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### Bodies of three more Naxalites found after encounter in Chhattisgarh

RAIPUR: At least 13 Naxalites including three women have been killed in an encounter with security forces in dense forests in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, police said on Wednesday. Three more bodies were found in the morning at the site of the encounter which lasted for nearly 12 hours, said an official. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai hailed the security personnel, stating that the fight against the Naxalites has been intensified since the BJP government came to power in the state last year.

### SAD forms manifesto committee for Lok Sabha polls

CHANDIGARH: Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday announced the formation of a 15-member manifesto committee for the Lok Sabha polls. The committee will be led by Balwinder Singh Bhundar, according to information shared by Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Daljit Singh Cheema in a post on X. "SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal has announced the manifesto committee of the party for Parliamentary elections. Senior Akali leader S Balwinder S Bhundar will be chairman and Dr Daljit Singh Cheema will be member secretary of the committee," he said in the post.

### ED requests SC to remove Bansuri Swaraj's name from Sanjay Singh's bail order

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday requested the Supreme Court to remove the name of Advocate Bansuri Swaraj, which had inadvertently crept into the order sheet of Aam Aadmi Party MP Sanjay Singh's bail order. Advocate Zoheb Hossain, appearing on behalf of ED mentioned the error in the appearance list in Tuesday's Apex Court order granting bail to AAP MP Sanjay Singh. Hossain said the name of Advocate Ms Bansuri Swaraj was reflected inadvertently. She did not appear for the Central agency.

### Hry Cooperation Department Joint Registrar held on corruption charges

CHANDIGARH: A team of the Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday arrested Naresh Kumar Goyal, Joint Registrar of the Cooperation Department, from Panchkula on the charges of corruption. The accused was arrested by the ACB team in connection with the multi-crore rupee scam that was unearthed in the Cooperation Department in the past few days. A government spokesperson said that the case had come to the ACB for investigation, and several arrests have been made in the case so far. Naresh Kumar Goyal is accused of embezzling crores of rupees of government money along with his co-accused.

## HC dismisses petition challenging EC notification for Karnal bypoll

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APR 3

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday dismissed a petition which had sought directions to set aside the Election Commission's March 16 notification announcing the bypoll for the Karnal assembly seat.

On Tuesday, a division bench comprising Justices Sudhir Singh and Harsh Bunker had reserved its verdict on a plea seeking directions to set aside the notification.

The BJP has fielded Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, 54, as an MP from Kurukshetra in the outgoing Lok Sabha, for the bypoll for the Karnal assembly seat, vacated by his predecessor Manohar Lal Khattar.

The bypoll is scheduled to be held on May 25 along with the polling for the 10 Lok Sabha seats in Haryana.

According to the submission of the petitioner, the EC failed to consider section 151 (A) of the Representation of People's Act, which includes a proviso (a) that if the remainder of the member's term in relation to the vacancy is less than one year, the bypoll need not be held.

The section stipulates that a by-election for filling vacancies must be held within six months from the date of vacancy, except when the remaining term of the member is less than one year.

The new member will effectively have only about two months in office after the bypoll, the petitioner, a Karnal resident, submitted.

"The petition has been dismissed.



The copy of the order is awaited," Advocate Simarpal Singh, the counsel for the petitioner, said.

The BJP had last month replaced Khattar, 69, with OBC leader Saini, 54, as Haryana's chief minister in a swift switch in the state.

Khattar is contesting the Lok Sabha polls and is BJP's candidate from Karnal parliamentary seat.

Resigning as MLA on March 13, Khattar had said, "from today, our chief minister (Saini) will look after the Karnal assembly constituency." Saini, who was sworn in as the chief minister on March 12, needs to get elected as an MLA within six months.

According to the petition filed by Kunal Chanana, 29, the Haryana assembly was formed on November 4,

2019, and its term is lapsing on November 3, 2024. Haryana Assembly polls are due in October 2024.

Since the incoming elected member would scarcely have a period of approximately two months, there is no justification for a significant financial outlay for a truncated tenure, the petitioner argued.

The high court was also informed that Bombay High Court's Nagpur bench had last month set aside an Election Commission notification announcing the bypoll for Maharashtra's Akola West assembly constituency on April 26.

In that case too, the petitioner, an Akola resident, argued that the remaining tenure of the new MLA will be less than one year.

## Delhi HC reserves order on Arvind Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by ED

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APRIL 3

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday reserved the order on plea moved Arvind Kejriwal challenging his arrest by Enforcement Directorate in Excise Policy money laundering case.

After hearing at length, the bench of Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma on Wednesday reserved the order on petition moved by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal challenging his arrest and also ED remand granted by the trial court.

Appearing for Kejriwal, Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi submitted that this case reeks of timing issue. The timing issue ensures that the petitioner doesn't participate in the democratic process and that his party is



destroyed. The timing reeks of democracy issue, level playing field issue. You are clearly doing an arrest without any enquiry, statement etc. It's unique that there's no Sec 50 here.

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here. Necessity to arrest is an important facet of the statute. But, here, your necessity to arrest was with ulterior motive. The only object is to humiliate, insult and disable the petitioner. After one and a quarter year of investigation, they want to find the role of the Chief Minister, submitted Kejriwal lawyer Sr Adv Abhishek Manu Singhvi.

While opposing Kejriwal plea, Enforcement Directorate lawyer ASG SV Raju submitted that the arguments made for petitioner has been argued as if it is a bail application not a plea for quashing of the arrest. The investigation in the matter is at a nascent stage and as far as Mr Kejriwal is concerned, the investigation is not over, said ED while opposing Kejriwal plea challenging his arrest.

## 77 people trapped, 700 injured across Taiwan after powerful earthquake

AGENCY TAIPEI, APRIL 3

At least 77 people are trapped across Taiwan after a powerful earthquake struck the island's eastern coast, CNN reported citing the National Fire Agency (NFA).

Authorities did not elaborate on the condition of those trapped but said that rescue operations were underway.

The 7.4 magnitude quake has killed four people and injured more than 700 others, according to NFA. Of those injured, 132 are in Hualien County, near the epicentre of the quake, the agency added.

Taiwan was struck by its strongest earthquake in 25 years on Wednesday when a 7.4 magnitude tremor struck the island's eastern coast, collapsing buildings, killing at least four people and triggering tsunami warnings across the region that were later lifted, CNN reported.

## Jolt to INDIA bloc, PDP to contest Lok Sabha elections alone

AGENCY SRINAGAR, APRIL 3

In another jolt to the fledgling INDIA bloc, People's Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Mehbooba Mufti announced on Wednesday that they will pitch their candidates for the Lok Sabha elections in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The development came after National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah said that they would be contesting elections for all three seats in Kashmir.

"In Mumbai, I said, Farooq Abdullah is our best representative and he will take the call. Omar Abdullah should have discussed the same with me for greater interest, we were not going to fight over parliamentary elections," Mufti told reporters in Srinagar.

"But the way Omar Abdullah said, PDP doesn't exist

and is nowhere, hurt us. The BJP broke my party completely but Omar's statement made my workers disappointed. Now my workers are calling me and telling me that we should also pitch our candidates," Mufti said. "I'm disappointed with what Omar Ab-



dullah said about the PDP," she added. The former CM further confirmed that her party would now enter the contest on its own. "All the agencies are after my workers, so I felt my workers were humiliated by Omar Abdullah's statement," the former Chief Minister alleged.

## Bhagwant Mann takes ground feedback for all 13 LS seats of Pb

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, APRIL 3

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is in his tactician mode as the AAP is eyeing all 13 seats in Punjab based on their historic mandate win in 2022 assembly elections and their performance in Punjab for the last two years. The party is ardently gearing up for its traditional Lok Sabha seat Sangrur and On Wednesday, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann held a meeting with all the MLAs of Sangrur. Mann asked them to run a positive campaign where AAP leaders will go to the people and apprise them of the AAP government's works and achievements in the last two years.

Bhagwant Mann was elected from Sangrur as member parliament twice, in 2014 and in 2019, then in 2022 Punjab



assembly elections he won from Dhuri (Sangrur) and became the chief minister of Punjab. All the nine MLAs of Sangrur LS seat come from the Aam Aadmi Party. Meet Hayer is also confident that the party will once again register a big win in Sangrur.

This meeting was attended by AAP MP candidate for Sangrur and MLA Barnala Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer,

Punjab Finance Minister and MLA Dirba Harpal Singh Cheema, Minister and MLA Sunam Aman Arora, MLA Lehragada Barinder Kumar Goyal, MLA Bhadaur Labh Singh Ugoke, MLA Mehal Kalan Kulwani Pandori, MLA Malerkotla Mohammed Jamil Ur Rahman and MLA Sangrur Narinder Kaur Bharaj. In this meeting CM Mann discussed election strate-

### Mann seeks time from Tihar Admn to meet Kejriwal

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann has written a letter to Tihar Jail Authorities on Wednesday and sought time to meet jailed Delhi CM, Arvind Kejriwal. In a communication to Tihar, Punjab CMO requested the authorities to provide a suitable time so that CM Mann could meet Kejriwal.

gy with the MLAs for the Sangrur Lok Sabha constituency. Mann asked the MLAs to hold meetings with all the office bearers of the party in Sangrur and hold meetings in every village too.

## Boxer Vijender Singh joins BJP

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APRIL 3

In a major blow to the Congress party, boxer-turned-politician Vijender Singh joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday in the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections.

Vijender Singh joined the BJP at an event held at the party headquarters in Delhi in the presence of the party's National General Secretary,



Vinod Tawde. Singh asserted to 'serve people' after joining the BJP. "I have joined the BJP today for the development of the country and to serve the peo-

ple," he said while speaking to a news agency.

He further said that he would be able to work in a better way for the athletes and sports persons with the BJP. The boxer-turned-politician had earlier in 2023 come in support of the protesting wrestlers who alleged sexual harassment against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chairman Brij Bhushan Saran Singh.

## SC to hear next week plea for cross-verification of EVMs with VVPAT by voters

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APRIL 3

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said it would hear next week a plea seeking cross-verification by the voters of votes cast by them as "counted as recorded" in the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT).

A bench headed by Justices Sanjiv Khanna said this after advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the NGO Association of Democratic Reforms pleaded that the matter should be heard urgently in view of upcoming elections. If the case is not heard, the plea would become infructuous, the bench was told. Justice Khanna, who was sitting in a special bench along with Justice MM Sundresh and Bela M Trivedi, said that the court is aware of the situation and would hear the matter next week. The seven-phase Lok Sabha polls will begin on April 19. In July last year, the apex court asked the Election Commission of India to respond to the plea.

The NGO had sought direc-

tion from the Election Commission and the Centre to ensure the voters are able to verify through VVPATs that their vote has been "counted as recorded". Declare unconstitutional the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and the practice and procedure of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to the extent that



they violate the fundamental right of the voters to verify through VVPATs that their vote has been "recorded as cast" and "counted as recorded", the plea said. The requirement of the voters verifying that their votes have been "recorded as cast" is somewhat met when the VVPAT slip is displayed for about seven seconds after pressing the button on the EVM through a transparent window for the voters to verify that their vote has been recorded on the internally printed VVPAT slip.

## Rahul Gandhi files his nomination from Wayanad

AGENCY WAYANAD, APRIL 3

Congress leader and incumbent MP Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday submitted his nomination papers for the Wayanad parliamentary constituency in Kerala for the Lok Sabha elections, starting from April 19 in seven phases across the country.

His sister and party's general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was also present with him.

The Congress leader filed his nomination after leading a roadshow at Kalpetta in Wayanad.

"It has been an honour for me to be your member of Parliament. I don't treat you and think of you like an electorate. I treat you and think of you the same way I think of my little sister Priyanka. So in the houses of Wayanad, I have sisters, mothers, fa-



thers and brothers. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that," Rahul Gandhi said while addressing the gathering.

Thousands of people, including UDF leaders and workers, turned up at Kalpetta here to welcome Rahul. Accompanied by his sister Priyanka

I Divash Kumar S/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/o 28004, Ward No. 31, Subash Basti, Bathinda. My mother name mentioned in 10th certificate Sharnjit Kaur which is incorrect. My mother correct name is Sharanjit Kaur. Kindly note concern persons.

90005  
I No 15617583N HAV Vinod Kumar R/o Vpo Padampura, District Jhunjhunu, ( R A J A S T H A N ) Pin 333028. Declare that in My Army Service Record My Mother Name Mentioned SARVATI DEVI Which is incorrect Her Correct Name is SARVATI. Vide Affidavit IE0025416878.

9000A  
I, Ram Kumar S/o Phool Chand R/o House Number 237, Ward Number 20, Street Number 06, Beant Nagar Moga have changed my name to Ram Kumar Gautam

90007  
I, Manoj S/O Mahavir R/O Village Sair, Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name from Manoj Kumar to Manoj.

335454  
I, Saravjeet Singh S/o Sh. Chuahd Singh R/o Village Dhanaura, Tehsil Barara, Distt Ambala declare that the correct name of my wife is Saravjeet Kaur, But in her passport her name is wrongly mentioned as Sarbjcet Kaur. I affirm that for all future purposes my wife's correct name should be recorded as Saravjeet Kaur.

78645  
I, Manpreet Kaur Sekhon W/o Prabhjot Singh R/o #31, Bir Road, Atma Singh Enclave, Bathinda have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur

100078  
I Jasvir Singh S/O Baljit Singh Vill.& P.O.Jagatpur Teh.Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, have correction of my name spilling in my passport from Jasveer Singh to Jasvir Singh .Please note.

900022  
I, SUKHJIT KAUR Mother of I N D E R J I T S I N G H N O. JC432409H Rank Subedar, is presently residing at VPO BEAS, TEHSIL BABA BAKALA, DISTRICT AMRITSAR, PIN-143201, PUNJAB, INDIA do hereby declare that my son Inderjit Singh army documents my name and DOB is mentioned as SURJIT KAUR AND DOB 1959 .Which is incorrect. My correct name is SUKHJIT KAUR and DOB is 1957.

98748  
I Anita Rani W/o Late Sh. Ranbir Singh Nagal R/o PNB Colony Salarpur Road Kurukshetra, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Mrs. Anita to Mrs. Anita Rani. In future I may be known as Mrs. Anita Rani.

100074  
I Shubham S/o Late Sh. Ranbir Singh Nagal R/o PNB Colony Salarpur Road Kurukshetra, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have declared that my father name was Mr. Ranbir Singh & Mr. Ranbir Singh Nagal. Both are one & same person. All concerned note please.

I hitherto known as Neetu Arora Alias Simranjit Kaur daughter of Manohar Lal and Wife of Ajit Singh resident of VPO Qadian Wali, Distt. Jalandhar ,Punjab India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SIMRRANJIT KAUR.

42778  
I, hitherto known as Aparijta W/O Navneet Kamal residing at H.No. 139/2, Raj Nagar, Basti Bawa Khel, Distt. Jalandhar - 144021, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aparijta Kamal.

461257  
I, hitherto known as Manpreeti D/O Pritam Chand residing at Mohalla Mukatpura, Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar - 144505, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manpreeti Kaur.

461257  
I, hitherto known as Bimal Anand S/O Dev Raj residing at H.No. 123/3, W 3, Chabutra Mohalla, Banga, Tehsil Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar - 144505, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bimalajit Anand.

461257  
I hitherto known as SURINDER KUMAR S/o Hardawari Lal R/o H.No.1151, Ward No.11, St.No.09 Jawhar Nagar, Moga Punjab-142001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SURINDER PAL.

461257  
I Jaidev S/o Sh.Somdutt R/o House No. 25, Shivpuri-B, Near ITI, Yamunanagar that I have Changed my name From Jaidev to Jaidev Kaushik.

100060  
I, Prabjot Kaur W/o Malkeet Singh R/o.Village Dilawalpur Distt Tarn Taran have Changed my name to Prabhjot Kaur

72737  
I Jasomati Devi W/o Mahavir Singh Chauhan, R/O Hno.26,New Preet Nagar,Near Lawrance School,Batala Road,Amritsar, Punjab. I Have Changed My Name Jasomati Devi Chauhan

72737  
I, Nee Sofia Kandyara W/o Rohit Kumar Resident of Berian Mohalla Dinanagar Tehsil Dinanagar District Gurdaspur Punjab I have Changed my name from Sofia Kandyara Nee to Sofia Kandyara Please note it

72737  
I, Sunanda Mehta W/o Salil Rai Mehta R/o.5, Rani Ka bagh, College Line Amritsar declare that in my passport my name is written as Sunanda Malhotra but my Actual name is Sunanda Mehta. Both names are of one and the same person

72737  
I, Paramjit Kaur wife of Raghbir Singh, resident of 77-A, Davinder Nagar, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Parmjeet Kaur.

72737  
I hitherto known as KOMAL W/O AMRIK SINGH R/O VILLAGE DHARAMKOT PATTAN, TEHSIL DERA BABA NANAK, DISTT. GURDASPUR-143604, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KOMALPREET KAUR

72737  
I hitherto known as HEM RAM SHARMA S/o I N D E R S I N G H R/O 78-P, SECTOR-4, HUDA, NARAINGARH, TEHSIL NARAINGARH, DISTT AMBALA (HR)-134203 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HEMRAJ SHARMA.

72737  
I, Amnika D/o Gurpreet Singh R/o. Vill. Sidhwan, Gurdaspur 143529 Punjab have Changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Amnika Kaur

72737  
I hitherto known as GURCHARAN SINGH S/O PARAMJIT SINGH R/o VILLAGE CHAHAL KALAN (CHAHAL) TEHSIL BATALA DISTT GURDASPUR, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SAROJ.

I hitherto known as HARJINDER SINGH S/O PIARA SINGH R/O H.NO. 2272, C-BLOCK, RANJIT AVENUE, TEHSIL & DISTT AMRITSAR, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as HARJINDER SINGH SANDHU.

72737  
I hitherto known as KAMALJIT KAUR W/O JASVIR SINGH R/O VPO HERAN, TEHSIL RAIKOT, DISTT. LUDHIANA-141107, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KAMALDEEP KAUR.

72737  
I hitherto known as SWARN SINGH S/O UJJAGAR SINGH R/O NEAR PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOL, GOLDEN CITY, HAMAYUNPUR, SIRHIND (R) TEHSIL & DISTT FATEHGARH SAHIB-140406, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SWARAN SINGH.

72737  
I hitherto known as GAIN SINGH S/O BAKHTOR SINGH R/O VILLAGE BHAGATPURA, TEHSIL BASSI PATHANA, DISTT. FATEHGARH SAHIB-140307, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GIAN SINGH.

72737  
I hitherto known as KANWALJIT KAUR W/O GURJIT SINGH R/O VILLAGE ADLIWALA, DISTT. AMRITSAR, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KAWALJIT KAUR.

72737  
I, Kisanavati Devi M/o name shrvan kumar presently residing at village/town/city, Tiyari, District Ghazipur, PO: Tiyari, State Uttar Pradesh pin code-232326 India declare that as per army record my name is wrongly written as Kisanavati Devi but my correct name is Kisanawati Devi vide affidavit No. IN-Pb02757408507450W dated 03-04-2024 best before Notary Public Amritsar

900023  
I, Number 14848645X Rank Hav Ck (SD) Name Yawale Umesh Shivnath Unit 507 ASC Bn, C/O 56 APO presently residing at Village-Beskhedda, PO-Ekdara, Tehsil-Warud, Distt.-Amravati, State-Maharashtra, Pin-444906 have changed my name from URVI to URVI UMESH YAWALE vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

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I, Number 14848645X Rank Hav Ck (SD) Name Yawale Umesh Shivnath Unit 507 ASC Bn, C/O 56 APO presently residing at Village-Beskhedda, PO-Ekdara, Tehsil-Warud, Distt.-Amravati, State-Maharashtra, Pin-444906 have changed my name from DHANHVI to DHANHVI UMESH YAWALE vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

900023  
I, GEETANJALI is legally wedded spouse of Number 15163562N Rank Hav(Gnr) Name Naren Phukan Unit 10 FD REGT. C/O 99 APO presently residing at Teloiabari Nepali, Dibrugarh, Assam, 785675 have changed my name from GEETANJALI to GEETANJALI PHUKAN vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur

50008  
I Ramu Goswami S/O Bhuri Singh, R/o H.no-63, Joginder Nagar, PO- P.A.P. LINE, Jalandhar have changed my name from Ramu Goswami to Rahul

900026  
I Manjit Kaur W/o Jurnail Singh R/o Village Jurna,Po D h a r a m g a r h, N e a r Gurudwara Sahib,Distt Sas Nagar (Mohali) Changed My Name To Manjeet ( Kaur ) As A Surname

666554  
I mohender singh S/o Sh. Nathu ram R/o Village Dudhi Tehsil Iadwa District Kurukshetra have changed my name from mohender singh to mahinder singh In future I may be known Mahinder singh

50008  
I hitherto known as Baltej Singh Dhaliwal S/o Nahar Singh R/o Badho Patti Lapon, Moga, Punjab Pin Code 142037 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Baltej Singh

I. Nachattar Singh S/o Buta Singh # 338 R/o Aklia kalan (Bathinda) 151201, have changed my name Nachattar Singh to Nachattar Singh Brar W/o Buta Singh. All Concerned Note.

90004  
i Harminder Singh s/o Tej Singh Brar R/o Gidderbaha Distt Sri Muktsar sahib have decalred that singh is my surname.

