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NEWS BRIEFS

Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau Arrests Medical Officer for Bribery

**CHANDIGARH:** The Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) team arrested Nitish Parwal, a Medical Officer posted at the Municipal Corporation Faridabad, on charges of soliciting a bribe of Rs. 3 lakh. Parwal allegedly demanded the bribe in exchange for issuing a certificate of empanelment as a bulk waste generator. The arrest took place during a late-evening raid conducted by the ACB team, and an FIR (First Information Report) has been registered against him at the Anti-Corruption Bureau Faridabad. A government spokesperson stated that a tip-off regarding Parwal's demand for a Rs. 3 lakh bribe in exchange for the empanelment certificate was received. Subsequently, the ACB formulated a plan and apprehended him red-handed while accepting the bribe. The entire operation was conducted transparently with witnesses present. The investigation is ongoing, and all evidence is being meticulously collected. The Bureau's spokesperson urged the public to promptly report any instances of bribe demands from government officials or employees.

Four involved in job-providing racket held in Delhi

**NEW DELHI :** A criminal racket that was involved in offering employment has been busted in New Delhi, with four gang members, including three women, arrested, Delhi Police officials said. According to the police, the gang operated a 'placement agency' by the name of 'Digi Recruiters' and called over 500 potential victims daily. They obtained bulk data of employment seekers on payment from online job portals, and called victims to various offices in Nehru Place, Kaushambi, among other areas in Delhi, NCR. In the process, they cheated large sums in the name of registration, interview, and processing, only to later stop communicating. A multi-victim case under sections 420/406/34 IPC, PS EOW, was registered in Economic Offences Wing, Delhi, on complaints of 29 victims in which it was alleged that they were induced and cheated on the pretext of providing them jobs of drivers, guards, and field boys in Delhi Metro, among others, police said. Police said those criminals had been running their office at Nehru Place, Delhi, since the beginning of 2023. After operating for two-to-three months, the alleged persons had absconded. They had cheated around Rs 7.5 lacs from victims.

Saina Nehwal fires back at Congress MLA over 'sexist jibe' at BJP's LS pick from Davangere

**BENGALURU :** Badminton ace and Commonwealth Games gold medalist, Saina Nehwal, on Saturday denounced Congress MLA Shamanur Shivashankarappa over his 'sexist jibe' at Gayatri Siddeshwara, a BJP candidate from Davangere in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Taking to her official handle on social media platform X, Saina condemned Shivashankarappa's comment, allegedly implying that women should only confine themselves to kitchens while questioning the BJP candidate's ability to address public issues effectively. "Woman should be restricted to the kitchen".

LS Polls: Rajnath to lead BJP's Election Manifesto Committee

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
NEW DELHI, MAR 28

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday announced the Election Manifesto Committee for the Lok Sabha elections 2024. BJP president JP Nadda announced the 27-member committee which will be headed by defence minister and former BJP chief Rajnath Singh. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Union Minister Piyush Goyal will be convenor and co-convenors, respectively. Arjun Munda, Bhupender Yadav, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Kiren Rijiju, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Dharmendra Pradhan, and Bhupender Patel are included as members in the committee. Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai and Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav are also included in the list. Along with them, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Vasundhara Raje, Smriti Irani, Jugal Oram, Ravishankar Prasad, Sushil Modi, Keshav Prasad Maurya, Rajeev Chandrashekhar, Vinod Tawde, Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, Manjinder Singh Sirsa, OP Dhanekar, Anil Antony and Tariq Mansoor are also there. Meanwhile, Bharatiya Janata Party on Friday announced the candidates for the by-election to be held in the Gandey Assembly seat of Jharkhand and Bagidora Assembly seat in Rajasthan. The party has fielded Dilip Kumar Verma from the Gandey Assembly, while Subhash Tamboliya has been given a ticket from the Bagidora Assembly in Rajasthan. The bypoll will be held at Bagidora



Assembly in Rajasthan on April 26, while the Gandey Assembly will undergo a bypoll on May 20. Bypolls on 26 Assembly seats will also be held along with the Lok Sabha polls. Meanwhile, Lok Sabha polls will be held in seven phases beginning April 19. Nearly 96.8 crore people are eligible to cast their votes in the upcoming polls at over 12 lakh polling stations. The election for 543 Lok Sabha seats will be held in seven phases starting April 19. The counting of votes will take place on June 4. In the 2014 Lok Sabha election, the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) won 282 seats, while the Indian National Congress (INC) managed to get only 44 seats.

Ramlila Maidan ready for mega rally: AAP

Together with top leaders of INDIA alliance, people will raise their voice to save Constitution and democracy: AAP

BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, MAR 30

On a call given by the Aam Aadmi Party to save the democracy and Constitution of the country, Ramlila Maidan is fully prepared for the mega rally of the INDIA alliance on Sunday, the 31st of March. In the Maha rally, the whole of the INDIA alliance will join hands with the public and raise its voice against the dictatorship of the Bharatiya Janata Party. AAP informed that the rally will be joined by dozens of prominent leaders from various political parties, including Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi from Congress, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, Jharkhand CM Champai Soren, Sharad Pawar from NCP, Uddhav Thackeray from Shiv Sena, Akhilesh Yadav from SP, Tejashwi Yadav from RJD and other Left leaders. Rally is named 'Tanashahi hatao, loktantra bachao.' The AAP Punjab working president Principal Budh Ram appealed to the people to reach Rameela Ground in maximum numbers to take

part in this maha rally of the INDIA alliance against the dictatorship of the BJP. He said that AAP Conve-nor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been arrested by the BJP in an un-constitutional manner. Prime Minister Modi is afraid of Arvind Kejriwal because Arvind Kejriwal has set an example in the field of education and health in Delhi. Neither the Central Government nor the BJP Government of any state has been able to do such a thing. That is why Arvind Kejriwal has been arrested without any proof and it is all under a conspiracy. MLA Budh Ram said that this is the last chance to save the Constitution and democracy in this country. If not now then no one will be able to raise their voice in this country. It is expected that many more people will come to Rameela Ground tomorrow than usual. He said that the way opposition leaders are being arrested continuously in the country. They are being targeted through agencies. The way an elected Chief Minister was picked up and put in

jail on the basis of mere allegations and no evidence. It is a systematic attempt to crush democracy. Against this, people of INDIA Alliance are coming to Ramlila Maidan from all over the country on Sunday. Today the constitution and democracy are being murdered. Agencies are being misused. People's voices are being silenced in different ways. In such a situation, it has become necessary to save democracy by removing the dictatorial government. Therefore, everyone should reach Ramlila Maidan in large numbers on March 31 and raise their voice against dictatorship. Before the mega rally of INDIA bloc, many AAP Punjab ministers met Sunita Kejriwal in Delhi. Many Punjab ministers met Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal on Saturday before the mega rally of INDIA Alliance. Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, Minister Meet Hayer, Aman Arora, Lalchand Katarachak and MLA Kulwant Singh reached Delhi to meet Sunita Kejriwal.

Sharad Pawar's NCP files complaint against Shiv Sena, BJP for violating Model Code of Conduct

AGENCY  
MUMBAI, MARCH 30

The Nationalist Congress Party - Sharadchandra Pawar faction has filed a complaint to the Election Commission of India against the Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) and the Bharatiya Janata Party for violating the Representation of People's Act and the Model Code of Conduct. "We have filed a complaint to the Election Commission of India regarding the gross violations by Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) and the Bharatiya Janata Party of the Representation of People's Act and the Model Code of Conduct," the party said in a post on X. https://twitter.com/n c p s p e a k s / s t a - t u s / 1 7 7 4 0 1 5 6 7 5 4 5 3 0 4 2 9 8 7 ? s = 4 6 The NCP-SP faction has alleged the Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) and the BJP of publishing the names of various individuals from other political parties as part of their star campaigner list. "Both Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) and Bharatiya Janata Party have published the names of various individuals

from other political parties as part of their Star Campaigner List, which is violative of Section 77 of Representation of People's Act," they said in the post. The party has also accused



the Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) of publishing the names of various people in their capacity of holding high public office, such as the Prime Minister, Central Ministers, Chief Minister, and Deputy Chief Minister. "Further, Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) has published the names of various people in their capacity of holding high public office such as the

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Central Ministers, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister etc. This is not only a violation of Representation of People's Act, but also the Model Code of Conduct as the representatives of the party in power in Centre or State are categorically barred from using their official positions for the purpose of election Campaign." NCP-SP said in the post. "We hope that the Election Commission of India will take the strictest actions in the interest of protecting the sanctity of free and fair elections in our country," NCP-SP added in the post. Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra will be held in five phases on April 19, April 26, May 7, May 13 and May 20. The state, with its 48 Lok Sabha seats, is the second-largest contributor to the lower house of Parliament after Uttar Pradesh. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP won 23 out of 25 contested seats, while the undivided Shiv Sena secured 18 out of 23 seats.

No govt in past undermined institutions as blatantly as Modi govt: Jairam Ramesh

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 30

Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh alleged on Saturday that no government in the past has so blatantly misused the investigative agencies and undermined the constitutional institutions as the Narendra Modi government has during the past ten years. Talking to a news agency, he said that the NDA government in the past, led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee, was different from the current dispensation which is led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the Vajpayee government never targeted opposition leaders so vehemently as the Narendra Modi government. "Misusing the investigation agencies, threatening political parties, the Supreme Court, media and other constitutional institutions that should have been independent—these kinds of things never happened during the Vajpayee regime. These kinds of tactics we have never seen," Jairam Ramesh said. "The Vajpayee government did not target opposition leaders as does the current government. Nor does it jailed the chief ministers, order investigations against political rivals, freeze their bank accounts, or crush them financially. The Vajpayee government did not use this kind of tactics," he added. He, however, exuded confidence in INDIA alliance winning the upcoming Lok Sabha election. "I am confident that INDIA alliance will get the majority to form the government in the coming Lok Sabha election.



In the last ten years, people have been suffering from high inflation, unemployment, social polarization, and political dictatorship. So they want the situation to change," he said. He termed the ten year reign of the Narendra Modi government as "10 years of Injustice". The Congress leader said that the political situation of the Congress in 2003 was similar to today but it formed a government in 2004 at the Center. "There was an India-shining campaign. We had lost three important assembly elections in North India. But we formed government in 2004. The Congress Party has emerged as the largest party in that election. I am fully confident that the youth, farmers, women and all

the other sections of society who have been suffering under this period of injustice are ready for a political change," he said. He also said that Congress is giving its 100 per cent in the fight against BJP. "Our aim is very straight forward, we are fighting against the BJP's intentions, policies and ideology. Congress is giving its 100 per cent. We have made so many compromises to strengthen the Congress and INDIA alliance in Bihar, Tamil Nadu and other states, but we didn't succeed in West Bengal due to some special reasons. TMC will attend tomorrow's rally, which means they are in the INDIA alliance. We have made the compromise by keeping in mind the realities of 2024," he said.

During LS general elections, the illegal sale of liquor will be totally banned, Chief Election Officer SVEEP campaigns are being organized to encourage people to vote

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, MAR 30

Ahead of the Lok Sabha Elections, Haryana Chief Secretary, Sh. T.V.S.N Prasad and Chief Electoral Officer, Sh. Anurag Agarwal chaired a joint meeting with the Deputy Commissioners on Saturday through video conferencing and gave them necessary directions. Sh. Anurag Agarwal said that during the Lok Sabha general elections scheduled for May 25 in the state, the illegal sale of liquor will not be allowed, and strict vigilance will be ensured by the District Administration on the sale of liquor. If any illegal liquor is found anywhere, strict action will be taken by the police de-

partment against those involved, he said. Sh. Anurag Agarwal said that close vigilance is required to prevent the supply of illegal liquor in the state and to ensure the same Police is keeping a close watch on suspicious individuals and locations. He said that continuous checking of legal vendors and their stocks will be conducted by the excise department along with the police administration. Police and District Administration will closely monitor activities such as the sale of illegal and counterfeit liquor. If the cooperation of the police department is required in activities such as



checking, they will be provided with all possible assistance by the police department, said Sh. Anurag Agarwal. Sh. Agarwal said that whatever duties have been as-

signed to any officer during the elections, they should fulfill them with complete honesty and dedication. No laxity will be tolerated in this work. He directed the officers concerned to assess all polling stations in their respective districts, and if any polling station needs to be shifted elsewhere, its report should be submitted immediately so that the polling station can be shifted on time. He said that all Returning Officers should ensure that

electricity, water, sanitation, and all other facilities are available at the polling stations. If there is any shortage of anything at any polling station, it should be fulfilled immediately. Sh. Anurag Agarwal said that to increase the percentage of voting in the state, awareness programs should be organized under the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) campaign to encourage people to vote so that more and more people can use their vote. He appealed to all voters to participate in this festival of democracy scheduled for May 25 and contribute to strengthening the democracy of the country by casting their vote.

More relief to the Punjabis from the loot of toll plazas!

**BUREAU**  
**CHANDIGARH:** Sticking to his commitment to not let anyone loot the people of Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, on Saturday, announced that two toll plazas on Ludhiana-Barnala state highway will be closed on April 2nd at 12PM as their concession period is expiring. The Dhaka-Halwara-Raikot-Barnala State Highway (SH-13) is a road with a length of 57.94 km, located in the Ludhiana district. To upgrade this road, the Punjab government approved the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) scheme in 2007. Rohan Rajdeep Tollways Limited commenced operations under this scheme. According to the agreement, the concession period for this project was 17 years. As per the terms of the agreement, the concession period for this project expires on 02.04.2024, and at 12 PM that day Toll Plaza Raqba (Near Mullanpur Distt. Ludhiana) and Toll Palaza Mehal Kalan (Near Barnala) will cease their operations. After this, no tolls will be collected on this road from the general public, and maintenance will be the responsibility of the Punjab government. Informing about the same through his X account, CM Mann said that the company, referring to the Covid period and Farmers agitation, requested to increase the time of their toll operations for 448 days but the Punjab government rejected that request. So both the toll plaza will cease their operations and no longer collect any toll from the general public. Mann reiterated that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of Punjab is the government of people and for the people. We are not here to give unfair -benefits to capitalists and won't allow anyone to loot the general public after their toll operation period has expired.



