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BJD MP Anubhav Mohanty joins BJP

BHUBANESWAR: Actor turned politician and BJD MP from Kendrapara, Anubhav Mohanty, who resigned from the primary membership of the party on Saturday, joined the BJP on Monday. Anubhav, who was elected to Rajya Sabha from Odisha as a BJD candidate in 2014 and also elected to Lok Sabha from Kendrapara Lok Sabha seat in 2019, joined the BJP at the party's headquarters in Delhi. He is the second BJD-sitting MP to join the BJP. Earlier, six-time Lok Sabha MP from Cuttack and also the founding member of BJD, Bhartruhari Mahatab, resigned from the primary membership of the party and joined the BJP. Anubhav, who was a star campaigner of the BJD during both the 2014 and 2019 general elections in the state, was once one of the star campaigners of the ruling BJD in Odisha. In his resignation letter to Party President Naveen Patnaik, Anubhav stated, "Despite my unwavering loyalty and deep admira-

Gold surges by Rs 1,070 to all-time high of Rs 68,420 per 10 grams

NEW DELHI: Gold prices surged by Rs 1,070 to hit an all-time high of Rs 68,420 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday amid a rally in the precious metal in global markets, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal had closed at Rs 67,350 per 10 grams in the previous trade. Silver prices also jumped by Rs 1,120 to Rs 78,570 per kg. In the previous trade, it had closed at Rs 77,450 per kg. **Full-body scanners likely to be introduced at certain airports by April end** **NEW DELHI:** A senior official in the Ministry of Civil Aviation informed that after a successful trial run and clearances from other departments and related security agencies, full body scanners are likely to be introduced at airports with more than five million foot-falls by April end. These airports fall under the hypersensitive category, as per the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security. "In a meeting with airport operators, they have been informed of installing full-body scanners. Likely the Bangalore airport will be the first airport to introduce full body scanners. Delhi Airport is also likely to add the safety feature very soon," a senior official said.

Delhi Court sends Kejriwal to Judicial Custody till April 15

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 1

The Rouse Avenue Court on Monday sent Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to judicial custody till April 15 in an alleged money laundering case linked to the Delhi excise policy case.

The Enforcement Directorate, while seeking direction to send Kejriwal to judicial custody, said the arrestee has even given false and contrary evidence vis-a-vis other members of the AAP. When he was confronted with the statements given by his party leaders, he called them confused.

Arvind Kejriwal first says that ND Gupta is an active member of the party, is a member of the PAC (Political Affairs Committee) and knows the party's functioning but when confronted with the statement of N D Gupta, wherein he reveals that the National Convenor takes such decisions, Arvind Kejriwal calls the National Treasurer confused.

On being asked about the extent of interaction and reporting of Vijay Nair to the arrestee, he stated that Vijay Nair didn't report to him but to Aatishi Marlena and Saurav Bharadwaj and his interaction with Vijay Nair was limited, said ED.

Having noted the submissions, Special Judge Kaveri Baweja on Monday decided to send Kejriwal to judicial custody until April 15.

Meanwhile, the Court directed Tihar Jail authorities to allow Kejriwal to carry prescribed medicine and books. The court also asked authorities to provide one table and chair, a religious locket and a special diet as



prescribed by the doctors, as per the jail manual.

Kejriwal, through his lawyers, moved an application and sought permission to carry several books, including Bagwad Geeta, Ramayana and a book titled "How Prime Minister Decided", authored by Neerja Chaudhary

During the hearing, Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj, and Gopal Rai remain present in the courtroom. Arvind Kejriwal's wife also attended the court proceedings.

Senior Advocate Ramesh Gupta and Advocates Rajat Bharadwaj, Mudit Jain, Mohd Irshad and Vivek Jain appeared for Arvind Kejriwal, while ASG SV Raju, along with Zohab Hosain, Naveen Kumar Matta and Simon Benjamin, appeared for the Enforcement Directorate.

Earlier, Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi appeared for Arvind Kejriwal and submitted that a sitting CM was arrested one

week ago during the Model Code of Conduct. The heart of democracy is a level playing field and a free and fair election: If you do something to disrupt the level playing field, you hit the heart of democracy. My prayer is to be released now because the foundation of my arrest is flawed. This is my interim prayer.

Arvind Kejriwal, through his plea, alleged that the DOE has, at the time of arrest, failed to establish that the petitioner is guilty of committing activities stipulated under Section 3, i.e., be it concealment, possession, acquisition, or use of proceeds of crime, as much as projecting it as untainted property or claiming it to be so. 'The fact that the petitioner/Kejriwal was arrested without any interrogation or questioning shows that the present proceedings of arrest are pre-meditated and nothing but an act of political vendetta to skew the balance and level-playing field in the 2024 general election, stated his lawyer.

Gyanvapi mosque: SC refuses stay order allowing 'puja' in Vyas Tehkhana

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 1

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to stay the Allahabad High Court order, which had upheld the Varanasi district court's order allowing Hindus to perform prayers of deities inside the 'Vyas Tehkhana', southern celler of Gyanvapi mosque.

A bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra ordered the Hindu and Muslim sides to maintain the status quo at the Gyanvapi premises to enable both communities to offer 'puja' and 'namaz'. The status quo should not be altered without the permission of the apex court, said the bench.

The bench took note that the access to the Tehkhana where the 'puja' is held and the area where Muslims pray are different.

The top court said that Hindus would enter from the South and pray in Tehkhana and Muslims would enter from the Northern side for prayer.

"At this stage, bearing in mind the fact that namaz is being offered by Muslim communities unhindered after the district

court and High Court orders and that prayers in Tehkhana are limited to the Hindu priests, it is important to maintain the status quo, so that both communities can perform religious worship in above terms," the bench stated in its order.

During the hearing, the apex court also noted the Muslims were offering prayer unhindered and the offering of 'puja' was con-



finied to the area of Tehkhana only.

"Are we correct to say that prayers in the South (cellar) do not impact (Muslim) prayers in North. If this is correct.. we can say let no further change happen in the status quo further. We say let namaz continue and worship in the south cellar can continue," said CJI Chandrachud during the hearing.

It further issued notice to Hindu plaintiffs on an appeal of mosque committee challenging an order of Allahabad High Court over 'puja' of deities inside the 'Vyas Tehkhana'.

The top court now posted the matter for hearing in July.

Mosque committee filed appeal against High Court order contending that the administration was acting in 'hot haste' soon after the Varanasi Court's order to perform the 'Puja' at night.

On January 31, Varanasi district court allowed the Hindu side to offer prayers in the southern cellar of Gyanvapi mosque. The court directed the Varanasi district magistrate to make arrangements within seven days for 'puja' to be performed by the Hindu side and a poojari nominated by Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust.

After the order of the court, 'puja' and 'aarti' are being performed there.

The district court has issued the order on the plea of head priest of Acharya Ved Vyas Peeth temple, Shailendra Kumar Pathak Vyas, seeking worship of Shringar Gauri and other visible, and invisible deities in the cellar of the mosque. Vyas is the scion of the family which was performing 'puja' in this cellar till December 1993.

ECI censures Dilip Ghosh, Supriya Shrinete for derogatory remarks

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 1

The Election Commission has censured BJP leader Dilip Ghosh and Congress leader Supriya Shrinete for derogatory remarks against the dignity of women and said that the Commission views the electoral process as an enhancer of the status of women and will not allow any erosion of their status.

The Commission, in its order on Monday, after the receipt of their replies to notices issued to them over Model Code of Conduct (MCC) violations, said that they are convinced that the two leaders made a low-level personal attack and thus violated the provisions of MCC.

They have been warned to remain careful with public utterances during the Model Code of Conduct period. Their election-related communications will be specially and ad-

ditionally monitored by the Commission from this time on.

A copy of the warning notice is also sent to party chiefs to sensitise their functionaries to be careful while communicating in the public domain and refrain from any



such derogatory comments and violations of MCC guidelines.

The Commission has carefully gone through the contents and averments made in the replies of Supriya Shrinete and Dilip Ghosh and has again gone through the remarks made by them.

Economic self-reliant must to mitigate impact of global issue: PM

AGENCY
MUMBAI, APRIL 1

India must become self-reliant in the next decade to mitigate the impact of global issues, and efforts should be made to make the Indian currency, the rupee, more accessible and acceptable throughout the world, says Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing an event at which the RBI has completed 90 years.

"Today, India is becoming the engine of global growth with a 15 percent share of global GDP growth, and the next decade is extremely important for the resolutions of a Viksit Bharat," he said.

Stressing the diverse banking needs of a large country like India, the

Prime Minister underlined the need to improve 'ease of doing banking' and provide tailor-made services as per the needs of the citizens. He underscored the role of artificial intelligence and machine learning in the times to come and asked the banking regulator to be ready to meet the challenge.

Pointing out that the private sector debt of many countries has doubled their GDP and that such high levels of debt in many countries are also creating a negative impact on the world, the Prime Minister suggested the RBI conduct a study on this, keeping in mind the prospects and potential of India's growth.

In Mumbai, marking 90 years



of the Reserve Bank of India, Modi also released a commemorative coin to mark 90 years of the RBI. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) commenced its operations on the 1st of April in 1935 and enters its 90th year today.

Addressing the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the Reserve Bank of India has reached a historic landmark today, completing 90 years of existence. He underlined that the RBI has witnessed both the pre- and post-independence eras, and it has created an identity around the world based on its professionalism and commitment.

Former AAP MP from Patiala Dharamvir Gandhi joins Cong

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APR 1

Former AAP MP from Patiala Dharamvir Gandhi on Monday joined the Indian National Congress in presence of senior party leaders at the party headquarters here.

He joined the party in presence of Chairperson of the Media and Publicity section in the

Communications Department Pawan Khara, Punjab Congress in charge Devender Yadav, Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and the Congress Legislative Party leader in Punjab Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa. After joining the party, Gandhi said, "The upcoming Lok Sabha election is very important and they are not

ordinary but extraordinary. This election will decide the direction of the country. At such times, it is very important to stand with the right and that is the reason I have joined the Congress". He said that he felt privileged, as Congress was the only party that was fighting against communal polarisation and threat to the democracy and Constitution in the country.

SC refuses to stay judicial probe into farmer's death

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 1

The Supreme Court on Monday declined to stay the judicial probe ordered by the Punjab and Haryana High Court into the death of a 22-year-old farmer during a clash between farmers and security personnel at the Punjab-Haryana border.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and KV Viswanathan rejected the contention of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Haryana government, that the police would be demoralised by such an order for a judicial probe.

The bench suggested waiting for the committee's report and stated that the judiciary would take care of the morale of the force and the people as well.

Mehta further referred to the seriousness of the situation during protests and argued that "no one can function like this in front of swords, weapons and tanks."

"I am not blaming the agitators but with people armed with lethal weapons, police will not be able to do anything," Mehta told the apex court.

"In public agitation, some kind of miscreant takes undue

advantage of the situation," Justice Kant replied. The Solicitor General further said that 67 policemen were injured during the protests.

The top court has now posted the matter for hearing on April 19. The Haryana gov-



ernment filed the special leave petition in the apex court on March 11 against the High Court's decision. The 22-year-old farmer, Shubhakaran Singh, a native of Bathinda in Punjab, lost his life on February 21 during a clash between security personnel and protesting farmers at the Khanauri border. The incident occurred when some protesting farmers attempted to head towards barricades and were stopped by security personnel from crossing the state border and marching into Delhi.

India to get rid of petrol and diesel vehicles: Gadkari

AGENCY
NAGPUR, APRIL 1

As part of his ambition to make India a green economy, Union minister Nitin Gadkari wants to slash GST on hybrid vehicles and has vowed to rid the country entirely of the over 36 crore petrol and diesel vehicles.

"One hundred per cent," Mr Gadkari, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, said when asked whether it is possible for India to get rid of petrol and diesel cars altogether.

"It is difficult but not impossible. This is my vision," Mr Gadkari said in an interview with the news with a news agency.

He said India spends 16 lakh crore on fuel imports. This money will be used for improving the lives of farmers, villages will be prosperous and

the youth will get employment, the minister said.

Mr Gadkari did not give any timeline to meet this ambitious target which even proponents of green energy believe is mind-bogglingly difficult.

The proposal to reduce GST on hybrid vehicles to five per cent and to 12 per cent for flex engines has been sent to the Finance ministry which is considering the requisition, Mr Gadkari said.

The minister said he firmly believes the country can end fuel import by promoting the use of biofuels.

Environmental activists welcomed Mr Gadkari's vision for increasing green mobility, but also struck a word of caution by flagging the use of fossil fuels in the production of electricity.



"In India, we are still heavily dependent on a fossil fuel-based energy system to power electric cars, and this needs to be changed. There is urgent need to ensure 100 per cent renewable energy alongside electric vehicles to tackle the climate crisis," Avinash Chanchal, a campaigner for Green-

peace India, told a news agency.

Mr Gadkari said he has been pitching for alternative fuels since 2004 and is confident things will change in the coming five to seven years.

"I cannot give you a date and year for this transformation to take place as it is very difficult. This is difficult but not impossible," Mr Gadkari asserted.

He said he firmly believes that given the speed with which electric vehicles are being introduced, the coming era will be of alternative and biofuels and this dream will come true.

Mr Gadkari said auto companies

such as Bajaj, TVS and Hero are also planning to manufacture motorcycles using flex engines and auto rickshaws using similar technology too were on the way.

"I roam around in a car that runs on hydrogen. You can see electric cars in every other household. People who used to say this was impossible, have changed their views now and started believing in what I have been saying for the last 20 years," the minister said.

"Tatas and Ashok Leyland have introduced trucks that run on hydrogen. There are trucks that run on LNG/CNG. There are 350 factories across the country of bio-CNG," he said. "Definitely, a revolution is taking place. The fuel imports will end and this country will become self-reliant - Atmanirbhar Bharat. I strongly believe in this," Mr Gadkari said.

NEWS BRIEFS

EPIC card, photo voter slip in Braille script for blind voters: DC

PARI BAJAJ KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Uttam Singh said that for the convenience of visually handicapped voters, the Election Commission will print the EPIC card and photo voter slip in Braille script and the facility of Braille ballot paper and slip on EVM will also be available. Apart from this, various facilities are being provided to the disabled voters, which include provision of wheelchairs, ramps at polling stations and transportation facilities. He said that vehicle facilities will be provided to all the disabled voters to bring them to the polling station and drop them back home and wheelchairs will also be provided to those disabled voters who are unable to walk. Ramps will also be arranged at each polling station. Along with this, NCC, NSS and Red Cross volunteers will also be arranged to assist them. He said that blind voters and physically handicapped voters who are unable to cast their vote by pressing the button of the machine can take a companion along with them to cast their vote.

CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

Police Chief reviews preparations for LS Elections

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 1

Haryana Director General of Police, Sh. Shatruijeet Kapur, convened a video conference today with senior police officers across the state to review preparations for the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha general elections and ensure free, fair, and peaceful voting.

Sh. Kapur emphasised the importance of clear understanding among officers regarding their duties for a smooth and peaceful election process.

During the meeting, Sh. Kapur highlighted that the Lok Sabha elections in Haryana are scheduled for May 25th, emphasising the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to ensure a smooth electoral process.

He conducted a thorough review of election preparations, including measures to uphold the model code of conduct, with senior police officers. Stressing the need for every officer to be well-versed in their duties before and during the elections, Sh. Kapur reiterated the importance of addressing any doubts or queries promptly.

Sh. Kapur directed District Superintendents of Police to conduct thorough audits of their respective police forces. This is crucial as additional manpower will be required on the day before and the day of the elections. The meeting also addressed the importance of installing high-quality CCTV cameras at checkpoints established on interstate borders.

Additionally, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Sh. Sanjay Kumar shared his insights on election duty and stressed the importance of following



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During the meeting, Inspector General Ambala, Sh. Sibash Kabiraj, delivered a detailed presentation outlining key aspects of election preparedness and the model code of conduct. Sh. Kabiraj provided updates on the training of police personnel at various levels and emphasised the deployment of specialised teams such as the Static Surveillance Team, Flying Squad Team, and Quick Response Team. He

stressed the importance of meticulous reporting during elections and urged the timely development of effective communication plans by Superintendents of Police to streamline the deployment of police force guidelines.

