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NEWS BRIEFS

With three more names, Congress has declared all Lok Sabha candidates in Madhya Pradesh

BHOPAL : The Congress on Saturday declared three more candidates for Lok Sabha elections in the Madhya Pradesh election and has now declared candidates on all seats it is contesting in the state. The party has fielded Satyapal Singh Sikanwar (Neetu) from Morena parliamentary seat, Praveen Pathak from Gwalior and Narendra Patel from Khandwa. Praveen Pathak expressed confidence that the results will be positive. "People of Gwalior and Congress workers have kept patience. Today, all Congress workers of Gwalior have received the result of their patience. I have full faith that the results from Gwalior will be positive," Pathak told a news agency. Answering a query, Pathak said there is no dearth of issues. "There is no lack of issues in Gwalior. The region is continuously lagging behind and the youth have to wander and go out for employment. Gwalior has been suffering for the last several years, we will bring it out of it."

Satyapal Singh Sikanwar conveyed gratitude to the party for the ticket and said that he will contest the election with full strength to ensure the victory of the party. Madhya Pradesh has 29 parliamentary seats and Congress party is contesting elections on 28 seats in the state.

Fire erupts at hostel of Nair Hospital in Mumbai, none injured

MUMBAI : A fire broke out at the hostel of Nair Hospital in Mumbai on Saturday, an official said. The Mumbai Fire Brigade reached the spot as soon as the incident was reported, with four fire brigade vehicles to control and contain the fire, an official said. There have been no reports of any casualties or injuries from the incident, an official said. The Mumbai Fire Brigade reported that the fire was contained to the electric wiring, installation, bed, wooden cupboard, books, documents, and clothes.

Former AAP Minister moves Delhi HC for removal of Arvind Kejriwal from CM post

NEW DELHI : Former Aam Aadmi Party Minister Sandeep Kumar has filed a petition in the Delhi High Court for the removal of Arvind Kejriwal from holding the post of Chief Minister. The petition claims a writ of quo-warranto against Arvind Kejriwal, alleging that he has incurred the incapacity to hold the office of the Chief Minister of Delhi after his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in Excise Policy. The petition is scheduled to be heard on April 8, 2024, by the bench of Justice Subramonium Prasad of Delhi High Court. The former MLA from Sultanpur Mazra stated that Arvind Kejriwal, while lodged in jail, has incurred an incapacity to carry out his constitutional obligations and functions under Articles 239AA (4), 167(b) and (c) and provide to sub-section (4) of Section 14 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and hence he can no longer function as the Chief Minister of Delhi. The plea further stated that the Chief Minister, while in jail, prevents the Lieutenant Governor from exercising his Constitutional obligations and functions under article 167 (c).

Aam Aadmi Party launches campaign ‘Zulm ka Jawab Vote’

Get ready for Mission 13-0: Mann to volunteers at meetings in Moga and Jalandhar



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 6

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, blowing the election campaign bugle loudly, reached Moga and Jalandhar, on Saturday, to meet Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers and volunteers and asked them to get ready for winning all 13 seats in Punjab in upcoming LS polls.

Bhagwant Mann thanked the AAP workers and volunteers for their love, trust and hard work and said that the fate of a party, state and the country is in the hands of the volunteers who work tirelessly. He talked in detail with the volunteers of the party about the Lok Sabha elections and said that the volunteers should get ready as the party will win all 13 seats in Punjab. He said that the AAP candidate from Faridkot is Karamjit Singh Anmol who came from a poor family but touched heights with his hard work. His life was full of struggles but he achieved success.

AAP's national secretary and MP Rajya Sabha Dr Sandeep Pathak, AAP Punjab Working President Principal Budh Ram, Minister and Lok Sabha Candidate Gurmeet Meet Heyar, Minister and Lok Sabha Candidate Gurmeet Singh Khudian, Lok Sabha Candidate from Faridkot Karamjit Singh Anmol and Chairman (Mandi

Board) Harchand Singh Barsat were also present in the meeting at Moga. In Jalandhar, apart from them, minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, minister Lalji Singh Bhullar, AAP candidate Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal, minister Lalchand Kataruchakk, General Secretary Punjab Jagroop Singh Sekhwan, minister Anmol Gagan Maan, minister Balkar Singh, AAP candidate from Anandpur Sahib Malvinder Kang, AAP candidate from Fatehgarh Sahib Gurpreet Singh GP, minister Harbhajan Singh ETO, minister Bram Shanker Jimpa and other MLAs were also present.

Addressing the volunteers Mann welcomed the people of this revolutionary and sacred land who came to attend this meeting. He said that he said that he left Chandigarh at 10 AM but reached Moga at 2 PM because on the way at many places his convoy was stopped by the people to share their love, regard and blessings. He said that the people were so happy and in awe that a CM was stopping like this just to meet them. I stopped at 8 to 10 places and heard the same things from the people. They said that what we did in 2 years the parties did not in 70 years.

He added that today someone told him that 4 people got government jobs in his village without any recommendation or bribe. A person told me canal water

reached his fields after 25 years. Another person told me his wheat crop is ready to harvest and it is the first season that he didn't have to go to fields at night to water the crop. Farmers got sufficient electricity in day hours for irrigation. A person told me that when the first electricity bill came to zero he thought it would be for 2-4 months but since 600 units of free electricity he is getting zero electricity bills only. I met a milkman who said that earlier people used to settle their accounts after three-four months and suddenly they started paying him every month, and people told him that zero electricity bills have lightened their financial burdens.

Mann continued that people are getting ration at their homes, people are able to access government services like registry and documentation at their door steps. He said that we don't have to pay anyone to hear the slogans like 'Modi-Modi', but we work in such a manner that people chant our slogans from their hearts. During the 2020 elections, Modi was doing a rally in Ramlila Ground and we were watching, I told Arvind Kejriwal to get ready to take oath, we will win because from the way the people were raising slogans it was clear that they will not vote for him, they had been brought on daily wages. The way Punjabis raise slogans tells in which direction

the wind is blowing.

Bhagwant Mann said that the BJP got the misconception that if Kejriwal is put in jail, the Aam Aadmi Party will end, they do not know that Arvind Kejriwal is not the name of a person, Arvind Kejriwal is a thought. You can arrest a person and put him in jail but how can you imprison his idea? They don't know that this party is in Punjab and Punjab is the land of rivers and rivers make their own paths. Our ancestors fought for freedom, we are the heirs of the martyrs. We are ones who can fight for our freedom then we can fight to save our democracy and constitution too. So, the BJP should not live under any misconception that they will imprison our leader and can stop us. Arvind Kejriwal made this party out of a movement. Arvind Kejriwal made people of common background leaders and chairman. Dynast politicians act as they have exclusive access to big posts and politics. Mann said that the work started from Delhi and the same voice reached Punjab, today there are 92 MLAs in Punjab and out of 92, 80 were first time MLAs, all belonging to common families. The opposition parties are complaining about how the common people reached assembly. In Sultanpur Lodhi, a vegetable cart vendor was appointed as the chairman of the market committee and he found when the media



reached him to interview. Mann said that he is aware of every volunteer and worker who has been working for the party. Some are given responsibilities in party organisation and government and the rest will be given the chance to serve people too. Governments run out of people but never out of posts, everyone will get the opportunity to work. The Aam Aadmi Party gives platform and opportunity to everyone and now the common people believe that they can become leaders and chairpersons too.

To volunteers Mann said that there are sometimes issues in the family but for the time being we should look beyond them and get united to win by 13-0. I am the head of the family and I always stand with you. The People made me the Chief Minister, asked for this job and I am not doing any favour to anyone by doing this work. When I sign a file I think how it will look on my volunteers, any decision that will put my volunteers into pickle cannot be pro-people or pro-Punjab. But now you can walk in your villages and towns comfortably because your government made zero electricity bills possible, gave 43,000 government jobs, regularised temporary and contract based employees, started Teerath Yatra Scheme, door step delivery is ensured and bought a thermal power plant.

Congress' Abhishek Singhvi moves Himachal HC challenging 'draw of lots' rule in RS elections

SHIMLA, APRIL 6

Senior Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi filed a petition in Himachal Pradesh High Court on Saturday challenging the 'Draw of Lots' rule in Rajya Sabha elections.

On February 27 this year, Singhvi lost to BJP's Harsh Mahajan though both got equal votes with 34-34 each. But Mahajan won in the draw of lots in accordance with the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961. In his petition, Singhvi challenged the fundamental question of winning and losing through the draw of lots. "A petition has been filed which raises the basic fundamental question that it is defined common sense to think that the name picked out in the draw of lots becomes the loser. It defines average intelligence and in the normal practice even in children's games that a name picked up wins and doesn't become the loser, strangely Section 65 defines that the name picked up becomes the loser where as on the contrary the named picked up wins, it is applied to the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections but for Rajyasabha it is strangely different. Understanding of Rule 81 is applied that between two or more tie, if you picked out, loses," Singhvi told ANI after filing his petition at the Himachal High Court. "Why is it wrong that the rule defies common sense, secondly the interpretation of rule applied is intended only when you are three or more persons, if you want to exclude one of them the name picked out will be excluded one that can't apply when there are only two people the name picked out certainly wins.

Cong manifesto promises "unimplementable", will put burden on Budget: Sitharaman

SHASHI PAL JAIN
NEW DELHI, APRIL 6

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday took potshots at the Congress, saying that its 'guarantee' promises in Karnataka had put burden on developmental activities besides hurting the state budget. Also, the Lok Sabha manifesto of the Congress party is non-implementable, she added.

"The promises made by the Congress in their manifesto are unimplementable and there will be budget deficit. There would be lack of funds to implement those," she told reporters in Bengaluru.

"Do you a vision for this country? Do you have a hope about how technology and education can help our youth," she asked. Congress released its manifesto for Lok Sabha polls on Friday.

Sitharaman alleged that Congress

makes promises just for the sake of it and termed the promises as handouts.

"They haven't got a clear idea of how to give a politically viable alternative to prime minister Modi. Their simple agenda is to remove prime minister from his post and 'we will come back, but who's we they are not sure about'," she said, targeting the opposition INDIA bloc.

Sitharaman targeted the Congress government in Karnataka.

"First of all, I want them (Karnataka government) to say why in May 2023, four projects totaling Rs 20,000 crores, were stopped? Why is 'Jal Jeevan Mission' which is bringing drinking water to every house not being encouraged? They don't want to do it (avail the benefits of the Centre's programme) and that is why I was very fascinated by the comment which I think Deputy Chief



Minister DK Shivakumar has made that he will now, in the context of all the water shortages and everything else happening, he will invest and focus more on irrigation projects rather than building roads," she said.

"So it's a conceding of a point by the state's own deputy chief minister. So it is not Centre giving fund or not. You don't put it in the right hand. You

stop it in May 2023 and then after the year you say no, I will put it all for irrigation. Now they have accepted their own bad planning or you started in one direction, you are going in a different direction. The central government is continuing with its 'Jal Jeevan Mission' as much as all the commitments which are given for irrigation as well," she added.

Congress made a slew of promises to various sections of society in its manifesto including a legal guarantee for MSP, raising the minimum daily wage under MGNREGA to Rs 400, a confirmed first job and an annual stipend of Rs 1 lakh to educated youth, an assistance worth Rs 1 lakh annually to a woman from poor families, among others.

PM Modi holds roadshow in Ghaziabad

AGENCY
GHAZIABAD, APRIL 6

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a roadshow in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad on Saturday as part of the BJP's election campaign for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

People in large numbers gathered to witness the roadshow on both sides of the road and showered petals on Prime Minister Modi. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was also present during the roadshow. The country's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh, sends the maximum number of members to the Lok Sabha, at 80, will poll for the Lower House across seven phases, starting April 19.

The Ghaziabad seat will witness a triangular contest. The BJP has declared Atul Garg as its candidate from



the Ghaziabad constituency after Union Minister and the sitting BJP MP from Ghaziabad, Gen (ret'd) VK Singh, withdrew himself from the fray for the Lok Sabha polls. He is set to face the INDIA bloc candidate and Congress leader Dolly Sharma, while the Bahujan Samaj Party has fielded Nand Kishore Pundir. Ghaziabad will poll for

the Lok Sabha on April 26, in the second of the seven-phased elections. The votes will be counted on June 4. Earlier today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched an attack on Congress and said that the party's manifesto is a "bundle of lies" and every page of the document reeks of attempts to "tear India apart." The Congress mani-

fest was released at the party headquarters by party leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi on Friday. Addressing a rally in Rajasthan's Ajmer, the Prime Minister said that the manifesto reflects that the thinking of the Congress resembles that of the 'Muslim League' during the pre-Independence period.

J-K: Shrine Board adds robust health care accessibility on Vaishno Devi track Katra

AGENCY
KATRA, APRIL 6

To provide good and easily accessible health care services to the pilgrims visiting the holy shrine, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board on Saturday inked a Memorandum of Understanding for the installation of nine numbers cloud-enabled state-of-the-art Health ATMs along the revered Vaishno Devi pilgrimage track and one number Telemedicine Studio at Katra. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) is committed to providing good and easily accessible health care services to the pilgrims visiting the holy shrine.