DC Exhorts Residents and Voters for effective use of Voter Service portal

LK BANSAL MOHALI: To implement the ECI's directive that No Voter Left Behind, the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Electoral Officer Aashika Jain has exhorted all the residents who have not enrolled as Voter yet to come forward and apply online or offline for enrollment as voter. The last date for registration of new voters is May 04, 2024, she added. Divulging details, the Deputy Commissioner said that anybody going to attain the age of 18 or above as on April 01, 2024, is eligible to become a voter for the ensuing Lok Sabha Elections 2024. She further said that residents can take the help of online voter service portal and voter helpline mobile app to access various services including submitting applications for registering as a new voter. The Deputy Commissioner informed that by logging on to the Voter Service portal (https://voters.eci.gov.in), a user can avail and access various services such as accessing the electoral list, applying for a voter ID card, applying online for corrections in voter's card, viewing details of Polling Booth, Assembly Constituency and Parliamentary Constituency and get the contact details of Booth Level Officer, Electoral Registration Officer among other services. Similarly, Voter Helpline Mobile App (VHA) helps Citizens to avail and access various services such as applying for a voter ID card, applying online for corrections to the voter's card.

The date of depositing ammunition in Patiala district has been extended till April 7 at 5 pm

RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA: In view of the Lok Sabha Elections-2024, the date for depositing their ammunition to the ammunition holders of Patiala district has been extended till April 7, 2024 at 5 pm. In these orders issued by the Additional District Magistrate Madam Kanchan, it has been said that the license holders should immediately deposit their ammunition with the local police station or the respective ammunition dealers. The ADC said earlier the date of deposit of ammunition was March 31, 2024, which has now been extended to April 7 at 5 pm. Madam Kanchan said that in view of the Lok Sabha elections, in order to maintain peace and law and order in Patiala district, to maintain peace and conduct the upcoming elections in a smooth and peaceful manner, it is in the interest of the people to deposit their weapons. It is necessary so that no untoward incident takes place. These orders issued by the Additional District Magistrate will not apply to Army Personnel, Para Military Forces, Bawardi Police Personnel and Guards in Banks.

Stray Dog menace is continuously increasing in Chandigarh, BJP busy conspiring against opponents: Bansal

CHANDIGARH: Regardless of whether Chandigarh has topped in any other case or not, under BJP rule, Chandigarh will certainly top the list in attacks by stray dogs. Former MP and senior Congress leader from Chandigarh, Pawan Kumar Bansal, has strongly criticized the BJP. Pawan Bansal said that in Manimajra, a woman was attacked by five dogs, before that, in December, a panicked attack by a dog resulted in the death of a girl in Manimajra. The fear of stray dogs is so much in the entire city that people are afraid to leave their homes. "In the last 4 years, more than 42,000 cases of dog bites have been reported, and more than 10,000 cases were reported just last year.

# Punjab Raj Bhavan celebrates Rajasthan Foundation Day

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, MAR 30

Under the leadership of Shri Banwari Lal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Union Territory Chandigarh, the 75th Foundation Day of Rajasthan was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Punjab Raj Bhavan.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. Purohit said that in the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat', Raj Bhawans in States and UTs are commemorating the Foundation Day of other States and Union Territories. The events are being celebrated with great fervor, showcasing the rich and vibrant culture of the State/UTs whose Foundation Day is celebrated. He informed that as a part of these celebrations, a representative cross section of persons belonging to the State whose Foundation Day is being observed, are invited to Raj Bhawan where they interact and connect with and forge bonds with eminent persons of the State where they are residing. Recalling the importance of Rajasthan in the cultural heritage of the country, the Governor said that the heritage of Rajasthan has been very strong in every dimension of culture.

He said that Rajasthan is famous all over the world for its royal grandeur, culture, forts and palaces. Like the people of



Punjab, the people of Rajasthan are always remembered for their bravery and courage. The Governor said that the spirit of mutual understanding amid a shared history has enabled a distinctive unity in diversity which needs to be nurtured and cherished. On this occasion, a documentary film on Rajasthan was shown followed by a mesmerizing presentation of folk music, dances including Ghoomar, Nitra Natika on the saga of extra-ordinary courage of Hadi Rani, choreography on Kesaria Balam and Ghani Khamma. The culture programme culminated with a powerful recitation of Pandit Narendra Mishra

poem Padmini Gora Badal by Students of MCM College. The venue was tastefully decorated with Rajasthanian bandhani dhup-tas and puppets. The dignitaries present on the occasion included Smt. Pushpa Purohit, Lady Governor, Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India, Mr. K. Siva Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary to Governor, Punjab, Mr. Rajeev Verma, Adviser to Administrator, UT along with his better half, IAS officers from Punjab and UT, Chandigarh, Mr. Kanhaiya Lal Mittal, Bhajan Gayak, Mrs. Nisha Bhargava Principal MCM College with staff & students of College.

## MP Visit of District Barnala by Simranjit Singh Mann

ASHOK DHINGRA  
TAPA MANDI, MAR 30

President of Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) and Member of Parliament Mr. Simranjit Singh Mann, during his visit to Barnala district today, visited villages Dhaula, Roodeke Kalan, Pakhon Kalan, Kotduna and Kubbe and shared ideas with the people.

Addressing the gatherings of the villagers during Sangat darshan in the above villages, Mr. Mann said that both the Center and the Punjab government have forgotten their responsibilities and promises made to the people. On the one hand, while Sikh leaders are being killed under a conspiracy by the Modi government, on the other hand, unsuccessful attempts are being made to spoil our image at the global level by declaring



Sikhs as terrorists. The Aam Aadmi Party, which was brought to power with the trust of the people during the last assembly elections, is also bent on suppressing the voice of the people under the force of the government rod, following the footsteps of the central government. To get employment, the youth of the state are putting their lives at risk by climbing on top of water tanks and mobile towers and protesting. Farmers are

forced to spend nights on the roads to get their rights. Accusing the central government of discriminating against the Sikh community, he said that on the one hand, the captive Singhs who have completed their sentences are not being released, on the other hand, they should celebrate by releasing the accused of serious crimes like rape and murder on August 15.

are going ! Till now no justice has been found in Deep

## Guru Amar Dass Public School organises orientation in its Primary Wing



JALANDHAR (HARPREET SINGH LEHAL): Under the stewardship of President S. Mohinderjit Singh and all Committee members, orientation programme was organised at Guru Amar Dass Public School, Model Town, Jalandhar for its Primary wing. The orientation programme provided guidelines for the coming session 2024-25, the information regarding the status and work of the school was given to the parents of newly admitted students. Tour de campus was taken. The parents were made familiar with the classrooms, library, science lab, mathematics lab and computer lab.

Principal Dr. Aparana Mehta and Vice Principal Dr. Sonika Singh informed the parents of the students about school routine and activities and wished everyone all the best for the new academic session.

## Opponents are doing false propaganda to save their credibility in Lok Sabha elections: Gill

GURDASPUR (VERMA): Sardar Paramjit Singh Gill, senior leader of Lok Sabha constituency Gurdaspur and national vice president of Himalaya Parivar Organization, said that ever since the government led by Prime Minister Modi has come to power at the Centre, corruption has been curbed and leaders of many political parties are following the law and the Constitution.

Are facing charges accordingly. He said that the tenure of the UPA government was completely steeped in corruption and no development work was done. Gill said that before 2014, the ruling parties in the country had put the people of the country in a difficult situation, where the poor were becoming poorer and no one was getting any facilities, that is why people had rejected such parties. Was completely rejected.

Today the country's authorities are trying to regain their lost political prestige, but the honest and sensible countrymen are not accepting them. He said that in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the countrymen are once again going to form the Modi government with full majority.



## Students of Apeejay College Jalandhar bagged top positions in Guru Nanak Dev University

JALANDHAR: The students of Apeejay College of Fine Arts, Jalandhar continuously strive to reach great heights by developing their personality holistically. The students of B. Voc (Beauty Culture and Cosmetology) Semester 3rd performed well in the University examinations conducted



by Guru Nanak Dev University. Himani stood 2nd by scoring 366/400

marks, Gungun Verma stood 3rd by scoring 365 marks and Jyoti stood 8th by scoring 358 marks. Principal Dr. Neerja Dhingra congratulated the students and wished them luck to move ahead on the path of progress in the future too and made their college and parents proud.

## Annual prize distribution ceremony celebrates at Klasswala Khalsa School Kadia



VERMA  
GURDASPUR, MAR 30

The result of non-board classes in primary and senior wing of Klasswala Khalsa Senior Secondary School, gadian, a famous institution of the area, was announced today. In which Benika, Harjot Kaur and Bavpeet Kaur secured first, second and third position respectively in 11th Science class. In class 11th Arts, Anmol, Muskan and Sneha secured first, second and third position respectively.

Similarly, in class 11th Commerce Jatin Ghai, Kirti Bhagat and Akashdeep Singh secured first, second and third position respectively. In class nine, Ajay Kumar stood first, Manpreet Kaur stood second and Prince Kumar stood third. In class seventh, Sonakshi Raj

stood first, Simranjeet stood second and Manpreet stood third. In the sixth class, Ramman Kumar stood first, Mandeep Kaur stood second and Neha stood third. Similarly, in the primary wing, Lakhwinder Kaur stood first in the fourth class, Pari Goswami stood first in the third class, Jatin Sohail stood first in the second class. Aliya stood first in first class and Tanu stood first in nursery class. On this occasion, School Principal Shalini Sharma, while congratulating the winning students and their parents, said that behind the success of the children, the hard work of the teachers as well as the contribution of their parents is very important, and the children are given more Motivation to work hard and asked to make his parents proud.

## MP Preet Kaur welcomes youth congress prez chaudhary Amandeep Singh into BJP




PATIALA: MP Patiala and former External Affairs Minister Preet Kaur today welcomed Chaudhary Amandeep Singh, the Youth Congress President from Shutrana along with his associates into the Bharatiya Janata Party today. In a statement released here the Patiala MP said, "I am very pleased to welcome Chaudhary Amandeep Singh, the Youth Congress President from Shutrana into the party fold today. The joining of such talented youth leaders goes on to show the trust that our youth has in the policies of our Honourable PM Shri Narendra Modi ji's government."

"These regular joinings into the party have not only strengthened us at the grassroots level, but they have also filled the party cadre with even more confidence. It's very clear that the Bharatiya Janata Party will once again register a huge win in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and I am sure that people of Punjab will choose the BJP as the only

option for the 2027 Vidhan Sabha elections also," she further said. Preet Kaur informed that, "Amandeep Singh had been elected as the Shutrana Youth Congress President twice and he also held the position of Spokesperson of Youth Congress Patiala District.

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3.	3. Richa W/o Gaurav Verma, House No. 243, Dharmpur Colony, Ward No. 7 Pnjore, Kalka, Pincode 134102, Panchkula, Haryana, 134101, India. Ph- 9613440527. Work Address:- Preet Motors, Near Indian Oil Petrol Pump, Kalka, Panchkula, Haryana, Pin Code 134102, Panchkula, Haryana, 134101, India	Auto Loan Facility Under LOAN A/C NOS. UCR004108089199 Manufacturer Mahindra & Mahindra, Mahindra Category C Plus- XUV500 Engine number - HMF4E1118 Chassis number MAJY2HJHFUE15470 Registration No. H4940025	21 <sup>st</sup> -Nov-2023	27 <sup>th</sup> -March -2024	Rs. 12,94,471/- (Twelve Lakhs Ninety-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-One Only)
Date: 31-March-2024, Place:- Chandigarh/Pinjore			Sd/-, (Authorized Officer), Axis Bank Ltd.		



DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES

DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS

DRAW DATE: 30/03/2024

RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 MERCURY SATURDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY

MRP Rs 10/- Per Ticket

1st Prize Amount (10)Rs.10,000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )  
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.500/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.10500/- each)

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2nd Prize Amount (10)Rs.2000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )  
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.200/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.2200/- each)

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3rd Prize Amount (100)Rs.500/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )  
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4th Prize Amount (100)Rs.200/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )  
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Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002			
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Axis Bank Ltd. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.			
NAME OF THE LEGAL HEIRS OF BORROWER / ADDRESS	Co -Borrower And Guarantor Name / Address	PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS	Npa Date
			Date Of Demand Notice
			Outstanding Amount
1. M/s Shivnath Trading Co Through Its Proprietor R/o Shop 51, New Anaj Mandi, Mohna Ballabgarh District-Faridabad Haryana-121004	2. Mr. Megh Nath, S/O Lt. Jile Singh, R/o 4864, Garhi Keshri Ganaur, District Sonapat Haryana -131101, Mrs. Akansha Sharma W/o Nitin, R/o Gali No-1, Shiv Mandir Colony Safiyabad Border,	All that part and parcel of the Commercial shop property having area 111.15 SQ Yards situated at shop no. 51 waka Mauja committee Anaj Mandi Faridabad Haryana-121004 in name of Mrs. Akansha Sharma as per mutation letter dated 21-08-2021 issued by the Market Committee and sale deed registered vaskia no 161 dated 02-07-2021, Boundaries (As Per Document); North - Road, South - Road, East - Shop No. 50, West - Shop No. 52	05-March-2024 14-March-2024
3 Narela North West Delhi Delhi- 110040 4. Mr. Nitin S/o Ramnath R/o Gali No-1, Shiv Mandir Colony Safiyabad Border, Narela North West Delhi Delhi- 110040 5. Mr. Ramnath Sharma S/o Zile Singh R/o Gali No-1, Shiv Mandir Colony Safiyabad Border, Narela North West Delhi Delhi- 110040	1. Mr. Surender Kumar S/o Om Pankash, R/o House No. 49, Ward No. 7 Huda Colony, Cheeka District- Kaithal Haryana -130034 2. Mrs. Santosh W/o Surender Kumar, R/o House No. 49, Ward No. 7 Huda Colony, Cheeka District- Kaithal Haryana -130034	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property plot no. 49 property id No. 186503/183 having area 82.50 Sq. Mtr= 74.75 Sq. Yds., situated at R-11, Huda, Cheeka, Tehsil Gulha, District Karnal vide registered sale deed No.3831/1, dated 17-02-2008. Boundaries (As Per Document): North -As per Sale deed, South - As per Sale deed, East -As per Sale deed, West -As per Sale deed.	Rs. 62,48,277/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven Only) Rs. 60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakh Only)
1. M/s Pankaj Trading Company Through Its Proprietor R/o Plot no. 2 R-1 Huda Colony, Cheeka District- Kaithal Haryana-136034	1. Mr. Surender Kumar S/o Om Pankash, R/o House No. 49, Ward No. 7 Huda Colony, Cheeka District- Kaithal Haryana -130034	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property plot no. 49 property id No. 186503/183 having area 82.50 Sq. Mtr= 74.75 Sq. Yds., situated at R-11, Huda, Cheeka, Tehsil Gulha, District Karnal vide registered sale deed No.3831/1, dated 17-02-2008. Boundaries (As Per Document): North -As per Sale deed, South - As per Sale deed, East -As per Sale deed, West -As per Sale deed.	11-March-2024 12-March-2024
			Rs. 44,43,536/- ( Rupees Forty Four Lakh Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six Only) Rs. 46,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh only)
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules thereunder. Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.			
Dated - 31.03.2024 Place: Karnal			
Authorized Officer Axis Bank Ltd.			