The Director General of Police stressed and directed everyone to ensure that the instructions issued by the Election Commission are followed in letter and spirit.

Additional Director General of Police, Law and Order Sh. Sanjay Kumar, Additional Director General of Police Modernization Sh. Amitabh Dhillon, IG Law and Order Sh. Hardeep Doon, AIG Admin Smt. Manisha Choudhary, AIG Provisioning Sh. Kamaldeep Goyal remained present during the meeting.

People becoming aware under Corruption Free India campaign: Arora

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 1

National Supremo of Anti Corruption Foundation of India, Narendra Arora said that under the Foundation's Corruption Free India campaign, people are being made aware against corruption and people are becoming aware. Narendra was speaking at the Top Leaders Meet organised by Arora Foundation. Top Leaders Meet was organised by Anti Corruption Foundation of India at Dr. Mangal Sen Auditorium in which fashion icon Tarun Kapoor, International Chief Director and young entrepreneur Varun Kumar Goyal, International Director participated as chief guests. The program was presided over by National President Dr. Ranjodh Singh and National General Secretary Pawan Sharma. On this occasion, top team leaders Sunita Gupta, Dr. Nisha Gupta, Krishna Gupta, Firdous Ali, Anil Kumar Malik, Pawan Kumar Kansal, Sat Narayan Garg, Shailja Gupta, Rajendra Kumar, Savi Chaudhary, Sarveet Singh, Moti Ram Garg, Vaibhav Garg, Gulshan Kumar Sharma, Anuj Kaushik, Rakesh Kumar, Jai Kumar, Harjeet Kaur, Abhishek Malhotra, Tamannaah, Seema Lalit, Pankaj Kumar were honored with the Achievement Gift Award. Newly appointed office bearers including Tarun Kapoor, Varun Kumar Goyal,



Vinod Gupta, Sanjay Singla, ND Goyal and Munish Kumar were honoured with membership awards.

On this occasion, all the top leaders were welcomed with garlands. Advocates Bikram Chaudhary, Ajit Rahi, Satish Malhotra, Anita Rahi, Shashi Sharma, Rajesh Khanna, Deepa Khanna, Kishan Kumar etc were specially present. International President Dr. Nisha Gupta presented the vote of thanks.

Dhanda Khap Panchyat organized felicitation ceremony to honor Chaudhary Vijayved Pal

KARNAL (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA): Vice President of Sarvatiya Mahasabha and NCP in the felicitation ceremony organized by Dhanda Khap Panchayat. State President Chaudhary Vijayved Pal Advocate was honored by wearing Khap's Aan, Baan and Shaan turban for the excellent work done by him. Giving information, Advocate Vijayved Pal, son of former Deputy Speaker of Haryana Chaudhary Ved Pal, said that a large-scale awareness campaign would be conducted in Dhanauri village to remove social evils, to save water and to save the future generation from drugs. The proposal was also passed. Vijayved Pal said that same-sex marriage, live-in relationship and pre-marital photography and shooting.



Kanwarpal inspects fields to take stock of the crops damaged due to rain and hailstorm

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, APR 1

Haryana Agriculture Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar, along with officials of the Agriculture Department and related departments, jointly took stock of the crops damaged due to unseasonal rain and hailstorm in village Taharpur of Jagadhri assembly constituency and various surrounding villages. Agriculture Minister Kanwarpal, while taking stock of the damaged crops of the farmers, instructed the concerned officials on the spot to immediately prepare a report on the damaged crops of the farmers. Agriculture Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar talked to the farmers about the damaged crops and also took detailed information about their crops. The farmers took the Agriculture Minister with them to the fields and



showed him the wheat crop damaged due to unseasonal rain and hailstorm and explained their problems. Mr Kanwar Pal assured the farmers that their crops damaged due to rain and hailstorm were being assessed. He said that due to rain and hailstorm, farmers' crops have been damaged at many places in the state. Thus, the places in the state where farmers' crops have been damaged due to unseasonal rains would be

inspected soon. Apart from various villages of Jagadhri assembly constituency, he also said that farmers' crops were damaged due to rains and hailstorms at various places in the state. Expressed concern over the damage caused he assured the farmers that the government was standing shoulder to shoulder with the farmers in this hour of crisis.

Agriculture Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar said that

the problem related to portal related to registration of crops has been rectified, but the biggest problem was that some farmers have not even got their crops registered, because these farmers have only one or two acres of land, but such farmers can now register themselves on the portal. He has given instructions to senior officials of the Agriculture Department. That soon the problem that was arising regarding the compensation portal has been resolved. So that farmers can give details of their damaged crops on the portal and the government can provide financial help to the affected farmers.

During this time, Sarpanch Shyam Lal, BJP media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg, Rajesh Bhardwaj, Abhishek Gupta, Sushil Mann, Sauran Kashyap, Praveen Kumar, Balbir Singh, Kulbir Singh remained with him.

New session starts at Sunrise Public school

R K KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, APR 1

The new session was inaugurated at Sunrise Public School Pratap Nagar (Khizrabad). On this occasion, Sri Sukhmani Sahib was recited in the school premises. Giving information, school principal Paramjit Kaur Sandhu said that on the occasion of the new session, recitation of Sri Sukhmani Sahib was conducted in which children were called in the school and listened to the recitation of Sukhmani Sahib. He said that at the beginning of the new session, he congratulated the children for their religious faith and wished them a bright future. The Principal told the children that all the children



should study diligently and bring glory to their parents and the school. He said that the foundation of a person's future is formed only by the education received at the school level. After getting a

good education from here, children achieve success in competitive entrance examinations in the future. School manager Baljeet Singh Sindhu and the entire school staff were present on the occasion.

Tarlochan Singh appointed patron of Punjabi Biradari Bhawan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 1

Tarlochan Singh, active in the fields of social, religious and politics, has been appointed the patron of Punjabi Biradari Bhawan Sector 9. Before this he was working as a consultant. Rajendra Rajpal, Chairman and President of Punjabi Biradari Bhawan Sector 9 (Regd.) has appointed Tarlochan Singh. On his appointment, Tarlochan Singh expressed gratitude to all the officials including the head. He said that he respects all the 36 fraternities wholeheartedly. I will try to live up to the expectations of the people of the society. Singh is continuously working to raise the voice of the people of Karnal. His image is that of a selfless, clean and honest leader. He is struggling while fulfilling his duty towards the people of Karnal. He agitated for the rights of the people in Karnal and even went to jail. Led the Rail Roko

movement to build Kalpana Chawla Medical College in Karnal. Tarlochan Singh is handling the responsibility of the patron of Guru Ravidas Sabha. Guru Harkishan has been the Chairman of Public



School Karnal for the last 24 years. Has been director of District Urban Cooperative Bank and Land and Mortgage Bank. He was also the Chairman of the District Olympic Cycling Association.

Tarlochan Singh is also in a leading role in religious

activities. Karnal Jwala Devi was the patron of the club. He is the patron of NIFA, an organisation that imparts values to the youth in the country and abroad. Who has made six world records. NIFA also received the National Youth Award. He is the servant of Nirmal Kutiya. In 2019, he contested the assembly elections against the then Chief Minister Manohar Lal and gave a tough competition to the Chief Minister. Since then he has been continuously raising his voice for the interests of the people. The issues which the Chief Minister did not resolve. He got the solution done by going among the public. He agitated to save the country's constitution and democracy. The police arrested him along with his associates. Trilochan Singh was also the Chairman of Haryana State Minority Commission. During his tenure, he worked in the interest of minorities.

All IOL S seats will be won on basis of Manohar Lal's work: Chandra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL APRIL 1

Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana and Karnal Lok Sabha Special Contact Head Subhash Chandra issued a press release saying that Manohar Lal has served the people of the state with true devotion for nine and a half years. He did not discriminate of any kind during this tenure. Manohar Lal considers politics as a powerful medium of service, that is why he has made the overall development of the state by rising above casteism, regionalism and families. Continuous work has been done to show how the poor class can become stronger with the help of rich people. Subhash Chandra said that the policies made by Manohar Lal against corruption will prove to be the foundation stone for purity and change in the politics of Haryana and the people of the state will remember them for

ages. He said that Chief Minister Manohar Lal government worked with equal spirit for the 2 crore 80 lakh people of the state by rising above regionalism, nepotism and staying away from cor-



ruption. The work of providing government jobs to unemployed youth has been done with competence and complete transparency, whereas in the opposition government, jobs were sold.

BJP has made ED weapon to crush opposition: Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA, APRIL 1

General Secretary of All India Congress Committee, former state president of Haryana Congress, member of Congress Working Committee, in-charge of Uttarakhand and former Union Minister Kumari Selja said that the BJP central government has made ED a weapon against the opposition and its leaders. Only non-BJP leaders and Chief Ministers are being targeted by ED. The one who joins BJP due to fear of ED, all his crimes are forgiven. The crowd gathered in the Maha Rally organised at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi has proved that the public has made up its mind to remove BJP from power in the country.

In a statement issued to the media, Kumari Selja said that ED is now working as an election managed department for BJP. First, cases are registered against the opposition leaders, then by intimidating the government agencies, they are forced to join the BJP. The

very next day they are given a clean chit from the registered case. There is not just one, but many examples of this. In fact, Modi-Shah have shouted at these leaders and described them as deeply immersed in corruption. The former Union



Minister said that BJP has such a washing machine, in which as soon as the alleged corrupt leaders are put, there is a competition among the BJP leaders themselves to declare them clean. Whenever elections are around the corner, the central government of BJP hands over the task to ED, CBI and Income Tax by giving

them the list of opposition leaders. Regular raids are conducted to weaken them economically and politically and to defame them socially.

Selja said that the way the leaders of India Alliance have shown unity in the Maha Rally in Delhi, a clear message has been sent to the Central Government that no matter how much you misuse ED, CBI and Income Tax, they will not be afraid. We will not accept defeat under any circumstances nor will we stop raising the voice of the public due to any fear. The former Union Minister said that the BJP also conspires very well to topple the states where there are non-BJP governments. The way they buy and sell MLAs is becoming clear to the public. None of their work is now hidden from the public. That is why lakhs of people came to the Maha Rally in Delhi and took a pledge to overthrow the ruling BJP central and state governments on the basis of lies, statements and government agencies.

Jathedar Daduwal becomes chairman of Dharm Prachar Committee is historic: Inderpal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 1

The election of former head and country's well known religious preacher Jathedar Baljit Singh Daduwal as the chairman of the religious propagation committee of Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Prambandhak Committee has brought joy to the Sikh community and the Sangat across the state. Recently, in the committee meeting, all the members elected Jathedar Daduwal to this post. His appointment has been welcomed across the state.

the appointment of Jathedar Baljit Singh Daduwal as historic for the sect. He said that the election of Jathedar Daduwal would help a lot in the propagation of Sikhism. The Jathedar is a well known religious preacher of Sikhism not only in the country but also abroad. He has deep knowledge of this religion. He is well versed in the traditions of the Sikh religion. He has been propagating religion for many decades. This will fulfill the purpose of the formation of Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Prambandhak Committee. Jathedar Indrapal Singh said that Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee would play an important role in the upliftment of Gurudwaras in Haryana and propagation of religion.



Education plays important role in progress of girls: Mogha

DR ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL, APRIL 1

Sant Durbalnath Sabha: A procession of Kali Mata and Sant Durbalnath ji was taken out by the entire Khatik Samaj on the occasion of the recitation programme of Kali Mata. This procession started from Banzo Gate and ended at Kali Mata Temple Karan Tal. Bhandara was also held on this occasion. Advocate Sangeeta Mogha was present as the chief guest in the programme. Sangeeta Mogha while motivating the people of the society to move forward in the field of education for the girls said that the people of the society should educate the girls as much as possible and let the girls decide what is wrong for them. Is it or is it right? She said that girls' education should start from an early age. Therefore, the importance of girls' education



plays a vital role.

Girls' education benefits both individuals and countries. More educated women are more knowledgeable about nutrition and health, have fewer children, marry later and have healthier children when they decide to become mothers. They are more likely to participate in formal efficient markets and earn higher incomes.

Speaking about the importance of saints on this occasion, Dr. Amit said that pure thoughts and positive thinking reside in the words of saints. The person who follows his guidance becomes blessed and gets absorbed in devotion.

She said that even big tasks become successful due to the words of saints. The surrounding area also becomes

sacred and religious due to the ascetic saint ashrams and religious places. The thought of devotion awakens in the human mind. On this occasion, Ravi Kiran, Ram Lal, Ravindra Mogha, Navneet Mogha, Shri Pal, Amit Pawar, Sushil Pawar, Rakesh, Satpal, Arun, Sanjay Tansar, Naresh Pawar, Naresh Kumar etc. were present.

AAP leader Praveen Chaudhary joins BJP

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, APRIL 1

AAP suffered a big blow as its leader and former District Council President Praveen Chaudhary joined BJP in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. AAP leader and former Zilla Parishad President Praveen Chaudhary was not participating in Aam Aadmi Party activities for almost a year, but he had not formally announced his departure from Aam Aadmi Party.

He announced his decision to leave the Aam Aadmi Party in front of journalists in a press conference in Kurukshetra yesterday. During the press conference, former Zilla Parishad Chairman Praveen Chaudhary said that he is always engaged in working with full honesty in



the interest of the society and the country, in the future also he will continue to work in the interest of the society and the nation, that is why he has supported Prime Minister Modi's development of India.

Keeping the concept in mind, today I have joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in the presence of Chief Minister Nayab Saini. Along with him, his associate Sanjay Chaudhary also announced to join Bharatiya Janata Party with many party workers.

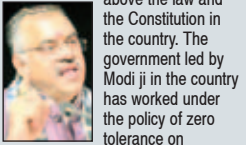
Blood donation camp organized by Khatri Sabha on occasion of birthday of little girl Tamanna



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: The local Khatri Sabha dedicated to social service, under the leadership of the president of the council Paramdeep Singh Bedi, on the occasion of the 6th birthday of Tamanna, daughter of the active member of the council, Manku Mehta, at the local civil hospital. A blood donation camp was organized at the Blood Bank, which was inaugurated by little girl Tamanna by cutting the ribbon. On this occasion, the blood bank team collected a dozen units of blood donation. Speaking during the camp, the General Secretary of the Sabha Surinder Dhir said that the Khatri Sabha has always been ahead in social welfare work. Be it a celebration or a birthday of a family member. In the same vein, this blood donation camp has been organized on the occasion of this girl's birthday, like every year. In the camp, social worker Pinky Wallia blessed the girl and praised the noble work of the Khatri Sabha. Sandeep Verma, president of Sahara Samaj Seva, who was specially present on the occasion, said that blood donation is the best donation.

No one is above law in country: Chugh

VERMA GURDASPUR: Bharatiya Janata Party's National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal being sent on judicial remand in the Media Delhi Liquor case that no one is



above the law and the Constitution in the country. The government led by Modi ji in the country has worked under the policy of zero tolerance on corruption. The truth should come out about how the black game of corruption was played by creating a nexus in Delhi, Punjab and Telangana in the liquor scam. Chugh said that India's judicial system is an example in the world, the investigating agencies conduct their investigation independently and impartially. Is working. But Congress and its allies have corrupted the country and will have to face investigation. Chugh strongly condemned the caste remarks made by the TMC leader on the Prime Minister and said that this is an example of the mental bankruptcy of the opposition leaders. It has become a fashion to abuse and comment on the Prime Minister of the country, the Prime Minister of the country Modi ji has established the pride of the country in the whole world. Today, India has been placed in the role of a leading nation in the world. Making such comment on the Prime Minister of our country is like insulting 140 crore countrymen.

SMO under chairmanship of Neelmejet Kaur holds meeting regarding demands of employees



GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL KHAMANO: CHC Senior Medical Officer under the leadership of Multipurpose Health Employees CHC Chananthal Khan President Neelmejit Kaur, a meeting was held with Surinder Singh and a demand letter regarding the demands was given. Giving information about the meeting, Neelmejit Kaur said that some basic demands of the employees were to be resolved at the CHC level. During the meeting, Surinder Singh was met and assurance was given to resolve all the demands soon. On this occasion, Mr. Inderjit Singh Nagra Senior Vice President, Mr. Surjit Singh, Gurpreet Singh General Secretary, Mr. Ranjodh Singh Press Secretary, Geeta Gautam District Vice President, Mr. Lakshwinder Singh, Gorav Sharma, Mrs. Mandeep Kaur, Mr. Narinder Singh, Shri Mahavir Singh, Shri Gurinder Singh Roorkee, Jitar Lal, Senior Assistant Sumit Uppal and others were present.

