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NEWS BRIEF

Sensex breaches 75,000-mark

MUMBAI : Benchmark equity indices hit new peaks on Tuesday with Sensex breaching the historic 75,000-mark for the first time during intra-day before ending the session marginally lower on profit-booking at higher levels. Putting a break on its record-breaking rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 58.80 points or 0.08 per cent to settle at 74,683.70. During the day, it climbed 381.78 points or 0.51 per cent to reach the all-time peak of 75,124.28. The NSE Nifty closed 23.55 points or 0.10 per cent lower at 22,642.75. During the day, it climbed 102.1 points or 0.45 per cent to hit the record peak of 22,768.40.

AAP complains against SAD chief Sukhbir Badal

CHANDIGARH : The Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday lodged a complaint with the Election Commission against Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, accusing him of violating its directions by making a child raise slogans in favour of his party during election campaigning. The complaint was submitted to Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Sabin C by an Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) delegation led by state Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema. In the complaint, Cheema alleged that Badal made the child raise slogans of 'Shiromani Akali Dal Jindabad' and 'Vote for Akali Dal' during his 'Punjab Bachao Yatra' at Raikot on April 6.

Shooter involved in killing Nanakmatta Gurudwara dera chief dies in encounter

DEHRADUN : Amarjeet Singh, alias Bittu, who shot dead Baba Tarsem Singh, the Karseva head of Nanakmatta Gurudwara in Uttarakhand's Udhampur Singh Nagar district, was killed by a team of Special Task Force and Haridwar police in an encounter on Tuesday, officials said. Bittu's other accomplice is still absconding, the police said. Police Headquarters spokesperson, Inspector General of Police Modernization (PM) Nilesh Anand Bhanu, told UNI that Amarjeet Singh, who carried a bounty of Rs 1 lakh, was killed in a police encounter under the Bhagwanpur police station area in Haridwar district early Tuesday.

Seven Nepalese nationals among eight killed in road accident in Nainital

DEHRADUN : Eight people, including seven Nepalese nationals, died when their vehicle fell into a 150-foot-deep gorge in Nainital district of Uttarakhand on Tuesday, police said. Two Nepalese nationals were injured in the accident that occurred near Bhatigat, they said. After receiving information about the accident, a State Disaster Response Team (SDRF) team rushed to the spot. The SDRF team along with locals and police personnel retrieved eight bodies. The injured were rushed to the hospital, police said. The vehicle was carrying nine Nepalese nationals, all residents of Mahendranagar. They were headed home when the accident took place.

Kejriwal to stay in jail, petition against arrest rejected

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In a massive setback to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi High Court on Tuesday dismissed his petition challenging his arrest in a money laundering case stemming from the alleged excise scam, saying there was no contravention of legal provisions.

Besides his arrest, Kejriwal, who is currently in judicial custody in Tihar jail, had also challenged his subsequent remand in Enforcement Directorate's custody, which the court said was not illegal. Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma said the Enforcement Directorate was in possession of "enough material" which led to Kejriwal's arrest, and the trial court remanded him in the custody of the agency by a well-reasoned order. "The court is of the view that the arrest of Arvind Kejriwal was not in contravention of legal provisions. The remand can't be held to be illegal," said Justice Sharma while delivering the verdict. She read out the judgement for 25 minutes and also explained



certain portions of her decision in Hindi. The court clarified that it was not dealing with Kejriwal's bail plea but his writ petition challenging the arrest on certain grounds. It emphasised that law applied equally to all and courts were concerned with constitutional morality and not political morality, apparently referring to Kejriwal and his AAP claiming that he was arrested to put his party's Lok Sabha poll campaign in jeopardy. "This court observed that political considerations and equations

Delhi CM to move SC

NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will move to the Supreme Court against the decision of the Delhi High Court dismissing the plea challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in the Excise Policy money laundering case, sources said on Tuesday. According to sources, the Aam Aadmi Party does not agree with the decision of the

Delhi High Court.

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday dismissed Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with the excise policy case and said that Kejriwal's arrest is not in contravention of Law and remand can't be termed "illegal".

CM Mann, Sanjay Singh to meet Kejriwal today

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann and party MP Sanjay Singh will meet Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday. As per sources they will visit Tihar Jail around 1 PM and will meet Kejriwal.

Ex-Union Minister Birender Singh joins Congress



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In a major boost to the Indian National Congress ahead of the Lok Sabha election, former Union Minister and BJP leader Birender Singh on Tuesday joined the party at the AICC headquarters here. The former Rajya Sabha MP joined the party along with his wife Prem Lata who represented the Uchana Kalan constituency in Haryana as an MLA. Birender Singh joined the Congress in presence former Haryana Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Bhupindra Singh Hooda, general secretaries Randeep Surjewala and Mukul Wansik, Chairman media and publicity Pawan Khara, party treasurer Ajay Maken and other party leaders. After

joining the party, the former Union Minister attacked the BJP and said that the party has not worked for the people of Haryana. "This is not just 'Ghar Wapasi' (home coming) but return on 'Vichardhara' (ideology). I am saying this because I have always followed. There are some beliefs in this country and we must follow them then only can our country become stronger," he said. Welcoming Birender Singh into the party, former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said, "Today is a joyous moment for us as we are welcoming back our family member, who is just like my elder brother to our house. Today the country needs to stand united as the democracy and the Constitution is under threat.

AAP will win all 13 seats in Punjab: Cheema

BUREAU
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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) held an important meeting, on Tuesday afternoon, to discuss Lok Sabha election strategies for Punjab. The meeting was chaired by the AAP Punjab President CM Bhagwant Mann. AAP's national secretary Dr Sandeep Pathak, two time Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh, AAP Punjab working president Principal Budh Ram, cabinet ministers and all the AAP MLAs were

present in this meeting. Talking to the press after meeting, senior AAP leader and Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that the meeting had a positive atmosphere. Mann sahab, Pathak ji and Sanjay Singh ji shared their experience with our MLAs, constituency in-charges and AAP's Lok Sabha candidates in Punjab for upcoming elections. He said that all our senior leaders shared their mantra in the meeting and told us how we are going to win all 13 seats in Punjab. He said that we talked about



propagating our policies, decisions and works in every household of Punjab. At the same time we will tell people how BJP is misusing ED and CBI to oppress the democracy in our country. Cheema said that the Aam

Aadmi Party has fulfilled four big guarantees in Punjab in just 2 years. Our major guarantee, given by our national convener Arvind Kejriwal before the 2022 Punjab assembly elections, 300 units per month free electricity to everyone, was fulfilled within a couple of months after the formation of our government. Today more than 90% of households in Punjab are getting zero electricity bills. We are constantly building Schools of Eminence and Aam Aadmi clinics. Our children are getting free world class

education and everyone has access to free health facilities at mohalla clinics. Cheema said that the Mann government bought a private thermal power plant and gave it to the people of Punjab. He continued, the Aam Aadmi Party government achieved all this in just two years. We are giving Rs 1 crore ex-gratia to the families of martyrs. We closed 14 toll plazas and reduced the financial burden of the common people. We have given more than 43000 jobs to the youth of Punjab on the basis of merit.

Tarn Taran's 'Draupadi': Punjab govt to file action taken report by April 30

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The Punjab and Haryana High Court has taken suo moto cognizance of a woman being paraded half-naked in Tarn Taran district of Punjab and issued a notice to the Bhagwant Mann-led AAP government to furnish an action-taken report by April 30. Calling out the assault on the 55-year-old woman who was stripped and paraded semi-naked after her

son eloped with and married a woman from the neighbourhood, Justice Sanjay Vashisht said it reminded him of the "Mahabharat-era cheerharan of Draupadi". "I am reminded of the historical event that had taken place during Mahabharat era - cheerharan of Draupadi at the behest of Kauravas, and the silence of the Pandavas and Bhishma Pitamah - which ultimately resulted in bloodshed of thousands in

Mahabharat war," he observed. The court also said, "A common man today does not expect that the 'judicial system' to remain a silent spectator to such events happening under the nose of the administration." Such incidents should be stopped immediately and strict action should be taken against the responsible persons, he said, referring the matter to the acting Chief Justice as a PIL.

CEC Rajiv Kumar granted 'Z' category CRPF security across India

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Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the Central government has provided prestigious 'Z' category Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) security cover to Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar across the country, sources said on Tuesday. Kumar's security was increased due to international threats, they added.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) made the decision following recent threat assessments from the Intelligence Bureau. The CRPF commandos would soon take over his security.

The extended security cover will be provided to him during his journey across the country, round the clock and at the time of his stay in Delhi and at his office. Over three dozen armed CRPF commandos will be guarding Kumar. As the custodian of free and fair elections, Rajiv Kumar faced numerous challenges and adversaries as the general elections are set to be conducted between April 19 and June 1.

The MHA took the



decision to extend Kumar 'Z' category security cover across the country, considering his visit at a time when model code of conduct is in place and he might be travelling all along entire country as per the needs. However, his commitment to ensuring the sanctity of the electoral process remained steadfast. His tireless efforts to safeguard the democratic rights of the citizens earned him both admiration and envy in equal measure. Amidst the complexities of his role, Kumar's safety became a matter of paramount importance. Recognising the inherent risks associated with his position, the MHA took the decisive move.

Adequate arrangements made for Vaishno Devi pilgrims

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Shat Chandi Maha Yagya organised by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board embarked upon at the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi amidst the serene aura of spirituality and devotion besides, the performance of other religious ceremonies on the auspicious occasion of 'Chaitra Navratra'. This sacred ritual performed at the Holy Cave Shrine spans across the nine-day long 'Chaitra Navratra' marking a significant milestone in the spiritual calendar of devotees



worldwide and is being performed to foster harmony, abundance, and good health for all of humanity. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; K. K. Sharma, Member, SMVDSB; Vikas Anand, SDM Bhawan;

other officers and staff of the Shrine Board, besides a large number of pilgrims were present on the occasion. The intricate floral arrangements, coupled with traditional motifs and embellishments, have enhanced the divine ambiance of the shrine while

evoking a sense of reverence and joy among the visiting devotees. The Shrine Board has also made elaborate arrangements as per directions of Manoj Sinha, (Lt. Governor JK-UT), Chairman SMVDSB for facilitating a large number of pilgrims who are expected to pay their obeisance at the Sanctum Sanctorum during Navratras. These arrangements include round-the-clock water and power supply all along the tracks leading to the Shrine, sanitation, medicare, and availability of special "fast related" food at the Board's Bhojanalayas. Besides, all the

routes leading to the Holy Cave Shrine are fully maintained for smooth movement of pilgrims. The illumination of the Bhawan area with attractive and colourful lights has also been done. For the ease and comfort of pilgrims, facilities like accommodation, battery-operated vehicles, passenger ropeway, and helicopter services are operating smoothly. The Shrine Board has also made arrangements for free food for the pilgrims at Tarakote Marg, Prasad Kendra at Sanjichhat, besides free Langar Sewa at Bhairon Ji. To facilitate the smooth pilgrimage of Divyang

pilgrims, the Shri Mata Vaishno devi Shrine Board is also providing free pony and battery car services to ensure their journey to the holy shrine without hindrance. Other special features of arrangements during these Navratra are bhajan and bhaint performances during morning and evening Atka Aarti by the renowned artists. CEO Shrine Board constantly reviews and monitors the regulation of Yatra along with other arrangements all along the track and in the Bhawan Area and interacts with the pilgrims enquiring about the facilities made by the Shrine Board for their facilitation.

Kitchens run by Sandeep Garg is commendable work: Dr. Vinayak



NARESH GARG LADWA: Dr. Vinayak Badoni, founder of Sri Sri Shanidham Ashram Vikas Nagar (Dehradun), was welcomed by BJP leader and social worker Sandeep Garg with a bunch of flowers when he reached the office at Ladwa Anajmandi. He said that the work being done by social worker Sandeep Garg to satisfy people's hunger by running 6 kitchens is a commendable work.

Shrimad Devi Bhagwat and Shatchandi Mahayagya inaugurated on first Navratri



NARESH GARG LADWA: The auspicious start of Shrimad Devi Bhagwat and Shatchandi Mahayagya was started from the first Navratri on Tuesday at Baba Banshi Wale Old Age Home located on Ladwa Pipli Marg. Before this, a grand procession was taken out with the help of Baba Banshi Old Age Home and all the religious and social institutions of the city, which was inaugurated by Zilla Parishad Ward No. 7 and JJP Ladwa Halika Head Jasbir Panjeta by showing the saffron flag. Ashram head Vikas Singla said that from April 9 to April 17, Shrimad Devi Bhagwat and Shatchandi Mahayagya will be organized daily from 3 to 6 pm, Bhandaras will also be organized at the same two times.

Pandit Ravi Jaitly: Worshipping Maa Brahmacharini Brings Happiness and Prosperity

KAPIL ARORA SHAHAABD MARKANDA: Pandit Ravi Jaitly, while describing the worship and blessings of Maa Brahmacharini during the second Navratri, stated that she is the source of energy flow, efficiency, and inner strength in the universe. Brahmacharini is the knower of all the knowledge of this world and the unseen world. She is depicted as a virgin wrapped in white clothing, holding an eight-petal garland in one hand and a water vessel in the other. This garland and water vessel-bearing Brahmacharini is associated with the knowledge of Durga Shashtra and Tantra-Mantra, providing her devotees with supreme knowledge. Pandit Ravi mentioned that worshipping Maa Brahmacharini is very simple and pleasing to her. If invoked with true faith, she immediately responds. This form of Maa Durga is believed to be the giver of infinite fruits. Worshipping her increases knowledge and frees one from all problems. Maa always keeps her devotees in grace and showers blessings upon them. Her blessings ensure the fulfillment of every task, bringing happiness, peace, and prosperity to the family.

Bulk SMS expenses to be added to candidate's account: DEO

KARNAL (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA) : Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Uttam Singh said that the cost of SMS sent in bulk by the candidate during campaigning in Lok Sabha general election and Karnal Assembly by-election will also be added to the account of the concerned candidate. During the election campaign period, when the district administration and the concerned Assistant Returning Officer receive information about SMS sent in bulk for alternative election campaigning, they will get an estimate of the expenditure incurred on this from the service provider and will add it to the candidate's account. He said that the Election Commission of India has issued guidelines in this regard.

According to the Commission, there will be a ban on sending bulk SMS of political nature during the period up to 48 hours before the end of the time fixed for completion of voting. During the campaign in the district, instructions have been given in the notice to all concerned mobile service providers to bring the information about such bulk SMS to the notice of the monitoring team. The Commission has also issued instructions to conduct the elections in a free, fair and peaceful process. The team will also keep a close watch on those sending objectionable SMS during the election campaign. During the investigation of objectionable SMS, the sender of the SMS will be traced and appropriate action will be taken against him as per rules.



Campaign motivating youth to participate in festival of democracy

CHANDIGARH, APR 9

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has embarked on an innovative journey to engage citizens through unique campaigns like 'Turning 18' and 'You are the One' on social media platforms, employing a tailored messaging strategy within the overarching theme of 'Chunav Ka Parv, Desh Ka Garv' and to encourage them to get their vote registered.

For voter awareness, the Election Commission is not only active in the field this time but also on social media platforms entirely. Yamunanagar District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Capt. Manoj Kumar said that the Election Commission is focused on attracting new voters this time. For youth aged 18 to 30, the Commission has given a new campaign for voting, 'You Are the One'. These youth can upload photos on social media with their inked finger and 'You Are the One' written alongside. He said that efforts are being made by



the administration to ensure that young people included in the voter list for the first time go to the polling booth and cast their vote.

He said that 'Turning 18' means that the youth now vote with responsibility in their new role and choose their favourite representative. By emphasizing the significance of voting immediately upon turning 18, the campaign seeks to inspire a sense of civic responsibility among young vot-

ers. Furthermore, infographics, highlighting the growing participation of the women electorate, especially in the age bracket of 18-30 showcases the inclusivity of India's democratic process.

The Deputy Commissioner said that for the Lok Sabha elections, a large number of youth in the district have got their voter ID cards made and got their names written in the voter list. The administration's effort is that all the youth whose new votes have been made should go to the polling booth on May 25, so that they can realize their new responsibility. Voting for the first time is a new experience for every young person and they should definitely avail it. On the occasion of the festival of elections, the Election Commission has prepared the schedule for the Lok Sabha elections on the theme of pride of the country. The Election Commission has made a new start on social media to keep voters alert against misleading news.

Anurag Kamboj appointed state co-coordinator of beneficiary cell

RADAUR (NIRMAL SAINI): BJP leader Anurag Kamboj has been appointed state co-convenor of the beneficiary cell by the Bharatiya Janata Party. Anurag has expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and cell in-charge Dr. Pawan Saini on his appointment. While giving information to the journalists, Anurag Kamboj said that BJP is the only organization in which even the smallest worker of the party is given full respect. Whatever responsibility has been given to him by the organization, he will fulfill it with full devotion and honesty.



Publicity material on Roadways buses encouraging voters: DC



PARI BAJAJ KARNAL, APR 9

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Uttam Singh said that in view of the Lok Sabha general elections, Haryana State Transport is playing an important role in making voters aware to participate in the great festival of democracy and vote as much as possible. Haryana State Transport buses origi-

nating from Karnal depot are becoming helpful in creating awareness among the voters not only of Haryana state but also of other states of the country. The Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture Department of Haryana has installed voter awareness campaign material on Haryana State Transport buses, which is easily attracting the attention of the voters and making the voters aware

about voting in large numbers on the day of voting on 25th May. He said that in order to increase the voting percentage in the Lok Sabha general elections, people are being made aware through Haryana Roadways buses plying on various routes from Karnal Bus Stand, for which as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India and the State Election Commission, information,

Khalsa College students excel in MSc Geography first semester



PARI BAJAJ KARNAL, APR 9

Students of Guru Nanak Khalsa College are creating record after record by securing merit positions in the examination of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. Principal of the college, Dr. Gurinder Singh said that in the first semester of MSc Geography, 7 out of 10 students have got merit from Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Karnal alone.

The Principal said that Jyoti, a promising college student, has secured first position in Kurukshetra University with 68.4 percent marks. Sachin, a student of the same college, stood second in the university with 67.6 per cent marks, Shubham

stood third in the university with 67.4 per cent marks, Jasmine stood fifth in the university with 66.2 per cent marks, Pragya stood eighth in the university with 63 per cent marks, Tanya Has secured ninth position in the university with 62.2 per cent marks and Pooja has secured tenth position in the university with 61.2 per cent marks. On reaching the college, Jaspreet Kaur Virk, General Secretary of the College Management Committee, greeted all the meritorious students by giving them sweets and assured them of all possible help from the college. He said that the college is touching the heights of education by setting new records every day. For this the principal, staff and students deserve congratulations.

District level Football league concludes



YAMUNANAGAR (RAJNI SONI): The two-day 7 A side district level football league organised by Yamunanagar District Football Association has concluded. In the closing ceremony, the winning teams were honoured by Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshyam Das on behalf of the District Football Association by presenting them trophies and prizes.

Former General Secretary and Senior Vice President of the Association, Surendra Mohan was also specially honoured for his services. Competition Swami Vivekananda Football Club stood first, Yamuna Mighty's Football Club stood second and DPS Yamunanagar team stood third. Fair Play Trophy was given to Dussehra Ground Football Club. Addressing the players on this occasion, MLA Ghanshyam Das said that the district The Football Association has been organising competitions for boys and girls continuously for many years, due to which last year seven players from Yamunanagar district were part of the teams representing Haryana at the national level. He said that where sports takes a person physically and mentally, Strengthens him and also inspires him to be a good citizen and work with team spirit.

Everyone should vote on 25th May, we all will cast our vote which is lifeblood of democracy: Krishna

KAITHAL (RAMAN GUPTA): District Information and Public Relations Officer Krishna Kumar said that the campaign team of the Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture Department went from village to village to motivate the voters of the district to cast their votes through folk songs and bhajans. The bhajan group is motivating and making people aware to vote 100 percent through folk songs like 25th May Nai Sabhi Nai Karni Sai Voting, Vote Hum Saare Dalange, Jo Hai Democracy Ki Jaan.... He said that under the guidance of District Election Officer and DC Prashant Panwar, various activities are being organized by the district administration under the SVEEP (Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation) campaign to make people aware about voting. While various types of competitions are being organized in schools and colleges, as part of the voter awareness campaign, artists are highlighting the importance of voting through the tunes of Dholak, Chimta and Harmonium. Apart from this, the team is also making people aware that any young man or woman who has crossed the age of 18 years and has not yet got their vote done, can get their vote done till 26th April. District Information and Public Relations Officer Krishna Kumar said that in order to truly implement the theme of the election festival, pride of the country, the district administration Kaithal.

