy of the Biden administration," Trump said at the rally.

He added, "The fastest way to reverse every single Biden disaster is to very simply put me back in office."

Emphasising on the situation at the US-Mexico border, Trump said, "We're going to fix it again."

"Among my very first actions will be to stop the invasion of our country and send Joe Biden's illegal aliens back home," the former President added.

Further, during his Ohio speech, the former president warned of a 'bloodbath' in the country if he does not get elected in the polls set to be held later this year, Politico reported. "Now, if I don't get elected, it's



gonna be a bloodbath. That's going to be the least of it." He said, "It's going to be a bloodbath for the country."

Trump often showcases a dark image of the nation to present his case against US President Joe Biden ahead of the presidential elections that are likely to be held in November. During his campaign events, Trump frequently brings up the events of January 6, as he still denounces the 2020 elections that he lost.

Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump secured the Democratic and Republican presidential nominations, respectively, setting up a rematch with each other.

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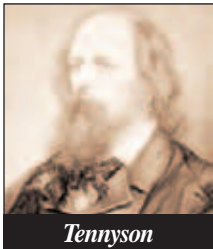
The Lotos-eaters

Courage!" he said, and pointed toward the land, "This mounting wave will roll us shoreward soon."

In the afternoon they came unto a land In which it seemed always afternoon.

All round the coast the languid air did swoon,

Breathing like one that hath a weary dream. Full-faced above the valley stood the moon; And like a downward smoke, the slender stream Along the cliff to fall and pause and fall did seem. A land of streams! some, like a downward smoke, Slow-dropping veils of thinnest lawn, did go; And some thro' wavering lights and shadows broke, Rolling a slumbrous sheet of foam below.



Tennyson

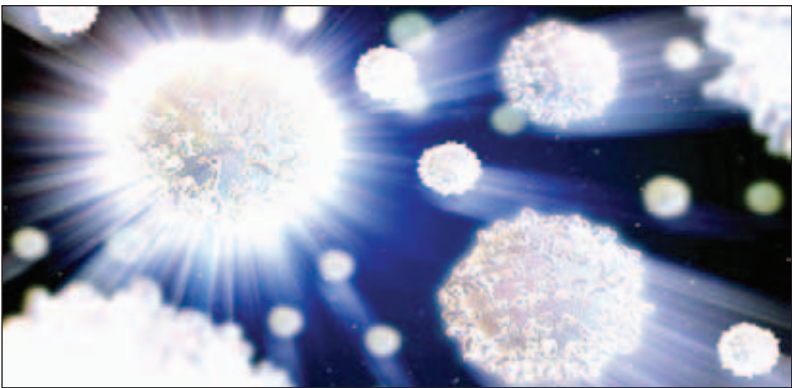
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Study gives insight into role of specific protein in activating immune cells

A new study has discovered a potential therapy target for immune-related conditions such as multiple sclerosis and asthma.

A new study provided light on the role of the protein STAP-1 in activating certain immune cells. Understanding STAP-1's involvement in these cells may help researchers gain a better understanding of immune-related diseases and potential treatments.

The researchers discovered that STAP-1 plays a key role in the activation of T cells, which are white blood cells that help the body defend itself against



infections and preserve overall health. T cells are capable of identifying foreign substances that elicit an immune response (antigens) and developing tailored responses to destroy pathogens like bacteria and viruses.

The study, published in The Journal of Immunology, investigated how STAP-1 influences immune response. The researchers showed that it acts as an intermediary, facilitating communication between different proteins within the cells and enabling the transmission of signals from one molecule to another. "Our findings provide valuable insights into

the molecular mechanisms underlying T cell activation and the development of immune disorders," says Tadashi Matsuda, a Hokkaido University professor who led the study. "We found that STAP-1 plays an important role in regulating immune responses, particularly in the activation and functioning of T cells." T cells need two signals to become activated and initiate an immune response. The first signal involves the recognition of antigens presented by other cells, known as antigen-presenting cells. The antigens are recognized by the T cell receptor, a protein complex found

on the surface of T cells. The second signal consists of co-stimulatory signals provided by molecules on the antigen-presenting cells. The researchers found that STAP-1 helps T cells communicate and respond to signals, particularly those triggered by the T cell receptor. T cells lacking STAP-1 had trouble receiving and transmitting signals properly, reducing the production of certain immune molecules called cytokines. Cytokines can cause inflammation or autoimmune diseases, in which the immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissues and organs.

MP Aujla raised voice in support of COTPA amendment



Chandigarh: Lok Sabha Member of Parliament from Amritsar Gurjeet Singh Aujla has raised his voice in the anti-tobacco campaign by supporting the COTPA Amendment 2020 by corresponding with Dr Mansukh Mndaviya, Union Cabinet Minister for Health and Family Welfare. In a letter to the minister, Aujla has also appreciated the efforts of Nada India Foundation, which has been engaged in the anti-tobacco campaign for the last two decades. According to the MP NADA through Nada Young India Network paved the way for social initiatives, leadership empowerment and a healthy path for the society as part of its anti-tobacco campaign in Punjab. Nada has tirelessly made efforts to make the state, anti tobacco state through their deliberate efforts. According to the MP, there is wide cultural acceptance of various forms of tobacco in different states in India and in every corner of the world. With this background, we aim to study some of the best practices for tobacco control in Punjab. Therefore, the MP has appealed to speed up the process of passing amendments in the COTPA law in the interest of the youth of the country. COTPA Amendment Bill 2020 aims to eliminate smoking areas and spaces in restaurants, hotels and airports so that the place can be made 100 percent smoke free. The amendment also has a provision to ban tobacco products point of sale, promotion and advertisements.

Dilip Patel brings out his evil side and plans to eliminate Jugal on Holi in Sony SAB's 'Pushpa Impossible'



Mumbai: Sony SAB's show 'Pushpa Impossible' keeps drawing in viewers with the heartwarming story of Pushpa (Karuna Pandey) as she faces tough challenges in life but keeps going with a strong and inspiring attitude. In recent episodes, viewers witnessed that Pushpa has now assumed the position of Mohalla Adhikash and is taking on new challenges head-on. With the festival of Holi now approaching, Pushpa, along with her family and chawl members, is preparing for the festival. In the next few episodes, viewers will see Pushpa's ex-husband Dilip Patel's (Jayesh More) friend trying to convince him to get rid of her childhood friend Jugal (Anshul Trivedi) once and for all. Dilip, too, believes that Jugal is the only obstacle between him and Pushpa, and therefore, plots to eliminate Jugal on Holi. Since everyone will be covered in colors during the festival, Dilip thinks that no one will recognize him as the culprit. Planting a bomb in a tray full of colors, Dilip gives it to Jugal. As the bomb explodes, viewers will be on edge to see if Dilip's plan succeeds or if will Pushpa save Jugal in the nick of time. Jayesh More, who plays the role of Dilip Patel says, "Every day, Dilip tries to leave his past mistakes behind and thinks of not repeating the same, but whenever Dilip sees Jugal with Pushpa, he feels a lot of emotions. Even though he wants to change, he still gets really angry when they're together. Dilip is always fighting between wanting to be better and feeling jealous. Once again he lets his evil side take over his logical mind and he chooses Holi as the perfect occasion to get rid of Jugal and uses this opportunity to get closer to Pushpa." Tune in to watch Pushpa Impossible only on Sony SAB every Monday to Saturday at 9:30 PM

The star cast of Majnu Movie rocked DBU

Chandigarh: The star cast of the Punjabi movie 'Majnu' visited Desh Bhagat University. The movie's lead actor Preet Bath, actress Kiran Shergill, singer Simran Bhardwaj and the renowned director of 'Surgical Strike,' Sujail Iqbal Khan, were present. Dr. Virinder Singh, the Chancellor's Advisor, Dr. Surjeet Kaur Patheja the Media Director, welcomed the team by presenting them with plants. Dr. Virinder Singh, Dr. Surjeet Kaur Patheja and Avtar Singh honored the movie team with trophies, shawls, and Phulkari. Preet entertained the audience of students and faculty with his humorous style. He mentioned that this is a family-oriented music-centric film. While Punjabi cinema often focuses on comedy-action, this movie's theme is romantic. Actress Kiran Shergill explained that it portrays the journey of love. Singer Simran Bhardwaj entertained the audience by singing songs from "Laung Laachi" and "Majnu". It's worth mentioning that the film is set to release on March 22nd. The "Majnu" team also distributed gift hampers to the attending students. Dr. Jyoti Sharma from Desh Bhagat Radio's Apki awaz, RJ Trisha, and RJ Chhavi entertained & ensured everyone had a great time.