Seminar organized to sensitize elderly, disabled voters



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: The able leadership of Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Mr. Ghanasham Thori and the guidelines of Chairperson Sweep-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development) Mr. Nikas Kumar to ensure the participation of elderly and disabled voters in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024. An awareness seminar was organized at the local Bhagat Puran Singh Pingalwara Sewa Suite, Mananwala. Addressing the people present on this occasion, district level PWD committee member S. Dhamrinder Singh said that India is the biggest in the world. It is a democracy and we all should be a part of this democracy. He said that the elections have been announced in the country and now it is our duty to participate in these elections. He said that the Election Commission of India. This time many facilities are being provided to help the elderly and disabled voters, the benefits of which disabled voters can get by registering on the Saksham app. He said that the district administration ensured the facility of ramps on every polling booth in the district.

CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

Modi's agenda is to stop Kejriwal from campaign in elections: Malvinder Kang

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, APR 1

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) launching a verbal attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said that there is no liquor scam, this entire false script that was written by Enforcement Directorate on the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been exposed once again, as ED failed to produce any evidence in the court today.

Addressing a press conference, on Monday, AAP Punjab chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang said that AAP's National Supremo and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal is sent to jail for judicial custody today.

The most interesting thing is that despite 11 days of ED remand, ED is still saying the same statements that they said after they arrested Vijay Nair. There is not a single new evidence, as we have been saying from the first day that this is a script created by BJP with one motive that is to keep Arvind Kejriwal out of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Kang said that there is no new evidence or witness against Arvind Kejriwal. After 11 days of remand, today Kejriwal was



again sent to judicial custody for 14 days, which makes their motive very clear. The statement, on the basis of which remand was given, was recorded one and a half years ago by the ED itself only. It is clearly a conspiracy of the BJP to keep Arvind Kejriwal out of the Lok Sabha elections.

Kang said that 11 days ago, Arvind Kejriwal was arrested by ED in a fabricated case, which was registered one and a half years ago. There was mention of the South Lobby, and it was said that there was a liquor scam and commission was demanded from the south lobby. The truth of so-called South Lobby, on the basis of which BJP is continuously registering false cases against Arvind Kejriwal and keeping him away from the elections, is

that first there is Goa's Sarath Chand Reddy, he is the son of a businessman of a South firm worth Rs 25000 crore, he is not an ordinary man, he is arrested by ED in November 2022 in a money laundering case. Sarath Chandra Reddy was made a witness against Arvind Kejriwal and 10 days after his arrest, BJP took an election fund of 55 crores from this Sarath Chandra Reddy through electoral bonds. All of this is on record.

Kang further said that as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, electoral bond data is made public. Then it came to light that Sarath Chandra Reddy, who was made a witness against Arvind Kejriwal, gave Rs. 55 crore election fund to the BJP within 10 days after his testimony

and arrest in November 2022. His statement was taken about 6 times in April 2023 and he didn't mention Arvind Kejriwal in any of these statements and he also said that he has nothing to do with Arvind Kejriwal. Kang added that in May 2023, his bail was rejected by the High Court. A person who is the owner of 25000 crores and has to stay in jail for 6 months and has already given Rs 55 crore election fund to BJP and still he does not get bail, then something must be wrong here.

After about 8 months, Sarath Chandra Reddy gives a false statement against Arvind Kejriwal. BJP takes 55 crores from Sarath Chandra Reddy who was made a witness against Arvind Kejriwal in the alleged liquor scam and 5 crores separately, and then he gets bail. Kang said that the second person they made the main witness against Arvind Kejriwal is Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy (MSR). He is also a very big businessman from the South. In 2021, a money laundering case was registered against him. He is a four-time Member of Parliament. His son Raghava Reddy was also made a witness against Arvind Kejriwal.

Video of religious function casting two dancers as Sikh characters creates controversy

CHANDIGARH, APR 1 (UNI)

A video of a religious function casting two dancers as Sikh characters has created a controversy and a Sikh organisation has complained to police as well as administration authorities demanding action. "X" handle Tracking Hate Against Sikhs on Monday

posted a message along with the video and the screenshot of profile of the person, who had allegedly live-broadcast the video.

The tweet stated "A very shocking incident has come to our attention from Garhshankar. Organizers of a religious function cast two dancers as Sikh characters in a very insulting fashion.

Both characters were dressed like Sikh children with fake mustaches and beards. This is a mockery of Sikhs and is very insulting in nature." The organisation has urged authorities to look into the matter as soon as possible so that the culprits who made a mockery of Sikh appearance can be apprehended.

Range level inter state coordination meeting held at Mohali



SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, APR 1

A Range level Inter State Co-ordination meeting held today, at the Conference Hall, office of the Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar by Mrs Nilambari Jagadale, IPS, DIG, Ropar Range, Ropar.

In this meeting, Smt Ravjot Grewal, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Sahib, Gulneet Singh Khurana, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar, Tushar Gupta, IPS, Superintendent of Police (Hq), SAS Nagar, Manpreet Singh, PPS, Superintendent

of Police (Rural), SAS Nagar and SSPs of adjoining States, i.e. Una, Bilaspur & Baddi of Himachal Pardesh, and representatives from Ambala & Panchkula of Haryana & Chandigarh attended this meeting. Commandant CAPF, Airport, SAS Nagar was also present in the meeting. Apart from that, the Inspector General of Police, Ambala and CP, Panchkula and Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mandi joined meeting virtually. In this meeting, Inter-State Joint Nakas, Law & Order issues, Range/District level security coordination, Latest Intelligence inputs in connection

with Gangsters, Drugs/Liquor & Weapon suppliers, sealing of Inter-State Borders by installation of strong nakas to stop the exchange of cash and alcohol/drug during elections and other issue relating to Lok Sabha Election-2024 have been discussed in detail. In order to improve cooperation between each other WhatsApp groups has been created and information about POs, absconders, parole jumpers and trouble makers be shared with state counterparts. Escape routes are also being identified which are often used for illegal activities like drug/liquor smuggling etc. at

DC, SSP felicitate winners with medals and cash prizes

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, APR 1

Sangrur Police in association with district administration has organized an athletic meet, under a fourth anti-drug awareness campaign at the local War Heroes Stadium here today.

Under this athletics meet, various track competitions were conducted for boys and girls, in which a large number of athletes participated. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner(DC), Jitendra Jorwal and SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal felicitated winners with medals as well as with cash prize money. The cash prizes were given to the first six places in the competitions.

While speaking on this occasion, DC said that the district administration was constantly making the youth aware to protect them from the drugs. He said that sports



are a very good initiative to save the youth from getting trapped in the mire of drugs and to channelize their energy for good causes.

He further said that such sports tournaments play an important role in nurturing budding players by cutting the uncut diamonds in the field of sports. DC said that if any player faces any kind of difficulty related to the game, then the matter should be immediately brought to his attention, so that the problem can be solved properly.

On this occasion, SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal said that

positive activities were regularly conducted by the district police to promote sports culture among the youth. He assured that such activities would be conducted on a larger scale in the future to boost the morale of the young players.

He urged the residents of the district that if any citizen wants to bring any information about drugs to the attention of the police, he can give the information on helpline number 112 and the identity of the person providing the information will be kept completely confidential.

Large caravan of Barnala district will join siege of SSP, DC Mansa's office on April 2: Kulwant Singh Bhadour



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, APR 1

With the announcement of the Parliament elections, the farmers' agitations in Punjab have taken on a new momentum. Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta (Dakonda), under the leadership of the state committee, has completed the preparations to completely surround the office of SSP and DC Mansa on April 2 as the next step in the struggle to save the lands of the farmers of Kullari village in Mansa district, have done. These views were expressed by district pres-

ident Kulwant Singh Bhadour and secretary Sahib Singh Badbar after the meetings of the three blocks. Big meetings have been held in all the blocks of Barnala district. Hundreds of farmer-labourers and women are participating in these meetings.

Senior Vice President of the organization Harmandal Singh Jodhpur, Jagraj Singh Hardaspura, Gurdev Singh Mangewal, Ram Singh Shehna, Amarjit Singh Thuliwal said that preparations have been made by holding meetings at Mahalkal, Barnala.

VB arrests two private persons for taking Rs 2.50,000 on name of vigilance officials



RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, APR 1

(The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state on Monday arrested two persons for taking a bribe of Rs. 2,50,000 on name of vigilance officials.

Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the arrested persons have been identified as Paramjeet Singh alias Pamma, a resident of village Daroli, in Patiala district and Sahil Goyal of Patiala. They have been booked on an online complaint lodged by

Jagseer Singh, a resident of village Arnetu, Patiala district on the Chief Minister anti corruption action line.

He informed that the complainant has alleged in his complaint that both the above said accused had taken bribe of Rs. 2,50,000 on name of vigilance officials from him to help in an ongoing enquiry with allegations of embezzlement in village development works against his mother.

He further informed that during enquiry the allegations levelled in the complaint were found to be correct and true.

IIC funded impact lectures organized at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls



VERMA BATALA, APR 1

Under the stewardship of Dr. Ekta Khosla, Principal, RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala and under the able guidance of Mr. Harish Kumar Sharma (Vice-President IIC) and Dr. Hardeep Kaur (Program Convener), Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)'s organized Impact Lectures on 'Intellectual Property Rights' and 'Entrepreneurship' in the college premises. At the beginning of the program, Principal Dr.

Ekta Khosla formally welcomed the resource persons Prof. (Dr.) P.K. Pati (Head Department of Biotechnology, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar) and Dr. Samriti Khosla (Associate Professor, Department of Physics, DAV University, Jalandhar) with green planters. In the first session of the program, the resource person Dr. Samriti Khosla focused on the various types of intellectual property rights while differentiating between IPR and Patent achieving methodologies.

Tell Punjabis how much money you took from corporates to dismantle APMCs : Harsimrat to Mann

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, APR 1

Former union minister and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal today demanded chief minister Bhagwant Mann tell Punjabis how much money had been taken from corporates to dismantle agriculture produce market committees (APMCs) by notifying eleven silos in nine districts of the State.

The Bathinda MP, who was on a tour of the constituency, while speaking at Jhanda Khurd village in the Sardulgarh assembly segment, said by notifying the eleven silos Bhagwant Mann had implemented the agenda of the central government and implemented one of the hated three black laws which had been revoked after a one and a half year struggle by farmer unions. Urging farmers to



unite to defeat the nefarious conspiracy to privatize 'mandis' in Punjab by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, Mrs Harsimrat Badal said "more than seven hundred farmers gave up their lives to win this reprieve for the State. We cannot let their sacrifices go in vain by allowing this anti-farmer government to privatize our mandis".

Badal also asked the chief minister to tell why he had shared the stage with the Congress in a dharna in Delhi to protest against the arrest of Delhi chief minister Arvind Ke-

jiwal if AAP was not in alliance with the Congress. "This proves that the Congress and AAP are conducting a sham fight in Punjab by contesting the parliamentary elections separately". Badal also asked the Congress party to explain its double standards. She said the Congress was the first to raise its voice against the liquor scam and demand a probe into it. "Now the same party is sitting in dharna with AAP to save Arvind Kejriwal after the latter has been arrested after the courts denied him bail".

Police takes strict action against violators of traffic rules

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, APR 1

District Ludhaina rural police took strict actions against violators of traffic rules in Jagraon city today as they cut chalans of defaulters. Giving more information about this, ASI Mahinder Kumar said that police team cut chalan of vehicles parked outside a very popular grocery store adjacent to Indo Canadian.

"Social activist Jaspal Singh Nagi, Pritpal Singh and the residents of mohalla Kishor Chand met with higher police officials and complained against the inconvenience they face due to vehicles parked the grocery store all the time. As per the orders to higher officials, the owner of the store was informed about the complaints received but they did not pay much attention to it leading to stricter ac-



tions by police," he added. ASI further said that police channeled the defaulters and instructed the shop owner to appoint someone to make sure that the vehicles of their customers do not create inconvenience for other people. Jaspal Singh Nagi talking about the same, said that the customers of this shop park their vehicles carelessly outside the shop leading to traffic related issues.

Two days of training conducted regarding MDSR



KHUSHAV SINGLA MANDI GOBINDGARH, APR 1

Under the directives of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, two days of training were provided to Senior Medical Officers, Medical Officers, Community Health Officers, and ANMs (Auxiliary Nurse Midwives) regarding maternal mortality rate reduction through MDSR (Maternal Death Surveillance and Review).

Civil Surgeon Dr. Davinderjit Kaur informed participants that 100% registration of every pregnant woman should

be ensured, and antenatal checks should be conducted on time. Records of these women should be maintained, and special attention should be given to high-risk pregnant women. She emphasized that every 15 days, follow-up records should be checked, and remarks should be made accordingly. High-risk pregnant women should undergo regular checks by a specialist doctor, in addition to regular check-ups by their medical specialist. It was also suggested that all required tests, including thyroid tests, should be conducted on time for pregnant women.

Law & order to be maintained at all costs in district: DC Panchal

ASHISHPURI KAPURTHALA, APR 1

Holding meeting with all Assistant Returning Officers, DSPs and nodal officials to take stock of poll preparedness, Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Amit Kumar Panchal directed them to ensure elaborate arrangements at all polling & counting centres besides requisite facilities for electorate at time of voting.

Accompanied by senior superintendent of police Vatsala Gupta, the Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal directed the officials to maintain law and order situation meticulously in the district as well as keeping close watch on those involved in illegal trade of liquor/laiban. He also directed the police and civ-



il officials to keep a strict check on the supply of liquor in the district. Pertinently, the flying squad teams in association with the police had seized 15,612 litres of lahan in the district so far. He also advocated immediate stringent action against the trouble makers and anti-social elements so as to ensure hassle-free elections. SSP Vatsala Gupta also directed the police officials to further enhance the daily vigil to tap the suspicious activities initiating immediate action in such cases. Panchal has also

directed the officials to address complaints received in Cvigil App and complaint cell helpline number (1950) with in stipulated time and daily report pertaining to this should sent to election office. He also interacted with the nodal officers to review the ongoing poll activities, training of polling staff and providing material to polling parties. Of total four assembly constituencies including Kapurthala and Sultanpur Lodhi fall in Lok Sabah segment Khadoor Sahib while the other two Phagwara.

Rally marks World Tuberculosis Day at RBU



LK BANSAL
MOHALI: University School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Rayat Bahra University organized a rally on World Tuberculosis Day with the theme 'Yes! WE CAN-END TB!' The rally was organized under the guidance of Dr Anju Goyal, Dean USPS. Faculty members and students spread awareness about the management of tuberculosis that conveys a message of hope that getting back-on-track to turn the tide against TB is possible through high and fast implementation of new recommendations of the World Health Organization. Posters were presented by the students on World Tuberculosis Day. Vanshita from B. Pharmacy 2nd Semester won the first prize in Poster Competition. Dr Parvinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Rayat Bahra University, appreciated the work being done by the University School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

VB arrests Patwari for accepting Rs 2,000 bribe



SHWETA SHARMA
SUJANPUR: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, on Monday has apprehended Patawari Yashpal, posted at village Kot, Pathankot district, red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 2,000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above mentioned accused, who is resident of village Malpur, in Pathankot, has been arrested on a complaint lodged by Sanjiv Sharma, a resident of village Tehari Tika Basa, tehsil Dhar Kalan.

Body of young man reaches village from Italy

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA: Young man Swaran Singh belonging to Mahal Khurd village of Barnala district died of a heart attack in Italy on March 7. After 21 days, his dead body arrived at his native village Mahal Khurd (Barnala) on Saturday around 8 am. The dead body of Swaran Singh was brought by the family from Delhi Airport by ambulance As soon as they reached the village of Mirtak, a wave of mourning spread in the area. Speaking on this occasion, Jaswant Singh Lali said that Shiromani Akali Dal (A) president Simranjit Singh Mann and his personal assistant Gurjant Singh Katlu have helped to bring home. He said that the last rites of Mirtak Swaran Singh were performed in the crematorium of village Mahal Khurd on Sunday. On this occasion DSP Karanjali Singh, Jasveer Singh former HHO, Jatendar Nath Singh Hamidi in-charge of Shiromani Akali Dal B, District President of Avtar Singh Mahal Khurd Kisan Wing, Circle President of Akali Dal Amritsar Mahinder Singh Sahjara, Baldeep Singh Sarpanch Mahal Khurd, former chairman Rubal Gill, various press clubs and social service organizations and all the residents of the city paid tribute in large numbers.