## Anil Vij's taunt on former CM: I won the 2014 elections, Manohar Lal is responsible for not getting majority in 2019

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
AMBALA, MAR 30

Former Home Minister and MLA from Ambala Cantonment Anil Vij said that I made the party win the 2014 elections. For this he fought against Congress for five years. It was I who had put pressure that we should contest elections alone in Haryana, which was accepted by the high command, after which BJP government was formed in the state with majority. After this, on the question of not getting majority in 2019, Vij said that only the former Chief Minister can answer this.

In an interview given to a private channel, Vij said that the sudden decision to change the CM in 2024 was like a bomb shell falling for me. I



regret this. He said that he never said anything to anyone to make himself the CM, but only a capable person should be made the CM, who can work for the welfare of the state and the common people. He said that whatever I could do for the people, I have tried to do it.

A public camp has been organized till 2 am in the night and people's problems have been heard. Anything can happen anytime in politics. Every person should be ready for that. I am a party worker and I do whatever work is given to me. Vij said that he himself had said that he does not want to join the new government but will campaign for the party and will work more for the party than before, no matter what the circumstances are.

## Rs 35 lakh cash found in Haryana number car in Chandigarh



SHIV KUMAR GAUTAM  
CHANDIGARH: Amidst the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Rs 35 lakh cash has been found in a car with Haryana number in Chandigarh. While checking at the naka, police station 36 found this cash. After which the police seized the cash and also seized the car. There were two people including the driver in the car. Both have also been taken into custody by the police and they are being interrogated.

Along with this, Chandigarh Police has given information in this matter to the Income Tax Department and the Election Commission due to the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct. It is be-

lieved that this cash worth lakhs was to be used politically in the elections. However, the police is thoroughly investigating the matter. The police is finding out where so much cash was being carried in the car during the code of conduct and from where and how this cash was brought.

35/36 Block was set up near Small Chowk

It is said that in view of the Lok Sabha elections, Chandigarh Police officials are alert regarding the guidelines of the Election Commission. Where in this series, Police Station 36 had set up a blockade near Sector 35/36 Small Chowk Fragrance Garden. During the blockade, police were checking the incoming and

outgoing vehicles. Meanwhile, a Haryana number Swift Dezire car arrived. The car was being driven by Rajkumar, a resident of Karnal district, Haryana. While another person was sitting with him.

When the police stopped the car and checked it, a total of Rs 35 lakh 21 thousand 071 was found in the car. In which (12,08,000 lakh rupees, which includes 4 notes of 2 thousand rupees, USD-15 thousand, ASD-6 thousand rupees, Pound-7 thousand. When the police questioned both of them about the cash, both of them did not give any satisfactory answer. Could not give and could not show any document or any permission to carry so much cash with him during the code of conduct.

## Record food grain production in the state due to improved technology given by scientists: Prof. B.R. Kamboj

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, MAR 30

Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University organized a seminar on the topic 'Agricultural Scientist - Farmer Dialogue regarding Achievements of Agricultural University'. In the seminar, Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. B.R. Kamboj acted as the chief guest. The programme was presided over by Former Chairman, HSHEC, Panchkula and former Vice-Chancellor, Makhnail Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal and Chairman, Panchnad Research Institute, Chandigarh. The special guest was Jagjit Singh Chhangas, former chairman of Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission. This seminar was organized under the aegis of Panchnad Research Institute & Study Centre and CCSHAU Hisar.

Prof. B.R. Kamboj said that due to the continuous research work done by the scientists of Agricultural University, high technologies and hard work of the farmers, there has been a record increase in the food grain production of the state. Food grain production, which was only 2.59 million tonnes at the time of formation of the state, has increased 7 times to 18.43 million tonnes in the year 2022-23. Haryana state is smaller than other

states in terms of area, whereas it is the second largest state contributing to the central food grains stock. More than 60 percent of the country's Basmati rice is exported from Haryana only. He said that the university is preparing and distributing more than 20 thousand quintals of seeds of different crops to the farmers annually. One of the aims of the university is to bring agricultural technology to the farmers, in this context the university is regularly providing information related to weather forecast and agriculture updates to 6.50 lakh farmers. Apart from this, a data base of 20 farmers from each village of the state has been collected through which agricultural information is being provided.

Prof. Brij Kishore Kuthiala said in his presidential speech that Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University will play an important role in the mission of developed India. Along with establishing dialogue with farmers and youth, he also called for attracting farmers towards agriculture sector and to make agriculture attractive, there is a need for social, economic and psychological change among the youth. It is a matter of great joy that by directly connecting with the farmers, CCSHAU is not only providing new technologies and varieties to the farmers but is also giving

impetus to its research on the basis of feedback on the problems of the farmers. He said that Panchnad will give more momentum to the campaign of starting dialogue with farmers through CCSHAU. He stressed on the balanced use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers in the agricultural sector.

Special guest Jagjit Singh Ghanghas said that agriculture and power sector are very important for the progress of the nation. Apart from providing cheap electricity to the consumers in the state for the last 10 years, electricity is also being provided to the agricultural sector at the rate of 10 paise per unit. He said that about 13 thousand pending agricultural tube wells have also been connected to electricity. Farmers are also being motivated to do irrigation through solar pumps.

Dr. Neeraj Kumar, Dean and Vice President of the College of Basic Sciences & Humanities, thanked everyone who attended the seminar. Mohit Kumar conducted the stage. On this occasion, State Information Commissioner, Haryana and President of Panchnad Research Institute & Study Centre, Hisar, Dr. Jagbir Singh, Media Advisor Dr. Sandeep Arya and Mohit Kumar and many officials of Panchnad Institute, scientists, farmers and students were present.

## Former MLA Lahari Singh lashes out at BJP govt

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, MAR 30

Karnal Congress in-charge and former MLA Lahari Singh and District Convener Trilochan Singh said that the government is conspiring to weaken the Congress by misusing agencies. The new notices received by Congress from the Income Tax (IT) Department worth more than Rs 1,800 crore are another proof of this. Efforts are being made to weaken Congress economically. Both the leaders said that BJP is seriously violating the laws. He said that political parties in India are exempted from the Income Tax Act under Section 13, but only the Congress and other like-minded opposition parties are being selectively targeted by the 'BJP's Income Tax Department'. The party said that BJP itself is violating income tax laws every year. Lahari Singh and Trilochan Singh said that the BJP gov-

ernment, which is giving rise to inflation and unemployment, is diverting attention from these issues. There is panic among the public due to inflation. Due to unemployment, youth are



forced to go abroad to work. Especially a large number of youth from Haryana have migrated abroad. He said that the people have a chance to oust BJP from power in the Lok Sabha elections. People should support Congress to save the country and the Constitution.

## Welfare Society Haryana organises state level meet

RAMAN GUPTA  
KAITHAL , MAR 30

Kaithal officials of Clerical Welfare Society Haryana organized a state level meeting in a private hotel in Kaithal today.

In this representatives of clerk organizations of different departments from 22 districts of Haryana participated and an appeal was made to mobilize in the Lok Sabha elections against the government against its promises.

It is worth noting that in Haryana, these clerks had demonstrated by stopping work for about 42 consecutive days. Their demand was to increase the pay scale of clerks in Haryana from Rs 19,900 to Rs 35,400. For which an agreement was reached between the clerks and the government for Rs 21700.

But today again the representatives of the Clerk Association are opposing the government calling it a

breach of promise. These clerk representatives allege that the government had promised that the rest of their strike, except for one week, would be counted in their attendance.

But the government counted all the days of the



strike as holidays.

Now, to get their point across, these employees are talking about teaching a lesson in the Lok Sabha elections. Now a decision has been taken from the Sarva Samiti that the party which promises to fulfill our demand of Rs 35,400 in its manifesto will be in its favor. We will vote only in this election and will work to teach a lesson to the present government in these elections.

## Vedanta says projects pipeline in place to add \$6 bn to topline, \$2.5-3 bn to EBIDTA

CHANDIGARH: Mining conglomerate Vedanta Ltd has a pipeline of more than 50 active projects and expansions to drive growth, which is expected to generate incremental revenue of over USD 6 billion and incremental USD 2.5-3 billion of annual EBITDA upon completion, a top company executive said at an investor event.

These growth initiatives, which the company categorises into the 'Discovery' stage, 'Concept' stage and 'Execution' stage, are spread out across all Vedanta's business segments - aluminium, zinc, base metals, steel, copper and power.

"We continuously explore options to create additional value at all our sites. We currently have several high-impact projects in execution mode, across all our businesses. These will further contribute to our cost leadership, while substantially increasing our operating capacities. These levers will help drive our EBITDA towards the stated target of USD 7.5 billion annually," the company's vice chairman Navin Agarwal said at the

event. Vedanta is expecting a group EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) of USD 5 billion on revenue of USD 17.5 billion in the current fiscal ending March 31.

Some of the significant projects due for immediate commissioning include a refinery expansion at the Lanjigarh Aluminium facility, which will take its capacity from 2 million tonnes per annum to 5 million tonnes, a 1 million tonnes a year expansion at BALCO, commissioning of the Athena and Meenakshi power plants with an aggregate capacity of 2.2 GW that will take the commercial power portfolio to 5 GW, capacity expansion at Gamsberg Zinc facility to deliver 5,00,000 tonnes MIC, and becoming India's largest ferro-alloys producer with 5,00,000 tonnes a year capacity.

The pipeline of growth projects and initiatives represents the steps that Vedanta is taking towards meeting its ambitious guidance on annual EBITDA, which has been projected to reach USD 7.5 billion in the near term. The group

has guided towards an EBITDA of USD 6 billion in FY25, representing a growth of nearly 35 per cent year-on-year. Billionaire Anil Agarwal-owned Vedanta has a unique portfolio of assets among Indian and global companies with metals and minerals - zinc, silver, lead, aluminium, chromium, copper, nickel; oil and gas; a traditional ferrous vertical, including iron ore and steel; and power, including coal and renewable energy; and is now foraying into the manufacturing of semiconductors and display glass. The company on September 29, 2023, had announced the creation of independent verticals through the demerger of underlying companies, mainly its metals, power, aluminium, and oil and gas businesses to unlock potential value. As part of the vertical split of Vedanta Ltd, shareholders will get one share of each of the newly-listed companies for every one share of Vedanta. After the demerger, the businesses of Hindustan Zinc as well as the display and semiconductor manufacturing units will remain with Vedanta Limited.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
GURUGRAM, MAR 30

Today, the annual examination results of the session 2023-24 were announced in Government Senior Secondary School Sarai Alawardi Gurugram. The annual examination results were jointly announced by the school Principal Mrs. Manju Dua and the Chairperson of the School Management Committee Mrs. Ruby Devi. The stage was conducted by Sonu Sharma, TGT English teacher. Addressing all the students and parents, Sonu Sharma said that the teaching-learning process is a three-dimensional process. In which the responsibility of the parents along with the teacher and the student has also been fixed. Therefore, all of you parents should regularly attend every meeting of the School Management Committee (SMC) and Teacher-Parent (PTM). Parents should constantly be in touch with the subject teacher or class in-charge of fine or online and get the progress report of their children, so that the future of the student can be jointly built with responsibility. The Principal appealed to the present parents and members of the School Manage-



ment Committee to get maximum admissions for the session 2024-25.

In this context, she told everyone that every teacher of the school is regularly going to the field for survey and is working hard to increase the number of students. This will yield pleasant results. It is likely that the number of students in the school will cross 800 in the coming session. The students who secured first, second and third positions in the class were also felicitated. The Principal of the school and the Chairperson of the School Management Committee also felicitated and congratulated the students who achieved special achievements in co-curricular activities (Super-100, Buniyad, NMMS, Adventure Camp Manali, Reading Promotion, Marathon Race, Taekwondo, Boxing etc.) during the session 2023-24. Today, on the occasion of declaration of annual examination results, apart from the members of the School Management Committee and all the staff members, parents were also present in the school. All the parents were given the progress report of their children by the subject teacher or class in-charge.

## IPL 2024 brings Fan Parks for cricket lovers

PATIALA - With whistles, cheering, face painting, shoutouts, crazy stunts, this time it's all about the fans! With the craziest of the fans expressing their love for cricket, players, favourite teams and much more IPL 2024 brings in the fans of the Fan Parks. Touching these fans across 50 cities, the Fan Parks are ready to takeover the IPL fever across the country.