Chandigarh Smart City Project: Former MP Pawan Bansal Raises Concerns

Chandigarh: Former Member of Parliament and prominent Congress leader, Pawan Bansal, has voiced apprehensions regarding the Smart City project in Chandigarh under the BJP's administration. In a recent statement, Bansal highlighted discrepancies between the promises made and the ground reality of Chandigarh's development. Bansal acknowledged that while Chandigarh was initially envisioned as a Smart City, significant deterioration has been observed during the tenure of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Despite substantial investments, including the installation of approximately 1000 cameras over the past five years at a cost of around 10 crore rupees, Bansal noted a lack of tangible outcomes. The former MP emphasized that the intended objectives of the Smart City initiative, such as enhancing transportation efficiency, maintaining cleanliness, and implementing sustainable energy solutions, have not been realized in Chandigarh. He pointed out that there has been no discernible reduction in crime rates or road accidents.

Vibrant display on Annual Function Vistoso 2024 at CGC Jhanjeri

Mohali: Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Jhanjeri celebrated Annual Function Vistoso-2019 with great pomp & show. Amardeep Singh Rai, ADGP Traffic presided over the function. Speaking on the occasion Amardeep Singh Rai, ADGP Traffic said that achievements made by the students of CGC Jhanjeri speak about the quality standards of Jhanjeri. According to him, if we want to be on top of the world in the 21st century, we have to empower the youth through quality education as education is the only means through which we can take our country ahead of the world. Events & activities like these bring out these qualities & extract the very best out of all the students. In a heartfelt gesture, CGC Jhanjeri honored its non-teaching staff with certifications, recognizing their invaluable contributions to the institution's success. Additionally, meritorious students were rewarded with cash prizes and medals, acknowledging their hard work and dedication. Furthermore, students who have brought pride to the institution through their achievements in sports and extracurricular.

Sweat It Together: 5 At-home couple workout ideas



Revamp your fitness routine with these couple workouts, cultivating shared goals and boosting motivation. Whether it's dynamic partner exercises, synchronised movements, or playful challenges, working out together strengthens not only your bodies but also the bond between you. Experience the benefits of increased accountability, support, and shared accomplishments on your fitness journey.

Ideal for a home workout, use a resistance band for synchronised crunches with your partner. Lie down, backs to the floor, heads facing outward, and feet pressed together. High-10 each other, repeat, and improve core strength. Enhance bonding, set daily goals, and take breaks to avoid exhaustion or injury. HookSquat Stand back-to-back,

hooking your left arm with your partner's right, and vice versa. Entwine arms and squat, backs upright. Begin a clockwise turn until a full circle, then switch direction for one repetition. Enjoy this dynamic partner exercise for a fun and effective workout. Band Sprint For an indoor cardio session with a partner, try band exercises. In the band sprint, one person sprints inside while the other

creates resistance. Switch roles after 30 seconds. Frolic a home workout with a resistance band and a workout buddy! Boxing Experience a lively and engaging workout with boxing. While gloves and pads are ideal, using bare hands is fine, just be cautious. Exhale with each punch or kick for added power, and prioritise defence by keeping hands up. Boxing not only elevates heart rate and induces sweat but also helps release tension, making it an excellent exercise indoors. Knee-High Pulse Enhance lower body strength and balance with this one-legged partner exercise. Begin with one person in flying superhero pose, hands extended forward. The partner performs a high knee sprint, targeting their partner's hands. Find balance and pulse up and down for added difficulty. Switch roles four times to ensure both individuals work on each leg.

Swaraj Tractors launches 'Josh Ka Swaran Utsav', a nationwide campaign honouring Indian farmers



Chandigarh: Swaraj Tractors, a part of the Mahindra Group, proudly commenced a nationwide van campaign 'Josh Ka Swaran Utsav' coinciding with brands GoldenJubilee. Through the campaign Swaraj Tractors aims to pay tribute to Indian farmers instrumental in the brands success, while introducing Swaraj's new range of tractors - 'Naya Swaraj' to forge stronger connections with farmers across the country. To symbolize 50 years of excellence, Swaraj has launched 'Josh ka Swaran Utsav' campaign, embarking on an extensive journey across the country,

starting from North India. This initiative will serve as a dynamic platform for direct engagement with farmers and spread awareness about Naya Swaraj. The campaign promises a series of exciting events, including tractor rallies and customer meets, bringing together the Swaraj sales team, local farmers, channel partners and influencers. The initiative is expected to attract enthusiastic participation, enabling Swaraj to connect with over 50,000 customers directly. Flagging off the 'Josh ka Swaran Utsav' campaign from one of Swaraj's Tractors oldest manufacturing plants in Mohali.

BPHO Tri City organized Holi Milan Samaroh



Chandigarh: Today, BPHO Tri City Chandigarh Panchkula unit organized Holi Milan Samaroh under the chairmanship of Ajay Prajapati. Jai Singh Verma, President, BPHO Tri City, along with Master Parveen, Chief General Secretary and Vice President Dilbagh Prajapati reached as the chief guest of this ceremony. People of Prajapati Samaj from the areas around Tri City, Mohali, Zirakpur, Derabassi, Panchkula, Chandigarh, Ranghar, Pinjore were present in this program. Chief guest of the ceremony Jai Singh Verma while wishing Holi to the entire Tri City, told the people of the society about the work

being done by the organization and about the working of the organization. On this occasion, senior members of the society Kanaram Sokhal, Ved Prakash Simar and Roshan Lal Tjaria Ji shared their experiences of social service in their lives and blessed the youth team. The stage was conducted by Master Surendra Uba. In this event Sudhir Kantrival, Vinod Kirodiwal, Rakesh Limba, Naveen Bhobaria, Sumit Tarpuriya, Pawan Sandil, Desh Raj, Sunil, Master Naresh, Ramesh, Sita Ram, Mukesh, Harpal, Nirmal Singh, Sandeep, Rajveer, Zirakpur's head Shri Ram Singh ji attended with his entire team.

Punjabi Film "Majnuo" in to be released on 22nd March

A glittering press conference illuminated the halls of Patiala today as the highly anticipated Punjabi film "Majnuo" took centre stage. With the star cast including Kiran Shergill, Preet Baath, director Suzad Iqbal Khan, and singer Simran Bhardwaj in attendance, the event was nothing short of spectacular. "Majnuo" promises to be a cinematic delight, showcasing a captivating narrative woven with themes of love, identity, and the vibrant spirit of Punjab. The film is presented under the banner of Shalimar Production, written by Sabha Verma, Directed by the talented Suzad Iqbal Khan and produced by Tilok Kothari, the film boasts an ensemble

cast led by Kiran Shergill and Preet Baath, whose chemistry on screen is bound to mesmerize audiences.



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At the press conference, director Suzad Iqbal Khan expressed his excitement for the project, stating, "Majnuo is a labor of love, and we have poured our hearts into every frame." singer Simran Bhardwaj echoed this sentiment, affirming her belief in the film's ability to captivate audiences across Punjab and beyond. Lead actors Kiran Shergill and Preet Baath shared their enthusiasm for the film, expressing their gratitude for being part of such a compelling project. With anticipation building, "Majnuo" is set to sweep audiences off their feet when it hits theatres soon. Stay tuned for an unforgettable cinematic experience!