People of Punjab should take right decision to secure their future: Harsimrat Kaur



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH: Today, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Member of Parliament, former Union Minister met the workers in Jhanda Khurd, Jhanda Kalan, Rorki, Mirpur Khurd, Mirpur Kalan, Ranjigarh Bandra of Sardulgarh Constituency. During this, while addressing the gathered people, she said that those who lie for the sake of power are not close to anyone, in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the people of Punjab should take the right decision to secure their future. Because these people had gained power by misleading the people of Punjab by giving false guarantees and illusions of revolution, & now it has failed miserably on every front, economic, social, law and order. So now the time has come to take account of the destruction done by them.

MCM holds medical camp



CHANDIGARH: The Medical Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Fortis Hospital, Mohali, organised a one-day Medical Camp. During the camp, the medical team of Fortis Hospital, comprising of a panel of doctors and medical technicians, conducted a number of screening tests including blood glucose testing, blood pressure, diet counselling, ECG, bone mineral density, eye check-up, weight measurement, etc. Free consultation on Cosmetic Surgery, Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Orthopaedics, Dietetics and Internal Medicine was also provided on this occasion. Principal Dr Nisha Bhargava congratulated the Medical Committee on the successful organisation of the camp.

DM orders arms licensees to deposit weapons with immediate effect

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, APR 1

District Magistrate-cum-District Electoral Officer, Mrs Aashika Jain has directed the Arms Licensees of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar to deposit their weapons with immediate effect with nearby Police Station of Arms Dealers in the wake of enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct and upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024.

She said no fee would be chargeable against the deposition of weapons with the Police Station while a nominal fee of Rs 200 per month would have to be paid to the Arms dealer against the deposition of weapon.

Today, while reviewing the status of the deposition of Arms' Licenses in the district, she asked ADC (G) to ensure the display of the deposition fee outside every Arms Dealer in the district to facilitate the Arms licensee. These display notices should also be randomly checked, she instructed the SDMs.



The District Magistrate further said that a prohibitory order dated March 16, 2024, under section 144 of the CrPC has already been in force in the district regarding a ban on carrying firearms, ammunition, explosives inflammable items and sharp weapons. She said that non-compliance with this order would be legally actionable

and may lead to prosecution under the appropriate sections of the Indian Penal Code and other relevant laws.

However, this order would not comply with personnel of the army, paramilitary forces and police personnel in uniform bank guards and cash and carry vehicles of banks who are duly authorized and carrying arms as

part of their official duty. National Rifle Association members would also be exempted vide ECI order no. 464/L&O/2007/PLN-1 dated 08.01.2017. Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) Viraj S Tidke, Assistant Commissioner (G) Davy Goyal and Election Tehsildar Sanjay Kumar were also present in the meeting.

Punjab Raj Bhavan celebrates Odisha Foundation Day

RN KHERA
CHANDIGARH, APR 1

Under the leadership of Shri Banwari Lal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Union Territory Chandigarh, strengthening the unity and integrity of the nation, the rich tradition of unity in diversity was celebrated with great pomp on the occasion of Odisha Statehood Day at Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh.

The Governor extended his greetings to all the guests present at the function and said that celebrating the State Foundation Day of other states promotes harmony and goodwill among the people. He said that it strengthens the spirit of unity in diversity. He said that Odisha has a rich culture. It is a home to rich



cultural heritage with historical monuments, archaeological sites, traditional arts, sculpture, dance and music. The entire country should become familiar with it, connect with it and especially the young generation should be aware about it.

On the occasion, captivating presentation of folk music and odishhi dances were presented.

The dignitaries present on the occasion included Senior Deputy Mayor, Mr. Kul-

jeet Singh Sandhu, 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 Mr. Surendra Singh Yadav, DGP, UT, IAS officers from Punjab and UT, Chandigarh, Padamshree Mr. D Bahera Chairman, Utkal Sanskriti Sangh along with a host of Members of the Sangh and Ms Niru Malik, Principal Dev Samaj College.

Saplings planted at Post Graduate college for girls



RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, APR 1

Today, on 1st April, saplings were planted in the ground of Post Graduate College for Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh, dedicated to environmental protection and promotion, and Cool Day was celebrated with a pledge to save the plants. In this program, NSS volunteers of the college and members of Jai Madhusudan Jai Shrikrishna Foundation were present. Founder of the Foundation and Convenor of Hariyawal Punjab Chandi-

garh vibhag Prabhunath Shahi made all the NSS volunteers pledge to plant trees and save them. All the present students pledged to do the work of environmental protection and promotion with full dedication and readiness. Dr. Salil Sharma, coordinator of the National Service Scheme of the college, said that all the students have taken the responsibility of taking care of each plant and along with the foundation, they will also participate in environmental protection as well as other social works.

Flag march regarding Lok Sabha elections conducted



SACHIN MOUDGILL
LUDHIANA, APR 1

A flag March regarding Lok Sabha elections was conducted today (1st April 2024) under the leadership of Sh. Kuldeep Singh Chahal, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, accompanied by the Gazetted officers, SHO's, 250 policemen of the Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana, and a company of CRPF. The flag March started from CP office

Ludhiana and moved through Ghumar Mandi chowk, Aarti chowk, Sagu chowk, PAU Gate No. 4, Humbar road, Railway Road, Jalandhar bypass, Ferozepur road and other busy places of the city. The purpose of the flag March was to imbibe a sense of security among the residents of the city and to serve as a deterrent to the bad elements so as to ensure peaceful, fair and transparent elections of Lok Sabha.

Meeting of medical practitioners association held



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, APR 1

A special meeting of Medical Practitioners Association Punjab Reg: 295 Block Kotkapura was held under the chairmanship of Block President Dr. Ranjit Singh. In this meeting, the long pending issues of the organization were discussed.

On this occasion, the government was appealed by the medical practitioners who are providing medical assistance near the homes in the villages/cities, to be recognized. It must be mentioned that the said process of giving recognition has been stopped by the government for nearly five

decades. A special thanks was given to Dr Amritvir Singh for appointing Dr. Karam Singh District Press Secretary, Dr. Jagbir Singh Smaller District Treasurer, Vaid Bagicha Singh District Management Committee Member and District Spokesman, Dr. Sukhchain Singh Sandhu as District Vice President and Dr. Vikram Chauhan as the district delegate.

On this occasion, all the members of Block Kotkapura assured the district committee that they will take the lead in every struggle with the district body. Every duty assigned to Block Kotkapura will be performed with full heart.



BJP. Speaking on this occasion, Sukhwinder Goldi said that BJP is going to win the all 13th 13th Lok Sabha seats of Punjab.

He said that People are seeing the future of Punjab only in BJP.

RAKESH SHARMA
FARIDKOT, APR 1

Punjab's state BJP general secretary Anil Sareen said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi says 'remove corruption', but the leaders of the Indi thugbandhan gang say 'save the corrupt'. During a press conference chaired by Faridkot BJP district president Gaurav Kakkar, Anil Sareen said that they all have seen the real face of INDI alliance parties-- Congress, Aam Aadmi Party, RJD, SP, JMM, DMK, Trinamool and leftist parties at Delhi's Ramliya Maidan. They all have seen how these corrupt

Faridkot will contribute in forming BJP govt at Centre for third time: Anil



people were justifying their corruption by being shattered in their pride. He said that the people of Punjab have chosen BJP as their future and this time, by making BJP candidates victorious on all 13 seats of Punjab including BJP candidate Hans Raj Hans from Faridkot, they would strengthen the hands of Prime Minister and will contribute in forming the government at the Centre for the third time under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Anil Sareen questioned the Aam Aadmi Party and other opposition parties including Congress.

Brazilian Ambassador pays courtesy call to Governor Punjab



GAGAN JAIN
CHANIDGARH, APR 1

The Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, Shri Banwari Lal Purohit welcomed H.E. Mr. Kenneth H. Da Nobrega, Ambassador Brazil, in a courtesy call today at Punjab Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh. During the meeting the Governor extended cordial reception and assured full support to enhance bilateral ties and explore avenues of collaboration between Brazil and Punjab.

The Governor highlighted the significant transformation in the economic landscape of India over the past

decade, emphasising its emergence as an investor-friendly destination. He expressed Punjab's eagerness to attract Brazilian investment and foster mutually benefited partnership.

In response, the Ambassador conveyed Brazil's keen interest in exploring opportunities for cooperation and investment in Punjab. He revealed that Brazil has officially constituted a working group dedicated to furthering conversation and exploring concrete possibilities for collaboration in various sectors. The Ambassador outlined Brazil's keen interest in several key areas, including agriculture, with a focus on de-

veloping resilient crop variety, genetic material in dairy farming, cotton production, promotion of solar energy and ethanol use, as well as collaboration in higher education and research.

Expressing enthusiasm for potential partnership, the Governor emphasised Punjab's commitment to facilitating a conducive environment for investment and collaboration. The establishment of the working group marks a significant step forward in strengthening the bilateral relationship between Brazil and Punjab, opening doors for extensive cooperation and mutual prosperity, said the Governor.

Free water service started by Shri Balaji Langar Seva Samiti and Welfare Society



KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Shri Balaji Langar Seva Samiti and Welfare Society inaugurated a daily cold water chhabil. Giving information at this time, society patron Pandit Ram Sharma, Kripa Shankar Ahuja, president Karan Goyal Thekedar said that in view of the summer season, our society has started cold water supply at the bus stop located in the local Batti Wale Chowk. He said that this was inaugurated by Sangeeta Didi, sister of Brahma Kumari Ashram, by cutting the ribbon. Society Chairman Deepak Goyal said that passengers going to Faridkot, Bathinda, Muktsar, Moga pass through this square and due to lack of water facility at this place, bus passengers and passers-by have to remain thirsty, so this square Cold water has been arranged and will continue till the end of the summer season. He further said that the organization is conducting marriages of needy girls, installing langar in Hanuman temple every Tuesday, and blood donation camps, medical camp, etc. Society Treasurer Shushant Bansal and Akash Garg, Lecturer Virinder Kataria said that the organization has started a Roti Bank in the afternoon.

CJM visits backward village Dher Sukerni



SHWETA SHARMA
SUJANPUR, APR 1

The team of District Legal Services Authority Pathankot, headed by Secretary cum CJM Ranjeev Pal Singh Cheema, District Legal Services Authority Pathankot, visited Dher Sukerni, a backward village of the block. On this occasion, village Sarpanch Kishan Chand said that even after 77 years of independence, this village is deprived of basic facilities.

He told that there is no road to reach the village. The villagers have to endure great hardships for everyday work. If someone falls ill, there are many difficulties in transporting the patient. Where despite being a village in Punjab, no government has been able to provide electricity facility. Villagers take electricity from Himachal to light their houses. He said that despite repeated requests to the administration and government, this village is still deprived of facilities.

Ludhiana rural police busts gang of thieves, arrests 2

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, APR 1

District Ludhiana rural police successfully busted a gang of thieves as they arrest 2 of them and recovered lakhs of rupees and 96 grams of gold from them.

While addressing a press conference about this, SSP Navneet Singh Bains said that an incident of theft was reported from a private school of village Chakar last month and police took the matter very seriously and successfully made progress.

"Police team led by ASI Sulakhan Singh acted very wisely and arrested 2 thieves with nearly 15 lakh rupees cash and 10 tolas of gold and busted the gang of thieves. The accused have been identified as Jivan Singh son of Mahinder Singh and Inderjeet Singh son of Jasveer Singh both residents of Chakar," he added. Bains informed that police recovered 10 lakh rupees from accused Jivan Singh and 14,47,550 rupees from accused Inderjeet



Singh. He also mentioned that FIR has been filed against them and further investigation has been initiated.

It is notable that both the accused already have other FIRs filed against them at various police stations.

Kush Yadav wins silver medal in Inter College State Championship



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Kush Yadav, student of the Sports Department of NIILM University, Kaithal, performed brilliantly and got a silver medal by getting second place in the 67 kg weight category in the boxing competition, this Inter College State Championship which is organized by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the month of March. Held at Government College Kaithal, Haryana. This information was given by University Sports Director Dr. Balwinder Singh. On this occasion, University Vice Chancellor Professor (Dr.) Shamim Ahmed, while congratulating the student on his performance and achievement, said that NIILM University is providing every level of facilities to the players and the result of that is that gradually the players of the university are becoming excellent. By performing, they are bringing glory to their university and region and in future too, all kinds of facilities will be provided to the players in the university.

Punjabi presented at World Poetry Day in London

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHARPUR: A brilliant event highlighting the linguistic diversity of India was organised at the House of Lords of British Parliament on 26th March. 20 languages of India and South Asia were presented on the occasion. Hosted by the Deputy Leader of the House Rt. Hon. Lord Dholakia and organised by Sanskriti Centre for Cultural Excellence, the event marked 25th year of UNESCO World Poetry Day. Poems, songs, dances and other cultural expressions made the program lively and interesting. British Army Soldier Manpreet Maycock presented Punjabi poem written by Major Munish Chauhan on the theme water. It was a proud moment to present at such a significant occasion and venue.

Dharampal Sharma to contest Lok Sabha as independent from Sangrur

ASHOK DHINGRA
TAPA MANDI: Dharampal Sharma who is municipal commissioner of Tapa Nagar Council as well as District President of Fair Price shop dealer association, District Barnala is going to file his nomination in upcoming Lok Sabha Election as independent candidate from Sangrur Constituency. While taking to media person he said that the Bhagwant Mann government in Punjab is destroying the working of Depot Holders by various method of harassing. To teach a lesson to Punjab Government he will divide the voters of broom party.

AAP candidate Sushil Gupta organises conference in Kaithal office



RAMAN GUPTA
KAITHAL: Prime Minister called Naveen Jindal a coal thief, now workers are confused as to how to call him a soldier, how to call that person Kohinoor. BJP has arrested Kejriwal only to hide its corruption so that he can be stopped from election campaign. Bharatiya Janata Party gives the slogan of 400 people and brings candidates on loan. The number of winning MPs of Bharatiya Janata Party across India will be only in two digits and not in three digits. Talking to the journalist, Sushil Gupta said that the Bharatiya Janata Party has lost its base, especially since Naveen Jindal was forcefully made the Kurukshetra Lok Sabha candidate. I have visited the villages, there are boards put up in the villages that BJP people are not allowed to come to this village and the example in front of you is that yesterday there was a protest against them in Kalayat. Because first the Prime Minister of India called Naveen Jindal a coal thief, now the workers are confused as to how to call him a soldier, how to call the person Kohinoor, the person for whom the Prime Minister used the word like a robber, the person who was called the kingpin of coal, today Bharatiya Janata Party Today, a situation of internal rebellion has arisen among the BJP workers.