62647  
I, MITHAI LAL is legally father of Number JC-277100P Rank Sub(AIG) Name Ravindra Kumar Soni Unit 10 FD Regt. C/O 99 APO Pin-925710 presently residing at 178/77A/2A, Saijing Gali, Phaphamau, Lehra Allahabad, Phaphamau, Uttar Pradesh, 211013 have changed my name from MITHAI LAL to MITHAI LAL SONI vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur

900023  
I, SUNDARI DEVI is legally father of Number JC-277100P Rank Sub(AIG) Name Ravindra Kumar Soni Unit 10 FD Regt. C/O 99 APO Pin-925710 presently residing at 178/77A/2A, Saijing Gali, Phaphamau, Lehra Allahabad, Phaphamau, Uttar Pradesh, 211013 have changed my name from SUNDARI DEVI to SUNDRI DEVI vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur

900023  
I, Service Number JC-277100P Rank Sub(AIG) Name Ravindra Kumar Soni Unit 10 FD Regt. C/O 99 APO Pin-925710 presently residing at 178/77A/2A, Saijing Gali, Phaphamau, Lehra Allahabad, Phaphamau, Uttar Pradesh, 211013 have changed my name from PRIYA TO PRIYA SONI vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur

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I, Number 14848645X Rank Hav Ck (SD) Name Yawale Umesh Shivnath Unit 507 ASC Bn, C/O 56 APO presently residing at Village-Beskhedda, PO-Ekdara, Tehsil-Warud, Distt.-Amravati, State-Maharashtra, Pin-444906 have changed my name from URVI to URVI UMESH YAWALE vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

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I, Number 14848645X Rank Hav Ck (SD) Name Yawale Umesh Shivnath Unit 507 ASC Bn, C/O 56 APO presently residing at Village-Beskhedda, PO-Ekdara, Tehsil-Warud, Distt.-Amravati, State-Maharashtra, Pin-444906 have changed my name from DHANHVI to DHANHVI UMESH YAWALE vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

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I, GEETANJALI is legally wedded spouse of Number 15163562N Rank Hav(Gnr) Name Naren Phukan Unit 10 FD REGT. C/O 99 APO presently residing at Teloiabari Nepali, Dibrugarh, Assam, 785675 have changed my name from GEETANJALI to GEETANJALI PHUKAN vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur

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I Ramu Goswami S/O Bhuri Singh, R/o H.no-63, Joginder Nagar, PO- P.A.P. LINE, Jalandhar have changed my name from Ramu Goswami to Rahul

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I Manjit Kaur W/o Jurnail Singh R/o Village Jurna,Po D h a r a m g a r h, N e a r Gurudwara Sahib,Distt Sas Nagar (Mohali) Changed My Name To Manjeet ( Kaur ) As A Surname

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I mohender singh S/o Sh. Nathu ram R/o Village Dudhi Tehsil Iadwa District Kurukshetra have changed my name from mohender singh to mahinder singh In future I may be known Mahinder singh

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I hitherto known as Baltej Singh Dhaliwal S/o Nahar Singh R/o Badho Patti Lapon, Moga, Punjab Pin Code 142037 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Baltej Singh

900023  
I, MANJUBALA MOHAPATRA is legally mother of Number 15193130N Rank NK(DMT) Name Rakesh Kumar Mohapatra Unit 10 FD Regt. C/O 99 APO Pin-925710 presently residing at Village-Ipinga, PO-Parikud, Distt.-Puri, State-Odisha, 752011 have changed my name from M A N J U B A L A MOHAPATRA to MANJULATA MAHAPATRA vide affidavit dated 03-04-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

I Hirani Devi W/o Upinder Mehto R/o H. No. 1204, Small Flats, Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name to Pramila.

63372  
I Perminder Singh S/o Santokh Singh, R/o Vill. Bhara Mazara, Tehsil Banga, Distt Sbs Nagar Punjab India-144511 have changed my name from Perminder Singh to Parminder Singh.

63372  
I Gulshan Kumar S/O Kundan Lal R/O Vill. Bachwwan, Teh Balachaur ,Distt.SBS Nagar. I Have Changed My Daughter's Name Vishali To Vishali Singh.

63372  
I, Tarsem Singh S/o Gurnam Singh, R/o Vpo. Thathi Bhai, Teh. Bagha Purana, Dist. Moga, Punjab have changed my name to Tarsem Singh Sekhon for all future purposes.

63372  
I, Rajiv Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar Chopra R/o H.No.310 St.No.03 Krishna Nagar Moga (Moga) have changed my name to Rajiv Kumar Chopra.

63372  
I, Jagjit Singh Dhillon S/o Dilvag Singh R/o Vpo. Patto Hira Singh (Moga) have changed my minor daughter name from Sukhmandeep Kaur to Sukhmandeep Kaur Dhillon.

63372  
I, Chandan Narula S/o Yashpal Narula R/o Jhande Wali Gali Mohalla Gogoani Zira Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my daughter name from Rubaiyat to Rubaiyat Narula.

63372  
I Kulwinder Chopra S/o Krishan Lal R/o H.No. 160, Face 1, Patiala have changed my name from Kulwinder Chopra to Kulwinder Kumar.

63372  
I Lakhvinder Kaur W/o Kulbir Singh, Village Nasir Pur, Tehsil Shahkot, District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Lakhvinder Kaur to Lakhvinder Kaur.

63372  
I Sarabjit Kaur W/o Gurdev Singh R/o Balkhandi (Moga) have changed my name to Sarbjit Kaur.

63372  
I Rajwinder Kaur Bisla W/o Inderjit Singh Kharbharh, Vill-Chak Phullu, Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab (India). I Have Changed My Name Rajwinder Kaur Bisla Kharbharh.

63372  
I Bhagwant Singh Lohat S/o Amar Singh Village Malhipur Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Bhagwant Singh.

63372  
I Davinder Kaur Lohat W/o Bhagwant Singh Village Malhipur Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Davinder Kaur.

63372  
I, Sarabjeet Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Vill: Rodejalle Wala Po. Mallu Walie Wala Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Sarbjeet Kaur.

63372  
I Mukesh Kumar S/O Ram Bilas R/O Raian, Tehsil / Distt Ludhiana Declared That Mukesh Kumar And Mukesh Jindal Those Names Are Mine.

63372  
I, Neeraj Meheshwari S/o Inderjit Kumar R/o 26 Veer Colony (Bathinda) have changed my name to Neeraj Kumar.

63372  
I, Navkiran D/o Ram Singh R/o #22419 St.No. 100Ft Road Shant Nagar (Bathinda) have changed my name to Navkiran Kaur Sidhu.

I Kajal W/o Pargat Singh R/o Village Pandori Rehmana Tehsil & District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Kajal to Kajalpreet Kaur.

63372  
I, Kulvinder Kaur W/O Gurdeep Singh.Vpo Harmoyan Patti Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Kulwinder Kaur.

63372  
I, Karamjit S/o Jamalain R/o Madpur (Ludhiana) have changed my name into Karamjit Galachi.

63372  
I Tajinder Singh S/o Manjit Singh R/o Barian Kalan Tehsil Garhshankar District Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Tajinder Singh (Singh as Surname).

63372  
I, Raj Kamal S/o Bakhsi Ram R/o Vpo Lehra Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India have changed my name minor daughter name Komal to Komal Kaur.

63372  
I, Raj Kamal S/o Bakhsi Ram R/o Vpo Lehra Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India have changed my name minor son name Rajan to Rajan Singh.

63372  
I Kulwinder Kaur Dhaliwal W/o Gurvinder Singh R/o Vpo Killi Chahalain, Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Kulwinder Kaur After Marriage.

63372  
I, Vijay Kumar S/o Sh. Baldev Krishan R/o Street No.2, Model Town Abohar, District. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Goyal.

63372  
I, Gurpreet Singh Bhikhan S/o Hardeep Singh R/o Chela Patti VPO Dhalle Ke, (Moga) have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh.

63372  
I, Harjeet Singh Sandhu S/o Thana Singh R/o VPO Daroli Bhai (Moga) Changed Name Harjeet Singh S/o Thana Singh.

63372  
I Harmesh Sharma W/O Ram Saroop Vpo Saidoke Dist Moga Have Changed To Harmesh Sharma Wife Of Ram Sroop Sharma.

63372  
I Varinder Pal S/O Madan Lal R/O Vpo Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab Pin-146001 Have Changed My Name To Varinder Kumar.

63372  
I, Prabhjot W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o H.No. B235, Ripudamanpura Mohalla Nabha, Teh. Nabha, Distt. Patiala have changed my name Prabhjot Kaur.

63372  
I Khushil Kumar S/o Sham Lal R/o H.No. 967, St. No. 3, Hazuri Bagh Colony Bhattian Bet Ludhiana have changed my name to Khushil Verma.

63372  
I Jugit Kaur W/o Avtar Singh R/o Vill Samrari Teh Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Jagjit Kaur.

63372  
I Babli W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o H. No. B-6-6-D Ward No 11 Chowk Nayian Main Bazar Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Manjit.

I Hardeep Singh Malhi S/o Ajit Singh R/o Patti Bada Vpo Kaunke Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Hardeep Singh.

63372  
I Harinder Pal Singh Raheja S/o Jit Singh R/o H: No 2112 Agwar Gujran/Ward No 15 Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Harinder Pal Singh.

63372  
I Kanwalpreet Kaur Raheja W/o Harinder Pal Singh R/o H: No 2112 Agwar Gujran/Ward No 15 Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Kanwalpreet Kaur.

63372  
I Jatinder Singh Brar S/o Jagpal Singh R/o Malsian Bajan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jatinder Singh.

63372  
I Jagdev Singh S/o Tara Singh R/o Patti Lamme Vpo, Malak Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jagdev Singh Grewal.

63372  
I Gurpreet Kaur Chahal W/o Jaspreet Singh Hans R/o Vpo Hans Kalan, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana Have change my name Gurpreet Kaur.

63372  
I Dhanvir Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o H: No 6071, Ward No 07, Agwar Lapon Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Dhanveer Singh.

63372  
I Anita Rani W/o Surinder Singh Sethi R/o Village Bassian Tehsil Raikot Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Anita Sethi.

63372  
I Surinder Kumar S/o Kharaili Lal Sethi R/o Village Bassian Tehsil Raikot Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Surinder Singh Sethi.

63372  
I Pardeep Singh Maralday S/o Ranjit Singh R/o 104, Jagraon Patti Malak, Malak Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Pardeep Singh.

63372  
I, Gurvir Kaur W/o Gagandeep Singh Sandhu R/o Bhagpur (Ludhiana) declare that my name is Gurvir and my surname is Kaur.

63372  
I, Parmjit Kaur W/o Sahib Singh R/o Gaunsgarh (Ludhiana) changed my name Paramjit Kaur.

63372  
I, Kawaldip Kaur W/o Vikram Singh R/o Sri Bhaini Sahib (Ludhiana) changed my name Kawaldeep Kaur.

63372  
I, Mohinder Kaur W/o Resham Singh R/o Gumti Khurd (Ludhiana) changed my name Mahinder Kaur.

63372  
I, Sukhvir Singh Garcha S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vill: Kohara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sukhvir Singh.

63372  
I, Gurpreet Kaur Garcha W/o Sukhvir Singh R/o Vill: Kohara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur.

I Yugpreet Kaur Tathgar D/o Kulwant Singh Tathgar W/o Parbh Deep Singh R/o Talwandi Patti, Near Dharamshala, Khai, Distt.Moga, Punjab Pin-142046 have changed my name to Yugpreet Kaur.

63372  
I Nachhattar Singh S/O Jagat Singh Village Bhaloor District Moga I Have Change My Name Nachhatar Singh.

63372  
I, Parabhjot Singh S/O Satwinder Singh R/o H.No. 2732 W.No. 42 Amar Pura (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Prabhjot Singh.

63372  
I Jaswant Singh S/O Mukhtear Singh R/O Talwandi Sabo Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Bhoga Singh.

63372  
I, Amar Sabharwal S/o William R/o Boota Pind (Jalandhar) Punjab, have changed my name from Amar to Amar Sabharwal.

63372  
I, Madhu Sabharwal W/o Amar Sabharwal R/o Boota Pind (Jalandhar) Punjab, have changed my name from Madhu to Madhu Sabharwal.

63372  
I, Sandeep S/o Gurdial Chand R/o Mohalla Rehmanpur Nakodar (Jalandhar) Punjab, have changed my minor daughter name from Sachita to Sachita Kumari.

63372  
I Neetu R/o # 489, Mauli Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name to Neetu Diwakar. Henceforth, I shall be known as Neetu Diwakar for all future

989666  
I Jasbir Singh S/O Tarsem Singh r/o village Usman p/o Jalal, Tehsil Baba bakala Sahib, District Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Jasbir Singh to as surname, Singh and given name is Jasbir.( Singh Jasbir). Note it

989666  
I, Sahil Punia S/o Sh. Jasveer Singh R/o H.No.127 Near Shiv Mandir, Jandli, Ambala City. Tehsil and Distt. Ambala have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Punia.

100046  
I, Chimna S/o Sh. Sant Singh R/o Rajewal Tehsil Shahkot Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Chimna To Chimna.

900025  
I, SERVICE NO. JC-344337F NB SUB SAMEER SINGH S/O CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH R/O VPO PACHWAS TEH HARRYA DISTT- BASTI, PIN CODE- 272127, Declare that in my service record my Name SAMEER KUMAR SINGH is mentioned erroneously. Correct my name is SAMEER SINGH as per Aadhar card.

900028  
ਮੈਂ ਪ੍ਰਭਜੋਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕੁਲਵਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਤੇ ਡਾਕਘਰ ਨੁਆਣਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਗੁਰੂਸ਼ੇਕਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ ਪ੍ਰਭਜੋਤ ਤੋਂ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਪ੍ਰਭਜੋਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੱਖ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ

100030  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
I/DAVINDER KAUR W/O KARAJ SINGH R/O MAIN BAZAR PATTI TARN TARAN DECLARE THAT SALE DEED IN FAVOR OF JASBIR Kaur W/O NARINDER SINGH VASIKHA NO. 375 ON DATED 07.03.2008 & SALE DEED IN FAVOR OF BALJIT KAUR W/O PARGAT SINGH, SHARANJIT KAUR W/O GURPARTAP SINGH AND OTHERS VASIKHA NO. 3446 ON DATED 04.12.12 HAVE BEEN LOST AT TARN TARAN ON DATED 11.03.2024. A SR.NO: 45502/2024 ALSO REGISTERED AT P.S.O.C PATTI TARN TARAN ON DATED 03.04.2024. ANYBODY FOUND PLEASE CONTACT ON ABOVE ADDRESS

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NEWS BRIEFS

## Joint Registrar of Cooperative Department arrested

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA:** Haryana Anti Corruption Bureau team today arrested Naresh Kumar Goyal, Joint Registrar of Cooperative Department, from Panchkula on corruption charges. The accused has been arrested by the ACB team due to his involvement in the scam worth crores of rupees that was exposed in the Cooperative Department recently. Giving information about this, the government spokesperson said that this case has been sent to the Anti Corruption Bureau for investigation. After investigation, several arrests have been made in this case so far. Goyal, along with his co-accused, is accused of embezzling crores of rupees from the government. The government spokesperson appealed to the general public and said that if any officer or employee demands bribes in return for doing government work, Make sure to give this information immediately on Haryana Anti Corruption Bureau's toll free numbers - 1800-180-2022 and 1064.

## Strict monitoring should be done to combat sale of counterfeit medicines : CS

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 3**

Haryana Chief Secretary Sh. TVSN Prasad has issued directives to closely monitor the sale of counterfeit and illegal medicines, with a particular emphasis on tracking the movement of drugs. Drug officers should collaborate with district administration officials to take joint action, ensuring that no incidents occur.

The Chief Secretary was presiding over the meeting of the 7th State Level Narco Coordination Committee here today. He also gave necessary directions to the administrative officials regarding the preparations for the Lok Sabha elections.

The Chief Secretary said that de-addiction centers should be operational in the districts through collaboration with the private organizations and voluntary or-



ganizations so that people can be freed from drug addiction in areas where such centers are not available. He said that to combat drug issues, priority should be given to enforcement measures, testing, and raising awareness among youth, particularly at the school and college levels. Apart from this, NCORD meetings should be

held regularly every three months at the district level.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary was briefed on the progress of the Haryana Uday Yojana, aimed at raising awareness about drug addiction and making wards, panchayats, and villages drug-free through an anti-drug program. Over the past year, 1,879 programs

were conducted across the state to make people aware against drug addiction, with a participation of 1,423,410 individuals. In terms of anti-drug efforts, 4,681 cases were registered, leading to the arrest of 6,510 individuals. Additionally, 801 culprits were charged under the NDPS Act, resulting in the seizure of assets worth Rs 13.09 crore, and 31 illegal properties associated with drug smuggling were demolished.

It was also apprised that as part of the anti-drug program, the state's de-addiction centers are regularly inspected. Utilizing the Prahari App, 7,523 drug addicts have been identified and are being encouraged to overcome addiction through the Namak Lota campaign.

Instructions issued to share election data regularly and ensure timely information submission

## Symbolic protest by commission agents in grain market

**PREETI RANI SADHAURA, APRIL 3**

Haryana State Arhtiya Association has started a symbolic strike for the last three days regarding its many demands. With the commencement of wheat procurement in Sadhaura grain market, protest against commission agents has also started and the government has also been warned that if the government does not agree to the demands, then be prepared to suffer the consequences in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. This strike will continue till April 5, in which commission agents will protest across Haryana from 11 am to 1 pm, during which there will be no purchase in the market.

Pradeep Verma, head of Anaj Mandi Arhtiya Association, said that the main demand from his government is to provide a full 2.50 per cent



commission for crops. Payment for all crops purchased by the government should be made on time to the commission agent or to the farmer's own account as per the farmer's consent. The duration of the licence of the market committee should be unlimited like GST or there should be no need for frequent renewal unless the firm ceases to operate. The licence fee of the Market Committee should be a lump sum of two or three thousand rupees. If the gov-

ernment does not accept our demands, then the government will have to bear the brunt of it in the Lok Sabha elections. 10 days before the elections, we will loudly and openly oppose the government in the entire Haryana. Agents Naresh Singla, Ashok Kumar Narinder Gumber, Sultana Singh, Arun Gupta, Raj Kumar, Praveen Garg, Dharamveer Singh, Rajinder Rana Satish Jindal, Pawan Jindal, Surindra Jindal, Mumish Garg were present on the occasion.

## State level birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule to be celebrated on April 7: Dhanpat Saini

**NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, APRIL 3**

On April 7, the state level birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule is being celebrated in the theme park Kurukshetra with the help of Saini Samaj, Kurukshetra and Sarva Samaj. To make program successful, officials associated with the organization visited the villag-



es of the area. Nachraun Dera, Unhed, Bahadurpur, Dhau-dang, Bakana, Potli, Thaska and Fatehgarh and invited more and more people to attend the program. Naib Saini

will also be given a civic felicitation on becoming the Chief Minister. Former MP Kurukshetra, President of Saini Samaj Trust Radaur Dhanpat Saini and Patron Dr. Baldev Saini jointly said that Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was born in the 1990s. At that time, discrimination, untouchability and illiteracy were prevalent in the society.

## Road Safety Organization Panchkula marks Road Safety Awareness workshop 2024 in Govt College Kalka

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA, APRIL 3**

The Road Safety Organization Distt Panchkula organized Road Safety Awareness workshop in Govt College Kalka. The workshop is witnessed an enthusiastic participation by the Students of the college.

The esteemed presence of Smt Promila Malik Principal Govt College Kalka Along with the Road Safety Organization President Mr. Ankur Kapoor, Mr. Navdeep Bedi (Secretary), Mr. Karan Bagla (Executive Member), Mr. Lakshay, Mr Tejinder Pal Sodhi and Mr. Mukesh Chauhan.

The Road Safety Awareness Workshop aimed to educate and enlighten the attendees about the critical aspects of road safety, fostering a sense of responsibility and consciousness among both drivers and pedestrians. With the objective of reducing road accidents and promoting saf-



er commuting habits, the workshop included interactive sessions, informative presentations, and practical demonstrations among the students

The key note speaker was Dr Hitesh Kapoor Prof. from Panjab University Chandigarh and he emphasized the importance of collective efforts in creating a safer road environment. He stated, "Road safety is a shared responsibility, and through events like these, we aim to

raise awareness and instill a sense of responsibility in individuals. The collaboration with various Govt Colleges in Distt Panchkula allowed us to reach a significant number of youth, contributing to our mission of creating safer roads for everyone."

The students actively participated in discussions on topics such as traffic rules, the significance of wearing seat belts and helmets, the dangers of distracted driving, and the importance of pedes-

trian safety. Practical demonstrations, including proper use of safety gear and emergency response procedures, were also conducted to enhance understanding.

Mr. Ankur Kapoor, President of RSO Panchkula, expressed gratitude for the enthusiastic participation and support from the students and college staff. "It's heartening to see the commitment of students towards making our roads safer. Road Safety Awareness workshop serves as a reminder that every action we take on the road has an impact, and by working together, we can create a culture of responsible and safe driving."

The workshop concluded with a commitment from both RSO and the participants to continue promoting road safety initiatives. RSO encourages students to join hands in creating a safer road environment and reducing the number of road accidents.

## No difference between Saini and Jindal: Nayab Saini



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA SHAHABAD, APRIL 3**

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, while addressing the workers' conference at a private farm on Barara Road, said that there is no difference of any kind between Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and BJP Lok Sabha candidate Naveen Jindal. Therefore, vote in favour of former MP Naveen Jindal so much that the biggest victory in Haryana goes to the BJP candidate from Kurukshetra. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, while instilling enthusiasm among the BJP workers, said that every BJP worker considering himself as Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, should go from door to door and promote the policies of BJP and vote in support of BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections on 25th May. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini

said that during the time of Congress, it was only claimed to eradicate poverty but the government led by the Prime Minister has actually worked to eradicate poverty and has given a gift by making Ayushman cards worth Rs 5 lakh each. He said that during the time of Congress, terrorists used to enter the Indian border and take away the heads of army soldiers, but during the time of BJP, surgical strikes were carried out by entering the houses of those who had such audacity. Chief Minister Saini said that when Abhinandan of our country reached Pakistan, he returned safely to his country within 24 hours. He said that this time BJP, along with the people of the country and BJP workers, will cross the slogan of 400, which will be the strongest step in realising the dream of a developed India. Seeing the hall packed with BJP workers, Chief Minister Nayab

Saini praised former Minister of State Krishna Bedi and said that in Haryana politics, Krishna Bedi is a person who has worked at the grassroots and broken the records of development of his assembly. Former minister Savitri Jindal, mother of Kurukshetra Lok Sabha candidate former MP Naveen Jindal, said that she is seeing Naveen Jindal in every BJP worker, hence every worker should consider himself as Naveen Jindal and campaign for the elections and remember the historical past of former Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal. She said that the Jindal family will continue to serve the public by being connected to the land of Mahabharata as always. Minister of State Subhash Sudha also appealed to the workers from the stage to stand firm in the election field and said that together they will give a historic victory to Kurukshetra Lok Sabha candidate Naveen Jindal.