Manohar Lal to be chief guest at Samrasta function on April 14: Chandra



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APR 9

Executive Vice Chairman and Special Contact Head of Swachh Bharat Mission, Haryana, Subhash Chandra said that the birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar is being celebrated as Harmony Day on April 14. On this occasion, a huge harmony function is being organised in the old vegetable market of Karnal. He said that state Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and former Chief Minister and Karnal Lok Sabha candidate Manohar Lal will attend the function as chief guests. There is an enthusiasm among the people regarding the function, people from every section are being invited for this function. Regarding this, Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice Chairman and Special Contact Head of Swachh Bharat

Mission, Haryana reached Darabi Line Valmiki Basti and Sadar Bazar Bhim Colony today and invited the program and along with appealing to the people to form Modi government for the third time, Dr. Appealed to reach in maximum numbers to pay homage to Bhim Rao Ambedkar. Subhash Chandra said that the Congress Party has used Dr. Saheb only for election benefits. If we talk about his respect, only Modi gave it. He said that all the prominent speakers in the program will present their views about Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar and will pay floral tributes to him. Constitution maker Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar provided rights to the deprived society: Executive Vice Chairman and Special Contact Head of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana, Subhash Chandra said that BJP is the only party which respects all the heroes, great men.

BKU Tikait Group holds meeting, resents demands before govt



PREETI RANI SADHAURA, APR 9

On Tuesday, a meeting of Bharatiya Kisan Union Tikait Group was held in Sadhaura grain market regarding their demands. This meeting was held under the chairmanship of farmer leaders Satpal Manpur, Janakraj Pando, Jasveer Pando. Some major issues were discussed in this meeting, the most important of which was that the farmers have not yet received compensation for the crops damaged due to hailstorm. Through the meeting, a demand was made from the government to provide compensation to the farmers for the damaged crops as soon as possible. If the transformers placed on the tube wells of farmers get burnt or get damaged due to any reason, the government has imposed a 10 per cent maintenance tax on them. A demand has been made to withdraw that policy from the government. And apart from this, stray animals are causing a lot of damage to the crops in the villages around Sadhaura.

Bajrang Garg source of inspiration for all: Tarlochan Singh



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APR 9

Senior spokesperson of Haryana Congress and National President of Vaishya Samaj, Bajrang Garg, who reached Karnal in the conference organised by Aggarwal Youth Organization, was welcomed by Karnal District Congress Convener Tarlochan Singh by presenting him with Siropa and a bunch of flowers. Tarlochan Singh described Bajrang Das Garg as a leader and social worker of honest and clean image and said that he has always worked to raise the voice of the society.

The interests of everyone, from the common man to the businessmen, have been voiced. Bajrang Das Garg fulfilled his duties by making politics a medium of social service. He always strives to maintain brotherhood. Involved in the joys and sorrows of businessmen across the state and stood shoulder to shoulder with them. Trilochan Singh said that we all should take inspiration from a personality like Bajrang Das Garg.

BJP govt should answer why way for youth blocked: Surjewala



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KAITHAL, APR 9

National General Secretary of Congress and Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Singh Surjewala said that under the BJP government which calls for development and employment, unemployment in Haryana and the country has reached 40 percent and the youth of 18 to 35 years The youth are risking their lives by going to foreign countries in search of employment, but the deaf and dumb Modi government is not paying any heed to it. Surjewala was addressing the meeting of youth workers organised by senior Congress leader Shweta Dul from Kalayat at Kisan Bhawan Kaithal yesterday. He said that under the BJP government which has imposed a debt of Rs 205 lakh crore on the country, now the households of the country have also been hit by record debt. A government engaged in fulfilling its selfish interests has nothing to do with the interests of the people. The increasing debt on households in the country has reached an all-time high and the GDP is increasing. Has reached 40 percent. While the financial savings of households fell to the low-level level, the G.D.P. The quantity has reduced to 5 per cent. When R.B.I. Also told that the increasing household debt of the households in the country has broken the record of 47 years, even then the Modi government had shamelessly termed the increasing debt burden on the households as development.

Film song competition based on ragas organized



INDRI (MAINPAL KASHYAP): A film song competition based on ragas was organized by the music singing department at Shaheed Udharn Singh Government College, village Matak Majri. Under which all the music singing students sang film songs in the form of Antakshari in ragas prescribed as per the syllabus like: - Bhimpalasi Yaman, Bihag, Bhairavi, Bhairav, Kedar, Khamaj. Through this competition, students learned how the songs of films are connected with ragas. Students learned the importance of ragas on songs from old films and new films. Principal Vikas Atri inspired the students to think seriously on the deep impact of the emotional impact of Ragas on the human mind and encouraged the participants. Dr. Meera Kashyap, the director of this competition, pointed out how through music we can take the country and society forward on the path of positivity and how classical music shows its impact on the human mind and working style. He also provided guidance to the students about the importance of classical music. Dr. Bharti and Dr. Bal Rishi played a decisive role in the jury of this competition.

DM declares new cricket stadium area as no flying zone

LK BANSAL
MOHALI: District Magistrate, Mrs Aashika Jain has declared Maharaja Yadvindra Singh Cricket Stadium Mullanpur and its surrounding area as No Flying Zone on April 09, 13, 18 and 21 in the wake of IPL matches being played there. Issuing formal orders under section 144 of CrPc, in this regard, the District Magistrate said that as per the above-mentioned schedule of the IPL matches, the New Cricket Stadium and its surrounding area has been declared as No Flying Zone and there would be a complete ban on flying of any flying object on these days in this area.

We will win hearts of people with sweet words, love: Hans Raj Hans



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: I have come here to share love, I have no fight with anyone, I have come to win people's hearts with sweet words and love. The said words were expressed by BJP candidate from Lok Sabha constituency Faridkot and Sufi singer Hans Raj Hans during a function held at the local Sewa Dham. At the local Sewa Dham, under the leadership of Mandal President Dinesh Garg, a meeting of the party workers was held with the BJP candidate of Lok Sabha constituency Faridkot, Hans Raj Hans. In which executive member Makhan Lindal, Rampura constituency in-charge Pradeep Singla Jaito, Lok Sabha co-in-charge Vijay Sarman, state committee member Vivek Garg, Bharat Bhushan Garg, district general secretary Mazhar Singh and a large number of party workers and city residents participated. On this occasion, Dinesh Garg welcomed the guests and thanked the BJP high command for giving such a candidate to Lok Sabha constituency Faridkot.

Flag march, search operation conducted regarding Lok Sabha elections-2024



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: As per the guidelines of higher officials regarding Lok Sabha elections-2024 and under the able leadership of SSP Suresh Lamba IPS, Shivdarshan Singh DSP (D), Inspector Usha Rani S H O Police Station Mehtiana, Inspector Ajab Singh SHO Police Station Chabewal, ASI Sukhwinder Singh Incharge policepost Jajoin, ASI Satnam Singh incharge police post Ajnoha Flag march was taken out along with district police force and paramilitary force police On this occasion A search operation was conducted in Chabewal and village Maili.

605 students awarded degrees during IIT Ropar convocation



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Ropar) celebrated its Twelfth Annual Convocation on Tuesday, 9th April 2024, at its campus. Dr. Pawan Kumar Goenka, Chairman of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) and Department of Science and Technology's SCALE graced the occasion as a Chief Guest and delivered the convocation address. He emphasizes India's growing opportunities and the nation's aspiration to become a developed country by 2047. Mr. Adil Zainulbhai, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Ropar presided over the ceremony with the Director, Prof. Rajeev Ahuja. A total of 615 Degrees were awarded, which include 115 PhD, 116 M. Tech., 67 M.Sc., 305 B.Tech. and 12 B.Tech-M.Tech dual degrees. Dr. Bhawna Rana and Dr. Leena Arora received the best PhD Thesis Award in the Science and Engineering disciplines, respectively. Mr. Uday Gupta of Computer Science and Engineering receives the President Gold Medal among the graduating B.Tech. students.

Agarwal Sewa Samiti Charitable Hi-Tech Laboratory opened



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA: Agrawal Sewa Samiti Kotkapura launched a charitable hi-tech laboratory at New Gausahla market in Surgapuri on Tuesday on the occasion of New Year Vikram Samvat. With the opening of this lab, the needy patients of the area will get relief from the cost of expensive lab tests. In the event organized under the chairmanship of committee president Sheetal Goyal, the first worship was performed and after that, the lab was formally inaugurated. On this occasion, Principal Sheetal Goyal, former Principal Om Prakash Goyal, Engineer Raj Kumar Agarwal, Secretary Vipin Gupta and Patron Ravinder Garg said that currently patients are facing huge financial difficulties in getting treatment. Expensive drugs as well as expensive tests cause many problems.

Nature heights infra scam: Police arrest main accused Neeraj Arora from U'khand

CHANDIGARH, APR 9

In a major breakthrough in the multi-crore Nature Heights Infra Scam, the joint teams of Faridkot and Fazilka police have arrested the main accused identified as Neeraj Thathai alias Neeraj Arora, who was absconding for the last 8-9 years and declared Proclaimed Offender (PO), from district Poudi in Uttarakhand. The modus operandi used by the accused to collect the huge amount of money was to lure innocent people in lieu of giving them residential/commercial plots.

The development came close on the heels of the arrest of Amandeep Kamboj alias Aman Skoda of Fazilka, who was PO in eight cases and in 18 cases he jumped bail. He was arrested by the PO staff of Fazilka Police from Varanasi Uttar Pradesh on March 15, 2024.

IGP Faridkot Range Gursaran Singh Sandhu and DIG Ferozepur Range Ranjit Singh Dhillon, while addressing a joint press conference on Tuesday, said that Police teams from both the districts



headed by SP Investigation Fazilka Pardeep Singh Sandhu and DSP Narcotics Faridkot Iqbal Singh Sandhu under the overall supervision of SSP Faridkot Harjit Singh and SSP Fazilka Dr Pragna Jain successfully arrested the most wanted criminal Neeraj Arora from Shri Nagar Garhwal in district Poudi, Uttarakhand. Police teams have also recovered one luxury BMW car, mobile phones and fake documents from the possession of accused Neeraj Arora.

IGP Gursaran Singh Sandhu said that the accused has been facing as many as

108 first information reports (FIRs) registered in 21 districts for defrauding people by promising money or plots to people in the state.

Of a total 108 FIRs, 47 were registered in Fazilka; eight in Ferozepur; six each in Patiala and Fatehgarh Sahib; five each in Rupnagar, Mohali and SAS Nagar; four each in Faridkot, Sri Muktsar Sahib and Jalandhar Commissionerate.

Pertinently, accused Neeraj Arora, arrested by Fazilka Police in February 2016, had jumped bail and was declared PO in February

2017. Currently, the accused is PO in at least 92 cases. Enforcement Directorate has also registered cases and attached properties of Neeraj Thathai, while, many writ petitions are pending in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh against him filed by the victims.

DIG Ranjit Singh Dhillon said that the accused was using fake IDs to evade his arrest. The accused has more than 1200 acres of land, and 200 residential flats in Punjab and MP state worth more than Rs 1,000 crores, he said.

Commerce, Science and Arts departments of Multani Mal Modi College organises educational tours



RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, APR 9

The Commerce, Science and Arts Departments of Multani Mal Modi College, Patiala organised three educational excursions to Dehradun, Mussoorie and Rishikesh, Dharamshala, Kangra, McLeodganj, Manali under the guidance of Principal Dr. Neeraj Goyal.

Around 250 students joined these tours under the supervision of Prof. Neena Sareen, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Rajeev Sharma and Prof. Jagdeep Kaur. These tours were organized to equip the students with the cultural, social and economic landscapes of these historical and colorful tourist attractions.

During this tour the students visited the historical

places, tourist attractions and famous buildings and markets of these cities. They interacted with the local people and closely witnessed their culture, heritage and traditional rituals and customs.

The students not only enjoyed the beautiful landscapes of these cities but also enjoyed the camping, trekking, paragliding and other fun filled adventurous activities.

Excise, police team seize 25500 kg Lahan in mand area



PAWAN KALIA
KAPURTHALA, APR 9

A joint team of excise and police officials today seized 25500 kg lahan in mand area falling under Kabirpur police station of Sultanpur Lodhi sub-division.

The team led by excise inspector Gopal Gera and police officials carried out search in Inderpur mand area, where they found lahan, 13 tarpaulins and three iron drums being used to make illicit liquor

besides getting the recovered lahan destroyed on the spot. Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Amit Kumar Panchal said that the teams had already enhanced the vigil in view of Lok Sabha polls and none would be spared who found indulged in this illegal activity. He said Excise, Police officials as well as flying squad teams were keeping close eye on illegal and suspicious activities so as to ensure free, fair and smooth conduct of polls.

American school girl wins state level competition



KULJIT SINGH
JANDIALA GURU, APR 9

Jasmin Kaur, a student of Jandiala Guru's Educational Institution, American School, eighth standard and Amrit Kaur of seventh standard participated in the state level dance competition of Lovely University Phagwara (07-04-24). In this state level dance competition, about 100 other schools also participated participated Out of which American School students Jasmin

Kaur and Amrit Kaur got the third rank which is a matter of honor for American School and Jandiala Guru.

The staff members of the school and Principal Dashmeh Mahajan encouraged the students and specially honored these girls, wishing the children a good future that the children continue to participate in various activities along with studies so that the American School, Jandiala Guru and name of their parents can shine.

Desh Bhagat University honours educators from Fatehgarh Sahib



KHUSHAV SINGLAMANDI
GOBINDGARH, APR 9

Desh Bhagat University today organized the G-20 School Connect Leadership Summit Awards in Sirhind. In this event, DBU honored Principals from Sirhind & Fatehgarh Sahib for their remarkable achievements by presenting them with commemorative plaques and certificates. During the G-20 program, all principals engaged in panel discussions. The panel discussions covered various important topics such as understanding the new education policy, upcoming tech-

nological trends in the education sector, integrating artificial intelligence in classrooms, prioritizing student happiness & well-being, promoting active and experiential learning methodologies, fostering entrepreneurship education, addressing global challenges in education, enhancing creativity and skills, and promoting health and sports education. During a press conference held as part of the event, Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice-President of DBU, provided detailed information about the new education policy implemented by Prime Minister Modi.

Jaswinder Bhullar leaves Congress, joins AAP

RAKESH JINDAL
BHADSO, APR 9

Congress Party Constituency Nabha got a big shock when General Secretary of Punjab Pradesh Jaswinder Kaur Bhullar, Hans Raj GE and Gagandeep and their colleagues under the leadership of Gurdev Singh's Honorable MLA Nabha and Aam Aadmi On this occasion, MLA Dev



Mann, who was included in the party, said that Madam Bhullar is a very intelligent and hardworking person, who is proud to be included in the party. The party appreciates

such leaders. Madam Bhullar thanked MLA Dev Mann. He said that whatever service the party has entrusted to me, I will do it diligently and take the policy of the party from door to door. At this time, he was accompanied by social workers Narinder Joshi, Vice President Gopal Singh Khanora, Tejinder Singh Chaudhary Majra, Bhupinder Singh Kallar Majri.

CM reiterates firm commitment to lift every single grain of wheat in smooth and hassle free manner

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, APR 9

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has reiterated the firm commitment of state government to lift every single grain of the farmers during the Rabi marketing season 2024-25.

After reviewing the procurement status, the Chief Minister said that this year Area Under Cultivation of wheat was 35.07 lakh hectares. Likewise, he said that Estimated production of wheat during RMS 2024-25 was around 161.30 Lakh Million Tons. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that elaborate arrangements have already been put in place for purchase of every single grain of wheat in the state.

The Chief Minister said that the yield of crop was 12



Lakh Metric ton more as compared to last year. He said that the state government is duty bound to ensure smooth and hassle free procurement of every single grain of wheat produced by the farmers. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that payment to the farmer will be made immediately

when the wheat is produced from his trolley adding that a viable mechanism has been evolved for this.

The Chief Minister said that Punjab Mandi Board has notified 1908 regular Purchase Centers for procurement of Wheat.

He said that the allotment of these purchase centres amongst various agencies as per the procurement shares of agencies and availability of nearest storage points has been done. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that as per recommendations received by districts, public places and rice mills are being declared as temporary yards to avoid glut and ensure smooth procurement. The Chief Minister said that farmers will not face any sort of inconvenience during the entire procurement process.

Electricity department disconnects five illegal connections

SUJANPUR (SHWETA SHARMA): The officials and employees of the electricity department have cut off five illegal electricity connections being used at the Ranjit Sagar Dam project. Due to the vacant government housing at the project site, many outsiders have been illegally residing there and using electricity by tapping into it unlawfully. In order to curb this electricity theft, as per the orders of the higher authorities of the Water Resources Department, a special drive was launched. The team, led by Executive Engineer Gurjinder Singh, and Sub Divisional Officer Gurvinder Singh, along with other staff, conducted raids in Shahpur Kandi Colony and other blocks, seizing and disconnecting five illegally installed connections.

'Dinesh Singh Babbu, BJP Lok Sabha candidate from Gurdaspur offers prayers at BagWali Mata Temple'



SHWETA SHARMA
SUJANPUR, APR 9

Dinesh Singh visited various temples during the auspicious occasion of Chaitra Navratri, including Mata Bagwali Mandir in Sujampur with his wife. He prayed for the well-being of Gurudaspur and Punjab residents. He mentioned his intention to seek blessings from voters at different temples during the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Additionally, he highlighted the significance of respecting cultural and religious traditions in his constituency.

At 6:30 PM, there will be darshan at Asha Purni Temple, and at 7:00 PM, there will be a homage ceremony at Kali Mata Temple. It was confirmed that he has been announced as the BJP candidate for the Gurudaspur Lok Sabha constituency by the party's high command.

Case registered against owner, managers of Prime Cinema for violation of Model code of Conduct: CEO

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, APR 9

Taking stern action of the violation of the Model Code of Conduct, the Punjab Police have registered a case against the owner and managers of Prime Cinema and against the in-charge of the Qube Cinema, on the recommendations of the MCMC committee Patiala.

Divulging the further information, the Chief Electoral Officer Sabin C said that the office of CEO has received a complaint on April 6 from an RTI Activist regarding gross violation of Model code of Conduct as the promotional video ads featuring the Punjab government logo and the Chief Minister's appearance are being played in cinemas across the state. Taking immediate cognizance of the complaint, CEO Punjab had sought report from Deputy

Commissioner Patiala, whose jurisdiction Prime Cinema, Rajpura (Patiala) falls, Secretary Public Relation Department, Government of Punjab, who issues Releasing Order (RO) for all Punjab Government advertisements to various agencies and also from all Deputy Commissioners cum DEOs in the state of Punjab to ascertain the status of display of such Government advertisements in any of the Cinema across the State. The CEO said that following this a notice was issued to Paramjit Singh, Manager Prime Cinemas, Rajpura on April 6 by RO 113-Ghanour/ARO 13-Patiala PC and flying squad visited the said cinema. Thereafter, being a matter primarily related with the display of advertisement in cinema, the case was put up to MCMC Patiala (Media Certification and Monitoring Committee).

Jagrati Natak Mela dedicated to 133rd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar held



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, APR 9

Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Youth Welfare Club Mahal Kalan, under the leadership of President Dr. Amarjit Singh Mahal Kalan, organized a Jagrati Natak Mela dedicated to the Constitution and the ideology of Babasaheb Dr. BR Ambedkar on the 133rd birth anniversary of Babasaheb.

Bhathal Patti Dharamshala Mahal was held at Kalan Barnala. In this drama fair, Lok Kalan Manch (Reg.) Mandi Mullanpur, the team

of director Surinder Sharma kept the audience riveted with their choreographies and plays.