Apple to Face Lawsuit Claiming AirTags Are Weapon of Stalkers, US Court Rules

Apple Inc. lost a bid to dismiss a lawsuit alleging that its AirTag devices help stalkers track their victims. US District Judge Vince Chhabria in San Francisco ruled Friday that three plaintiffs in the class-action suit had made sufficient claims for negligence and product liability, though he dismissed the others.

About three dozen women and men who filed the suit alleged that Apple was warned of the risks posed by its AirTags and argued the company could be legally blamed under California law when the tracking devices are used for misconduct. In the three claims that survived, the plaintiffs "allege that,

when they were stalked, the problems with the AirTag's safety features were substantial, and that those safety defects caused their injuries," Chhabria wrote. Apple had argued it designed the AirTag with "industry-first" safety measures and shouldn't be held responsible when the product is misused.

108 Ambulance Conducts First Responder Program at Guru Nanak Auto Enterprises Ltd., Phagwara

Phagwara: 108 Ambulance, a leading healthcare service provider in Punjab, took a significant step towards enhancing community well-being by organizing a First Responder Program at Guru Nanak Auto Enterprises Ltd., Phagwara today. The primary objective of this program is to provide Staff with the vital knowledge base for dealing with any medical emergency and be hands-on with first aid assistance. The program was organized in the presence of operation Manager Raghuraja Sharma and FRP trainer Jaswinder Singh. First aid is administered in critical moments and prompt actions can drastically improve survival rates and reduce the severity of the situation. One of the primary advantages of this program is a heightened level of confidence and competence during emergencies. Recognizing this benefit, Ziqitza Healthcare, held training sessions under the

direction of Mr. Jaswinder Singh, a FRP trainer. Essential first aid procedures for situations like CPR, heart attack, bleeding, fractures, snake bites, fainting, choking, hypoglycemia, etc. were covered in the session. A hands-on presentation was incorporated to improve the staff's understanding of the emergency



case management process. 35+ staff attended the session. Divulging details about the Program, Mr. Manish Batra, Project Head of Ziqitza Healthcare, said "Our main aim of organizing this event in the Guru Nanak Auto Enterprises Ltd. was to enlighten staff about the sig-

nificance of first aid and how it helps minimize the seriousness of the injury if provided timely to patients." "In the contemporary world, it has become significant to be attentive to the role of first aid especially during medical emergencies. Therefore, we hope that our program comes as a helping hand because the best and

Haryanvi rap sensation Mandys drops his new track "Ajj Di Ghadi" blending modern rap with folk music

YRL Haryanvi is thrilled to announce the upcoming release of 'Ajj Di Ghadi' by Mandys, a groundbreaking fusion of



contemporary urban Haryanvi rap and the timeless essence of a classic folk melody. This track promises to cater to a unique music flavour with its innovative sound and captivating visuals. Produced by Mandys, 'Ajj Di Ghadi' seamlessly blends modern rap's raw energy with traditional

folk music's cultural richness. Mandys' distinct style and lyrical prowess infuse new life into the beloved folk song, offering listeners a fresh perspective while honouring its roots. The music video for 'Ajj Di Ghadi' is a visual masterpiece crafted by the talented team at B2together Pros. Their creative vision and technical expertise have brought Mandys' artistic vision to life, delivering a captivating visual narrative that complements the song's innovative sound. "I'm incredibly excited to share 'Ajj Di Ghadi' with the listeners. It's a homage to our roots while embracing the rhythm of the modern era. Traditional folk music has been my muse since the very start and I have always wanted to create a song that blends my modern rap style with the beauty of folk music. I am hoping for the people to love this track and listen to it on loop!" says Mandys

Japanese Majors Toyota Tsusho & Secom to Set Up Second Multi-Super Specialty Hospital in India for Rs 1,000 cr



CHANDIGARH: In its continuous pursuit to provide quality healthcare to larger communities, Sakra World Hospital announced its visionary plan for a new state-of-the-art facility in Bengaluru on Saturday. The momentous occasion marked the 10th anniversary celebrations of the pioneering MNC hospital group. Sakra is India's first 100% FDI Multi-Super Specialty Hospital powered by Japanese innovation and technology through collaboration between healthcare

major Secom Medical System and trading conglomerate Toyota Tsusho. The event, held in the presence of Mr. Tatsuro Fuse, Executive Director, SECOM Co., Ltd. & Chairman, SECOM Medical System Co. Ltd. Japan, Mr. Hiroshi Yonenaga, Division CEO Senior Executive Officer, Toyota Tsusho corporation, Japan., Strategically located in Banaswadi, Bengaluru North, to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 1,000 crore, Sakra's new facility will boast a remarkable 500-bed capacity.

UTCA receives 2047 player registrations for season 2024-25

Chandigarh: UT Cricket Association (UTCA) has received a record 3047 registrations in various categories/formats for boys and girls for the session 2024-25. UTCA invited registrations form the period between March 1 to March 15. In the Under 16 boys category, 709 players got registered while in Under 19 this time the figure rose to 925. As many as 997 players registered in Under 21 while 254 applied in Men's Seniors format. Meanwhile, a significant increase has been seen in girls' categories as well. 37 players registered in Under 15 while 73 girls are in contention in Under 19. 31 girls showed their interest in Under 23 while 21 girls in Women's Seniors. Expressing his views on the enthusiasm shown by the players towards this season, UTCA's President Sanjay Tandon said that compared to nearly 1800 registrations received last year, 3047 registrations received this year which is a clear indication that the children and youth are not only inclined for sports but they are also looking for a career in cricket. The figures are encouraging and UTCA is committed to building on them.

Vedanta Ltd. releases statement on SEBI Order

Chandigarh: With reference to the SEBI order of March 12, 2024, directing Vedanta Ltd to pay Rs 77.6 crore to Cairn UK Holdings Ltd, now Capricorn UK Holdings Limited (CUHL) as an interest payment for delayed payment of Rs 667 crore in dividend in the period between April 2016 and June 2017, the company wants to clarify the following: The dividend payment by Vedanta Ltd. to CUHL was under a tax dispute between Cairn UK and Government of India. The said dividend amount was deposited in an "unpaid dividend account" as per law and was to be released by Vedanta Ltd. as per the orders of the Income Tax Department and which was subsequently released post orders of the Department and no benefit, whatsoever was derived by Vedanta Ltd. In fact, Para 111 of the SEBI order explicitly says that Vedanta Ltd./ Cairn India Ltd. deposited unpaid dividend amount in special account called unpaid dividend account and it "did not benefit from the unpaid dividend amount during April 01, 2016 to June 15, 2017". When Cairn UK reached a settlement with the Government of India in its tax dispute, all dues were cleared including the said dividend amount.

IPL Punjab Kings players visit Chandigarh Spinal Rehab; Interact with inmates with spinal injuries



Chandigarh, March 17, 2024: IPL Players of Punjab Kings team today visited the Chandigarh Spinal Rehab in sector 28, bringing smiles to the inmates of the rehab centre. The players who visited the rehab centre included Shikhar Dhawan, Arshdeep Singh, Jitesh Sharma and Harpreet Brar. The players were welcomed with bouquets by the inmates of the rehab centre. The players interacted with the patients with spinal injuries at

management for having spared time to visit the centre and boost the morale of the inmates. The inmates got themselves photographed with the players and got their autographs. Punjab Kings Captain, Shikhar Dhawan, while speaking on the occasion said that it was an emotional moment for him and he wished everyone at the centre a healthy life ahead. He further said that it was God's grace that he got a chance to visit the centre and to get an insight into the lives of those with spinal injuries. One of the inmates also sang a song on the occasion. Senior officials of Punjab Kings and Jasvinder Sahota were also present on the occasion and the team was felicitated by Nicky P Kaur and the entire team of Chandigarh Spinal Rehab.