Punjab govt has given permission to 9 big corporates to buy, sell, store and process wheat

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER
KATHGARH: The honest and poor Messiah government of Punjab has given permission to 9 wealthy corporate houses of the country to buy, sell, store and process wheat crop for the 2024-25 rabi season in different districts. With which now these 9 corporate houses will sell the purchase of wheat at their own will. Not only this, the Punjab Government Institutions Marketing Board has merged 26 market committees of different districts of Punjab in different departments keeping in view the market fee and other expenses. It has also been recommended to do While the resolution to merge the market committee of Kharar and Mohali has been passed on 19

BJP foundation day to be celebrated with slogan '400 Paar'

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APR 1

With more than two weeks to go for the Lok Sabha elections, the Bhartiya Janta Party will celebrate the party's foundation day with the slogan '400 Paar' on April 6. The party has issued an official circular to its office bearers—right from the central leadership to the teams on the ground working at the booth level—detailing the various programmes that need to be conducted to celebrate the foundation day. "Each worker on the ground who is busy gearing up for the election needs to take a resolve that the party must come back with a decisive mandate. 'Abki Baar 400 Paar' and 'Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar' are what we need to work on," says the



circular issued by the party. On the occasion many types of programmes, including meetings with beneficiaries, door-to-door interactions, Padyatras, bike rallies, and felicitations of senior workers, will be organised across the country. As per a BJP source in Uttar Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a rally in Saharanpur and a road show in Ghaziabad on the foundation day. Formed on April 6,

Punjab & Sind Bank collaborates with IIM Amritsar to boost entrepreneurship and academic excellence



AMRITSAR: Today, Punjab & Sind Bank took a significant stride towards fostering academic, research, and entrepreneurship in Punjab by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the esteemed Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Amritsar. This collaboration is in line with the visionary approach of Sh. Swarup Kumar Saha, MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank. The signing ceremony, graced by the presence of key figures including Prof. R Nagarajan, Director of IIM Amritsar, Gopal Krishan, General Manager, Chaman Lal Shienhmar, Field General Manager, Chandigarh, Saminder Singh, Dy. General Manager and Ms. Mahima Gupta, marks the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at promoting and supporting academic, research, and entrepreneurship initiatives across the region. This collaborative effort underscores Punjab & Sind Bank's commitment to supporting economic development and fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in Punjab. Both institutions recognize the pivotal role that empowering entrepreneurs and startups play in driving sustainable growth and building a thriving business landscape in the region.

Annual convocation at Govt. Bikram College of Commerce, Patiala marks achievement of 284 students

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, APRIL 1

Government Bikram College of Commerce Patiala organized its convocation for the session 2022-23 under the guidance of College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Kusum Lata. The esteemed Deputy Commissioner of Patiala, Sh. Showkat Ahmad Parry, IAS graced the event as the Chief Guest. The event commenced with the arrival of the Academic procession in the hall, where the program started with Playing the College Dhuni followed by lighting of the lamp. Dr. Vaneeta Rani welcomed the Chief Guest and the other dignitaries present on the occasion. The College Principal presented the college report highlighting



the activities and achievements of the college students throughout the year. 284 students received degrees from the chief guest who wished them all the best for their life ahead and emphasized skills, ability and a positive outlook in life. He mentioned about what important milestone convocation is in one's life and urged the graduates to be grateful to everyone who helped them and guided them throughout the college years. He shared his own experiences of the time when he had finished his graduation and advised the students to make themselves capable of facing the world. The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. Ram Kumar, Coordinator of the event followed by National Anthem.

Students from Guru Nanak Khalsa College win first prize at flower show

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI: Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar is delighted by the remarkable achievements of its students at the recently held flower show organized by Guru Nanak Girls College Yamunanagar. Poushalee, Nikhil, Harsh, Chetanya, Khushi, and Vagish of Guru Nanak Khalsa College



Yamunanagar won First Prize in Perunia, Marigold and Salvia Categories. Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Poushalee, Nikhil, Harsh, Chetanya, Khushi, and Vagish for their outstanding performance, highlighting their dedication, creativity, and passion for horticulture.

Educated person trusts in authenticated news only: Khanna

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, APR 1

At the inauguration of the new office of Press Club, Sunam on Bathinda Road, Ragi Singha entertained the congregation by performing a spiritual kirtan after Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji's Bhog. On the occasion, State Senior Vice President of BJP, Arvind Khanna while congratulating the members of the Press Club said that in today's age of social media, print media and government recognized channels, which are symbols of trustworthiness. There is a storm of rumors on social media. "The educated and aware section of the country trusts the news of newspapers and channels only", Khanna added. He said that the accountability of the newspaper or channel is fixed and in such a situation there is less possibility of rumors or false news being published in



newspapers. He further said that he was happy to attend the inauguration ceremony of Press Club Sunam's new office and he has a deep relationship with the journalists here over the years. Besides others, former Finance Minister, Parminder Singh Dhindsa; BJP State Secretary, Daman Thind Bajwa; Jagatjit Singh Saro, MD, Jagatjit Industry Cheema; Ajit office in charge of Sangrur, Sukhwinder Singh Phul, Harman Dev Singh Bajwa; film artist, Hobhi Dhaliwal; Akali leader, Rajendra Deepa while congratulating to the club members for the inauguration of the new office were given and the club also assured them all kind of help. Besides others, Rotary Club Governor, Ghansyam Kansal; Sukhdeep Singh, SHO; Club Patron, Darshan Singh Chauhan; President, Rupinder Singh Saggur; Senior Vice President, Sushil Kansal; Avinas Jain, General Secretary; Pawan Sarma, Sumer Garg, Sanjay Goyal, Pritpal Singh Handa, Dr. Amit Kashal, Gurcharan Singh Dhaliwal, Harjit Singh, Satgur Singh Namol, Chamkaur Singh Moranwali, Sarjeevan Lucky.

Commission agents protest against govt regarding their demands



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRE: With the commencement of wheat procurement in the grain market, protest against commission agents also began. Haryana State Arhtiya Association started a symbolic strike of five days regarding their demands. They protested against the government over many other demands including 2.5 per cent commission on crop sales, commission on crops going into silos and opposition to payment into farmers accounts. Grain Market Head Mahinder Singh Tyagi Rampal Chahal and Jaiprakash Bansal told that they have been demanding from the government for the last two years regarding their demands. The government has fixed their commission on the crop but they should get two and a half per cent commission as usual whereas the wheat which went directly into the silo should go through the market so that they can get commission. A large number of farmers did not want to take payment directly into their account and that payment should be made through commission agents. The strike of commission agents will be for two hours every day till April 5. Agents were present with him on this occasion.

Police holds flag march led by CP Jalandhar Commissionerate

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, APR 1

In a bid to ensure free, fair and peaceful polls during upcoming general elections, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by commissioner of police Mr Swapan Sharma conducted flag march in various parts of the city. Divulging the details, the Commissioner of police said that the police is duty bound to ensure free and fair ensuing Lok sabha polls. He said that for this vigil has been enhanced in the entire city and as a part of this the flag March was organised. Mr Swapan Sharma said that for the flag March a significant number of Police Force and CAPF were deployed in the city. The Commissioner of Police said that the entire city is as



divided into four zones including Model Town, West, Central and North Sub Divisions. He said that Led by designated officers, including ADCP Zone-II Aditya, ADCP Operation and Security Chand Singh, ADCP Zone-I Gurpartap Singh Sahota and ACP Satinder Kumar, flag marches commenced from Masand Chowk, Ravidass Chowk, Jyoti Chowk, and Pathankot Chowk respectively. Mr Swapan Sharma said that The marches included participation from Station House Officers (SHOs), In Charge Police Posts (I/C PPs), concerned station forces, Emergency Response System (ERS), and Central Armed Police Force (CAPF). The Commissioner of Police said that the March aimed to assess security checks for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections and reassure the public of the fairness of the electoral process.

Tribute paid to Rajyogini Brahmakumari Krishna Didi in meeting

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA: The respected and revered Brahma Kumari Rajyogini Krishna Didi Ji, the original gem of the services of the Brahma Kumari organization, who dedicated her entire life to divine services, received the supernatural adoption of God on March 26 after attaining her completeness, she became an angel. To pay tribute to the great soul, a tribute meeting was organized at Khukhrain Bhawan. She was one of those special girls who came from Shri Hargovindpur Punjab to reach Mount Abu, the international headquarters of Brahma Kumaris, on whom God himself saw her and



offered her life to God. Due to her strong determination towards God, she endured a lot of struggle from society and worldly family in her early days. At her young age, she freed herself from bondage by adopting the advice given by God and engaged herself with complete dedication in divine services. She transformed the

lives of many souls by rendering divine services in Ambala since 1974. Her services were nurtured many souls to become heir-quality, good, serviceable Brahmin children of the Brahma Kumaris Sansthan. Under her direction and guidance, many unique gems are still providing their services in the country and abroad.

Ranjit Chautala should apologize to Brahmin community: Anika Shukla

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA: Advocate Anika Shukla Sharma, State Secretary and OSD of Haryana Pradesh Mahila Congress Seva Dal, said that the comments made by Ranjit Chautala, BJP's Lok Sabha candidate from Hissar, towards the Brahmin community are highly condemnable. The entire Brahmin community strongly opposes it and Ranjit warns Chautala that he should apologize to the entire Brahmin community as soon as possible for his remarks on Brahmins, otherwise the entire Brahmin community will unite and work to defeat him in Hissar Lok Sabha constituency. Ranjit Chautala has commented on Brahmin society that Brahmin society has divided the society into castes and Brahmin society creates caste riots. This statement given is very shameful and this comment reflects your mentality and it tells that Ranjit Chautala How much does Chautala hate the Brahmin community? Congress leader Anika Shukla said that the Brahmin society never opposes anyone. It always takes every caste and community along. Only a Brahmin thinks good about peace and happiness for all the castes and communities. And prays to God for good. Devi Lal ji never said this about Brahmins, he had full respect for Brahmins. Immediately apologize to Brahmins for your comment on Brahmins.



Editorial

Three famines

There are three incipient famines in the world today, and politics is at the root of each of them.

That's not unusual, actually; famines are almost always political events. My family is descended from the Irish Catholic diaspora, and when I was a boy in Newfoundland, we would sometimes play the game, 'potatoes and point', at the dinner table. We'd point at the potatoes (there was always a bowl of boiled potatoes with the main meal) and say "may I have a slice of beef" or "I'll have some more carrots, please." It was a distant echo of the Great Famine of 1845-1852 in Ireland that halved the country's population. Potato blight killed the potatoes, but it was politics — an ideologically driven British government refused to interfere in the working of the free market by giving the starving Irish free food — that killed the people.

For a mere political decision to topple a country into famine, it has to be food-stressed already. But politics provides the final push: that's what is killing people today in Sudan, Gaza and Haiti. The 'politics' in question is generally a war of some sort — and in most cases, the starvation is a by-product of the war, not even the main event. That is certainly the case in Sudan, the biggest of the current famines. According to the United Nations World Food Programme, nearly 18 million people in Sudan are facing 'acute food insecurity' as a result of the civil war that broke out in April 2023 between two rival factions of the armed forces.

Haiti's situation is much the same. The capital, Port-au-Prince, has been overrun by armed gangs who have taken control of the port and the roads to block food supplies from entering the city. Starving people provides excellent political leverage.

While nearly 1.4 million Haitians are going without food for days at a time and there is plenty of random killing, famine is probably still several months away.

The famine in the Gaza Strip is also clearly man-made, in the sense that without the war it would not be happening. It was Hamas that started the war, intending to trigger a violent Israeli retaliation. It would then use the Palestinian victims created by that response to further its own political agenda.

It's a standard guerilla strategy, so the Israelis knew what Hamas wanted them to do. The fact that the Israeli Defense Forces did it anyway was a deliberate decision by the government. So what did the coalition government of the prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, hope to gain from the destruction and the food blockade? There is a deliberate food blockade, although Tel Aviv denies it. Aerial photographs from late last month showed 2,000 aid trucks waiting to cross at Rafah. Most are still there now, containing enough food to feed everyone in Gaza.

Assassination of Russian defector raises suspicions of covert hit operations

The individuals responsible for the death of Maksim Kuzminov evidently aimed to convey a strong message, a fact apparent to investigators in Spain even before they identified the victim. In a parking garage in southern Spain, they shot Kuzminov six times and callously ran over his body with their vehicle, The New York Times reported.

The presence of shell casings from 9-millimeter Makarov rounds, standard ammunition in the former Communist bloc, provided a vital clue to the killers' identity, according to investigators.

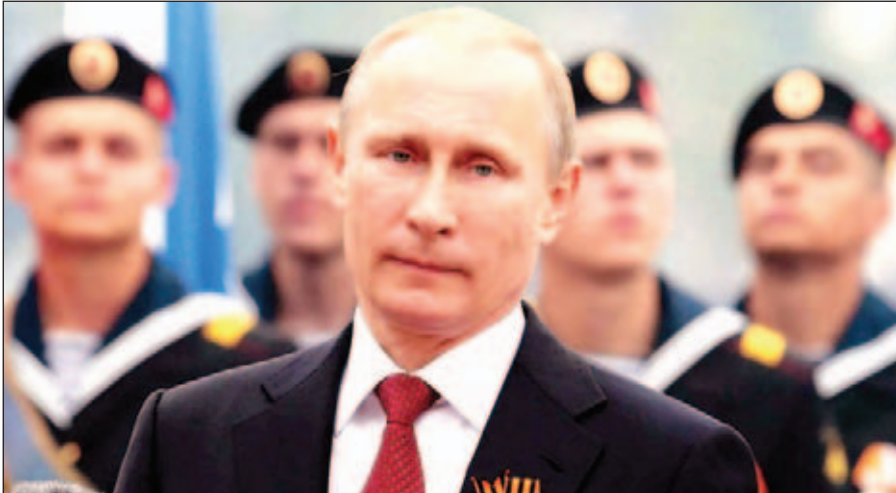
"It was a clear message," remarked a senior official from the Guardia Civil, the Spanish police force leading the investigation. "I will find you, I will kill you, I will run you over and humiliate you."

Kuzminov, who defected from Russia to Ukraine, committed an act deemed unforgivable by Russian President Vladimir Putin: treachery. Last summer, he flew his Mi-8 military helicopter into Ukrainian territory, delivering the aircraft and a cache of secret documents to Ukrainian intelligence operatives, according to NYT.

His brutal killing in the seaside town of Villajoyosa last month raises concerns about the continued operation of Russia's European spy networks, despite efforts to dismantle them following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

Russian intelligence services have reportedly escalated their activities both domestically and internationally, displaying a level of aggression reminiscent of the Stalin era, according to Andrei Soldatov, an expert on Russia's military and security services.

"This goes beyond traditional espionage," Soldatov stated. "It involves operations, which may include assassinations."



In Spain, Kuzminov lived conspicuously, frequenting bars popular among Russian and Ukrainian clientele and spending lavishly. He drove a black Mercedes S-Class around Villajoyosa.

The method by which the assailants located him remains uncertain, though two Ukrainian officials claimed he had contacted a former girlfriend in Russia, inadvertently revealing his location.

"This was a grave mistake," one official remarked, as reported by NYT.

Senior police officials, speaking anonymously, noted similarities between Kuzminov's killing and other attacks associated with the Kremlin, such as the assassination of a former Chechen rebel commander in Berlin in 2019 and the poisoning of former Russian military intelligence operative Sergei V Skripal in Salisbury, England, in 2018.

The two hooded killers captured on surveillance footage from the parking garage were evidently skilled professionals who executed their mission swiftly before vanishing without a trace.

"This level of violence is uncommon in Spain," remarked Chief Pepe Alvarez of the Villajoyosa Police Department. "It suggests involvement of organised crime or a criminal organisation."

While direct Kremlin involvement has not been substantiated, Russia has openly expressed its desire for Kuzminov's demise. Shortly after his defection, a Kremlin news program featured pilots and commandos from Russia's military intelligence service vowing retribution.

"We'll find this person and punish him, with all the severity of our country's laws, for treason and for betraying his brothers," declared one commando.

Kuzminov's defection to Ukraine, orchestrated by a covert unit within HUR, Ukraine's military intelligence arm, marked a significant victory for Ukraine. The unit specialises in recruiting Russian fighters and conducting sabotage missions on Russian soil.

The success of Ukraine's recruitment efforts remains difficult to gauge. While thousands of Russian citizens have joined volunteer units fighting alongside the Ukrainian military, their impact on the balance of power remains minimal, as reported by CNN.

Kuzminov, disillusioned by Russian actions, embarked on his daring flight from western Russia to Ukraine in August 2023. Despite encountering Ukrainian fighters who shot him during the escape, he successfully delivered the helicopter and its cargo to Ukrainian forces.

Following the defection, Kuzminov became a vocal critic of Russia's war policies, touring media outlets and urging others to follow his lead.

Despite Ukraine's attempts to protect him, Kuzminov ultimately relocated to Villajoyosa, a town with a notable presence of Russian organised crime figures.

On February 13, Kuzminov met his demise in the parking garage of his apartment building.

As he approached his vehicle, two assailants emerged from a white Hyundai Tucson, opening fire and fatally injuring him before fleeing the scene.

The murder weapon, a white Hyundai Tucson stolen two days prior, was discovered burned several miles away. Despite the evidence, Spanish authorities have not publicly confirmed Kuzminov's identity, facing challenges in contacting Ukrainian officials for assistance.