In which it was shown that Sanuo was inspired to live his life under the slogan of Read, Write and Struggle as shown by Babasaheb Ji. Constituency MLA and State President SC Wing Aam Aadmi Party Kulwant Singh Pandori participated as the chief guest in this drama fair. On this occasion, the famous Kabaddi player Ali Mahal Kalan, son of social worker Dr. Mithu Mohamad, was honored.

Bhardwaj re-elected chief of SCWA



SUMER GARG
SUNAM, APR 9

In the general election meeting of the Senior Citizen Welfare Association (SCWA) Sunam, former SP, Rupinder Bhardwaj was unanimously re-elected as the president of the SCWA for the second time.

On this occasion, senior members Naresh Sharma, Karanveer Singh Soni and Master Sam Lal while congratulating the newly ap-

pointed President Bharadwaj assured him all types of help and expressed hope that the problems of senior citizens will be resolved under the leadership of the new President.

On this occasion, the newly appointed President, Bhardwaj thanked all the members for entrusting him with the responsibility of the association for the second time. He will always try to resolve the issues of SCWA with full sincerity.

He also urged all the citizens of the city, if they face any kind of problem in any of office or anywhere else, they contact the members of SCWA and the association will try to solve their problem on priority basis. Besides others, Birbal Bansal, Mahesh Dewan, Warkha Singh, Kahandas Bawa, Ved Kapoor, Ved Prakash Hodla, Advocate, Sham Lal; Yashpal Mangala, Balwinder Bhardwaj and Bharat Hari Sharma were present in the meeting.

Retired Tehsildar Baldev Saroa elected President of Shri Guru Ravidas Satsang Sabha Saloh

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: The election of registered Shri Guru Ravidas Satsang Sabha Saloh of village Saloh of Haroli area was concluded in which retired Tehsildar Baldev Saroa was unanimously elected for the post of President, Senior Vice President Kuldeep Singh, Vice President Sansar Chand, General Secretary Gurdas Ram Bhatia, Assistant Secretary Ramprakash Bittu, Treasurer Surjit Bhatti, Auditor Surjit Kumar, Chief Advisor Sadhuram Bhatti and Dilwag Chand were elected in the committee. Executive members Keval Singh, Darshan Kumar, Makhan Saroa, Sukhwinder Singh Saroa, Anil Kumar Bhatia and Sanjeev Kumar were elected. Newly nominated President Retired Tehsildar Baldev Saroa said that with everyone's cooperation the activities of the Guru Ravidas Satsang Sabha will be increased. Social programs will be organized. Developmental work will also take place. Action will be taken to move the Sabha towards a model.



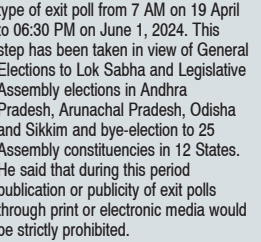
Voter awareness campaign organised



SANJEEV MAHAJAN NOORPUR: Well-organized voter education and voter participation group Noorpur conducted a voter awareness campaign at the polling booth in Jasur. On this occasion, an appeal was made to everyone to vote in large numbers in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The campaign was organized under the able guidance of Assistant Returning Officer Gursimar Singh. On this occasion, Brijesh Pathania, Nodal Officer SVEEP addressed the people present and made them aware to reach the polling station on the respective day and exercise their franchise. Brijesh Pathania, Rupesh Dadwal, Mukesh Sharma and others were present in the program.

Complete ban on exit polls from 19th April till 1st June 2024

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Himachal Pradesh Manesh Garg today here said that to ensure free and fair elections the Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced complete ban on conduction of any type of exit poll from 7 AM on 19 April to 06:30 PM on June 1, 2024. This step has been taken in view of General Elections to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim and bye-election to 25 Assembly constituencies in 12 States. He said that during this period publication or publicity of exit polls through print or electronic media would be strictly prohibited.



BJP will be on ventilator after June 4: Rohit Thakur

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Education Minister Rohit Thakur has said that after June 4, BJP will be on ventilator in Himachal Pradesh as public is going to send BJP into a coma due to the shock of votes. Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur can now see the Chief Minister's chair even in his sleep. He is dreaming of Mungeri Lal becoming the Chief Minister. There is no threat of any kind to the present Congress government under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu who will complete its five-year term with flying colors. The arithmetic in the Assembly is in favor of the Congress government, so BJP leaders should stop misleading the people state. Education Minister said that the mask of BJP has been removed from the people of the state and their greedy face has come to the fore. Congress will make clean sweep all four seats in the Lok Sabha elections and six seats in the by-elections and the candidates will win by a huge margin. BJP had definitely tried to destabilize the present state government with money power, which has been foiled with the blessings of God. He said that the people of the state will not forgive BJP for hatching a conspiracy against an elected government and will give a befitting reply in the elections.

People will teach a lesson to false and corrupt govt of Cong: Anurag Thakur

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, APR 9

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth and Sports Affairs Anurag Thakur participated in the Scheduled Caste Morcha conference organized at Nangal Chowk of Jaswan Praggur Assembly constituency. Anurag Thakur said that in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the people of Himachal Pradesh will teach a lesson to the false and corrupt government of Congress and will give all four seats to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Anurag Thakur said that in the last 10 years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our government has worked with the basic mantra of Sabka



Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas. In these 10 years, those who were deprived earlier have been given preference. The work that has been done for Dalits, backward people and tribal society in the last 10 years was not done even in the total 60 years of Congress. Thakur said that under the leadership of Narendra Modi ji, our government is committed to connecting the Dalits, exploited and deprived people with the mainstream and giving them constitutional rights as well as social justice and equal opportunities. Modi government has worked on special schemes for the development of Scheduled Castes, for their education and to bring them into the mainstream. Anurag Thakur further targeted the corruption of Congress and other opposition parties and said,

Corruption becomes identity of country during Congress govt: Rajiv Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APRIL 9

BJP State President Dr. Rajiv Bindal said that corruption became the identity of the country during the Congress government. Before 2014, scams of lakhs of rupee used to surface. The Prime Minister of Congress himself admitted by saying that if one rupee was sent from Delhi, only 15 paise reached the poor, so the public will have to identify whose hand that was embezzled the money in between. PM Modi has put a lock on this loot system of Congress. The BJP government has sent Rs 34 lakh crore directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries in ten years. If there was a Congress government in the country, Congress would have looted 28 lakh crore rupees out of these 34 lakh crores. Since independence, Congress thought that it has



got the license to loot the country. After coming to power in 2014, Modi has cancelled the license of loot of Congress and this has been possible only due to the immense support of the public. Congress was abusing Modi today only because the shop of loot has been closed. But Congress did not know that crores of people and mothers and sisters of the country have stood before Modi's as a shield. Bindal said that ever since the

earnings of these scamsters and middlemen have been stopped, their anger has reached the seventh sky. Strict action was being taken against the corruption of Congress across the country and rapid investigation was going on against those who cheated the youth. Congress leaders were threatening to break Modi's head with a stick. Modi was a son of a poor man, he walked with his head held high. PM Modi is not going to be afraid of their threats. For Modi, the whole of India was his family and Modi was also engaged in saving his country from looting. Modi says remove corruption and the leaders of the Congress party say save the corrupt. Opposition leaders are not holding election rallies, but are holding rallies to save the corrupt. PM Modi guaranteed that the corrupt will have to go to jail.

Three nabbed in theft case



ANWAR HUSSAIN NALAGARH: Police have arrested three more people in the case of theft of brass from a factory in Katha under Baddi police station. Till now the police have arrested eight people. On the night of March 25, more than a dozen people stole brass from a factory in Katha. Police have already arrested five people in this case. They are Bhupendra Sahani, Heera Sahani, Gopal of Bihar from Haraipur of Baddi. ASP Ashok Verma said that 325 kg brass has also been recovered from the arrested people. 8 people have been arrested by the police and soon other people will also be arrested who were involved in this theft.

Shri Ram Gram Sangathan gives message to increase voting participation and percentage

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, APRIL 9

With the aim of increasing voter participation and voting percentage in the Lok Sabha elections and two assembly by-elections, the Self Help Groups (HHGs) of the district are engaged in making people aware and motivating them towards voting. In this series, on Tuesday, Shri Ram Gram Sangathan organized sweep activities in Gram Panchayat Sunehra of Una and gave awareness message to the people. Shri Ram Gram Sangathan informed that all the young voters who are completing 18 years of age or above on April 1, 2024 must get their vote done so that not a single eligible voter in the district is left out from registering their names. Democracy is strengthened by the power of vote and participation of all voters is necessary. All citizens should understand the importance of their vote and use their vote. Apart from this, the village organization also informed that the facility of Form 12D is available to more than 85 elderly persons and more than 40 percent disabled persons to cast their vote from home. Special facilities like ramp, wheelchair and volunteers will be available for these persons at the polling station also.

Placement drive organized in Central University

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: ICICI Prudential organized a placement drive for MBA students specializing in Marketing, Finance and HR at the Central University of Himachal Pradesh. 15 students participated in this campus recruitment process led by

Abhijeet Sasidharan and Raman Guleria of ICICI Prudential team. Recognizing the excellent performance of the students, ICICI Prudential – a leading Indian life insurance company has offered jobs to five MBA students Avani Priya, Kumar Ayush Ranjan, Manish Kumar,

Anjali and Anshul. In this campaign coordinated by the University Placement Cell, the students Satisfied with the successful performance, Prof. Mohinder Singh, Prof. Sanjeev Gupta, Prof. Dipankar Sharma, Prof. Jagdeep Singla, Dr. Rita, and Dr. Ruchi Sharma selected Congratulated the candidates.

PESB recommends Sushil Sharma as Chairman & Managing Director of SJVN

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APRIL 9

Sushil Sharma has been recommended for the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of SJVN by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB). Presently, Sh. Sushil Sharma is serving as Director (Projects) in SJVN. Sh. Sushil Sharma has been recommended for the post of CMD, SJVN after a rigorous selection process by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) from a list of nine candidates from diverse sectors, including two from SJVN, two from Indian Railways, and one each from NHPC Limited, BSNL, Power Grid, GAIL (India) Limited, and Patel Engineering Ltd. in an interview held on April 8,



2024. Sushil Sharma has been serving as Director (Projects) of SJVN since August 1, 2020. Notably, he played pivotal role in major projects such as 1500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station, 412 MW Rampur Hydro Power Station in Himachal Pradesh and 60 MW Naitwar Mori Hydro Power Station in Uttarakhand, where his contributions were instrumental in successful design, construction, and commissioning of the power stations. Driven by profound

experience in the hydro power sector coupled with impeccable leadership qualities, Sh. Sushil Sharma is bound to steer SJVN into a new era of unprecedented growth and stupendous development. An alumnus of Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, Sh. Sushil Sharma earned his Bachelor's in Engineering specializing in Mechanical Engineering. He has more than 30 years of rich and varied experience in various organisations including SJVN. He began his career in H.P. State Technical Education Service in 1990. He joined SJVN in January, 1994 as Assistant Engineer. Over the years, he has played integral roles in various departments and projects, steadily ascending to positions of increasing responsibilities.

Rathore targets BJP, says, its ship will sink due to increasing burden of outsiders

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APRIL 9

All India Congress Committee spokesperson and MLA from Theog Kuldeep Singh Rathore lashed out at BJP. Addressing a press conference in Shimla, Kuldeep Singh Rathore said that the BJP's ship was about to sink. Lies, deceit and rhetoric would not last long. The people of the country and the state were now fed up with these false promises and have understood their truth. He took a dig at the leaders those joining the BJP and said that the crowd on the BJP's ship was increasing. Mr Rathore said that when the ship was about to sink, the first thing he would do was throw out the people who have come from outside. Kuldeep Rathore fiercely targeted BJP state president Dr. Rajiv Bindal.



He said that why he was not talking about issues like unemployment and inflation in the Lok Sabha elections. Every citizen of the country was struggling with the problem of inflation and unemployment, but the BJP was not seeing these issues. He said that in the 2014 elections, the BJP came with a Sankalp Patra. In this, it had promised two crore jobs every year. Even after 10 years, this promise has not been fulfilled. He said that did the BJP state president not see the inflation in the

country. He said that the Congress party has contributed in getting the country independence. Where were the forefathers of BJP's ideology at the time of Independence. He alleged that if the country was in danger from anyone, it was from the NDA government. He said that the BJP has worked to divide the people and today brothers have been separated. Rathore accused the central government and the Prime Minister of deceiving the people of the state on the

issue of apples. He said that the Prime Minister had made promises to the gardeners of the state during the elections. He said that he had talked about protecting the crops of the gardeners, increasing the import duty and making Himachal's apples available in cold drinks. After coming to power, he did exactly the opposite. Instead of increasing the import duty, the central government reduced it. Due to this, Himachali apples were in trouble. Apples from Iran have started coming to the market. Gardeners had stored their apples in the hope of getting good prices, but now they were not getting good prices. Apples were sold at a price of 800 to 1200 rupees per box, the price was around 2000 last year while the cost of cold storage around to 400 per box.

CM's politics is based on lies, he works to mislead people: Ashish Sharma

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: Hamirpur MLA Ashish Sharma, while countering the Chief Minister's statement that he has done all the work on the instructions of the MLAs, has said that the Chief Minister's conscience knows what work has been done on our instructions. The Chief Minister's politics is based on lies and with the help of these lies he tries to mislead people. CM refused to even meet which is an insult not only to him but also to the public. He has played with the emotions of the people of Hamirpur. He said that the work on the bus stand was started after February 27, for which he is thankful to the Chief Minister, but for this he also expresses gratitude to those MLAs whose steps were taken by the Chief Minister to pay attention to this work. Earlier all these works were lying on the back burner. On the Chief Minister's statement about writing the name of the MLA on the name plates installed at the foundation stone laying and inauguration functions, he said that he is the elected representative of the people. If the foundation stone of any work has been laid in his area, then being an associate member, it is mandatory to put the name of the MLA on the plate. He said that no one is bigger than the name plate, the name should remain in the hearts of the people. He said that the public knows everything and will not fall into the trap of politics of lies.



Half dozen sheep die in road accident near Nandpur on Una-Dharamshala main road

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, APRIL 9

Half a dozen sheep died on the spot in a late night road accident near Nandpur on the Una-Dharamshala main road. Cattle farmer Abhishek Kumar, resident of village Arki under Bhamour of Chamba district, while giving information about the incident, said that every year he Bhamour comes here from Chamba to Bhaira and Punjab villages. Last night he was taking Naharis along with his cattle. Meanwhile, at around 2:30 in the night, suddenly his two mares started running away in fear due to which some sheep also got scared and started running towards the road. Abhishek said that meanwhile, five sheep died on the spot while one was badly injured after being hit by a dumper coming from the opposite direction. After receiving information about the incident, the police reached the spot and recorded the statement of cattle rearer Abhishek. Abhishek told that this accident happened due to the horses running away in fear. Tehsildar Amb Prem Lal Dhiman said that information about the accident has been received. Relief amount will be provided to the cattle rearers as per rules. Station-in-charge Amb Gaurav Bhardwaj said that after receiving information about this accident, police force has been sent to the spot. He said that the vehicle involved in the incident is absconding from the spot and the police are continuously inspecting the CCTV cameras.

Cong strategizes candidate selection amidst political turbulence in HP

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI: In the wake of recent political upheaval in Himachal Pradesh, following the tsunami that hit the state's political landscape, the Congress party finds itself in a rescue mission mode. With the Lok Sabha elections looming, the party is deeply engrossed in deliberations over the selection of candidates, aiming to tread cautiously and secure its footing in the state's political arena. The BJP, on the other hand, is wary of taking any risks in the game of chess after the fading of Mission Lotus in Himachal. The surprising move by the BJP to announce its candidate for the Shimla parliamentary seat first underscores its cautious approach. Meanwhile, Congress is not ready to give up its fight yet. Indeed, Congress faces not only a parliamentary but also a significant challenge in the upcoming assembly by-polls. Winning all six seats is not just a matter of prestige for the party but also a crucial step to maintain its foothold in the political landscape. However, the discontent among old party workers, coupled with the uncertainty over who will emerge as the guiding force post-victory, is causing significant tension. The mention of Dayal Pyari as a potential candidate for the Shimla parliamentary seat has sparked numerous questions. It's worth noting that Dayal Pyari was a diligent soldier of the BJP. Her departure from the party after a minor incident has become a topic of discussion among Congress strategists as well.

Various activities started under SVEEP to increase voting percentage: Hemraj Bairwa

SANJAY AGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, APR 9

District Election Officer DC Hemraj Bairwa launched selfie point and signature campaign to make voters aware at Joint Office Building Kangra Complex. On this occasion he also organized a selfie competition for the voters. He has appealed to all the voters to take their selfie through Election Selfie and tag it on his page. The best five selfie winners will be rewarded through them. He also administered an oath to the voters to hold free elections. Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa said that the festival of elections is the pride of the country and every voter must come out of their homes and



exercise their franchise on June 1, 2024. He said that voting is not only our right but also our duty. He said that voting is necessary for a strong democracy and this festival of voting comes once in five years. He appealed to all the citizens and said that apart from their families, no one should be left out from voting in their neighbourhood. Deputy

Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa said that various activities have been started under the sweep to increase the voting percentage in Kangra district. Assistant Electoral Officer, SDM Kangra Ishant Jaswal has organized Selfie and Reel Competition for voters in Kangra 16 Kangra Constituency. They have invited the youth to participate

in the exciting Selfie and Reels contest. Voters in the selfie contest join this movement by visiting their nearest selfie point and taking a selfie with our special election selfie stand. Share your commitment to voting with a relevant message in your post. Unleash your creativity by creating a short video reel (up to 45 seconds) highlighting the importance of voting and democracy in the Reels contest. Share your reel with an engaging caption and don't forget to use the hashtags 'Sweep' Election Celebration 'Pride of the Nation' Kangra Votes in your post. Tag SDM Kangra Page in your posts for a chance to showcase your selfie video to a wider audience and inspire others to vote.

Workshop to teach children physical activity at Green Field Convent School organized



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI: A workshop was organized at Green Field Convent (Senior Secondary) School Dangarh with the purpose of making children aware of physical activities. On this occasion, students from Madam Sandeep Kaur By keeping an artificial skeleton of the human body, he gave detailed information about the functioning of the bones in the human body and the different pairs of bones in the body and told that at the time of birth, there are 306 bones in the body of a child. As the child grows, the number of these bones decreases to 206 due to the fusion of bones in his body. Apart from this, he told the children that 14% of the weight of the human body is made up of bones and also told that the collarbone is a bone that does not have any joints. During the question and answer of the students, it was told that the smallest bone in the human body is the ear which is .11 inches and the weakest bones are the nose and spine. On this occasion, he was inspired to avoid eating things that damage bones.

DC R&R office Shahpur Kandi to hold meeting for conducting elections impartially



SHWETA SHARMA
SULJANPUR: In accordance with the directives of the Election Commission to conduct impartial elections, SDM Dhar Kalan, ERO Kala Ram Kansal held a meeting with officials from various departments. Ensuring compliance with the instructions of the District Election Officer, SDM Dhar Kalan, ERO for Sujapur constituency Kala Ram Kansal convened a meeting at the DC R&R office Shahpur Kandi to conduct elections impartially. In this meeting, officials discussed EVMS, VVPAT machines, postal ballots, sweep programs, sector officers, and other related matters. Present in the meeting were Tehsildar Pradeep Kumar, Naib Tehsildar Vinod Kumar, Superintendent Major Parminder Singh, Angad Singh, Sumesh Sharma, Amardeep Singh, ARO Rajesh Bagga, Subhash Bhatt, ARO Suraj Kumar, Ziedar Ashutosh Vats, Lalit Sharma, Deepak, ARO Ajay Rampal, Munish Mahajan, Sarvajot Singh, and many other officials. SDM Dhar Kalan, ERO Kala Ram Kansal, emphasized that postal ballots of citizens aged 85 years and above, as per the directives of the Election Commission, will be collected from their homes with their consent.

DBU appoints Chahak Mittal to cybersecurity advisory board of studies

AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA
CHANDIGARH: Desh Bhagat University takes immense pleasure in announcing the appointment of Ms. Chahak Mittal to its prestigious Advisory Board of Cybersecurity and the Board of Studies. This strategic move underscores the university's commitment to enhancing its cybersecurity initiatives and ensuring a robust academic framework.