In the endeavour, the Shrine Board has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hewlett Packard Enterprise India Private Limited (HPEIPL) and Hewlett Packard (India) Software Operation Private Limited (HPISO) both entities of Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) for the installation of nine numbers cloud-enabled state-of-the-art Health ATMs along the revered Vaishno Devi pilgrimage track and one number Telemedicine Studio at Katra, said an official release.

This initiative is being undertaken by the Shrine Board as per the directions of Manoj Sinha, (Lt. Governor, JK-UT) Chairman, Shri

Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in collaboration with HPE as part of its CSR to enhance Health Care accessibility for the pilgrims, stakeholders, besides, local inhabitants on the yatra track round the clock. In addition, the installation of one Telemedicine Studio at Katra shall bridge the gap and enhance patient outcomes by enabling seamless virtual consultations between pilgrims and healthcare care providers through high-definition video conferencing, regardless of geographic barriers. This initiative of the Shrine Board provides innovative platforms to the pilgrims as well as the general public of the region by facilitating not only primary care consultations but also speciality consultations by medical experts. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board inked a Memorandum of Understanding with Rajesh Dhar, Senior Director, Industry Verticals Sales in the presence of Sushil Bhatia, Head, CSR, HPEIPL at Central Office, SMVDSB, Katra.

The CEO of SMVDSB said that the installation of Health ATMs at Medical Units located at the main sectors of the Yatra track shall be equipped with cutting-edge medical technology and linked with RFID to ensure services are being provided to data-fetched pilgrims only.

"EASY VISA" Celebrated Success of 2225+ Visas in 2024 with Easy Visa Successful Clients

CHANDIGARH: Easyvisa Education Consultants Pvt Ltd and Team Celebrated this successful event with their successful clients who recently received the approvals and visas from the concerned embassy. Do you still believe that the Canadian Embassy is issuing no visas? You're probably wrong because the Punjab Government company EASY VISA License No. 1485/MC-6/MA/JAL recently had a remarkable success, acquiring 2225 visas from 1st Jan. to 5th April 2024, with the help of file-making expertise and guidance offered to their clients. To share the joy of this great success achieved by the company, EASY VISA organised an event in the Ludhiana office where they spoke about their accomplishments and their confidence that the business will reach even greater heights of success in 2024. In the future talking about these successes, they celebrated this special and great achievement with their employees and their successful clients who recently got the visa approval & stamped visa passports from the concerned embassy and they handed over the same to the clients.

Exciting Matches Mark Day Three of JCPL-5 Tournament



MANISH KUMAR AMBALA: JCPL-5, in collaboration with the PKR Jain Group of Institutions, is being organized by Shri Mani Bhadra Veer Young Society, Secretary Sanket Jain provided details of the tournament, stating that this season features 8 teams and 104 players. The games will be held at PKR, Jain Vatika from April 4th to April 7th. Participating teams include SS Superkings, The Champions, Mahavir Ke Deswane, The Hustlers, Ganga Om Arun Lions, Novelty Fighters, The Golden Eagles, and Rising Stars. At this event, Society President Lav Jain, along with Chairman Bhavik Jain, Vice President Bharat Jain, Secretary Sanket Jain, Treasurer Vikul Jain, Joint Secretary Navayam Jain, and members Karun Jain, Manan Jain, Aman Jain, Sukant Jain, Punit Jain, Samarth Jain, and others were present. The first match was played between Ganga Om Arun Lions and Mahavir Ke Deswane, with Ganga Om Arun Lions emerging victorious. The second match between The Hustlers and The Golden Eagles saw The Hustlers securing a win. The third match saw Novelty Fighters facing off against The Champions, resulting in a defeat for Novelty Fighters. The final match was played between SS Superkings and Rising Stars, with Rising Stars clinching a splendid victory.

Every Object Revered in Indian Culture: Acharya Shiv Prasad

KAPIL ARORA SHAHABAD MARKANDA: At the ongoing Shrimad Bhagwat Katha in Huda Mahadev Park organized by the Mahadev Park Committee, Acharya Shiv Prasad Upadhyay, the narrator of the story, stated on Friday evening that no comparison can be made to Indian culture. He emphasized that in Indian culture, every object dear to Lord Rama and Lord Krishna is worshipped. He pointed out that in India, trees, stones, rivers, and animals are worshipped, indicating the deeply ingrained sense of compassion among the people. According to Acharya Shiv Prasad, the worship of animals such as peepal trees, banyan trees, mango trees, rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswati, cows, bulls, and rats is unique to India. He added that the Bhagwat Katha also delivers the message to worship one's chosen deity, teacher, and parents, and serve humanity with sincerity. Before the story, the organizers, Ashutosh Garg and Sunil Bhasin, performed the ritualistic worship of the Shrimad Bhagwat scripture and congratulated Acharya Shiv Prasad Upadhyay by presenting him with a garland of flowers. Present at the event were notable figures including Napa Pradhan Gulshan Kavatra, Shubham Sahni, Jaynath Pandey, councilor Neeraj Mattu, Anshul Channa, advocate Pawan Gupta, Usha Gupta, Renu Gambhir, Om Prakash Kalra, Rajendra Bharadwaj, Dimple Gupta, Savita Bhasin, Surekha Bansal, and others.

Vi Launches 'Cloud Play' Mobile Cloud Gaming

LUDHIANA APRIL 6 : The Gaming industry has witnessed a massive growth in India on the back of mobile-first phenomenon. Industry reports suggest gaming is likely to become a billion-dollar market in the country and Cloud Gaming will be the next frontier in the world of gaming. To cater to the continuously evolving interests of consumers, leading telecom operator Vi has partnered with Paris headquartered CareGame, to launch mobile cloud gaming service - Cloud Play. Strengthening its mobile gaming proposition, 'Cloud Play' provides a varied selection of premium AAA games across various genres including action, adventure, arcade, racing, sports, & strategy. The launch catalogue includes mobile games like Asphalt 9, Modern Combat 5, Shadow Fight, Storm Blades, Riptide, Beach Buggy Racing, Gravity Rider and classics like Cut The Rope, Subway Surfers and Jetpack Joyride. There is a strong line up of games that will keep releasing in the coming weeks. Cloud Play is a subscription-based service priced @ ₹ 100 per month (₹ 104 recharge for prepaid users). Users can sample the service for free as an introductory offer before purchasing the subscription pack. Commenting on the launch of Cloud Play, Anvesh Khosla, CMO, Vodafone Idea said "We recognize the potential of the fast-evolving Gaming landscape.

Raid conducted under leadership of ACX Excise Gurdaspur



SHWETA SHARMA, SJUNANPUR: A joint raid led by ACX Excise Gurdaspur, Narinder Walla EO, Excise Police, and HP Excise Nurpur Jagdeesh Chand ACST&E Nurpur, including Vishal Thakur AST&E (E&OW), was conducted this morning in various villages bordering Kandrori, Indora, Dahkularha, and Bhojpur under the Indora constituency. Approximately 2000 liters of kachi Lahan were seized from an isolated area in Dahkularha. The seized material, including kachi Lahan and tarpaulins, was destroyed on the spot under videography. The approximate value of the destroyed laran is Rs. 120,000. In another incident, 10 liters of pakki lahan were seized from the accused - Neel Bahadur, resident of VPO Bhojpur Teh. Indora Distt. Kangra, and a case under section 39(1) of the HP Excise Act-2011 has been registered.

Woman among four held for assaulting, stripping, parading woman in Tarn Taran

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH / TARN TARAN: The Tarn Taran Police has arrested four persons including a woman for assaulting and parading a woman in a semi-naked condition in the street of village Valtoha, said Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Tarn Taran Ashwani Kapur here on Saturday.

Those arrested have been identified as Kulwinder Kaur, Gurcharan Singh and Sharanjit Singh alias Sunny, all residents of Jivan Nagar in Valtoha and Sunny of village Abadi Amarkot Amirke in Tarn Taran. The incident took place on the evening of March 31, around a month after the victim's son eloped with a woman and married her against her family's wishes. SSP Ashwani Kapur said that the victim was alone at her home Kulwinder Kaur (mother of an eloped girl) along with



Gurcharan, Sharanjit, Sunny and one unknown person came to her house to avenge the marriage and following heated arguments, they that started assaulting her

and also tore off her clothes. The video of a purported incident, wherein a woman was seen paraded, was also made viral by the accused persons, he added. He

said that further investigations are on and the remaining accused will be arrested soon.

A case FIR no 20 dated 3/4/2024 had already been registered under sections

354, 354-B, 354-D, 323 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Police Station Valtoha in Tarn Taran. Later, Police have also added sections 67 and 67-A of the IT Act in the FIR.

Shaheed Udham Singh Government College Hosts Successful Intra-College Competitions

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: The English Department of Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Matka Majri, organized an essay writing competition on April 6th, in which approximately 50 students participated with enthusiasm. The theme of the competition was "The Role of the English Language in the Modern Era." Madhu secured the first position, followed by Khushi in second place, and Ravindra in third. The objective of this competition was to highlight the importance of the English language among students. The



English Department, headed by Dr. Babita, Dr. Harish Kumar, Prof. Navin, Dr. Meenakshi Devi, Dr. Savita Rani, and Prof. Vandana Saini, were present during the event.

The judging panel consisted of Dr. Meenakshi, Professor Pooja, and Professor Navin. Additionally, the Music Department organized a "Best Out of Waste" competition, where students created musical instruments. Sneha, a second-year B.A. student, secured the first position, Prachi, also a second-year B.A. student, secured the second position, and Saloni, a second-year B.A. student, secured the third position, while Aniket, a B.A. student, secured the fourth position. Dr. Meera Kashyap and Dr. Shalini played pivotal roles in judging this competition.

Arpana Charitable Trust Organizes Awareness Camp for Differently-Abled Voters in Collaboration with Madhuban Karnal, under SVEEP programme

Mainpal Kashyap

Indri: In a bid to increase voter turnout for the Lok Sabha general elections in 2024, the district administration is implementing the SVEEP programme as per the directives of the Election Commission of India. As part of this initiative, a one-day camp was organized for differently-abled individuals in the village of Bada in collaboration with the Arpana Charitable Trust, Madhuban Karnal.

The camp aimed to educate approximately 125 differently-abled voters from various villages, including Sangohi, Kunjapura, Mahmudpur, Khirajpur, Rondoli, and Badagaon,



about the importance of exercising their voting rights. Notable officials such as the District Social Welfare Officer and Nodal Officer, Satyawan Dhilaud, Electoral Tahsildar Jaiveer, NGO HOD Ish Bhatnagar and Shivasa participated actively in the event.

Tahsildar provided detailed information on the voting procedure, especially for those who cannot travel to polling booths and those aged 85 and above, enabling them to vote from home.

Shivasa, another official present at the camp, emphasized the importance of actively participating in the democratic process and urged differently-abled individuals to exercise their voting rights. He commended the continuous efforts of the Arpana Research and Charities Trust, Madhuban Karnal, over the past 13 years in fostering the development of differently-abled individuals in 50 villages across Karnal district.

Jasmeet Kaur Shares Summer Health Tips on World Health Day

CHANDIGARH: On World Health Day, Jasmeet Kaur, the talented lead actress of Zee Punjabi's hit show "Sehajveer," took the opportunity to impart valuable insights into maintaining beauty and health during summer shoots. Jasmeet also stressed the importance of protecting the skin from the harsh sun rays by using sunscreen and wearing protective clothing, along with maintaining a balanced diet consisting of fresh vegetables and lean

proteins. Jasmeet Kaur, the lead actress of Zee Punjabi's "Sehajveer," advocates for holistic wellness during summer shoots. She prioritizes hydration, consuming water-rich fruits, and protecting skin with sunscreen and protective clothing. Her balanced diet includes fresh vegetables and lean proteins. Jasmeet maintains mental and emotional well-being through yoga and meditation amidst demanding schedules.



Inderjit Goraya asserts full-fledged election Contest if given ticket from Karnal Lok Sabha Seat



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA GHARAUNDA: Senior leader of the Congress party and National Spokesperson of the Akhil Bhartiya Kisan Congress, Inderjit Singh Goraya, stated that he had applied for the party ticket from the Karnal Lok Sabha constituency, and discussions have taken place with the

party's high command regarding this matter. Goraya emphasized that if the party grants him the ticket, he will wholeheartedly contest the elections. After meeting senior leaders in Delhi and arriving in Karnal, Goraya expressed confidence in receiving support and blessings from the people of the Karnal Lok Sabha

constituency. He pledged to work diligently to secure victory on this seat by a significant margin. Goraya highlighted the eagerness of many other leaders and workers to contest the elections, which the party's high command is considering seriously. He hinted at a decision on this matter coming soon. He further mentioned the enthusiastic atmosphere among Congress workers regarding the upcoming elections, as people are inclined towards voting for change, which will undoubtedly benefit the Congress party, making the Karnal seat belong to the party.

Touchstone Educationals and IDP Host Third Annual IELTS Mega Mela in Amritsar



AMRITSAR, APRIL 6 : In a harmonious symphony of educational expertise and strategic partnership, Touchstone Educationals, revered as the premier IELTS mentor in India, in conjunction with IDP, has triumphantly executed its third annual IELTS Mega Mela on April 6, 2024, in the historic city of Amritsar. This

illustrious gathering underscored the paramountcy of the IELTS examination for individuals fervently pursuing academic, professional, and global living aspirations. The Mega Mela's crescendo was an illuminating session orchestrated by the erudite Ashima Sharma and her adept squadron comprising Deepak Prashar.