Literature & Health

Jailed Imran Khan's party plans street protests after Eid



Pakistan's Tehreek-e-Insaf party on Sunday declared its intention to rally for the release of its founder and former prime minister Imran Khan after Eid reported Dunya News.

PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan made the announcement during a gathering in Peshawar, affirming that the founder would be freed from prison and cited all cases as political.

"PTI founder's ideology will win," Barrister Gohar said are quoted by Dunya News. "The independence of the judiciary is necessary. There will be resistance on the streets after Eid," Gohar added.

According to Dunya News, Barrister Gohar affirmed that the gang occupying the country took away the independence

of the judiciary. He pledged to take back the mandate from these 'thieves and da-coits.'

PTI on Sunday held a street power show to extend support for the autonomy of the judiciary and the release of party founder Imran Khan, as reported by Geo News. Previously, six judges of the Islamabad High Court wrote to the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) to convene a judicial convention over the matter of accusing the country's spy agencies of interfering in judicial matters Gohar Ali Khan, after meeting with Imran Khan on March 29 in Adiala Jail, said, "The PTI is going to stage a rally for the freedom of the judiciary on the directives issued by the founder of the PTI."

Overseas supporters of BJP organise car rallies in Maryland and Atlanta

Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections in India poised to be held from April 19, the overseas supporters of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organised car rallies in United States. The Sikh Americans in Maryland conducted a car rally on Sunday, in support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In the rally, participating BJP supporters decked up their vehicles with BJP flags and the flag of the United States and displayed placards on their vehicles reading 'Abki baar 400 par' and 'Teesri baar Modi Sarkar'.

Similarly, in Atlanta, the BJP supporters gathered in car rally on Sunday to show their support for PM Modi.

In the rally, about 150 cars participated with all of them were decked up with BJP and Indian flags and displayed placards reading 'Abki bar 400 par' and 'Main hoon Modi Parivaar'. Earlier, a similar event was organised by the 'Overseas Friends of BJP' in Australia.

The 'Overseas Friends of BJP', Australia, launched a campaign for members of the diaspora, titled 'Modi for 2024', covering seven prominent cities and significant landmarks in the country. The campaign is aimed at drumming up overseas support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) going into the Lok Sabha elections in the country. In the campaign, respondents across various cities in Australia called themselves part of 'Modi ka Parivaar' (PM Modi's family), in a demonstration of over-



whelming support for the governance in the country and the developmental policies under his leadership.

Lok Sabha polls will be held in seven phases beginning April 19.

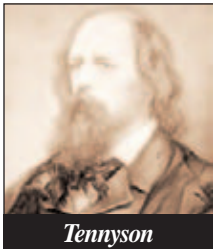
Nearly 96.8 crore people are eligible to cast their votes in the upcoming polls at over 12 lakh polling stations. The election for 543 Lok Sabha seats will be held in seven phases starting April 19. The counting of votes will take place on June 4.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha election, the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) won 303 seats, while the Indian National Congress (INC) managed to get only 52 seats.

POEM

Godiva

I waited for the train at Coventry;
I hung with grooms and porters
on the bridge, To watch the three
tall spires; and there I shaped
The city's ancient legend into this:
Not only we, the latest seed of
Time, New men, that in the flying of
a wheel Cry down the past, not only
we, that prate
Of rights and
wrongs, have loved
the people well,
And loathed to see
them overtax'd; but
she Did more, and under-
went, and overcame,



The woman of a thousand summers back, Godiva, wife to that grim Earl, who ruled In Coventry: for when he laid a tax Upon his town, and all the mothers brought Their children, clamoring, "If we pay, we starve!"

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Pope Francis calls for Gaza ceasefire in traditional Easter speech

In his customary Easter speech on Sunday, Pope Francis called for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, according to CNN.

Speaking to tens of thousands of people in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Francis denounced war as an "absurdity" and addressed the problems in Europe and the Middle East.

In his address on Sunday, the Pope reiterated his plea for an "immediate ceasefire" in the Israel-Hamas war while also calling for "access to humanitarian aid be ensured to Gaza" and the "prompt release of the hostages." He claimed that war-torn children had "forgotten how to smile."



Due to ill health, the Pope had to cancel events recently or speak less frequently, but on Easter Sunday, the most significant day

in the Christian calendar, he spoke the full "Urbi et Orbi" and seemed happy, waving to the crowd.

According to the Vatican, Francis had pulled out a Good Friday service at the last minute "to preserve his health" for the remaining celebrations throughout the weekend, CNN reported.

The Pope has been leading Holy Week liturgies, presiding over five since Thursday, including an Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday which lasted more than two hours. The Pope has been presiding over five Holy Week liturgies since Thursday, including an Easter Vigil that lasted more than two hours on Saturday at St. Peter's Basilica. The pope's well-being since last year, has remained a cause for concern since the time he had an operation on his abdomen and was

hospitalised with bronchitis. In recent weeks as well, the Pope was admitted to the hospital for tests. Additionally, when he was ill with the flu, bronchitis, or colds, he would often rely on his assistants to read aloud portions of his speeches, CNN reported.

However, Francis has also demonstrated a resolve to partake in Holy Week and Easter to the fullest extent possible—the busiest period of the year for any pope.

The Pope has stated that he sees the pope as a lifelong ministry and that he has no plans to step down. Due to mobility issues, he often uses a wheelchair, although he has said that his "head"—rather than his legs—rules the church.

Social opened its 53rd outlet

CHANDIGARH: SOCIAL, India's beloved café chain, has now opened its 53rd outlet called Rajouri Garden SOCIAL, in the heart of Rajouri Garden, West Delhi. With its unique blend of levels, gridslocks, and Delhi originality, Rajouri Garden SOCIAL is set to enhance West Delhi's social and community scene.

Inspired by Rajouri Garden market's culture, the new space is designed to reflect the urban sprawl that defines West Delhi. At Rajouri Garden SOCIAL, guests are taken on a sensory journey through mechanical elements, and local market designs, reminiscent of Old Rajouri Garden's playful slangs. The space evokes nostalgia and familiarity, with a long alley that mirrors the bustling streets of the famous Rajouri market, inviting one's exploration.

Bajaj Allianz Life Enhances Loans Against Policy Processes

LUDHIANA: Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, one of the leading private life insurers, has digitized its process to offer pre-approved loan against their policy. Streamlining the borrowing process, the fully digital and paperless facility eliminates credit score checks, enabling swift, paperless access to loans with minimal clicks. Bajaj Allianz Life offers loans against life insurance policies issued by them at a competitive interest rate ensuring affordability for its valued customers. The Company's customer-centric approach has driven the improvement of this digital process, ensuring a seamless customer experience that now enables loan disbursement within 24 hours. Ragesh Krishnan, Chief Operations & Customer Experience Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance said that at Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, we live by our Customer First promise in every initiative that we undertake. At the back of this philosophy, we're excited to introduce our revamped policy loan process, making it easier than ever for our customers to access funds. Our fully digital and paperless system ensures quick loan approvals within 24 hours, without the hassle of credit score checks.

Cleartrip signs up Mahendra Singh Dhoni as Brand Ambassador

CHANDIGARH: Cleartrip, a Flipkart company, has onboarded the cricketing legend - Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its new brand ambassador. This collaboration marks a historic milestone for Cleartrip as it joins forces with Mahendra Singh Dhoni and advocates to make the right choices in travel. Under the bucket of "ClearChoice," the brand aims to inspire travellers to simplify decision-making and ensure seamless and anxiety-free travel experiences. Mahendra Singh Dhoni, fondly known as Captain Cool, epitomizes the values of, Transparency, Optimism and Straightforwardness, making him the perfect embodiment of Cleartrip's ethos. Through this association, Cleartrip seeks to leverage Mahendra Singh Dhoni's universal appeal that transcends generations and geographies and reinforce its position as a trusted travel partner across a diverse user base. This is in line with Cleartrip's vision to make travel accessible, aggressively expand its customer base and drive its market presence. Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Cleartrip Brand Ambassador said, "Throughout my career, travelling across continents, I have been a true globetrotter, and I discovered my love for travel. After so many years, travel has become something I look forward to. I couldn't be more thrilled to come onboard Cleartrip, a brand that mirrors what travel should be like - fun, memorable and meaningful. In my career, I continue to make tough decisions every day, but with Cleartrip, decision-making is easy and straightforward. Their commitment to transparency simplifies choices and allows anyone to go on a journey of their dreams confidently."

Tata Motors registered total sales of 2,65,090 units in Q4 FY24

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors limited sales in the domestic & international market for Q4 FY23-24 stood at 2,65,090 vehicles, compared to 2,51,822 units during Q4 FY22-23. Domestic sales of MHAICV in March 2024, was 19,976 units vs 22,437 units in March 2023; in Q4 FY24 it was 50,643 units, compared to 54,435 units in Q4 FY23. Domestic & International sales for MHAICV in March 2024, was 20,551 units vs 23,074 units in March 2023; while in Q4 FY24 it stood at 52,186 units, vs 56,059 units in Q4 FY23. Mr. Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors Ltd., said, "FY24 began on a promising note for the commercial vehicles industry with the industry expecting to scale the previous volume peak achieved in FY19. The trend of YoY sales growth in volumes across most segments of H1FY24 moderated in H2 due to the combined effects of a high base, elections held across 5 states in Q3FY24 and upcoming General Elections in Q1FY25. The industry transitioned to BS6 Phase II emission norm and we used this opportunity to significantly enhance key attributes across our entire vehicle portfolio. Equipped with smarter technologies to deliver even better performance and value, the advancements have been well received by customers leading to overall sales of ~3,96,000 units in FY24.

Airia Mall Gurgaon to host Baisakhi Da Mela 3.0, Celebration of Punjab's Culture and Cuisine

Gurgaon - Airia Mall is preparing to host the vibrant essence of Punjab as the much-anticipated third edition of Baisakhi Da Mela approaches. Scheduled from April 1st to 14th, between 4 PM to 9 PM, this year's Mela promises to surpass previous grandeur. Over the past two years, Baisakhi Da Mela has enthralled audiences with its homage to Punjab's rich heritage. Once again, Airia Mall will be metamorphosed into a cultural epicentre, offering attendees to immerse themselves in timeless regional traditions at the Mela with activities like Gullak painting, Bioscope attractions, and Pottery making. Furthermore, the Mela guarantees a tantalizing array of Punjabi delicacies from the prestigious North Indian cuisine brand Pind Baluchi, ensuring attendees are treated to a delightful culinary experience. Over the weekends, Friday to Sunday, the festivities continue with thrilling competitions that highlight the remarkable skills and enthusiasm of participants. Whether it's the competitive edge of the Lassi Tu Fassi contest, the infectious energy of the Bhangra Freeze Game, or the exhilarating race to determine the Fastest Turban Munda, these competitions add an extra layer of excitement to the event, fostering camaraderie and friendly competition among attendees. Moreover, the Mela will offer engaging entertainment options, including Bhangra Workshops/Performances and Live Singing sessions for guests.

VI Announces the Ultimate Entertainment App, Unveils Vi Movies & TV in its New Avatar

SHIMLA: Vi, a leading telecom operator, today introduced the ultimate entertainment app, Vi Movies & TV, one-stop entertainment destination for all Vi subscribers. The all new avatar of Vi Movies & TV provides an unmatched entertainment experience to its users, with access to 13+ OTT apps, 400+ live TV channels, and complimentary access to several content libraries – all under one roof. Priced at just Rs. 202 for Prepaid and Rs. 190 for Postpaid, Vi Movies & TV aims to simplify the viewing experience for only one subscription for multiple platforms and provide the best value for money to its users by saving multiple subscription costs. Anvesh Khosla, Chief Marketing Officer, Vi said "India is watching content like never before - multiple formats, multiple subscriptions, and multiplying hours on the screen everyday. However, this unlimited choice also brings fatigue and complexity. We take immense pride in announcing Vi Movies & TV – one app, one subscription with the best of OTT and TV content. We are committed to providing an entertaining experience to our consumers by empowering them to access entertainment in a simple, affordable, and accessible way. We will soon add new partners and more curated options for ease of choice for our viewers."

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Make almonds your go-to festive snack

CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA: Holi is a joyous festival celebrated with vibrant colours, symbolizing the spirit of togetherness as families and friends unite in cheerful gatherings. During this festive occasion, exchanging gifts and relishing delicious meals with loved ones are cherished traditions. However, amidst the festivities, it's crucial to exercise caution against overindulging in unhealthy snacks and foods, recognizing their potential long-term impact on our health. Therefore, practicing mindfulness while celebrating Holi becomes imperative. Incorporating a handful of almonds into your diet during this time can enhance taste as well as provide essential health benefits, ensuring a balanced and enjoyable celebration.

Almonds, rich in 15 essential nutrients like vitamin E, magnesium, protein, riboflavin, and zinc, are renowned for their ability to provide numerous health benefits, including supporting heart health, managing weight, and regulating blood sugar levels. Incorporating these powerhouse nuts into Holi celebrations can elevate the festivities. Whether presented as gifts, incorporated into traditional recipes, or enjoyed as snacks, almonds symbolize prosperity and well-being. Their delicious taste and satisfying crunch enhance the flavors of various Holi dishes, from sweet gujiya to savory almond chaat. Moreover, gifting almonds



expresses good wishes for health and happiness. By embracing almonds in Holi festivities, everyone can enhance the joy of the occasion while embracing a healthier lifestyle.

Sharing thoughts on the celebration of Holi, Bollywood actress, Soha Ali Khan said, "Like everyone else, I cherish celebrating Holi with my loved ones. I love hosting Holi parties at home,

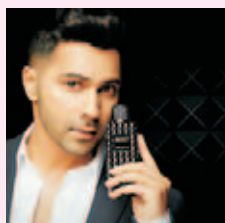
where family gathers to indulge in festive delicacies. As a tradition, I always prepare healthy almond brittle for my family, a delightful fusion of taste and nutrition. This dessert not only enhances our enjoyment of the festival but also promotes overall health by providing a healthier alternative to sugary treats."

Speaking about how to maintain skin health during Holi, Skin Expert and Cosmetologist, Dr. Geetika Mittal Gupta said, "It is crucial to take precautions during the festival of Holi due to its vibrant colors and festive spirit, which can potentially harm the skin. Synthetic dyes used in the festival often contain harsh chemicals,

Envy onboards Bollywood's youth icon Varun Dhawan as its brand ambassador

CHANDIGARH: Envy, one of India's leading premium fragrance brands, ropes in Bollywood celebrity Varun Dhawan as its brand ambassador. His bold and dynamic personality and adventurous spirit mirror the brand's 'let them envy' approach. Envy is known for its deodorants and perfumes with exclusive French fragrances. It intends to scale further and strengthen its position as a youth-favorite brand. Roping in Varun Dhawan as its brand ambassador is a part of its long-term expansion plan. Through this strategic move, Envy intends to bolster its brand promotion initiatives.

As a part of this association, Varun Dhawan will feature in the brand's upcoming multi-channel campaigns and marketing initiatives, including TVCs and social media campaigns. Varun Dhawan is a youth icon, and his 'no compromising' attitude perfectly aligns with Envy's DNA, making him the right fit as a brand ambassador. His style and boundless energy complement Envy's commitment to youthfulness and mission of providing exceptional fragrance to its customers. Mr. Saurabh Gupta, MD, Hamilton Sciences Pvt. Ltd., said, "At Envy, we believe fragrances can impact positively on one's confidence leaving others envious. Varun Dhawan is a perfect fit for our brand as our products appeal to the youth, and who better than Varun to represent today's youth and their attitude. His energy, ambition, and unwavering confidence perfectly align with our brand values. The script demanded someone with a good sense of humor and vitality, and Varun effortlessly brings dynamism and energy to the brand. We are confident that this association will be a game-changer, propelling Envy to new heights."



Greenlam Industries launches its exclusive display center in Mahendergarh



Mahendergarh (Haryana): Greenlam Industries, among the top 3 manufacturers in the world for surfacing solutions, recently inaugurated its first exclusive display center, in Shree Ganesh Enterprise at Gahada Road Kanina, Mahendergarh, Haryana. The display will feature an exclusive range of Greenlam Laminates, making it the first display center in the city offering such a diverse collection in the laminate segment.