Ms. Chahak Mittal brings with her a wealth of experience, leadership acumen, and remarkable achievements in the cybersecurity domain. Her appointment is a testament to her outstanding contributions and expertise, which will play a pivotal role in advancing Desh Bhagat University's cybersecurity endeavors. As a member of the Cybersecurity Advisory Board, Ms. Mittal will play a pivotal role in shaping the university's cybersecurity curriculum. Her focus on practical applications and real-world scenarios will empower students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in today's dynamic cybersecurity landscape. One of Ms. Mittal's recent accomplishments includes facilitating the enrollment of over a hundred students into Desh Bhagat University's Cybersecurity Center of Excellence. Through engaging lectures and hands-on activities, students are equipped with a comprehensive understanding of cybersecurity principles, including risk management and ethical hacking, while also gaining insights into industry best practices.

Health check-up camp at St Kabir Convent School



ANIL VERMA, ANANTDEEP KAUR BATHINDA: A health check-up camp was organized at St Kabir Convent Senior Secondary School. On this occasion, doctors examined the Students and staff members and also gave information about the diseases and their home remedies. Doctors also distributed medicines as per need. He also suggested the Students to use less mobile phones, be careful about their eating habits, wear clean and washed clothes etc and told them the ways to overcome weakness and irritability. The School MD Professor ML Arora, Principal Madam Kanchar expressed gratitude towards the doctors and colleagues and said that it is very important to take special care of health in the challenges arising from today's lifestyle. In such a situation, everyone from children to elders should get health checkups done from time to time.

CIA Staff Kharar arrests one person who snatched Breeza car from Kila Complex Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, APR 9

The team of Inspector Har-minder Singh, in-charge of CIA staff Kharar, has succeeded in arresting the accused who snatched a Breeza car from Kila Complex Kharar on 21st February and recovered the Breeza car from him.

In this regard, Harsim-rat Singh SP (Investigation) District Mohali told reporters that on February 21, a case was registered by the Kharar City Police on the statements of Jagmohan Singh, a resident of village Mullanpur Tehsil Basi Pathana.

He had told the police that he works in the sale-purchase of cars. He was approached by an unknown person to buy a car



and this person was shown a Brijia model 2018 silver color car. He asked for a test drive. On this the complainant sent his worker Binder Singh with

him. The accused had forcibly took the car from Binder Singh and ran away with the car. The investigation of this case was given to CIA Staff by the

senior officers. CIA while taking action arrested the accused on April 6 and the car was also recovered from his relative in village Fatehpur.

FIR filed against three persons for committing fraud

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, APR 9

Jagraon city police has filed FIR against 3 persons including a lawyer as per the instructions of SDM Jagraon for committing fraud. Giving more information about this, ASI Sukhwinder WSingh said that SDM Jagraon informed SSP through a letter about a case two parties

about a 'Wasika' from Tehsildar by fraudulently presenting false documents. "On careful examination of the documents DSP(D) prepared a report and stated that in the investigation it has been found out that Jeetpal, Advocate court complex Jagraon, Sadar Singh Sarpanch resident of Agwar Ladhai Jagraon, Nirmal Singh son of Kartar Singh resident of Cheemna, Binder Singh son of Bant Singh, Amar-

jeet Singh son of Prem Singh presented fake documents to obtain vaseeka," he added. "Binder Singh in his statement to police claimed that he knew nothing about the wasika but Amarjeet Singh accused Binder Singh of demanding 3 lakh rupees from him for wasika. Advocate Jeetpal in his statement said that Binder Singh got a draft prepared regarding ownership," he further said.

Arvind Kejriwal innocent, BJP is harassing opponents for fear of defeat: Baltej Pannu



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, APR 9

Aam Aadmi Party supremo and Delhi chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is absolutely innocent. Baltej Singh Pannu, media adviser to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, spoke to reporters while reaching the residence of Talwinder Singh Gogi, president of Moke Anaj Mandi Mandor in Nabha. He said that the BJP has come.

Fear of defeat in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, India is harassing the leaders of the alliance and the opponents are being implicated in false cases through the ED, while the people of the country know that Arvind Kejriwal is a staunch and honest leader, their rights are all over the country.

There is a movement going on in the country and the people of the country will answer this to the BJP. On this

occasion, Baltej Pannu was honored by the Intestine Association Mandor under the leadership of President Gogi. Kumar, Vaid Chand Mandor, Surinder Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Manish Kumar, Rinka Seth, Happy Bugha, Sukh Ghuman Block President, Kuldeep Singh Ramgarh, Skegi Chand, Biru Narman, Rajeev Pathak, Captain Jagjit Singh, Gagan Rohta, Sarabjit Teje, Sukhi Chaudhary Majra etc.

Sanyukt Kisan Morcha gears up for 'Modi Harao, Corporate Bhagao' campaign

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, APR 9

Sanyukt Kisan Morcha has geared up for its 'Modi Harao, corporate bhajao' campaign. The association members conducted a meeting regarding this at village kothe Rahlan in order to mobilise farmers and labourers in favour of the campaign.

In his address, Bharti Kisan Union president Jagtar Singh Derhka said that BJP candidates have no moral right to beg for votes in the villages of Punjab after BJP government prevented the farmers from going to Delhi through coercive methods and injured them. "This is the same BJP that claimed lives of 700 farmers during year and a half long farmer agitation. They shamelessly breached basic human rights and are now planning



on establishing dictatorship with bills like CAA and NRC by suffocating minority sections," he added. He highly condemn BJP government for its 'unjust policies' and 'actions'. He stated that they are

set to organize 'mahapanchayat' on 21 May to raise their demands. At this occasion, Tarsem Singh, Ajmer Singh, Gurtej Singh, Paramjit Singh, Surjit Singh, Mahinder Singh and others were present.

BJP mobilizes people in Morinda, surrounding villages



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA, APR 9

On Tuesday, BJP leaders mobilized people in favor of BJP in Morinda city and surrounding villages. On this occasion, especially, Hardeep Kaur Lalpura, mother of BJP District Rupnagar President Ajayveer Singh Lalpura, came to Morinda and made people aware of the public welfare policies of BJP. He also made a whirlwind tour of Arnoli, Batarpur, Dolanpur villages.

Addressing the people, he said that this time in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. BJP will form the government for the third time by winning with a huge majority. He said that

BJP was a farmer-friendly party and was committed to resolving all kinds of grievances of farmers. He said that for the economic empowerment of farmers, the BJP government had started the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana on December 1, 2018. Small and marginal farmer families get benefit from this scheme. In this scheme of the government, Rs six thousand were given every year in the account of farmers in the form of installments of Rs 2,000. Similarly, schemes like Kisan Fasal Bima Yojana, Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana, Agro Infrastructure Fund, National Beekeeping Mission, Namo Drone Didi Yojana.

SKU launches 'mission life' project of Gol to promote environmental conservation, awareness



ANIL VERMA,
ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, APR 9

Guru Kashi University (SKU) launched the 'Mission LiFE' project supported by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Climate Change to promote environmental conservation and awareness. Spearheaded by the Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST), the state nodal agency, the project that

focuses on educating about environmental issues and has been awarded to SKU's Faculty of Visual and Performing Arts. During the launch, the Chief Guest Dr. Kulbir Singh Bath, Joint Director (Environment and Outreach) at PSCST, emphasized the importance of reconnecting with nature and commended SKU's initiatives such as eco-friendly designs of bird nests, video screening about natural resources management.

Sadhu Samaj Seva Samiti organizes free medical check-up camp at village Dalla Balim

BUREAU
PATHANKOT, APR 9

Sadhu Samaj Seva Samiti organized a free medical check-up camp under the leadership of Sri 108 Mahant Sri Puraan Giri Maharaj at 11 Rudar Siwala Mandir Village Dalla Balim.

The camp was attended by a team of expert doctors, in which Dr. ML Attri, Dr. Tarsem Singh Bone Specialist, Dr. Ajay Suman Ophthalmologist, Dr. Lovepreet Kaur dental expert and Dr. Ajay Garg women's specialist with his team checked up about 500 patients and free medicines were given. On this occasion, patients were made aware about their health and people were encouraged to eat balanced food and take walks. On this occasion, BP and sugar level of all patients were



also checked. Tea pakodas and langar were arranged lavishly by the temple management for the patients and devotees.

Sri Sri 108 Mahant Sri Puraan Giri Ji Maharaj honored the doctors and their associates in the presence of members of Sadhu Samaj Samiti and thanked them for their tireless service today.

On this occasion, the temple committee president Raj Kumar, vice president Baba Rudar Giri, Ranjit Singh, Gurdeep Singh, Paramjit Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Dr. Harjeet Singh, Master Rajesh Kumar Sethi, Akashdeep, Lovely, Chandan, Chaman Lal, Suraj, Sonu Karan, Kamlesh Sharman, Varun Pandit etc were present.

Guru Nanak Sahara Society conducts monthly pension donation program



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, APR 9

Guru Nanak Sahara Society, Jagraon organized 187th monthly pension donation program under the guidance of association chairman Gurmeh Singh Dhillon and president Captain Naresh Verma.

The program was conducted at the premises of Gurudwara Shri Bhajangarh Sahib. Lok Seva Society president Manohar Singh Takkar participated in the program as chief guest and donated pension to 26 needy senior citizens to celebrate wedding and birthday of his son Dil-

van Singh Takkar. He arranged for refreshments for the senior citizens and everybody present in the program. Captain Naresh Verma on the occasion of birthday of his wife Dimple Verma and Keval Malhotra on the occasion of birthday of his grand daughter, gifted sweets to the senior citizens. Amit Arora and Rajinder Jain gave packed lunch to them. At this occasion, Gurmandeep Singh Takkar, Jasdeep Kaur Takar, Harjeet Kaur, Malika Arora, Harjeet Kaur, Gurpreet Singh, Kanchan Gupta, Mohit Jain, Amit Khanna and others were present.

Case registered against four including wife on charge of forcing youth to commit suicide

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, APR 9

In the case of Sukhbir Singh, who committed suicide in Saini Vihar Phase-1 Colony in Baltana area of Zirakpur, Baltana Police has registered a case against four persons including his wife, father-in-law and mother-in-law based on the statements of the deceased's father.

The police have handed over the body of the deceased to the heirs after conducting the post-mortem. Pawan Kumar, the investigating officer of the case, said that Sukhbir Putra Des Raj, who lived on rent in house number 120 of Saini Vihar Phase-1, had committed suicide by hanging himself with a fan a few days ago, but yesterday there was a bad smell from his room. Due to arrival, the police broke the

door and seized his body. He said that in this regard, the father of the deceased, Des Raj, told the police that his son Sukhbir was married to Renu, daughter of Ramesh Kumar, a resident of Palwal (Haryana). The family used to harass my boy. Due to which my son started to be mentally disturbed.

He said that his wife Renu was staying with her parents at Palwal for a long time. He alleged that his son Sukhbir ended his life because of the harassment of Sukhbir's wife Renu and her family.

Pawan Kumar said that on the complaint of Desraj, the police registered a case under section 306 against the deceased Sukhbir's wife Renu, father-in-law Ramesh Kumar and Sukhbir's brother-in-law and started searching for them.

20 thousand suggestion letters received in BJP's suggestion box: Malhotra

GAGAN JAIN
CHANDIGARH, APR 9

So far more than 20 thousand suggestions have been received in BJP's suggestion box. It is clear from all these suggestions that the public's trust in BJP's 10-year rule has increased. Most of the people in the suggestion box have drawn attention to the road map of development in their respective areas and have given suggestions in detail.

In this, suggestions have been given about health services, education, law and order and what kind of facilities should be given to businessmen, so that BJP's dream of making the country self-reliant will be fulfilled. This information was given to the journalists by Chandigarh BJP State President Jitendra Pal Malhotra. The state president told that long before entering the election fray, the Bharatiya

Janata Party had planned that it would not only talk about the people in its speeches but would also consider the suggestions of voters who make a significant contribution to the democratic election system, so that during the third term of the Modi government, work could be done on those subjects that the public wants. Jitender Pal Malhotra said that if the development model is made by taking public opinion, then there cannot be any better model than this. The BJP's goal is to bring the nation on the path of progress by implementing public welfare schemes. The Modi government has done these works to a great extent during its 10 years of rule. State General Secretary Hukam Chand and Amit Jindal said that the important thing is that thousands of suggestion letters have been received from the villages of Chandigarh Lok Sabha.

Divisional Commissioner Faridkot appeals to people to exercise their right to vote

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU, APR 9

2003 batch IAS officer Mr. Ajit Balaji Joshi today held a meeting with the officials of Faridkot, Bathinda and Mansa districts under the divisional commissioner Faridkot.

On arrival at Faridkot, Mr. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, was given a guard of honor by the police force. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Faridkot Mr. Vineet Kumar IAS, Deputy Commissioner Bathinda S. Jaspreet Singh IAS, Deputy Commissioner Mansa S. Paramveer Singh IAS and SSP Faridkot S. Harjit Singh, IPS was specially present. On this occasion, he also received information regarding the compensation case, related to revenue department and other works and said that people



will not face any kind of problem related to the elections and also instructed the officials that on the day of the elections Special arrangements should be made for water and shade at the polling booths. He instructed the canal department to be alert and also reviewed the flood control room.

He said that for the strengthening of democracy, the instructions of the Election Commission should be

strictly followed in addition to following the model code of conduct and also appealed to the people to exercise their right to vote.

On this occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) S. Jagjit Singh, SDM, Faridkot Mr. Varun Kumar, SDM, Kotakpura Mrs. Virpal Kaur, SDM Jaito Mrs. Parleen Kaur, Mrs. Harjinder Kaur, Tehsildar (Election) and other officials were present.

Sale of illicit liquor increased due to high price



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER
N AW ASHAHR : Due to the breakdown of liquor contracts on March 31, people may have accumulated some stock, but those who have run out of stock or buy daily, now consider it better to buy liquor in black instead of contracts. A person who buys liquor has come to know that he is finding it very expensive to buy liquor from the contract while there is a huge difference in the rate of black. According to sources, after March 31, sales of black liquor sellers have started increasing, while common people are also disturbed by this illegal business. Since the black liquor business has been going on for a long time, the government is also getting a lot of trouble, but the concerned department has failed to stop the sale of black liquor. It has been learned from reliable sources that black liquor is being sold in many villages of the constituency and many sellers even send it to the customer after satisfying them at home. Many people have lost their lives and the news of this incident had reached almost every person, but it is sad that even after using such a tragedy, the concerned department did not come to its senses. Common people demand from the government and excise department that concerted efforts should be made to completely stop the sale of black liquor so that there is no loss of revenue to the government and at the same time there is no danger to anyone's life by drinking black liquor.

Young man killed by goods train in Tapa

ASHOK DHINGRA
TA PA MANDI : A young-man of Anandpur Basti, Tapa died under the wheels of a goods train of Tapa Railway Station. Giving this information Insp. Harkesh Singh of Govt. Railway Police told media person that one Seera Singh of Tapa died while crossing the railway track. On the statement of his wife Rani Kaur the police get the proceedings under 174 CR.PC and handed over the dead body to his family after postmortem.

Wheelchair donated to disabled girl by Baba Lakhdatta Darbar Committee



VERMA
QADIAN : Under the leadership of president Joginder Pal Bhutto, a wheelchair was presented to a disabled girl by Baba Lakhdatta Darbar Committee. Giving information in this regard, Joginder Pal Bhutto said that Manpreet Kaur, daughter of Kuldeep Singh, resident of nearby village Cheema, who is unable to walk, has been given a wheelchair today by Baba Lakh Data Darbar Committee so that she can do her work easily. On this occasion, Sandeep Bhagat, Ashok Kumar Sewa Singh Labba Ram etc. were present with him.

Expert Talk on Services Marketing and Employability Skills at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar



RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI: The Department of Community College of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar, organized an insightful expert talk on Services Marketing and Employability Skills. Principal Dr. Harinder Singh Kang expressed his delight at the initiative, emphasizing the importance of equipping students with practical skills that align with industry demands. Dr. Sanjay Arora, Coordinator of the Community College, reiterated the significance of bridging the gap between academia and industry, stating that such initiatives foster a conducive learning environment for students to thrive professionally. The event commenced with Prof. Jaspreet Singh extending a warm welcome to the esteemed speaker, Prof. Shubash Chand, from the Department of Commerce at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. During his address, Prof. Chand shed light on the nuances of services marketing and shared invaluable insights into enhancing employability skills.

Desh Bhagat University honours educators from Fatehgarh Sahib

BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA
SIRHIND, APRIL 9

Desh Bhagat University today organized the G-20 School Connect Leadership Summit Awards in Sirhind. In this event, DBU honored Principals from Sirhind & Fatehgarh Sahib for their remarkable achievements by presenting them with commemorative plaques and certificates. During the G-20 program, all principals engaged in panel discussions. The panel discussions covered various important topics such as understanding the new education policy, upcoming technological trends in the education sector, integrating artificial intelligence in classrooms, prioritizing student happiness & well-being, promoting active and experiential learning methodologies, fostering entrepreneurship education, addressing global challenges in education, enhancing creativity and skills, and promoting health and sports education. During a press conference held as



part of the event, Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice-President of DBU, provided detailed information about the new education policy implemented by Prime Minister Modi. The role of technology in schools is crucial. Students are now working on new concepts of learning. He said that DBU is committed to the placement of its students, and job fairs are organized, in which renowned brands of the country participate.

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ED nabs Delhi cyber fraudster at IGI in Rs 4,978 crore scam

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 9

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Delhi-based cyber fraudster Punit Kumar for his role as an important kingpin within a syndicate responsible for orchestrating a series of cybercrimes and online gaming schemes across India between 2020 and 2024, amounting to huge illicit gains of Rs 4,978 crore, all of which have been siphoned off abroad. Also known as Puneet Maheshwari, the cyber fraudster, who is a resident of Delhi's Moti Nagar, was arrested on April 3 at the arrival hall of Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport in the national capital while travelling from Nepal, the agency said on Tuesday. ED said that Kumar's involvement primarily revolves around defrauding the general public through various cyber fraud schemes,



subsequently laundering the proceeds of crime, and siphoning off the same out of India. "He devised a distinctive method of defrauding individuals, utilising servers located in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to orchestrate scams, with a parallel system established in India to support the syndicate's operations in the UAE," ED said. The agency produced Kumar before a Prevention of Money

Laundering Act (PMLA) court here in the city soon after the arrest and got his custody for a period of nine days until April 9. ED initiated an investigation on the basis of various First Information Reports registered throughout India, including Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Chandigarh. "Punit Kumar is one of the important kingpins within a syndicate responsible for orchestrating a series of

Chasanpreet Singh Chahal appointed as Sub-Inspector in Armored Border Force

ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO, APR 9

Chasanpreet Singh Chahal s/o Bikar Singh Natheha has been appointed as a sub-inspector in Shastra Seema Force. Participating in this joy, Constituency MLA Prof. Baljinder Kaur also



congratulated and blessed. Apart from this, former DIG Harinder Singh Chahal congratulated and

wished for progress and asked him to work hard to reach more high positions and to try to serve the people with sincerity and diligence. For the big achievement Chashanpreet Singh Chahal father Bikar Singh Natheha said that Chashanpreet Singh has secured 356th rank out of 8,27,602 examinees from

all over India and 11th rank out of total 90 posts of SSB board out of which Chashanpreet Singh had given the paper. has been appointed as Sub-Inspector. He said that this force is the first Sikh youth from Punjab who has brightened the name of Punjab by getting this post.