BJP Set to Lose the Elections: Inderjit Goraya predicts victory for Congress

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA GHARAUNDA: Inderjit Singh Goraya, the national spokesperson of the All India Kisan Congress and Senior Congress party member, during an interaction with journalists, claimed that the prevailing mood of the people, as observed during the "Har Ghar Congress Program" run by the Congress party, suggests an imminent defeat for the BJP in the elections. He asserted that the Congress party and its allies are poised for a significant victory in the country. Goraya stated that voters are inclined towards change this time, citing increased unemployment and skyrocketing prices during the BJP's tenure. He criticized the BJP government for failing to fulfill any promises

made during the elections, despite a decade-long rule. Goraya accused Prime Minister Modi and his party leaders of doing nothing constructive apart from criticizing the Congress party. He emphasized that such trivial actions have frustrated the public, who are now determined to respond in the elections. Goraya highlighted the disappointment among the youth, feeling betrayed by the BJP's unfulfilled promise of providing employment to two crore people annually. Similarly, the promise to double farmers' income has been exposed as a mere slogan. He blamed the Modi government's flawed economic policies for increasing the burden of debt on the country while making life difficult for the common people.



Inauguration of new academic session at Saraswati Senior Secondary School, Kurukshetra, Marked by Vedic Ritual

DALBIRMALIK KURUKSHETRA: Vinod Kaushik, District Officer for Elementary Education, urged to maximize the benefits of facilities provided by the government for students. The commencement of the new academic session at Saraswati Senior Secondary School, Kurukshetra, was marked by a Vedic ritual performed by Brahmin priests. According to the Principal, Balwan Singh, a grand entrance ceremony was organized at the school grounds, attended by all teachers, students, members of the village Panchayat, members of the School Management Committee, and parents. The event commenced with a Vedic ritual conducted by priests from

Jayram Vidyapeeth. Students, villagers, and teachers participated by offering oblations, creating a serene atmosphere. As the chief guest of the event, Vinod Kaushik, the District Elementary Education Officer of Kurukshetra, graced the occasion. He was warmly welcomed by villagers and teachers. In his address, he emphasized the importance of enrolling children in government schools to avail themselves of the excellent facilities provided by the government, thereby securing a bright future for them. Villagers extended their best wishes to the school staff for organizing the event and assured their full support in admitting more children to government schools.



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SHIV KUMAR SHARMA CHANDIGARH: The health of former Haryana CM and INLD supremo Chaudhary Omprakash Chautala suddenly deteriorated due to which he has been admitted to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram. He was having trouble breathing. He has been kept in ICU for a day. He is undergoing treatment under the supervision of Dr. Randeep Guleria. According to information received from sources, the former CM of the state was admitted to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram on Wednesday, he was having trouble breathing. Let us tell you that Om Prakash Chautala is the son of former Chief Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Haryana Chaudhary Devi Lal. He was convicted in the JBT recruitment scam in 2012 and has also served imprisonment in Tihar Jail. Presently his age is 89 years.

Respect for workers is possible only in BJP: Jagmohan Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL , APRIL 6

Bharatiya Janata Party's Kurukshetra district in-charge Shri Jagmohan Anand said that the opposition has lost their sleep due to the increasing popularity of Modi. The people of the country have strong faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party. BJP is the only party in which workers get full respect. This time too the public will break the last record and make BJP's slogan of crossing 400 come true. Jagmohan Anand, Ward No. of Karnal Municipal Corporation. 7 in DC Colony and Ward No. He was addressing the participants in the program organized on the foundation day of BJP at Basant Vihar Colony, 1. On the 44th Foundation Day of BJP, he along with all the present



workers hoisted the party flag and sent best wishes. Jagmohan Anand said that BJP is going to form the government in the country for the third time in the Lok Sabha elections. Whereas the candidate from Karnal Assembly and state Chief Minister Naib Saini and the BJP candidate from Karnal Lok

Sabha and former Chief Minister Manohar Lal will win with huge votes. Jagmohan Anand said that the way Manohar Lal ji has served the people of the state and there has been development in the state, people have come to know that Manohar is a true servant. The people of Karnal Lok Sabha will send Manohar

Lal to the Lok Sabha by making him win with a record number of votes. Manohar Lal will work to raise major issues of Karnal in the Lok Sabha. At the same time, Chief Minister Shri Nayab Saini ji will also set a record of victory from Karnal Assembly. In the program, Mandal President Sahil Madan, Vice President Mukesh Saluja, former councilor Veer Vikram Kumar, Praveen Lather, Mr. Ranbir Panchal, Ashok Dhingra, Sunil Grover, Gulshan Narang, former councilor Naveen Advocate, Vikas Mahant, Block Committee Chairman Gaurav Sourasi, Sandeep Gautam, Gulab Poswal, Harvinder, Anita Joshi, Sunita Kashyap, Rameshwar Chauhan and other workers were present.

Cong has released an election manifesto; it cannot be a bigger betrayal to country : Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, APRIL 6

Former Home and Health Minister, Sh.Anil Vij raised questions on the election manifesto released by Congress yesterday, saying, "Congress has released an election manifesto; it cannot be a bigger betrayal to the country because Congress is not contesting elections alone, it is contesting with an alliance, and none of the alliance partners have signed this manifesto." Sh. Vij, taking a dig at Congress, further said, "Congress, which had won only 40 seats in the previous Lok Sabha elections and this time too is not likely to win any, is misleading people."

Sh. Vij was answering the questions of media persons today.

The agencies is sending Arvind Kejriwal to jail; BJP has nothing to do with it - Vij

After coming out of jail, Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh has said that BJP has conspired to send Arvind Kejriwal to jail. Reacting to the question, Vij said that the agency is doing

this job, BJP has nothing to do with it, and Sanjay Singh cannot say anything in any way and cannot take the name of any party. All these actions are being carried out by the agency, the court is handling it, you (Sanjay Singh, your party) have to answer to the court.



No tax is imposed on dreaming - Vij

Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi has said that BJP has become a hub of corruption and has also said that the decision to become Prime Minister will not be mine but of the component parties of the coalition. Reacting to the question, Vij sarcastically said about Rahul Gandhi that no tax is imposed on dreaming; it's good that his (Rahul Gandhi's) work is

only happening in dreams. Along with this, Vij said that first, let's see who is sitting on their side. Rahul and Sonia are out on bail. Lalu Prasad Yadav is also with them, whose cases are ongoing, so let's see this first, then talk.

What Modi says, he does - Vij

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that corrupt people now have only two options, "jail or bail." On this, Vij said that what Modi says, he does, and gaining trust among the people is a big thing, and no leader of any party has such credibility. He said that Modi has made the system

transparent before and whoever was wrong has been sent to jail and will continue to be sent in the future.

Today is the foundation day of the BJP, a very auspicious day - Vij

He said that today is the foundation day of the BJP, and it is a very auspicious day. Vij said that BJP is a shining star for the country, whose development is reaching every sector and every individual equally.

GKB Opticals Unveils Grand Re-launch of Chandigarh Store at Nexus Elante Mall

CHANDIGARH : GKB Opticals, the esteemed national optical retail chain with over 60 years of legacy, is thrilled to announce the grand re-launch of its store at the Nexus Elante Mall in Chandigarh. On Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024, the ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the unveiling of a 1000 square feet boutique, showcasing a fusion of upscale, luxurious aesthetics with modern design elements.

GKB Opticals is synonymous with exclusivity, offering an unparalleled collection of the world's most coveted fashion eyewear brands. From Dita, Balmain, Maybach, Off White, Fendi, Chopard to TomFord our range caters to discerning individuals seeking luxury eyewear experiences. The wide product assortment positions our store as the ultimate destination for celebrity connoisseurs and fashion aficionados



alike. The re-launch event transformed into a celebration of eyewear opulence. Esteemed personalities such as Neha Rawla, Geetanjali Singh, and Ruby Singh graced the occasion, alongside VIP customers, personal stylists, and industry leaders. The

newly launched range coupled with the luxurious shopping destination promises a unique experience for buyers with an eye for quality pieces. Ms. Priyanka Gupta, Director of Brands at GKB Opticals, expressed her excitement about establishing the Chandigarh market, stating,

"We are thrilled to introduce our latest Spring/Summer collection to luxury eyewear enthusiasts in Chandigarh. The timing, just before the onset of summer and vacations, couldn't be more perfect. We aim to provide a one-of-a-kind retail experience, bringing our fashion-forward products, cutting-edge technology, and unparalleled service to the people of Chandigarh."

With a focus on seamless customer journeys, the re-launched store not only brings luxury eyewear closer to Chandigarh residents but also anticipates their summer needs. Featuring remarkable design and aesthetics, the GKB Opticals store at Nexus Elante Mall invites individuals seeking style, sophistication, and functionality in their eyewear choices.

TATA AIG Introduces 'Travel Guard Plus' – A Comprehensive Travel Insurance Solution with Enhanced Features

CHANDIGARH: TATA AIG General Insurance Company Limited, a leading general insurance provider, has launched "Travel Guard Plus", a comprehensive travel insurance product that redefines complete coverage for travellers with an array of bundle plans. TATA AIG's Travel Guard Plus has been meticulously designed to meet people's diverse travel needs with a wide range of plans where 41 different types of covers have been packaged to meet the need of customers.

TATA AIG's Travel Guard Plus provides coverage for a range of situations including Loss of Personal Baggage, Compassionate Travel / Stay Accommodation extension, Up-gradation to Business class, Personal Accident in India, and Instant Gratification that allows travellers to get instant money in case of any flight delays or cancellation on real-time basis. These

enhancements aim to elevate the overall travel experience and setting new standards in a travel protection, ensuring travellers have access to extensive coverage tailored to their needs with the ease of claims. Amongst the many product enhancements, one significant transformation is the customization of plans. Customer can choose from 3 add-on bundles – Cruise Bundle, Travel Plus Bundle, Accident Bundle which caters to cruise related contingencies, frequent flyer cover, coma cover, adventure sports cover. The plans have been customised in addition to the base plans. Moreover, the policy also provides optional assistance services which allows travellers to customize their coverage even further. Speaking about the new TATA AIG Travel Guard Plus, Mr. Saurav Jaiswal, President & Chief Operating Officer, TATA AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd. said, "At TATA AIG we are excited to announce the launch of Travel Guard Plus.

Either 22 villages be developed and provided basic rights, or this Loksabha Election they will vote for NOTA: Chandigarh Pendu Vikas Manch

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA CHANDIGARH

Enlightened citizens of 22 villages in Chandigarh held a press conference to announce non political Chandigarh Pendu Vikas Manch , and unanimously declared, "Either the 22 village residents receive suitable development and fundamental rights, otherwise this time they will opt for NOTA." The forum unanimously announced that like Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh should also implement a land pooling policy to resolve land acquisition issues.

The forum stated that the implementation of the land pooling scheme for developing the city's villages would benefit all villages. It is noteworthy that the prolonged proposal of land pooling will resolve construction issues outside the red zone in the

city's villages, which the administration currently considers illegal. The proposal will benefit the 23 villages the most, developing them similar to the city. The land pooling policy will enable the use of agricultural land for commercial purposes. The forum disclosed that approximately 3,000 acres of land



in these 23 villages are suitable for agriculture, requiring the implementation of the land pooling policy. Currently, the administration considers construction outside the red zone illegal and does not provide any facilities from the municipal corporation.

Ather Energy launches the Rizta, its family scooter on Community Day



CHANDIGARH : Ather Energy, one of India's electric scooter manufacturers, today launched its family scooter, the Rizta, at the second edition of the Ather Community Day in Bengaluru. Designed and engineered as a scooter for the entire family, the Rizta prioritizes comfort, convenience, and safety. It comes with a host of new connected

features to enhance the riding experience including features like SkidControlTM and WhatsApp on the dashboard. Competitively priced for the mass market, the Rizta starts at INR. 1,09,999 (Ex-showroom Bengaluru). The all-new Rizta will have 2 models and three variants – Rizta S and Rizta Z with a 2.9 kWh battery

and a top-end model Rizta Z with a 3.7 kWh. The 2.9 kWh variants will deliver a predicted IDC range of 123 kms and the 3.7 kWh variant will deliver 160 kms. While Ather offers the Rizta S in 3 monotone colours, the Rizta Z will be available in 7 colours which include 3 monotone and 4 dual tone colours.

Asian Paints on-boards Virat Kohli as the Brand Ambassador

JALLANDHAR: Asian Paints, India's foremost paint and décor company, proudly announces the onboarding of cricketing icon, Virat Kohli as the brand ambassador for their upcoming new launch - Neo Bharat Latex Paint.

With Neo Bharat Latex Paint, Asian Paints will revolutionize the paint category by expanding its footprint in this dynamic industry & democratize it further. Neo Bharat Latex Paint is revolutionary in every way as it comes equipped with special polymer technology that provides superior finish, higher coverage, and better washability. These "colours of progress", as is the tag line for Neo Bharat, are an ode to the millions of Indians who are in pursuit of a better life, and Asian Paints aims to partner with them in their journey. As a pioneer in the market, Asian Paints has consistently introduced innovative products that redefine standards, and Neo Bharat Latex Paint is set to galvanize the category yet again. Who better than Virat Kohli would do justice to a launch of this magnitude. Vi-



rat embodies the values and spirit of the brand reflecting Asian Paints' leadership and commitment to excellence and performance, making him the perfect face for both Asian Paints and the innovative Neo Bharat Latex Paint.