## Teachers should focus on increasing enrollment in new session: Kaushik



**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, APRIL 3**

The team of Government Primary Teachers Association under the chairmanship of District Head Rajendra Tandon met District Elementary Education Officer Vinod Kaushik. Block Education Officer Thanesar Indu Kaushik was also present on the occasion. In the meeting, mainly the decreasing student population in schools was discussed and ways to increase the student population were discussed. Apart from this, there was talk of demanding a budget for the

salaries of teachers who came from different districts under inter-district transfer and talking about releasing their salaries along with other salary bills. Secondly, under the inter-district transfer in the district, there was talk of making arrangements for teachers in place of schools where there are no teachers or there are less teachers. On which the District Elementary Education Officer immediately gave orders to complete it in a day or two.

Vinod Kaushik said that it is necessary to make all kinds of efforts regarding the num-

ber of students in the district because if the number of students is less than the department will face great difficulty in running the government schools. Such schools where the student number can be increased, should be given every possible opportunity. Support will be provided by the department. Therefore, teachers should cooperate strongly and give special emphasis on enrollment and try to increase student enrollment as much as possible. Mainly present in the meeting were District Treasurer Satish Bhardwaj, Thaneshwar Pradhan Naresh Phule.

## Only a saint can make sacrifices like Manohar Lal: Chandra

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 3**

Karnal Lok Sabha Special Liaison Chief Subhash Chandra said that the wonderful work will always be remembered in the history of Haryana. Manohar Lal has made a great sacrifice by appointing on his chair a worker from the general and backward class who has come up from the lower ranks. Through a press release today, he said that the overall development of Haryana done by Manohar Lal without discrimination will always be remembered in the history of Haryana. Despite leaving his M.L.A. post, he did not leave Karnal and once again pledged to serve Karnal and Haryana state through Karnal Lok Sabha.

To ensure that Karnal remains the CM city again and that the pace of development work does not slow down, he has appointed an honest, simple and straightforward leader like Nayab Singh Saini on his seat. Subhash Chandra



has said that Manohar Lal not only promoted an ordinary worker like Saini but also increased the respect of the Dalit community by giving important responsibilities in the government to many ordinary poor people like me. In fact, it would not be wrong to call him the pioneer of Antyodaya. He said that today no opposition party is visible in the state to compete with BJP. Today no big leader in the entire opposition including Congress wants to contest elections which shows their political bankruptcy.

## Pick and drop facility for senior citizens and disabled people: DEO

**RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL, APRIL 3**

District Election Officer and DC Prashant Panwar said that in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, there should be concrete arrangements at all the booths as per the instructions of the Election Commission. Voter assistant booths should be set up at every polling station, in which BLOs and other employees will assist the voters in telling them their polling station number and the serial number of their name in the voter list. At the same time, a village level health department employee should be deployed with medical kit at each polling station. Apart from this, arrangements for ORS solution should be made for polling officials and voters. He was holding a meeting of officials in view of election related preparations in the auditorium located at Mini Secretariat on Wednesday. DC Prashant Panwar called upon voters to keep a wet towel with them on the day of polling in view of



summer season, while women should not bring children with them to the polling booth. He instructed the Civil Surgeon to run mobile patrolling units with necessary medicines as per the sector. This mobile van will visit every polling station every hour. If anyone needs medical facility, it will be provided to him. While giving instructions to the concerned officials, the DC said that NCC, NSS, Scouts and Guides volunteers should be deployed at the polling centers to establish queues and assist senior citizens and disabled people.

Disabled person can register on Saksham-ECI app to get wheel chair and avail the services. To make the youth aware about voting, 4-4 youth booths should also be made in each assembly. The Commission will provide the facility of pick and drop to the booth on the day of voting for senior citizens and disabled people as per their wish. The concerned Assistant Election Officer should make arrangements for this in advance, identify such voters and assign duties to the concerned volunteers and employees.

## Property ID camp on April 5 for self-certification

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 3**

On the instructions of Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abhishek Meena, a one-day camp will be organised at the community centre located in Sector-7 of the city on Friday, 5th April, to self-certify. Regional Taxation Officer Anshu Parashar, Tax Superintendent Ganga Deep Singh and their team will be present in the camp. During this period, property tax ID of ward residents was issued. The timing of the camp will be from 10am to 3pm. Deputy Corporation Commissioner Ashok Kumar gave this information on Wednesday. He said that at present such camps are going to be

organised from Ward No. 9, if it is successful, such camps will be organised in other wards of the city also. He has appealed to the ward residents and said that the persons who have not registered their property I.D. Those who have not yet self-certified can come to the camp and get this work done. Deputy Municipal Commissioner said that during this period, if any person shows his property I.D. to correct errors like name, address and contact number, then he can do so. He said that the citizens coming to the camp should bring their documents like property ID, ownership title and Aadhaar card, so that the work can be done on the spot.

General Secretary of All India Congress Committee, former state president of Haryana Congress, in-charge of Uttarakhand, CWC member and former Union Minister Selja said that the BJP state government is conspiring to keep the children of Mewat uneducated. A conspiracy is being hatched to close the model schools opened to provide good education to these children. Even after being accommodated in the education department, the staff of these schools have to wait for salaries for several months. Sometimes they have to raise their voice to get the

## Conspiracy to keep children of Mewat illiterate: Selja

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA, APRIL 3**

appointment letter, and sometimes they have to struggle for a unique ID. In a statement issued to the media, Kumari Selja said that Mewat Model Schools were established under the Mewat Model School Society. These schools are run on the pattern of CBSE, and they are also affiliated to CBSE. This society was run under the Mewat Development Authority. But, the then BJP-JJP coalition government snatched them from the authority and placed them under the Education Department.

After this, about 250 teachers and more than 100 non-teaching staff have repeatedly faced the problem of not getting their salaries

for months. The former Union Minister said that after the adjustment, appointment letters have not been given to the staff posted in schools by the Education Department. The surprising thing is that these schools had to struggle even for a unique ID. Many times the staff have to wait for months for a salary. Now again they are waiting for their salaries for three months. Kumari Selja said that 08 model schools were opened in Mewat to improve the quality of education. Due to the hard work of the staff and teachers, results started coming as per expectations. But, the BJP government could not digest this progress and started conspiring to close

the option of better education in Mewat. Under this conspiracy, Mewat Model Schools were adjusted in the Education Department. The former Union Minister said that the state government should take care of the staff of these schools and immediately issue appointment letters from the Education Department. Also, it should be ensured that there will never be any delay in releasing their salaries. Apart from this, since these schools have come under the education department, then action should be taken against the officials who do not issue appointment letters declaring their teachers and staff as employees of the education department.

## Flying Squad teams will monitor observance of election code of conduct: - DC

**PARI BAJAJ KARNAL, APRIL 3**

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Uttam Singh said that during the Lok Sabha general elections and Karnal Assembly by-elections, the Flying Squad teams will keep special vigil on the observance of Model Code of Conduct. The officers included in this team will take care in their respective areas that the election code of conduct is not violated. He said that the Election Commission of India has implemented the Model Code of Conduct for every candidate and political parties in the Lok Sabha elections. Flying squads have been formed by the District Election Department. These teams will monitor the Model Code of Conduct in their area of work. The teams will



ensure that no inappropriate resources are used during the election campaign. If any material is being distributed to woo voters, we will immediately take cognizance of it and submit our report to the District Election Office. In this, effective action will be taken against the guilty person as per rules. DC said that the Election Commission has launched a C-Vigil mobile app to maintain the transparency of the general elections.

KULWINDER KARWAL  
SARDULGARH, APR 3

SDM Sardulgarh Nitesh Kumar Jain held a meeting with the officials of Nagar Panchayat Sardulgarh regarding cleanliness and other ongoing works of Sardulgarh city. He directed the officials to ensure regular cleanliness in Sardulgarh city and the sanitation work-



ers working in various wards of the city to carry out the daily cleaning work as per the schedule. So that

citizens do not face any problem. He said that necessary arrangements for cleanliness should be completed. Cleanliness will be checked from time to time in different wards of the city. Officials of Nagar Panchayat Sardulgarh present in the meeting assured that the cleaning work of Sardulgarh city will be done keeping complete cleanliness in mind.

Congress party candidate will win Sangrur seat with huge margin: Kala Dhillon



**BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI:** The people of Punjab are completely fed up with the Akali Dal (B), BJP and the present common man Bhagwant Mann government and now want to see a government led by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi at the Centre. These views were expressed by Congress Party District Barnala President and number one contender from Lok Sabha constituency Sangrur Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon while speaking at the farewell party of Principal Valaiti Pun. Continuing the conversation, he said that instead of fulfilling the promises made to the country and Punjab, BJP and AAP government have started ignoring democracy and doing so-called arbitrariness, due to which people are now fed up with these parties and are in power at the Centre. Now want to see the Congress Party government led by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

Kuruli sadar police arrests one with 7 gms heroin



**SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR:** Kuruli Sadar police have arrested one Giridhan Singh following the recovery of 7 grams heroin from his possession. As per information received from DSP Kharar-2 Dhramvir Singh the suspect was arrested from Singhpura A case under NDPS Act has been registered against him

Two arrested with two kilos of opium



**RAJINDER SHARMBASSI PATHANA:** Bassi Pathan Police has claimed to have arrested a trailer driver and his partner with two kilos of opium. Chief Police Officer Narpinder Pal Singh informed that Assistant Police Station Officer Satnam Singh was blocking the Usha Mata Mandir near Morinda Road with a police party when a trailer number JH-02BN 2864 which was carrying iron from Jharkhand to Mandi Gobindgarh was found. During the blockade, 2 kg of opium was recovered from the trolley when it was stopped and searched. The persons arrested by the police have been identified as trailer driver Pramod Kumar resident of Rajpur district Chattra Jharkhand and his partner Tinku Rana resident of Titian district Chattra Jharkhand. The police filed a case against both the alleged accused and produced them in the honorable court and obtained the remand of both the alleged accused till April 5.

## Act tough on illegal flow of liquor, cash and smuggling of drugs: ECI to DCs and SSPs

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, APR 3

The Election Commission of India (ECI) team on Wednesday instructed all Deputy Commissioners (DCs), Commissioners of Police (CPs) and Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) of Punjab to enhance their campaigns to prevent the smuggling of drugs, liquor, and cash into the state in view of the Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

In a meeting held here, the ECI team led by Deputy Election Commissioner Hirdesh Kumar asked the officials to make all required arrangements at polling stations to ensure ease of voting to increase voter turnout in the upcoming election in the State.

The ECI team also told the officials to ensure adequate arrangements for central forces deputed in the state on the security duty during polling. A detailed information was sought from all the Districts regarding liquor and drug seizures after the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct. Information was also obtained about the steps taken by various districts to increase voter turnout, web-casting arrangements and



make all preparations at polling stations. Likewise, the ECI team also shared crucial suggestions and information related to the election process with all the DCs, CPs and SSPs. Punjab CEO Sabin C assured the Commission that the Lok Sabha elections in Punjab would be conducted without any pressure and in a fair and free manner.

The CEO had also assured the ECI team that all officials have been categorically directed to strictly enforce the Model Code of Conduct and various measures have been taken to curb illegal smuggling of drugs as well as liquor in Punjab. The CEO said that

special attention is being given this time to increase the number of Model Polling Stations by emulating the cultural themes of the state to attract maximum voters and making entire experience of voting pleasant and enriching experience. The ECI team appreciated this initiative of the state. The CEO added that directions have been issued to further enhance facilities at each polling station, including drinking water, adequate furniture, proper lighting, proper signage, help desks, and toilets. Meanwhile, the ECI and CEO appreciated the DC Malerkotla for taking a unique initiative and design-

ing a special application called 'Booth Raabta' to provide information related to elections, including the nearest police station, hospital, ambulance service, knowing your BLO, contacting school principal/building in-charge, and providing PwD voter assistance.

The ECI team also launched three books including Turnout Implementation Plan (TIP) for increasing voter turnout, meeting the target of more than 70% voter turnout; Booklet on Poll preparedness along with State and District profile and Booklet on legal provisions in Elections.

## Five Sunam students get over 99.6% marks in Vth class



SUMER GARG  
SUNAM, APR 3

In Pic from left to right Tushar Sharma, got 1st position by obtaining 500/500 marks; Drishti also got 1st position by obtaining 500/500; Mansirat Kaur, got 2nd position by obtaining 499/500; Sukhman Kaur got 3rd position by obtaining 498/500 and

Ajmal Ali also got 3rd position by obtaining 498/500. All these five students read in MD Public High school Sunam, District Sangrur Punjab, which is affiliated to Punjab School Education Board (PSEB), Mohali have shined their and their families and Sunam city name at India label by getting 1st position, 2nd and 3rd positions by obtaining

100% marks, 99.8% marks and 99.6% marks respectively in 5th class Exam result, which was declared by PSEB, Mohali. Besides others, the students and their parents were felicitated by the Principal, Ms. Swati Goswami; teachers, Ms. Virpal Kaur & Ms. Manpreet Kaur along with their friends, relatives and residents of Sunam.

## ICT in education: How it is transforming teaching, learning

**BATHINDA (ANIL VERMA):** Information and Communication Technology (ICT) includes computers, the Internet, and electronic delivery systems such as radios, televisions, and projectors among others, and is widely used in today's education field. Skills in using ICT will be an indispensable prerequisite for these learners. ICT tends to expand access to education. Through ICT, learning can occur any time and anywhere. Online course materials, for example, can be accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Teleconferencing classrooms allow both learner and teacher to interact simultaneously with ease and convenience. Based on ICT, learning and teaching no longer depend exclusively on printed materials. Multiple resources are abundant on the Internet, and knowledge can be acquired through video clips, audio sounds, visual presentation. The merits of ICT in education have been extolled in the literature. The use of ICT has been found to: Assist students in accessing digital information efficiently and effectively as ICT is used as a tool for students to discover learning topics, solve problems, and provide solutions to the problems in the learning process.



## Dr. Pritpal Singh releases prospectus of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University

AJAY MALHOTRA  
FATEHGARH SAHIB, APR 3

Dr. Pritpal Singh the Vice-Chancellor of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, today released the University Prospectus for academic session 2024-25.

While talking to the media, he appreciated that due to the diligent efforts and dedication of the University officials and staff members, the University has made its mark in the field of quality education and research, and has emerged as a premier institution of higher learning in North India.

He expressed his delight over the efforts of the University in promoting value based quality education and research. He also expressed



his gratitude to Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhama, President Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee for his support and patronage as the Chancellor of the University.

Dr. Singh said that the University abides by the legacy of the SGPC (its parent body). He added that the presence of the inspiring personality like Prof. Ajaib Singh Brar, the Pro-Chancellor of the University, discipline and hard work have become a way of life at the

University. Dr. S.S Billing, Dean Academic Affairs informed that in order to promote academic excellence, the academic structure of the University has been divided into Faculty system like the Faculty of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Studies, Agriculture, Basic and Applied Sciences, Commerce and Management, Education and Information Science, Engineering and Technology, Languages, Law, Performing Arts, Medical Sciences and Social Sciences.

## 108 ambulance heroes win hearts with their act of honesty



PARAMJIT SINGH  
JALANDHAR, APR 3

Ziqitza healthcare, a leading healthcare service provider of 108 Ambulance Service in Punjab, demonstrated its unwavering commitment by providing immediate emergency assistance to an unconscious person at a bus stand in Jalandhar. 108 Ambulance Service provided necessary medical aid to the unconscious patient Shivam Rajput at the Jalandhar bus stand and rushed him

to Civil Hospital Jalandhar for treatment.

Notably, the 108 Ambulance Service personnel, under the leadership of Cluster Manager Kamaldeep Singh, EMT Nerinder Singh and Pilot Gurwinder Singh, ensured a seamless transfer of the patient to the hospital while prioritizing his safety and well-being. Additionally, in adherence to established protocols, the team responsibly handled the patient's personal belongings, including a bag, a mobile phone.

## 'Dera Baba Booti Shah releases card regarding annual Bhandara, Qawwali program in 45'



VERMA  
GURDASPUR, APR 3

Card release ceremony was organized in connection with the 45th annual Bhandara and Qawwali program being organized by Dera Baba Booti Shah Ji located at Pipla Wala Mohalla, Bhadroya Road, Pathankot.

In which Pathankot Municipal Corporation Mayor Panna Lal Bhatia was the chief guest and especially Congress Committee Urban President Rakesh Babi, Deputy Mayor Ajay Kumar, Corporator Balwinder Jyoti, Corporator Amit Kumar,

Corporator Vikas Mahajan, Corporator Jugal Kishore, Sunny Kaler and other dignitaries. Participated and released the card of the seven-day Guldasta-e-Qawwali and Chhij Mela being organized by Dera Baba Buti Shah. During this, Mayor Panna Lal Bhatia and other dignitaries praised the religious programs organized by Baba Booti Shah from time to time and said that a large number of Sangats are associated with his spirit of service and the religious programs organized by him. The programs awaken the feeling of devotion, brotherhood, goodwill.

## Free sewing center opened by Bahawalpur Baradari Mahasangh



RAJINDER SHARMA  
BASSI PATHANA, APR 3

Bahawalpur Baradari mahasangh opened Free Training Sewing Center at (Mukhija Niwas) under the President Om Prakash Mukhija.

The Free training sewing center was inaugurated by the teacher of the center, Shakuntala Kataria, by cutting the ribbon. Bahawalpur Baradari Maha President Om Prakash Mukhija appealed to the residents of the city and the women and children of the surrounding area and said that by acquiring sewing skills in this center, every girl child can strengthen her fu-

ture economically as well as with her daily sewing. Can do related work easily. He said that this sewing center will give free sewing skills to women and girls from 10 am to 1 pm every day and women and girls can meet the teacher of the center to take advantage of the sewing center. He said that since 2003 Mahasangh has been doing various social service works. President Om Prakash Mukhija, Patron Madan Lal Tulani, Leela Ram, Kisori Lal Chugh, Pritam Rubber Sewing Teacher Shukla Kataria Neelam Mukhija Diksha Baby Asha Rani, Parit Dhirta Sonal were present on this occasion.

## Sanmati school students excel in class 5th examination

SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON, MAR 3

Sanmati Vimal Jain Senior Secondary performed brilliantly in class 5th examination a all the student passed with good score as per the result announced by PSEB. Giving detailed information about this, school director Shashi Jain expressed her happiness and said that it is a matter of great pride for the school that school student Soni has secured first position in Punjab by securing 496 out of 500 (99.2%) marks while Pankaj remained second in city with 494 out of 500 (98.8%) marks. "The other students who have made us proud with their performance in examination include



Gurleen Kaur (97%) marks, Jagat (96.6%), Tania (96.4%) and others," she added. Jain mentioned that out of 122 students who appeared in examination from out school, 31 students scored more than 90% while 65 students scored more than 80%,

23 obtained more than 70% and 3 got more than 65%. She expressed satisfaction on result of school and applauded the students.

She encouraged the student to keep working hard to make the most out of their time in school.

## Thousands participate in 'Nagar kirtan'



BABBAL SHARMA  
SULTANPUR LODHI, APR 3

Thousands participated in 'Nagar kirtan' on the birth anniversary of Bebe Nanki ji, the elder Sister of the Shri Guru Nanak dev ji. The panj pyare led procession wearing traditional attire, followed by

a Palki sahib in which Shri Guru Granth Sahib was carried religious flags. Municipal committee

President Deepak Dhir Raju reached in Nagar Kirtan where he was honored by presenting Siropa. Former chairman Tejwant Singh was also present on this occasion.

## Every pregnant woman should get screened for gestational diabetes: Dr. Damana



DALJEET AJNOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, APR 3

Under the Maternal Health Programme, training regarding Gestational Diabetes Mellitus was organized in the training hall of the Civil Surgeon office under the chairmanship of Civil Surgeon Hoshiarpur Dr. Balwinder Kumar Damana. During this, District Immunization Officer Dr. Seema Garg, District Program Manager Muhammad Asif and DMEO Anuradha Thakur trained ANMs about gestational diabetes, its relat-

ed problems and reporting. Speaking during the training, Dr. Balwinder said that Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) is diabetes that occurs during pregnancy. Therefore, every pregnant woman must undergo OGTT test so that it can be detected and treated in time and the risk of any kind of congenital disease in the child can also be prevented. Dr. Seema Garg said that as per the new guidelines, every pregnant woman will be screened for gestational diabetes during her first ante natal checkup.

## Scuzo Ice 'O' magic launches first outlet in Jalandhar



BUNNY SODHI  
JALANDHAR, APR 3

Scuzo Ice 'O' Magic, known for introducing India's First Live Popsicle concept, has expanded its reach to Punjab with the inauguration of its twenty-eighth outlet and Jalandhar's first franchise. Located at SCO 67, Phase 2, Urban Estate Phase II, Jalandhar, Punjab 144020, the outlet aims to evoke childhood nostalgia by offering a variety of

joyous treats. Emphasizing health-consciousness, Scuzo Ice 'O' Magic focuses on providing natural, low-sugar desserts crafted from exotic fruits, free from artificial chemicals and preservatives. Founder Gagan Anand expressed excitement, highlighting the commitment to using 100% natural ingredients and promoting sustainability. The franchise partners, Mr. Gurdarshan Singh.

## SVEEP encourages people of slum area to vote



BUREAU  
PATHANKOT, APR 3

Keeping Lok Sabha Elections in focus, Returning Officer Pathankot Dr. Sumit Mood, DSP City Sumed Singh, Naresh Kumar Election Kanugo led by Sweep Pathankot 003 Nodal Officer Major Shamsher Singh and his team went to the slum

area of Pathankot Constituency Motivated to use their valuable vote. Dr. Sumit Mood SDM cum Returning Officer Pathankot, DSP City Sumed Singh, Shamsher Singh Nodal Officer and their team informed the people about the importance of their vote and made them aware that one vote can make the future of the country bright.

This will be possible only if they use their vote by electing an eligible candidate. Nodal Officer Shamsher Singh and his team members said that in the coming time they will go to different places according to the given time table in Pathankot Constituency and motivate people to use their vote properly and the importance of their vote.