Hundreds of families of village Gyog Shergarh join Congress

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KAITHAL, APRIL 9

BJP-JJP party got a big jolt in Kaithal when hundreds of families from village Gyog, Shergarh and Yamuna Nagar joined hands with Congress under the leadership of Randeep Surjewala. Randeep Surjewala said that now the public was ready to uproot the BJP. This time only Congress was needed for the progress of the area and Haryana. He said that all the comrades those have joined the Congress party would be welcomed and greeted from the bottom of the heart. Together they will fight for the rights of Haryana and would win and give rise to a new Haryana. Comrades who left JJP party from village Shergarh (Kaithal) are Rammehar Maihala, Rajkumar Maihala, Rajiv Maihala, Ramesh Maihala, Balwan Maihala, Jagdish Maihala, Raja Maihala, Gogi Maihala, Sunil Maihala, Sanju Maihala, Amit Maihala, Sandeep Maihala, Beera Maihala, Basau Maihala, Suraj Bhan Maihala, Badan Singh Maihala, Ramkesh Maihala, Ballu Maihala. Comrades Jilhe Singh Dalal, Balbir Dalal, Joginder Dalal, Bir Singh Dalal, Manoj Dalal, Pravesh Dalal, Rinku Dalal, Gurjant Dalal, Rakesh Dalal, Ankit Dalal, Vikram Dalal, Gurudayal Dalal, Sahil Dalal, Abhishek Dalal and Yashpal Sangroya from village Gyong



(Kaithal). Comrades Shravan Kumar, Rakesh Sharma, Vinod Kumar, Ashok Dhawan, Rishi Bansal, Pawan Sharma, Dalip Chaddha, Santi Dhiman, Sumit Gurjar, Ajay Gurjar, Ankit Prajapati, Harsh Prajapati, Kapil Jethi, Dinesh Malhotra Tinku Tyagi, Arjun Sinha. All the comrades who left BJP and JJP due to the hard work of senior Kalayat Congress leader Shweta Dul from Yamunanagar, left BJP and joined Congress party under the leadership of Randeep Surjewala. Randeep Surjewala made all his colleagues wear the Congress sash and joined the Congress party.

Orientation programme organised at Shiva International Residential School



BILASPUR: "In the world of children, new beginnings are the doors to endless possibilities, where every step forward is a leap into the unknown, filled with excitement, curiosity, and the joy of discovery." At Shiva International Residential School, Bilaspur we recognize and highly value the collaboration between educators and parents, understanding its crucial role in our learners' comprehensive growth. In line with this belief, we hosted our Orientation Programme for all grades on April 9, 2024. The Chief Guest of the day, Managing Director Shiva Group of Institutions, Er. Purushottam Sharma, Executive Directors, Ms. Madhu Sharma, Ms Aditi Sharma and Mr Ayush Sharma , Director SIRS , Dr. Shilpa Goel, Principal Shiva Ayurveda College and Hospital, Dr Harsha NM, Principal Shiva College of Pharmacy, Dr. Vinod Gautam, Principal Shiva College of Education, Dr. Sunil Sharma graced the occasion with their benign presence. The programme commenced after lighting the lamp and a pious Hawan. Parents and children were shown the teaching methodology and the vast campus of Shiva International Residential School.

Manav Seva Uttam Seva Nabha distributes protein to pregnant women at Janana Hospital

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, APRIL 9

Manav Seva Uttam Seva (Reg:) Nabha to pregnant women under Prime Minister Surakshit Matratwa Abhiyan at Janana Hospital, Civil Hospital, Nabha A protein distribution function was organized at The chief guest of this ceremony, S.M.O. of Civil Hospital Dr. Sanjay Goyal specially attended. He said that mothers have been made aware about the balanced diet of children. The main objective of this campaign is to inspire pregnant women, newborns and adolescent children as well as people of all age groups to lead a healthy lifestyle by making them aware of protein, balanced diet. He said that in today's era, it is necessary to take special care of food and drink in daily life to keep the human body healthy. Clean,



unadulterated food and nutritious food should be consumed daily. Vikas Mittal, chief attendant of the organization, said that it is very important for a pregnant woman to take good pure food along with protein for the health of the child growing in the womb. Pregnant women should consume more green leafy vegetables, yellow fruits, milk, eggs, cheese, soybeans

etc. in their diet and should use iron rich fruits and vegetables. On this occasion, Janana Hospital doctors Dr. Ekta, Rani (LHV), Rajni Mittal, members of the organization Vikas Mittal, Ankur Singla, Kamal Goyal, Ravinder Singh, Shiv Kumar Kaushal, Munish Mittal, Atul Bansal (Advocate), Sunil Gupta were present. , Deepak Kumar, Varun Singla, Achar Das etc. members were present.

Manavta Janshakti Foundation organizes free medical check-up camp in village Khajuri

RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR, APR 9

The team of Manavta Janshakti Foundation organized a free eye checkup camp in village Khajuri on the occasion of Vikrami Samvat (Hindu New Year) created by Chakravarti Emperor Vikramaditya. This checkup camp was organized in the community hall of village Khajuri. Former Parliamentary Secretary Shyam Singh Rana attended the camp as the chief guest. Doctors from Dr. Rana Eye Hospital extended their support in the camp. The officials of the foundation also participated enthusiastically. In the camp, dozens of patients from the surrounding area got themselves checked for eye related diseases like redness of the eye, watery eyes, poor



vision, cataract, glaucoma and also got their glasses checked. The founder of the foundation Hardeep Rana was also present on this occasion. On this occasion, Shyam Singh Rana said that they all should keep organizing such events for human welfare. Manavta Janshakti Foundation was working for the welfare of humanity. He said that many times people did not go to the doctor despite having problems. In such a situation, their disease increased. People come to such camps for checkups, where serious

patients were also treated so that their eyes can be saved. On this occasion State Vice President Mukesh Rana, Pratap Rana, Mohit Rana Sarpanch Unhedi, Satish Sharma Palewala, Manoj Parmar Bhiwani, Labh Singh, Vikas Rana Marwa, Nitesh Rana Vice President BJP, Satendra Rana, Sonu Rana Tigra, Diwan Singh Fauji, Sonu Rana Tigra, Khajuri Sarpanch Agya Ram, Retgarh Arjun Singh, Satish Sarpanch Daulatpur, Vinod Kushwaha and others were present.

BJP SC Morcha meeting held in Chintpurni

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, APRIL 9

In a recent meeting of the BJP SC Morcha held in Chintpurni, chaired by Master Sher Singh, various party leaders including former minister Varinder Kanwar addressed the attendees. Kanwar emphasized the need to align with Prime Minister Modi's vision to propel India towards development by 2047. The discussions underscored the achievements of the BJP governments and particularly lauded the initiatives of the Modi administration. Former MLA and BJP District President Balvir Chaudhary expressed confidence in securing over 400 seats in the upcoming elections, pledging vigorous grassroots



campaigning to promote Modi's welfare schemes. Mandating door-to-door outreach and awareness campaigns, the BJP Chintpurni constituency aims to inform citizens about Modi's initiatives and garner their support. Present at the event were prominent figures such as Mandal President Ravindra Dwivedi,

former Mandal President Kuldeep Singh, District President Shyam Manhas, SC Morcha President Subhash, Alp-Sankhyak Morcha President Bashir Mohammed, and others. This meeting marks a strategic effort by the BJP to consolidate support for PM Modi's leadership ahead of the forthcoming elections.

Mothers' Day tribute paid to Smt. Prem Kumari Sehgal at St. Lawrence International School



RAJNI SONI
YAMUNANAGAR: Mothers' Day was organized in the fond memory of revered Smt. Prem Kumari Sehgal on the occasion of her death anniversary at St. Lawrence International School, Pabni Road, Jagadhri. Mothers' Day was organized in the fond memory of revered Smt. Prem Kumari Sehgal on the occasion of her death anniversary at St. Lawrence International School, Pabni Road, Jagadhri. Renowned educationist Dr M K Sehgal paid obeisance at the feet of his revered mother with tears in his eyes. All the family members Chairperson Dr. Rajni Sehgal, Swaranjali Sehgal and Naman Sehgal also offered floral tributes at her feet and prayed to God that May the blessings of Mata Ji always remain on the Sehgal family! At the beginning of the program Goddess Saraswati and Lord Ganesha were worshiped and a lamp was lit at their feet. Dr. Rajni Sehgal, while congratulating the specially invited mothers of students, said that mothers should inculcate good values in their children.

Election Commission launches six apps for Lok Sabha elections

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA, APRIL 9

District Election Officer cum Deputy Commissioner Dr. Shalin informed that the Election Commission has launched six mobile Apps to empower the rights of citizens in the ensuing Lok Sabha elections. Through these apps, many tasks can be done with just one click, including getting votes registered, complaining about violation of the Model Code of Conduct, viewing nomination papers of candidates. Saksham app has been launched for Divyang voters. Actually, to ensure the participation of every citizen



in the elections, the Commission has taken voter-friendly steps in the technological era. The District Election Officer said that the election process was the most important in democracy and full participation of citizens was necessary in a fair and independent election process.

He said that the Voter Helpline app was very effective for getting votes registered, through which youth who have completed 18 years can apply for votes sitting at home. Apart from this, Suvidha app has also been launched for the candidates, through which the candidates contesting the elections can apply for election activities. He said that in the digital era, the Election Commission has done an important work of digitalizing the election processes as well. Many apps have been made for the entire election activities. Out of which about five apps are for voters and citizens.

Editorial

Let truth triumph

Seeking the truth, on one level, may simply mean finding out for oneself. Alas, we do not encourage this enough in our schools. However, this piece is about being truthful. Most people would accept that we are a lying society. In a post-truth world, we live comfortably with alternative facts, fake news and 'deep fake', along with the white and 'therapeutic' lies that have always existed. But the truth, no matter how complex it is and no matter how it is defined by scholars and philosophers, has a rock-like quality to it. There can be nothing casual or light about truth. I believe that in these lying times, we must, deliberately and consciously, teach children to tell the truth at all times — irrespective of how inconvenient it is to do so.

Psychological studies have established that lying is more prevalent where co-r-ruption is rampant, rule-bre-aking is a daily occurren-ce and political leaders are expected to lie. Unless lying adults mend their ways and parents decide to bring up their children to tell the truth and refrain from lying themselves, we will continue to live in a lying society.

Teachers must consciously teach children to be truthful — just as they teach them critical and creative thinking. My sentiments have always resonated with Friedrich Nietzsche's statement, "I am not upset that you lied to me, I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you" — except, of course, when small children's imaginations run wild.

Once, a friend who prided herself on her well-preserved good looks, asked her granddaughter how she was looking. The blunt answer was, "You are looking old." When my offended friend reprimanded the little girl, she protested vehemently. "But thamma, you taught me to tell the truth!" she retorted indignantly. My friend admitted later that she did not know how to deal with the situation. Indeed, it is a tricky business to guide children to be socially pleasant and yet be truthful. The artificial flattery that we observe around us makes it difficult to accept any compliment at face value. We should understand that what is said behind our backs is a different story and let us not forget Oscar Wilde's shrewd remark that what is said behind your back is usually true. I wonder why we should pay insincere compliments just to please people. There are umpteen ways in which one can appreciate a person truthfully. We can make out that lying is the norm today because children and adults expect to be exempted from disciplinary measures just because they have spoken the truth. A parent exclaims, "Imagine, my child was scolded even after she owned up!" "Why are my marks being deducted when I have admitted that I tampered with my report card?" questions a student. They do not understand that consequences of misde-meanours must be faced and telling the truth cannot absolve one of that.

ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 team gets award at space symposium

ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 mission team received the 2024 John L. "Jack" Swigert, Jr. Award for Space Exploration, a top award from the US-based Space Foundation. This annual award honors a space agency, company, or consortium of organizations in the realm of space exploration and discovery.

The award was presented at the Space Foundation's yearly opening ceremony of the Space Symposium in Colorado on April 8. Consul General of India in Houston, DC Manjunath received the award on behalf of ISRO's Chandrayaan team.

Recent winners of the John L. "Jack" Swigert, Jr. Award include NASA and the University of Arizona OSIRIS-REx team, the teams behind the NASA JPL Mars Ingenuity Helicopter and InSight-Mars Cube One, NASA Dawn, and Cassini.

Space Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 1983 offering information, education and collaboration for the global space ecosystem. Space Symposium, hosted by Space Foundation since 1984, is the assembly for the global space ecosystem.

Earlier in January, Space Foundation announced that it has selected the Chandrayaan-3 Mission Team as the recipient of the 2024 John L. "Jack" Swigert Jr Award for Space Exploration.

India was the first nation to land a spacecraft on the Moon's South Pole. Chandrayaan-3, a mission developed by the Indian Space Research Organization, extends humanity's space exploration aspirations to new and fertile areas for understanding and cooperation, according to the Space Foundation. Furthermore, the technical and engineering achievements showcased by this mission show the world the unquestioned leadership and ingenuity of the people of India in the global space ecosystem.



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In a press release, Space Foundation CEO Heather Pringle said, "India's leadership in space is an inspiration to the world." He added, "The pioneering work of the entire Chandrayaan-3 team has again raised the bar for space exploration, and their remarkable lunar landing is a model to us all. Congratulations and we can't wait to see what you do next!" The press release issued by Space Foundation stated, "The John L

"Jack" Swigert Jr Award for Space Exploration recognizes extraordinary accomplishments by a company, space agency, or consortium of organizations in the realm of space exploration and discovery."

"The award honors the memory of astronaut John L. "Jack" Swigert Jr., one of the inspirations for the creation of Space Foundation.

A Colorado native, Swigert served with retired US Navy Captain James A Lovell Jr

and Fred Haise on the legendary Apollo 13 lunar mission, which was aborted after the perilous rupture of an oxygen tank while in route to the Moon," it added.

In September last year, Chandrayaan-3 touched down on the uncharted lunar South Pole after a 40-day journey into space, making India the first country to do so. India also became only the fourth nation after the US, Russia, and China to successfully conduct a lunar landing mission.

Literature & Health

Encourage India, Pakistan to resolve issues through dialogue: US

The United States has said that it "will not get into the middle of the situation" following allegations by Pakistan on India and has urged both countries to avoid escalation of tensions and resolve differences via dialogue.

The response by US Department of State spokesperson Matthew Miller came after he was asked about Washington's stance on a recent UK media report citing Pakistani officials alleging that India carried killings of individuals associated with terrorism and extremism on Pakistani soil. Indian officials have termed the allegations as "false and malicious anti-India propaganda."

"We have been following the media reports about this issue. We don't have any comment on the underlying allegations, but of course, while we're not going to get in the middle of this situation, we encourage both sides to avoid escalation and find a resolution through dialogue," Matthew Miller said during a press briefing.

Miller said this when he was asked about the US response to the recent report in 'The Guardian' newspaper.

Earlier this January too Pakistan attempts to link India with the deaths of two Pakistani nationals were dismissed by Ministry of External Affairs with official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal terming it as "peddling false and malicious anti-India propaganda". Jaiswal had said, "We have seen media reports



regarding certain remarks by Pakistan Foreign Secretary. It is Pakistan's latest attempt at peddling false and malicious anti-India propaganda.

As the world knows, Pakistan has long been the epicentre of terrorism, organised crime, and illegal transnational activities."

"India and many other countries have publicly warned Pakistan, cautioning that it would be consumed by its own culture of terror and violence. Pakistan will reap what it sows.

To blame others for its own misdeeds can neither be a justification nor a solution," he added.

Jaiswal made the remarks after Pakistan Foreign Secretary Muhammad Syrus Sajjad Qazi claimed Islamabad had "credible evidence" of links between Indian agents and the assassination of two Pakistani nationals in Sialkot and Rawalkot-Shahid Latif and Muhammad Riaz.

Iranian FM opens new consulate in Damascus following Israeli strike



Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian opened a new consulate building in the Syrian capital of Damascus on Monday, following the destruction of the previous consulate by an Israeli strike last week.

Amir-Abdollahian, alongside Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad, attended the inauguration ceremony of the new consulate, situated next to the previous building that was demolished by an Israeli missile attack just days ago.

Amir-Abdollahian arrived in Damascus on Monday afternoon for his first visit to the country since the Israeli attack on the Iranian consulate on April 1. The

attack killed senior leaders in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), including Mohammad Reza Zahedi, a veteran commander who led the IRGC foreign operations wing, the Quds Force, in Syria and Lebanon. During his visit to Damascus, Amir-Abdollahian held meetings with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad, and the officials in the Syrian National Security. Speaking at a joint press conference with his Syrian counterpart, Amir-Abdollahian reaffirmed that Israel will receive "the necessary response" for its attack on the consulate, while also blaming the United States for the incident.

POEM

Godiva

I waited for the train at Coventry; I hung with grooms and porters on the bridge, To watch the three tall spires; and there I shaped The city's ancient legend into this: Not only we, the latest seed of Time, New men, that in the flying of a wheel Cry down the past, not only we, that



prate Of rights and wrongs, have loved the people well, And loathed to see them overtax'd; but she Did more, and underwent, and overcame, The woman of a thousand summers back, Godiva, wife to that grim Earl, who ruled In Coventry: for when he laid a tax Upon his town, and all the mothers brought.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Victim of October 7 attack lauds Indian support for Israel

As the Israel-Hamas war completed its six months, Moran, a survivor of the October 7 attack, conveyed appreciation towards India and its people for their steadfast support during a challenging period.

Moran's words reflect the profound bond shared between the two nations in times of adversity.

"I see the Indian support that started much before, years before October 7 and after October 7," Moran expressed, highlighting the enduring nature of India's solidarity, adding, "Thanks to Prime Minister Modi, all over the media. And we know that India is a true friend of Israel."

Moran's gratitude extended beyond governmental assistance, acknowledging the compassion and friendship displayed by the Indian populace. "I think it's not just the Indian government. Thanks to the Indian people, who have always been and continue to be a good friend of ours," Moran added, emphasising the collective



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"Thank you very much to the government, but for the people as well," Moran expressed, encapsulating the depth of gratitude towards India's unwavering support. Israel's Ambassador to India Naor Gilon too has said India has been

very strong against terrorism from the first moment. He said that Israel is appreciative of the Indian government's support since Hamas launched the attack on October 7.

In an interview with ANI on January 30, Gilon said that Israel has received "incredible support" from Indian people amid the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Speaking about India's stance on the Israel-Hamas conflict, Gilon said, "India was very strong against terrorism from the first moment. Prime Minister Modi, on the afternoon of October 7, already came out with a very strong condemnation. We are much appreciative of the Indian government for its support from that time on."

The war in Gaza continues after Israel launched a counter-offensive in response to the Hamas attack on October 7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was one of the first global leaders to condemn the horrific terror attack on Israel by Hamas on October 7.

Redmi Tablet, ANC Earphones, More Tipped to Launch in India Soon

Redmi is expected to introduce several new products to the Indian market. A recent leak has surfaced online which lists the expected items from the Xiaomi sub-brand. It is expected to include personal use products as well as home appliances. The company has not yet officially confirmed any of the rumoured products. It recently launched the Redmi A3 in the country with an octa-core MediaTek Helio G36 SoC, a 5,000mAh battery with 10W fast charging support, and an 8-megapixel dual rear camera unit.

Tipster Abhishek Yadav (@yabhishekh), in a post on X (formerly Twitter), shared that Redmi is likely to launch a new Redmi Pad model, new TWS earphones with active noise cancellation (ANC), and a self-cleaning vacuum cleaner. The tipster did not suggest any other details about any of these products. Readers are advised to take this information with a pinch of salt.

Recently, the Redmi Buds 5 with 12.4mm dynamic drivers and 46dB ANC support were launched in India. The earphones alongside the charging case are claimed to offer up to 38 hours of total battery life from a single charge. Available in Fusion Black, Fusion Purple, and Fusion White colour options, they are priced at Rs. 2,999. Notably, Redmi is scheduled to launch the Redmi Pad Pro in China on April 10. The tablet is teased to launch in three colour options - black, blue, and grey. It is confirmed to ship with Xiaomi's HyperOS and feature a 12.1-inch 2.5K display and a 10,000mAh battery. Xiaomi open-back headphones have also been teased to launch alongside.

Ola to Shutdown Operations in UK, Australia, New Zealand; to Focus on India Business

Ride-hailing services provider Ola has decided to shut down operations in the UK, Australia and New Zealand and will continue to focus on India business, its promoter ANI Technologies said on Tuesday. The Southbank-backed company said that it sees immense opportunity for expansion in India.

"Our ride-hailing business is growing rapidly, and we remain profitable and segment leaders in India. The future of mobility is electric - not just in personal mobility, but also for the ride-hailing business and there is immense opportunity for expansion in India. With this clear focus, we have reassessed our priorities and have decided to shut down our overseas ride-hailing business in its current form in the UK, Australia and New Zealand," an Ola Mobility spokesperson said.