Greenlam Industries has

been known for creating high-quality surface solutions integrated with elegance. Its legacy of unflinching passion for excellence, along with exceptional artistry and finesse, is clearly visible in its flagship brands' offerings. Its diverse range offers an extensive assortment of textures, colors, and designs for Greenlam's customers. This multi-functional gamut of products is meant to give Greenlam's consumers flexibility while designing their spaces and enhance the creativity of their interiors.

Saregama revolutionizes Music Learning with Padhanisa



CHANDIGARH: Saregama launches - Padhanisa, an AI based music learning app that aims to make Indian vocal learning simple, easy and accessible to everyone across the globe. Saregama, India's oldest music label has expanded its horizon with Padhanisa, from delivering super-hit music for over a century to creating a platform that simplifies music learning.

Padhanisa aims to be a per-

sonal singing teacher for those who enjoy singing but have never considered learning due to lack of access to the right resources or fear of judgement. The app's most compelling feature is its individualized class structure, where every session is uniquely tailored to address the specific needs and goals of each learner. By leveraging advanced algorithms and machine learning capabilities, the app dynamically adjusts lesson plans to accommodate each learner's progress and preferences, ensuring optimal results with every session.

The personalized approach of the app ensures that every individual receives tailored recommendations based on their vocal range, suggestions on warmups and workouts focussed on the key improvement areas. A comprehensive assessment of the performance is shared after every level so that learners can keep improving. The application not only provides a customised platform for music learning but also offers Live Masterclasses.

Community Kitchen Held



Panchkula: "Food donation is a great way to help people in need and at the same time reduce food wastage. It is also a simple and effective way to bring positive change in the community," said social worker Amitabh Rungta who is also founder of Shree Shyam Karuna Foundation. Rungta, said this during the 107th Ann Bhandara, or Community Kitchen organised for the general public in Phase 1 Industrial Area, Panchkula. During this time, Anupama Rungta, Chaitanya Rungta, Pragati, Sukhpal Singh, Suresh Jangra, Nidhi Sandhu were specially present with him in the Bhandara. Rungta said that donating food helps in building community, develops a feeling of solidarity among people and increases awareness about food donation. Donating food is considered the best contribution in society.

Fun, Informative Baby Shower Celebration with Motherhood Hospital's Experts

CHANDIGARH: An event dedicated to celebrate the journey of motherhood was organized by Motherhood Hospital with great joy. We cheerfully invited all moms-to-be to join us for a memorable baby shower experience on Sunday, March 31st, 2024, from 11 am to 2 pm at Motherhood Hospital, located in Mohali. The event delivered its promise of having an unforgettable experience, featuring expert insights, fun games, delightful activities, and delicious food, all aimed at making the pregnancy journey more enjoyable for mothers.

Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Dr. Tejinder Kaur and Dr. Ekavali Gupta from Motherhood Hospitals, Mohali, were joined by Dietician and Nutritionist Dr. Sahiba Aggarwal, as well as Physiotherapist Dr.



Arvin Kaur, to provide valuable insights and guidance on promoting a smooth and healthy pregnancy.

Highlights of the event included engaging sessions by our experts, where they provided essential advice on the various stages of pregnancy with ease. Additionally, interactive games and activities were planned

according to the needs and interests of new mothers, ensuring an atmosphere of joy.

Attendees also had the opportunity to avail themselves of special discounts on bed bookings, providing an excellent opportunity to connect with other moms-to-be, exchange experiences, and gather valuable insights to enhance their pregnancy journey.

7th Premiere Screening of Movie: 'Rabb di Awaaz' at GCE 20



CHANDIGARH: 7th Premiere Screening of Movie: Rabb di Awaaz, India's first multi-inclusive film on Disability, Mental Health directed by the National Award Winning Director, Sri Ojaswnee Sharma was held at Government College of Education, Sector 20D, Chandigarh today. On the occasion, Dr. Sapna Nanda, Principal of the college welcomed the star cast of the film including Shiv Kumar Sharma (Alumnus of the college), Abhinav Sharma, Harwinder Singh and Varun Narang. The starcast of the movie interacted with faculty members and students. The film

stands out as one of the finest social dramas, delivering numerous social and practical messages. Focused on individuals with "eye" disabilities, the film elevates viewer engagement to new levels. The inclusion of powerful motivational lines from Shiv Kumar, a blind contestant, brings a profound sense of reality to the audience, connecting them deeply to the core themes of the film. The director's astute placement of comedy as a secondary yet crucial element keeps the audience uplifted and engaged throughout the narrative. Shiv Kumar Sharma delivers a

compelling performance as Shiv, a blind contestant in the film, whose motivational lines resonate deeply with audiences, grounding the narrative in the reality of societal behavior. The ensemble cast, including Abhinav Sharma, Harwinder Singh, Varun Narang, Mohit, and Jagdeep Lamba adds depth and nuance to the storyline, ensuring that "Rabb Di Awaaz" remains engaging and impactful throughout. Director, Ojaswnee Sharma extended his gratitude to the college and motivated students to carry the idea of inclusivity in their lives and profession.

37th SJOBA Rally concludes with prize distribution

CHANDIGARH: The 37th Edition of the SJOBA Motor Car Rally 2024 organised by St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) has concluded. On this occasion, SJOBA held a prize distribution function at the Chandigarh Club in order to honor the participants for their distinguished performance in the rally. All the participants were in attendance. Founding President of SJOBA Mac Sarin was a prominent attendee and there were a host of other past Presidents of SJOBA also present.

In 4W, the overall winners were Aaryak Rana and Virender Kashyap from Himachal Pradesh. 1st runners-up were Daksh Gill and Binky Varghese, 2nd runners-up were Harpreet Bawa and Vikram. Happy Verma was the overall winner in the 2W category. The 1st runner-up was Suhail Ahmed and 2nd runner-up Nitish Bhardwaj. The team trophy for 4W went to Harjee Motorsports while the team trophy for 2W was won by TR2

BLS International Signs Contract with Embassy of Czech Republic in Pretoria

CHANDIGARH: BLS International Services Ltd signed a contract with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Pretoria for visa outsourcing services for the Republic of Botswana. The agreement marks a pivotal step in enhancing visa processing services for the Republic of Botswana. Under this agreement, BLS

International is committed to ensuring a seamless and efficient visa application process for travellers from Botswana to the Czech Republic. The exclusive contract was formally signed on February 13th, 2024, between His Excellency Mr. Tomas Ulicny, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech

Republic to South Africa, Republic of Botswana, Republic of Angola, Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Madagascar, Republic of Mauritius, Republic of Mozambique, Republic of Namibia, and Kingdom of Eswatini, and Mr. Shikhar Aggarwal, Joint Managing Director of BLS International Services Limited.

Nissan and PGTI jointly launch Rs One Crore purse Chandigarh Open 2024 hosted by Chandigarh Golf Club

CHANDIGARH: Nissan and TATA Steel Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) today jointly announced the inaugural Nissan presents Chandigarh Open hosted by Chandigarh Golf Club. The tournament carries a prize purse of INR 1 crore and will be played at the prestigious Chandigarh Golf Club from April 3 - 6, 2024. The Pro-Am event will be played on April 2. The field is set to feature a galaxy of stars including leading Indian names such as Jeev Milkha Singh, Gaganjeet Bhullar, SSP Chawrasa, Om Prakash Chouhan, Manu Gandas, Rahul Gangjee, Rashid Khan, Veer Ahlawat, Abhinav Lohan, Yuvraj Singh Sandhu, Chikkarangappa and Karandeep Kochhar, to name a few. The top foreign names in the field include Sri Lankans N Thangaraja and K Prabakaran, Bangladeshi Jamal Hossain and Badal Hossain, Andorra's Kevin Esteve Rigall,



American Varun Chopra as well as rookies including PGTI Qualifying School winner Matias Dominguez of Chile, Nepal's Subash Tamang, Italy's Michele Ortolani and Czechia's Stepan Danek. Besides Jeev Milkha Singh, Gaganjeet Bhullar, Yuvraj Singh Sandhu and Karandeep Kochhar, the other prominent Chandigarh-based professionals in the field are

Ajeetesh Sandhu, Jairaj Singh Sandhu, Angad Cheema, Harendra Gupta, Abhijit Singh Chadha, Aadil Bedi, Gurbaaz Mann, Amritinder Singh and Ravi Kumar. Among the three amateurs participating is Jeev Milkha Singh's 14-year-old son Harjai Milkha Singh. The other two amateurs participating, Ayaan Gupta and Ram Singh Maan, are also from Chandigarh.

New Team to lead FSAI, Chandigarh Chapter

CHANDIGARH: Fire & Security Association of India (FSAI) has constituted a new core working committee of Chandigarh Chapter here today. Outgoing President Surinder Bahga explained the role of this organisation in building a safe India. He installed Jasjyot Singh as new President of Chandigarh Chapter while Gursimran Kaur has taken over as Secretary. Chandigarh Chapter caters to all north Indian states like Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. It is pertinent to mention here that Fire & Security

Association of India is a non-profit organisation established in 2002 representing the Fire



Protection, Life Safety, Security, Building Auto motion, Loss Prevention, risk management

domains and women safety. It has chapters at 25 locations over India. Joint meeting of outgoing members of the Core Working Committee for the term 2024-26 was held today. Work done by the previous team was highly lauded. Agenda for the next term which is taking over has been deliberated. For the next term (2026-28) Architect Dinesh Bhagat was elected as President Elect. Other members of the core working committee will be Rajnish Wadhwa, Amit Sharma, Arpan Aggarwal, Satyendra Srivastava, Vikas Mittal, Vinod Kumar Kamboj, Atul Kumar Arora and Deepika Sharma.

7UP Unveils Super Duper Summer Campaign



CHANDIGARH: 7UP has launched its latest campaign, starring brand ambassadors Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna. Echoing the vibrancy of 'Super Duper Refresher', the latest campaign unveils two spirited brand films. Tailored to reinforce 7UP as the ultimate choice for a refreshing escape on blistering summer days, these films are a celebration of fun and revitalization, transforming every moment into an invigorating experience. Speaking on the film, Shailja Joshi, Category Lead, Cola & Flavors, PepsiCo India, said, "Refreshment is the number 1

category driver in clear category, and we are committed to building 7UP as the ultimate refreshment partner for our consumers on every occasion. The campaign is a fresh take to highlight the refreshment that is packed in a 7UP. Our brand ambassadors, Rashmika Mandanna and Ranbir Kapoor, embody this essence with their infectious energy, perfectly complementing the brand. Through two different films with quirky narratives, we aim to captivate our diverse audience across India, ensuring they feel as refreshed and rejuvenated as we do and make 7UP their go-to beverage this season."

HCL Jigsaw Announces Its Fifth Edition

CHANDIGARH: HCL, a US \$13.1 billion global conglomerate, today announced registrations for the fifth edition of HCL Jigsaw - India's Biggest Problem-Solving Assessment Platform are now open. This Pan-India initiative aims to cultivate a community of India's Top Young Problem Solvers by recognizing and rewarding their critical thinking abilities through a rigorous evaluation process. This year, HCL Jigsaw is inviting all school students from Grades 6 to 9 to participate in competition without any registration fees. Interested students and schools can secure their sport by registering at www.hcljigsaw.com before 31st July 2024. Total prize purse for the fifth edition is Rs 12 Lakh. In addition to this, schools with over 150 participants will be recognized as India's Top Problem-Solving Schools. Reflecting on the initiative,



Rajat Chandel, Associate Vice President and Head of Brand at HCL said, "At HCL, we aim to multiply potential of young minds with the right skills and knowledge to navigate in a rapidly evolving world. Through HCL Jigsaw, we're committed to providing a platform for evaluating and honing essential 21st-century skills such as critical thinking and problem-solving among school students. This year, we are pleased to offer complimentary registration, to break down barriers and foster inclusivity, encouraging more schools and students to participate in this transformative program."

TKM Records Its Best-ever Financial Year and Monthly Wholesales by clocking 2,63,512 and 27,180 units respectively

CHANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has maintained its sales momentum, achieving new milestones in both fiscal year performance and monthly wholesales. During FY23-24, the company reached a record sales volume of 2,63,512 units, marking a double digit growth of 48% compared to the preceding year's 1,77,683 units (FY22-23). Reflecting on the growth momentum, Mr. Sabari Manohar - Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "We are thrilled to close both our wholesales for 2023-24 fiscal year and March 2024 by recording the highest ever units of 2,63,512 and 27,180 respectively. With a customer-oriented approach, we have always remained ahead in assessing and understanding the diverse needs of our varied customers and market trends, serving them the best with our wider range of quality products and services. We will continue to do so with an emphasis to meet the rising consumer demands across segments. Further, energizing our customer centricity will be our focus to move even more closer to our customers on both product as well as service."

Towards Climate Justice for Mountain Towns in Western Himalayas

SHIMLA: The urgent need for climate justice in the fragile ecosystem of the Himalayas has brought together leading activists, experts, and community representatives at the 'Shimla Climate Meet', a three-day capacity building workshop organized by Shimla Collective, Human Development Organisation, Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research, and Action Aid Association. In Shimla, the workshop aims to empower communities and foster strategies for urban climate justice in the Western Himalayas. The Himalayas, renowned for their natural beauty, are also one of the most vulnerable regions to climate change. Reports from the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) underscore the escalating risks posed by rising temperatures, shifting monsoon patterns, and the rapid melting of glaciers. These changes have intensified extreme weather events like flash floods, glacial outbursts, and landslides, disproportionately affecting marginalised communities in terms of class, caste, and gender. Sandeep Chachra, Executive Director of Action Aid Association, emphasized the leadership of marginalised communities in climate discourse, advocating for the recognition of indigenous knowledge and ecosystem services. Renowned architect Romi Khosla stressed the significance of democratic and decentralised planning processes involving local communities for sustainable

Free AC service camp till 7 by Yash Hyundai Barnala



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Yash Hyundai Barnala is offering free AC for its customers from March 27 to April 7. A service camp is being organized. Yash Hyundai MD Neetu Dhindra and Birjesh Dhindsa informed that in this camp free AC checkup as well as AC servicing AC disinfectant wheel alignment and balancing AC refrigerant filling interior exterior beautification dry wash and mechanical 15 percent discount on labor and 10 percent discount on AC parts is being given. This camp is being organized on the direction of Hyundai India's Zonal Service Head Mr. Kishore and Regional Service Head Mr. Vinod Kumar. He said that during the camp, a large number of people are reaching and getting their vehicles checked and benefiting.

32 cases related to drugs registered



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: District Barnala Police launched a special campaign against drugs across the district in view of Lok Sabha Elections 2024. Giving information in this regard, he said that under the Kaso Act, drug-related checks were conducted at various places. Under this, 32 F.I.R. were registered and a case was registered under NDPS and Excise Act. Police seized 1110 pills, 250 grams of opium, 813.75 liters of legitimate liquor, 21 liters of illicit liquor, 50 liters of lahan and 5,00,000 cash from the gamblers.

Management committee of Gurudwara Bebe Nanaki Sahib Dhariwal honours retired JE Inderjit Singh



BUREAU
PATHANKOT: JE retired from Powercom department Inderjit Singh, while celebrating God, conducted the lessons of Shri Sukhmani Sahib Ji at Gurudwara Sahib Bebe Nanaki Ji Dhariwal. On this occasion, after Katha-Kirtan, Guru's langar was served. On this occasion, Gurdwara Bebe Nanaki Ji Dhariwal's management committee president Amarjit Singh Happy, Gurjit Singh Lehi, Principal Hardeep Singh, Patwari Kuldeep Singh along with all the committee members, J.E. Inderjit Singh and his wife were felicitated by the blessing of Guru Ghar and given gifts. On this occasion, Gurjit Singh Lehi said that J.E. Inderjit Singh along with his family attends the Guru Ghar every day and has been performing services by participating in Gurpurab and other religious events.

Every section is getting benefit from govt schemes: Sultan Azran



KAPIL ARORA
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Scheduled Caste Morcha District President Sultan Azran interacted with villagers in various villages of Halka as part of a public relations campaign. While talking to Balwinder Singh's residence in village Santokhpur as part of a public relations campaign, Sultan Azran said that the respect of every class has increased in the BJP government. He said that BJP has celebrated the birth anniversaries of all great men at the government level. Sultan said that today the confidence of the poor, laborers and farmers has increased in the state. Farmers have got fair price for their crops, people eligible for Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi, Bhavantar Yojana, Ayushman Card, Viva, Ujjwala Yojana are getting benefits. He said that the people of the country and the state are ready to bring BJP to power once again. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Saini, BJP will win 10 out of 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana.