Mr. Amit Sidheshwar, BCCI - Cricket Operations, told that With every breathtaking moment captured on the giant screens, each venue will broadcast the LIVE action giving the stadium-like feel to the fans. None of the fans could miss it as the entry is absolutely free and the fun and excitement will be doubled up with music, merchan-

dise, food stalls, beverages and some fun activations by IPL's official sponsors.

With so much fun, the fans might already feel they are at the stadium cheering for their teams! To add on to the thrill and excitement, the ones' visiting the Fan Parks will be eligible to showcase their fan moment by expressing their love for their favourite team, player or cricket.

Every season turns out to be bigger than before, this time an expected turnout of more than 10 Lakh cricket lovers will be experiencing the craziness at the Fan Parks.

Bring your fandom alive at the nearest Fan Park in your city to witness the hits on the boundaries, the hat-tricks, and spins. Well, the countdown has already begun!

## AkzoNobel announces Rocking Star Yash as new brand ambassador for Dulux Weathershield, launches "It's Colourful. It's Powerful" campaign

CHANDIGARH: AkzoNobel India, a leading Paints and Coatings company and makers of Dulux paints, today welcomes the actor Yash, as the new brand ambassador for its Dulux Weathershield exterior emulsions in India.

Rajiv Rajgopal, Chairman and Managing Director, Akzo Nobel India said, "We're thrilled to welcome the Rocking Star Yash to our family. He perfectly embodies the Dulux Weathershield spirit of unmatched performance and originality that stems from confidence of innovation. A true superstar, Yash has earned the love of millions of fans across India, much like our iconic Dulux Weathershield exterior emulsions."

With Yash on board, AkzoNobel aims to strengthen the association of its flagship Dulux Weathershield exterior emulsions with Indian consumers seeking

high-performance with bold aesthetics.

As superstar Yash elaborates, "Every role brings with it the potential to inspire, captivate, and entertain. My greatest power lies in getting to live up to the expectations of the audience. Much like Dulux Weathershield exterior emulsions, I believe in channeling that power and add colours to the lives of many while staying true to my values. I am happy to bring alive the Dulux Weathershield 'It's Colourful. It's Powerful' story. When life isn't lived monochrome, why should our homes be?"

Crafted by Mullen Lintas Delhi, the campaign begins with a reporter asking Yash how can colourful be powerful. In his true larger-than-life style, Yash rigorously tests Dulux Weathershield Powerflexx across all parameters - relentless sunlight, torrential



rain to extreme sandstorms. With the Triple Defence Technology at its core, every hue of Dulux Weathershield Powerflexx ensures that home exteriors con-



tinue to stay vibrant and protected for longer - that's why "It's Colourful. It's Powerful." Sharing business insights, Rohit Totla, Marketing and Sales Unit Direc-

tor - Paints, Akzo Nobel India said, "For over 25 years, Dulux Weathershield is synonymous with pioneering technologies for home exteriors. Exterior emulsions being one of the largest contributors to AkzoNobel's decorative paint business in India, we aim to turbocharge our consumer connect with the power of Yash, in sync with expansion of our brand footprint." Sharing insights into the "It's Colourful. It's Powerful" narrative, Vandana Krishnia, Marketing Director, Decorative Paints - South Asia, AkzoNobel added, "Be the festivals, celebrations, century old identity of cities such as the Blue City, our homes or our lives - colours are deeply engrained in India's and every Indian's sense of identity. While Dulux Weathershield Powerflexx's powerful credentials are a given, this campaign is about celebrating India's love with colour and who better to highlight this than Yash."



Editorial

Why this sudden concern over protecting judiciary?

Suddenly, a group of about 600 lawyers have appeared on the national scene with the noble aim of protecting the independence of the judiciary from the attacks of a vested interest group, and sought the leadership of the Chief Justice of India to save the day. Interestingly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has joined the chorus and blamed the principal Opposition party for bullying the court.

The charges in the letter to the CJI, dated March 26, are pretty serious. The vested interest group is trying to put pressure on the judiciary and defame courts, especially in cases of corruption involving politicians. These tactics are damaging to our courts and threaten our democratic fabric, the lawyers fear. The group has also concocted the theory of bench fixing which is not just disrespectful and contemptuous but an attack on the honour and dignity of courts, the lawyers said.

They also question the timing of the actions of the group: They do it with very strategic timings, when the nation is all set to head into elections. This remind them of similar antics in 2018-2019 when they took to their 'hit and run' activities, including fabricating wrong narratives.

One would wonder what warranted such an emergency rescue act by the lawyers that is unparalleled in the history of this country. Normally, it is the government of the day that can exert pressure on the judiciary but the petitioners made no such reference. No act of the government is mentioned in the letter either.

While the lawyers refused to identify the so-called vested interest group, the Prime Minister was candid enough to name the Congress, saying to browbeat and bully others is vintage Congress culture. No more than five decades ago had the Congress called for a committed judiciary, the Prime Minister reasoned.

The Prime Minister is right when he dug into the history and brandished the infamous demands made of the judiciary by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her minions. A committed judiciary is a must to further the agenda of the government, her government had said. However, as the Prime Minister himself said it happened some five decades ago when the Congress ruled over the country and its leader was an uncrowned war hero. The Congress, or, for that matter, the entire Opposition combined is in no position to pressure the judiciary, or any instrument of the state, today. In fact, parties in the Opposition have been running pillar to post to retain whatever is left of their own democratic and political rights in the face of the misuse of the law by law enforcement agencies.

Why isn't rising inequality turning into a poll issue?

The view from the penthouse and the pavement is staggeringly different. India's penthouse story is galloping while millions remain poor and 800 million survive on free foodgrains from the government. In 2022, India had 12,495 ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWI), defined as someone with a net worth of \$30 million or more, according to The Wealth Report 2024 by consultancy firm Knight Frank. In 2023, that figure shot up to 13,263, and by 2028, it is expected to become 19,908 -- a 50 per cent jump from 2023, far higher than the global average of a 28.1 per cent rise.

Clearly, India's penthouse dwellers have a lot to celebrate. Significantly, a new working paper from researchers linked to the Paris-based World Inequality Lab points to skyrocketing inequality in the country between 2014-15 and 2022-23, when the rise of top-end inequality has been particularly pronounced in terms of wealth concentration. By 2022-23, the top one per cent income and wealth shares (22.6% and 40.1%) are at their highest historical levels; India's top one per cent income share is among the very highest in the world, higher than even South Africa, Brazil, and the United States, notes the paper, titled Income and Wealth Inequality in India, 1922-2023: The Rise of the Billionaire Raj.

Authored by Nitin Kumar Bharti, Lucas Chancel, Thomas Piketty and Anmol Somanchi, economists affiliated with the World Inequality Lab (WIL), it flags income inequality in 2022-2023. The top one per cent earn on average Rs 5.3 million, 23 times the average Indian (Rs 0.23 million), while the average incomes for the bottom 50 per cent and the middle 40 per cent stood at Rs 71,000 (0.3 times the national average) and Rs 165,000 (0.7 times the national average) respectively. At the very top of the distribution, the richest (approximately) 10,000 individuals (of 920 million Indian adults) earn



on average Rs 480 million (2,069 times the average Indian), it says. Inequality is not news in India. What is remarkable, however, is its escalation in recent years. It would take 941 years for a minimum wage worker in rural India to earn what the top paid executive at a leading Indian garment company earns in a year, says Oxfam, a leading NGO.

Why do so many Indians embrace the India Soaring story when it is not soaring for everyone? In fact, in a country where the

median age is 28, the share of manufacturing, which could generate lots of jobs, has come down to 13 per cent of the overall GDP, compared with 28 per cent in China, according to The World Bank. Even as good times roll for billionaires, India's Human Development Index (HDI) rank is 134 out of 193 countries, according to the UN Development Programme. This, despite numerous government welfare schemes in the past decade and earlier. Many of India's South

Asian neighbours fare better -- Bangladesh ranks 129, Bhutan 125 and Sri Lanka 78 on HDI. All the jaw-dropping data about inequality points to distress on the ground. The glaring cleavage between the distressed and the dazzling, a wafer-thin minority among the super-rich, however, has not translated into a potent political issue as India heads for a general election next month.

Arguably, absolute poverty is coming down if you go by official figures.

Literature & Health

How mental health could predict younger women's heart health

Heart diseases are generally associated with older adults but the recent increase in heart attacks in young people shows it might be time to revisit the assumption. Now, a new study has found that mental health issues such as anxiety or depression could accelerate the development of cardiovascular risk factors among young and middle-aged women.

The study, presented at the American College of Cardiology's Annual Scientific Session, found that younger women with anxiety or depression were nearly twice as likely to develop high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes over a 10-year period compared to those who did not have these mental health conditions. This puts them nearly on par with men of the same age in terms of heart disease risk, a press statement revealed.

Young women are often thought of as safe from risks of cardiovascular disease due to the protective effects of estrogen, says study author Giovanni Civieri. "But this study suggests that if a younger woman has depression or anxiety, we should start screening for cardiovascular risk factors to reduce the inci-



dence of cardiovascular disease," Civieri said in the statement. For the study, researchers examined the health records of 71,214 people participating in the Mass General Brigham Biobank, a research program of the Mass General Brigham health system. People who had heart disease or were diagnosed with anxiety or depression after the study began were excluded, the statement elaborated. The findings showed that during a 10-year follow-up period, 38% of participants developed high blood pressure, high cholesterol and/or diabetes.

Banks' GNPA's set to improve further to 2.1% by FY25: Report

The gross non-performing assets (GNPA) of the Indian banking system are set to improve further to up to 2.1 per cent by the end of FY25, a report said on Friday. GNPA's are likely to come at 2.5-2.7 per cent in FY24 and will improve further to 2.1-2.4 per cent by the end of FY25, domestic rating agency Care Ratings said in the report.

It can be noted that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) began the comprehensive exercise in the middle of the last decade by instructing banks to classify certain stressed assets as NPA's so that the balance sheets represent a true picture.

The rating agency also flagged a list of downside risks, which may result in its estimate not coming true, including a material weakening in asset quality due to the elevated interest rates, the impact of regulatory changes, a



tighter liquidity environment and global issues.

It said GNPA's surged to 11.2 per cent in FY18 from 3.8 per cent in FY14 due to the AQR process of 2015-16, which pushed banks to recognise NPA's and reduce unnecessary restructuring and added that the stress was em-

anating from the exposure to big-ticket wholesale advances.

Starting from FY19, GNPA's have been seeing an improvement and touched a decadal low of 3.9 per cent in FY23 and were at 3 per cent in the December quarter of FY24.

POEMS

Only Thee

That I want thee, only thee---let my heart repeat without end. All desires that distract me, day and night, are false and empty to the core.

As the night keeps hidden in its gloom the petition for light, even thus in the depth of my unconsciousness rings the cry ---‘I want thee, only thee’.

As the storm still seeks its end in peace

when it strikes against peace with all its might,

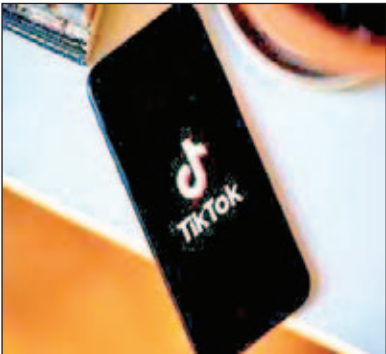
even thus my rebellion strikes against thy love

and still its cry is ---‘I want thee, only thee’.

Getting the news from TikTok and social media: Will bid to ban work?

For many decades of my short and happy life, gentle reader, I believed that TikTok was the infantile representation of the sound that clocks make. And now I am disabused of this notion as I discover that it is in fact, according to some American and British media, a sinister social-exchange platform owned indirectly by the Communist Party of China to subvert the minds of millions of Western youngsters and even gullible oldies.

A recent American poll concludes that the majority of teenagers and young people get their news and comments on current affairs from TikTok. I must admit I am, in regard to the social media, what another generation calls a dinosaur (my favourite species name, when I acknowledge being such, would be Ithi-



keesaurus) -- like Britain's foreign secretary David Cameron who is reputed to have concluded that LOL meant Lots of Love.

Following the statistic alleging that young people in America get their news and views from TikTok, there has been a move in the Senate and the House of Representatives to ban the platform. The move has met with divided opinion. Those in favour of a ban argue that the CPC could brainwash the country's youth and that would be detrimental, dangerous and disastrous. Others argue against the ban, saying it would be an assault on free-speech -- but those are the liberals. Donald Trump and the fellow Vivek Ramaswamy who had stood as a Republican candidate for the presidency are against the ban. Why? Surprise, surprise!

Because Jeff Yaas, a donor of millions of dollars to the Republican Party and to Donald Trump's campaigns, owns 15 per

cent shares in ByteDance, the company that owns TikTok.

This is actually a bit of a surprise-surprise as Mr Trump, when he was President, proposed banning TikTok as his government alleged that it posed a security risk. But donors of course speak louder than the CIA?

As I confessed to start with, I have never accessed TikTok -- or for that matter any other of these platforms. In fact, the editor of my about-to-be-published novel, Deccan Queen -- Take Two, had asked for my handles on the social media. I don't know what these are and have told him so. But if TikTok is telling American and European younger generations that the genocide in Gaza is wrong, I am myself against the ban -- even though Jeff Yaas hasn't do-

minated a dollar to forward my campaign to be Baron Dhondy of Sachapir.

But perhaps TikTok is for the invasion of Ukraine by Russia -- as Mr Trump has hinted that he may be. In which case I am for banning the platform from the UK and India too.

The ownership of media by foreigners is something that is at present occupying the British media and Hedgie Soongone's government. The particular case involves two newspaper titles, The Daily Telegraph and the weekly magazine The Spectator. They are at present owned by the billionaire Barclay family, whose billionaire status has run into some trouble as they owe Lloyd's Bank a fair proportion of what they own. They propose to sell the two publications and the highest bidder who

has declared an intention to buy them is an American media conglomerate financed by the United Arab Emirates, and specifically Abu Dhabi.