IIHL to partner with Invesco and acquire 60 pc stake

CHANDIGARH (RAJENDRA KHATRY) IndusInd International Holdings Limited (IIHL), a Mauritius based Investment Holding Company with several investments in banking and financial assets, and Invesco Ltd. announced today that they have entered into a definitive agreement to form a joint venture (JV), and IIHL to acquire a 60 per cent stake in Invesco Asset Management India Limited (IAM). IAM is the Indian arm of Invesco Ltd., a leading independent global investment management firm with over USD 1.6 trillion in assets under management. IIHL is the promoter entity of IndusInd Bank, the 5th largest private sector bank in India listed on BSE & NSE and is regulated by RBI. Invesco will retain a 40 pc stake in the newly formed JV, and both IIHL and Invesco will have sponsor status. IAM is the fifth largest foreign asset manager and the 17th largest domestic asset manager in India with combined onshore and offshore advisory and assets under management of INR 853.93 bn as of March 31, 2024, and a presence in 40 cities across the country.

Realme GT Neo 6 SE Launch Set for April 11

Realme is all set to unveil the Realme GT Neo 6 SE later this week. The Chinese smartphone brand has posted multiple teasers on its social media handle to reveal the design and specifications of the upcoming phone. It has also started accepting pre-reservations for the Realme GT Neo 6 SE via its official online store in China. The Realme GT Neo 6 SE is teased to come with an LTPO OLED screen and a Snapdragon 7+ Gen 3 SoC. The Realme GT Neo 6 SE will launch on April 11. The launch event will be held in China at 2pm local time (pm IST), as per a teaser poster shared (in Chinese) by the company on Weibo. Realme is also teasing the design and specifications of the handset via a dedicated landing page on its website. The handset is also up for pre-orders in China. It is seen flaunting a slightly curved display with minimal bezels, a hole punch cutout in the centre, and a dual-tone back panel. Realme GT Neo 6 SE is confirmed to feature BOE's 8T LTPO OLED display with 1.5K resolution and a mind-blowing peak brightness of 6,000 nits. The display will offer up to 120Hz adaptive refresh rate and Corning Gorilla Glass Victus 2 protection.

Paytm Payments Bank CEO Surinder Chawla Resigns

Beleaguered Paytm Payments Bank's managing director and CEO Surinder Chawla has resigned from the company, a regulatory filing said on Tuesday. Chawla's resignation comes amidst Paytm Payments Bank facing prohibitory action from banking regulator RBI.

"Surinder Chawla, Managing Director and CEO of PPBL, has tendered his resignation on April 8, 2024, on account of personal reasons and to explore better career prospects. He will be relieved from PPBL w.e.f. close of business hours on June 26, 2024, unless changed by mutual consent," One97 Communications, Paytm brand owner, said in a regulatory filing. Chawla joined PPBL in January last year after the payments bank received approval from the Reserve Bank of India.

In a major action against Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL), RBI, on January 31, directed it to stop accepting deposits or top-ups in any customer accounts, wallets, FASTags and other instruments after February 29. Subsequently, the deadline was extended to March 15.

Professor Ravinder Bir gave dowry on the marriage of needy girl

Nabha, April 9 (Flakesh Jindal) : Khatra Colony by Professor Ravinder Singh Bir, the patron of Divine Angel Charitable Trust, an organization that has been gaining fame in the field of social service in Nabha constituency for the past time. A needy daughter was helped in marriage at Nabha. In which the girl was blessed with bed, mattress, press, blanket, dinner set, silver symbols, gold suit, etc. On this occasion, BK Lucky, Professor Ravinder Singh Veer and Shavinder Kumar from Brahm Kumar Ashram were present with her.

Get fit, don't quit: keep up with your fitness regime



Are you one of those people who end up postponing workout sessions cause there seems to be no time-for-it on your current schedule? You need to scoop up some time, as fitness is a self-care activity that you have to include in your daily routine. You won't be able to smash your body goals if you keep up procrastinating. Follow the mantra, 'No matter what, don't quit' because the only way you will see results is if you stay consistent. That's why; we got you some quick exercises that can easily fuse in with your calendar and help you stay on top of your game.

The Kegel Exercises Now, what exactly are Kegel exercises? They are basic clench-and-release actions that help you strengthen your pelvic floor muscles. These muscles support the bladder, womb, small intestine, and rectum. To perform these exercises first and foremost make sure your bladder is empty. Sit or lie down and tighten your pelvic floor muscles, hold onto it for three to five seconds. Then relax your muscles for the next few seconds and repeat! Tip: You should feel your muscles

heavier rope; it will help you develop your back muscles.

Defining The Core Squats are highly effective and have various benefits. Starting with strengthening your core and lower body to boosting your athletic ability and crushing those extra calories, they will help you get in shape in no time. Awaiting abs? Then you have to add crunches to your routine! They may not burn up calories as fast as squats but will develop your abs as they work the abdominal muscle. Nevertheless, make sure you are doing them by following the right methods.

Plank Walk-Outs Planks are beneficial to your body as they improve balance and posture. They strengthen your spine and shoulder bones along with body flexibility. They also reduce your belly fat and backache. Here's how you can do plank walk-outs: Start with a basic plank position, stepping your feet back behind you and lift your knees. The feet should be between hip and shoulder width. Make sure you tense your legs and support your core to keep your body rigid. Basically, go from a plank position to lifting yourself into a plank pose and going into an inch-worm form. Watch some videos to make sure you are doing this perfectly!

Inspection Conducted by Sant Prem Pal Sagar at Surya Ghat



Indri(Main Pal Kashyap): The Yamuna Sewa Samiti will celebrate the manifestation day of Goddess Yamuna on April 14 at the Surya Ghat of Yamuna Kundla in Karnal district. A havan-yagna and a grand aarti will be performed on the banks of the Yamuna early in the morning at six o'clock, followed by a community feast.

The preparations for this event, which will be held in the presence of Sant Prem Pal Sagar, are being vigorously carried out by the volunteers of the committee. Sant Prem Pal Sagar inspected the Surya Ghat of Yamuna Kundla on Tuesday after a discussion with the volunteers at the Development

Cantabil Retail expands its retail presence with opening of its New Store in Kaithal, Haryana



Kaithal : Cantabil Retail India Ltd., one of India's leading apparel manufacturer and retailer, has announced the opening of its new retail store in Kaithal. Spanning across 1000 sqft., the brand store located at GF, Plot No.-34, Chota Govind Nagar, Ambala Road, Kaithal, Pincode-136027, marks a significant milestone in the brand's expansion journey. Commenting on this exciting launch, Mr. Deepak Bansal, Director of Cantabil Retail India Ltd., expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We are thrilled to intro-

duce our new store in Kaithal. Cantabil Retail has garnered immense appreciation in the mid-premium segment, resonating with customers of all ages. Our new store will showcase an extensive range of fashion-forward apparel for women and kids. In order to ensure the availability of trendy yet competitive fashion apparel to our customers, we have opened our 40th Women and kids' store. With a strong presence across India, we are committed to further expanding our retail footprint in the coming years."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Launches the All-New Urban Cruiser Taisor

MANDI, 09, April, 2024, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), today launched the All-New Toyota URBAN CRUISER TAISOR, a dynamic addition to its robust and full range of versatile SUV line-up in India. Marking the company's re-entry into the A-SUV segment, the All-New Toyota URBAN CRUISER TAISOR is positioned to offer a sense of prestige derived from the modern styling, cutting-edge features and advance technologies, which also makes it a perfect choice for Indian customers. The new product further reinforces the company's commanding presence in the SUV category. The All-New URBAN CRUISER TAISOR is available in 1.0L Turbo, 1.2L Petrol and E-CNG options. The 1.0L Turbo is available in 5 Speed Manual Transmission and 6 Speed Automatic Transmission, thus offering a versatile choice for customers who prioritize both power and performance preferences. While the 1.2L Petrol comes in 5 Speed Manual Transmission and Intelligent Gear Shift (IGS), the 1.2L E-CNG is available.

HP introduces AI-enhanced gaming & creation laptops in India

CHANDIGARH-HP has introduced its range of AI-enhanced laptops designed for gamers and content creators in India. The newly launched laptops include the OMEN Transcend 14 and HP Envy x360 14. Both the new series of laptops are equipped with Intel Core Ultra processors to help with high-end gaming and creation experience of users.

"At HP, our mission is to empower users by capitalizing on the power of AI, redefining how they work, live and play," said Ipsita Dasgupta, Senior Vice President & Managing Director, HP India. "We are proud to present the industry's broadest portfolio of AI-enhanced PCs. Through AI-driven personalization, we are creating more personalized and meaningful user experiences, revolutionizing the way we interact with technology."

OMEN Transcend 14: First AI-enhanced OMEN laptop by HP · AI-enhancements for better gaming experience: Crafted for gamers who indulge in both playing and creating content, the OMEN Transcend 14 comes with NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4060 graphics, that powers AI features for accelerated gameplay experience and enhanced graphics. The Intel Core Ultra processors in the new



OMEN Transcend 14 help gamers effortlessly engage with the latest games or handle compute-intensive tasks. OMEN Transcend 14 offers both local AI capabilities through its Intel and NVIDIA processors, as well as built-in AI with Otter.ai for features like live transcript and real-time captions during meetings or classes, a record function for transcribing audio, and AI-generated notes.

Cooler 14-inch gaming laptop in the world: To help OMEN Transcend 14 run at peak performance is a new cooling system co-engineered with Intel. The chassis pulls in air and, using a vapor chamber, creates a pressurized zone to blast heat out through the rear vents. This system makes it the coolest 14-inch gaming laptop in the world.

Thin & Light design: The powerful OMEN Transcend 14 is also HP's lightest gaming laptop. This device weighs in at 1.637 kg with up to 11.5 hours battery life and a type-C PD 140W adapter to make charging on-the-go easier than ever before.

World's First Gaming Laptop with Audio tuned by HyperX: The keyboard is its first lattice-less design, so the keycaps are essentially edge to edge. However, the keycaps are modeled after HyperX's pudding caps for mechanical keyboards.

Maruti Suzuki expands manufacturing capability at Manesar plant

Manesar/ New Delhi: April 09, 2024: Maruti Suzuki India Limited, India's leading passenger vehicle manufacturer commissioned another vehicle assembly line at its Manesar facility today. This assembly line has been added to the existing Plant-A of the 3 manufacturing plants at Manesar. The new vehicle assembly line has the capability to manufacture 100,000 units per annum. With this additional assembly line, the total manufacturing capability at Manesar stands at 900,000 vehicles per annum.

The first Ertiga rolled out at the new vehicle assembly line at Manesar plant. This new line enhances existing capability at plant by an additional 100,000 units per annum.

Cumulatively, the Manesar facility has contributed over 95 lakh units in Maruti Suzuki's 3 Core production milestone. Several best-selling vehicles like Brezza, Ertiga, XL6, Wagon R, Dzire, S-Presso, Ciaz and Celerio are manufactured at this facility.

Speaking at the commissioning of the new assembly line, Mr. Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited said, "Maruti Suzuki is deeply committed to Government of India's vision of 'Make in India'. We aim to nearly double our capacity to 4 million vehicles per annum over the next 7-8 years and this capacity addition of 100,000 vehicles per year is a step towards this goal. It will help us serve our customers faster and enhance our overall capability."



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The first Ertiga rolled out at the new vehicle assembly line at

Samsung Unveils Galaxy M55 5G, Galaxy M15 5G with Segment

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the launch of two monster devices, Galaxy M55 5G and Galaxy M15 5G, with several segment-leading features. The latest additions to the immensely popular Galaxy M series offer users a superior smartphone experience with Super AMOLED Plus display, monster battery and powerful processors. "True to the Samsung philosophy, we are pushing the boundaries of innovation with the new Galaxy M55 5G and Galaxy M15 5G, two stunning devices that are ready to power the infinite passions of young MZ consumers. With multiple segment-leading features including Super AMOLED plus display, stylish sleek design, powerful Snapdragon processor and combined with an unmatched promise of four generations of OS upgrades and five years of security updates, we are ensuring a monster user experience with Galaxy M55 5G and Galaxy M15 5G," said Aditya Babbar, Vice President, MZ Division, Samsung India. Galaxy M55 5G and Galaxy M15 5G don the iconic Galaxy signature design, exuding elegance and sophistication. Galaxy M55 5G is super sleek and light weight, measuring only 7.8mm in width which makes it very ergonomic to use. Galaxy M55 5G will be available in two refreshing colours - Light Green and Denim Black.

Sprite's 'Joke in a Bottle' returns

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA/JALANDHAR: Sprite, India's favourite lemon and lime-flavored beverage, is back with 'Joke in a Bottle', following the resounding success of its inaugural season. Strengthening its renowned 'Scan Karo, Joke Suno, Thand Rakho!' campaign from last year, the brand is set to become the ultimate heat hack for this season, delivering a fresh wave of comedic content that's bound to leave audiences in peals of laughter. Given the challenges in today's fast-paced world, Sprite is one of the coolest brands, making it a natural fit to own the humour space and provide a refreshing escape.

With a simple scan of a bottle youngsters can unravel jokes across 9+ regional languages on relatable topics such as exams, college, relationships, food and much more. Commenting on the new campaign, Tish Condono, Senior category director, sparkling flavours, Coca-Cola India and South-West Asia, said, "We are thrilled to bring back Sprite's Joke in a Bottle campaign, following the outstanding response from last year. Our goal remains unchanged: to infuse our consumers' lives with genuine, relatable and humorous content that resonates with our brand ethos. Sprite is dedicated to offering an unmatched, delightful experience for everyone!"



Slice unveils its new Summer Campaign with Kiara



AMBALA / PANIPAT: With the aim of spotlighting an unparalleled mango temptation, Slice has teamed up with brand ambassador Kiara Advani to unveil its enticing summer campaign 'Ras Aisa Ki Bas Na Chalega.' This campaign aims to reinforce Slice's position as the ultimate companion for fulfilling insatiable mango cravings. Through a captivating brand film, it accentuates the irresistible mango charm that Slice offers to its consumers, mirroring the unapologetic indulgence of biting into a juicy mango. The campaign peels back the layers of Slice's irresistible magic, transporting consumers to the luscious world of mango indulgence, where every sip is a journey without boundaries and inhibitions. Speaking on the campaign, Anuj Goyal, Associate Director, Slice and Tropicana, PepsiCo India said that as a brand, Slice is profoundly trea-

sured in the Indian market, striving to provide the closest taste to the authentic mango experience. Our latest summer campaign reflects the quintessential Slice approach to savouring the mango journey. The TVC revels in the delightful messiness and pure indulgence of savouring a mango, emphasising how Slice embodies the true essence of the real mango experience, free from any constraints or inhibitions. Kiara's captivating personality and on-

Vanish launches campaign to #VanishTheDifference in children's uniforms

GURUGRAM : Vanish, a leading fabric stain removal brand and premium laundry additive, has launched the #VanishTheDifference campaign for its new fabric whitener, Vanish Crystal White. With the mission to 'Make Uniforms, Uniform Again', the campaign aims to showcase that variations in uniform brightness should not become the reason for children to lose out on any opportunity. School uniforms were intended to ensure equal treatment for all students, fostering a sense of equality regardless of their background. Many schools have at least one of the uniforms in white, which often lose their brightness after few washes. This often goes unnoticed by parents and may seem insignificant; however, a dull uniform can significantly impact a child who might miss out on opportunities due to differences in uniform appearance compared to their peers. With this campaign, Vanish focuses on spreading the message that uniforms should never become a reason for loss of opportunity for any child, by making uniforms, uniform again.

Saurabh Jain, Regional Marketing Director, Hygiene, Reckitt - South Asia said, "Vanish, with its revolutionary formulation, consistently aims to provide consumers with solutions to their garment woes, ensuring their clothes last longer, look brighter and stay whiter. 'Vanish the Difference' is our effort to ensure every child has an equal opportunity to thrive, free from the constraints of their uniform's appearance. We urge you join us to make uniforms, uniform again and creating a more inclusive future for all students."



Preity Zinta visits Chandigarh Spinal Rehab



Chandigarh, April 9, 2024: Preity Zinta, Actor and Punjab Kings owner today visited the Chandigarh Spinal Rehab in Sector 28, bringing smiles to the inmates of the rehab centre.

Preity was welcomed with a bouquet by the inmates of the rehab centre. She interacted with the patients with spinal injuries at the centre, and also took a round of the centre to see the rehabilitation facilities being offered by the centre. An audio visual presentation was also given on the occasion to apprise

her about the activities of Chandigarh Spinal Rehab.

Nicky P Kaur-Founder & CEO of Chandigarh Spinal Rehab while speaking on the occasion said, "It was a big moment for everyone at Chandigarh Spinal Rehab to welcome Preity." She thanked her for having spared time to visit the centre and boost the morale of the inmates.

The inmates got themselves photographed with Preity and got her autograph. There was also a cake cutting ceremony on the occasion.

Preity Zinta, while speaking on the occasion said that it was an emotional moment for her and she wished everyone at the centre a healthy life ahead. She further said that it was God's grace that she got a chance to visit the centre and to get an insight into the lives of those with spinal injuries.

Three of the inmates also sang a song on the occasion. Punjab Kings CEO Satish Menon and CFO LC Gupta were also present on the occasion and Preity was felicitated by Nicky P Kaur and the entire team of Chandigarh Spinal Rehab.

Live Webinar Organized on Effective Research Techniques

Radaur(Nirmal Saini) : A live webinar was organized on the subject of effective research techniques in pharmaceutical sciences at the Global Research Institute of Pharmacy in Nabha. Students actively participated to enhance their knowledge and boost their exam performance. The valuable participation of interested pharmacists played a crucial role in enriching their knowledge and improving their exam performance. Junior research fellow and scientific author Ashtabhujia Shukla served as the main speaker. In the webinar, valuable suggestions, strategies, and study resources were provided to students to tailor their exam preparation and maximize the chances of success. Ashtabhujia Shukla also covered all aspects of the examination. Principal Dr. Ashwani Kumar elaborated extensively on supporting students in achieving their academic aspirations. College Chairman S.K. Jindal affirmed his commitment to academic excellence and the success of students. He emphasized that such initiatives not only reaffirm the college's dedication to nurturing talent but also serve as a testament to its role as a leading institution in pharmaceutical education.

Mahatma Phule will be remembered on his birth anniversary on April 11

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL: On the birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, the father of the nation, the social reformer who gave women a place in the field of education, the pioneer of equality and socialism, Rashtriya Saini Sabha will pay tribute to him on April 11 at 10 am. This information was given by the state president and national general secretary of Rashtriya Saini Sabha, Ramesh Saini. He said that on April 11, at 9:30 am, a program would be organized at the square and statue site of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule located at Hansi Chowk. On this occasion, people from different sections of the society will garland the picture of Mahatma Phule. On this occasion, light will be shed on his work and personality. He said that Mahatma Phule struggled to give women a respectable place in the society.

Sahitya Ratna**Novelist Om Prakash Gasso releases his 75th book 'The Reality of Darkness'**

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: Sahitya Ratna, Sahit Shironani, Punjab Gaurav Bapu Mr. Om Prakash Gasso Barnala J entered the 92nd year of his 75th edition of his 75th book on the reality of darkness. Before offering this book to the public, Bapu Sri Om Prakash Gasso J of course conducted a 'havan' at his private residence and prayed for his health and the peace of the area, where he passed away from this mortal world a few months ago. After resting, he also prayed to God to keep his son's soul in peace. Congratulations to Bapu Shri Om Prakash Gasso J on the occasion of this birth anniversary from all the writers and other organization leaders of the city of Barnala. Gave them, at the same time wished them a long life. On the occasion of this birth day, where Bapu Gasso mentioned his published books, at the same time, the various present writers celebrated Bapu ji's birth day by reciting their own works.

3 accused on 2 day police remand in ransom case

RAMAN GUPTA
KATHAL: Titaran police station has arrested 3 accused in the case of demanding ransom of Rs 20 lakh. Police spokesperson said that according to the complaint of a person resident of a village under Titaran police station area, he works as a property dealer in Kathal. On April 5, he received a call. When asked him do you know me, he said he didn't know. He told that he was calling Abhishek alias Saiki. If you want the safety of yourself and your family, you will have to pay Rs 20 lakh. Wherever you are, I am always around you. If this thing is lost to anyone then it will not be good for his family.