Kidzee School, Sector 3 starts new session by performing Havan



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: The new session was started by performing Havan as per Vedic rituals of Sanatan culture in Kidzee Vidyalaya Sector-3 Kurukshetra on Monday. Teachers and students also made offerings. The havan started with the worship of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. After this Saraswati worship was done. In which it was wished that Mother Sharda gave everyone wisdom and proficiency in various arts. School manager Parminder Singh Bath wished the students success and wished them all the best for the new session. He told that every year the new session was started with Saraswati Puja and Havan, the objective of which was to infuse faith and self-confidence in children and to awaken good thoughts. In this program, Academic In charge of the school Megha Bhatla, PRO Ruchika, Coordinator Sunita Arora, Jyoti Khaneja, H.R. Pooja Ma'am and other teachers, parents and teaching and non-teaching staff also specially participated in the Yagya Karma.

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DINESH AGARWAL
NEW DELHI, APRIL 1

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth and Sports Affairs, Anurag Singh Thakur on Monday said that there has been unprecedented development of rail services in Himachal Pradesh in the last 10 years. Today many big cities of the country were directly connected to Una of Himachal through rail lines. Anurag Thakur said, "I have always been striving towards providing better connectivity facilities in Himachal Pradesh. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has left no stone unturned to ensure better connectivity in Himachal Pradesh also. Be it road, rail or air service, Modi government has given many gifts to Himachal in the last 10 years. In the last 10 years, Modi government has connected Himachal Pradesh with the big



cities of the country. Today, many big cities like Delhi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Indore, Haridwar, Mathura, Vrindavan, Nanded Sahib, Jodhpur, Sabarmati, Agra, Ujjain, Chandigarh have been directly connected with Himachal Pradesh through the rail network and in the coming days more big cities will be connected. Along with the general public, soldiers and devotees are getting the

maximum benefit from the increase in railway facilities." Speaking further, Mr Anurag Thakur said, "Recently, on my request, the Railway Minister has approved the extension of Indora-Chandigarh Express, which used to run twice a week, till Una. This train will now run from Una to Indora, which will provide great transportation facilities to the passengers going to Vrindavan. Also, the train running from Una Himachal to Saharanpur has been extended till Haridwar. Earlier on February 17, I had given approval for the construction of a bridge on Chakki River, which will soon restore the rail service between Pathankot and Jogindernagar. Along with this, the railway track between Kangra and Nurpur will also be restored soon. For this also I have met the Railway Minister and got approval. Last month itself, development and upgradation works for Daulatpur Chowk

Railway Station (DLPC) at a cost of more than Rs 43 crore have been approved by the Central Government." He said that development was his priority and Modi government has left no stone unturned in giving gifts to Himachal. The prime minister Narendra Modii gifted the country's fourth Vande Bharat train to Himachal and for the inauguration of which the prime minister himself came to Una. India's most modern train was now running in Himachal only because of BJP. To expand the railway services in Himachal Pradesh and ensured that Himachal did not face any problem related to connectivity, the Modi government was working seriously on everything from running new trains to necessary infrastructure development. An amount of Rs 1838 crore has been approved for railway expansion in Himachal Pradesh for the financial year 2023-24.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA, APR 1

Viresh Shandilya, International Head of Vishwa Hindu Takht and National President of Anti Terrorist Front India, today reached the historical Shiva temple in Arunay, Kurukshetra, where he offered prayers and performed Jalabhishek on the Shivalinga in the Shiva temple. After the puja, Shandilya said that he would like to visit this temple. He has got strength and power by coming to this temple and he said that Mahakal should strengthen the unity and integrity of the entire country and while talking to the journalists after offering prayers, Shandilya said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, every hand gets a roof, every stomach gets shelter. Everyone should get bread and every head should get a roof.



Shandilya said that Sanatani has awakened under the leadership of Narendra Modi and Modi has done the work of giving strength to Sanatan in the entire country by building the grand construction of Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya. He said that to strengthen Modi's hands in the elections, 100 crore Sanatani should make him victorious with an overwhelming majority so that

Sanatan Dharma becomes strong and the country is protected from evil forces. Shandilya said that his campaign against terrorism has been going on for three decades and will continue in future also. And he is not a political person nor is he associated with any political party, but he has always stood with those who are giving new direction to the country and in this context, the need of the country today is Narendra Modi. Vishwa Hindu Takht and Anti Terrorist Front India President Veeresh Shandilya said that all the videos of Amritpal Singh, lodged in Dibrugarh jail, who is propagating terrorist Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala and Jarnail Singh Bhindranwala on social media, should be removed from social media because these videos are against Hindu Sikh brotherhood.

Ramayana recitation organised by Shri Triveni Nagar Kheda Committee



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: Recitation of Shri Ramayana was organised by Shri Triveni Nagar Kheda Committee on the occasion of its foundation day. On this occasion, a huge Bhandara was organised to commemorate the Hindu New Year. Municipal Chairperson Shalini Sharma was mainly present in the recitation of Shri Ramayana and listened to the recitation of Shri Ramayana. The villagers also participated enthusiastically in this lesson. Pandit Asa Ram recited Sri Ramayana to the devotees and explained its importance. Committee Chairman Jagannath Sharma and Surendra Sharma said that just listening to the recitation of Ramayana solves many problems and we should recite Ramayana at home also. BJP leader Wazir Chand, Congress leader Sudhir Bhalla, Ankit Aggarwal were also present on the occasion.

Entrance festival celebrated in Govt Sanskrit Model School

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA
GUHLA CHEEKA, APRIL 1

The entry festival was celebrated with great pomp in Government Culture Model Primary School, Guhla in which all the teachers, children and parents participated enthusiastically. The admission festival started with worship. The small children who came to the school were welcomed by garlanding them and applying tilak. On this occasion, they were admitted to the upcoming class. Admission was also done. On this occasion, the head teacher of the school, Mrs. Kamlesh Devi, inspired the children to progress in education and inspired the parents to get their children admitted in as many government schools as possible. Madam made use of the facilities provided by the government. Parents were informed. Hemlata Sharma conducted the stage in the program very well. Keeping in mind the time, she got each activity done on time, and told the children about each activity. A presentation was given on the entry festival



under the leadership of Sharma. In which all the teachers participated enthusiastically. After all the activities children were honoured with mementos. Children enjoyed the celebration. Later, lunch was served to the children and refreshments were also provided to the parents. Baljeet Singh, Iqbal Kaur, Savita Singla, Savita Sharma, Sharda, Anita, Priyanka, Arun, Rakesh and other teachers also fully cooperated in the programme.

Khushal Saini wins gold medal in Karate under 17



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: The 22nd Haryana Senior and Open State Karate Championship 2023-24 organized by Haryana Sports Karate Association on March 30 to 31 in Kurukshetra. Khushal Saini, a student of Class 10 of government middle school, Jansera, participated in the -47kg weight category of Karate U-17 and he won the gold medal. In this way he confirmed his selection for the National Senior Karate Championship. On reaching the school, Khushal Saini was welcomed by the school headmistress Saroj Bhatia and the school staff and wished him a bright future. The headmistress gave the credit for this to Mr. Dheeraj DPE working in the school trained the students in various sports in the school and explains their rules. Due to his efforts, many children have achieved success in block level, district level, state level and national level in the last several years.

Every section is getting benefit from govt schemes: Sultan Azran



KAPIL ARORA
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Scheduled Caste Morcha District President Sultan Azran interacted with villagers in various villages of Halka as part of a public relations campaign. While talking to Balwinder Singh's residence in village Santokhpur as part of a public relations campaign, Sultan Azran said that the respect of every class has increased in the BJP government. He said that BJP has celebrated the birth anniversaries of all great men at the government level. Sultan said that today the confidence of the poor, laborers and farmers has increased in the state. Farmers have got fair price for their crops, people eligible for Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi, Bhavantar Yojana, Ayushman Card, Viva, Ujjwala Yojana are getting benefits. He said that the people of the country and the state are ready to bring BJP to power once again. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Saini, BJP will win 10 out of 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana.

Naveen Jindal will win by a huge margin: Kulwant



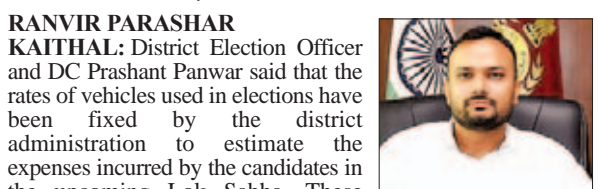
KULBHUSHAN SHARMA
GUHLA CHEEKA: Today it was seen how during the election period, the leaders play a game of showcasing their power by celebrating their important days. Former BJP MLA Kulwant Bazigar celebrated his birthday by cutting a cake in a big function at Aggarwal Dharamshala Cheeka. Celebrated, in which a large number of people from Halka Guhla participated. On the pretext of birthday, Kulwant Baazigar demonstrated his power and showed that no matter what anyone says, his charisma is still intact among the public. Aaj Ki Mob Nahi Hai proved that his personal relations with the people have not ended even today and he is fully prepared for the upcoming assembly. BJP's current Kurukshetra candidate Naveen Jindal, Minister of State Subhash Sudha and other leaders were also present in the event. In which he assured Naveen Jindal that even before Halka Guhla, Naveen Jindal had won and will send him back after winning.

Five cleanliness champions made by MC Ropar under Swachh Survekshan



DR ASHOK KUMAR
KARNAL: On the instructions of Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abhishek Meena, various activities were being carried out by the Municipal Corporation regarding the preparations for Swachh Survekshan 2024. In this regard, work was being done on the components given by the Central Ministry. Additional Corporation Commissioner Dheeraj Kumar said that in connection with the ongoing Swachh Survekshan under the Swachh Bharat Mission, five cleanliness champions have been made by the Municipal Corporation Karnal last Saturday. Giving information, Additional Corporation Commissioner said that Sandeep Lather, Rajiv Wadhwa, Professor Dr Bir Singh of Khalsa College, Geeta Devi from Geeta Ketarna Mandali self-help group Uchani and Gulshan Kamboj from Laddu Gopal self-help group Dahan have been made cleanliness champions. He said that all these cleanliness champions were associated with different NGOs, Resident Welfare Association, Market Association and self-help groups. He said that the cleanliness champions would actively contribute to the various activities undertaken by the Municipal Corporation regarding Swachh Survekshan.

Rates of vehicles used in Lok Sabha elections determined by district administration: DEO



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: District Election Officer and DC Prashant Panwar said that the rates of vehicles used in elections have been fixed by the district administration to estimate the expenses incurred by the candidates in the upcoming Lok Sabha. These include different types of vehicles like luxury cars, three wheelers, e rickshaws, trucks, tempos etc. A candidate can spend a total of up to Rs 95 lakh during a Lok Sabha election. He said that a committee was formed to determine the rates at the district level for the vehicles used by the contesting candidates for election campaign. Committee has collected different rates from the local market and those found to be lowest have been included in this list. For the vehicles used by the committee on daily basis in elections like Jeep Rs 2,000 Swift/Indigo Rs 1,500, Scorpio Rs 2,000, Inavro Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,500, Tata Safari Rs 2,000/Tata Harrier Rs 2,000, . Volvo C40 recharge Rs 5 thousand, Mercedes Benz Rs 10 thousand, Land Rover Range Rover/Defender Rs 20 thousand, BMW Rs 15 thousand, Maruti Suzuki Rs 2 thousand, Mahindra XUV Rs 2500, Eeco Van Rs 2 thousand, Toyota Fortuner 7 thousand rupees, MG Hector 5 thousand rupees, Kia 2 thousand to 2500 rupees, OD 10 thousand, Jaguar 15 thousand rupees, Thar 5000, Jimmy 30000 have been fixed up to 200 kilometers per day. He told that for 42 to 52 seater bus, Rs 3 thousand, for 32 seater Rs 2 thousand, for 48 seater Volvo bus Rs 6 thousand, Volvo bus 32 seater Rs 5400, Volvo bus 20 seater Rs 4500.

Kidzee School, Sector 3 starts new session by performing Havan



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: The new session was started by performing Havan as per Vedic rituals of Sanatan culture in Kidzee Vidyalaya Sector-3 Kurukshetra on Monday. Teachers and students also made offerings. The havan started with the worship of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. After this Saraswati worship was done. In which it was wished that Mother Sharda gave everyone wisdom and proficiency in various arts. School manager Parminder Singh Bath wished the students success and wished them all the best for the new session. He told that every year the new session was started with Saraswati Puja and Havan, the objective of which was to infuse faith and self-confidence in children and to awaken good thoughts. In this program, Academic In charge of the school Megha Bhatla, PRO Ruchika, Coordinator Sunita Arora, Jyoti Khaneja, H.R. Pooja Ma'am and other teachers, parents and teaching and non-teaching staff also specially participated in the Yagya Karma.

Police team of Arjun Nagar Police Post nabs 3 youths with illegal weapons



RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI: Police spokesperson said that the police team of police post Arjun Nagar has succeeded in arresting three youths with illegal weapons. A case was registered against the accused under the Arms Act. The accused were produced in the court and sent to judicial custody. The police is investigating the matter. Outpost incharge Sandeep Kumar said that his team had received a secret information that some youths live in a rented house in village Gadhauli police station Sadar Yamunanagar. He keeps an illegal country-made pistol in his rented house. On this information, a team of Sub Inspector Nirmal Singh, Chief Constable Ranveer Singh Mukesh Kumar was formed. The team immediately went to the spot and conducted a raid and found three young boys present in the room. Who were controlled. On interrogation, they were identified as Rahul son of Ram Singh, resident of village Gadhauli, Manish alias Baba son of Ram Singh and Manoj Kumar son of Ram Surat, resident of village Jhianpur in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh. When the room of these three was searched, an illegal country-made pistol was recovered from the room. The accused were arrested and a case was registered against them under the Arms Act. The accused were produced in the court and sent to judicial custody.

Devotees dance to the hymns of Bholenath



PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL: On behalf of the family, collective chanting of Om Namah Shivay was done at Sanatan Dharma Temple, Ramnagar. Family members started chanting the name of Sanjay Tikka Bhole. The name of Ram was chanted. Pandit Praveen Gosai, who arrived at the programme, garlanded the hymns, after which the devotees immersed themselves in the joy of devotion. Devotees were seen bowing before Bhole. First of all, Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles, was worshipped. Devotees chanted Har Har Mahadev Bam Bam Bhole. The atmosphere became devotional with Shiva bhajans. On this occasion, Sanjay Tikka said that hundreds of devotees join in the chanting and praise Mahadev. Whoever remembers Lord Shiva with a true heart, Lord Shiva definitely fulfils his wishes. On this occasion, Namah Shivay chanting family members Kapil Dhal, Ashok Dua Surinder Agni, Naresh Chhabda, Anil Chhabda, Honey Munjal, Vikas, Rajesh Agni, Lekhranj, Sanjay Tikka were present.

Rakesh Bansal becomes head of vegetable market for 47th time



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI: Social worker Rakesh Bansal has again been appointed president of Vegetable Market Taraori. He has been appointed president for two years. He has been nominated as the President of Vegetable Market Taraori for the 47th consecutive time. Rakesh Bansal is also the younger brother of Taraori wadi Municipality Chairman Virendra Bansal. This morning a meeting was called in the vegetable market Tarawadi regarding the new executive. In this meeting, the brokers of the vegetable market unanimously elected Rakesh Bansal as their president. Rakesh Bansal expressed his gratitude to all the commission agents of the vegetable market and said that he will try to live up to the trust that the commission agents have shown in him like before. He said that proper arrangements will be made for cleanliness in the vegetable market. He said that whatever problem the commission agents will face in the near future, he will solve it in every possible way. People of the city congratulated him. Municipal Corporation President Virendra Bansal also congratulated his younger brother on becoming the president. Apart from this, representatives of many social and adheri religious organisations also congratulated Rakesh Bansal. Nilokheri MLA Dharampal Gondar also congratulated Rakesh Bansal and said that he will work in the interest of traders.