Swaraj Tractors organizes 'Walk for More Equal World' at Sukhna lake



Chandigarh: Swaraj Tractors a part of Mahindra Group, organised 'Walk for More Equal World' at Sukhna Lake on Sunday morning. The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of over 500 individuals including Swaraj employees and their families. Led by Mr. Harish Chavan, CEO of Swaraj Division, alongside esteemed members of the Swaraj Executive Council the event served as a platform to raise awareness about critical issues such as climate change and workplace

inclusivity. The primary objective of the walk was to advocate for environmental conservation and promote inclusivity within the workplace propagating Mahindra's ethos of "Together We Rise". Swaraj takes pride in its diverse workforce, with women employees actively contributing to the organization and specially abled employees integrated into various roles across Swaraj Division plants. This event underscored Swaraj's unwavering

commitment to fostering an environment of equality and opportunity for all its employees. Furthermore, Swaraj continues its relentless efforts towards environmental sustainability, including initiatives for water conservation, groundwater recharging, and the elimination of plastic usage. By organizing events like the 'Walk for More Equal World,' Swaraj reaffirms its dedication to social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

CHETRAM RATTAN NAWASHAR: The AAP government came to power by lying to the people is ambiguous. The AAP government is misleading the people of Punjab by calling the people as ordinary householders. Talking to the journalists at Kathgarh in this regard, the young Akali leader



Gurpreet Gujjar Ral Majra said that in the list of Lok Sabha candidates released by the AAP. Those whom she is calling ordinary householders are Congress candidates from Hoshiarpur, Fatehgarh Sahib and Chabewal. Referring to the merger with AAP, he said that he is the leader of traditional parties who

have insulted Punjab and Punjabiat. He said that AAP has given M. P. Pushing for a ticket is tantamount to outright cheating them. He said that from here it appears that the Aam Aadmi Party has already accepted its defeat in the Lok Sabha elections by coming into a frenzy.

DC holds meeting with representatives of political parties, urges to adhere MCC

ASHISHPURI/PAWAN KALIA KAPURTHALA, MAR 17

With the announcement of schedule of Lok Sabha polls, Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Amit Kumar Panchal on Sunday held a meeting with the representatives of national and state political parties seeking cooperation and support to ensure free, fair and smooth conduct of polls across district. Apprising the representatives of political parties about the Election Commission's guidelines, Deputy Commissioner urged them to strictly comply with the Model Code of Conduct as stipulated by the commission. He also informed them that the District Election Office had already deputed nodal officers and constituted teams of officials for the facilitation of general public and political parties regarding poll



activities. He said a voter's helpline had also been setup in Room No 306 at District Administrative Complex with a toll free number 1950 & contact number of election office 01822-292001. He said people could also contact the election office through its email etkpt@punjab.gov.in and electeh.kapurthala@gmail.com. Accompanied by the SSP Vatsala Gupta, the District Election Officer Panchal said that candidates and parties

should not indulge in any activity hurting any religion, caste or areas besides not using any religious place for political activities. He said that as per the guidelines there should be not at all any violation of Model Code of Conduct besides getting all requisite permissions prior for holding meeting, rallies and gatherings. Giving details about the total count of voters, Panchal said that in all four assembly constituencies in the district as

many as 6,20,819 voters enrolled so far of which 133787 in Bholath constituency, 146313 in Kapurthala, 148177 in Sultanpur Lodhi and 192542 in Phagwara constituency. The district has 1281 service voters and 19 NRI voters, said Deputy Commissioner adding that as many as 10725 voters are between the age group of 18-19 years while 4079 PWDs and 16103 voters are above the age of 80 years. He pointed out that at all 791 polling stations elaborate arrangements would be made to facilitate the voters and polling staff especially for PWD and senior citizen voters. Urging the political parties and their representatives to take advantage of apps unveiled by the ECI, Deputy Commissioner said that cVigil app could be utilized for complaints related to violation of MCC, which are to be resolved within 100 minutes.

Pb Govt led by CM Mann marks 2nd anniversary with key schemes



RAWEL BINDER PATIALA, MAR 17

Punjab Government led by Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann Chief Minister has completed 2 years in office and is stepping into 3rd year today. It was on this day two 2 years ago that Punjab government has implemented several new schemes and plans for the well-being of citizens of Punjab in Power,

Education, Health, Trade & Industry, Employment, Anti-Corruption, Sports, Cultural, etc. sectors. There are visible outcome of the various pro-people initiatives executed for the common man by the state government. On the power front, state power companies, PSPCL & PSTCL are providing reliable and uninterrupted power to more than one crore power consumers and also

performing a fundamental role for the prosperity of the Punjab. PSTCL is looking after the transmission of electricity in the state, which plays major role in the power scenario. With the efficient and visionary engineers, PSTCL has enhanced Available Transmission Capacity (ATCLimit) from 7100 MW to 9000 MW to import power from outside the state.

Kashyp expresses happiness on Saini becoming CM from OBC category

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: State Executive OBC Morcha BJP member Randhir Singh Kashyap said that after 1966, Haryana was the first state in which the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar have made Naib Saini from the OBC category the chief minister. By making this, they have done a great favor to the OBC class. He said that in the nine and a half years of the Manohar government, record breaking development work has been done in the state. The youth have got government jobs without any expenditure and without any slip. Under the rule of former chief minister Manohar Lal, youth has got government jobs on the basis of merit. BJP was a government which supported everyone for development. It was a government that took them along. During the rule of Congress Party, one could not get a government job without any expenditure and without a slip. Expressing happiness over making former chief minister Manohar Lal as the BJP candidate from Karnal Lok Sabha, he said that Manohar Lal would win from Karnal Lok Sabha with big margin and BJP would win in the by-elections also. BJP would win all the 10 Lok Sabha seats in the state. Prime Minister Narendra Modi would become the Prime Minister of the country for the third time.



Flights from Nanded to Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Jalandhar and Ahmedabad will start from Mar 31: Tejinder Singh Makkar

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAR 17

Hazur Sahib, Nanded will be connected to five big cities through air services from March 31. Sardar Tejendra Singh Makkar, Haryana State President of Nanak Sai - Foundation Huzoor Sahib, while talking to journalists, said that flights from Nanded to Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Jalandhar and Ahmedabad would start from March 31. This was a Star Air flight and the schedule of these flights has also been announced. There would be daily flights to Delhi, Jalandhar and Bangalore. This airline service was welcomed by Hazur Sahib Sachkhand



Gurdwara Board Administrator Dr Vijaysatbir Singh, Langar Sahib Gurdwara Chief Sant Baba Narendra Singh and Sant Baba Balwinder Singh. There was a demand from Sikh devotees of Haryana and Punjab for a long time. Earlier there were only limited flights from Chandigarh, Amritsar and Delhi, that too was stopped. Nanded flights which were closed for the last several years

were being restarted. After the announcement of the flights between Nanded and Pune, five major cities of the country were now being connected by air service. There will be daily flights to Delhi, Jalandhar and Bengaluru while flights to Hyderabad and Ahmedabad would be operational five days a week- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Soori Hospital becomes support for needy families

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER

BALACHAUR: In today's time, there are very few personalities who help a needy family. But if we talk about Soori Hospital Balachor, Dr. Bhupinderjit Singh Soori of this hospital has always taken the initiative to help the needy families. Talking to the media on this occasion, Dr. Bhupinderjit Singh Suri said that since his childhood, he had a dream to work especially for the needy families who are unable to get their treatment and for the marriage of the daughters of the needy families, be done. He said that he feels very proud to help needy families. Similarly, Yograj, a resident of village Ram Nagar, was also helped by Dr. Bhupinder Singh Soori by giving him a bicycle. While talking to reporters, Dr. Bhupinder said that the daily bread of this person, which he used to ride on a bicycle, was stolen by a thief from the bank tomorrow. was stolen from outside, then this needy person came and contacted me and told me about the sad incident that happened to him. And Dr. Bhupinder Soori helped that person by giving him a new bicycle. He said that we should all unite and work proactively in social service works.