Expressing his enthusiasm for the forthcoming launch and its brand ambassador, Amit Syngle, MD & CEO, Asian Paints Ltd., said, "Our upcoming launch, Neo Bharat Latex Paint, marks one of Asian Paints' biggest moments in history, and having Virat Kohli as the face of this disruptive brand adds to our excitement.

Indeed launches AI-powered product, 'Smart Sourcing' designed to make hiring faster

BUREAU CHANDIGARH: Indeed, a global job matching and hiring platform and a subsidiary of Recruit Holdings, today announced the launch of a new AI-powered product to make the hiring process faster and simpler.

For employers, Indeed has unveiled Smart Sourcing, an AI-powered tool that enables them to source an active talent pool of nearly 300 million workers globally, based on profiles and resumes shared on Indeed. Indeed's AI-powered matching engine instantly recommends the best candidates for a job based on an individual's skills, experiences and qualifications. Employers can then quickly review matched candidates, directly connect with them, and ultimately hire faster.

A recent survey by Indeed revealed that one of the biggest challenges faced by employers is finding the right talent with the required skills. In India, 76% of employers struggle to source qualified candidates with the

necessary skills. Indeed's Smart Sourcing, powered by AI, empowers employers to find the most suitable candidate matches that align with job specifications and offers AI-generated summaries for suitable candidates.

The product's customizable, AI-generated outreach feature streamlines the process of contacting potential hires with personalized messages based on their resumes and job descriptions, ultimately saving time and enhancing efficiency during the hiring process. The survey also found that 83% of Indian employers feel that a hiring platform designed to enhance efficiency and save time during the hiring process is the need of the hour.

Abhishek Dhasmana, Senior Product Director at Indeed said, "At Indeed, we believe that people are at the core of any successful organization. That's why we're committed to simplifying the hiring process, not just for efficiency, but also to create a positive experience for both employers and job seekers.

Abhishek added, "We are pleased to introduce an innovative AI-powered 'Smart Sourcing' that demonstrates our commitment to revolutionizing job matching and hiring in India.

Smart Sourcing offers a plethora of benefits to employers, revolutionizing the hiring process through AI-driven technology. By effectively matching the most suitable candidates to specific job requirements, Smart Sourcing saves employers an average of 8.1 hours per week in recruiting and hiring. By instantly matching and recommending quality candidates tailored to specific job requirements, 95% of employers agree that 'Smart Sourcing' significantly reduces time-to-hire. Job searching can be a challenging journey for most job seekers. Indeed's recent survey reveals that 77% of job seekers emphasize the importance of employers understanding their preferences before reaching out to them. However, more than half of job seekers in India have been contacted for jobs that don't align with their preferences.

Seven out of ten (69%) Indian shoppers say they would happily receive product deliveries without additional packaging

CHANDIGARH : Seven out of 10 (69%) of Indian adults would be happy for items they order online to arrive without added delivery packaging, according to a study commissioned by Amazon.

The findings are released as more and more essential items – such as toilet rolls and pallets of beverage drinks – are being delivered to Indian shoppers without additional product packaging from Amazon. In India, Amazon avoids adding its own packaging by protecting eligible items with a reusable crate or tote bag. More than half (55%) of Indian shoppers surveyed said the reason they would be happy to receive online purchases without added-delivery packaging is to reduce the consumption of packaging materials.

No added packaging can mean shipments are lighter,

which leads to reduced delivery emissions per package, and means customers don't need to recycle an additional Amazon cardboard box or paper bag. Globally since 2015, Amazon has reduced the weight of outbound packaging



ing per shipment by 41% on average and eliminated over 2 million tons of packaging material.

Among the items people are happiest to receive in the manufacturer's original packaging – with just an address label added – are clothing apparel (34%), detergent (30%) and stationery (30%).

The research found that the items customers would be least happy to receive without additional packaging include contraceptive devices, haemorrhoid cream and bikini wax strips – which are product categories that Amazon already ships discreetly – as well as some high value items such as mobile phones and laptops, which are excluded from Amazon's reduced packaging programme. The research also found that one in ten Indian shoppers would be happy to have everything they order online come without added delivery packaging.

"Like us, our customers really care about reducing packaging, and we've made significant progress doing so for years," said Abhinav Singh, Vice President Operations, Amazon India. "That said, we aren't satisfied with continued reduction. Where

possible, we want to eliminate packaging altogether.

"One way we do this is by working with manufacturers to design packaging that's capable of shipping safely, without additional paper bags, envelopes or boxes from us. We've already achieved a lot, increasing the number of orders shipped to customers with no added delivery packaging in India by 83% since 2021. We are working to ship even more deliveries the same way."

Safe and tested Products selected to be shipped in product packaging have passed rigorous drop tests by Amazon, ensuring they can reach customers safely and securely without added delivery packaging – a reassuring fact for more than half (55%) of those surveyed, who said their main concern about deliveries without additional outer packaging is damage.

Vedanta debt to be divided among demerged firms in ratio of assets

CHANDIGARH : Mining conglomerate Vedanta is on track for the demerger of its key businesses, including aluminium, into separate listed companies and allocation of debt across the demerged entities would be done in proportion to their assets, sources familiar with the matter said.

Vedanta is in advanced stages of engagement with its lenders on the issue, and the process has proceeded smoothly, they said.

There is clarity about the allocation of debt across entities after the demerger. "The debt will get divided amongst the resulting demerged entities in the ratio of assets getting allocated to them as per the prescribed rules and regulations," a senior company official said at a recently concluded investor event. Citing the example of

Vedanta Aluminium, the official said the debt that would get allocated to the company would be in direct proportion to the book value of the assets held by it. This is to ensure that the transaction is tax-neutral.

Vedanta had in September last year announced the creation of demerger of metals, power, aluminium, and oil and gas businesses to unlock potential value. After the exercise, six independent verticals - Vedanta Aluminium, Vedanta Oil & Gas, Vedanta Power, Vedanta Steel and Ferrous Materials, Vedanta Base Metals and Vedanta Limited - will be created. For every share of Vedanta, shareholders will receive one share of each of the five newly listed companies.

After the demerger, the businesses of Hindustan Zinc as well as the elec-

tronics business will remain with Vedanta Limited. Immediately after obtaining the NOCs, the application will be moved to NCLT.

SBICAPs has been on board to represent lenders with respect to debt allocation and they are hopeful to obtain the NOCs at the earliest, sources said. In parallel to the demerger, Vedanta is also undertaking a deleveraging programme to cut debt at the group level by \$3 billion in the next three years, taking its net debt level below \$9 billion.

The deleveraging is expected to be funded largely by robust internal cash flows, further supported by proceeds of strategic asset sales and potential equity partnerships.

"The demerger is expected to simplify the Group's corporate structure with sector-focused

independent businesses. Each of our businesses is at a global scale hence the board decided to go for a demerger. We intend to build a corporate structure with asset ownership and entrepreneurship mind-set, where each company would chart out its growth trajectory.

"The demerger will give global investors, including sovereign wealth funds, retail investors, and strategic investors, direct investment opportunities in dedicated pure-play companies. With listed equity and self-driven management teams, the demerger would also provide individual units a platform to pursue strategic agendas more freely and better align with customers, investment cycles, and end markets," Vedanta had said in its demerger announcement.

Editorial

Manifestos have vision, but are they deliverable?

There might be healthy scepticism about the relevance of manifestos released ahead of polls. But, given the deep polarisation that has taken place in Indian polity in the last 10 years, the manifestos of the Opposition parties, including that of the Congress which came after those of the DMK and CPI(M), were bound to carry a lot of political messaging, besides somewhat fanciful commitments that may not be easy to fulfill.

Predictably, a heavy dose of ideological vision has been presented, as reflected most in the call for a national caste census as part of social justice objectives and the promise of huge commitments to the farmers like loan waivers and legal status to the Minimum Support Price programme based on M.S. Swaminathan committee recommendations (cost plus 50 percent).

The pledges being made to the farming community, no doubt laudable, are huge and the danger of such commitments breaking the bank of the Central government are not to be ignored. Of course, the cynically inclined would point out that UPA-1 and UPA-2 did little about fulfilling those criteria.

Regardless of who comes to power, anything done for the farm sector, which has offered India food security for decades, will be welcomed. How much the exchequer can afford it might be the limiting factor here rather than the will to look after those who are providers of food to millions, including the 800 million who are to receive subsidised or free rations.

The intention to raise the daily wage to the unemployed who seek subsistence as in the MNREGA scheme and the declaration to tackle unemployment are bound to resonate with the aspirational youth of India who are being choked by a bleak jobs scenario.

Where the promises become contentious is in such a premise as Rs 1 lakh per year to one woman in every household because the parties offering such doles have hardly fulfilled them even in states they rule in. For instance, Tamil Nadu is yet to hand out Rs 6,000 it promised all women affected by floods last year in just four districts.

The EVMs have been the object of suspicion, mostly among the losers. Yet it was they who made us believe that standalone EVMs are the best possible electoral innovation in striving to serve a growing electorate, now set to cross the 900 million mark in 2024.

A taste of Tibet at Nathu La and it's not chilly momos

What can be worse than Arvind Kejriwal in Tihar Jail? Err... Arvind Kejriwal out of jail. The jhaadoowala is sweeping popularity polls after the dreaded ED (worse than any secret police) declared to the Delhi HC that the incarcerated CM is "prima facie guilty" of money laundering. The ED opposed any relief and insisted on describing Mr Kejriwal as the "kingpin" and "key conspirator" of the Delhi excise scam in collusion with "Delhi ministers, AAP leaders and other persons".

Naughty Arvind! Never mind the fact that there are far, far naughtier netas running around making scads of moolah, stashing unaccounted money in secret accounts across the world, flashing their ill-gotten wealth without the slightest shame, stripping forests, destroying mangroves, denuding mountains, grabbing what they can, bagging lucrative contracts... and getting away after brazenly looting the nation. I have zero sympathy for the muffler man, mind you, he is cleverer than most. But by jailing him, a counter-culture hero has been created... a martyr in the making, a victim who is doing time like a common criminal in a cell that isn't exactly the Ritz-Carlton.

The man has been allowed a blanket from home, and meals from his own kitchen. The twist in the saga is the wife who has arrived on the scene. Sumita Kejriwal may replace her husband as CM, say political pundits, reminding one of Rabri Devi replacing Lalu Prasad Yadav as chief minister. Well... Sumita is ably running Arvind's PR campaign, reminding voters that two crore people of Delhi are standing behind him. Getting a spouse to smoothly occupy the CM's kursi sounds absurd in a democracy. It's like a stand-in actor taking on the hero's role in a blockbuster movie and hoping to create a box-office record. Let's see what



happens. Till then, I'm relishing Eggs Kejriwal at the club.

Meanwhile, sweetie pie S. Jaishankar, external affairs minister, is talking tough with the Americans and Germans, telling them to back off and not interfere in India's internal politics, calling such attempts "bad habits". He called for countries to respect "maryada" (huh?) and warned of giving it right back with a "very strong reply" if such interference continued. His show of belligerence is noteworthy, especially when it comes to China's recent attempts to rename a few places in Arunachal Pradesh, which he labelled "senseless". His advice? "By all means have your views about the world, but no country has the right to comment on another country's politics..." Umm... maybe we

should learn to practice what we preach?

My short visit to Sikkim recently was an absolute eye-opener. Sikkim is a key state in the neglected Northeast, with a population of just 6-7 lakhs. But it is attracting top retail brands, with a mushrooming of luxury hotels like the Taj Group running multiple, exquisite boutique properties. What do the ever-smiling, gentle and industrious Sikkimese people really want? For starters, they want a cleaner and healthier way of life. Sikkim is India's first and only organic state which has banned open air defecation. It is also India's third richest state by per capita income and hosts the third highest mountain on earth. With the majestic Kanchenjunga protectively looming over the tiny former kingdom, one wonders why con-

nectivity remains this backward? The nearest airport at Bagdogra is a good five hours away, through mountainous roads that frequently get blocked due to landslides. "Pahad gir gaya", said one local, while another insisted it was an unruly election rally. We were stuck in a hideous traffic snarl for a good two and a half hours. My bladder was about to burst, and my throat was parched, but I didn't dare drink any more water. Surely, more public loos and pit stops can be constructed on this busy route? A railway line is planned and there is a government-run helicopter service from Gangtok to Bagdogra, but most of the time it's a chance one takes, the weather being so unpredictable, leading to last-minute cancellations!

My main mission was to make it to Nathu La Pass, a good three-hour drive up to 14,150 feet, with a stopover at the semi-frozen, glacial Tsomgo Lake. Thanks to a very dashing Army friend (Maj. Gen. Raj Sinha, VSM, Retd, from 5th Gorkha Rifles), all it took was one phone call and I was on my way to a destination that has always been of great strategic importance. The mountain pass reopened in 2006 after being diplomatically sealed in 1962. Border tensions have been at an all-time high since the 2020 skirmishes. This was exciting! What I was not prepared for (apart from the biting minus five degrees Celsius cold and icy winds), was going eyeball to eyeball with a Chinese soldier -- no exaggeration -- the two outposts at the LAC enjoy a terrifying proximity! While I shot pictures of the tall, strapping Chinese soldier, standing less than 20 feet away on the China-controlled Tibet side, our faujis laughed at my discomfiture, saying the Chinese had returned the favour by photographing me! Okay... so now I am a part of the Chinese database! Interestingly, both sides stick to a "no drones for 2 km" agreement.