DBU hosts G20 school connect leadership summit awards at Royal City



**RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA:** Desh Bhagat University (DBU) proudly hosted the G20 School Connect Leadership Summit Awards today in Patiala, marking a significant milestone in the realms of education and leadership. During a press conference held as part of the event, Dr. Harsh Sadawari, Vice President of DBU, unveiled the institution's new education policy. Among its initiatives is the Shakti Scholarship, designed to empower and support girls in their educational endeavors. Dr. Sadawari underscored DBU's dedication to promoting education among girls, highlighting various scholarship programs available, including the Shakti Scholarship, Neezy Scholarship, and Single Girl Child Scholarship. With over 200 courses offered, DBU currently educates ten thousand students across India, with approximately 700 students hailing from 25 different countries. Dr. Sadawari expressed the university's commitment to nurturing students as job creators, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new education policy and emphasizing the need for skill-based education.

European breed sheep on subsidy in sheep farm of Dhar block



**SHWETA SHARMA SUJANPUR:** The government sheep farm in Dalla village of Dhar block is proving to be a boon for the people of Dhar block, where European breed sheep are being provided at a subsidized rate of only one thousand rupees to increase their income. This information was given by the deputy director of the sheep farm, Dr. JP Singh, and the veterinary officer, Dr. Vikas Kumar. Currently, there are 163 Rambouillet European breed sheep in this farm spread over 250 acres of land, and the number of sheep is continuously increasing. They said that these sheep have a rapid growth rate and can give birth within five months, which increases the possibility of an increase in the number of sheep every day.

## Jatinder, son of former Sujampur MLA Thakur Karm Singh, seeks Congress ticket

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR:** After the rebellion in Congress in Sujampur assembly constituency of Hamirpur district, new faces are now in the race for Congress ticket. In this series, Jatinder Kumar, son of late Karm Singh Thakur, who was the head of Uhal Panchayat for about 22 years and been Congress MLA from Old Bamsan, has



demanding Congress ticket. In this regard, he met CM Sukhinder Singh Sukhu and presented his side. Jatinder's mother Narvada Thakur, belonging to a family with a political background, was the first woman Zilla Parishad Chairman of Himachal. Late Karm Singh had also the Chairman of Hamirpur Block Committee.

## Important role of media in elections: Jatin Lal



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** While talking to media persons here at Una on the topic of role and responsibility of media persons during elections Jatin Lal Deputy Commissioner Una said that very important role of media in this great festival of democracy in elections. He added that because media is the fourth pillar of democracy. And cooperation has been sought from the journalists of Una district to conduct free and fair elections in the Lok Sabha elections to be held on June 1st. MCMC keeps a close watch on paid news and other activities 24 hours a day. He said that the journalists should publish only news based on facts and not to publish false news. He has urged the residents of Una district that every voter should go to their respective booth to cast their vote. Sachin Sangar DPRO Una also explained in detail on this topic.

## BJP's trust is on Rajinder Rana

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR:** Along with the Lok Sabha elections, the bugle of assembly by-elections has also been sounded. If we talk about Himachal Pradesh, then the last phase i.e. by-elections for Lok Sabha and Assembly are to be held on June 1. At the same time, by-elections are to be held on Sujampur seat also. BJP has fielded former Congress MLA Rajinder Rana from this seat, who has now joined BJP. BJP has been trying to enter this seat for the last decade. Rajendra Rana won the election

twice. BJP has been able to win only the 2014 by-election here. In the 2017 elections also, Congress's Rajinder Rana defeated BJP's Prem Kumar Dhumal on Sujampur seat. However, now Rajinder Rana is a candidate from BJP. At the same time, Congress has not yet announced the names of its candidates.

## Every third person visits Ortho OPD suffering from Back Pain: Dr Karthik

**SANJEEV MAHAJAN**  
**NURPUR:** Every third person has been coming to Ortho OPD to get treatment related to back pain. This was said by Dr. Karthik Saini, an orthopedic specialist posted at Civil Hospital Nurpur. Dr. Karthik said that the main symptoms of back pain patients those came to OPD could not sit in the correct posture during work, lack of active lifestyle, not taking nutritious food, and lifting heavy objects carelessly or jerkily were the main reasons of back pain. He said that in most of the cases, spinal cord disorders caused difficulty in waking up in the morning, tingling in the feet, severe pain in the arm or leg, pain from the back of the leg or waist to the head. Doctor Saini said that pregnant women should in case of back pain, applying a warm bandage was more beneficial than taking medicine or applying ointment. Dr. Karthik said that slip disc surgery was recommended only in those cases in which the patient has difficulty in standing.

# Governor releases book titled 'DALHOUSIE... through my eyes'

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, APR 3**

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla released a travel guide version of the book titled "DALHOUSIE... through my eyes" written by Dr. Kiran Chadha at Raj Bhavan, today.

While appreciating the efforts of the writer, the Governor said that Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh, especially Dalhousie town has a unique identity from tourism aspects. He said that the author has managed to chronicle the changing face for the town and wishes it to develop into an eco-friendly town. Dr. Chadha deserves a hand for this impressive ode to Dalhousie. He added that the book covers the heritage buildings, schools, Churches, hotels, cantonment and places of interest for the tourists and the glimpse of the cottages of Dalhousie takes you into that era. The



Governor said that this impressively produced book with fabulous photographs, brings alive the breath-taking beauty of the Dhawaladhar ranges and Dalhousie hills. "This book is a labour of love. This is much more than a Coffee Table Book", said Shukla. He added that it has captured the essence of Dalhousie in its pictorial history spanning more than 150 years and talks of the British, who founded this

poet hails from Dalhousie. The mesmerizing photographs of Dalhousie in summers and winters have been taken by the internationally known photographer Vicky Roy and the author herself. A Collector's Book, it is beautifully designed by Anu Mohan Khanna. The book has interesting anecdotes of how European culture was displayed through their lifestyle. The Dalhousie Club replicated the plan of the 'Bara Sahab' as the waiters in liveried uniforms catered to the English ladies. On the occasion, Dr. Chadha apprised, "Dalhousie... through my eyes", is a slice of pictorial history of almost two centuries. She said that this travel guide features all areas of interest for the tourists with complete information on the history of Dalhousie from 1859-60 onwards.

# Poisonings of Leopards: State Authority lodges case under Wildlife Protection Act

**AGENCY**  
**SHIMLA, APR 3**

Himachal Pradesh State Wildlife Authority lodged a case under the Wildlife Protection Act after confirmation that three leopards, including two cubs and a leopardess, died due to poisoning recently.

Subdivision of Police Officer Rampur, Naresh Sharma, informed that after the autopsy report of three carcasses by the state wildlife authority, a case has been registered against unknown people under the Wildlife Protection Act.

He said that an autopsy report found that three animals died due to the consumption of pesticides.

The Range Officer of the Forest Department has lodged a case at the Rampur Police Station on the basis of a postmortem report of animals.

The police registered a case on Tuesday against unknown people and started an investigation.

It is worthwhile to note that on March 8, the carcasses of three leopards were found dead in the Dansa Panchayat of Rampur in Shimla district.

SDPO informed us that the wildlife official has decided to conduct the autopsy



on the complaint of villagers that they saw the cubs writhing in pain before they did. It has been confirmed that their deaths occurred due to the organophosphorus pesticide.

Rangers said in the complaint made at the police station that two cubs, who are around 8 months and two and a half years old, were poisoned after consuming the meat of a poisoned dead cow in an apple orchard in Dansa village under Rampur subdivision.

According to the Forest Department, no wound of any kind was found on the bodies of the three dead leopards.

The packet of the pesticide, due to which the death has been confirmed, was also found by the Forest Department on the spot.

# 3 JCBs, five tippers seized while doing illegal mining

**SANJEEV MAHAJAN**  
**NOORPUR, APR 3**

As part of the campaign against illegal mining run by the Police District Nurpur, a major action has been taken against the illegal mining mafia in Muqam Khanni under Police Station Nurpur. Confirming this matter, Police District Nurpur SP Ashok Ratna said that 03 JCB and 05 Challans were issued to the tippers under the Illegal Mining Act. A total fine of Rs 2,50,000/- has been collected from the JCB operators involved in the above mentioned illegal mining and Rs 75,000 fine has been collected from the tipper operators. Taking effective action against the illegal mining mafia in the year 2024, District Police



Nurpur has registered 4 cases against the illegal mining mafia till April 3. In the above mentioned cases, 11 vehicles have been seized by the police. Apart from this, till 03.04.24 in the year 2024, 217 challans have been issued under the Illegal Mining Act. 15 vehicles involved in illegal mining have been seized and a total fine of Rs 25,70,600 has been collected from the accused.

# Discussion on resolving Tibet-China conflict through middle path in Tibet-Mongol conference

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, APR 3**

A two-day Tibet-Mongol Relations Conference was organized in McLeodganj, Dharamshala, in which Sikyong Penpa Tsering, President of the Tibetan Government in Exile, participated prominently. In his address he spoke about the firm commitment of the 16th Kashag to resolve the Tibet-China conflict through the policy of the Middle Way Approach as envisioned by His Holiness. It was unanimously adopted by the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Parliament in exile. The Tibetan political leader also provided information about the CTA's efforts to achieve official recognition of Tibet's historical independence status through various



strategies. That includes passing resolutions in like-minded countries and spreading the accurate details contained in Dr. Michael's publications. He recommended that Tibetan and Mongolian scholars form a research team to produce a comprehensive history of Tibet and Mongol

relations that would include perspectives from both sides for future references. Appreciating the success of this first conference, Delegate Telo Rinpoche stressed the revival of close ties between the two communities through the organization of similar meetings in the coming

years. He requested the Tibet Policy Institute to create a research team to thoroughly study the relations between Tibet and its longest ally, the Mongols. In his closing remarks, Dawa Tsering, Director of the Tibet Policy Institute, declared. As this historic summit concludes, a new phase in the restoration of relations between Tibet and the Mongols has begun. Re-establishing centuries-old ties between the two communities, he emphasized preserving and promoting the shared heritage of Tibetan Buddhism for the benefit of all sentient beings. He further said that a book compiling the topics presented by the speakers during the conference will soon be published by the Tibet Policy Institute.

## Book written by Prof. Pramod Sharma released



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, APR 3**

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla released a book titled "India's G20 Presidency" written by Prof. Pramod Sharma at Raj Bhavan, today. On the occasion, the Governor appreciated the efforts of the writer and said that this book is relevant and outlines the picture of emerging India in the present perspective. He asked him to contribute in further strengthening the educational environment in the University. Prof. Pramod Sharma is working in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) department at Himachal Pradesh University and this is his 16th book published. Prof. Pramod Sharma apprised the Governor that the book presents a picture of the new India which explores critical issues such as trade, technology and geopolitics. Secretary to the Governor, Rajesh Sharma was also present on the occasion.

# Rebel MLAs flaunt pharma company's cash

**SHANTI GAUTAM**  
**BADDI, APRIL 3**

Rebel Congress MLAs had luxuriated in a hotel in Panchkula on the cash of a pharma company. During the budget session of the Assembly, the police have started peeling away the layers of the horse-trading case in the Rajya Sabha elections. Police investigation has revealed that the bill worth lakhs of rupees for the hotel in Panchkula where the rebel MLA was staying was paid by a pharmaceutical company. Police have seized many important evidences in the investigation of horse trading case. Police investigation has revealed that the bill of around Rs 5 lakh of Lalit Hotel in Panchkula has been paid by the pharma company. The police are also interrogating the accused including the company officials regarding payment of the hotel bill. On the other hand, in the case of horse-trading in the Rajya Sabha elections, the father of the former MLA has been accused of not cooperating in the police investigation besides threatening the police officers. The police officers investigating the case have filed the status report of the case in the



court. In which Rakesh Sharma, father of former MLA Chaitanya Sharma, is accused of not cooperating in the police investigation and trying to intimidate the police officers by showing off his former position, besides also threatening the police officers with suicide. All the recorded facts of the case have been placed in the court by the police.

# Chaitanya Sharma launches public relations campaign, seeks public support

**AVINASH CHAUHAN**  
**AMB, APR 3**

BJP candidate Chaitanya Sharma has started public relations campaign for the by-election of Gagret assembly constituency and was meeting the public by going from village to village. In this series, Chaitanya Sharma has visited villages like Loharli Shivpur, Nangal Jariyala, Saloh, Marwari, Ambota, Gondpur Banhera. He lunched a contact campaign and sought support from the people. On Wednesday, in Loharli, Chaitanya Sharma enjoyed Shri Madbhagwat Katha narrated by storyteller Krishna Kanhaiya Joshi and also met the general public. He said that due to development work being stalled in the state for 14 months, the people have made up their mind for change. He said that instead of falling victim to the false promises of the state government, the public would vote in favor of BJP to realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of making India a developed India and the third largest economy in the world. He said that while being an MLA for 14 months, despite being



the youngest MLA in age, he raised the most questions and asked for the rights of the people of Gagret regarding education, health, roads and employment, but when his demands started being ignored by the government he was forced to follow the path of change by voting in favor of BJP in the Rajya Sabha elections. He said that the Congress government of the state has become a mere government of friends and the public interest and the state were not getting proper place due to which the people's court was ready to give its verdict.

# There will be cashless travel in buses, data of stations fed online: Pankaj Chadda

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, APR 3**

Passengers will get the facility of cashless payment of tickets in Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation buses from next month. Passengers traveling in government buses of HRTC Division Dharamshala will now be able to pay the fare by scanning QR code or swiping ATM card. For this, people will now get rid of keeping money in their pockets. At the same time, the operator will also not have to worry about returning the outstanding amount. HRTC Dharamshala DM Pankaj Chadda said that as soon as the passenger tells the conductor about his



seating position and destination, after entering the station number in the machine, a QR code will also appear, by scanning it, the conductor along with the passengers will also get the facility of cashless. He said that it is a matter of happiness that HRTC museum is also being established in Shimla, through which people of other states will also get information about the journey of the corporation.

will remain the same as before. He said that at present the data of small and big stations of all the bus depots is being fed online by HRTC. He said that soon passengers will get the facility to pay fare online along with cash in all HRTC buses. For this, data from all the stations is being fed. Soon the operators will take fare online from the new machine. With this, the conductor along with the passengers will also get the facility of cashless. He said that it is a matter of happiness that HRTC museum is also being established in Shimla, through which people of other states will also get information about the journey of the corporation.

# There should be no step-motherly treatment in implementing HC's decision regarding pay protection: Jeevan Sharma

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**

**UNA:** Former State President of Himachal Pradesh Promoted School Professors Association and retired Deputy Director Jeevan Sharma met Education Secretary and Secretary (Chief Minister) Rakesh Kanwar at Shimla Secretariat and gave him a briefing on the step-motherly treatment being meted out in implementing pay protection of the promoted school professors of the state and submitted the letter of anger. The Secretary was informed that as per the decision of the Honorable High Court dated 7th July 2022, the school professors promoted till March 2023 have been given the benefit of pay protection on being promoted as Headmaster, but after that the



decision of the High Court is not being implemented even after almost 1 year. Used to be. Due to which, hundreds of affected promoted school professors of the state are deeply angry due to the nepotistic attitude of the Education Department. The officers and subordinate employees of the Higher Education Department are forcing these affected school professors to file a contempt

case against the Education Department in the High Court again. Himachal Government Higher Education Department Pensioners especially senior citizens. A great injustice is being done to him. The leaders of both the major parties of the state never tire of calling themselves employee-friendly and pensioners-friendly. But the reality is that the pensioners of the state are not getting leave encashment, gratuity and other benefits even after spending lakhs of rupees in the High Court. The affected promoted school professors will soon hold a meeting in Shimla and prepare for the next strategy and movement so that the discriminatory behavior being done by the Education Department can be exposed.

# Efforts will be made to improve quality of health facilities: Dr. Rajesh Guleri

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA:**

Dr. Rajesh Guleri has taken over as Chief Medical Officer Kangra (CMO) in Kangra, the largest district of the state. Earlier, Dr. Rajesh Guleri was working as Senior Medical Superintendent in Zonal Hospital, Dharamshala. He has also served as CMO Chamba and as District Health Officer Kangra from 2015 to 2018. Talking to journalists, Dr. Rajesh Guleri said that based on the work he has done for 5 years as BMO and in the National Health Mission, he feels that the weak link has been monitoring evolution. By regularly reviewing and evaluating the work going on on the ground, efforts should be made to find out which are the areas where we are not able to provide better facilities to the people as we would like. It will be my endeavor to strengthen this supervision monitoring from block level to PHC and health workers. Monitoring from district level to block level should be strengthened. By organizing meetings at the block level, it will be found out how better health facilities can be provided to the people. Apart from this, efforts will be made to improve the quality of facilities being provided to the people in hospitals. He said that people will be made aware about diseases from time to time and health camps will also be organized for the people.



GAGAN JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, APR 3

Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) faced a strike today by outsourced workers. The strike is in contravention of the orders of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court which had barred the strike and demonstra-

tions in the premises of the hospital. Despite this disruption, patients in emergency, outpatient & inpatient departments were provided uninterrupted patient care. A total of 10973 patients registered in various outpatient departments while 159 new patients were registered in the emergency department. Besides these, 110 new pa-

tients were admitted in different wards of the Institute. A total of 207 surgical procedures, including 22 emergency surgeries were performed in various operation theaters. PGIMER Chandigarh reassures its patients and their families that it remains committed to providing outstanding healthcare services, within the constraints.

80 percent students shortlisted in two-day job fair at Khalsa College



**LK BANSAL MOHALI:** Khalsa College (Amritsar) of Technology and Business Studies, Mohali organized a two-day Job Fair 2024 in which around 180 students from various streams were interviewed by various reputed companies. Students of MBA, MA, M.Com, B.Com, B.Com (Hons), PGDCA, BBA, BA, BCA and MSc (IT) participated in this drive. Companies present in the job fair included Axis Bank, Interior Solutions, IndusInd Bank, KK Group, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, M Walk DMIC, Apply for Studies, Navam Control, Envir Tech and others who conducted the written test, group discussion, interview, after which 80 percent students were selected. College Principal Dr. Harish Kumari also welcomed the representatives of the companies and assured them that they would get suitable candidates from the college.

IIT Ropar technology and innovation foundation unveils AWaDH CPS lab at Dr. BR Ambedkar institute of technology



**BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar Technology and Innovation Hub named Agriculture and Water Technology Development Hub (AWaDH) under the framework of National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (NICMPS), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India to spur spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship has joined hands with Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar to establish one of its kind AWaDH CPS Lab to impart training and skilling in cyber physical systems. AWaDH has inaugurated the AWaDH CPS Lab at the Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar in its Electronics and Communication Engineering Department. This lab serves as a platform for education, research, prototyping, testing, and collaboration. The event included an inauguration ceremony, a keynote address by Professor Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Director, Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar along with Team from IIT Ropar Dr Suman Kumar, Associate Professor, IIT Ropar; Dr Radhika Trikha, COO, IIT Ropar TIF AWaDH; Mr Mukesh Kestwal, CIO, IIT Ropar TIF AWaDH along with the technical team from AWaDH on the Occasion, and a tour of the lab.

Voter Awareness cycle rally held in Majitha Vidhan Sabha Constituency



**KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU:** Under the able leadership of Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Mr. Ghansham Thori and the directions of Chairperson Sweep-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development) Mr. Nikas Kumar on the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024 Government Girls Secondary School Kalthunangal, Government High School Gopajpura, Government Senior Secondary School Ajmawali and Shaheed Captain Amardeep Singh Government Senior Secondary School, Majitha, Government Senior Secondary School Ramdiwaili and Government Sr. Voter awareness cycle rallies were organized in many schools including secondary school Sohian Kalan. The district administration is continuously conducting sweep activities to make the general voters aware of the votes. The Election Commission of India has decided to celebrate the elections as a festival, that is why the Election Commission has called it 'Chona Da Parv, Pride of the Country'. has been made the slogan of the Lok Sabha Elections-2024.

Akal University's dept of Computer Science and engineering facilitates industry interaction session



**ISHWAR GARG TALWANDI SABO:** The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) at Akal University, hosted an Industry Interaction Session. The Industry Interaction Session featured renowned Entrepreneur, Mr. Jitendra Singh Rajput, who shared insights and strategies on transforming concepts into reality. Students from BCA (H) and B. Tech (H) presented their project ideas and ongoing projects, spanning diverse areas such as web-based solutions, travel optimization, examination automation, e-commerce, and app development. Dr. Upinder Kaur, Head of CSE, efficiently coordinated the session. The Industry Interaction Session served as a platform for meaningful interaction and collaboration between academia and industry, promising continued partnership in future endeavours.

## Voters to witness youth managed booths first time: DC Aashika Jain

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
MOHALI, APR 3

Taking a new initiative to encourage the participation of the young, particularly first-time voters in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar to have three youth-managed polling booths in the district, the first of its kind in the history of elections.