Rich tributes paid to Nirmala Devi

SUMER GARG PATIALA, MAR 17

Nirmala Devi Jain of Patiala, breathed her last on Mar 5 and she is survived by her husband, Sita Ram Jain; three sons, Hardik Jain, Lalit Jain and Vineet Jain. The family has been engaged in the business of Finance and Jain Real Estates in northern India. Nirmala Devi Jain's tribute meeting was held at SDKS Bhawan, Rajpura road, here today, in which the recitation of Garud Puran Path by the Pandit Ji dedicated to Late Nirmala Devi Jain for her eternal peace was held. Vishwanand Ji of Nool Mahal, mission; representatives of Anand Mahal mission; Brahm kumari mission and Jain Panth, while expressing his heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved family, prayed to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul of Nirmala Devi Jain and fortitude to the family to bear this irreparable loss. The members of various social, religious, industrial bodies political leaders of the various parties and other dignitaries also participated



and expressed deep grief over the sudden death of Nirmala Devi Jain and paying their tributes to her. The stage secretary, Pawan Goyal, while reading the condolence messages sent by various officers, social, religious, industrial bodies and political leaders, NGOs, and Jain organizations said that Mata Nirmala Devi Jain Ji has unwavering faith in God was a social worker as well as a religious personality, Mata ji always wished for the 'welfare of human beings and society' in her long life.

Travel agent pushed seven youths of Mator village of Kaithal into Russia-Ukraine war- for greed of money

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, MAR 17

In the greed of a few rupees, a travel agent pushed seven youths of Mator village of Kaithal into the Russia-Ukraine war. One of these youths was shot and is undergoing treatment in the hospital. The name of the injured youth has been stated as Sahil. Meanwhile, CBI has registered a case of human trafficking in this matter and started investigation. The agent took ten lakh rupees from Bagh Singh and pushed his son Sahil into the war between Russia and Ukraine. According to the information, during the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, these unemployed youth were targeted and sent abroad with the promise of good salary. Sahil's father was also told that his son Sahil had to do loading and unloading of goods but after a few days of training, he was forcibly put



that Sahil's father Bagh Singh had sold half an acre of his land to send him abroad. The agent took ten lakh rupees from Bagh Singh and pushed his son Sahil into the war between Russia and Ukraine. According to the information, during the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, these unemployed youth were targeted and sent abroad with the promise of good salary. Sahil's father was also told that his son Sahil had to do loading and unloading of goods but after a few days of training, he was forcibly put

into this war. Bagh Singh said that due to unemployment, he had sent his son abroad so that he could get money but when he did not get work there, the agent sent him ahead. Now Sahil is trapped in the war. His phone was also confiscated. Similarly, Ajay's brother also fell prey to the agents while driving a taxi and he too got trapped in this war. Ajay told that he had sent his brother Ravi abroad by paying ten lakh rupees to the agent, who was forcibly pushed into the war.

Moonlight Education Society will provide free, computer, NTT, B.Ed and other courses to 2600 young girls: Palaram Saini



RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL: Before the announcement of Kurukshetra Lok Sabha elections, JJP leader of Kaithal district Palaram Saini has made several announcements for the youth of Kaithal district. Talking to journalists at Lakhanpal Hotel in Kaithal Chairman of Moonlight Education Society and JJP leader Palaram Saini said that Moonlight Education Society and Mahatma Jyotibaphule Education and Social Welfare Committee took a big step to take daughters and sons forward in the field of education. Palaram Saini told that earlier during the Corona period, Moonlight School had waived the fees of 6 months of children. At that time, free education was provided to the poor and needy children of Kaithal district. He said that once again Moonlight Education Society has taken an important decision to motivate the young girls of Kaithal district into self-employment. Palaram Saini said that Moonlight Education Trust will provide free NTT diploma to 500 daughters of farmers, poor families and needy families.

Team Commerce wins inter-faculty basketball championship organized by Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar

RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, MAR 17

Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar proudly hosted an exciting Inter Faculty Basketball Championship which showcased the athletic prowess and spirit among the students comprising various students from Faculty of Science, Faculty of Sports Science, Faculty of Commerce, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Education. Teams participated with great enthusiasm. The championship was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang, who not only announced the beginning of the program but also motivated all the participants to give their best. Amidst the tough competition, the final match witnessed a strong performance in which the teams Commerce emerged



victorious and secured the first position, while the team from the Faculty of Physical Education secured the second position. Dr. Bodhray, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education, expressed happiness over the high level of sportsmanship displayed by all the participants and highlighted the importance of such events in promoting healthy lifestyle and team spirit. At the end, amidst the applause and enthusiasm of the audience, trophies were presented to the winning teams by Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang and

Vice Principal Dr. Kamalpreet Kaur. In this program, Dr. Ranjit Singh, Dr. Sanjay Vij, Dr. Rajinder Singh, Dr. Joshpreet Singh, Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Prof. Arun, Prof. Anurudh, Prof. Dheeraj, Prof. Mangal Singh, Prof. Jaspreet Singh, and other faculty members were present. Sardar Randeep Singh Jauhar, President of the Governing Body and Managing Committee, appreciated the commitment of the college to promote sportsmanship and healthy competition among the students and also congratulated the winning teams.

Mission Life is an important campaign to increase environmental consciousness among youth: Prof. Som Nath

DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Vice-Chancellor of Kurukshetra University, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva will inaugurate the marathon, awareness cum exhibition and extension lecture as the chief guest under the Mission Life campaign and will flag off the marathon race from Crush Hall at the Kurukshetra University on Monday. Vice Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva said that Mission Life is an important campaign to increase environmental consciousness among the youth, under which this program is being organized. The event is being organized under the joint aegis of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) India and Kurukshetra University in collaboration with the EIACP Program of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. WII, FRI



and others EIACP centers of Punjab are also participating in this program. In this, a marathon race is being organized for the students of KU from Crush Hall at 9.30 am. In the inaugural session after the marathon race, various centers will give presentations to the students about this program and many competitions will also be organized. He said that Honorable Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi presented the Mission Life program to the world at the UN Climate Change

Conference held in Glasgow, also known as COP26. Its objective is to inspire individuals and communities to adopt a lifestyle that is in harmony with nature and does not harm it. Mission Life's goal is to transform vision of life into measurable impact. In this series, the theme of the program will focus on lifestyle initiatives for the environment. During the exhibition, WWF India's and other EIACP (Environmental Information Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme) centers will exhibit themes focusing on EIACP's activities and mission life. On the occasion, competitions like on-the-spot face painting, slogan writing and poster making etc. will be organized to showcase their vision for an eco-conscious lifestyle.

Kashyap Brothers and Amita Dalal shine at 53rd Bhaskar Rao Sangeet Sammelan



CHANDIGARH: The third day of ongoing 53rd All India Bhaskar Rao Nritya and Sangeet Sammelan witnessed remarkable presentations at Tagore Theatre at 6:30 pm here today. In today's program famous classical vocalist duo Kashyap Brothers mesmerized everyone with their presentation and famous sitar player Amita Dalal acquired lot of applause with the melodious tunes of sitar. The programme was also telecasted on the social media platform face book official of the Kendra. Today's artists Dr. Prabhakar Kashyap & Dr. Diwakar Kashyap KASHYAP BANDHU, received their initial musical training at an early age from their Parents, Pt. Ramprakash Mishra & Mrs. Meera Mishra. Later the duo was lucky to be trained by the Doyens of Banaras Gharana, Padmabhushan Pt. Rajan Mishra & Pt. Sajjan Mishra. Banaras Gayaki is distinguished by superb layakari and unmatched sweetness. Kashyap Bandhu have a powerful and expressing voice which moves with equal ease in all the three octaves. Kashyap Bandhu possess a rich repertoire of lovely "Bandish" in Khayals as well as Thumris, Dadras and Bhajans which captivates and mesmerizes listener. Kashyap Bandhus have performed on various national and international dignified stages.