Literature & Health

Doctors caution on heat-related illness as mercury set to reach 40 degrees Celsius

As mercury is set to reach 40 degrees Celsius, doctors on Saturday advised caution on heat-related illness. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday predicted a possibility of the temperatures rising to 39 degrees Celsius in the coming week in the national capital. Various parts of the country, including Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Kerala are already facing severe heat levels.

"Be cautious. Watch for symptoms like dizziness, disorientation, or warm, wet skin. These could indicate cardiovascular distress from extreme heat," Pankaj Chaudhary - Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine, Max Hospital, Vaishali, told. "Remember, heat can be deadly, especially for vulnerable populations. Let's prioritise our well-being and adapt to these changing climate conditions," he added. Early this week, the Health Ministry held a review meeting on public health preparedness for heat-related illnesses in the country. "Timely, advance and wide awareness among people on preventive measures will hugely support in reducing the severe impact of such heat waves," said Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya, who



chaired the meeting. "Stay cool, stay safe. Remember, a little precaution goes a long way in keeping heat-related illnesses at bay," said the Health Ministry, issuing heatwave guidelines, on X.com. Meanwhile, the doctors stressed to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, even if one is not thirsty, and to opt for water or non-alcoholic, decaffeinated beverages. "As summer brings the threat of heatwaves, it's vital to protect yourself. Hydration is paramount; carry a water bottle when outdoors to regulate body temperature and prevent heat-related illnesses," Mohan Kumar Singh, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine, Marengo Asia Hospital, Gurugram, told.

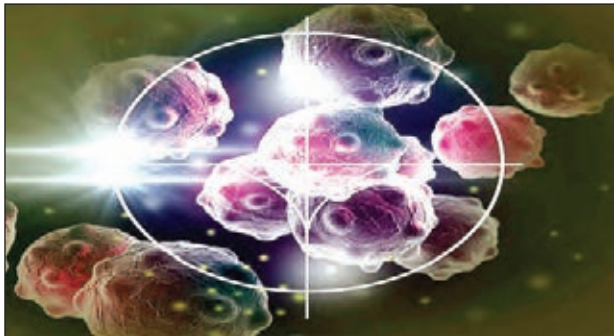
Prostate cancer cases to double between 2020 and 2040, deaths to rise by 85 per cent: Lancet study

Prostate cancer cases worldwide are projected to more than double and deaths are expected to increase by 85 per cent between 2020 and 2040, with low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) likely to bear the "overwhelming brunt" of this spike, according to The Lancet Commission on prostate cancer.

The surge in cases is "inevitable", with actual numbers likely to be much higher because of under-diagnosis and missed opportunities for data collection in LMICs, researchers said.

They said ageing populations and improving life expectancy will lead to more cases of prostate cancer in older men, and given that being 50 years or older is a risk factor, lifestyle changes and public health interventions may not be able to prevent the upcoming surge.

"As more and more men around the world live to mid-



dle and old age, there will be an inevitable rise in the number of prostate cancer cases. We know this surge in cases is coming, so we need to start planning and take action now," said lead author of the commission, Nick James, professor of prostate and bladder cancer research at The Institute of Cancer Research, London. The commission called for evidence-based interventions, including early detection and diagnosis, along with

education and awareness programmes, to help save lives from prostate cancer in the coming years. "This is especially true for low- and middle-income countries which will bear the overwhelming brunt of future cases," said James. The authors called for improving the "poor" levels of awareness in LMICs about the dangers and symptoms of metastatic prostate cancer, such as bone pain, among men and their families.

POEMS

Freedom

Freedom from fear is the freedom I claim for you my motherland! Freedom from the burden of the ages, bending your head, breaking your back, blinding your eyes to the beckoning call of the future; Freedom from the shackles of slumber wherewith you fasten yourself in night's stillness, mistrusting the star that speaks of truth's adventurous paths; freedom from the anarchy of destiny whole sails are weakly yielded to the blind uncertain winds, and the helm to a hand ever rigid and cold as death. Freedom from the insult of dwelling in a puppet's world, where movements are started through brainless wires, repeated through mindless habits, where figures wait with patience and obedience for the master of show, to be stirred into a mimicry of life.

Scotland makes 'hate' a crime J.K. Rowling will test new law

I don't hate anyone or anything. OK, that's not quite true -- I hate papaya, taste and smell!

Yes, like anyone else there are things I dislike, but hatred is an emotion that eludes me (So what about the papaya, then? --Ed)

The very concepts of civilisation and society implicitly include the provision of law. Thou shalt not... etc. Murder, assault, steal, libel... though the last one is a bit dodgy and always needs context and interpretation as murder, assault and theft don't. And even that, as Proudhon said, may be open to question as he maintained that all property is theft.

But hate? The Scottish Parliament has last week passed a law which criminalises "hate". Scotland's First Minister



Hamza Yusuf says the law against hate crimes was necessary because of the "rising tide of hatred" directed against

individuals or groups on the basis of race, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, age, size, transgender... ah, there's the rub.

Transgender! Apart from very many liberals who contend that "hate" is difficult to define and that criminalising it is necessarily subjective and could be an assault on opinion and free speech, the most publicised opponent of the new law is J.K. Rowling.

She of the Harry Potter books/universe.

There exists in the UK, as there should, a law against incitement to hate on racial or religious grounds. Of course, a court has to decide that such incitement could lead to assault or to murder. When Hamza Yusuf says that

there is a growing tide of hate, he probably takes into account the sort of threats and trolling that goes on over the Internet and on mobile phones. But the law his legislators passed needs strict interpretation and its woolly wording makes this extremely difficult. To combat this difficulty, the Scottish government has initiated online training for police officers to instruct them on interpreting the act. So far, one third of the police forces of Scotland have been subject to such training. Whether the training has been absorbed, or whether it has endowed the pupils with a strict knowledge of the limits of the act, will be as difficult to determine as the precise limits of the concept of "hate".

We do, however, have one interpreted result. J.K. Rowling lives in Ed-

inburgh. She was not in Scotland when the new law was passed but she immediately took to the social and then national media to say she would return to Scotland and defy the police to arrest her for her well-known, published and widely-trolled views in opposition to transgender men occupying women's single-sex spaces.

As the law was passed, Rowling reiterated her belief that a man claiming to be a woman should not qualify as such and be admitted to women's changing rooms. "Freedom of speech and belief are at an end in Scotland if the accurate description of biological sex is deemed criminal," she wrote.

Rowling has in the past very clearly said that gender is determined at birth, or even at conception by the trillions of

cells and the XX or XY chromosomes they contain. A man is a man and a woman is a woman and there's no ghost in the machine which is of the opposite gender or even claims to belong to a different species.

The machine is the ghost.

Rowling has in the past been threatened on social media by transgender enthusiasts and activists. These trolls could perhaps be prosecuted for threats of rape and murder under the existing laws, but the new "Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act" doesn't specify that hating someone called J.K. Rowling is an offence. Rowling herself said that if her views qualified as an offence, "I look forward to being arrested when I return to the birthplace of the Scottish Enlightenment."

A 28-year-old youth dies in a car accident in Samur Khurd

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: In a horrific car accident that occurred on Friday night in Samur Khurd, located between Unna from the police post Jol and the main Bangana road, a young man died before reaching the hospital. According to information, around 10:55 PM on Friday night, Ankit Thakur, son of Rakesh Kumar, aged 28, a resident of Daroh tehsil Bangana district Unna, was driving at high speed in car bearing registration number HP-78-2833, lost control and collided with a police barricade on the main road. As a result, the car's front portion was severely damaged, and Ankit Thakur was critically injured. Local residents rushed him to the Unna district hospital, where he died before reaching the hospital. Upon receiving information about the accident, the police reached the scene and initiated the investigation, and the body was handed over to the relatives after conducting a post-mortem. DSP Unna, Ajay Thakur, confirmed the incident and stated that the police have registered a case. Following the car accident, the police team from Jol has begun the investigation at the scene.

Special arrangements will be made for Goddess Shri Chintapurni Ji at Navratri fair



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: During the Chaitra Navratri fair at Mata Shri Chintapurni Temple, special arrangements will be in place for the convenience of people and for maintaining law and order from April 9th to April 17th. In this regard, District Magistrate Jatun Lal has issued orders utilizing the powers under Section 144. According to the issued orders, it will be strictly prohibited for any person to carry weapons during the fair, except for the deployed security personnel. Jatun Lal mentioned that during Navratri, strict action will be taken against the use of loudspeakers by anyone other than the temple trust to control noise pollution. The use of brass bands, drums, and other similar items will also be completely banned during the fair. If anyone is found carrying these items, they will be asked to deposit them at the barriers set up by the police. Additionally, the use of polythene will be completely banned, and setting up langars (community kitchens) in the open or along the roadside will not be allowed. Permission for fireworks and similar activities will also not be granted. The Deputy Commissioner stated that during the fair period, it will be mandatory for devotees to obtain tickets from the registration counters set up for darshan of Mata Shri Chintapurni Ji. Devotees without tickets will not be allowed to have darshan of Mata Shri Chintapurni Ji.

Under leadership of PM Modi, both direction and condition of country have changed: Arjun Singh



DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: On the occasion of BJP's 45th Foundation Day, former MLA Arjun Singh convened a gathering of prominent workers at his residence in Chalwara, Jawali Mandal. The event witnessed participation from thousands of BJP workers from all polling booths of the Jawali Mandal. Due to the increasing number of attendees, the tent became smaller in size. The program commenced with the lighting of a lamp before the portrait of Bharat Mata by former MLA Arjun Singh and other workers. Addressing the workers thereafter, Arjun Singh remarked that BJP has emerged as a major party worldwide due to its nationalism, development-oriented approach for the country, and concern for the welfare of the poor. In contrast, the oldest party of the country, the Congress, has shrunk to merely 40 seats at present due to its dynastic politics, selfishness, and corruption. He highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the past 10 years, both the direction and condition of the country have changed significantly.

BJP govt will soon be formed in state, opportunities for employment will increase: Ashish Sharma

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, APR 6

In the assembly constituency, MLA Ashish Sharma participated in the program organized by Bhajyumo on the occasion of the establishment day of the BJP at the gram center Bohani and the BJP office Hamirpur on Saturday. The program was chaired by Mandal President Adarsh Kant Sharma. During this, Mandal Minister Suresh Soni, gram center president Chamel Singh, Kamlesh Parmar, Purshottam Thakur, Rakesh Pathania, and other officials and workers were present. On this occasion, MLA and other officials paid floral tributes to party founders Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, and Pandit Deendayal. On this occasion, MLA Ashish Sharma said that it is his privilege to be a member of the world's largest political party, the BJP family. He wished all the workers present on the BJP's foundation day. He said that crores of people are associated with the BJP and are



contributing their full support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of a developed India. I have got the opportunity to do something for my homeland and the nation in my life, and I am fortunate to be working as a BJP worker under the strong leadership of the Prime Minister. He said that soon the BJP government will be formed in the state and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP government will be formed in the country.

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Capitalize on the wide network for Voter Awareness

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 6

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Maneesh Garg chaired a meeting of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral participation here today focusing on collaboration done by Election Commission of India (ECI) with partner departments and corporations. While addressing the senior officers, he said that the election department has taken many innovative steps under the guidance of ECI to encourage the voters to come out in greater numbers in the State. He directed the collaborating partner departments to promote voter education programs and initiatives to make the electoral process more inclusive, informative and participative by optimally



utilizing their huge infrastructure across the state. Presentations on various initiatives suggested by ECI were also showcased in the meeting. CEO emphasized the Food and civil supplies department and Civil supplies corporation on the need for more focused voter awareness programmes to educate the prospective voters by installing hoardings and banners at all Petrol Pumps and all their Fair Price Shops. Shri Garg asked

Indian Oil Corporation to install hoardings at all the 700 plus petrol pumps in the state at the earliest and also direct LPG distributors on the usage of danglers on the gas cylinders containing voter awareness messages. The Bus Stands, Railway Stations can play SVEEP-themed messages on their public announcement systems along with routine announcements, he added. He stressed on greater utilization of this wide network for spreading

awareness regarding voting in upcoming Lok Sabha and Bye-elections in Himachal Pradesh. Additional CEO Dalip Negi also gave valuable inputs during the meeting. Director Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Ram Kumar Gautam, Additional CEO Neelam Dulta, Senior officers of Food and HP State Civil Supplies Corporation, Indian Oil Corporation were also present among others in the meeting.