Dharm Singh Banchal chairs meeting to boost business at Yamunanagar Central Cooperative Bank

RAHUL KOHLI
JADHARI: On Tuesday, the Chairman of the Central Cooperative Bank in Yamunanagar, Dharm Singh Banchal, convened a meeting of employees. The meeting was attended by officials from the bank, including the Primary Agriculture Credit Society (PACS) and Multi-Purpose Societies. On this occasion, Chairman Dharm Singh Banchal emphasized the need for employees to work towards increasing business in accordance with the policies of the Indian government. He urged all agricultural and non-agricultural members to benefit more through the committee's initiatives. The Bank's Development Officer, Satpal Singh, stated that all PACS and Multi-Purpose Societies should provide maximum facilities to their members to enhance their businesses. This would enable the general public to benefit from the schemes. Sanjeev Chamarodi, the head of the PACS Union, welcomed Chairman Dharm Singh Banchal on behalf of all managers and employees. Additionally, the employees submitted a memorandum to him outlining their demands.

Lecturer fired for sending porn links to students at Girls College, Cheeka

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA
GUHLA CHEEKA: Recently, a case came to light where a professor at the local Government Girls College in Cheeka was found sending porn links to students' mobile phones, which was subsequently highlighted by the media in a strong manner. However, due to the department's lackluster policy, no action had been taken against him so far. Taking note of this, social worker Dr. Charan Das, in order to ensure justice for the girls, began an indefinite sit-in protest in front of the college from yesterday. After the protest began, the college administration sprang into action, and amidst much hustle and bustle, the college principal Ram Nivas Yadav met with the Director of Higher Education, Rajeev Ratan, seeking guidance on the matter. The Director of Higher Education had issued strict orders to the college principal. Immediately taking cognizance of the matter, an extension lecturer was dismissed under Rule 18, and the concerned individual was promptly notified. This morning, in front of the media, the college principal showed the dismissal letter of the said principal lecturer, reassuring the media that the services of the said lecturer had been terminated. Following this, the principal brought an end to the protest of social worker Dr. Charan Das by offering him juice. Regarding this entire issue, when Dr. Charan Das, who was on a sit-in protest, was interviewed, he stated that he had sat on the protest to ensure justice for the girls of his locality. He mentioned that the college administration had been trying to shield this professor for the past three years, and no action had been taken. Two years ago, similar serious allegations were leveled against this professor, but at that time, the then principal of the college, under the influence of local MLA Ishwar Singh, suppressed the entire matter by issuing threats.

Meeting of Haryana PWD Mechanical Employees Union held

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: In a meeting convened today at the district office under the leadership of Prant President Vishwanath Sharma and District President Raminivas Sharma, affiliated with the Haryana Employees Federation, discussions were held regarding the demands and issues faced by actively engaged employees. The meeting, attended by various branch officials and chaired by Prant President Vishwanath Sharma, focused on addressing the legitimate demands of the workers. The Executive Engineer assured a timely resolution to the concerns raised by the employees, fostering a constructive dialogue aimed at satisfying their needs. The gathering witnessed the presence of several dignitaries, including District Chairman Amreek Singh Chhattha, Prant Deputy Secretary Ramkumar Prajapati, Branch Heads Ajay Kumar from Shahabad, Jagdeep Singh from Ladwa, and Satish Kumar from Kurukshetra, among others. The discussions aimed at assuring the organization's commitment to resolving all issues and demands put forth by the workers, fostering a conducive environment for dialogue and collaboration.

Discussion on novel 'Gori Hirni' at Sikh Senior Secondary School

MANISH KUMAR
AMBALA: A joint discussion on the Punjabi novel "Gori Hirni" written by Gulzar Singh Sandhu and translated into Hindi by Vandana Sukhija and Gurbaksh Singh Monga was organized by the Janwadi Lekhak Sangh Ambala and the Progressive Authors' Association Ambala at Sikh Senior Secondary School. Welcoming the audience, Dr. Gurudev Singh 'Dev' from the Progressive Authors' Association introduced the translators and shed light on the background of the novel focusing on the backdrop of the Second World War. Jaypal from the Progressive Writers' Association welcomed distinguished guests and speakers who came from Ambala, Chandigarh, Bawal, Derabassi, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Fagwara, Barnala, and other places. He emphasized that liberation is not achieved alone and the history of bystanders will also be written. Punjabi writer Jaypal from Derabassi highlighted the impact of German and Punjabi cultures on each other in the context of Gori Hiran, touching upon topics like the partition of Punjab, Nazism, fascism, imposing majority values on minorities, global political dictatorship, and eradication of racism.

Students visit district administration complex

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The district administration complex was visited today by the student police cadet children of Government Senior Secondary School Cheema-Jodhpur. On this occasion, the children visited the various schools running in the administrative complex and met with the officers of the offices there. The child met the District Public Relations Officer Mrs. Megha Maan. She informed the child about the procedure of the Public Relations Department and what the people need from this office. The child was sent to the District Media Monitoring Cell by Mrs. Mann M.C.M.C. A visit was also conducted and during the elections M.C.M.C. Information was also given about the importance of By the children of the Barnala police C.P.R.C. During the visit to the branch, Mrs. Renu, Zilla Sanjh Center Incharge, visited various departments of the police, Cyber Cell, Women's Cell, Mahila Mitra, Zilla Sanjh Kendra.

Election Commission uses slogans 'Turning 18' and 'You Are the One'

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Uttam Singh stated that a large number of youth in the district have obtained their voter ID cards and got their names included in the electoral roll for the Lok Sabha elections. A total of 23,346 youths aged between 18 and 19 in the district have registered to vote, including 15,625 males, 7,720 females, and 1 transgender youth. The administration's effort is to ensure that all these newly registered voters go to the polling booths on May 25 and fulfill their responsibility towards democracy as citizens of the country. Casting the first vote is a new experience for every young person and they should definitely avail of it. Uttam Singh mentioned that the Election Commission has prepared the schedule for the Lok Sabha elections with the theme "Festival of Elections - Pride of the Nation." The Election Commission has initiated a new campaign on social media to keep voters alert against misleading information. In addition to this, the Election Commission has taken a unique initiative through social media by encouraging youth to vote and get their votes registered with slogans like "Turning 18" and "You Are the One." For voter awareness, the Election Commission is not only active in the field but also completely active on social media. He further explained that the Election Commission is focusing entirely on attracting new voters this time. For youth aged between 18 and 30, the Election Commission has introduced a new slogan "You Are the One" to encourage them to vote.

World Health Day celebrated by Health Department Barnala

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Civil Surgeon Barnala Under the guidelines of Dr. Harinder Sharma, World Health Day was celebrated in the health institutions of Barnala district so that people can be aware of their health. It is celebrated on 7 April. World Health Day 2024 My health is my right. Good health is important for everyone. Dr. Senior Medical Officer Tapinderjot Kaushal said that only a healthy lifestyle can create a healthy society. After the age of 30, every person should get regular checkups for blood pressure, diabetes and other diseases and should be treated as per medical advice. Kuldeep Singh Mann District Mass Media and Information Officer and District B.C.C. Coordinator Harjit Singh said that the purpose of celebrating health day is to improve the health of the people. We can keep our body healthy by doing maximum physical activity like cycling, morning walk, yoga and manual work. Fast food, sugar, salt fried foods should be avoided. Tobacco or other drugs should be avoided. Block Extension Educator Sivani Arora said that staying healthy is a habit that should be adopted.

Many important issues raised in meeting of Nalagarh Industries Association

VICHITRA SINGH PATIAL
BAROTIWALA: The general meeting of Nalagarh Industries was held in Baghbanian under the chairmanship of the organization's president Archana Tyagi in which many important decisions were taken and a blueprint was drawn to strengthen the organization. First of all, anger was expressed over the one per cent increase in power tariff by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission. The increase in electricity rates by Rs one per unit will put an additional burden on factories and the industries running in the recession period will go into losses. A petition will soon be filed through BBNI regarding this unexpected increase. Organization advisor Ravi Nirankari said that the condition of BBN roads was very bad. Whether it was Baddi Nalagarh Road, Dabhota Bridge of Nalagarh Dabhota Road, broken bridge of Baddi or other connecting roads, all were in a bad condition. In this context, they have decided that a petition would be filed in the High Court. As far as the issue of transport was raised, the members said that on one hand, Truck Union Nalagarh has already increased the prices of its freight and on top of other their service was also not good.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: State General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party OBC Cell, Amarnath Sauda, held a meeting with the members in Bhagwan Valmiki Bhawan Sector 9 and invited them to the Harmony Conference to be held on Ambedkar Jayanti on April 14.



This program will be held in the old Sabzi Mandi. State Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini and former CM Manohar Lal will attend as the chief guests. He said that preparations for the conference were going on in full swing. The purpose of organizing the Harmony Conference on

Ambedkar Jayanti was to make people aware of the life of such a great personality and to follow his teachings. He said that Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar gave equal rights to everyone by creating the Constitution. This was the reason brotherhood prevailed in the country.

VB arrests Head Constable for taking Rs 1,15,000 bribe

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 9

The Punjab Vigilantes Bureau (VB) during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state on Tuesday has arrested Head Constable (HC) Sukhdev Singh, posted as Moharir Head Constable (Mukh Munshi) at police post Ramgarh, under police station Jamalpur, Commissionerate Ludhiana for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 1,15,000 in two instalments. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above mentioned police personnel has been arrested on a complaint lodged by Kapil Oberoi, a resident of Janakpuri, Ludhiana city on the Chief Minister Anti Corruption



Action Line. He informed that during the enquiry of this complaint it was found that accused HC Sukhdev Singh along with other police officials, had taken one scrap dealer Kailash Garg, uncle of complainant to the Police Post Ramgarh and threatened him on the pretext of purchasing stolen scrap material and forcibly

Rihal, had sold stolen material to above said Kailash Garg and Sobu had received part amount of Rs 2,82,000 from him in respect of this scrap material. He further revealed that as per verification and recordings available, the said HC Sukhdev Singh had also demanded a bribe money of Rs 5 lakh from Rihal on the pretext of not taking legal action against Sobu, who had obtained Rs 2,82,000 from dealer Kailash Garg by selling stolen scrap. He added that the allegations of demand and acceptance of bribe money levelled against HC Sukhdev Singh, have been proved and a case under prevention of corruption act has been registered against the accused at police station VB Range Ludhiana.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK, APRIL 9

Chief Minister Naib Saini gave a controversial statement and called those who pelted stones on the army as Congressmen. He said that before 2014, they used to see that when their soldiers stood up for the protection and security, stones were pelted on them.

This was not only an insult to the country's soldier but also an insult to 140 crore people of the entire country. These were Congress people. Narendra Modi took action on this. After which today neither stone pelting nor stone pelters were seen. Work has been done to make the country safe and strong. CM Naib Singh Saini took a dig at Congress. He said that the BJP cared for the poor. But



the Congress did not care for the poor. Congress was scared of the development of the poor. Congress developed selected families and the same families remained in power. CM Naib Singh Saini said that Congress has never respected women. Congress used abusive language against women. Congress has worked only to get votes. During Congress' time, no village had electricity for 24 hours.

Congress talked about justice today, but forgot its tenure. BJP candidate from Rohtak, Dr. Arvind Sharma's tongue slipped during the program. While addressing, Dr. Arvind Sharma said that out of 24 hours, 20 hours Naib Saini and Chief Minister Manohar Lal together took care of the public. Along with this, he also called the protesters as Congressmen and targeted the Congress fiercely.

Poles installed in Valmiki colony of Kachhwa six month ago yet wait for fixation of wires

MEGHA RAJ LUTHRA
KACHHWA: The people of Balmiki colony are upset because the electricity department has not fixed wires on the electricity poles installed six months ago in the Balmiki colony adjacent to the new Panchayat house of the village. After years of struggle, the poles have been installed here somehow. Now people are waiting for the wires to be fixed on these poles every day. The people of the colony told the Gram Panchayat many times but the department was not listening to the Panchayat. The Sarpanch representative of the village, Dr. Deepak Kumar, informed the Electricity Department about this problem many times but the department was continuously ignoring it. Tejban, Om Prakash, Roshan Lal, Hemraj, Manga Ram, Jyoti, Ishwar, Baburam, Balbir, Som Prakash, Raghuvver, Pramila, Shama, Sompoti, Rinku and Kalu of the colony said that this colony came into existence 19 years ago. People bought plots here and gradually built houses. Now this colony has become a colony of 20-25 families.

Special campaign by HNCB Karnal unit starts paying dividends

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL, APRIL 9

Under the special campaign being initiated against drug smugglers in the entire Haryana by the Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Chief Mr. O.P. Singh, IPS and under the guidance of Additional Director General of Police and under the leadership of Superintendent of Police Mrs. Nitika Gehlot, IPS and Superintendent of Police Mrs. Pankhudi Kumar started paying dividends. On the basis of important information, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Unit Karnal has achieved great success in arresting a drug smuggler from Pritampura Police Station Samalkha District Panipat. Giving detailed information in this regard, Deputy Superintendent of Police Mr. Satish Vats, HPS Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau, Karnal and Unit Karnal Incharge Inspector Dharmveer Singh said that under the leadership of Sub Inspector Dinesh Kumar, a police team of HNCB Unit Karnal, which



included Head Constable Rohit, Head Constable Jitendra, Head Constable Ravindra were present on Hathwala Road Samalkha to stop the drug smuggling in a government vehicle. Then a secret information was received that Hoshiar Singh alias Ramlu son of Hardev Singh resident Deva Singh Pritampura police station Samalkha district Panipat will come to supply narcotic injections. He is involved in drug trade. If a raid is conducted immediately, Hoshiar Singh resident Deva Singh Pritampura police station Samalkha district Panipat can be caught along with the narcotic injections.

BJP appoints district-wise coordinators of medical cell

RAHUL KOHLI

JAGADHRI: Giving information, State Convener of Medical Cell, Bhartiya Janta Party, Haryana, Dr. Vijay Kumar Dahiya said that after discussions with senior party officials, organizational appointments have been made in the Medical Cell. State executive members were appointed in the medical cell of Bharatiya Janata Party, Haryana. The members of medical cell are Dr. Hanish Bajaj and Dr. Jyoti Yadav have been appointed from Gurugram, Dr. Rajesh Gora from Bhiwani, Dr. Dinesh Saini and Dr. Subhash Thareja from Jind, Dr. Bhagmal Satnali from Mahendragarh, Dr. Gajraj Yadav from Narnaul, Mahendragarh, Dr. Deepak Mehta from Sirsa, Dr. Raj Singh Sangwan from Sonapat, Dr. Rajesh Anand from Karnal, Dr. Omir Rathni and Dr. Rajendra Jangda from Jhajjar, Dr. Vinay Sangwan and Dr. Gopal Bansal from Dadri, Dr. Mukesh Verma and Dr. Vandana from Yamunanagar, Dr. Praveen Mehta and Dr. Ashok Sharma from Kurukshetra, Dr. Ashish Guleria, Panchkula. Along with this, Dr. Vijay Dahiya informed that in the Medical Cell Department of Bharatiya Janata Party, Haryana, Dr. Vishal Gupta has been appointed as the District Coordinator and Dr. Rohit Saini, Dr. Umadatt Sharma and Dr. Sameer Saini have been appointed as co-coordinators for District Ambala.



Yorkshire head coach hails Brook as he smashes unbeaten ton on his return to cricket

L eeds: England batter Harry Brook marked his return to cricket with a 69-ball unbeaten ton for Yorkshire in the County Championship against Leicestershire. Since announcing his withdrawal from England's Test tour of India, Brook played his first competitive innings and entertained the crowd with some remarkable stroke play as he raced to 100 in just 69 deliveries. Brook was expected to feature in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 for Delhi Capitals but decided to withdraw from the tournament following the death of his grandmother. He made his first appearance since England's T20 series in the West Indies in December last year. He struck a magnificent 100* which was laced with four boundaries and two sixes against Leicestershire. "A lot of the communication was from him. We've put no pressure on him to play. He has been having lots of nets. At a time like this, he's been wanting to be around people he's comfortable with.

Eoin Morgan brands CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad as "classy player"

C hennai: England's World Cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan labelled Chennai Super Kings skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad as a "classy player" following his scintillating performance with the bat against Kolkata Knight Riders in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024. CSK continued domination at their fortress as they cruised home without really breaking a sweat, ending KKR's unbeaten run in this edition of the IPL. While chasing a sub-par total of 138, Chennai skipper Gaikwad remained unbeaten at 67 as he slammed the winning runs for the team. He paced his knock according to the requirements of the chase and found the fence to score the winning runs for the hosts. While speaking to JioCinema, Morgan heaped praise on Gaikwad and believes that his knock will give him confidence in his game. "This innings will build a huge amount of belief and confidence for him in his game. Playing an innings like this, early in the tournament will give him a lot of reassurance on his decision making and pass on a message to the team. He is a classy player, we have seen that for a long time now and I is great to see him in such touch. He had a great game, right from the toss to captaincy decisions, getting the spinners on after the powerplay, he was exceptional today," Morgan said. Reclaiming the match, Gaikwad won the toss and elected to bowl first and the bowlers proved his decision successful as Ravindra Jadeja's outstanding spell of 3/18 restricted the KKR to 137/9 in 20 over. The three wickets each were snatched by Jadeja and Deshpande in their spells, in four overs where they conceded 18 and 33 runs respectively.

Delhi-NCR Open 2024: Rashid Khan's team wins Pro-Am event

N oida: The Pro-Am event of the Delhi-NCR Open 2024, played at the Noida Golf Course, was won by Delhi-based professional Rashid Khan and his team. Rashid Khan's team posted a score of 53.3 and consisted of amateurs Anil Dev, Rishi Sahai and Rajan Wadhawan. Professional Abhinav Lohan helped his team finish second with a score of 54. Abhinav's team consisted of amateurs Simran Bajaj, Dimple Singh Kochhar and Umesh Dubey. The prize for the straightest drive on hole no. 13 was won by Amit Misra who landed it on the centre of the fairway. The closest to the pin contest on hole no. 3 was won by Ms. Nyra Singh whose shot landed 11 feet from the hole. The closest to the pin on hole no. 10 was won by Neehar Gurvani whose shot landed five feet from the hole. The prize for the longest drive on hole no. 9 was won by Raj Kumar Bishnoi who landed his drive at a distance of 316 yards.

"Controlling the controllable MS": Rahmanullah Gurbaz receives special gift from Dhoni

N ew Delhi: Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz's delight knew no bounds after he received a special autographed bat from legendary MS Dhoni. Gurbaz did not feature in the match against the defending champions Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the Chepauk in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 on Monday. It was a farboy moment for Gurbaz as he met Dhoni after the match. The Kolkata batter posted a photo of his meeting with Dhoni in the dressing room alongside the advice he received from the former CSK captain. In a photo, the 22-year-old was seen smiling broadly as the former Chennai captain handed him the signed bat. Gurbaz captioned the photo, "Controlling the controllable MS" "Stop worrying about the past. Stop thinking about the future. Just live in the moment and be happy!MS". Gurbaz quoted Dhoni as saying in a post on X. Gurbaz is yet to play a single match in this edition of the IPL, was ended by CSK on Monday as the Chennai team continued domination at their fortress as they cruised home with a 7-wicket victory without really breaking a sweat.

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Jaiswal's form a concern as RR look to keep winning juggernaut rolling

AGENCY JAIPUR: Yashasvi Jaiswal would be desperate to let his bat do the talking when an unbeaten Rajasthan Royals take on an under pressure Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League here on Wednesday.

RR could not have asked for a better start to the season, registering four consecutive wins from as many games.

But Jaiswal, who has been terrific for the national team of late, has tallied just 39 runs in four games.

If he is back amongst the runs, it will be icing on the cake for RR as his opening partner Jos Buttler returned to form with an unbeaten century against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Sanju Samson has been leading RR from the front, scoring 178 runs from four games including two fifties.

But it is Riyan Parag's performance with the bat that has been a revelation for RR. The all-rounder from Guwahati is the third highest run-getter in the tournament so far with 185 runs, including two unbeaten half-centuries.

The likes of Shimron



Hetmyer and Dhruv Jurel also needs to contribute more in the middle-order.