Shreyas Iyer joins Kolkata Knight Riders squad ahead of upcoming season

Kolkata: Star India batter Shreyas Iyer on Sunday joined the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) training camp ahead of the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 season. The official X (formerly Twitter) handle of the Kolkata-based franchise shared pictures of the 29-year-old joining the team.

— KolkataKnightRiders (@KKRiders) March 16, 2024 Earlier in the month, KKR named Phil Salt as Jason's replacement for the upcoming season of the IPL 2024. With star overseas players like Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Phil Salt, Andre Russell, Sunil Narine and Mitchell Starc available along with a strong Indian core in Nitish Rana, skipper Shreyas Iyer, Rinku Singh, Venkatesh Iyer and Varun Chakravathy, KKR will be aiming to do well in IPL 2024.

Last season, they finished seventh with six wins and eight losses. 12 points were not enough to earn them a spot in playoffs. Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) IPL 2024 squad: Nitish Rana, Rinku Singh, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Shreyas Iyer, Phil Salt, Sunil Narine, Suyash Sharma, Anukul Roy, Andre Russell, Venkatesh Iyer, Harshit Rana, Vaibhav Arora, Varun Chakravathy, KS Bharat, Chetan Sakariya, Mitchell Starc, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Ramandeep Singh, Sherfane Rutherford, Manish Pandey, Mujeeb Ur Rehman, Dushmantha Chameera, Sakib Hussain.

Amelia Kerr, Sophie Devine ruled out of New Zealand's 1st T20I clash against England

New Delhi: New Zealand cricketers Amelia Kerr and Sophie Devine will not take part in the Kiwis' first T20I match against England, according to ESPNcricinfo. Recently, Amelia took part in the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2024 eliminator match for the Mumbai Indians (MI) who lost against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by five runs. Meanwhile, the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) stated that "travel complications from India mean Kerr won't return to her country in time to feature in the opening T20I." On the other hand, Sophie will be taking part in the upcoming final match of the WPL 2024 for the RCB against Delhi Capitals on Sunday, for which she can't appear for New Zealand in the opening 20-over match against England. NZC confirmed Kerr's availability in the squad for the second T20I match. The apex body also expects Sophie to return to her country soon after the end of the WPL 2024 final.

Meanwhile, batting allrounder Georgia Pimner has been added to the New Zealand squad as a replacement. While talking to the press, New Zealand head coach Ben Sawyer said that they have made plans for all kinds of scenarios before facing England. "We've known that this could be the case for some time now, so we've made plans for all scenarios and the positive is that it gives other players an opportunity to test themselves."

IPL 2024: Santner, Mitchell, Rachin Ravindra join CSK camp ahead of upcoming season

Chennai: Ahead of the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 season, the New Zealand cricketers Mitchell Santner, Daryl Mitchell, and Rachin Ravindra joined the five-time winner Chennai Super Kings (CSK) training camp.

The official X (formerly Twitter) handle of the Chennai-based franchise shared the picture of the Kiwi trio joining the squad.

Santner made his debut in the 2019 season, and following that the bowling allrounder picked up 13 wickets at an economy rate of 6.88. Meanwhile, he scored 56 runs while batting in 8 innings. Mitchell made his IPL debut for the Bengaluru-based franchise in the 2022 season, following that he could play only 2 matches, in which he scored 33 runs. In the 2023 season, the 32-year-old failed to take part in the tournament after suffering an injury.

On the other hand, in the 2024 season, Ravindra will make his debut in the T20 tournament. CSK's preparatory camp began on March 2, with the likes of Ruturaj Gaikwad, Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Mukesh Choudhary and Prashant Solanki joining the camp at Chepuak. CSK suffered an injury blow before the beginning of the season as New Zealand opener Devon Conway is expected to miss at least the first half of the tournament after undergoing.

"I will forever be indebted to him": Ashwin praises Dhoni for giving him new ball against Gayle in 2011 IPL final

Chennai : Ace India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin thanked fellow cricketing stalwart and former captain MS Dhoni, stating that he was indebted to the latter for letting him bowl to explosive former West Indian opener Chris Gayle in the final of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

In the IPL final in 2011 against the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), Dhoni surprised fans and pundits by handing the new ball to 24-year-old Ashwin to bowl against the hard-hitting Caribbean batter.

Dhoni's gamble paid off as Ashwin removed Gayle, in what ended up being the turning point in the final. CSK's triumph at Chepuak helped shape Ashwin's career and saw him ace all three formats of cricket on the international stage in the coming years.

During a felicitation ceremony organised by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) on Saturday for reaching the landmark of 500 Test wickets, Ashwin reminisced about the moment Dhoni put his faith in him and he delivered. "In 2008, I met all the greats (in the CSK dressing room), including Matthew Hayden and MS Dhoni. But I sat through (IPL) 2008. I was nobody then. I did not see myself playing in a team that had Muttiah Muralitharan back in the day," Ashwin said at the event.

Lakshya Sen's impressive run comes to end following semi-final defeat to Christie

Birmingham : India's ace shutter Lakshya Sen bowed out of the ongoing All England Open after suffering a defeat to Indonesia's Jonathan Christie in the semi-final of the men's singles event on Saturday at the Utilita Arena.

The Commonwealth Games champion's impressive run came to an end with a 12-21, 21-10 and 15-21 defeat in a game that lasted for 68 minutes.

The first game started neck-to-neck with both shuttlers fighting for points with the same amount of intensity, using the court efficiently. Christie struck the net which saw world number 18, Sen take a 4-3 lead. However, the world number 9 started to falter, following a couple of errors.

The Indonesian shutter continued to rely on his aggressive approach and imposed his dominance with a remarkable smash to make the scoreline 6-9. His fearsome approach saw him extend his lead and eventually see out the first game with a 12-21 win. In the second game, Sen bounced back by forcing out mistakes from Christie which helped him take a dominant 9-3 lead. The Indian shutter capitalised on the opening and extended his lead to seven with the Birmingham crowd applauding the 22-year-old and getting behind his back. Throughout the second game, Lakshya showed patience and persistence to force out mistakes from Christie which allowed the Indian to win and level the match at 1-1 quite comfortably. In the third game, Lakshya continued to ride high on the momentum that he gained during the second game and took a 5-3 lead. He continued to maintain the two-point advantage but Christie remained unmoved and waited for his moment.

Gulveer Singh breaks 16-year-old 10,000m national record at The Ten 2024 athletics meet

CALIFORNIA : Indian athlete Gulveer Singh broke the long-time national record in the men's 10,000 metre category during the The Ten 2024 athletics held at California, USA on Sunday.

As per a press release from Olympics.com, Gulveer finished second with the timings of 27:41.81 minutes. He finished behind America's Drew Hunter, who clocked the timings of 27:38.87 minutes.

The national record in India held by Surendra Singh from 2008, at 28:02.89 minutes, stood for 16 years.

Gulveer's timings are also the 37th best by an Asian athlete in this category. No other Indian other than Gulveer makes it to the top 100 list in this discipline when it comes to timings. Gulveer, who secured a bronze in the Asian Games held at Hangzhou last year, is yet to breach the entry standard of 27:00.00 set for the Paris Olympics to be held in July-August this year.

Aaron Bienenfeld from Germany, finished third, clocking 27:42.83 minutes. India's Kartik Kumar,



who finished ahead of Gulveer to secure a silver at the Asian Games, finished ninth in the California meet with his new personal best of 28:01.90 minutes.

Avinash Sable, who secured the Asian Games

gold last year in men's 3000 m steeplechase, logged a DNF (did not finish) in a separate men's 10000 m race as he pulled out from the race in the 15th lap.

Parul Chaudhary finished 20th in the women's 10,000 m race with timings

of 32:02.08 minutes. She failed to meet the Paris Olympics qualifying standard of 30:40.00.