BJP takes lead over Congress in ticket distribution and campaigning for elections

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, APR 6

In Himachal Pradesh, though nominations for Lok Sabha's four seats and six assembly seats will begin from May 7, BJP's strategy is proving better than Congress in the electoral battle. While Congress is still waiting for tickets, BJP has finalized all tickets and started campaigning aggressively. Anurag, Dhuma, Jairam, Bindal, Satti, and Indu Goswami, as proficient speakers, have begun drawing voters' attention towards them. After defection, BJP has gained Rajendra Rana, Sudhir Sharma, Devendra Bhutto, Chaitanya Sharma, Indra Datt Lakhnapal, and Ravi Thakur, who are aggressively targeting Congress alongside self-defense. On the other hand, the crisis is not subsiding for the Congress-led majority government in the state. Now, Congress is once again in a dilemma over candidate selection for the upcoming assembly by-polls. Six leaders who defected from Congress to BJP have been given tickets by BJP. These six leaders who switched from Congress to BJP have also started election campaigning, but Congress is still pondering over whom to nominate. As soon as these six Congress dissidents joined



BJP, a wave of discontent swept over, with CM Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu and other leaders expressing their frustration. Now, some leaders from BJP are also attempting to join Congress. The name of Dr. Ramlal Markandey, who contested from NSUI, is being discussed for BJP's candidacy. Dr. Markandey has a good rapport with CM Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu. Similarly, if Rakesh Chaudhary from Dharamshala is considering joining Congress, it will raise questions. Rakesh Kalia from Gagret could also secure a Congress ticket. Currently, Congress is on a wait-and-watch policy, while BJP, as always, is adamant on astonishing and troubling Congress.

Sudhir Sharma accuses CM of selling Himachal

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 6

Sudhir Sharma, who is contesting elections from Dharamshala on BJP ticket after leaving Congress and joining BJP, has become more aggressive on state Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu. He has accused the Chief Minister of selling Himachal in a private hotel in Chandigarh. Sudhir Sharma released a video on Saturday alleging that the Chief Minister is working as Himachal for sale in a private hotel in Chandigarh. He said that on April 9 of this month, he is secretly organizing an investor meet in a private hotel in Chandigarh, in which his selected industrialists have been invited. He alleged



that at this time of elections when the election code of conduct is in place, the Chief Minister is throwing dust in the eyes of the Election Commission. He has demanded an investigation from the Election Commission and the Governor of the state, so that the truth can be revealed to

the people. He said that whenever the Chief Minister of the state goes to Chandigarh, he stays at Himachal Bhawan, but Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu is staying in private hotels. He has also demanded a CBI investigation into this entire matter. He said that the Chief Minister had given the slogan of changing the system in the state and the public is seeing what kind of system change is going on in the state. It is noteworthy that after the Chief Minister's statement that the MLAs have been sold for Rs 15 crore each, Sudhir Sharma has not only filed a defamation case against the Chief Minister but has also started making a series of allegations against him.

Convicted IAS placed under suspension by HP Government

SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh government has suspended Additional Deputy Commissioner Chamba Naveen Tanwar (IAS) after he was convicted by a Court in Uttar Pradesh and sentenced to three years imprisonment in an eight-year-old case. According to a state government spokesperson,

Naveen, a resident of Noida, Uttar Pradesh was caught while writing papers in place of Amit Singh on December 13, 2014, at a competitive examination centre in Ghaziabad for recruitment of Clerks for Banks. Naveen was then arrested by CBI but was later released on bail. In 2019, he cleared the UPSC

examination and was selected for IAS. Last month, the CBI court sentenced Naveen and six others to 3 years of rigorous imprisonment and also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 each. After being suspended, he was posted at the headquarters in Shimla Secretariat and asked to report to the Personnel Department.

Hamirpur RO takes stock of EVM strong rooms

AGENCY
HAMIRPUR, APRIL 6

Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer for Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat Amarjeet Singh on Saturday inspected the counting centre and EVM strong room of Lok Sabha elections and Assembly bypolls on the premises of Government College, Barsar. The District Election Officer, who reached the college premises along with SP Padam Chand, ADC Manesh Yadav, SDM, Badsar Assembly Constituency Election Officer Rajendra Gautam, and other officials, took stock of various arrangements related to the counting centre and EVM strong room and gave necessary directions to the officials. He said the EVMs of the polling stations falling under the Barsar assembly constituency will be kept in

Government College, Barsar, and the counting of votes will also take place here. He said all necessary arrangements have been made as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India to set up the vote counting centre and EVM strong room here. Singh also urged first time voters, youths and eldersies particularly to take full advantage of the 'Voter Helpline App', one of the popular apps of the ECI. Highlighting the many convenient features available for common voters on the Voter Helpline App, Singh added that important tasks like finding your name in the voter list, registering or deleting your name in the voter list, correcting voter details, and linking a voter ID card with an Aadhaar number or mobile number can be done sitting at home through this app. In his message about the app, he highlighted the point

that it does not store any user information and despite their extensive campaign if people especially newly eligible youth in the age group of 18-19 years have been left out from voter list, they should get their names registered also via the app till May 4. Online registration can also be done on the National Voter Service Portal (NVSP). The Hamirpur Lok Sabha seat spreads over 17 assembly segments in the districts of Una, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, and parts of Mandi and Kangra. It goes to polls on June 1 in the final phase, and the result will be declared on June 4. Singh, who is also the District Election Officer, appealed to all the left-out people to ensure that they get their names registered in the voter lists before May 4, to exercise their franchise in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and Assembly by-elections.

EVM under tight guard, DC checks security arrangements of strong room



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: EVMs and VVPATs used in Una district for the Lok Sabha elections and 2 assembly by-elections have been kept under strict surveillance by setting up strong rooms. District Election Officer, Deputy Commissioner Jatun Lal said these words while inspecting the strong room built at Sub Muhall Bagh near Truck Union in Una and Skill Development Center Palakwah in Haroli. On Friday, he closely inspected the security arrangements of the strong room in Sub Muhall Bagh and Palakwah. Jatun Lal said that the district administration is following the instructions of the Election Commission very seriously and the administration has made strict arrangements for the security of each strong room. The guarding of the strong room has been made an impenetrable security cordon. The entire contingent of the armed forces is deployed on strict surveillance of EVMs 24 hours a day. The security personnel are monitoring them with full alertness. He also talked to the security personnel and boosted their morale and instructed them not to be negligent in their duty.

Unsafe Road conditions in Barotiwala: Sewage leakage poses threat, authorities resort to unorthodox warning methods



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: Whenever any department of India works on a road or if the road deteriorates, the department puts up directional signs or safety barricades. But instead of placing directional signs or safety boards to prevent accidents in the Barotiwala area, the state departments have resorted to placing sticks in the potholes. Such a scene was witnessed in the Shivalik Nagar area. The road infrastructure in the state's major industrial area, Barotiwala, is at risk. While most of the contact roads in Barotiwala are in deplorable condition, the main roads are also in a deteriorated state. The Barotiwala road, which connects more than a thousand factories and is the busiest route of Tricity, has been in poor condition for a year. Sewage leaking from the main road before Shivalik Nagar on the Baddi-Barotiwala route has become a cause of concern for people. Due to potholes in the middle of the road, the risk of accidents here has increased. No department wants to take responsibility for this. Just before Shivalik Nagar on the Baddi-Barotiwala route, sewage is leaking from the middle of the road.

SVEEP team organizes voters' awareness drive in Kalangan for 2024 Elections

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, APR 6

Keeping in view the coming Parliametri Elections 2024, a Voters' Awareness Program was organised by Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Program SVEEP Team Nurpur during their visit to Kalangan, a distant Polling Booth in Nurpur AC 06. The campaign was taken out with the slogan 'My Vote, My Right, My Responsibility'. The team reached this distant Polling Booth under worthy guidance and directions of SDM cum ARO Nurpur Gursimar Singh. Nodal Officer for SVEEP Team Nurpur Varun Sharma encouraged the local voters to celebrate Elections as UTSAV and cast their votes keeping in view the



maximum percentage of polling at their booth. Nodal Officer Brijesh Pathania sensitized local villagers about their rights. He made them aware of various social activities to uplift the living status. Various SVEEP activities comprising of Voters' Awareness Campaigns, Rangoli and Drawing Painting

Competitions are being organised by the concerned department with a purpose to increase the percentage of voting in Nurpur region. Nodal Officer Brijesh Pathania, AVRO Kartar Singh, Booth Level Officer Ashok along with other officials Ajay Kumar, Bhupinder Singh also took part in SVEEP activity.

Nurpur MLA Ranveer Singh Nikka celebrates party's foundation day with workers

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, APR 6

Nurpur MLA Ranveer Singh Nikka celebrated the BJP party's foundation day with his workers at his office on the occasion of the party's establishment day. On this occasion, several people from the Nurpur constituency arrived at his public court with their issues and work-related concerns. Despite being in the opposition, MLA Ranveer Singh Nikka always remains eager to serve the people and address their needs. Consequently, hundreds of people visit him daily from the assembly constituency. Nurpur MLA Ranveer Singh Nikka stated that the BJP party's establishment day is being celebrated



at the office today. The foundation stone of the BJP party was laid in 1980, and since then, it has gradually grown to become the world's largest

party. He congratulated all the workers for their efforts in the growth of our party under the leadership of our top leadership. The BJP party is

working towards developing the country and eliminating family rule in the country. Those leaders who are leaving Congress and joining BJP do not agree with their policies and have faith in BJP's policies, and they see their future in BJP. That's why they are joining BJP after leaving Congress. The BJP party is a party of workers. The Congress government in Himachal Pradesh has been saying that there is no budget, no money, which is why their MLAs are leaving and joining BJP. Our top leadership's message is that the doors of the BJP party are open for the development of the country. Whoever wants to come can come. He appealed to the public to support the BJP party in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Birth anniversary of Maharishi Kashyap held



RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR: Aam Aadmi Party State Organization secretary Adarsh Pal Singh participated in the programs organized on the birth anniversary of Maharishi Kashyap in Mandoli, Rampur Khadar, Malikpur Khadar of Jagadhri Assembly as well as in more than half a dozen villages. Adarsh Pal Singh told that Maharishi Kashyap is a famous sage in Hindu mythology. He is also called Saptarishi, or "Sapta Rishi", who was the ruler of Saptaloka. Kashyapa is the follower of the sage, who is, in a way, his descendant. Sage Kashyap has importance in various texts and is considered a great man of the ancient Vedic period. Many stories of Kashyap and his descendants play an important role in Hinduism. Bhandaras are being organized by Kashyap Samaj everywhere. He congratulated Kashyap Samaj as well as the entire society on the occasion of Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti and appealed to everyone that we should always follow the words of saints and great men and protect our families.

Advocates demand completion of Sultanpur Lodhi drainage pipeline



KAMLA RANI
SULTANPUR LODHI: Advocates Gagandeep Singh Sukh and Sukhpalbir Singh Sonu Jhanduwalla have demanded in a joint statement that the work on the pipeline being laid for the drainage of rainwater in Sultanpur Lodhi should be completed soon. They said that due to the Baisakhi fair and the influx of wheat, the traffic pressure on the roads of Sultanpur Lodhi will increase; hence, it is very important to make the roads traffic-worthy. They said that at present, traffic is being affected by the laying of underground pipelines on all the roads in the city. They demand from DC Kapurthala and SDM of Sultanpur Lodhi that they pay more attention to this problem and improve the condition of the roads.

Maharishi Kashyap's birth anniversary celebrated



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: Maharishi Kashyap's birth anniversary was celebrated with great pomp and reverence in the village Makhal of the sub-division with the cooperation of the entire Kashyap community and the villagers under the chairmanship of Sarpanch representative Sohan Kashyap on Friday. A holy havan yagya was performed on this occasion.

Under SVEEP project, awareness created for use of right to vote: DC

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU: District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar under the leadership of the local Amar Ashram, a group of principals, head teachers, in-charges of middle schools, in-charges of eco-clubs working in schools and teachers of primary schools of Faridkot district conducted a one-day workshop. On this occasion District Nodal Officer SVEEP cum Sub District Education Officer Secondary Education Faridkot Pradeep Deora and Jasveer Singh Jassi Assistant District Nodal Officer Sweep in the coming elections in 2024 under the slogan Ab Ki Bar 70 Percent Par given by the Election Commission of Punjab encouraging everyone. Encouraged to exercise the right to vote. On this occasion, he said that where we cast our vote ourselves, we should continuously inspire others about the right to vote. On this occasion, he informed that senior citizens above 85 years of age can cast their vote sitting at home if they wish. On this occasion, detailed information was given about the C-Vigil app and the school heads were appealed to go to their respective schools and educate the entire staff and students about the right to vote. Deora also gave information to conduct essay speech, painting, skit play, poetry recitation, paper reading competition through ELC clubs to spread the message of the right to vote. On this occasion, Mr. Deora said that rallies will be held in the district under the sweep project in the coming days as well.

Rachna Ahuja assumes charge of Principal at Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School

BUREAU
PATHANKOT: Rachna Ahuja has taken over as Principal at Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School Mission Road Pathankot. On this occasion, President of the School Management Committee Gurmeet Singh Bhatia, Jathedar Gurdeep



Singh Gulati, Principal Massa Singh Randhawa, Satwinder Singh Bunty, Vice Principal Gurpreet Kaur and staff warmly welcomed them by presenting bouquets. Newly appointed principal Rachna Ahuja deeply thanked the school management

committee and said that they trusted me and entrusted me with the responsibility. I will do my best to take the school to greater heights by carrying it out with utmost sincerity and diligence. She also inspired the school teachers to work together as a team.