Divulging the details, the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Electoral Officer, Mrs Aashika Jain said that as per the directions of the Election Commission of India, to boost the first-time and young voters, each assembly segment of District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar to have a polling booth with the deployment of youngest staff to manage the polling process. The district administration has identified these booths as Government Elementary School Shingariwala (booth no. 9) in 52-Kharar, Millennium School, Phase-5, Mohali (booth no. 158) in 53-SAS Nagar and ATS Valley School, Derabassi (booth no. 167) in 112-Derabassi. Apart from that district will also have three Pink booths managed by female staff at Shemrock Won-



ders School, Jamuna Apartment Khanpur in Kharar, Government, ent Senior Secondary School, Phase 3B1, Mohali and Government Senior Secondary School, Derabassi. She said that the entire staff in such polling booths, including the polling staff, police and security personnel, would be women. These polling booths would be distinguished by their pink design, including pink decorative material and table covers. She said that this would also boost the confidence of the women polling staff thereby encouraging them to perform their duty far more diligently and efficiently besides sending a message among the women voters to participate in the voting process in large numbers. To boost the participation of Divyang (PwD) voters, the district would also have three Divyang polling booths at Government Elementary School, Dussehra Ground, Kharar, Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Sohana in Mohali and Bhartiya Public Senior Secondary School in Derabassi which would be managed by Persons with Disability (PWD) staff. Mrs Jain also disclosed that apart from the above distinctive booths, another 22 Model Polling Booths including 09 in Kharar, 07 in SAS Nagar and 06 in Derabassi would also come up in the district on June 01, 2024, to accord a red carpet welcome to the electors on the polling day. She said that all the

above and Model polling booths will be decorated with flowers, rangoli, queue management, provision of basic facilities of drinking water, medical aid, toilets, volunteers for assistance and Creches etc. The Model Polling booths have been identified at Century Public School Karoran, Himalya Public School Karoran, Mumna Lal Puri Government Senior Secondary School Mullanpur Garibdass, Government High School Desu Majra, Chakwal National Senior Secondary School Kurali, Henderson Jubilee Senior Secondary School Kharar, Government Girls Senior Secondary School Kurali, Khalsa Senior Secondary School Kharar and Tagore Niketan High School Kharar in Kharar Segment, Govt High School Saneta, Shastri Model School, Phase-1, SAS Nagar, Guyan Jyoti Public School, Phase-2, SAS Nagar, Sherwood Convent Public School, Phase-4, Mohali, Manav Mangal Smart School, Phase-10, Mohali, Sir McCullough Public School, Phase-11, SAS Nagar, Shishu Niketan Public School, Sector-66, SAS Nagar in SAS Nagar Segment and Dikshant Global School,

## CIA Kharar arrests six including two women on charges of theft



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
KHARAR, APR 3

CIA Staff kharar has arrested six persons including two ladies on the charge of theft in locked shops and Kothies As per information received

from Inspector Harvinder Singh incharge CIA Staff they have been arrested on the charge of committing theft in various shops and kothies in Kharar's and Kurali's areas. The suspects arrested are Salim urf Sonu Salim Sikan-

der Mangal Parshad Seema and Malhi He said that a trader who has purchased stolen goods have also been arrested He said the police have recovered stolen sanitary goods and utensils also from their possession

## All Kharar Councillors demand action against persons who threw garbage in front of Neelam Sharma residence

**KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN):** All 26 members of Kharar Municipal Committee in a letter to SDM Kharar have demanded that action should be taken against responsible persons who threw garbage in front of the residence of Neelam Sharma a councillor of ward number 23 in March The complaint s include Neelam Sharma and Municipal President also They have written that 25 vehicles were purchased by the committee for collecting garbage from every house of Kharar Before these vehicles were put into service a private organisation started the protest On March 22 garbage was thrown outside the residence of Neelam Sharma situated on Randhawa Road They have written that no action has been taken so far against the responsible They have threatened that all members of the committee would sit on Dharna on Monday if no action was taken.

## Blood donation camp organized in memory of Late Paramjit Kaur



KULWINDER KARWAL  
SARDULGARH, APR 3

Paramjeet Kaur, wife of Ardas Charitable Trust Chairman Gural Singh Soni, passed away recently after a brief illness. Her Antim Ardas and Bhog ceremony was held at Gurudwara Shri Sarovar Sahib in the city today. On this occasion, political

and social personalities of the city arrived and paid tribute to the departed soul. A blood donation camp was also organized by the members of Ardas Charitable Trust. Giving information about the camp, Rajiv Garg, a member of the trust, said that a blood donation camp was organized today by all the club members to pay tribute to

the departed soul. A total of 29 units of blood were collected in this camp. Club members Gural Singh, Baldev Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Manjit Singh, Harmeet Singh Soni, Gaggu Soni, Gurdas Soni, Kewal Bansal, Rajiv Garg, Avinash Garg, Charan Das Raju Arora, Amandeep Singh etc. were present on this occasion.

## VB nabs SMO for taking Rs 50,000 bribe



KULJEET SINGH HONEY  
TARN TARAN, APR 3

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, on Wednesday has apprehended Dr Kawaljit Singh, posted as Senior Medical Officer (SMO) at Civil Hospital Tarn Taran red handed while he was demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above men-

tioned PCMS doctor has been arrested on the basis of a complaint lodged by Dharambir Singh, a resident of Gali Mata Lacho Wali, near Bhagat Nam Dev ji Gurudwara, Tarn Taran city. He further informed that the complainant approached the VB and informed that he is running a canteen on contract within the hospital premises but the SMO has been harassing him on the pretexts of cleanliness of canteen and quality of food etc.

## Disclosure made by Ravneet Singh Bittu is very serious: Amanpreet Kaur

**FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA):** Stopping Prime Minister Narendra Modi's convoy in 2022 during Vidhan Sabha Elections in Punjab was part of the failure and conspiracy of the then Chief Minister. Reacting on the revelations made by MP Ravneet Singh Bittu, who joined the BJP from the Congress, during the press conference, Amanpreet Kaur Sheenmar, a strong contender for the BJP ticket from Sri Fatehgarh Sahib Lok Sabha constituency said that taking a politics, without caring about the safety of the individual especially of the Prime Minister can never be said to be good for the country. Praising the Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Amanpreet Kaur Sheenmar said that even after this, Mr. Modi has left no stone unturned for the development of Punjab.



Talking to the media at Bassi Pathana, Amanpreet Kaur Sheenmar said that on whose orders did the then Chief Minister of the Congress party take this decision or who else were involved in it who wanted to harm Prime Minister Narendra Modi? She said that the Congress party has not been able to show its face to anyone. Sheenmar said that the Prime Minister belongs to the entire country not only to BJP or any other political party. Amanpreet Kaur Sheenmar said that this is a very sensitive issue and the consequences of this will be borne by the Congress party especially the then Chief Minister during the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

## Paramjeet Kaur, Sharanjeet Kaur from Chandigarh felicitated by Nirmala Sitharaman

RAJIV JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, APR 3

Swiggy recently launched "She The Change", an initiative aimed at recognizing and celebrating women entrepreneurship in the food and beverage industry. Among various women entrepreneurs applauded at the event, was Paramjeet Kaur and Sharanjeet Kaur from Chandigarh. They own Behna Da Dhaba and is running a successful business contributing to the food and beverage industry of India.

around three per cent of the country's GDP. The initiative also received praise from for its role in promoting women's inclusion in



the workforce, aligning with the Honourable Prime Minister's the vision of "Nari Shakti". The event, attended by distinguished figures from economics and academia, as well as Swiggy's leadership, including Sriharsha Majety, Group CEO of Swiggy, and Rohit Kapoor, CEO of FoodMarketplace at Swiggy, celebrated the remarkable contributions and inspiring journeys of women entrepreneurs in India in creating a difference through their ventures.

## Youth must exercise their right to vote: ADC Rahul Chaba

DALJEET AJNOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, APR 3

Under the leadership of District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, sweep activities are being conducted in the entire district to make voters aware about their right to vote and in every assembly constituency. Assistant Returning Officers are being deployed to make voters aware.



Every effort is being made. In this series, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Rahul Chaba, Assistant Commissioner Divya at the annual sports meet organized at Rayat-Bahra Group of Institute, Hoshiarpur today. Under the leadership of P, SP Major Singh, Group Chairman Gurvinder Singh Bahra and District Sweep Nodal Of-

ficer Preet Kohli, students were made aware of their right to vote under the sweep activity. On this occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner Rahul Chaba made the students and general public aware about the importance of voting and inspired them to contribute in this great festival of voting. He made the youth aware of their voting rights and asked them to actively participate in democracy. He said that the youth have an important role in

building a strong democracy. He said that every section is being reached through these sweep activities, so that the voting percentage can be increased as much as possible in the district during the Lok Sabha elections 2024. On this occasion, District Sweep Nodal Officer Preet Kohli administered an oath to the students of Rayat-Bahra Group of Institute and the general public that they will definitely exercise their franchise on June 1, 2024.

## Rural police solve robbery case in Ajnala, 4 accused arrested



KULJIT SINGH  
JANDIALA GURU, APR 3

Harinder Singh Gill, under the supervision of SP(D) and guidance of DSP Ajnala, has successfully solved the robbery case in a house in the area of Police Station Ajnala and arrested 4 accused.

It may be noted that Surinderpal son of Parmanand resident of Ward No. 14 Ajnala complained to the police that on March 29, at around 5 am, when he parked his scooter outside his house to go to the shop and went inside to get the bag containing keys, three masked youths, one of whom was a Sardar and two were Mone, held him and his wife captive and took away cash and jewelry worth 15 to 16 lakh rupees from the cupboard. In this case, Ajnala police registered a case and started action. Under the supervision of SPD Harinder Singh Gill, separate teams of SHO Ajnala and Incharge CIA were formed.

## Three accused who robbed money from businessman arrested by police within 48 hours



BALWINDER AZAD  
BARNALA DEHATI, APR 3

The police have arrested the accused who ran away with a bag of money and essential documents from a businessman in the town of Bhador within 48 hours. Dr. Manavjit Singh D. S. P. Tapa told the press at Bhador police station that on the evening of March 29 at Bhador, Vinod Kumar was coming home after closing his shop as usual and three motorcycle-riding youths came near the house and hit Vinod Kumar's scooter and knocked him down. Diya and escaped af-

ter snatching the bag containing the money. In this regard, the police went to the spot, collected all the information and watched the CCTV footage. On this occasion, Ins: Sherwinder Singh Aulakh said that despite the lack of technical assistance or CCTV footage in this trial, with the help of human resources, Kuldeep Singh alias Mali son of Sukhdev Singh, resident of Sadha Wala Mohalla, Deepak Singh alias Dipu son of Mohana Singh resident of Nainawal Road Bhador and Bunty Singh son of Satnam Singh resident of Sehna were arrested.

## Seminar on "Changing Landscape of Agriculture" at RIMT Mandi Gobindgarh



KHUSHAV SINGLAMANDI  
GOBINDGARH, APR 3

The Department of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at the Indian Institute of Technology (RIMT) Mandi organized a seminar on the topic "Changing Landscape of Agriculture."

The seminar featured expert lectures and discussions on the subject. P.R.O. of RIMT University Swati Gupta told that the session took place at the Seminar Hall of the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at RIMT Mandi. The event commenced with an introductory

speech by Mrs. Jyoti Gulati (Assistant Professor), who welcomed all the guests and dignitaries. A brief overview of the program was presented, followed by a lecture on "Changing Landscape of Agriculture" by Dr. Man Singh Tour, retired. The session was guided and supervised by Dr. Y.S. Tiwana, Dean of the Punjab Agricultural Sciences and Technology School, PAU Ludhiana. During the seminar, Dr. Tour highlighted how the agricultural landscape has transformed significantly since the Green Revolution.

## Students of Swami Roop Chand Jain pass class 5 with flying colors

SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON, APR 3

Students of Swami Roop Chand Jain Senior Secondary School performed excellently in class 5th examination as per the result announced by PSEB. Giving more information about this, school principal Rajpal Kaur said that the students and their teachers worked extremely hard for the examinations and it reflected in the results as well.



"More than 30 students have secured above 90% and rest of the children have scored than 80%." "School student Mehakdeep Kaur has made us proud by securing 98.4% marks grabbing first spot in the school," she added. "Jiya (98%), Meenakshi (97.4%),

Darashdeep Singh (96.2%), Ravneek Kaur (96.2%), Rajveer Kaur (96%), Suman Kumar (94.6%), Amandeep Singh Hans (94.4%), Rajinder Singh (94.2%), Mehakdeep Kaur (94.2%), Aman Kumar (94%), Palakdeep (94%), Sanjana (93.8%), Anmoldeep

Singh (93.4%), Kiratjot Kaur (93%) are other top performers of the school," she added. The school principal congratulated all the students and their parents. She applauded the school staff for their hard work and dedication towards their duties.

VERMA QADIAN, APR 3

Ved Kaur Arya girls senior secondary school Qadian's 5th Board result is 100%. All the students have passed the examination and got above 83%. 14 students got above 80% and 6



students got above 90%. Giving Information in this regard, Principal Mamta Dogra said that Neha secured 95% and got first position, Ishmeet Kan Kaur got Second position with 94%. Marks. Ramandeep got 93.9%, with third position, Julia got 93%. With fourth position and Tanuja got 92.90% with fifth position respectively. Principal Mamla Dogra, Manager Anjana Gupta, and Chairman B.K. Mittal Congratulated the Students and teachers for their success.

## Tushar gets 100% marks in Vth class result of PSEB

SUMER GARG SUNAM: Tushar Sharma, who was born in the family of father Prit Pal Vashisht and mother Kamal Vashisht, got 1st position by obtaining 100% marks, means he obtained 500 marks out of a total of 500 marks in 5th class, the result, which was

declared by Punjab School Education Board (PSEB), Mohali. He reads in the MD Public High school, Sunam. Besides others, he and his family members were congratulated by his teachers Ms Virpal Kaur, Ms. Manpreet Kaur and the Principal of the school Ms Swati Goswami, friends, relatives and local residents.

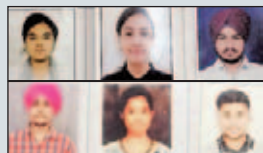
## Govt should stop policy of breaking markets: Honey Taunsa

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALERN AW ASHAR: Shiromani Akali Dal Party youth leader and core committee member Honey Taunsa while talking to reporters at Kathgarh said that Punjab

government has withdrawn the notification regarding approval of silos as procurement centers but it has only misled by

creating a drama of losing votes and bluffing. But the day is not far when it can be implemented again by the government after the Lok Sabha elections. He strongly reprimanded the government and said that the government should abandon the policy of breaking markets and take steps to strengthen the old marketing system that has been going on for decades.

## Students of GPC illuminate name of college



KHUSHAV SINGLA MANDI GOBINDGARH: Students of GPC Alur (Khanna) once again proved their eligibility by giving excellent results in the December 2023 examinations of Punjab University, Chandigarh, for BA - First and BA - 5th semester. In the first semester of BA, Payal secured the first position in the college with 80% marks. Tanya secured the second position with 74% marks, and Jaskaran Singh secured the third position with 72% marks. In the 5th semester of BA, Paramjit Singh secured the first position in the college with 79% marks. Isha secured the second position with 75% marks, and Pranshu secured the third position with 73% marks. Principal Dr. Nina Seth Pajni and college chairman Mr. Nitin Sagad congratulated the students and faculty members for the excellent results. The principal encouraged the students by emphasizing that hard work done honestly yields real benefits and wished them the best for their bright future.

# AAP leaders to observe 'Samuhik Upwas' on April 7 against Kejriwal's arrest

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APR 3

Delhi minister and AAP leader Gopal Rai announced on Wednesday that the Aam Aadmi Party will observe a 'Samuhik Upwas' (community fasting) to protest against the arrest of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal at Jantar Mantar on April 7.

Kejriwal was sent to judicial custody until April 15 and is lodged in Tihar Jail in connection with a money-laundering case linked to a liquor excise policy scam.

"All AAP ministers, MLAs, MPs and party leaders will observe a 'Samuhik Upwas' at their homes, villages, and blocks," he said. Speaking about the Supreme Court's judgement granting bail to AAP MP Sanjay Singh, Rai said that with the bail of Singh, it is



capital. Rai also appealed to the people to be a part of the 'Samuhik Upwas'.

"We also appeal to people that all those who are against the arrest of CM Arvind Kejriwal and want to save democracy and love this country can also do 'Samuhik Upwas' at their homes, villages, and blocks," he said. Speaking about the Supreme Court's judgement granting bail to AAP MP Sanjay Singh, Rai said that with the bail of Singh, it is

clear that the allegations made against the leaders of the AAP are baseless. "One thing has become clear since yesterday that the allegations were made without any evidence. Without any basis, our leaders were arrested. Yesterday, all this truth came to light in the Supreme Court. This is the loss of the BJP's conspiracy and dictatorship," he said. Hitting out at the BJP-led central government, the AAP leader said, "For the last two years, (the BJP) have been shouting that bail has not been granted because we're dishonest. And now that the bail has been granted, they are claiming that the ED is unbiased. Don't you feel ashamed?" The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted bail to AAP leader Sanjay Singh in a money laundering case related to the Delhi

excise policy irregularities case. The court order came after the ED chose not to oppose Sanjay Singh's bail plea. After Singh was granted bail on Tuesday, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) welcomed the court's decision, terming it a "victory of truth and justice." The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), however, hit back at the AAP, claiming that the bail order exposed the party's repeated accusations of "political vendetta" by central agencies. The Enforcement Directorate informed the SC that the agency has no objection to Sanjay Singh getting bail. The ED response came after the court sought to know from the investigating agency whether it needed further custody of AAP leader Sanjay Singh in the excise policy case.

# Chief Secretary assures CEC of conducting free and fair elections in state

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APR 3

Chief Secretary, Prabodh Saxena assured peaceful, fair and inducement free elections, both the Lok Sabha and the bye-polls to be held for the six ACs simultaneously while interacting with the Chief Election Commissioner, (CEC) Rajiv Kumar in the Inter-State border Video Conference Meeting here today. Chief Secretaries and DGP's besides other senior officers of 36 States and Union Territories participated in the meeting. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar stressed for a level playing field and inducement free and fair elections with equal opportunity to all the political parties and stakeholders. Prabodh



Saxena while briefing the CEC said that adequate security measures has been adopted to seal the entry points and porous interstate border to prevent any type of bogus voting, entry of illegal liquor or drugs besides an Hawk eye has been kept on any type of freebies, movement of cash and narcotics to lure or disturb the election process. He said that overall law and order in the state was peaceful and even the first round of meetings with the neighbouring states have taken place at the Deputy Commissioner level. The social media is being monitored actively so as to identify fake news or hate speeches. Director General of Police Sanjay Kundu also briefed about the law and order preparedness and foolproof security arrangements being made for conducting smooth and violence free elections in the State.

## Fulfill your duty towards country by voting in festival of democracy: DEO

RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL: District Election Officer and DC Prashant Panwar said that in a democratic system, people are supreme and every vote has great importance, hence all voters should do their duty towards the country by voting in this festival of democracy. Discharge it honestly. He appealed to the voters of the district and said that it is their right to vote. The opportunity to vote in elections is available after 5 years. We should not waste this opportunity but feel proud by voting for the strengthening of democracy. The number of youth in our country is high, hence India is called a young country. The youth have to understand that participation in democracy makes democracy stronger. Calling upon the youth, he said that if you want to keep your voice loud then ensure your participation by voting in the festival of democracy. He also clarified that if the voters do not like any candidate then they should not abstain from voting but can go to the polling booth and vote for NOTA. Everyone has been given equal right to vote in the Constitution. The value of women's vote is equal to that of men, hence they should participate enthusiastically in the biggest festival of democracy and use their vote without any fear and choose the right candidate.

District Election Officer and DC Prashant Panwar said that the Model Code of Conduct will remain in force till the completion of the election process.



## Yagna performed at beginning of academic session at St. Lawrence International School, Jagadhri and Bilaspur: Dr. Rajni Sehgal

RAJNI SONI YAMUNANAGAR, APR 3

On the first day of the academic session 2024-25, at St. Lawrence International School, Pabni Road, Jagadhri and Shahpur Road, Bilaspur, under the guidance of Chairperson Dr. Rajni Sehgal, with great joy and reverence, the ritual worship and havan of the enlightened Maa Sharda and the remover of obstacles Siddhivinayak Ganesh was performed. The event was organized. All the students, teachers and non-teaching members and officials participated in the event by invoking the sacred aarti and prayed for success in the coming year. On this occasion, the chairperson of the school, Dr. Rajni Sehgal, gave her blessings to all the students and inspired them to struggle in life and reach the pinnacle of success. While calling upon the students, he said that our school



has mainly three dimensions in the field of education: - To inculcate moral values so that the students give respect and honor to their parents, teachers and elders. To provide a new direction to the personality and creativity of children by providing them with all-round development. Renowned educationist Dr. M.K. Sehgal said in his message that school education is the cornerstone of students' life. The image that is imprinted on the minds of students at this age remains

forever, that is why in this school, students are provided with modern methods. Education is being provided so that children get the best education as well as the best values for their all-round development. Seeing the immense happiness and curiosity on the faces of the children as they were coming to the school for the first time in the new session, Dr. Sehgal said that we are feeling extremely happy seeing the happiness on the faces of the students.

## New session starts with Yagya in DAV Police Public School



RAHUL KOHLI

JAGADHRI: If any auspicious work is started by praising God, then the completion and success of the work is certain. With this feeling and to get the blessings of God, a Yagya was performed in DAV Police Public School and the new session was started. Principal of school, Anup Kumar Chopra, along with students and staff members of class VI to X, while offering sacrifice in the Yagya, praised God and wished for the progress and progress of the students and the school. Principal Anup Kumar Chopra inspired students to be successful in the new session by working hard, with dedication and honesty in both studies and sports. Classes XI and XII have been started in the school in this session with all the subjects of Arts, Commerce, Science and Medical and with all the necessary facilities. Principal said that all possible efforts will be made by the school for the bright future of students and their good education and every facility related to studies and sports will be provided. For the good education of the students, the school, teachers and teachers are working hard and honestly.

## Bhavya of Commerce Department shines at National Level



RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI: Bhavya, a dedicated student of M.Com Previous year at Guru Nanak Khalsa College Yamunanagar, has showcased exemplary talent and intellect on the national stage. Bhavya clinched the first position in the National Level Declamation contest held at Hindu Girls College Jagadhri. Furthermore, Bhavya demonstrated her prowess by securing the second position in the Online Quiz at the National Level Cultural Fest organized by Indira Gandhi Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kaithal. Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang expressed his delight and admiration for Bhavya's achievements, stating that she is a shining example of the caliber of students nurtured at Guru Nanak Khalsa College. The entire staff of the Commerce Department extends their heartfelt congratulations to Bhavya for her outstanding performance. Sardar Randeep Singh Jauhar, President of the Governing Body and Managing Committee, commended Bhavya's achievements as a source of pride for the college.

## Awareness raised against drugs at two different places in Faridabad

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA FARIDABAD, APR 2

Additional Director General of Police, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, Shri O.P. As per the guidelines of Singh Saheb, guidance of Deputy Inspector General of Police Mr. Simardeep Singh and orders of Superintendent of Police Mr. Shashank Kumar Sawan Saheb, Superintendent of Police Ms. Nitika Gehlot Bhapus, Superintendent of Police Ms. Pankhuri Kumar, criminals were sent behind the bars every day to make Haryana drug free. On the other hand, awareness programs against drug abuse are being organized. The Bureau has appointed Sub Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, especially in-charge of Awareness Program and Rehabilitation, who is



engaged in spreading propaganda against drug abuse in various districts of Haryana. In this context, separate one-day awareness programs against drug addiction were organized today at Government Industrial Institute NIT 4 and Government Industrial Training Institute Sector 18 A. This program took place in the presence of the principals of the institute, Captain Ravindra Attri and Suresh Kumar Gaur.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, Awareness Program and Rehabilitation Incharge/Sub Inspector of the Bureau, while addressing the students, said that the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act was enacted by the Government of India in 1985. Under this Act, opium, cannabis, ganja, charas, heroin, smack, chitta, LSD, intoxicating pills, intoxicating vaccines etc. have been banned all over India.