In another women's 10,000 m race, Seema clocked a personal best of 32:07.67 and finished third. The fourth position was

attained by Sanjivani Jadhav with the timings of 32:21.76 minutes. Ankita also secured eighth place by registering her timings of 32:48.71 minutes. Both Ankita and Sanjivani also registered their personal best timings.

"I just stick to what I do best," says Marizanne Kapp ahead of WPL 2024

New delhi: Ahead of the final match of the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2024, Delhi Capitals' (DC) star allrounder Marizanne Kapp said that she just tried to give her best which helped scalp wickets.

While speaking to ESPNcricinfo, Kapp accepted that she conceded a few runs in the second season of WPL. The 34-year-old added that she just tried to deliver "dot balls" as much as possible.

"I've found if I just stick to what I do best I usually end up with the wickets or being quite economical. There were some games where I went for a bit of runs when I changed what I do well. When I thought they would maybe try and lap or they were going to run at me or step across the line

and I try something different, that's usually when I go for runs. But if they do those things and I stick to what I do best, usually it works out. So I just try and keep it simple,



hit my hard back of a length, bowl line and length, and try and bowl as many dot balls as possible," Kapp was quoted by ESPNcricinfo as saying. Kapp felt "nice" after

helping her side move to the tournament's final match by taking wickets with a new ball.

"It's obviously good to up my team into the finals. It's always nice contributing and taking wickets with the new ball. I feel like it's so important in the T20 format, especially in these leagues, because the top order is so heavy with internationals, especially, and big hits. So I feel like something that's needed in T20 cricket is wickets, early wickets," she added.

The 34-year-old bowling allrounder is currently the highest wicket-taker in the ongoing WPL 2024. She picked up 11 wickets at an average of 14.18 after appearing in 6 matches.

Dhruv Jurel joins Rajasthan Royals' camp ahead of IPL 2024

AGENCY HYDERABAD : India wicketkeeper batter Dhruv Jurel joined the Rajasthan Royals (RR) training camp ahead of the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 season. Jurel made his India debut recently during the five-match Test series against England, where he scored 190 runs after appearing in 3 matches and 4 innings. With IPL just less than a week away, Rajasthan would be looking to continue their high-flying performance after narrowly missing out in the last season and losing the final to Gujarat Titans as a season before.

The official X (formerly Twitter) handle of the Rajasthan-based franchise shared a small clip of the youngster joining the team.

"The only way you deserve to be welcomed, @dhruvjurel21, 'RR wrote on X. Ahead of the new season, RR unveiled their 'Pink Promise' jersey on Tuesday which they will be wearing during their IPL




match against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) on April 6, which will be dedicated to the "empowered women of Rajasthan and the nation". The bandhani pattern on the jersey represents the ancient art of tie-dyeing, which features traditional Rajasthan attire for women. The jersey will also feature visual representations of solar panels, a source of

clean energy given to rural Rajasthan women. RR strengthened their squad in the IPL 2024 auction by acquiring the likes of Rovman Powell, Shubham Dubey, Tom Kohler-Cadmore, Abid Mushtaq and Nandre Burger.

Rajasthan Royals squad: Sanju Samson (C), Jos Buttler, Shimron Hetmyer, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Dhruv

Jurel, Riyan Parag, Donovan Ferreira, Kunal Rathore, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Sen, Navdeep Saini, Prasad Krishna, Sandeep Sharma, Trent Boult, Yuzvendra Chahal, Adam Zampa, Avesh Khan, Rovman Powell, Shubham Dubey, Tom Kohler-Cadmore, Abid Mushtaq, Nandre Burger.



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'Success is sum total of those who teach you right lessons': Ashwin after TNCA felicitation for 500 Test wickets



AGENCY CHENNAI : Indian spin veteran Ravichandran Ashwin expressed happiness at being felicitated by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) on Sunday for completing 500 wickets in Test cricket and thanked everyone involved at the function for making it a day he would never forget in his life.

Ashwin received Rs 1 crore from the TNCA during the felicitation event.

The spinner took to Instagram, saying that success is a sum total of people who teach one the "right lessons", the ones who teach "harsh lessons" and luck. Ashwin thanked his parents, wife, children, coaches and some cricket stars like Kris Srikanth, Dinesh Karthik, Abhinav Mukund and Anil Kumble for helping him in his journey. He also thanked the TNCA secretary RI Palani.

"Success is the sum total of all those people who teach you the right lessons, who teach you the harsh lessons and luck. Luck plays a pivotal role in everyone's lives, but I believe we make our own luck. My vehicle to luck has been the strong pillars at home my parents(Ravichandran & Chitra) wife @prithinarayanan kids and friends. @vickykethar, Buvanesh, Gopi @coach_sanch @srinivas_rajhamany Those

pillars have ensured that luck has always touched me at the right times," said Ashwin's post.

"Special thanks to Secretary TNCA RI Palani, Mr N Srinivasan, @anil.kumble , Mr Roger Binny, @cheekaofficial , Dr. RN Baba , @dk00019 @abhinavmukund , Dr. Ashok Sigamani. Finally, I would like to thank the @tncacricket for making 16.3.2024 a day I would never forget in my life," he added.

During the ceremony, Ashwin thanked fellow cricketing stalwart and former captain MS Dhoni, stating that he was indebted to the latter for letting him bowl to explosive former West Indian opener Chris Gayle in the final of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

In the IPL final in 2011 against the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), Dhoni surprised fans and pundits by handing the new ball to 24-year-old Ashwin to bowl against the hard-hitting Caribbean batter.

Dhoni's gamble paid off as Ashwin removed Gayle, in what ended up being the turning point in the final. CSK's triumph at Chepuak helped shape Ashwin's career and saw him ace all three formats of cricket on the international stage in the coming years. "In 2008, I met all the greats (in the CSK dressing room), including Matthew Hayden and MS Dhoni.



Kriti Kharbanda receives grand griha pravesha at Pulkit Samrat's Delhi home

Pulkit Samrat and Kriti Kharbanda tied the knot on Friday. The stunning couple is starting a new chapter of their lives, and they are on cloud nine. As they returned to their Delhi home, their excitement was visible from their griha pravesha visuals, in which they can be seen dancing their hearts out to the tunes of the dhol while entering the house. Pulkit even whistled while shaking a leg with his wife.

Donning a traditional attire, they both looked stunning. If Pulkit opted for a kurta and dhoti, Kriti chose to wear a sari. A day after exchanging the vows, the couple took to Instagram and shared adorable pictures from their D-Day.

"From the deep blue sky, To the morning dew. Through the low and the high,

It's only you. From the start to the end, In every now and every then, When my heart beats different, It's got to be you. Constantly, Consistently, Continually You!" the couple captioned the post.

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For their wedding, Kriti opted for a stunning pink lehenga while Pulkit donned a mint green sherwani.

In one of the snaps, Kriti can be seen planting a kiss on Pulkit's forehead while he holds her close. A picture also showed Pulkit tying Mangalsutra around Kriti's neck.

In no time, Kriti and Pulkit's post got flooded with congratulatory messages. "Awwwww congratulations guys," ac-

tor Akansha Ranjan Kapoor commented. "badhaaiiii again," actor Richa Chadha wrote. "How beautiful," another user wrote. Kriti and Pulkit have appeared together in several films like 'Veerey Ki Wedding', 'Taish', and 'Pagalpanti'. Pulkit was previously married to Shweta Rohira.

The speculations around Pulkit and Kriti's wedding surfaced after the duo on Valentine's Days shared similar pictures of themselves from their romantic vacation. It's their captions that hinted about their March wedding. "Let's March to-



Ed Sheeran leaves Mumbai after his electrifying concert

After giving an electrifying performance and surprising fans by singing in Punjabi for the first time ever during his concert in Mumbai, British singer Ed Sheeran was spotted at the city's airport on Sunday.

In the videos captured by Mumbai-based paparazzi, Ed Sheeran was seen making his way towards the airport entrance. He wore a black and white casual outfit. The singer waved and posed for the paps. Ed Sheeran has been in the headlines ever since he landed in India.