Shrine Board adds robust healthcare accessibility on Vaishno Devi track

AGENCY
KATRA, APR 6

Committed to providing good and easily accessible healthcare services to the pilgrims visiting to the Holy Shrine, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Hewlett Packard Enterprise India Private Limited (HPEIPL) and Hewlett Packard (India) Software Operation Private Limited (HPIISO), both entities of Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE), for the installation of nine numbers cloud enabled state-of-the-art Health ATMs along the revered Vaishno Devi pilgrimage track and one number Telemedicine Studio at Katra. This initiative is being undertaken by the Shrine Board as per the directions of Manoj Sinha,



Lieutenant Governor, J&K, also the Chairman of the Shrine Board in collaboration with HPE as part of its CSR to enhance Health Care accessibility for the pilgrims, stakeholders, besides, local inhabitants on the yatra track round the clock.

In addition, installation of one Telemedicine Studio at Katra shall bridge the gap

and enhance patient outcomes by enabling seamless virtual consultations between pilgrims and Health Care providers through high definition video conferencing regardless of geographic barriers. This initiative of the Shrine Board, as per the official communique, provides

platforms to the pilgrims as well as the general public of the region by facilitating not only primary care consultations but also enabling specialty consultations by the medical experts.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board inked a Memorandum of Understanding with Rajesh Dhar, Senior Director, Industry Verticals Sales in the presence of Sushil Bhatla, Head, CSR, HPEIPL at Central Office, SMVDSB, Katra.

The CEO said the installation of Health ATMs at Medical Units located at main sectors of the yatra track shall be equipped with cutting edge medical technology and linked with RFID to ensure services are being provided to data fetched pilgrims only.

In view of Lok Sabha elections, traffic police checked vehicles



BALWINDER AZAD

BARNALA DEHATI: Keeping in view the Lok Sabha elections, Inspector Jaswinder Singh Dhindsa, district in-charge of traffic police, checked the vehicles by installing a block on Tapa bypass and issued challans so that no untoward incident could happen. Speaking on this occasion, he said that keeping in view the elections, the law and order situation in the district will not be allowed to be disturbed at any cost by the district traffic police. He said that strict measures have been taken against the firing of firecrackers by youths on numberless motorcycles, scooters and bullet motorcycles so that people do not face any kind of trouble. He appealed to those people who are going to give due support to the police. So that no untoward incident can happen. He said that youths who throw firecrackers on bullet motorcycles and motorcycles without number plates will not be spared at any cost and appealed to the people in the entire Barnala district to follow the traffic rules.

Investigation begins for Rs 2.50 crore Gahri Mandi Development spent

KULJIT SINGH

JANDIALA GURU: Social worker and RTI activist Tarlochan Singh informed that about 2 years ago, he had sought information from the BDPO office Jandiala under the Right to Information Act about the money spent on development works in village Gahri Mandi, falling under Jandiala Guru block, from the year 2020 to the year 2022. In which he got the information that during this period about Rs 2.50 crore was spent on development works in village Gahri Mandi. In this matter, in the year 2022, he had given a written complaint to DC Amritsar regarding the investigation of this fund, which was handed over to AD Vikas for investigation. But this investigation remained limited to papers only because the complainant was called to the office by the ADC Vikas office, but the investigation of this matter was not done at the ground level i.e. physical verification. In which this investigation was to be done, where were the development funds released by the state and central government in village Gahri Mandi used during these years, when were the tenders floated for them Whether



utilization certificates were given for these funds or not, etc. was not investigated. Then the complainant Tarlochan Singh complained about this to the Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Mann. Now, after the order came, after about 5 months, to start this investigation, XEN of Panchayat Department Kulwant Singh, SDM Panchayat Department Baba Bakala and BDPO Jandiala along with other officials reached village Gahri Mandi to investigate the matter of use of funds. The officials who reached the spot said that this matter will be investigated impartially.

Haryana Women Commission seeks answer from Surjewala for making indecent remarks



MANISH KUMAR

AMBALA: Commenting on the statement given by Randeep Surjewala regarding film actress and BJP Lok Sabha candidate from Mathura Hema Malini, Women Commission Chairperson Renu Bhatia said that this statement of Surjewala has shown his mental state. Soon the Women's Commission will give them a notice and ask whether such language is used towards women. Haryana's Women Commission has taken cognizance of the indecent remarks made by Congress leader Randeep Surjewala on BJP MP from Mathura, Uttar Pradesh Hema Malini. The Commission has issued summons to Randeep Surjewala and sought his reply. The Commission has asked Surjewala to appear at its office in Sector-4, Panchkula at 10.30 am on April 9 to give his explanation. Along with this, the Commission has also written a letter to Congress State President Udaybhan Singh asking what action has been taken by the party. Taking suo motu cognizance, the Women's Commission said that Randeep Surjewala has used abusive language and comments towards Hema Malini (artist), which is insulting to the dignity of a woman and indecent.

Literary event organized by Adara Adbi Sanjh

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI: Literary institution Adabi Sanjh focused the readers' attention on the book "Na Dheo Na" by writer and social activist Sukhwinder Kaur Faridkot. Principal Surinder Singh Bhattal while reading the book and paper said that Sukhwinder has been successful in her mission. This book is a must read book in every family. Famous critic and scholar S. Teja Singh Tilak, while participating in the debate, criticized the flaws in the proof-reading and congratulated the author on a wonderful achievement. In the debate, Ram Sarup Sarma, Sukhpal Kaur Bath, Jagtar Bains Manjit Singh Sagar musical personality, Parsotam Pato and Dr. Balihar Singh Gobindgarh said that the author has lived her character in the book and there are no small



mistakes in front of her. Dr. Sarabjit Kaur Brar Moga started the event by cutting the ribbon. Renowned writer and stage manager Dr. Balihar Singh Gobindgarh performed the stage action successfully. Writer Sukhwinder Kaur Faridkot while speaking on the book said that we need daughters as well as sons. You have to come forward to save. Today, our society, especially the youth, are getting stuck in the swamp of sex and are withdrawing from life. The condition of the daughters

behind is beyond description. While speaking at this time, he became emotional again and again and said that if my parents had not taught me, I would have been working as a laborer somewhere today. At this time, Adara Adabi Sanjh honored the families of late journalist Chand Singh Bangar, Siv Kumar Singla Barnala and departed literary Major Singh Rajgarh and revived the memory of their comrades. Balveer Kaur Sivia, Jaswinder Kaur Daddahur, Paramjit Pappu Dhanula.

Cooperate in conducting Lok Sabha general elections in free, fair and peaceful manner: DEO

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Uttam Singh said that public places like grounds and helipads should be freely available to all the parties and candidates contesting the elections. During elections, criticism of other political parties and candidates should be limited only to their policies, programmes, past records and actions. Furthermore, the right of every individual to a peaceful and undisturbed domestic life must be fully protected. The local police authorities should be fully informed and necessary permissions regarding the time and place of the proposed meeting should be obtained well in time. He said that if there are any restrictive or prohibitory orders in force at the place of the proposed meeting, then those orders should be respected. Similarly,



permission should be obtained for the use of loudspeakers or any other such facility for the proposed meetings and police assistance should be obtained in dealing with persons creating disturbances or disorder in the meetings. He said that the time, place and route of starting and ending any procession should be finalized in advance and prior permission should be obtained from the police authorities. The route of the procession should not obstruct traffic. He said that all election officials should be cooperated to ensure free, fair, peaceful and

orderly voting. Also, all political workers engaged in elections will have to show badge or identity card. The informal identity slip issued to voters should be on plain paper and should not bear any name and symbol of the party or the name of the candidate. Further restrictions on movement of vehicles should be strictly followed during the campaign period and on the day of polling. Any complaint or problem regarding the conduct of elections should be brought to the notice of the Election Commission Supervisor, Zonal/Sector Magistrate, Chief Electoral Officer or the Election Commission of India. After the end of the election campaign period, if any person is not a voter or a contesting candidate or an election agent of a candidate, that person will have to leave the concerned constituency.

SBS Public School Surjitpura conducts Fire Safety Mock Drill

KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: SBS Public School Surjitpura conducts periodic awareness camps for children to deal with fires and emergency situations in the fields adjacent to schools. As the month of April is the harvest time, a mock drill was conducted at the school under the supervision of teachers Harjinder Singh and Kamaljit Singh to give information about the precautions to be taken during fire and how to control it. In which all the students, staff members, drivers and grade four employees of the school got detailed information about fire fighting arrangements and gave training through mock drill on how to control the fire. He told everyone how to control the fire. He said that if we get caught in the fire, then we do not need to panic but should control it very wisely or try to get out by taking a heavy cloth. When the fire is out of control, the fire department should be called immediately. During the training, the child started a fire



and controlled it using a fire extinguisher. On this occasion, school principal Kamaljit Kaur and vice principal Dr. While giving information to the children, Sanjay Kumar said that panic is not the solution to any problem, it can be solved by dealing with it and said that we can control it through the methods mentioned about fire extinguishing. can survive He said that the school prepares the children to face every adversity through various activities.

Women Voter and Young Voter awareness campaign conducted by Rotary Club Patiala Mid Town

RAKESH JINDAL

PATIALA: Today Patiala Rural Sweep Nodal Officer Narinder Singh Dhindsa organized a program for women voter awareness and youth voter awareness in coordination with Rotary Club Patiala Mid Town. The program brought together women voters and youth voters from nearby areas. In this Dr. Harjinder Singh Bedi (IAS), Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Patiala participated as the Chief Guest. Club President Ashok Roni, Secretary Narinder Singh Dhindsa and Ravinder Singh Hundal, Principal, Government Polytechnic College, Patiala were also present in this programme. More than 100 women voters and young voters from Guru Nanak Nagar, Gurbakhsh Colony, Juhar Nagar, SST Nagar and Urban Estate were present in this gathering. While addressing these voters, the chief guest appealed that every citizen must come to vote on June 1, considering their responsibility.



This strengthens democracy. He said that you should appeal to your family, your neighborhood that no voter should refrain from voting on that day. Throwing light on various initiatives taken by the Election Commission, he said that voters above 85 years of age have the facility to vote at home and more than 40 percent of disabled voters can vote at home. Apart from this, he PWD. Voters were urged to get nominated on Shaksam app.

Person engaged in illegal cultivation of poppy plants behind his house arrested

SHWETA SHARMA

SUJANPUR: According to Dhar Kalan police, they have arrested a man named Rachpal Singh from Chibbar village in Dhar Kalan for allegedly illegally cultivating poppy plants behind his house. The police, led by Inspector Gurdev Singh, raided Rachpal Singh's residence and found him cultivating poppy plants along with opium processing equipment. The police seized the cultivated poppy plants, weighing around 19 kilograms, and arrested Rachpal Singh under the NDPS Act.



Health check-up camp organized in model school



BHUPINDERJIT MAULVIWALA PATRAN: Government Model Senior Secondary School Chunagra/World Health Day was celebrated by the NSS unit under the leadership of Principal Harish Kumar. On this occasion, a health check-up camp was organized for the students. Dr. Aman Sharma, Dr. Shivani Mehta, Managing Director of Bhagwan Health Care Patran and their team participated in the camp to check the health of the students. Apart from the basic health checkup of the students in the camp, they were also sensitized about good daily food habits and cleanliness. Finally, program officer, Lavkesh Kumar thanked the entire team of Bhagwan Health Care, teachers and volunteers.

World Health Day celebrated at AIIMS Bathinda: Promoting Health and Wellness



ANIL VERMA BATHINDA: Department Of Dietetics at AIIMS Bathinda celebrated World Health Day on 5th April 2024 with a special event emphasizing the crucial role of diet and lifestyle in preventing diseases. The event, organized by the Department of Dietetics, was attended by a large gathering and highlighted the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle to combat various lifestyle disorders. The event was honored by the presence of Medical Superintendent, Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr. Moonis Mirza and Dr.K. Purushottam who both emphasized the significance of a balanced diet and regular exercise in maintaining good health. Dr.Purushottam emphasized that adopting healthy habits can significantly reduce the risk of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and other lifestyle-related diseases. The event featured talk by Dieticians Dr. Karina Bhati, Anikta and Puja Kumari. Dr Karina Bhati in her talk stressed on the benefits of Balanced Diet and including millets in daily diet, as they are rich in nutrients and have numerous health benefits.

Terrorists killed after entering Pakistan during Modi gov't: Gill

VERMA GURDASPUR: Senior leader of Punjab and National Vice President of Himalaya Pariwar Organization, Paramjit Singh Gill said that since independence, Pakistan has carried out terrorist incidents against India



many times with its nefarious intentions. But this happened for the first time when Modi government was formed and Pakistani terrorists were killed in their own homes. He said that after 2014, massive changes are being seen in the country. Today, there is a strong government in the country with strong willpower due to which from Jammu and Kashmir to Kanya Kumari, the country is completely safe from external threats. He said that it is the result of the strong will of the government at the Center that today Article 370 has been removed from Jammu and Kashmir and it has been made an integral part of India. He said that now the need of the hour is that the people occupied by Pakistan The part of Kashmir should be merged back into India and hence it is very important to bring a strong government at the center again.