## DC Barnala releases third magazine of govt school Bhaini Jassa

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, APRIL 3

Deputy Commissioner Barnala Poonamdeep Kaur while releasing the annual magazine 'Prerna' of Government High School Bhaini Jassa said that literature is a gentle art which becomes our eternal beacon of knowledge and ideas in life. She said that what is engraved on paper with the help of pen through human thoughts becomes a glorious history. For school children, connecting with literature is a great achievement. She said that such literary school magazines produced in government schools create a comfortable environment, which creates an attraction among students to go to the library, read books and be interested in original works. The Deputy Commissioner



congratulated the school head Chetwant Singh, magazine editor Harjit Singh Maluka and editorial board Amritpal Singh for preparing the magazine. DDO of the school on the occasion of the release of the magazine. Pradeep Kumar and school head Chetwant Singh said that if the students who have literary interests are given a little guidance, they can play an excellent role in literature by improving their skills and arts by writing very good works. She said that this is the third magazine of the school prepared by the magazine editor Harjit Singh Maluka who has done all the work in a very excellent way. Magazine Editor Harjit Singh Maluka said that in this literary magazine, students and teachers have recorded their works and the activities of the current session of the institute in a beautiful manner.

## 'Jagtar was multi-faceted personality'

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, APRIL 3

Jangir Singh Jagtar left us forever on March 26 at the age of 86, but his footprints will always remain immortal. Mr. Jagtar was a versatile personality. He was a humanitarian, journalist, social worker and experienced organizational thinker. Although he was born in Jatana



jointly buy masks and weekly pamphlets (magazines) and books. He used to procure books from the National Book Shop, Delhi and encouraged his classmates to read often. When bookshop owner Pyara Singh Data, who was also a prolific writer, came to know of this plan, he added the nickname 'Jagtar' to Jangir Singh. It is popularly known by the name 'Jagtar'. He founded literary organizations during his lifetime. It was because of the literary organizations that he launched in Barnala in 1954 that 'Punjabi Sahitya Sabha Barnala Reg.' contributed significantly to the establishment of Although Mr. Jagtar was of Marxist ideology, he did not try to impose his ideology on anyone during his journalism career. For some time he also worked for the party's daily paper 'Lok Lehar'. Central Punjabi Writers' Association Reg. He was also the vice-president of, then played an important role in the establishment of the Central Punjabi Writers' Association (Sekhon) and was also its vice-president and patron.

## Sangat darshan conducted by Simranjit Singh Mann at Handiaya Chunga Kothe

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, APRIL 3

President of Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) and Member of Parliament. Simranjit Singh Mann visited Sanghera, Handiaya Chunga Kothe, Sekha, Kattu and Bhattal during his visit to Barnala district today. On reaching the above villages, among the people Simranjit Singh Mann was warmly welcomed. During this time After carefully listening to the problems and demands of the people, Mann assured that whatever issues have been brought to the attention of the people of the constituency, they will be solved on priority basis in the near future. Addressing the gathering held in different villages, Mann said that it is his responsibility to solve all the problems of the constituency and solve all the problems of the constituency. While presenting the account of his last one and a half year tenure, he said that M.P. The amount of about 10 crore rupees received under the



quota has been distributed among all sections of the constituency without any bias. He appealed to the people to use their votes wisely while being aware of the misleading propaganda of the opposition political parties and support the Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) for the prosperity and progress of the constituency.

## Anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar will be celebrated on April 7 at Ramlila Ground Kaithal



RAMAN GUPTA

KAITHAL: It was decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar with pomp and show. This information is given by the district media of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Pragatisheel Manch. He has said that the chief guest of this program was the General Secretary of All India Congress Committee. Secretary will be Chaudhary Randeep Singh Surjewala and former MP Dr. Sushil Gupta. And All India Ambedkar Mahasabha as the keynote speaker in this program National (President) Dalit thinker and former district judge Rakesh Bahadur also Will participate especially. And this program was presided over by Dr. Sonu Machal, President of R Ambedkar Pragatisheel Manch and prominent social worker.

**Editorial**

**Cracks in the mirror**

When a Dutch friend of mine texted me earlier this month in frustration over an interview with two voters of the incoming Far-Right nationalist government in the Netherlands in a major Dutch newspaper, I felt a familiar pang of guilt. My friend was incensed that the interviewing journalist had given a platform to right-wing voters but then failed to ask critical questions. "Most journalists nowadays are more interested in what sells than asking good questions," he suggested. Are journalists really to blame for the rise of the Right?

Being a journalist myself, I am obviously predisposed to defend journalists. I tend to believe that the self-serving cynicism my friend alluded to is not compatible with journalism as a profession. As a result of shrinking newsrooms, journalism is becoming an increasingly economically precarious profession so I can't imagine anyone joining this vocation to make money. I remain optimistic that the vast majority of journalists do their work because they believe it to be a public service. But the media not only serves the public by providing knowledge and facts but it also inevitably shapes the public discourse as well. It is a symbiotic relationship; one is reliant on the other.

I did not read the article my Dutch friend had read so I cannot speak about the specifics. But my first thought was that perhaps hearing from the people who had voted the Dutch Far-Right to power could be helpful for readers to grasp why this political change was happening in their country. Wouldn't it be useful to know more about the people who chose the new government? What good does it serve if their motivations remain a mystery? Critics may argue that to assign complexity or nuance to the beliefs of people who voted for an obvious racist like Geert Wilders underscores the xenophobic truth of their voting priorities. But it doesn't change the fact that Wilders and his voters won and their vision will be shaping the Netherlands for the next four years. Newspapers have a duty to reflect their audience back to themselves. "The Mirror", or some variant of it, after all, is a common name for news products. In one conversation with another friend particularly frustrated with The New York Times's power to shape the public discourse and its unwillingness to use that power for what my friend saw as morally just positions, I tried to explain why newspapers that are considered "papers of record" like the Times cannot openly take public, moral stances on most topics outside of the opinion section. Simply put: the thinking goes that papers of record only have the power they have because of the credibility they cultivate, and that credibility is based on impartial reporting.

**US consolidate B1/B2 interview waiver appointments**

The US Embassy in India has consolidated B1/B2 interview waiver appointments in New Delhi. However, applicants will be able to submit their application forms free of cost at any of the five Visa Application Centers or, for a fee of 850 rupees per application, they can drop the documents at any of the US Document Dropoff Centers located in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Cochin, Jalandhar, or Pune.

The US Embassy in India, in a post on X wrote, "Planning to book a visitor visa appointment using our convenient interview waiver process? You might notice something new. As part of our continuing effort to streamline visa processing, we've consolidated B1/B2 interview waiver appointments in New Delhi going forward."

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<https://x.com/USandIndia/status/1775120631853412384?s=20>

Adding that the appointments will be readily available in New Delhi for any interview waiver-eligible applicants looking for a visitor visa, the Embassy said, "Because of this consolidation, you will see limited interview waiver appointments available for visitor visas in Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai. But don't worry, appointments continue to be readily available in New Delhi for any interview waiver-eligible applicants looking for a visitor visa."

"You will not be required to travel to New Delhi unless you are later found ineligible to use the interview waiver process," it



said. The US Consular Team in India processed a record 1.4 million US visas in 2023, which is higher than ever, and has brought down the visitor visa appointment wait times by 75 per cent.

The US Embassy and Consulates in India said that Indians now represent one out

of every 10 US visa applicants around the world.

"In 2023, the US Embassy and Consulates in India processed a record-smashing 1.4 million US visas. Demand across all visa classes was unprecedented, with a 60 per cent increase in applications compared to

2022. Indians now represent one out of every ten US visa applicants around the world," an official statement read.

Visitor visas (B1/B2) have rebounded to represent the second-highest number of applications in the US Mission's history - over 7,00,000.

**Literature & Health**

**Researchers find how ketogenic diet improves severe mental illness**



The common antipsychotic medication used for severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder might have unintended consequences. Although these medications aid in the regulation of brain chemistry, they frequently result in metabolic adverse effects, such as obesity and insulin resistance, which are so upsetting that many patients cease taking them.

According to a recent pilot study conducted by doctors at Stanford Medicine, a ketogenic diet helps these individuals' mental health in addition to restoring their metabolic health while they continue their drug regimen.

The findings, which were released in Psychiatry Research, indicate that nutritional interventions can be quite effective in addressing mental health conditions.

"It's very promising and very encouraging that you can take back control of

your illness in some way, aside from the usual standard of care," said Shebani Sethi, MD, associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and the first author of the new paper.

The senior author of the paper is Laura Saslow, PhD, associate professor of health behavior and biological sciences at the University of Michigan.

Sethi, who is board certified in obesity and psychiatry, remembers when she first noticed the connection. As a medical student working in an obesity clinic, she saw a patient with treatment-resistant schizophrenia whose auditory hallucinations quieted on a ketogenic diet.

That prompted her to dig into the medical literature. There were only a few, decades-old case reports on using the ketogenic diet to treat schizophrenia, but there was a long track record of success in using ketogenic diets to treat epileptic seizures.

**"GISEC 2024" examines growing impact of artificial intelligence on global cybersecurity**

During the period from April 23 to 25, the Dubai World Trade Center will host the 2024 GECIC World Exhibition and Conference, the largest cybersecurity forum, under the slogan "Cyber Resilience Based on Artificial Intelligence", with the participation of more than 750 of the largest cybersecurity experts. Cybersecurity brands in the world.

Artificial intelligence continues to emerge as a vital topic in discussions within the activities of the 2024 GISEC Global Exhibition and Conference, with the presence of more than 350 global speakers in the field of cybersecurity, and 1,000 ethical hackers from various parts of the world meeting in the UAE to confront the challenges and trends related to artificial intelligence that constitute... Future of technology.

During the exhibition, cybersecurity experts from around the world will showcase the best solutions to the new challenges posed by artificial intelligence, and are optimistic about the opportunities that these new technological solutions will bring to the future of the industry.

Charles Brooks, president of Brooks Consulting International and an assistant professor at Georgetown University in Washington, emphasized that cybersecurity is already "significantly" affected by artificial intelligence. Brooks, who will be among the speakers on the GESIC platform, said that artificial intelligence has the ability to make the detection and identification of cyber threats more rapid, pointing out that programs and platforms supported by artificial intelligence scan files and data to identify unauthorized communications, communication attempts, and unau-



thorized use. It detects natural or malicious credentials, forced login attempts, unusual data movement, and data leaks, and enables companies to draw conclusions from statistics and protect against anomalies before they are detected and fixed. Brooks warned of the disadvantages that companies face with the widespread availability of AI-based tools and their significant impact on accessibility, stressing that criminal actors can use malicious AI to hide malware in commonly downloaded programs, and attackers can also obtain User data. Vectra AI, the leading artificial intelligence platform, showcases attack detection, investigation and response services. Christian Borst, CTO EMEA at Vectra AI, highlights the positive impact of generative AI on cybersecurity operations. Borst said that generative artificial intelligence has become widespread and easy to use, which means that hackers do not need a high level of training or experience to cause chaos in systems, noting that quantum computing has played a role in creating a state of uncertainty across the cybersecurity landscape.

**POEM**

**The Higher Pantheism**

The sun, the moon, the stars, the seas, the hills and the plains,-  
Are not these, O Soul, the Vision of Him who reigns?

Is not the Vision He, tho' He be not that which He seems?

Dreams are true while they last, and do we not live in dreams?

Earth, these solid stars, this weight of body and limb,

Are they not sign and symbol of thy division from Him? Dark is the world to thee; thyself art the reason why, For is He

not all but thou, that hast power to feel "I am I"? Glory about thee, without thee; and thou fulfillest thy doom, Making Him broken gleams and a stifled splendour and gloom.

Speak to Him, thou, for He hears, and Spirit with Spirit can meet-Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

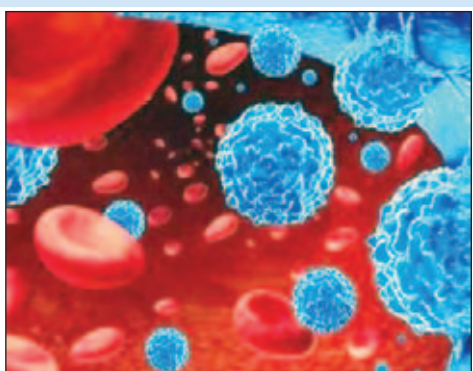
Alfred, Lord Tennyson

**Researchers discover new approach against follicular lymphoma**

Important factors that cause follicular lymphoma, a type of blood cancer, to change from its slow-growing form to the aggressive form it takes in some people have been found by a team of researchers at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Published in malignancy Cell on March 7, the study demonstrated that follicular lymphoma is extremely amenable to experimental BAF-inhibitor medicines, even if mutations altering the BAF gene-regulating complex can place the malignancy on a perilous trajectory.

"These encouraging findings could address critical and urgent challenges with this disease and have prompted us to begin planning clinical trials of BAF inhibitors in follicular lymphoma patients," said study senior author Dr. Ari Melnick, the Gebroe Family Professor of Hematology/Oncology and a member of the Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center at Weill Cornell Medicine. The study's co-first authors were post-



doctoral researchers Dr. Darko Barisic and Dr. Christopher Chin, and senior research associate Dr. Cem Meydan, all members of the Melnick laboratory. A team led by Dr. Michael Green, an associate profes-

sor at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, also collaborated in the study, and published a paper with parallel findings.

Follicular lymphoma is the second most common type of lymphoma in the United States, with about 15,000 new cases per year, according to the Lymphoma Research Foundation. Like most lymphomas, it arises from immune cells called B cells. Usually, follicular lymphoma progresses slowly, and remains manageable with various treatments. But a subset of these patients rapidly progress to a transformed, rapidly dividing, and treatment-resistant form of follicular lymphoma within 24 months. The reason for this is unknown, and hence it is very hard to predict if a patient is at risk for this unfavorable outcome. Thus, there is a critical unmet need to identify and develop early intervention therapies for these cases.

In the study, researchers started out by examining the role of mutations in a gene called ARID1A, which

encodes a subunit of a versatile, multi-protein molecular machine called BAF.

The BAF machinery normally works in cells as a major regulator of gene activity and cell identity by physically changing the shape of the genome. ARID1A mutations and other mutations that disrupt BAF are found in a significant number of patients with follicular lymphoma.

The researchers found that ARID1A deficiency in B cells, and the resulting BAF dysfunction, steers the cells towards an unusual, immature "memory B cell" identity. In this abnormal state, the cells keep re-entering a temporary phase of the B-cell mediated immune response which orchestrates rapid cell division and the diversification of antibodies needed during infections. During this phase, the cells undergo a high rate of mutation, presumably driving them towards ever-greater malignancy. The investigators wondered whether the tendency of B cells with ARID1A mutations to enter pe-

riods of rapid cell division and mutation might explain rapidly progressive follicular lymphoma. Collaborating with colleagues from the British Columbia Cancer Agency, they observed that ARID1A mutations were enriched in the memory B cell-like type of follicular lymphoma, which are at much higher and earlier risk of transformation.

The challenge then, would be to target these dangerous cells to prevent these outcomes. Dr. Melnick and colleagues reasoned that ARID1A-mutant lymphomas might be especially vulnerable to drugs attacking their last remaining BAF functions, which are already compromised by these mutations.

Working with BAF inhibitors that are already in clinical trials, they showed in preclinical experiments that ARID1A mutations indeed makes lymphomas profoundly sensitive to these drugs. Mice bearing ARID1A-mutant lymphomas went into complete remission with this drug alone.

## Škoda Auto India enhances digitalisation strategy to fuel New Era of growth in India

Jalandhar: Škoda Auto India has already ushered in the New Era with the announcement of its all-new compact SUV. Taking a stride further into the New Era with user engagement, customer involvement and digitalisation, the company launched a flurry of 360-degree digital activities that saw it achieve landmark sales and get closer to its customers and fans. Speaking on the occasion, Petr Janeba, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said: "With the ever-changing digital landscape, platforms and mediums, it is imperative to pioneer new ways of enhancing the customer experience and journey. Our digital strategies are designed to ensure our products and services reach out to our customers and fans, in a language of their choice. The Name Your Škoda campaign garnered over 1,50,000 entries till date for our soon-to-be-launched all-new compact SUV.

## Motorola launches Edge 50 Pro in India with AI enabled features

Ludhiana: Motorola, India's best 5G smartphone brand, today hosted the global first launch in India for its new premium smartphone - the Motorola Edge 50 Pro, the latest addition to its Edge franchise. This smartphone is a quintessence of intelligence meeting art and is set to disrupt the premium smartphone segment. This smartphone features the World's 1st and only AI Powered Pro-Grade Camera with True Colors and vast range of human skin tones, validated by Pantone and also the World's 1st and only True Color Display on a smartphone, validated by Pantone. The Motorola Edge 50 Pro features a beautifully crafted harmonious design and comes in the World's 1st handmade design in Moonlight Pearl Finish, handcrafted in Italy at its back. Additionally, it also features a powerful Snapdragon 7 Gen 3 processor offering generative AI features and other disruptive features such as a blazing fast 125W TurboPower™ charging, 50W wireless charging, IP68 underwater protection and up to 12GB RAM with 256GB Storage.

## Samsung Showcases Bespoke Home Appliances Featuring AI Capabilities and Enhanced Connectivity

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today showcased Bespoke appliances that are powered by AI, demonstrating the future of connected and sustainable homes. With AI-powered home appliances, Samsung aims at exceeding customers' expectations in the fast-growing premium appliances market. With inbuilt Wi-Fi, internal cameras and AI chips, Samsung's latest appliances featuring Bespoke AI seamlessly connect and provide convenient home management with easy to access controls through the SmartThings Application. "We are introducing Bespoke AI, our next big innovation in home appliances which will ensure smarter living for Indian homes and reduce energy consumption, contributing to a greener planet. With our Bespoke AI-powered home appliances, consumers will be able to customise their choices, get easy controls for elders and kids, and get seamless diagnosis for their home appliances.

Star Comprehensive Insurance Policy is a power-packed insurance plan with benefits including the most popular OPD and maternity coverage. Market research conducted with PhonePe's user base indicates that these two features were the most preferred by customers while buying health insurance. Star Comprehensive Health Insurance Policy is an end-to-end health insurance policy with sum insured available up to Rs.1 crore. The policy covers road ambulance and air ambulance expenses, out-patient medical consultation up to the limits, out-patient coverage for dental and Ophthalmic treatment, delivery expenses, organ donor expenses, provides coverage for newborn babies, including any congenital disorders, from day one of birth and vaccination expenses of the new born until the baby completes one year. Mental well-being is covered up to the sum insured. The policy does not impose sub-limits for day care procedures. Accidental death and permanent total disablement is covered up to 1 crore.

# PhonePe Partners with Star Health Insurance to Offer Insurance with Monthly Payment Options

CHANDIGARH : PhonePe today announced a partnership with Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Ltd. (Star Health Insurance), India's largest retail health insurance Company, to offer customers health insurance with a monthly and annual payment option. With this partnership, PhonePe users will now be able to avail of 'Star Comprehensive Insurance Policy' on the PhonePe app with coverage up to Rs.1 Crore. Having previously disrupted the market with its motor insurance products, with this launch, PhonePe further expands the options available to its users in the health insurance category.



Through this partnership, for the first time, Star Health Insurance's Comprehensive Health Insurance will be offered to customers with a monthly premium payment plan, pioneered by PhonePe - a first-of-its-kind initiative in the industry. Users can also opt to pay their premium with the UPI AutoPay mandate and enjoy added convenience. This move was driven by a critical insight that smaller monthly payments ease the financial burden for users while empowering and enabling them to opt for more extensive insurance coverage without stretching their finances.

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), today launched the All-New Toyota URBAN CRUISER TAISOR, a dynamic addition to its robust and full range of versatile SUV line-up in India. Marking the company's re-entry into the A-SUV segment, the All-New Toyota URBAN CRUISER TAISOR is positioned to offer a sense of prestige derived from the modern styling, cutting-edge features and advanced technologies, which also makes it a perfect choice for Indian customers. The new product further reinforces the company's commanding presence in the SUV category. Present at the event Mr. Masakazu Yoshimura, MD and CEO of Toyota Kirloskar Motor and Regional CEO at Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC) said, "The Indian market has always been of paramount importance to us, both in terms of product offerings and introduction of advanced technologies. This emphasis was further underpinned by the recent creation of a new region where the Indian market plays an even more crucial role acting as the hub of the 'New India, Middle East, East Asia & Oceania Region'. At Toyota Kirloskar Motor, we believe that the company is strategically positioned to capitalize on its 25-years.

## Eicher Trucks & Buses expands its presence in Gurugram with the inauguration of new 3S dealership in Bilaspur

Gurugram, April 2024: Eicher Trucks & Buses, a business unit of VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd., continues its strategic expansion in Haryana with the inauguration of a new 3S dealership in Bilaspur. Sai Shreeja dealership, strategically located in Main NH-8, marks Eicher's commitment to serving customers in Bilaspur (Gurugram) and its surrounding areas. This new dealership, the latest addition to Eicher's growing network, aims to provide exceptional services to Eicher truck and bus customers. Sai Shreeja, Bilaspur includes an expansive display area covering 30,000 square feet and 12 bays dedicated to servicing vehicles. This comprehensive 3S branch is equipped to handle various vehicle servicing needs, from routine maintenance to emergency and accident repairs. Additionally, the dealership features an office area, a comprehensive spare parts section, utility rooms, driver amenities, wheel alignment facilities, and a dedicated training room, to ensure a one-stop service experience for cus-

tomers. Commenting on the inauguration, Mr. Vinod Aggarwal, MD & CEO, VE Commercial Vehicles, emphasized Eicher's customer-centric approach, stating, "At Eicher, we are consistently expanding our dealership network to be closer to our customers with the ultimate aim of delivering customer satisfaction. Eicher promises to boost truck and bus productivity and business profitability for our customers by providing excellent products backed by a 100% connected service ecosystem." Eicher Trucks and Buses, a business unit of VE Commercial Vehicles, offers one of the widest product ranges, from 4.9-5.5 Ton GVW trucks and 12-72-seater buses. All these products are produced on Eicher's most innovative BS VI solution - EUTECH6 which offers the most reliable engine technology and best-in-class fuel efficiency. Eicher takes pride in being the first player to introduce a 100% connected range of vehicles with its advanced telematics solution - My EICHER, and the industry-first 5.5 T GVW electric truck, the Eicher Pro 2055 EV.