Horror of horrors! Arabs, Muslims, possibly-anti-Israeli-genocide-wallas owning the ultra-right titles?

Surely the Soongone government has, as every columnist and cry-baby hypocrite of the Torygraph and pathetically and dishonestly right-focused Spectator demands, should move to ban these potentially subversive foreigners from owning a UK media outlet?

Never mind the fact that the same government is very happy to allow Middle Eastern despot to invest billions in the UK and to sell them armaments? Hey, business is business?



## Drain dug two months ago did not repair properly causing problems to people

**SHANTI GAUTAM**  
**BADDI:** In ward number two of Baddi, the Jal Shakti Department has dug up the lane but has not repaired it due to which the two-wheeler drivers were facing a lot of trouble. Local people have to bear the brunt of lack of coordination between departments. In ward number two of Baddi, interlock tiles were installed in the street three months ago. Meanwhile, dirty water started coming into the houses of some people. On which people informed this problem to Jal Shakti Department. Jal Shakti Department estimated that water from some external flow was getting mixed with drinking water due to which this water contaminated. Due to this, the department dug up the new street and checked the drain. This rectified the problem of water. But it was not brought back to the same condition due to which two-wheeler drivers were falling here. People walking on foot were also stumbling in the dark. Villagers Dipu Ashok Sharma, Dheeraj, Charanjeet, Bhupender, Aman, Puneet, Dharamveer, Pawan Sharma and Pramod told that the Jal Shakti Department has dug the lane but has forgotten to repair it. Now the people here have to bear the brunt of this. After many years, the street was paved and not even two months had passed since it was paved, when the Jal Shakti Department dug it up. Local people have demanded to get it repaired. On the other hand, JE Baljeet Singh of Jal Shakti Department said that he would repair it soon.

## Former Congress MLA passes away

**SHIMLA:** Former Nahan Congress MLA Tekchand Dogra passed away this morning, State Scheduled Caste Department Vice President Brahmadas Chauhan informed. He was 72. Dogra was elected four times from the Nahan constituency of Mandi district in Himachal Pradesh between 1985 to 2012. He took voluntary retirement from the post of teacher in 1985 and joined politics. He contested Assembly elections seven times and was elected four times.

## Jai Ram Thakur continuously aiming for CM's chair: Prem Kaushal

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR:** Responding to the claims made by the opposition leader Jai Ram Thakur regarding the formation of two BJP governments on June 4, Pradesh Congress Chief Spokesperson Prem Kaushal issued a statement saying that Jai Ram Thakur suffers from the illness of having divine dreams, and that's why he continuously dreams of the Chief Minister's chair during the day. Kaushal stated that the BJP's conspiracy to overthrow the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh has completely failed. After the six assembly by-polls, the Congress government in the state will strengthen because the voters of the state will not support BJP's politics of manipulation and money power.

## Independents will now be judged by the public: Rohit Sharma

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR:** Akhil Bharatiya Rashtriya Congress district spokesperson Rohit Sharma, an advocate, while countering the statement of Independent MLA Ashish Sharma from Sadar Hamirpur, stated that Jan Nayak Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has scripted a new saga of development for the common people of Himachal Pradesh in the last 14 months. The Sukhu government has fulfilled 5 promises from its party's manifesto within just 14 months. The common people know that Chief Minister Sukhu has upheld a zero tolerance policy against illegal mining and drug trafficking in the state since the first day of taking oath. Is Independent MLA Ashish Sharma dissatisfied with the Sukhu government due to strict actions against illegal mining? Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has been involved in politics for the welfare of the common man for the last 30 years without indulging in business politics. Are the foundation stone laying ceremonies and inaugurations done in the interest of public welfare not visible to the Independent MLA? It is also true that provisions made for Himachal Pradesh's development in the budget, such as the Hamirpur Cancer Hospital, modern bus stand, milk processing plant, and crores of rupees allocated for the development of Hamirpur, have been overlooked. It is also true that every child of the state knows that Thakur Sukhwinder Singh has always been sympathetic to every common Himachali. The attempts made by the BJP to destabilize the government by purchasing Himachal Pradesh MLAs will never succeed, no matter how hard the BJP's top leadership tries.

## AGENCY SHIMLA, MAR 30

Rain, snowfall, windstorms, and lightning hit many places in Himachal Pradesh in the past 24 hours, disrupting vehicular traffic, power, water supply, and communication services in the state.

According to District Administration Lahaul Spiti Dhumdhi, the area around South Portal is witnessing heavy snowfall, and the road from South Portal up to Solang Nallah is not fit for any type of traffic.

The district administration ordered the tourists and locals last evening to execute vulnerable spots like rivers and avalanche-prone areas.

Many vehicles are stopped at the south pole of Rohtang Tunnel as it is heavily snowing in the entire Lahaul Spiti district. Higher reaches, including Rohtang



Pass, Lady of Keylong, Seven Sisters Hills, Sachpass, Manimesh, Dhauladhar Range, and Kinner Kailash Ranges, were getting snowfall.

Shimla and its surrounding areas, including tourist resorts Kufri, Narkanda, Mashobra, Dhani, and Jubberhati, were hit by 50 km per hour of thunderstorms, which disrupted the power supply in most places.

Till noon, power and

water supplies couldn't be restored in large numbers at stations. Three rainy spells also ended a month-long dry spell, and the temperature also declined below normal.

Reports of thunderstorms and rain showers were received from many places in the state. Dark clouds are hovering over the sky, and inclement weather conditions are likely to continue until tomorrow.

IMD issued an orange and yellow alert in the state,

and heavy rain or snowfall may occur in a few places. Warning: high-speed winds may disrupt the power supply in the state.

Issuing an orange alert, IMD said there is a chance of light to moderate precipitation accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty wind (40-50 kmph) likely at most places in the districts of Sirmour, Solan, Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Shimla, and Kullu, with the possibility of hail at isolated places.

Light to moderate precipitation at most places in the districts of Chamba, Kinnaur, Lahaul, and Spiti

Increasing cold waves and plummeting Mercury are also likely to delay the snow clearance works on Manali-Leh National Highway and other local snowbound roads. Tourists and locals are cautioned to drive carefully in the snow-prone areas and ensure the clearance of roads.

## Shock to the public before elections, increase in medicine prices

**SHANTI GAUTAM**  
**BADDI:** Before the Lok Sabha elections, the general public is about to face a slight shock of inflation. Starting from April 1st, there will be an increase in the prices of essential medicines, including painkillers, antibiotics, and infection-fighting drugs. The National Pharmaceutical

Pricing Authority (NPPA) has announced a 0.0055 percent annual increase in the prices of drugs included in the national list of essential medicines from April 1st. This increase is according to the annual change in the Wholesale Price Index. Some painkillers, antibiotics, and infection-fighting drugs, along with other essential

medicines, will see a slight increase in prices from April 1st. According to a notice issued by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), the central government has approved a 0.0055 percent increase in the prices of drugs listed under the national list of essential medicines.

## BJP leaders stopped the economic assistance coming to HP: CM

### DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 30

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhoo has said that the current state government provided shelter to more than 25,000 affected families without the help of the central government, while BJP leaders also played politics during the disaster. He said that Himachal Pradesh faced unprecedented natural disasters during the rainy season last year, with heavy rains causing floods and landslides causing significant damage to life and property.

He said that despite limited financial resources, the state government issued a special relief package of Rs 4,500 crore to assist affected families. Despite the unprecedented disaster in the state, the central government did not provide any special financial package to help affected families rebuild their lives. The BJP leaders in



Himachal Pradesh showed their anti-state face during the disaster.

He said that instead of helping the affected families, BJP leaders continued to block the central government's economic assistance. When the state government proposed to declare the disaster in Himachal Pradesh a national disaster in the assembly, BJP MLAs kept talking big for three days. But when it came time to vote in favor of the proposal, BJP MLAs stood against it.

The statements and

actions of BJP leaders have come before the people, and the truth of BJP leaders is known to the people of the state. Meanwhile, the state government has increased the assistance amount for completely damaged houses from Rs 1.30 lakh to Rs 7 lakh, for partially damaged raw houses from Rs 6,000 to Rs 1 lakh, for shop or dhaba losses from Rs 25,000 to Rs 1 lakh, and for cowsheds from Rs 3,000 to Rs 50,000.

He said that the government is providing monthly assistance of Rs 5,000 in rural areas and Rs 10,000 in urban areas to disaster-affected people as rent. In addition to this, the state government is also providing disaster-affected families with ration at government rates, free gas connections, free electricity and water connections, and cement at government rates. He said that the current state government is a government of the common people, and public service is the sole objective.

## BJP has leaders, intention, and leadership, while sinking Cong is in front: Shrikant

### DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 30

The inaugural meeting of the Una district's BJP State and Parliamentary Constituency Election Management Committee was held at the Una headquarters under the chairmanship of BJP State President Dr. Rajeev Bindal. In the meeting, the election in-charge of Himachal Pradesh, Shrikant Sharma, Deputy In-charge Sanjay Tandon, State Organizational Minister Siddharthan, Minister of Organization Prof. Sikandar Kumar, and Bihari Lal Sharma were present. Addressing the meeting, BJP State President Dr. Rajeev Bindal said that political events are ongoing in Himachal Pradesh, and it is significant that the Congress, which had 43 MLAs, has now reduced to 34. This is a big deal,



and it has only been possible because there is a crisis in the Congress government of Himachal Pradesh. Currently, there are 6 or 9 upcoming by-elections, and in this meeting, we resolve that we will win all 9 assembly by-elections. Due to this entire series of events, a tsunami has hit the Congress camp, government, and party, as a result of which Congress is not even finding candidates for the Lok Sabha elections today. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu is in complete distress

about what to do now. BJP has full confidence that in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Himachal Pradesh, we will win all 4 Lok Sabha seats, we are progressing, and we are going to cross 400 seats in the country. In the meeting, Bindal also provided information about the election calendar, which includes important events such as SC Morcha, Mahila Morcha, Pradhan Up-Pradhan, MLA, OBC, Minority Sammelan, Booth Victory, Beneficiary Contact

Campaign, Foundation Day, New Year, Ram Navami, Ambedkar Jayanti, etc. All coordinators of parliamentary constituencies have already been appointed, and now coordinators for each legislative assembly will also be appointed in view of the upcoming by-elections. BJP Deputy In-charge Sanjay Tandon said that BJP has worked and will continue to work. BJP will work to reach its achievements through the Mass Contact Campaign, and they will make efforts to connect with every social group through special contact programs. The central government has approved Rs 518.90 crore for Package-4 of the Samdo-Kaza-Gramphu section of the Lahaul-Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh. This road connects the Manali-Leh and Hindustan-Tibet routes.

## Chaitanya Sharma vows to develop Gagret: Abhishek Sharma

### AVINASH CHAUHAN

**AMB:** Abhishek Sharma, in a press conference on Saturday from the Gagret assembly, stated that Chaitanya Sharma has staked his future on the development and rights of Gagret because he has only one vision, to make Gagret great. In this vision, residents of Gagret should be provided with all kinds of facilities, be it health, education, or employment. The current Congress government had kept Gagret on the sidelines, causing our Gagret assembly to lag behind. This prevented the fulfillment of people's aspirations. You can estimate from this that attempts were being made for the past 6 months just to fill some government positions, which this government did not do. Along with this, the condition of our government schools is evident to all of you; this was the government's attitude, not to allocate budgets to any department, which led to pending work. There are many such tasks on which the present government did



not pay attention for one and a half years. Like earlier, it was said to give 15 hundred rupees to every woman; now it has been said to give only selected women 15 hundred rupees. There are many such issues, but the public had to demand answers from the legislator. I understand that the step taken by Chaitanya Sharma is for the development works and rights of Gagret. Taking such a step at the age of 28 by a young legislator is not everyone's cup of tea. Some Congress leaders are engaged in tarnishing Chaitanya Sharma's image without reason and without basis. Chaitanya Sharma will soon bring all those individuals in front of the people of Gagret with full evidence. The people of Gagret have already blessed Chaitanya Sharma. Now that he has joined the BJP, Chaitanya Sharma is once again in the electoral arena for the rights and development of Gagret, and I am fully confident that the people will support Chaitanya Sharma again and will send him to Shimla with more votes than last time.

### SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAR 30

Rajneesh Padha, son of former District General Secretary of Congress Committee and former Dharamshala MLA Mulraj Padha, while talking to journalists, said that his father had served as MLA in Dharamshala. He said that he too has served Congress on various posts for many years. Rajneesh said that the tactics used by BJP against the government are going to harm him. He said that Himachal Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu played an important role in the development of the state and also in dealing with natural disasters. Rajneesh Padha told that representatives of half a dozen Panchayats of



Dharamshala are also with him in the press conference. He said that the high command should now field the workers working on the ground and no parachute leader should be given a ticket, so that the present situation does not happen again. He alleged that in the high command should now guard against defecting leaders. The former General Secretary said that while enumerating the names of dozens of

officials and workers in Dharamshala, he said that the said people have spent their entire lives with the Congress Party, only such people should be brought forward. He said that everyone supported the former MLA, but he has kept his doors closed to the public. The son of the former MLA said that only one former Congress MLA has joined another party, while other officials are standing with the Congress.

## Electoral expenses should be imposed on those contesting by-elections: Dr. Pushpendra

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR:** In the Hamirpur assembly constituency, Congress candidate Dr. Pushpendra, who contested in the previous assembly elections, has countered the statements of BJP candidates and MLA Ashish Sharma regarding the by-election. Addressing a press conference in Hamirpur, Pushpendra Verma questioned the compulsion behind the resignations of independents. The burden of the by-election has been imposed on the public. There should be an investigation into the circumstances under which these resignations are being tendered. The mentality of those betraying Congress is purely opportunistic. The electoral expenses should be imposed on these leaders according to the law. He said that Congress and the people of Hamirpur are not cowardly. Congress is not afraid of the by-elections. The people of Hamirpur are warriors



and fully prepared for the elections. Those who desert from the front are being called deserters, which is wrong. These people are betrayers who betray the party behind their backs. The public will show these leaders their worth in the elections. In Hamirpur, CM Sukhu has accelerated development works. Work on the long-delayed bus stand has started at the ground level. Crores of rupees have been approved for this bus stand. He said that CM Sukhu had announced the construction of Gandhi Chowk. This project is being constructed at a cost of 55 crores. Projects worth 45 crores are being constructed in the Hamirpur assembly constituency by the Public Works Department. Major projects are also being constructed under the Jal Shakti Department. Under the electricity board, 20 crore worth of electricity lines have been laid underground. Making excuses for the lack of development is not logical.

### SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAR 30

Elections are also to be held, keeping this in mind, the state executive meeting of Youth Congress was organized in Dharamshala on Saturday. In which state UNC in-charge Vineet Kamboj, co-in-charge Yogesh Handa, working president Yadupati Thakur and all the district heads and Assembly Speakers participated. Youth Congress State President Negi Nigam Bhandari said that Youth Congress will go among the public on the issue of employment in the Lok Sabha



elections. The Modi government at the Center had talked about providing employment to 2 crore youth every year, but despite this, unemployment is continuously increasing in the country and the state, in such a situation, BJP will be

cornered if it does not fulfill the promise of employment. Also, in every election, BJP talks about reducing inflation, but instead of decreasing, inflation is continuously increasing. In the two terms of the NDA government, inflation has been 3 times

higher than that of the UPA government, while the central government has failed to reduce inflation. The BJP had talked about cracking down on corruption, but the BJP has committed corruption in the name of electro bonds. Democracy has been murdered by the Central Government by arresting Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal. The accounts of opposition parties have been frozen. By communicating with the youth, they will be told about the deception done by the Centre. UNC state president said that soon the Congress high command will announce

the candidates for Lok Sabha and by-elections. The names of the candidates have been discussed in the recently held meeting. Youth Congress has presented the names of youth leaders before the high command for the Lok Sabha and by-elections. Wherever by-elections are to be held, Youth Congress has candidates, in such a situation the youth will also be advocated for tickets in front of the Youth Congress in-charge. We have full hope that the leaders of the United Congress will be fielded from somewhere in the Lok Sabha or by-elections.



## Success of Cab Captains celebrated in Chandigarh

**CHANDIGARH:** Rapido organised a Rewards & Recognition ceremony in Chandigarh, to appreciate the tremendous value that its Captains create by their sheer resilience and hard work. More than 200 captains attended the event, which highlighted their important role in making Rapido successful. Expressing his views during the occasion, Pavan Guntupalli, Co-Founder of Rapido, said, "Our captains come first in Rapido's priority, and we have always been committed to think and act for their well-being. Our association with captains have helped many to manage their financial challenges. Today, most of them are better placed with a steady income source. Our endeavors have always focused towards empowering the captains and fostering a secure growth journey."

## Karamveer Singh wins third position at North East Zone Karate Inter University Championship

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI:** Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar proudly celebrates the achievement of Karamveer Singh, a third-year BSc Sports student, who secured the THIRD POSITION in the North East Zone Karate Inter University Championship held at Punjab University, Chandigarh. Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to Karamveer Singh for his exceptional performance, highlighting his dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Dr. Bodhraj, Dean of the Department of Physical Education, along with Head Dr. Ranjit Singh, praised Karamveer's outstanding talent and skill in karate, underscoring the importance of sports in fostering discipline, determination, and leadership qualities among students.

**Karamveer Singh** for his exceptional performance, highlighting his dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Dr. Bodhraj, Dean of the Department of Physical Education, along with Head Dr. Ranjit Singh, praised Karamveer's outstanding talent and skill in karate, underscoring the importance of sports in fostering discipline, determination, and leadership qualities among students.

## New World Travel refused at least 2 times, get visitor visa in 14 days



**KARNPREET KARAN BARNALA:** New World Travel Barnala, a reliable organization for immigration and air tickets, is bringing a large number of students to study in Canada, the country of their dreams. MD Lakhvir Singh, Managing Advocate Gurpreet Thind said that under this series, Pritam Singh and his wife Baljinder Kaur, residents of village Pind Chingha of District Barnala, had their visa rejected twice, and New World Travel Barnala issued a visitor visa in just 14 days. gone! He said that before this, all types of visas are issued in a very short time under the study, visitor and spouse visa system of Canada, Australians and UK, due to quality and standing and answering every test of those who want to go abroad. Students are earning their good jobs by studying and working in European countries through "New World" organization, which has become the first choice of students!

## SDM Kohli inspects seasonal arrangements ahead of wheat season



**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON:** As the wheat season is set to commence on 1st April, SDM Jagraon Gurbir Singh Kohli visited new grain market of Jagraon in order to inspect prior arrangements. He inspected the main yard as well as other necessary arrangements to ensure that the wheat season is conducted smoothly without any hindrance. Market committee Jagraon secretary Kamalpreet Singh Kalsi, Ravinder Pabbi and other officials, accompanied him. SDM Kohli expressed satisfaction on arrangements made by the officials and said that in Jagraon necessary instructions have been issued to all concerned officials to ensure all necessary arrangements for farmers, labourers and everybody involved in smooth conduct of season. "We aim to conduct sale and purchase of wheat smoothly," he added. Market committee Jagraon secretary Kalsi briefed him about the arrangements made by the department for wheat season. Kalsi assured that the market committee is prepared well for the wheat season and farmers will not have to face any inconvenience during the wheat season. "All necessary arrangements including electricity, toilets, water supply and other essential facilities shall be made available," he mentioned.

## Need to speed up efforts to identify TB patients: Kulwant Singh

**JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITU:** "For the success of TB free India campaign, Asha should identify the TB patients and bring them to the government health institutions and for this sincerity Efforts need to be made." These views were expressed by District Mass Media and Information Officer Faridkot Kulwant Singh at World TB at CHC Bajakhana. T.B. conducted in connection with the day. Addressing Asha and nursing students during the Mukta Bharat awareness event. Under the orders of the Health Department and the guidelines issued by Civil Surgeon Faridkot Dr. Maninder Pal Singh and under the leadership of Dr. Sandeep Singla, Senior Medical Officer of Health Buland Bajakhana, an awareness program was conducted under the ongoing awareness program on the occasion of World TV Day at CHC Bajakhana in which District Mass Media and Information Officer Faridkot Kulwant Singh arrived as the keynote speaker. While



addressing, he said that the Government of India has launched a national TB program. Under the elimination program, India will be free of TB by 2025. The goal of getting rid of the disease has been set under which TB will be eradicated across the country. Awareness is being created about the disease. Medical Officer Dr. Avtarjit Singh Gondara said that T.B. The disease spreads when the bacteria exhaled by an infected person enters the body of a healthy person.

**JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITU, MAR 30**

For the convenience of the voters of Punjab during the Lok Sabha Elections-2024, the Election Commission of India has recognized 12 other official documents as proof of identity apart from photo identity card for voters to vote on June 1, 2024. Any one of these documents can

be carried by the voter to the polling station as his identity. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner cum District Election Officer Mr. Vineet Kumar. He said that the voter slip issued for the convenience of voters cannot be presented as an identity card for voting. He said that according to the instructions of the Election Commission of India, those voters who are not able to present the election photo identity card can present 12

## 'ECI allows journalists on election duty to vote through postal ballot'

**RAKESH JINDAL NABHA:** The Election Commission of India has allowed media personnel from Punjab on duty to cover election day to vote through postal ballot in Lok Sabha Elections 2024. Giving more information in this regard, Chief Electoral Officer of Punjab Sabin C said that

according to the notification issued by the Commission, media workers and officials/employees of other departments of the state government recognized by the Commission for the coverage of the voting day of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Under section 60 (c)

can vote through postal ballot. Sabin C further informed that as per the notification, the Election Commission of India has notified the staff of 6 government departments of the Punjab Government as well as the journalists accredited by the Commission to vote through postal ballot

which is an essential service for the coverage of the voting day. will be engaged as employees. He said that local government department (fire services), transport department (drivers, conductors, workshop staff, operation staff and officers posted at district level.

# IT Dept should penalise BJP of Rs 4,600 cr: Congress

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAR 30**

Accusing the Income Tax Department of being soft towards the BJP, the Congress on Friday demanded that for level playing fields, the department should penalise the ruling party of Rs 4,600 crore using the same sections that it was using for the grand old party. Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Congress party Treasurer Ajay Maken, who was accompanied by general secretary in-charge communication Jairam Ramesh said, "Congress is planning to file a PIL at appropriate court and demand Rs 4,600 crore from the BJP". "While the BJP was given exemption under the guise of IT rules the Department on the other hand was harassing the



Congress party under the same rule," the Congress leader said. He said that if the IT can penalise the Congress, it should also penalise the BJP for violation of rule as the party faces a penalty of Rs 4,600 crore in seven years. "Our demand is that the Income Tax Department should send a similar notice as it has sent to us to the BJP

of Rs 4,600 crore," Maken added. The Congress party Treasurer said, "The government was blatantly and shamefully using the IT Department to penalise the Congress. This is nothing but a way to financially handicap the main Opposition party of the country. With such an act can 2024 be called a free and fair election anymore?".

Maken said that the Congress party had thoroughly analysed the data from the Election Commission's website, and found some sensational details which shows the government was engaged into some tax terrorism.

"The BJP-ruled IT Department has so far forcibly taken out Rs 135 crore from our bank accounts, due to an alleged Rs 14 lakh non-compliance demand against the Congress. This amount was recovered by freezing over Rs 270 crore of our bank balance," the party Treasurer said. He further alleged that, there was no name or address of those who donated Rs 42 crore to BJP and the government's frontal organisation -- the IT Department-- has failed to take action on the ruling party.

**BUREAU PATHANKOT, MAR 30**

A special meeting of AAP leaders and workers was held at Pathankot Lamini under the chairmanship of District Youth President "AAP" Abhi Sharma. In which MLA and Punjab President Aam Aadmi Party Manjinder Singh Lalpura was present as the chief guest while constituency in-charge Vibhuti Sharma was specially present. Addressing the meeting, MLA Manjinder Singh Lalpura said that the arrest of Aam Aadmi Party convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the ED is completely unconstitutional and is being strongly condemned all around. Lalpura said that the arrest of Arvind Kejriwal by the ED on the behest of the Modi government at the center is completely wrong and the people of the entire country know this. He said that the youth are completely standing with Kejriwal like a rock. He said that seeing the



popularity of AAP, Prime Minister Narinder Modi is completely panicked and it is on his instructions that Aam Aadmi Party convener Arvind Kejriwal has been appointed as ED Arrested. Lalpura said that with the Aam Aadmi Party becoming a national party, the opposition parties have lost their sweat and the Aam Aadmi Party has not only sweated in fulfilling the demands of the people, building mohalla clinics, making progress in the field of education but also all the guarantees. have completed Which has surprised the BJP and the central government

has no other option but to tarnish the image of the Aam Aadmi Party by adopting new false tricks. Addressing on this occasion, Abhi Sharma said that in just 10 years, Aam Aadmi Party has achieved a position which no other party could achieve on the basis of its development activities and guarantees and instead of competing with Aam Aadmi Party now The opposition parties are adopting various tricks to spoil the image of Aam Aadmi Party, but these parties do not know that the public has become fully aware and is going to respond to it in the Lok Sabha elections.

## 3 drug peddlers arrested with heroin and opium

**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON:** District Ludhiana rural police is successfully carrying out an anti-drug campaign under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains. Under this campaign, police has arrested 3 drug peddlers with heroin and opium. DSP Jasjyot Singh giving detailed information about the case, said that police team led by inspector Kikkar Singh and ASI Sukhdev Singh received information about drug peddlers Gurjant Singh and Harchand Singh who peddle opium from other states into Punjab. "The accused were heading towards Jagraon from Dharamkot when police received information about them. As the information was trustworthy, police established a naka near Amargarh Kaler and arrested them successfully," he added. Singh informed that police recovered 2 kg opium from the accused. "In another case, ASI Dharaminder Singh led police team was present near Sidhwan Bet river for routine patrolling when they noticed a motorcycle approaching from Sidhwan Bet side and signalled him to stop but the youngster hesitated and tried to escape. Police managed to arrest him and identified him as Baljinder Singh," he mentioned.



**KARNPREET KARAN BARNALA, MAR 30**

Havan yag was held during the 8th tribute ceremony of founder Abhay Oswal ji at the 58-acre luxury residential and commercial building project of Abhay Oswal township in Barnala, in which property dealers including plot holders participated. On reaching Oswal Township, he was warmly welcomed on this occasion while paying tribute to Dr. Gagandeep Singh District President Indian Medical Association along with Project Head Balwinder Sharma, Ashutosh Bharadwaj, Cloninger Rupinder Ahluwalia, Raj Dhola, Nishu Modi Vijay Kumar attended and The social and commercial accomplishments found by them were remembered! First



of all Pandit ji presented flowers of devotion to him in front of his statue, after that Havan Yag was performed and prayers were offered to God! On this occasion, his contemporary and Finance Secretary Abhay Oswal Township Narinder Sharma said that Abhay Oswal had big visions from a social and commercial point of view. He was present with the Ran Basera built by him for 1500 families on Daba Road in Ludhiana. Even today, his wife Aruna Oswal is watching his dreams day and night. His life

is dynamic and optimistic. Today, the Oswal family is flourishing due to the hard work that they put in! On this occasion, Mr. Anil Khanna, Vice President of Abhay Oswal Township, said that Abhay Oswal Township is the project of his dreams, where today his 8th commemoration ceremony has been conducted with devotion through Havan Yag! The Oswal family and our entire team are working diligently to fulfill the dreams of Center Green in Ludhiana and Abhay Oswal in Barnala!