Rajasthan also boast of potent bowling attack in the form of pacers Trent Boult and Nandre Burger, and leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, who has been their stand-out performer with eight wickets, the second highest sofar.

But Ravichandran Ashwin's patchy form is a surprise. He has taken just one wicket from four matches while giving away eight runs per over.

GT, on the other hand,

witnessed a mixed bag campaign so far with two wins and three loses out of five games.

The Shubman Gill-led side would look to avoid a hat-trick of losses on Wednesday but it would be easier said than done against an opponent on rampage. They would be looking to bounce from back after a 'poor' effort with the bat against Lucknow Super Giants.

Gill, personally, have had a decent outing with the bat so far, scoring 183 runs from five games with a

strike rate close to 147.

His opening partner B Sai Sudharsan too has been among runs but is yet to register a fifty in the tournament.

He replaced Wriddhiman Saha at the top in the previous and is expected to bat alongside Gill also on Wednesday.

Veterans Mohit Sharma and Umesh Yadav have been the stand-out performers with the ball for GT but they fell flat in front of little-known Punjab Kings cricketers Shashank Singh and Ashutosh Sharma in a

thrilling tie.

The Afghan trio of Azmatullah Omarzai, Rashid Khan and Noor Ahmad also need to raise their game.

Teams (from): Rajasthan Royals: Sanju Samson (c), Jos Buttler, Shimron Hetmyer, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Dhruv Jurel, Riyan Parag, Donovan Ferreira, Kunal Rathore, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Sen, Navdeep Saini, Keshav Maharaj, Sandeep Sharma, Trent Boult, Yuzvendra Chahal, Avesh Khan, Rovman Powell, Shubham Dubey, Tom Kohler-Cadmore, Abid Mushtaq, Nandre Burger.

Gujarat Titans: Shubman Gill (c), David Miller, Matthew Wade, Wriddhiman Saha, Robin Minz, Kane Williamson, Abhinav Mandhar, B Sai Sudarshan, Darshan Nalkande, Vijay Shankar, Azmatullah Omarzai, Shahrukh Khan, Jayant Yadav, Rahul Tewatia, Kartik Tyagi, Shshant Mishra, Spencer Johnson, Noor Ahmad, Sai Kishore, Umesh Yadav, Rashid Khan, Joshua Little, Mohit Sharma and Manav Suthar..

"Natural for him to lose his mental, emotional side": Jorge Jesus reacts to Ronaldo's red card



AGENCY

ABU DHABI : Al-Hilal head coach Jorge Jesus backed Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo after he got sent off for elbowing an opponent during the Saudi Super Cup semi-final. Al-Nassr were trailing by 2-0 when the referee showed a red card to Ronaldo for elbowing his opponent and then he went on to raise his fist towards the referee after the card was shown and he went on to sarcastically applaud the referee, according to goal.com. Sadio Mane scored in the injury time to make the scoreline 2-1. After the game, Jesus gave his take on the red card incident.

"Ronaldo is an example and a role model for a large number of players in the world. He is not accustomed to losing in his career, and it is natural for him to lose his mental and emotional side when he loses," Jesus said, according to

Goal.com.

Al-Hilal managed to contain Ronaldo and Mane throughout the game which played a major role in their win and sealed a spot in the final.

"I expected Al-Nassr to defend with five defenders, and we presented a match with a high tactical approach, and we excelled with technical and physical advantage. Our victories have continued in the absence of two big stars, Neymar and [Aleksandar] Mitrovic, and we could have won by more than two goals," Jesus added.

After missing out on silverware, Al Nassr will be back in action on Friday as they gear up to face Al Feiha in the Saudi Pro League. Ronaldo will have another shot at a trophy as they face Al-Khaleej in the semi-final of King Cup of Champions.

Mohammad Amir, Imad Wasim make comeback as Pakistan name squad for New Zealand series



AGENCY

LAHORE: Star pacer Mohammad Amir and all-rounder Imad Wasim made sensational comebacks in cricket, as they have been named in Pakistan's 17-player squad for the five-T20I series against New Zealand.

The five-match T20I series will start on April 18 at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium and conclude on

April 27 at the Gaddafi Stadium, in Lahore.

Amir and Wasim both reversed their retirement decision to make themselves available for the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

"Also named in the squad are all-rounder Imad Wasim and fast bowler Mohammad Amir. The two experienced campaigners had become

available after coming out of retirement last month," the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said in a statement on Tuesday.

Imad has played 66 T20Is in which he has scored 486 runs at a strike rate of 131.7 and taken 65 wickets at an economy rate of 6.26. He last played for Pakistan 12 months ago at his home ground in Rawalpindi against New Zealand.

Amir, who last played for Pakistan in August 2020 at Old Trafford against England, has played in 50 T20Is in which he has taken 59 wickets at an economy rate of 7.02.

Meanwhile, Babar Azam also made a comeback as the captain of Pakistan in the white-ball formats and will lead the team in the upcoming series against New Zealand at home.



CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who produced a match-winning performance against Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024, joined the elite company of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma for most catches by a fielder in the IPL.

It was a Jadeja show throughout the first innings as he pushed KKR's back against the wall with a sensational spell and his remarkable effort

in the field on Monday. Jadeja completed two catches and claimed three wickets which played a crucial role in restricting KKR to a sub-par score of 137/9. With the two catches, Jadeja became just the fourth player to complete 100 catches as a fielder. On the very first ball of KKR's innings, Jadeja took a sharp catch to dismiss Philip Saltford golden duck.

In the 20th over, Jadeja took a comfortable catch at deep mid-wicket after KKR skipper Shreyas Iyer miscued his shot.

Royal Challengers

Bengaluru's stalwart batter Virat Kohli leads the chart with a stunning tally of 110 catches in 242 matches.

Former Chennai Super Kings star Suresh Raina is in the second spot with a whopping tally of 109 catches in 205 matches. Former MI star all-rounder Kieron Pollard is in the third spot with 103 catches

in 189 matches.

Last week, Rohit became the fourth player to take 100 catches in the IPL during MIs win over Delhi Capitals. The experienced opener completed Jhye Richardson's catch which marked his 100th catch in the competition. Jadeja spearheaded.

Billie Jean King Cup 2024: Indian women's tennis team blank Pacific Oceania 3-0

AGENCY

CHANGSHA : The Indian women's tennis team on Tuesday got off to a winning start in its Billie Jean King Cup 2024 Asia/Oceania Group I campaign, outclassing Pacific Oceania 3-0 at the Moon Island Clay Park in Changsha.

Rutuja Bhosale and Ankita Raina won their individual matches, while Prarthana Thombare and Shrivalli Bhamidipaty won the doubles rubber.

Bhosale began India's march to triumph in emphatic form, defeating Tarani Kamoe of Pacific Oceania 6-0, 6-0. In the 42-minute match, Bhosale did not lose a single game against her unranked opponent.

World No. 255 Ankita Raina came up next, and she easily defeated 19-year-old Saoirse Breen 6-1, 6-3. Raina scored 10 straight points in the



opening set to establish her dominance and finished the match in an hour and nine minutes.

In the women's doubles match, Prarthana Thombare and Shrivalli Bhamidipaty also won in straight sets. They defeated Mehetia Boosie and Ruby Coffin from Pacific Oceania, 6-1, 6-3.

Thombare and Bhamidipaty won 12 consecutive games to build an insurmountable advantage, and the match lasted 51 minutes.

Following the 3-0 victory, India leads the Asia/Oceania Group I rankings. The Republic of Korea, who defeated New Zealand 3-0 on Tuesday, is in second position.

The Indian tennis team will face hosts China in the Billie Jean King Cup on Wednesday. The Chinese squad also won its first game 2-1 against Chinese Taipei.

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2.	1. Mr. Sandeep Kumar S/o Darshan Lal and 2. Mr. Darshan Lal S/o Dev Raj both are R/o Ward No. 13, VPO-Bhiki, Khanna Patti, PS-Bhiki, Shambhu Postman Street, Mansa-Punjab-151505. Also at: Mr. Sandeep Kumar S/o Darshan Lal Head Constable, Superintendent of Police, Mansa-151005.	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House measuring 0Kanal- 6.5 Marla comprised in Killa No. 1220/1min(0-6.5), Khatwa Khata No. 976/1999, Village Bhiki, Tehsil & District Mansa registered in the name Sh. Darshan Lal S/o Dev Raj vide Transfer deed having Vaskila No. 581 dt. 05/09/2013. Boundaries (As per document): East: Shambhu Postman Wali Gali / 25'-0", West: Bish Bhan S/o Raghu Nath / 25'-0", North: Previous Owner/ 72'-0", South: Satpal S/o Raghu Nath / 72'-0".	11.05.2023	04.04.2024	Rs. 11,65,708/- (Rupees Eleven Lacs Sixty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight Only)
3.	1. Mr. Vijay Kumar S/o Hans Rajnand and 2. Mrs. Sunita Rani @ Nisha W/o Vijay Kumar both are House No. 3838, Street No. 7, Chhoti Pouri, Nai Abadi, Abohar, Fazilka - 152116. Also at: House No. B-6-355 min having New House No. B-3-736 & 737 (Property No. 3838, 3839), measuring 1000 Sq. Ft. (20' x 50') situated at Navi Abadi, Street No. 7, Village Alamgarh, Tehsil Abohar registered in the name of Smt. Sunita Rani @ Nisha W/o Vijay Kumar.	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House No-B-6-355 min having New House No. B-3-736 & 737 (Property No. 3838, 3839), measuring 1000 Sq. Ft. (20' x 50') situated at Navi Abadi, Street No. 7, Village Alamgarh, Tehsil Abohar registered in the name of Smt. Sunita Rani @ Nisha W/o Vijay Kumar. Boundaries (As per Documents) : East- Nathu Ram, West-Street, North -Bhajan Lal, South-Street.	17.08.2023	04.04.2024	Rs. 13,83,328/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight Only)
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7.	1. Mr. Bhuvnesh Bhargav S/o Mohinder Kumar and 2. Mrs. Manpreet Bhargav W/o Bhuvnesh Bhargav both are R/o Bhini Nagar, VPO Purihar, Hoshiarpur-146001.	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House measuring 04 Marla- 162 Sq. Ft. comprised in Kharsa No. 22/13/4 (4-12), 14(8-0), 18(1-4)-12, situated at Village Purihar, Hadbast No. 251, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur registered in the name of Sh. Bhuvnesh S/o Mohinder Kumar vide Transfer Deed-6753 dated 16-01-2014. Boundaries (As per Documents) : East: Passage, West: Other Owner, North: Land of other, South: Dheeraa Sood.	01.11.2023	05.04.2024	Rs. 25,28,158/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight Only)
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Preity Zinta praises Kareena, Tabu, and Kriti starrer 'Crew'

Bollywood actor Preity Zinta added her voice to the praise for 'Crew,' starring Kareena Kapoor Khan, Tabu, and Kriti Sanon, which has quickly found success at the box office within 10 days.

Taking to her social media, the 'Veer Zaara' star Preity Zinta shared her thoughts about the

film in a review.

The actor took to her social media account to post the movie poster and shared positive comments about the talented and beautiful female trio, describing the film as a delightful journey.

Preity wrote, "Absolutely loved watching the movie CREW in the theatre with the

super talented & gorgeous trio of @t a b u t i f u l @kareenakapoorkhan & @kritisanon. Laughed & enjoyed every bit of it. Congratulations to the entire crew for this Joyride. Go check it out folks! It's truly worth it. #Crew #Girlpower #Fun#ting"

'Crew', a story of three women, touted as a laugh-riot, set

against the backdrop of the struggling airline industry. However, their destinies lead to some unwarranted situations and they get caught in a web of lies.

The heist comedy also stars Diljit Dosanjh and Kapil Sharma. Saswata Chatterjee, Rajesh Sharma and Kulbhushan Kharbanda also round out the cast of Crew. It is produced by

Rhea Kapoor and Anil Kapoor under Anil Kapoor Film & Communication Network, and Ektaa R Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor of Balaji Motion Pictures.

The film, made under Balaji Telefilms and Anil Kapoor Film & Communications Network banners, was released on March 29.

'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' shifts release date, locks in Eid premiere

The makers of the much-awaited Bollywood movie 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' have confirmed that its release has been postponed to April 11, 2024, just before its scheduled release.

The film's leading actors Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff, who are currently in the UAE for promotional activities, shared a video on Instagram explaining the reason behind the postponement.

Sharing the video, the

'Khiladi' actor wrote, "Bade aur Chote aur poori Bade Miyan Chote Miyan ki team ki taraf se aap sab ko advance mein Eid M u b a r a k . D e k h i y e #BadeMiyanChoteMiyan on Eid with your entire family, now releasing on 11th April only in cinemas."

The team also unveiled a fresh poster featuring the updated release date.

Ajay Devgn also took to his handle to share an update about his movie 'Maidaan'.

Sharing a still from the film, the actor wrote, "Mark your calendars! #Maidaan release across cinemas in India on 10th April, with special previews starting 6 pm onwards. Full-scale release to follow on the Eid holiday on 11th April."

It's worth noting that initially, both movies were set for an April 10 release.

Helmed by Ali Abbas Zafar, 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' is all set to hit the theatres on the occasion of Eid 2024.



"Chandigarh Music and Film Festival Concludes with Resounding Success: Shines Spotlight on Local Talent"

Chandigarh :The 4th Chandigarh Music and Film Festival concluded successfully with over 29 film screenings, a dozen sessions, and numerous engagements that filled the youth with inspiration from acclaimed actors, filmmakers, and national awardees. Film stars, celebrities, and artists, including Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Madhur Bhandarkar, Kiran Juneja, Govind Namdev, Pradeep Singh Rawat, Nirmal Rishi, Vijay Patkar, Chandan Prabhakar, Pankaj Berry, Jayprakash Shaw, Akarsh Alagh, Balwinder Bicky, Sharhaan Singh, Rupinder Kaur Rup, Malkeet Raunl, Raj Dhallwal, Tirath Singh Gill and many more, graced the Chandigarh Music and Film Festival (CMFF). The highlight of the festival was the sessions with leading figures of the Indian film industry like Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Madhur Bhandarkar, Kiran Juneja, Pankaj Berry, Chandan Prabhakar, Pradeep Singh Rawat, Govind Namdev,



Vijay Patkar, Akarsh Alagh, Jaiprakash Shaw, Binnu Dhillon, Smeep Kang and Bhawna Sharma . They shared insights and experiences with

the audience. Topics ranged from their creative process, understanding characters and emotions, to the business side of filmmaking. The students at

Chandigarh University were amazed by the stories shared. Madhur Bhandarkar, a renowned film maker, stated, "The Chandigarh Film Festival

presents a golden opportunity for emerging artists, offering them a chance to experience, learn, and grow. Furthermore, it serves as a platform for aspiring students to directly interact with the artists they admire, fostering invaluable exchanges, mentorship, and inspiration for the future of cinema." Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Festival Director of the Film Festival, said, "We are proud that the 3 days of the 4th Chandigarh Music and Film Festival were yet another well-appreciated and successful days. It has been an amazing journey, and we are grateful to all the artists, filmmakers, and volunteers who made it possible. We look forward to having the learning imbibed by the budding talent to bring some amazing stories during next year's festival, and we hope to have the continued support of the local arts community."

Eid Mubarak! From the stars of Zee TV

Chandigarh: Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Families gather together for prayers, hearts brimming with gratitude and joy. Amidst vibrant attire and the exchange of heartfelt gifts, the atmosphere resonates with love and unity, embodying the essence of spiritual renewal and deep-rooted connections. It symbolizes the triumph of devotion and the enduring bonds of kinship. On this auspicious occasion, Zee TV actors like Dheeraj Dhoopar, Raymon Kakar, and Seerat Kapoor from 'Rabb Se Hai Dua,' Abrar Qazi from 'Kumkum Bhagya,' Baseer Ali and Sana Sayyad from 'Kundali Bhagya,' along with Munira Kudrati from 'Bhagya Lakshmi,' shared their thoughts on the significance of the festival and their plans for celebrating it this year. Raymon Kakar who essays the role of Dua in Zee TV's Rabb Se Hai Dua said, "Eid is really special for me, and I have so many memories celebrating the festival with my friends, family, and now with Rabb Se Hai Dua family. The whole month, I enjoyed the Iftaari time with everyone on set, every day we used to look forward to the evening break. In fact, once we all actually decided to prepare something from our home and get it for everyone onset to eat during iftar, like a pottluck, it was really fun. Every year, I make sure to visit my friend's place in Mumbai and hog on the delicious Sheer Khurma her mom makes."



Sakhi takes a stand for clean air in 'Wagle Ki Duniya'

Chandigarh : Sony SAB's 'Wagle Ki Duniya' - Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey' portrays the daily struggles of the Wagle family, shedding light on the everyday challenges faced by the common man. In recent episodes, Sakhi (Chinmayee Salvi) gets troubled by a nearby construction not following the rules and causing poor air quality. She takes a stand against the builders to restore justice and uploads a video on her news website as proof.

In upcoming episodes, Harshad's (Amit Soni) involvement with the project comes to light, creating a dilemma for Rajesh (Sumeet Raghavan), torn between supporting his friend or standing with Sakhi. Initially on Harshad's side,



Rajesh urges Sakhi to delete the video to prevent Harshad's losses, and she complies. However, the Wagle family later realizes the impact on Borivali's air quality index (AQI). With strategic efforts, they convince Harshad to stand against the builder, eventually supporting Sakhi in this fight for justice, putting a stop to the builder's wrongful practices. Chinmayee Salvi, who essays the role of Sakhi Wagle, said, "Taking a stand alone against the tide can be scary, but it's in these moments that our true strength is tested. Sakhi's journey is a great example of the courage that one needs to stand firm in such situations, even when faced with opposition. It's a reminder to always prioritise the common good for the larger community over personal interests."

Neha Joshi and Ashutosh Kulkarni visit Ram Mandir in Ayodhya ahead of Ram Navami celebrations!



Chandigarh : Ram Navami is one of the most sacred festivals celebrating Lord Rama's birth. Ayodhya, a holy city in Uttar Pradesh, holds immense religious and historical importance as the birthplace of the Lord Rama. This year's celebrations are expected to be particularly grand in Ayodhya due to the recent inauguration of the magnificent temple, Ram Mandir, which symbolises faith, devotion, cultural heritage, and architectural brilliance. To witness the splendour of the world-famous Ram Mandir, and the city's preparations for the grand Ram Navami celebrations, &TV's Atal's lead characters, Krishna Devi Vajpayee (Neha Joshi) and Krishan Bihari Vajpayee (Ashutosh Kulkarni) made their first-ever visit to Ayodhya. It was a momentous moment that allowed them to reflect on their spiritual journey and seek blessings from Ram Lalla before the celebrations. Sharing her excitement and experience, Neha Joshi, aka Krishna Devi Vajpayee in &TV's Atal, said.

Zee Punjabi's Star Surbhi Embraces Navratri Traditions with Fervor

As the festival of Navratri sweeps across the nation with its vibrant colors and joyous celebrations, Surbhi Mittal, the talented actress portraying the role of "Shivika" in Zee Punjabi's hit show 'Shivika - Sath Yugan Yugan Da,' is embracing the festive spirit with immense enthusiasm. During the auspicious days of Navratri, Surbhi Mittal,



known for her dedication to her craft, takes a break from her hectic schedule to immerse herself in traditional rituals and festivities. She expresses, "Navratri is a time of profound spiritual significance and cultural richness. It's a joyous occasion that brings people together in devotion and celebration." Surbhi's Navratri routine involves visiting temples and observing fasting rituals. "Navratri is a time of purification and rejuvenation for me. I find solace and strength in prayers and fasting," shares Surbhi.

Despite her busy acting career, Surbhi emphasises staying connected to her roots and traditions. "Navratri is not just a festival; it's my way of life. It instills a sense of gratitude and reverence in my heart," she adds. As Surbhi Mittal rejoices in the festive fervor of Navratri, she sends her warmest wishes to her fans and admirers, urging everyone to embrace the spirit of unity, joy, and devotion during this auspicious time. Watch your favourite character Surbhi Mittal as Shivika in the show "Shivika-Sath Yugan Yugan Da" at 8:00 pm Mon to Saturday only on zee punjabi.