## Oxford ELLT Rolls Out Integrated Student Centric Brand Campaign - All About You



GURUGRAM : Oxford English Language Level Test (Oxford ELLT), a leading English language testing provider, part of the Oxford International Education Group, today rolled out its latest, integrated student-centric brand campaign - 'All About You'. Aptly titled, the campaign aims to empower students to take their future into their hands by choosing the right language testing solutions partner. Set to go live from 1st April 2024, this integrated campaign will comprise of Digital and Outdoor. The campaign will be live in key APAC markets - India, China, Pakistan, and Nepal. Commenting on the campaign, Amit Upadhyay, Regional Director - South Asia, Oxford International Education Group said, "We believe that language proficiency is a personal journey, and 'All About You' is a testament to our dedication to tailoring our services to the unique aspirations of each individual. By offering flexibility, speed, credibility, and precision in our testing, we empower test takers to take control of their higher education journey abroad with confidence.

## 'Amaze' Launches new brand campaign Hamesha #ReadyToPerform

CHANDIGARH: Amaze, India's fastest-growing energy solutions brand, launched its new brand campaign Hamesha #ReadyToPerform, and showcased its widest range of inverters, batteries, and solar products in Lucknow, today. This launch signifies Amaze's commitment to delivering superior energy solutions while inspiring consumers always to be ready to pursue their dreams. Amaze offers an extensive product line exclusively designed to withstand long and frequent power cuts, extreme weather conditions, and fast charging feature. Speaking on

the occasion, Preeti Bajaj, CEO and MD, said, "Amaze has established itself as a trustworthy brand in India by providing high-quality and energy-efficient energy solutions. The retail and energy sectors are currently experiencing a new wave of growth in the new emerging Bharat.

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CHANDIGARH - realme, India's Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, announced the launch of the realme 12x 5G today. As the latest addition to the realme Number Series, this device marks a significant milestone in the company's journey, embodying its revamped strategy 'Make it real' and a refreshed brand identity that resonates with young users. Positioned as the "Entry-Level 5G Killer", the realme 12x 5G offers users an unparalleled experience. It is India's first smartphone in its segment to feature a 45W SUPER VOOC Charge\* and a massive 5000mAh battery. The smartphone



also introduces Air Gesture\*, a first in its segment, and boasts the segment's highest refresh rate of 120Hz and brightest display of 800 nits. The realme 12x 5G is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6100+ 5G Chipset and features a segment-first Vapor Chamber Cooling system\*. Its fashion-inspired design includes a super slim body measuring just 7.69mm. It offers a versatile camera setup with a 50MP AI Camera, a 2MP secondary camera, and an 8MP selfie camera. Other flagship-level experiences include IP54 Dust & Water Resistance, dual stereo speakers, and a large storage capacity of 128GB, along with up to 8GB+8GB Dynamic RAM.

## Roundglass Foundation Launches Regenerative Agriculture Programme

Roundglass Foundation today launched its flagship Regenerative Agriculture programme in Punjab at a stakeholder workshop. Roundglass Foundation's Regen Agriculture programme aims to address the issues of soil, water, and declining farmer incomes, by engaging with a variety of stakeholders including the farming community, academia, subject matter experts and youth. The regenerative agriculture approach aims to improve soil health, reduce the need for synthetic inputs, increase crop yields, reduce water consumption, and mitigate the impact of climate change. The stakeholder workshop was inaugurated by Shri Sarpal Singh, founder, Roundglass Foundation and Dr. Mahesh Kumar Narang, Principal Extension Scientist/HoD, Department of Farm Machinery, PAU were the Keynote Speakers. Sunny Gurpreet Singh, Founder,

the Chief Guest at the event and Shri Kahan S. Pannu, IAS, former secretary, Department of Agriculture and former chairman of the Pollution Control Board was the Guest of Honor. The stakeholder workshop saw participation from several experts from Punjab Agriculture University, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), ICAR institutes like ATARI (Agricultural Technology Research Institute) and the Department of Agriculture, and Chief Agriculture Officers from 18 districts, government officials, NGOs like Goonj and researchers. Dr Hari Ram, HoD, Department of Agronomy, PAU, Ludhiana and Dr Mahesh Kumar Narang, Principal Extension Scientist/HoD, Department of Farm Machinery, PAU were the Keynote Speakers. Sunny Gurpreet Singh, Founder,

Roundglass, says "Regenerative agriculture is the solution to address the challenges facing our food system and make it resilient to climate change. Roundglass Foundation's RegenAG programme encourages and equips farmers in Punjab to adopt the latest regenerative farming techniques and empowers them to make agriculture in the state sustainable and scalable. This initiative aligns with Roundglass Foundation's overarching mission of helping Punjab's villages achieve environmental and financial sustainability." Elaborating on the need for regenerative farming practices in Punjab, Vishal Chowla, Leader, Roundglass Foundation said, "Roundglass Foundation is committed to improving the wellbeing of Punjab and its people and addressing the environmental challenges faced by the state's agriculture is a part of this journey.

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## Premium Intercity Electric Bus Brand 'NueGo' expands its Pan-India footprint

SHIMLA, 03, April 2024, GreenCell Mobility, a pioneer in sustainable mass mobility solutions, is elated to announce a significant expansion of its operations for its electric intercity bus brand NueGo. In a strategic move to cater to the growing demand for its eco-friendly and cost-effective services, NueGo now serves 100+ cities and multiple routes across India, further solidifying its leadership position in the intercity travel segment. The newly launched routes across India include: Delhi - Shimla - Delhi, Gurgaon - Chandigarh - Gurgaon, Delhi - Rishikesh - Delhi, Delhi - Amritsar - Delhi, Chandigarh - Amritsar - Chandigarh, Chandigarh - Dehradun - Chandigarh, Vijayawada - Vizag - Vijayawada, Bangalore - Salem - Bangalore, Bangalore - Trichy - Bangalore, Devendra Chawla, MD & CEO of GreenCell Mobility, said, "We are thrilled to announce extensive expansion of NueGo's services across the country. This strategic move aligns with our mission to improve intercity travel by providing eco-friendly, convenient, and technology driven mobility solutions.

## Aviva Life Insurance Retains Top Spot as India's Most Trusted Private Insurer for Sixth Time

CHANDIGARH: Aviva Life Insurance proudly announces its achievement of being recognized as India's Most Trusted Private Life Insurance brand for the sixth consecutive time, as per the TRA's Brand Trust Report 2024. Additionally, the company has been ranked 9th in the overall BFSI sector and 121st in a list of 1000 brands across sectors. Mr. Vinai Kapahi, Head of Marketing at Aviva Life Insurance, expressed his gratitude, stating, "Our endeavors are guided by the principle that our customers are at the heart of everything that we do. Our relentless efforts to prioritize their needs, along with our forward-looking approach, have been instrumental in this continued success in the Private Insurance Sector. Each product that we offer is meticulously designed to cater to the evolving needs and aspirations of our customers. We are deeply honored to win this award for the sixth consecutive time, this serves as a validation of our commitment to deliver products that empower, secure and protect our customers."

## KFC launches International Burger Fest inspired by global flavours

CHANDIGARH : The KFC Zinger burger is legendary. But what if there were five different types of Zinger burgers, each with a unique taste and flavour inspired by a different part of the world? Yes, you heard that right! No matter what your craving is, there is a juicy & crispy KFC Zinger for you. Presenting the KFC International Burger Fest featuring five new, not two but five distinct Zinger Burgers, starting at Rs. 179/- . Prepare to 'take a bite, take a flight', as KFC's International Burger Fest becomes your passport to experience global flavours. From spicy, to classic to tandoori and so much more - KFC's variety of Zinger burgers features global flavours to satisfy any and every craving you have. Chicken lovers, be prepared to treat yourselves with a range of options made with 100% REAL CHICKEN. Enjoy the timeless American Classic Zinger which brings together a crunchy fillet, veggies and creamy mayo sauce in a soft sesame bun or take a spicy ride with the Caribbean Spicy Zinger which has a golden fillet, crunchy veggies, melted cheese & three chilli sauce in a peri - peri bun.

## iQOO launches iQOO 12 Anniversary Edition

CHANDIGARH-Marking its fourth anniversary in style, iQOO, the high-performance smartphone brand, unveils the iQOO 12 Anniversary edition in the vibrant hue of Desert Red. Drawing inspiration from the Windprint texture, the new leather rubbing process captures the same essence, forming intricate patterns like a desert, telling the story of the explorer's journey to pursue the unknown. As one of the very first smartphones in India to feature the industry-leading Snapdragon 8 Gen 3 Mobile Platform, iQOO 12 harnesses the performance advantages of a new processor architecture manufactured using the latest 4nm technology. Coupled with a custom Supercomputing Chip Q1 that further enhances in-game performance, fast memory, and lightning-quick flash storage, iQOO stands unopposed in terms of gaming prowess. The device is equipped with a high-definition AMOLED display of up to 144Hz with India's first 3000nits peak brightness display in a smartphone and immersive gaming features, elevating the standards of the mobile gaming experience. iQOO 12 packs a Pro-Performance Graphite Battery.

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## "Scienc-sational 2.0" Celebrations Illuminate Amity University Punjab on National Science Day



Amity University Punjab proudly marked National Science Day with its vibrant celebration, "Scienc-sational 2.0", on February 28th, 2024. The event, held in honor of the renowned Nobel laureate, C.V. Raman epitomized the university's commitment to fostering scientific inquiry and innovation. The festivities started with an exciting treasure hunt game, "Amistitious (solve for x)", where participants embarked on a journey of intellectual challenges, showcasing their problem-solving prowess across three exhilarating rounds.

The intellectual stimulation continued with the inaugural round of the "Battle of Brains" quiz competition, engaging students in a thrilling test of their scientific knowledge and acumen. This set the stage for the main event, dedicated to commemorating National Science Day. The day also had captivating science experiments and poster presentations by students, showcasing the marvels of scientific exploration. A poignant reflection on the life and legacy of C.V. Raman was delivered by esteemed faculty member Dr. Anmoldeep Randhawa, paying homage to the eminent scientist's contributions. Enriching the discourse, a guest lecture on Mycobacterial Biofilm by Dr. Ashwani Kumar, a distinguished Senior Scientist at CSIR-IMTech, captivated the audience. The event culminated with the gripping final round of the quiz competition, testing participants' profound understanding of scientific principles. In a creative interlude, the Hunar Committee, AUP's Theatre Club, presented a thought-provoking skit juxtaposing superstitions against scientific principles, emphasizing the importance of rational inquiry and evidence-based reasoning.

## OnePlus launches OnePlus Nord CE4, bringing more to the core than ever before

CHANDIGARH: Global technology brand OnePlus today announces the OnePlus Nord CE4, designed to marry the core features of the OnePlus experience with a super affordable price. Starting at INR 24,999, the OnePlus Nord CE4 will go on sale on 4th April, 2024 from 12 PM onwards. The OnePlus Nord CE4 is the newest member of the OnePlus Nord series. This series, including 2023's successful OnePlus Nord CE3 5G, was created to bring the key features of a OnePlus smartphone to the widest possible audience. Features like striking designs, advanced technology, rapid charging and fantastic screens have all featured in previous OnePlus Nord CE smartphones and the OnePlus CE4 improves in every single area. Beauty and strength on the outside, power and long life on the inside OnePlus Nord CE4 continues the trend of attention-grabbing design with two colourways designed to help users stand out from the crowd. The first, Dark Chrome,



builds on past OnePlus colourways and adds a subtle shiny gradient for extra glamour. The second, Celadon Marble, is a premium and elegant design with a vibrant and exciting tone based on designs first seen on the OnePlus 11 Marble Odyssey edition. Whichever colour you pick, OnePlus Nord CE4 will stay looking youthful and exciting for longer than ever, thanks to a new internal structure which cushions the phone if it's dropped. Meanwhile, on the inside, OnePlus

Nord CE4 packs a powerful performance punch and beautiful battery life. It all starts with the octa-core Qualcomm Snapdragon 7 Gen 3 chipset and 8GB of RAM which means improved performance compared to the OnePlus Nord CE3 5G. OnePlus Nord CE4 has a ROM of up to 256 GB, which is expandable up to 1TB, offering more space for your adventures. Not only that, OnePlus Nord CE4 also supports RAM-Vita, found in our new OnePlus 12 Series devices.

## Aakash Educational Services Limited announces Educational Scholarships for April 2024 Admissions

CHANDIGARH: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), a national leader in test preparatory services, has announced various scholarships prior to the commencement of its new session scheduled to begin in April 2024 to enable students to realise their dream of becoming doctors and engineers. The first scholarship is the Instant Admission Cum Scholarship Test (iACST), offering up to 90% scholarship for admission into Medical, Engineering, and Foundation courses. Additionally, Aakash will provide special discounts to children of martyrs, defense personnel and terrorism-affected individuals. Mr. Anup Agarwal, Chief Business Officer at Aakash Educational Services Limited, stated, "We are dedicated to providing accessible and impactful educational opportunities for students across India. Through initiatives like iACST and our scholarship programmes, we aim to empower deserving students to achieve their academic and career aspirations. We are proud to continue our tradition of supporting the education of children of our brave Armed Forces personnel and are committed to fostering excellence and inclusivity in education."

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA:** A discussion was held in the Congress about fielding candidates on nine Lok Sabha seats in Haryana. The Congress was in a dilemma about fielding Deepender Hooda, son of former CM Bhopendra Singh Hooda from the Rohtak seat. Although



Deepender has said that he would contest the elections but the Congress was currently in a dilemma. Actually, Rohtak is the home of former Haryana CM Bhopendra Singh Hooda. Deepender Hooda was an MP from here. But he lost the 2019 election. Arvind Sharma is the BJP MP from here. Now the

BJP has given him a ticket again. But till now Congress has not been able to field a candidate from here. The Congress held a meeting on Tuesday in New Delhi to decide its candidates in Haryana. After this Deepender Hooda said that he would contest the elections from Rohtak.

## CM Nayab Singh Saini given grand welcome in Vijay Sankalp Rally and felicitation ceremony

**RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI, APRIL 3**

Amidst the crowd gathered at Chhachhrauli Vijay Sankalp Rally and his felicitation ceremony, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said that he was their brother first and then the Chief Minister.. Mr Saini fiercely targeted the opposition by calling it an arrogant alliance. He said that the arrogant coalition has neither policy, nor intentions nor leadership for the development of the country. Mr. Saini said that BJP has a policy to develop the nation, an effective leadership like Modi and a clear intention to prosper the country whereas the aim of Congress was to gain power by spreading lies and confusion. The Chief Minister said that the aim of BJP was to serve through power. On this occasion, Chief Minister Nayab Saini



also appealed to ensure BJP candidate Banto Kataria win with a huge majority. Speaking in the program, Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar also enumerated the achievements of the government and the opposition remained attacking. On reaching the function organized at

Chhachhrauli grain market in Yamunanagar on Wednesday, Naib Saini was given a grand welcome by the BJP officials by wearing a turban and presenting him a mace. On this occasion, the commission agents presented the statue of Lord Shri Krishna to Naib Saini and the Saini community also welcomed

the Chief Minister with flower garlands. Overjoyed with the welcome, Chief Minister Nayab Saini said that he was their brother first and then the Chief Minister. He said that this honor was an honor for all of them. He said that he would always protect their honor. CM Naib Saini said that Modi and the double engine government have done wonderful work in the last 10 years. Whatever BJP said, it was done on time. Taking a dig at the working style of the Congress, Chief Minister Saini said that the Congress people used to take votes from the people by making false announcements, but even during the three terms of the Congress, people's work was not done. Election after election, Congress kept misleading people by giving false assurances and enjoying the pleasures of power by taking votes.

**MANISH KUMAR AMBALA, APR 3**

Ambala Farmers those have been peacefully protesting on the Shambhu and Khanauri border of Haryana-Punjab for the last several days were going to take a big step after the arrest of boy Navdeep Singh Jalbehra. The United Kisan Morcha and Kisan-Mazdoor Morcha have announced to burn the effigy of the central government across the country on April 7. At the same time, on April 9, they have warned of blocking the railway track near the Shambhu border indefinitely, due to which many trains going from Delhi to Punjab will be affected. In this connection, a meeting of farmer organizations was held in Gurudwara Shri Mardon Sahib on Wednesday in which the future strategy was made. On the other hand, Jai Singh Jalbehra,



father of young farmer leader Navdeep Jalbehra, said that he would not ask bail for Navdeep even if he has to stay in jail for the whole life. If he has to be released, then he has to be released without bail. The government should think how long Navdeep has to be kept in jail. On the matter of funding from abroad, Jai Singh said that the question raised was that tell on whom Navdeep has attacked. With whom he done

snatching. If Navdeep was guilty then he should be given strict punishment and if the government was lying then the same action should be taken against the government as was taken against the common people. Jalbehra said that lies have never had legs. The farmers' movement has been going on since February 13 on the call of the United Kisan Morcha (non-political) and Kisan-Mazdoor Morcha.

## New session starts with Havan in Vivekananda School



**NARESH GARG**

**LADWA:** The auspicious beginning of the new session was done with Havan Yagya at Vivekananda Senior Secondary School located in Mathana, Ladwa. Principal Vikram Sharma told that in every school the new session is started with Havan and blessings are sought for the progress of the school and happiness of children. Vikram Sharma said that according to our traditions, through Havan Yagya, we wish for progress in auspicious work. He said that without Yagya most of the auspicious works are not completed. In any auspicious work, Havan or Yagya is performed for purification and invocation of God and if the new school session starts with Havan, then a positive energy is transmitted and the interest of children also increases towards spirituality.

## Gave confidence to Dinesh Babbu to win from Gurdaspur assembly seat



**VERMA GURDASPUR, APRIL 3**

After Bharatiya Janata Party declared Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu as the candidate for parliamentary constituency Gurdaspur, a booth conference was organized under the chairmanship of District President Shivbir Singh Rajan. In which especially Lok Sabha constituency Gurdaspur candidate Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu, Punjab General Secretary Rakesh

Rathore and district in-charge Suraj Bhardwaj participated. Apart from these, Omeshwar Mahajan and Rajindra Bitta also participated. In this conference, discussions were held to make BJP victorious from Gurdaspur assembly constituency. Whereas the workers were filled with enthusiasm to ensure the victory of the party. The booth head assured candidate Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu to win from Gurdaspur assembly

constituency with a big lead. To make this program successful, General Secretary Ghabel Singh Bahiya, Vikas Gupta, Yashpal Kundal General Secretary, Media Incharge Ankush Mahajan, Gurdaspur Mandal Head Parveen Kumar, Tibbar Mandal Head Dilbag Rai, Joda Chitra Mandal Head Hira Lal Sharma, Bhagokawa Mandal Head Paramjeet Singh Salaria. And members of their teams made special appearances.

## Primary school Guhla takes out education awareness rally



**KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA CHEEKA:**

Education awareness rally was taken out under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Government Model Culture Primary School, Guhla, District Kaithal. All the children and staff members of the school participated enthusiastically in the rally. The head teacher of the school Mrs. Kamlesh Devi flagged off the rally. The rally was led by Mrs. Hemlata Sharma and all the staff members gave full support to Madam. On behalf of the school children, the children participating in the rally carrying the banner of awareness under the School Chalo campaign, toured the village and appealed to the people to enroll their children in school, send them to school regularly and pay special attention to cleanliness to avoid various diseases. Made aware. During this time, the children enlightened every house with educated girls, lit the lamp of education and got them enrolled in school.

## Ambala CI staff arrests drug smuggler with huge quantity of opium

**MANISH KUMAR**

**AMBALA:** In Ambala, the CI staff has arrested a big smuggler, from whose possession a huge consignment of drugs has been recovered. The accused Raj Thakur was originally from UP's Badaun district. From where he brought such a huge consignment and where he has to supply it. To get answers to all these questions, the SIT has taken the accused into custody and was interrogating him. The SIT will present the accused in the court and take him on remand. According to the police, the SIT-1 team of Ambala Police was on patrol in Mahesh Nagar police station area. Meanwhile a secret information was received that Raj Thakur, a resident of village Nasirpur Thanu district Badaun in Uttar Pradesh, dealt in selling opium. According to the police, after some time, the accused was going on foot from Saha's side to Khudda Dukheri T Point Jagadhari Ambala Cantt and towards village Mohra to deliver opium to a customer. The SIT-1 started the investigation by setting up a naka. The SIT-1 arrested the accused Raj Thakur on the tip of the informer. On searching the bag in front of the duty magistrate, 2 kg 600 grams of opium was recovered. A case has been registered against the accused in Mahesh Nagar police station under section 18-61-1985 Act and investigation has been started.

## Gurukul students dominate NDA's All India Ranking

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:**

Ten students of Gurukul Kurukshetra have made it to the final merit list of NDA released by UPSC on Tuesday. Out of these two students Rishabhraj and Karthik have secured a place in the first 100 candidates in the All India Ranking. There was an atmosphere of enthusiasm in the Gurukul on this achievement of the students. Director Brigadier Dr. Praveen Kumar congratulated all the successful students on achieving good ranking on telephone. Principal Rajkumar Garg, Principal Sube Pratap, Administrator Ramniwas Arya, Chief Patron Sanjeev Arya, Subedar Balwan Singh, Instructor and Coordinator Ashok Chauhan shared this happiness by distributing sweets in the NDA block. For this special achievement of the students in NDA, the Governor of Gujarat and the patron of Gurukul, Acharya Shri Devvrat has also sent his best wishes to the Gurukul management, all the staff and all the students. Brigadier Praveen Kumar said that written examination for NDA and Naval Academy was organized by UPSC on September 3, 2023 in which lakhs of students from across the country participated. About 7,000 candidates were successful in the written examination and were called for SSB. Ten students of Gurukul qualified SSB whose result was declared in January 2024. Now the final merit list of SSB qualified candidates has been released by UPSC in which Gurukul student Rishabhraj has secured 43rd rank in All India, Karthik has secured 99th rank.