This concert was part of the singer's Asia and Europe Tour. During his performance, he shared the stage with a few popular Indian performers.

He was joined by singer Diljit Dosanjh.

In the viral clips, Ed and Diljit were seen setting the stage on fire with their performance at Mahalaxmi Race Course Grounds.

What was a big take-away for fans attending the concert, Ed sang the chart-busting track 'Lover' in Punjabi with Diljit.

Diljit on Saturday shared a short clip on his Instagram handle and captioned the post, "@teddysphotos to bring out @diljittidosanjh tonight in Mumbai and sing in Punjabi for the



First Time. BURRAAAA Chak deya Ge." Ed also posted a video of their performance.

Sharing the video, he wrote, "Got to bring out @diljittidosanjh tonight in Mumbai and sing in Punjabi for the

first time. I've had such an incredible time in India, more to come." Among several other celebs who attended Sheeran's gig were Bollywood beauty Madhuri Dixit, director-choreographer Farah Khan, and actor Shahid Kapoor's wife Mira Ra-

jpota, among others. The show was promoted by BookMyShow Live.

Earlier, on Friday night, Farah Khan threw a grand party for the British singer at a posh restaurant in Mumbai.

From actor Hrithik Roshan to director-actor Farhan Akhtar and actress Madhuri Dixit, the who's who of Bollywood, gathered at the party with the 'Perfect' hitmaker.

During his meeting with superstar Shah Rukh Khan, Ed personally experienced King Khan's maniacal following. The former was also pictured teaching the singer his signature pose.

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana made him taste his mother's homemade cooked pinnis (Punjabi dessert).

Talking about his meeting with Ed Sheeran, Ayushmann said, "I have admired Ed Sheeran as an artiste for years now. As a fellow musician, I have always wanted to connect with him and discuss how his mind works. I surprised him with my mother's homemade Pinni! This is how we have always welcomed anyone at our home. He is at our home and we need to tell him how much we love him and his music too. So, I hope this gift will be a memorable one!"

Ayushmann also shared a picture with Ed Sheeran.

Varun Dhawan resumes shooting for action thriller film 'Baby John'



Actor Varun Dhawan on Sunday resumed shooting for his upcoming action thriller film 'Baby John'. He shared a picture from the sets flaunting his muscular physique.

Taking to Instagram stories, Varun updated his fans that he is back on sets of 'Baby John'. The image captured Varun facing his back towards the camera. He flaunted his muscular physique.

Sharing the photo, he wrote, "Back to work #babyjohn."

Recently, Varun took to Instagram to announce the release date. He shared the poster that he captioned, "Hold on tight, the ride is about to get wild. #BabyJohn coming to your nearest theaters on May 31st!"

The poster features Varun donning a black vest, with long hair and holding a knife in his hand.

Text written on the poster reads, "No beast is more savage than a man when possessed with power answerable to his rage."

'Baby John' is the title of the film, which is directed by A. Kaleeswaran. Atlee is presenting the film in association with Jio Studios and Cine1 Studios.

Makers unveiled the intriguing teaser of the film which received massive responses from the fans.

Keerthy Suresh, Wamiqa Gabbi, Jackie Shroff and Rajpal Yadav are also a part of 'Baby John', which will hit the theatres on May 31, 2024. The film is produced by Murad Khetani, Priya Atlee and Jyoti Deshpande.

In the coming months, Varun will be seen in the Indian adaptation of the Hollywood series 'Citadel' opposite actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu. It is an Indian adaptation of the Russo Brothers' series of the same name. Priyanka Chopra and Richard Madden headlined the international version. The release date of the Indian version of Citadel is awaited. Raj and DK have created the Indian version.

Sonu Sood shares teaser of action-packed film 'Fateh'

Sonu Sood is all prepared to excite audiences with his next film 'Fateh', which also marks his directorial debut.

On Saturday, the actor shared the teaser of the film on his official handle of X, and it indicates that fans can expect an explosive ride filled with jaw-dropping action, violence, and mystery.

The teaser starts with the statement, 'Never underestimate a nobody.' It then cuts to a voiceover in which Sonu Sood is heard conversing with another individual, correcting that he killed 50 people on March 19, not 40. "You'll never find those ten bodies," he said and also added, "Bhagvaan unki atma ko shanti de"

Sood while sharing the teaser wrote on X, "AA RAHA HOON.. Action speaks louder than words. #Fateh! Brace yourselves for the biggest action-packed thriller! Link: <https://appopen-er.com/yt/vsifkd0vq>Teaser out now. @Asli_Jacqueline @jdelhi10 @ZeeStudios_ #SonaliSood @ShaktiSagarProd @ZeeMusicCompany @Fateh4Bharat"

— sonu sood (@SonuSood) March 16, 2024

'Fateh' is based on real-life instances of cybercrime experienced by people during the Covid-pandemic. Some of the prominent names in Hollywood including the director of photography, research team, and action choreographers have been roped in for this film.

Sood revealed that there was also a flipside to his humanitarian efforts - instances of scamsters using his name to con people.

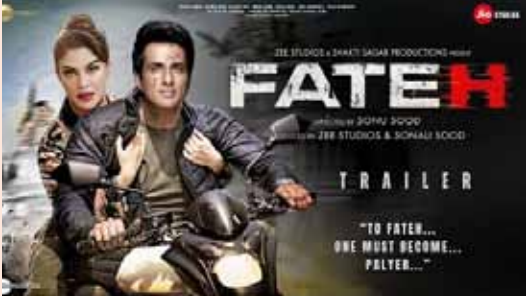
"The idea for 'Fateh' came into my mind when I was helping people and came to know that many people were being fooled and cheated in my name. They were given false loans, promises to meet me or to get any sort of help from my team during a pandemic," Sood said in an interview with ANI.

The actor said he became concerned when he realised that a large number of people were being hoodwinked by common using his name to cheat them. The actor said he was informed of instances where people, especially those in remote areas were duped mostly through phishing tools.

"It was then I realized that this cybercrime is a big issue in our country. It is very important to take action on it. Thus the journey of 'Fateh', the film I am doing started from this experience," said the actor.

On Friday, he dropped the film's poster that shows a hand holding a pen with blood dripping through the wounds.

"Never Underestimate A Nobody! Get ready for the power-packed action with #Fateh," Sonu captioned the post. The film will also showcase some breathtaking action sequences, which have been done under the supervision of Hollywood stunt expert Lee Whittaker. 'Fateh' has been shot across global locations including India, USA, Russia, and Poland, read a statement.



"Women can do comedy very well": Kriti Sanon on film 'Crew'



Kareena Kapoor Khan, Tabu, and Kriti Sanon are poised to light up the big screen with their next flick 'Crew'. The trailer and music of the movie have already piqued the audience's interest. During the trailer launch, Kriti spoke about her experience of being part of a female-centric comedy film.

"We usually get to work with men mostly. It was very very refreshing to work with women, these women are so talented, and I have admired them for years. We all look up to them in what they bring to the table and the fact that they have been reinventing themselves and how," she said. Kriti also discussed women's potential in comic roles and the fact that 'Crew' is not about male bashing. "The way this film was written, the way these characters are, there's so much life and chemistry between these three. I believe what people love, or at least what I feel, is the whole chemistry and that is about the 'Crew'. I feel, jab bhi koi women wali film aati hai, ladkiyan hain, to sab sochte hain ki serious hai bahot, ya phir kuch mudda hoga, ya phir men bashing hogi, all that. Aisa kuch bhi nahi hai as you can see women can do comedy very very well(I feel, that whenever any women-oriented film comes, it is about girls, everyone thinks that it is very serious, or then there will be some issue, or then there will be men bashing, all that. There is nothing like this as you can see women can do comedy very very well)." Helmed by Rajesh A Krishnan, 'Crew' features Kareena, Tabu, and Kriti Sanon as air hostesses. The film is made under Balaji Telefilms and Anil Kapoor Film & Communications Network banners.