## Police to keep checking on bad elements: DSP Rana



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## National Moot Court competition conducted at Rayat Bahra College of Law

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, MAR 30**

National Moot Court Competition was organized at Rayat Bahra College of Law in which teams of students from major law colleges of the country participated. Which included Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar, Punjab University Chandigarh, Lovely Professional University, Uttaranchal University - Law College Dehradun etc. Giving information on this occasion, College Principal Dr RN Singh said that Moot Court is a replica of an imaginary court, where law students get a chance to practice court proceedings and debates. He told that the students are made to choose a particular issue or topic by the teachers, and then a debate takes place on this issue/topic, in which the students present their views. Therefore, National



Moot Court trials were conducted at Rayat Bahra College of Law. On this occasion, District Session Judge Honorable Mr. Dilbagh Singh Johal and CJM Mrs. Aprajita Joshi specially participated. On this occasion, Campus Director Dr. Chander Mohan welcomed the guests. On this occasion, District Sessions Judge Shri Dilbagh Singh Johal told that through Moot Court, law students are taught the manner of appearing in the court, format of pleading, drafting of plaint, court procedure, presentation of cases before the court and

advocacy of cases. Knowledge of the art of doing is gained. This method is one of the modern ways of imparting practical knowledge to the students by putting them in an imaginary situation similar to a real court. On this occasion, the students who stood first in the moot court competitions were awarded by the honorable judges. The co-ordinators of this program were Assistant Professor Sukhpreet Kaur and Professor Twinkle Mehta. In the end, Dr. Priyanka Puri thanked the students and guests who had come.

## MC makes preparations for Swachh Survekshan 2024

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAR 30**

On the instructions of Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abhishek Meena, various activities are being carried out by the Municipal Corporation regarding the preparations for Swachh Survekshan 2024. In this regard, work is being done on the components given by the Central Ministry. Giving information on Friday, Additional Corporation Commissioner Dheeraj Kumar said that brand ambassadors are to be made under its citizen participation component. Regarding this, 7 brand ambassadors have been appointed for Karnal Municipal Corporation regarding the ongoing Swachh Survekshan under the Swachh Bharat Mission. Giving information about the brand



ambassadors, he said that Director of Sant Kabir School and social worker Colonel P.S. Bindra, national archer player Riddi Four, shooting gold medalist player Anish, social worker Krishna Arora, D.A.V. College Principal Dr. R.P. Saini, Dr. Abid Amin Butt, Director of Cygnes Hospital and Dr. B.S. from Virk Hospital. Virk is included. He said that all these brand ambassadors are from different local backgrounds and are involved in various types of IEC related to cleanliness. Are connected to the activities. He said that the brand ambassadors will mainly hold

monthly meetings with urban local body officials and prepare action plans. There will be meetings with Resident Welfare Associations and citizens in various wards, in which the focus will be on changing their behavior regarding cleanliness. Apart from this, we will set examples by promoting the principles of separate collection of garbage from home, preparation of home compost, Google toilet locator, cleanliness app, feedback of community and public toilets and three R (reduce, reuse and recycle). Public awareness campaign will be run vigorously.

## 12 other official documents can be shown for voting in case of absence of voter ID card



other documents as their identity. He said that according to the Election Commission of India, the voters who do not have election photo identification cards are Aadhaar card, MNREGA job card, passbook with photo issued by banks/post offices, health smart card issued under the scheme of the Ministry of Labour, driving license, PAN card, N. P. R. Under R. G. I.

Smart Card, Indian Passport, Pension Document with Photo, Service Identity Card issued by Central/Provincial Governments/ Public Sector Undertakings or Public Limited Companies to their employees, M.P. MLA They can also cast their vote by showing the identity card issued to them and the Unique Disability Identity Card issued by the Social Justice and Empowerment Authority of the Government of India.

## 'Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress' campaign launched: Shailendra



**MANISH KUMAR AMBALA:** Haryana Pradesh Mahila Congress Seva Dal's state secretary and OSD advocate Anika Shukla Sharma, along with her colleagues, kick-started the 'Ghar Ghar Congress, Har Ghar Congress' campaign with fervor and enthusiasm from the Topkhana Parade Ground in Ambala Cantt. Going door-to-door, people were informed about the Congress's resolutions, leading to heightened enthusiasm among them towards the Congress. Women in households expressed significant distress over the inflation caused by the Haryana BJP government and the central government. The youth also bore the brunt of unemployment. With no relief measures in sight from the current government, people are seeking change.



Career counseling programme



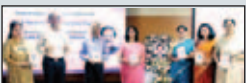
**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**KHARAR:** S.K.R.M.College, organized a career counseling programme on the topic of ArtificialIntelligence.Dr. Charu Gupta, the Coordinator of FOSS was the speaker of the event. She made aware the students about the use of Artificial Intelligencein various fields. Prof. Abha from Computer Science department host the whole event. The Principal, Dr. JagjeetKaur Concluded the programme by the vote of thanks to the speaker for providing an information session. All the staff members and students were present there.

Two youths were seriously injured due to gunshots



**SHWETA SHARMA**  
**SUJANPUR:** There was an atmosphere of panic at Sarna in Pathankot when some miscreants who came out of a dhaba located at Sarna Chowk started firing indiscriminately. During this firing, two youths were shot and one suffered minor injuries. Giving information about the case, a person present at the spot said that some people were sitting at Basi Da Dhaba located in Sarna Chowk and a large number of armed youths came outside and started firing. Due to which two youths got shot. As soon as the incident was reported, the police reached the spot. The police officer who reached the spot says that they have recovered seven shells from the spot and the injured have been taken to Civil Hospital Pathankot for treatment and the investigation of the matter is ongoing and strict action will be taken against the accused. Civil Hospital Pathankot SMO Doctor Sunil Chand said that three persons have come to them out of which two persons have been identified as Vikrant Singh resident of Madhad Colony and Lakhwinder Singh resident of New Tharihal Madhopur.

NGO Parivartan unveils book 'Resilience and Perseverance' on experiences and challenges faced



**RN KHERA**  
**CHANDIGARH:** NGO 'Parivartan', in collaboration with the Mental Health Institute and the Department of Psychiatry at GMCH, Sector 32, honored the legacy of the late Prof. B.S Chavan, a pioneer in the field of mental health. The commemoration took shape through the "Dr. B.S Memorial Rehabilitation Program", held here today. Dr. A.K. Attari, Director Principal of GMCH Chandigarh, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Priit Arun, Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry, as well as President of NGO Parivartan, illuminated attendees on the crucial significance of role of caregivers in mental health. Guest speaker Dr. Dhanesh Gupta, a Senior Consultant Psychiatrist at the Institute of Mental Health, Singapore, and Director of the NIKSHAM foundation, engaged the audience with insights on overcoming mental health stigma and dismantling barriers. In his address, he highlighted a significant chasm between the availability of mental health treatment and the soaring demand for it. Statistics reveal that there stands merely one psychiatrist for every hundred thousand individuals and at least ten out of every hundred people experience mental health challenges at some point in their lives. Disturbingly, between 70 to 90% of those grappling with mental health issues refrain from seeking treatment, primarily due to pervasive stigma and inadequate awareness.

Speaker provided insight knowledge about the air, water,



**soil pollution to students**  
**DALJEET AJNOHA**  
**HOSHIARPUR:** Today's Red Ribbon Club and NSS Unit of IKG Punjab Technical University Hoshiarpur Campus (State University Campus) organize the special lecture of Sh. Surinder singh ji. He motivates the students to save water, the environment impacts on humans, Ground water research on Punjab. His team was the first who identify the cancer in the Malwa belt of Punjab. This event was conducted under the Guidance of Prof. Y S Brar, Director I K Gupral Punjab Technical University, Hoshiarpur Campus and Sh. Gaganjot Singh, Deputy Registrar. Dr. Kulwinder Singh Parmar, Head Department of Applied Sciences, In-charge NSS unit and Red Ribbon club, said that the Speaker provided the insight knowledge about the air, water, soil pollution to the students. On this occasion Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Brijesh Bakariya, Sh. Puneet Mahhey, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Ms. Kushwinder Kaur, Sh. Gurdeep Ajnoha were present.

CIA Kharar arrests two with 5 kg 400 grams opium

**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**KHARAR, MAR 30**

The police party of CIA staff has arrested 2 migrant accused Gomya Sandy Purti and Sita Ram Bandara after recovery of 5 kg 400 grams of opium from their possession. Addressing a press conference at Kharar regarding this today, Harsimrat Singh DSP Investigation and Inspector Harminder Singh, in-charge of CIA, said that yesterday the police party of Sub-Inspector Harbhaj Singh had set up a nakkha near Balongi and they received secret information that both the accused, who are residents of Jharkhand, had a large quantity of opium. They supply opium to their loyal customers in Punjab. They have earlier also brought many consignments of opium from there and supplied it in Punjab. The police took immediate action and arrested both of them along with opium near Balongi bar-



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rier. They said that information will be obtained from the accused during the interrogation, from which side they bring opium and to whom they sell it here.

Participants administered pledge to cast their vote in forthcoming LS Elections

**GAGAN JAIN**  
**MOHALI, MAR 30**

To spread the message of the Election Commission of India to the first time voters; "Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye", a one-day National workshop was organised in observance of the Martyrdom Anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev under the auspices of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, at shaheed Major Harminder Pal Singh Government College, Mohali, today. Regional Director, National Service Scheme, Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh, Mrs Harinder Kaur opened the National Workshop by lighting the lamp.

Chiefguest Harinder Kaur while addressing the students of the National Service Scheme, discussed in detail the



information about the right to vote and cleanliness. She said that the theme of the National Workshop is based on 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' and 'Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ko' to promote cleanliness and voting. College Principal, Mrs Harjeet Gujral took the initiative to encourage all the students of NSS to vote for strengthening the democracy and take the cleanliness drive forward as a cam-

paign. In this workshop, academicians from different colleges presented their views and discussed in detail about voting awareness and cleanliness among the students. In this series, Mohali District Sweep Nodal, Prof. Gurbakshish Singh elaborated on the topic of voting awareness and my first vote for the country and made the students aware of their votes.

Voters can use 12 other proofs, apart from EPIC:DEO

**SUMER GARG**  
**SANGRUR, MAR 30**

District Election Officer (DEO), Jitendra Jorwal said that for the convenience of voters during the Lok Sabha elections - 2024, Election Commission of India(ECI) has approved 12 different documents as proof of identity.

Jorwal said that 12 other documents includes, Aadhaar card, MNREGA Job card, bank/post office passbook with photo, health insurance smart card, driving license, PAN card, passport, pension document with photo, Central/State Government / PSU / Service Identity Card with photo issued to employees by Public Limited Company, MP/MLA/MLC, official identity card and UDID issued by Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment. "On the day of



voting on June 1, the voters can use their valuable right to cast their vote by showing these documents in addition to Election Photo Identity Card(EPIC)", DEO added.

He said that the notification for the Lok Sabha elections will be issued on May 7 and the candidates will be able to fill the papers till May 14, while the nomination papers will be scrutinized on May 15. Mr. Jorwal said that the candidates will be able to withdraw their nomination papers till May 17, while the voting will be held on June 1.

Kavita Khanna expresses grief over demise of Surat Singh Salaria, father of famous socialite Joginder Singh Salaria

**VERMA**  
**GURDASPUR, MAR 30**

Surat Singh Salaria, father of famous social worker and founder of PCT Humanity, Shri Joginder Singh Salaria, passed away late in the evening. Let us tell you that Late. After merging into the five elements of Surat Singh Salaria ji, who had enjoyed the happiness of 110 springs of his life, his last rites were performed in his native village Khyala.

His sons Joginder Singh Salaria, Dalbir Singh Salaria and Kuldeep Singh Salaria lit the funeral pyre of their father. Self. At the time of bidding farewell to Surat Singh Salaria ji, well-known personalities Harbhajan Singh Sidhu, former judge, former deputy speaker and former MLA Sujunpur Tha. Dinesh Singh Babu, Swarn Singh Salaria



Founder Salaria Jan Foundation, Davindra Singh Darshi Pradhan All India Rajput Mahasabha, Salvindra Singh Pawar, owner of Gurdaspur Transport Company Dubai and his family members, Kunwar Ravindra Singh Vicky, Randhir Singh Bitta, Hemant Kumar and others were present. Bidding him a last farewell with tearful eyes. On receiving the news of the demise of Surat Singh Salaria ji, Shiromoni Akali Dal President S. Sukhbir

Indo croatian chamber of commerce brings trade & investment opportunities to city beautiful



**AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA**  
**CHANDIGARH, MAR 30**

The city beautiful, witnessed quite a buzz in the business community as most of the prominent personalities from Tricity graced the 2024 Indo Croatian Business Trade and Investment forum organised by TBSC Overseas Consulting, Hazel International d.o.o. & Indo Croatian Chamber of commerce headquartered in Zagreb, Croatia. The forum was attended by a Croatian delegation which comprised of prominent business houses comprising of Vedran Soric (CEO Sorbel Group), Davor Simicevic (Co-Funder Varionica craft brewery) Drazen Simicevic (strategic investment expert) Natalia Zielinska (Euro Grant Konzulting), Ognjen Bagatin (Futura Medical Group) Paul Bradbury (CEO Total Croatian News), Nikola Percic & Jakov Percic (NELT Group), Don Markusic and Mayank Jagwani (President Indo Croatian Chamber of Croatia. City Entrepreneur Mr. Dixit Sharma opened the session and welcomed the prominent personalities.

Lions Club Nabha starts many public welfare projects

**NABHA :** Today at Loin Club Nabha Governor Lion GS Kalra of Lions District 321F came to Nabha specially and launched many welfare works projects, Today Lions Club Nabha as part of Skill Development and Sewing School for Girls in Bank Street In order to teach tailoring and embroidery work specially, an embroidery

machine was also given there and a teacher was also appointed to do the flower work there, as skill development by the Lions Club Nabha in the past, wood work was also taught many times. The new boys were taught so that they can create means of self employment for them, a tri cycle was also given to a disabled person by Li-

ons Club Nabha today, on this occasion Lion G.S Kalra praised Lion Club Nabha and said that it is our district. is the best club and is always ahead in service, on this occasion President Lion Subhash Sehgal, Secretary Lion Sunny Sigla, Lion Surinder Bir Singh Sethi, Lion Gurmeet Singh, Lion Somnath Dhall.