## Former AICTE Vice Chairman, Prof. (Dr.) Poonia joins BFGI as Campus Director



**ANIL VERMA/ ANANTDEEP KAUR**

**BATHINDA:** In a landmark move that signifies BFGI's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, eminent educationist and former Vice Chairman of AICTE New Delhi, Prof. (Dr.) M.P. Poonia has joined the esteemed institution as its Campus Director. Dr. Poonia's appointment ushers in a new era of exceptional leadership and strategic direction for BFGI. Dr. Poonia brings to BFGI an unparalleled wealth of experience spanning over 37 years. Distinguished for his expertise in mechanical engineering, renewable energy and sustainable development, he holds an impressive academic record with an M.Tech. (Thermal Engg.) from IIT Delhi and a Ph.D. in IC engines. Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Poonia has held esteemed positions in various national-level organizations, demonstrably shaping the landscape of technical education in India. Elated by Dr. Poonia's appointment, BFGI Chairman Dr. Gurmeet Singh Dhaliwal stated, "This is a momentous occasion not only for BFGI but for the entire region. Dr. Poonia's distinguished career and proven track record make him an ideal leader to spearhead BFGI's journey towards becoming an institution of international repute."

## MP Simranjit Singh Mann visits Barnala district



**KARANPREET KARAN**

**BARNALA:** President of Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) and Member of Parliament Mr. Simranjit Singh Mann visited Sanghera, Handiaya Chunga Kothe, Sekha, Kattu and Bhattal during his visit to Barnala district today. On reaching the above villages, among the people Simranjit Singh Mann was warmly welcomed. During this time Addressing the gathering, Mann said that it is his responsibility to solve all the problems of the constituency and solve all the problems of the constituency. While presenting the account of his last one and a half year tenure, he said that M.P. The amount of about 10 crore rupees received under the quota has been distributed among all sections of the constituency without any bias. Along with this, an amount of Rs 164 crore has been sanctioned from the Center for power renewal of Sangrur district, Rs 64 crore for power renewal of Barnala district and Rs 53 crore for power renewal of Malerkotla district. An amount of Rs. 1 crore has been sanctioned for cancer patients, Rs. 1 crore for providing artificial limbs, motorized tricycles and other assistive devices to the disabled. Apart from indoor and open gyms, volleyball and cricket kits have been distributed on a large scale to keep the youth away from drugs.

## DEEO conducts surprise inspection of three schools



**MANISH KUMAR**

**AMBALA:** District Elementary Education Officer and District Project Coordinator Sudhir Kalra conducted a surprise inspection of Government Senior Secondary School Babyal (Girls), Government Senior Secondary School Babyal and Government High School Chhabiana. The student Umang of Government Senior Secondary School Babyal (Girls) was felicitated and blessed for her future success after she won the silver medal in the national level fencing competition. Sudhir Kalra also wished the students participating in other sports competitions at the state level. The school's Principal, Physical Education teacher Priyanka Sharma was praised for motivating the students to participate in sports competitions by connecting them with the world of sports and observed the usefulness of the equipment while inspecting the equipment related to sports in the sports room. The school's Mathematics teacher Rajiv Gautam was praised for getting the construction work done in the school by connecting the community for the development of the school.

## Youth of Daumajra raise slogan against drugs



**KAPIL ARORA**

**SHAHABAD MARKANDA:** A large number of youth of village Daumajra shouted against drug addiction and met Prof. Has supported Rajbir Singh. The youth said that Prof. in Shahabad. He will provide every kind of support in the anti-drug campaign being run by Rajbir Singh so that this area can be made drug free. Pro. Rajbir Singh praised the coming of the youth against drugs and said that if the youth make a mission against drugs, then this revolution will definitely prove effective in eradicating drugs. Pro. Rajbir Singh said that today Shahabad has come under the grip of drugs like smack and knows how many mothers have lost their lives due to drug addiction. Prof Rajbir said that if drug abuse is not controlled today, its long-term consequences will be dire. Therefore, today it is the responsibility of every person of Shahabad to support Markandeya Sports Club against drug addiction. Earlier, on reaching village Daumajra, the youth met Prof. Welcomed Rajbir Singh. Pro. Rajbir Singh assured the youth that sports kit will be provided to any village that requires it because if the youth's interest in sports increases, they will definitely stay away from drugs.

## INDI alliance will win all Lok Sabha seats in Haryana: Tarsem Goyal



**KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA CHEEKA:**

While talking to journalists on Wednesday former Municipal Corporation Chairman Tarsem Goyal said that India alliance would win 10 out of 10 seats in Haryana. He said that due to the current situation of BJP and party politics and in view of the tremendous opposition from the public the BJP was losing all the seats in Haryana. He said that almost all the candidates declared by BJP were facing tremendous opposition when they went among the public. He said that Ashok Tanwar, the BJP candidate declared from Sirsa, was facing tremendous opposition in the villages. Similarly, Hisar candidate Ranjit Singh has provoked protests by insulting Brahmans. In Kurukshetra, it was the BJP members of the area who were opposing Naveen Jindal because they have fielded a riot candidate. The same treatment was being done to other BJP candidates also. He said that in view of the ongoing opposition to BJP candidates, it has been heard that BJP was thinking of changing its candidates in about four Lok Sabha constituencies. Due to which the reality of BJP would be revealed. He said that BJP did not have any strong candidates.

## Agents will go to any extent to save their business: Ashok Gupta



**NARESH GARG**

**LADWA:** The protest of Anajmandi Association in front of the Market Committee office in Ladwa continued for the third day. On the call of Haryana State Mandi Agent Association, the symbolic protest continued for the third day in Ladwa Mandi along with other mandis across Haryana. Which was presided over by Banta Ram of B Traders and anti-government slogans were also raised. Haryana State President Ashok Gupta, opposing the wrong policies of the government, said that due to the efforts of Ambala MLA Aseem Goyal, the talks of the association continued with Haryana Government Minister Moolchand Sharma on Tuesday. But the Haryana government seemed to put the ball in the Centre's court. He said that the government wants to destroy the middleman business. Every new order of the government is causing huge loss to the business. He warned government that commission agents would go to any extent to save their business. He demanded from the government that the demands of the commission agents should be accepted as soon as possible. Addressing the commission agents and accountants, he said that after the five-day symbolic strike, memorandums will be submitted to the Haryana Government through District Collectors across Haryana.

NZ spring surprise, name Michael Bracewell as skipper for T20I series against Pakistan

Wellington: New Zealand have swung a surprise by naming experienced all-rounder Michael Bracewell as their captain for this month's five-match T20I series against Pakistan.

Bracewell has not played an international match since March last year and as only recently returned to domestic duties following injury concerns that have included a ruptured Achilles and a broken finger, as per ICC.

But with the likes of Kane Williamson and Mitchell Santner skipping the tour due to duties in the Indian Premier League (IPL), Bracewell earns a call-up to captain the Kiwis in the five-match series in Pakistan that will provide both teams quality practice ahead of June's ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

New Zealand selector Sam Wells was thrilled to be able to welcome Bracewell back into the fold and has no doubt the 33-year-old can perform the role of captain with aplomb.

"Michael has faced a long period on the sideline and it is exciting to see him back playing cricket again," Wells said as quoted by ICC.

"The fact he is back playing at a high level after an Achilles rupture is testament to his hard work and application."

"He is a well-respected leader and has captaincy experience for Wellington along with New Zealand A and New Zealand XI teams, which we believe holds him in good stead to lead the group in Pakistan," concluded Wells.

Bracewell will lead a youthful New Zealand side on the tour, with regulars Trent Boult, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Daryl Mitchell, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Santner and Williamson all missing due to their playing commitments in the IPL.

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Mayank Yadav 'definitely in conversation' for T20 World Cup Indian squad: Moody

AGENCY MUMBAI: Former Australian cricketer Tom Moody said that Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) pacer Mayank Yadav is in the conversation for the ICC T20 World Cup, which will take place in West Indies/USA from June 1 onwards.



A three-wicket haul by Mayank and a barrage of top-class pace bowling destroyed the RCB top order and helped LSG hand the home side their third loss at M Chinnmaswamy Stadium on Tuesday.

Following LSG's win, Moody said as quoted by ESPNcricinfo that Mayank is in the conversation for the tournament, since it is important to consider the skillsets needed for the tournament during powerplay and death overs.

"He is definitely in the conversation. Whether you take that risk punting on him or not is another conversation because you also need to consider what skillset you need in that reserve fast bowler - is it someone who is a powerplay bowler, or someone who has the ability to bowl at the death, all those subtle skillsets are important when you are talking about a T20 World Cup," said Moody.

Former New Zealand pacer Mitchell McClenaghan also said that if Mayank's form continues like this, he will definitely be in the mix.

"If his form continues throughout this tournament, the World Cup starts six days after the IPL, I think it would be crazy not to look at the players who are in form going into that tournament," McClenaghan said.

"He may not have the caps behind him, but if he continues this vein of form and can keep his pace up throughout the whole tournament and keep winning games - he has won two games in a row, his first two games - then you are right in the mix. Long shot but you would not say never," he added.

Within just two matches, Mayank has gathered headlines for his sheer pace, touching the bowling speeds of 150 kmph-plus consistently. During the match against RCB, Yadav bagged three wickets in his four-over spell, giving only 14 runs. Following his remarkable spell, the pacer was named the 'Player of the Match'.

The LSG seamer scripted history at the age of 21 as he became the first bowler in the history of IPL to win the 'Player of the Match' award in their first two matches.

He clocked 156.7 kph during the game against RCB and bowled the fastest delivery in the ongoing edition and overall the fourth fastest in the history of the entire tournament, breaking his own record made during the Punjab Kings match which was his debut, where he clocked 155.8 kmph. During his debut game, he took 3/27 in four overs.

It is not just Mayank's pace that has many terming him as the next big Indian pace prospect, it is also the control over his line and length and intimidation that he has produced in a matter of a couple of matches which stands out.

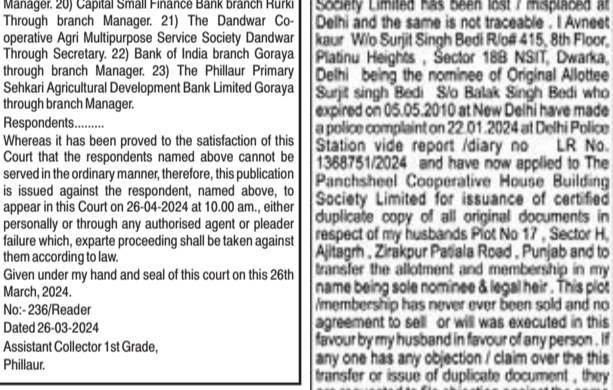
His consecutive three-wicket hauls in his first two games also helped him enter the elite list of players. Yadav became the sixth bowler to scalp three-plus wicket hauls in each of their first two IPL matches. The 21-year-old pacer now has embarked his name along with Lasith Malinga, Amit Singh, Mayank Markande, and Jofra Archer.

Coming to the match, RCB elected to field first after winning the toss. Openers Quinton de Kock and skipper KL Rahul (20) in 14 balls, with two (25) gave LSG a measured start with a 53-run opening stand. There was a 56-run stand between Kock and Marcus Stoinis (24 in 15 balls,

climbed a comfortable 2-0 series sweep. The victory sees Sri Lanka overtake Pakistan and move up to fourth place on the updated World Test Championship standings with a 50 percent points percentage, with India (first), Australia (second) and New Zealand (third) the only teams ahead of them.

impressive victory, while Bangladesh drop to equal seventh. The Asian side wrapped up the win during the opening session on the fifth day of the final Test of the two-match series, with Khaled Ahmed the final Bangladesh batter to fall at Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium as Sri Lanka

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Sri Lanka overtake Pakistan to climb World Test Championship standings

Chattogram, Apr 3 (UNI) Sri Lanka have boosted their chances of reaching next year's ICC World Test Championship final with an emphatic 192-run victory over Bangladesh in the second Test here on Wednesday. The island nation move up to fourth on the latest standings courtesy of their

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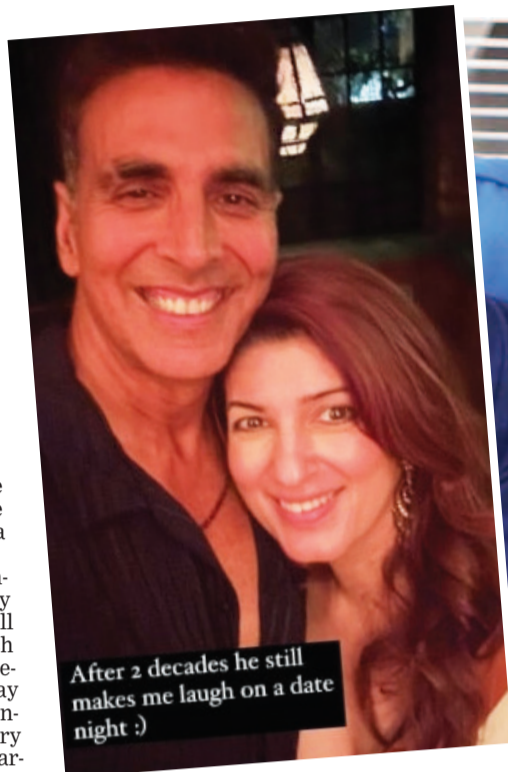
# After 2 decades he still makes me laugh: Twinkle drops selfie with husband Akshay

**A**kshay Kumar and Twinkle Khanna never miss a chance to set major couple goals. The actor and author shared a selfie with her husband and revealed how he still makes her laugh after two decades of their blissful marriage.

Giving a glimpse of date night, Twinkle treated fans with a new smiling photo on her Instagram stories on Tuesday night.

Sharing the photo, she wrote, "After 2 decades he still makes me laugh on a date night."

From having fun banter to sharing lovey-dovey moments, this couple still makes an effort to woo each other even after two decades of marriage. Akshay Kumar and Twinkle Khanna tied the knot on January 17, 2001. They are proud parents of a son named Aarav and a daughter named Nitar, who was born in 2012.



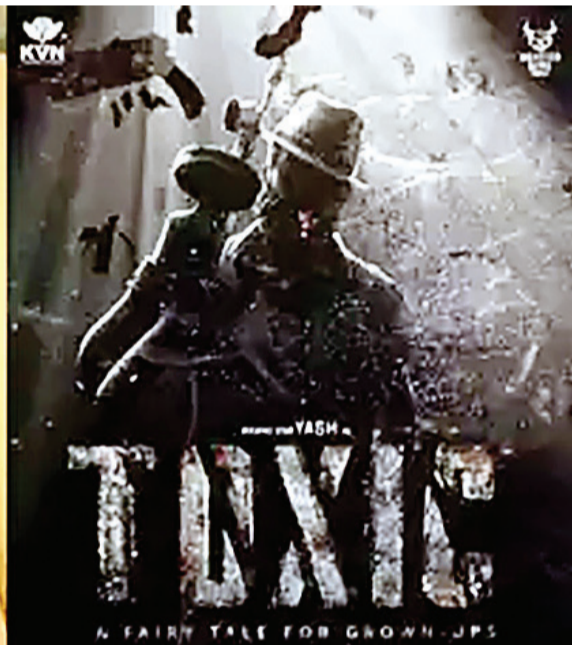
Twinkle quit acting in 2001 after starring in a string of films. She ventured into writing in 2015 and released her first book titled 'Mrs Funnybones'.

She followed it up with an anthology of stories titled 'The Legend Of Lakshmi Prasad' in 2017 and 'Pyjamas Are Forgiving', which came out in 2018.

Akshay, on the other hand, is set to be seen next in 'Singham Again.' Helmed by Rohit Shetty, the film, which will be the next in his cop-verse, will also star Ajay Devgn, Deepika Padukone, Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff and Ranveer Singh in lead roles.

He also has the fifth instalment of his hit comedy franchise 'Housefull' in the pipeline. Akshay will also be gearing up for 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'.

# Yash to kickstart shooting of 'Toxic: A Fairy Tale For Grown-Ups' in Karnataka



**A**ctor Yash is all set to kick start the shooting of his highly anticipated film 'Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-ups' in Karnataka.

Directed by Geetu Mohandas and produced by Venkat K Narayana's KVN Productions and Yash's Monster Mind Creations, a new update about the film is that Yash will soon start the shoot in Karnataka.

Confirming the same, the film's producers revealed, "Due to the lack of optimal facilities, all our big films end up being shot outside the state. Yash has long expressed that concern, and to change that, we at KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations are kickstarting the shooting of Toxic in Karnataka. We have already erected massive sets, creating many job opportunities and avenues for people at ground level, technicians and budding talent in the state. We are working towards making a film of global potential." "As producers, we had options from various locations in India and abroad. The film has onboard actors and technicians from multiple industries, even international talent, and setting up a base there would have been more economical. However, Yash and KVN took the initiative to establish Toxic HQ in Karnataka before we shoot parts of the film in locations elsewhere, and showcase the tremendous potential of our people," the statement added.

# "My heart is pounding with bazillion emotions": Mrunal Thakur ahead of 'Family Star' release



**M**runal Thakur, who is gearing up for the release of her next Telugu film 'Family Star' opposite Vijay Deverokonda, has shared pictures from a recent promotional event that took place in Hyderabad.

Mrunal on Tuesday took to her Instagram account to share lovely pictures with Vijay Deverokonda from the event.

Mrunal captioned the picture with a note that read, "Had such a wonderful time at the pre-release event yesterday. As we get closer and closer to the release my heart is pounding with bazillion emotions..."

"...but all in all I'm so so excited to finally share our lovely film with you all."

A hearty thanks to the Telugu media for always making me feel so welcome. This film is for all those heroes who wear an imaginary cape and are always there for you no matter what. This film is an ode to all the stars of our families and our hearts," the actress added.

Mrunal Thakur looked stunning in an ivory kurta set. The quarter-sleeved kurta had delicate gold embellishments on the neckline, hem, and sleeves. She paired it with straight-fit pants of the same colour.

She draped an ivory net dupatta with gold embroidery over her shoulders. Completing the look with large chandbais, white juttis, and dewy makeup, including nude glossy lips, Kohl-rimmed eyes, and a small bindi. Her loose curls framed her face.

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

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



# Dilan De Rishtey: Will Sartaj Win Keerat's Heart? Tune in for a Romantic Proposal!



**L**ove is in the air on the latest episode of "Dilan De Rishtey"! Get ready for a heartwarming proposal as Sartaj gathers his courage to confess his feelings to Keerat.

In the upcoming episode of "Dilan De Rishtey," Sartaj opens up to Gurman about his feelings for Keerat, seeking her assistance. With sincerity, he shares his emotions, hoping for guidance in expressing his love. Today the viewers will witness how Sartaj proposes to Keerat.

Will Kirat say yes to Sartaj's proposal or not? Will Sartaj be able to express his feelings to Keerat with Gurman's support? Don't miss the special episode of "Dilan de Rishtey" every Monday-Sat. at 7:30 p.m. exclusively on Zee Punjabi Channel.

# A nostalgic ride awaits as the Awasthi family is back with Yeh Family Season 3 only on Amazon miniTV



**N**EW DELHI : Amazon miniTV - Amazon's free video streaming service on the Amazon shopping app, Playstore and Fire TV, today unveiled the endearing trailer for the third season of its family drama - TVF's Yeh Meri Family. Set in the spring of 1995, the third season promises to take audiences down a heart-warming memory lane with the Awasthi family as they bring to life the story of a typical Indian household. Looking at the world through the eyes of Rishi, (portrayed by Anngad Raaj), an 11-year-old mischievous boy with a heart as big as his dreams, this season will feature Juhi Parmar, Rajesh Kumar and Hetal Gada in pivotal roles.

As the Awasthi family navigates the intricacies of life, the trailer takes you back in time to the spring of the 90s. It evokes nostalgia for the good old days and unbreakable friendships, with every moment beautifully blending warmth, humor, and nostalgia. When waking up to the loud alarm clocks and winning over a fun banter with your sibling was your biggest flex. The trailer demonstrates how idyllic and simple life was in the era, with a close-knit family unit. It offers a preview of the show's plot, from the playful banter between Rishi and Riitka to the persistent nagging of their parents. Focusing on realistic scenes and emotions, the trailer of Yeh Meri Family is a heartfelt journey for viewers, brimming with bittersweet memories of "kuch khatti-kuch meethi." Juhi Parmar, who plays the character of Neeraj shared her thoughts on the series, "I believe that people nowadays are looking for relatable storylines and characters, and Yeh Meri Family is one such show that evokes a variety of emotions. Blending a compelling plot with 90s nostalgia, the show is heavy on emotions and circumstances that we have all experienced. Considering the overwhelming support, we received from viewers for the past seasons, we are thrilled to announce the third season."

# Parineeti Chopra shares BTS clip with Diljit Dosanjh and Imtiaz Ali, leaves fans excited



**A**ctor Parineeti Chopra who is currently gearing up for the release of her much-awaited film, 'Amar Singh Chamkila' opposite Punjabi singer-turned-actor Diljit Dosanjh yet again dropped a BTS video with Diljit Dosanjh and Imtiaz Ali.

The 'Ishaqzaade' actress on Tuesday posted a BTS video on her Instagram, offering fans a glimpse into the making of her character, Amarjot, for the film.

In the video, the actress can be seen undergoing a physical transformation for her role in the film. The actress also appears joyful and is captured dancing and enjoying herself while preparing for her scenes during the shooting of the biographical movie.

Sharing the video on social media, the actress wrote a caption that read, "How will I ever top this film experience? Spoiled forever. #-Chamkila."

As soon as the video was shared, fans flooded the comment section.

A fan wrote, "You have given full justice to this role @parineetichopra just look at your hardwork so proud."

Another fan commented, "Can't wait to watch you perform this special role."

While a third fan wrote, "I'm eagerly waiting for it! Promises to be a blockbuster for sure."

Helmed by Imtiaz Ali, 'Amar Singh Chamkila' presents the untold true story of Punjab's original rockstar of the masses, who emerged from the shadows of poverty and rose to the heights of popularity in the 80s due to the sheer power of his music, angering many along the way, which finally led to his assassination at the young age of 27.

Diljit Dosanjh portrays 'Chamkila', the top-selling artist of his era, who rose from poverty to immense fame in the 1980s through his powerful music.

Makers recently unveiled the film's trailer. The trailer shows a young man (Diljit Dosanjh) from a Punjab village invited to perform at a local event. Despite his objections to being called Chamkila, he decides to proceed. Surprisingly, his music enralls the village, especially the women, although some criticize the provocative lyrics. Eventually, he joins forces with singer Amarjot Kaur.