MCM holds workshop on self management



CHANDIGARH: The Foreign Students Cell and Equal Opportunity Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Government College, Chamba (Himachal Pradesh) organised a workshop titled 'Self-Management for Personal Growth'. Dr. Savneet Bedi, Head, Department of Psychology, Guru Gobind Singh College for Women, Sector 26, Chandigarh, was the resource person for this workshop that aimed to develop the students' ability to manage their behaviours, thoughts, and emotions in a conscious and productive way. The expert delved into the psychological aspects of self-development, focusing on the strategies and factors influencing effective personal growth. She explained various parameters of self management such as embracing one's strengths, adapting to challenges, nurturing relationships, setting goals, understanding one's emotions, being patient and prioritising one's well-being. Over 45 students participated in the session and benefitted from it. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava appreciated the efforts of both the cells for showing the youth the path of knowing self, managing behavioural aspects, thereby leading to well-rounded individuals.

Kharar BJP celebrates 44th Foundation Day at Sri Ram Bhavan

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, APR 6

Bharatiya Janata Party Kharar today celebrated the 44th foundation day of the party at Sri Ram Bhavan Kharar. Giving information in this regard, General Secretary of the party Ram Gopal and Dr. Dhawan said that on this occasion, under the leadership of Mandal President Subhas Aggarwal and Sukhveer Rana, this Foundation Day was celebrated in which Punjab BJP Vice President Subhas Sharma, BJP Cashier Sukhwinder Singh Goldi and Protocol Secretary Khushwant Roy Giga special-ly participated.

On this occasion, Subhas Agwaral congratulated all the party workers and invited them to work hard for the victory of the party in the coming elections.

Subhas Sharma said that the party is going to win more than 400 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He asked the workers to send party candidate in Lok Sabha by winning Anandpur Sahib seat.

Sukhwinder Singh



Goldi encouraged the party workers to work hard in the coming elections with body, mind and money.

On this occasion, 5 former presidents of Kharar Mandal including Khushwant Roy

Giga, Khushi Ram Sood, Narendra Rana, Tilak Raj Chadha, Pawan Manocha were also honored. Narendra Rana, Member Punjab Pradesh State Executive and Jagdeep Aujla also spoke on

this occasion. Pravesh Bharti, Naresh Singla, Vijay Gupta, Niwas Raju, Saudagar Singh Komal, Pratibha Mishra, Sharmila Thakur, Dharmapal Sharma were also present on this occasion.

Abdullah placating anti-national forces : Chugh

VERMA GURDASPUR, APR 6

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh who is also the party incharge for J&K today took strong exception to former J&K chief minister Farooq Abdullah's comments on screening of the film, Kerala Files, on DD and the film



exposes a section of the society which has nefarious designs to ex-

carries a nationalist message which should be told to the entire nation. Chugh said like Kashmir Files, the Kerala Files also

ecute. He said the film narrates how gullible girls were being motivated by groups like ISIS to tread the anti-national path. Chugh said earlier the similar groups had raised voice against the Kashmiri Files. People like Abdullah didn't want the truth about Kashmiri Pandits to be told to the people.

27 year old young girl living in Sunny Enclave killed by her friend

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, APR 6

A 27-year-old girl named Ekta living in Sunny Enclave of Kharar was brutally murdered by her friend. According to the information received from the police in this regard, this girl lived in Ekta Bihar of Ekta Sunny Enclave and used to do a private job at Mohali.

This family shifted here almost 5 months ago. According to the police, the name of the accusedis Anash Qureshi, This girl went to a function yesterday and according to the CCTV camera came home at Sunny Enclave around 2:45 am today. After a few minutes, accused Anash



Qureshi also entered her house and around 4:30 in the morning he left the house and escaped with the deceased's car. According to the police, the accused who was travelling in the car met with an accident near Sahbad and he be-

came unconscious, and was admitted to the hospital in Sector 32 Chandigarh by the police there. Kharar DSP Karan Singh Sandhu said that as soon as he got the information, he reached the spot and took action. He said that on the statements of the deceased's brother Rohit, the police registered a case against the accused Anash Qureshi under Section 302 IPC.

He said that the accused is a resident of Moradabad and is now staying at Dadumajra and is still unconscious. He said that the deceased was killed by hitting his neck. He said that the matter is being investigated by the police. He said that only after the accused regains consciousness

DEO inspects counting centers, strong rooms

SANGRUR (SUMER GARG) : Today, District Election Officer(DEO), Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal along with SSP, Sartaj Singh Chahal inspected the strong rooms and counting centers recommended by the Assistant Returning Officers(AROs) to the Election Commission. The DEO and SSP during their visit discussed with all the AROs and Police officers present on the spot about the necessary arrangements to be required, including security arrangements in those sponsored centres. The DEO along with various AROs including, Suba Singh, Assistant Returning Officer of Vidhan Sabha Constituency 99-Lahra; Rajesh Sharma, Assistant Returning Officer of Vidhan Sabha Constituency 100-Dirba; Parmod Singla, Assistant Returning Officer of Vidhan Sabha Constituency 101-Sunam; Vidhan Sabha Constituency 107-Dhuri Returning Officer Amit Gupta and Vidhan Sabha Constituency 108-Sangrur Charanjot Singh Walia, conducted preliminary inspection at the strong rooms of the respective constituencies.



World University to host career fair on 9th April 2024

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, APR 6

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, is proud to announce the hosting of its much-anticipated "Career Fair-2024" on 9th April 2024.

This marks the fifth edition of the career fair, reaffirming the University's commitment to providing invaluable opportunities for its students. Pro- Chancellor Dr. Ajaib Singh Brar and Vice-Chancellor of the University Dr. Pritpal Singh highlighted the significance of the career fair in benefiting a maximum number of students.

They emphasized that in addition to the job fair, the University regularly organizes various placement drives for its students and nearby campuses. Last year's event witnessed an overwhelming response, with over 500 students



from 30 colleges and 15 companies' short listing about 120 students on a single day. A diverse array of esteemed companies, including Lenskart, Decathlon, Akal Academy, Oppo Mobiles, ECLerx, Hoping Minds, Cigma Feeds, Arjas Steel, YHills, Corizo Edutech, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Talent Belter, Just Dial, MWIDM India, Relinms, AU Small Finance Bank, and Paras Hospital among others, will be participating in the fair. These companies will be re-

cruiting students from various postgraduate and graduate programmes in Engineering (Computer Sciences, Biotechnology), and Food Processing Technology), Sciences, MBA, M.Com, BBA, B.Com, MCA, BCA, Agriculture, Engineering, and Diploma programmes. The Career Fair is expected to witness a significant footfall of around 700 students from more than 50 Universities and Colleges across Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh.

Justice Sehrawat connects lawyers chamber with service block



SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, APR 6

For a long time, the Advocates were facing difficulty as there was no direct passage from lawyer chambers to the service block at District Court Complex, Sector 43 UT, Chandigarh.

Therefore the bank, Advocate bar room, canteen and ADR centre, which were situated in the service block were not easily accessible.

The Advocates were raising demand of a link passage connecting the lawyers chamber with a service block. Now with the kind ini-

tiative of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajbir Sehrawat Judge, High Court of Punjab and Haryana, who is also Administrative Judge of Sessions Division Chandigarh, the construction of link passage was completed.

The link passage connecting service block with the lawyer chambers was inaugurated by Honorable Mr. Justice Rajbir Sehrawat, Judge Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh in the presence of Mr. Arunvir Vashista, District and Sessions Judge, Chandigarh and Executive, District Bar Association, Chandigarh.

BJP Jagraon celebrates 45th foundation day of party



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, APR 6

BJP Jagraon celebrated 45th foundation day of the party with great enthusiasm at Lala Jugal kishor Dharamshala Jagraon under the guidance of district president Inderalp Singh Dhalial. He elaborated on the history of party and its achievements so far. He talked about the contributions of influential leader like Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lala Kishan

Advani in success of the party and said that he takes great pride in being a part of the party that has done so much for development of the nation in a very short period of time. "PM Narendra Modi led BJP government has been serving the people of India for 10 years and took remarkable decisions including revocation of article 370, construction of Ram Mandir, CAA and several other revolutionary steps for progress of India.

"No Bag Day" observed at the unirise world school



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, APR 6

The Unirise World School organised a 'No Bag Day'-a fun day extravaganza not only to provide an entertaining and enjoyable day but allowing them to bond with their peers, participate in various activities and create lasting memories. The day was divided into various friendly matches. To begin with, there was a basketball match between the staff and the students. It was followed by a Volleyball match for the boys and then for the girls, both XI and XII

classes. Tug of War for the boys and then for the girls, for IX and X classes was a feast to the eyes. There were shouts and cheers over the whole greenfield. Also there were different races for the IV and V classes like 200 m race for boys, three Legged race for girls, Lemon-Spoon race for teachers etc. The students of I, II and III classes also participated in a plethora of activities and enjoyed a movie time too. The Chairman Mr. Rakesh Aggarwal was also present there and was all praise for arranging such an event.

15 families joins BJP under leadership of BJP candidate Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu



VERMA GURDASPUR, APR 6

A special meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party Madhopur Mandal was held in village Ranipur under the chairmanship of Mandal President Jagmohan Singh Jagga. In which mainly the party's district head Vijay Sharma and Dinesh Singh Babbu, the parliamentary candidate made by the party from Lok Sabha constituency district Gurdaspur, were mainly present.

On this occasion, about 15 families of the village, under the chairmanship of Bunty, resigned from Shiromani Akali Dal Badal's party and joined BJP. Those who held hands were Bunty Singh, Saurav Singh, Balwinder Singh, Anshu, Harsh, Akash, Abhay Singh, Sunny Kumar, Anku Singh, Tarun Kumar, Vijay Singh, Happy, Satish Kumar, Karnail Singh, Rahul, Nitish Kumar, Kushal, Rajat, Prince, Krish, Luv etc. told that after being impressed by the policies

of BJP and seeing the honesty of Dinesh Singh Babbu, today we have decided to leave Akali Dal and have joined Bharatiya Janata Party. Whereas Thakur Dinesh Singh Babbu said that all the people joining the party will be given full respect in the party. Anil Mahajan, Dipanshu Ghai, Bablu, Mahendra Singh, Rashpal Singh, Chanan Singh, Balwinder Singh, Bhupendra Singh Lal, Rinku, Pyara Lal, Suresh Kumar, Yibhishan Singh etc. were present on this occasion.

Fire broke out in buffalo yard, 2 buffaloes seriously injured, 5 died



BARNALA (KULDEEP SOOD) : 2 buffaloes have been seriously injured and 5 buffaloes have died due to an electrical spark in the buffalo shed at Handhiaya. Dera Jaggeyana at Handhiaya near Vashir Muhammad son of Murid Muhammad Hall Abad at Handhiaya, 35-40 buffaloes were kept in the paddy field and paddy straw was also kept for them to eat. In the afternoon, 5 buffaloes died and 2 buffaloes were seriously injured due to stubble fire caused by sparking of electric wires. As soon as the fire was reported, Tarsem Singh, the in-charge of the police post Handhiaya, reached with the police party. Two fire brigade vehicles reached the spot and brought the fire under control. Jaspreet Singh Bath Fire Brigade Officer, Gurminder Singh Senior Fire Officer and the team brought the fire under control. Wasir Muhammad said that due to the fire, household goods including buffaloes, cupboards, clothes and refrigerators have also been burnt. Surinderpal Singh, Veterinary Inspector of Civil Animal Hospital Handhiaya said that the injured animals are being treated. Wasir Muhammad demanded from the Deputy Commissioner Barnala that compensation should be given for the loss of buffaloes.

Jagraon police arrests 1 person with fake Indian currency

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Jagraon police has arrested one person with fake Indian currency while allegedly making efforts to circulate fake currency in the market. According to CIA staff police, the accused tried to circulate fake currency in market by selling it to customer. Police has arrested one person and nominated his other accomplice in the case. Giving more information about this, ASI Dharminder Singh said that he alongwith the police party were present at T-point Sidhwan Khurd when they received information about accused Kuldeep Singh alias Bangali son of Sadhu Singh resident of village Lande, Moga, who carries out illicit business of preparing fake currency and circulating it in market with the help of his accomplice Harbhagwan Singh alias Mithun.

"When police received information about them, accused Kuldeep Singh was present at Chownkiman Bus stand to hand over fake currency to his customer. Police reached the spot and the accused tried to escape on seeing police but we managed to arrest him," he added. Singh informed that police has recovered transparent plastic bags from accused having notes that looked like Indian currency inside them.

"On careful checking of the notes, they were found to be a copy of the Indian currency. Police has recovered 5800 rupees fake currency from the accused including 4 notes of 200, 40 notes of 100 and 100 notes of rupees 10," he added. Police nominated his accomplice Harbhagwan Singh as well and filed FIR against the accused to carry out further investigation.

Mehtiana police arrested accused of committing various crimes



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, APR 6

A press conference was held by DSP Shiv Darshan Singh in Police Line Hoshiarpur. On this occasion, station in-charge Mehtiana Inspector Usha Rani and other officers were present with him.

On this occasion, DSP Shiv Darshan Singh said that as part of the campaign launched against anti-social

criminals on the guidelines of higher officials, the accused who committed various crimes have been arrested by Mehtiana Police.

These include 4 people who robbed the ATM, while the one who extracted oil from the transformer and the fugitive have been arrested. He said that their other associates are being searched and they will also be arrested soon.