Kurali city police arrestes one with 6 stolen motrocycles



**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**KHARAR, MAR 30**

Kurali City Police have arrested one Swaranjeet Singh alias Kala and have recovered six stolen motorcyles. As per information received

from SHO Kurali City Balwinder Singh a police party headed by Sub-Inspector Sukhdev Singh became suspicious and rounded up the accused. At his instance six motorcyles which were stolen on

Kharar, Kurali & Mohali areas were recovered. He used to steal motorcycles along-with his companion Jaskaran Singh who is yet to be arrested . A case under Section 379, 473 and 411 IPC has been registered against him .

Police to keep check on bad elements: DSP Rana



**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON, MAR 30**

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Manjit Singh Rana, police team led by police station Sadar incharge Nand Lal conducted checks in different areas of the city and checked suspicious vehicles as well.

Police cut 'chalans' of those found violating traffic rules and created awareness among civilians about traffic rules. DSP Manjit Singh Rana said that everybody is bound to follow traffic rules as they are meant for everybody's safety.

DM issues orders for various restrictions

**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA, MAR 30**

District Magistrate Barnala Smt. Poonamdeep Kaur has appealed to the owners of poultry farms, rice shellers, kilns and other small scale industries using the powers under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974) to Submitting the details of working servants at the nearest police station.

She said that owners of poultry farms, rice shellers, kilns and other small scale industries in Barnala district and having domestic servants should submit the name and complete address, three photographs (right, left and front pose) of their subordinates at their homes. should be registered and the

addresses of all their relatives should be kept in writing. Send a money order of Rs.100/200 from the servant's salary to the address of his next of kin, keep a photocopy of the receipt after the receipt of the money order. The own-

er should keep the finger print of the servant in his register and register this whole record immediately in the thana or police station of the area.

Similarly, landlords should also register in their houses. Regarding another restriction, he said that no person within the limits of district Barnala will illegally encroach on the land of the government road/road. Violators of this order will be immediately prosecuted by the police under Section 188 IPC.

Baba Balraj Punjab University Constituent College, Balachaur

**JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER**  
**BALACHAUR, MAR 30**

Organizes One-Day College Trip to Amritsar On March 28, 2024, Baba Balraj Punjab njab University Constituent College organized a one-day college trip to Amritsar, which witnessed the participation of 210 enthusiastic students. Accompanied by esteemed faculty members including Dr. Sarabjit Singh, Dr. Parminder Singh, Prof. Gurdeep Kaur, Balwinder Singh, Dakshi Jain, Ruby Mohal, Satnam Singh, Shiana Chaudhary, and Sandeep Kaur, the students embarked on a journey of cultural and historical exploration. The trip included visits to iconic landmarks such as Shri Darbar Sahib, where the students immersed themselves in spiritual devotion. Additionally, they explored the vibrant heritage market, experiencing the rich cultural tapestry of Punjab.

The trip also encompassed poignant moments at Jallianwala Bagh, where the students paid homage to the martyrs of the freedom struggle, and the Attari-Wagah Border, fostering a sense of national pride and unity.

Amidst the enriching experiences, the students had the opportunity to partake in the langar and enjoy refreshments, further deepening their understanding and appreciation of Punjab's cultural and historical significance. The trip served as a platform for holistic learning, fostering the values of patriotism and heritage among the students.



**Pop, Trap and Hip-Hop! “Ferozi Feelings” by Talwar is the complete package that your playlist is waiting for!**



**CHANDIGARH:** Get ready to groove to the beats of Gaurav Talwar, the enigmatic 25-year-old **Rapper/Singer/Producer** from Ferozi City, as he releases his latest trailblazing album “Ferozi Feelings”. Renowned for his versatility and artistic prowess, the album includes three distinct tracks - “Fan,” “In My Head,” and “Notorious Girl”, each offering a unique auditory experience. The album is a soul-stirring fusion of beats, melodies, and emotions that define the essence of modern-day storytelling.

The album 'Ferozi Feelings' is a ticket to a world of passion, nostalgia,

and unfiltered emotions, all wrapped up in Talwar's signature style. From the infectious beats of "Fan", where Talwar invites listeners on a nostalgic journey inspired by 80s pop, celebrating the timeless allure of a glamorous figure. Meanwhile, "In My Head", takes you through the artist's introspective journey, exploring his unwavering thoughts about a special someone. Lastly Talwar throws caution to the wind with "Notorious Girl", a rebellious anthem that paints a vivid picture of a woman unapologetically herself, defying societal norms with every

step. It's bold, it's brash, and it's utterly brilliant.

Speaking about his album, Talwar shared, "Ferozi Feelings is a culmination of love, longing, experience and musical exploration. Each track is a piece of my soul, reflecting different facets of life and love. I thoroughly enjoyed blending different genres of music into one EP. I am excited to share this journey with the listeners and hope they resonate with me and my emotions I have experienced while making each track of the EP."

Infusing emotions into every note,

Talwar's has the exceptional ability to effortlessly freestyle and create fully structured songs. His willingness to experiment across various musical genres distinguishes him as a rising star in the industry. So get ready to dance, laugh and maybe even shed a tear as Talwar takes you on a journey through the colorful tapestry of human emotion with "Ferozi Feelings".

Listen to "Ferozi Feelings" by Talwar, here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2Ps8SbAK-OU&list=OLAK5uy\\_k7V2kem3XBTP-162fRp6xNU0xYwx9ETfJM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2Ps8SbAK-OU&list=OLAK5uy_k7V2kem3XBTP-162fRp6xNU0xYwx9ETfJM)

# Agar jeetna hai Dil Aur Fame; you Must Up Your Game!

**CHANDIGARH :** India's biggest dating reality television show is back with its newest season of love, sizzling chemistry, and never-ending drama! Gear up for MTV Spitsville X5: ExSqueeze Me Please, as the hottest girls and boys step up their game to win 'Di aur Fame!' The country's most anticipated OG dating reality television show will be hosted by the ultimate Queen of Hearts - Sunny Leone, joined by her new co-host, the dashing King of Hearts - Tanuj Virwani. 21 hot singles will vie for love and fame in MTV Spitsville X5: ExSqueeze Me Please, co-powered by NEWME and Fixderma Shadow Sun Protection, and Wild Stone Deos and Perfumes. The show is set to premiere on 30th March, every Saturday and Sunday at 7 PM on MTV and simultaneously on JoCinema, making it the first-ever television and digital simulcast of a reality show. For the first-time ever, this season of MTV Spitsville will also launch with Tamil dubs on JoCinema!



MTV Spitsvillea X5: ExSqueeze Me Please promises fans an unprecedented season of entertainment with the new theme. As unsuspecting Spitsvillains play the game of love, the 'ex' factor will unlock a whole new level of drama. 11 girls and 10 boys will give it their all in the ultimate quest to find that one ideal match! In a heady cocktail of sentiments and strategy, Mischief Maker Uorfi Javed will return to stir 'mischief' in paradise, while ruling a parallel villa of exes called Ex-Isle! Confrontations, jealousy, revelations, voyeurism, old rivalries, dark pasts all come to light and all hell breaks loose when the contestants meet their ex-es! Fans must watch out for new elements like the Mischief Box, through which Uorfi will infuse chaos and bedlam into the contestants' lives, leaving them shocked and shaken. The Love Den will serve as an intimate space for Spitsvillains to connect emotionally and express their feelings freely – because what is MTV Spitsvillea, if not a love fest!

# Deepti and Ashwin Decide to Adopt Swara in Sony SAB's 'Pushpa Impossible'



**CHANDIGARH** : Sony SAB's show 'Pushpa Impossible' keeps drawing in viewers with the heart-warming story of Pushpa (Karuna Pandey) as she faces tough challenges in life but keeps on going with a strong and inspiring attitude. Recently, the audience saw that Deepti (Garima Parihar) wanted to divorce Ashwin (Navin Pandita), however after Pushpa and her lawyer Devi's (Urvashi Dholakia) suggestion, the duo decided to opt for the six-month cooling period to see if they could work on their issues. Last week, the audience saw that the cooling period was now over, and they have decided to give their marriage a second chance. In the upcoming episodes, fans will witness a heart-wrenching turn of events as Deepti's house help, Sarita, passes away due to a cardiac arrest. Sarita is survived by her young daughter Swara (Vrihi Kodvara). With Swara's uncle arriving at the chawl to take her away, tensions rise as Swara expresses her reluctance to leave Pushpa's caring family behind. Amidst these emotional moments, Deepti finds herself growing closer to Swara, having been the one who cared for her the most. As days pass, Deepti and Ashwin make a life-changing decision, leaving view-



ers eagerly anticipating the next chapter in Swara's journey.

Naveen Pandita, who plays the role of Ashwin Patel, says, "After a difficult period of cooling off, Deepthi and Ashwin are ready to give their marriage a second chance and Ashwin is committed to becoming a better person. He is determined to mend his ways and support his wife in everything. Adopting Swara is going to be a life-changing decision for both and they are ready to take this responsibility." Garima Parihar, who plays the role of Deepthi, says, "When Deepthi began the cooling period, she was dealing with a sense of uncertainty and loss. After six months, when she is set to give a second chance to her marriage, she also sees that Swara's life too hangs in balance and she too deserves a second chance. With Swara, Deepthi has found an unexpected connection and it has brought a new meaning of compassion and family."

Tune in to watch Pushpa Impossible only on Sony SAB every Monday to Saturday at 9:30 PM

***"Have always loved kids, so I'm excited to play a mother on TV", says Ulka Gupta about her role in Main Hoon Saath Tere***

**CHANDIGARH:** Zee TV's upcoming show – Main Hoon Saath Tere is set to take its viewers through the journey of a single mother, Janvi (Ulka Gupta), underlining the numerous sacrifices a mother has to make while doubling up as a parent. Based in Gwalior, Janvi lives with her son, Kian (Nihan Jain), who is the nucleus of her world but despite their strong bond, Kian experiences the void of a father's presence more for his mother than himself. The plot thickens when Janvi crosses paths with an affluent businessman Aryaman and the two end up working under the same roof. Watch Kian play a catalyst in the relationship between his single mother and the man who loves her ...

While the viewers are in for a rollercoaster ride of emotions, Ulka is excited to embrace the role of a mother for the first time in her acting ca-



reer and is thrilled to have the child artist Nihan Jain as her on-screen son. But, at the same time, she is nervous as it is not an easy job. To prepare for the character, Ulka has been attending workshops, exploring the uncharted territory of a mother's heart, and discovering how to portray a mother who delicately balances vulnerability and strength. Ulka Gupta said, "I have always loved kids, and stepping into the role of a mother for the first time on screen is really exciting. It is like embarking on an emotional journey, navigating the depths of love and sacrifice. Initially, I was nervous about shooting with a child, but after the promo and the mock shoots, I have become more comfortable shooting with Nihan. He is such a hardworking and sweet boy, he helps me perform my scenes even better. Shooting scenes with him feels like a discovery for me as every scene is like a heartbeat that resonates with the universal essence of motherhood. I think of my own mother and find myself infusing some of her maternal touch into Janvi. I hope my fans and viewers enjoy my new avatar!"

While Ulka is very excited about playing the role of a mother for the first time, it will be interesting for the viewers to watch an innocent take on love, life, and relationships, which is all set to unfold.

Produced by Full House Media, *Main Hoon Saath Tere* will premiere soon on Zee TV.

## Vijay Deverakonda, Mrunal Thakur's 'Family Star' trailer out now

**M**akers of the upcoming film, 'Family Star' starring Vijay Deverakonda and Mrunal Thakur in lead roles unveiled its trailer on Thursday.

**I** Vijay and other crew members shared the trailer of this romantic comedy on their social media.



Vijay on Thursday took to X to share the film's trailer with a caption that read, "This summer. In just one week celebrate, laugh, cheer, relive, and have a great time in the theaters."

— Vijay Deverakonda (@TheDeverakonda) March 28, 2024

The trailer starts with Vijay praying to God, hoping for no losses in his life and only gains. Mrunal appears as his neighbor, close to his family, which bothers him. While she develops feelings for him first, the story shifts to the US, where he works under her. However, tensions arise when Mrunal believes she is causing problems in his life, leading to her angrily slapping him, as shown in the trailer.

Directed by Parasuram Petla, 'Family Star' marks the first collaboration between Vijay Deverakonda and Mrunal Thakur. The film, supported by a cast including Abhinaya, Vasuki, Rohini Hattangadi, and Ravi Babu, also features a special appearance by Rashmika Mandanna.

Produced by Dil Raju, this multilingual release (Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi) is all set to hit theatres on April 5, 2024.

## Dhvani Bhanushali unveils new single 'Thank You God'

**D**hvani Bhanushali's latest song 'Thank You God' in collaboration with David Arkwright, Natania Lalwani, Miranda Glory Inzunza, and Shloke Lal has been unveiled.

Taking to Instagram on Wednesday, Dhvani treated fans with the music video.

"Hey Dreamers. THANK YOU GOD OUT NOW. Stream away. @hitz.music.official. This one had to be out on my birthday but fab things take time. Written by us- @nataniamusic @shlokkelal @david\_arkwright @chillranda," she said in the post.

The song, a vibrant dance track, is a celebration of self-love. The music video starts with Bhannushali catching her glimpse in the mirror as she preps for a shoot, finding it as good a time as any to thank God for the way she turned out. Previously, a teaser for the song and video was dropped on Bhannushali's 26th birthday on March 22.

Thank You God\* serves as a powerful reminder for listeners, especially women, to embrace their inner beauty and value themselves. The music video for Thank You God showcases the artistic collaboration between Dhvani Bhanushali and the directors Piyush and Shazia. Piyush and Shazia, known for their work on Dhvani's previous hit Mera Yaar, have once again delivered a visually captivating experience for fans.

