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Sensex, Nifty tank over 1 pc

MUMBAI: Stock markets took a beating on Monday with benchmark Sensex and Nifty tumbling over 1 per cent as escalating conflict in the Middle East and weak trends from global markets unnerved investors. Extending losses to the second session, the 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 845.12 points or 1.14 per cent to settle at a more than two-week low of 73,399.78. During the day, it plunged 929.74 points or 1.25 per cent to 73,315.16.

Mini truck carrying devotees overturns in Ambala

AMBALA: A mini truck carrying devotees overturned near Adhoya village in Ambala district after a tyre of the vehicle burst leaving some of them injured, police said on Monday. The police said that 18 devotees were travelling in the mini truck. The devotees were returning to their home in Kaithal late Sunday night after paying obeisance at Trilokpur Mata temple near Naraingarh.

CAT refuses to stay Kejriwal PA's termination order

NEW DELHI: The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) on Monday refused to stay recent order issued by the Directorate of Vigilance (DoV), terminating Service of Bibhav Kumar, Private assistant (PA) to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The Chairman bench of CAT on Monday issued notice on the original application moved by Bibhav Kumar. However, observing that staying the termination order would amount to granting of final relief, the interim application has been dismissed. The services of Bibhav Kumar Personal secretary to Chief Minister of Delhi were terminated on April 10, 2024, by the Directorate of Vigilance. Bibhav Kumar filed an OA before the Central Administrative Tribunal challenging the termination order which was listed before the Chairman today i.e. April 15, 2024.

Salman case: Two suspects detained from Navi Mumbai

MUMBAI: Mumbai crime branch has detained two suspects from neighbouring New Mumbai City within 24 hours after several rounds were fired outside Bollywood superstar Salman Khan's residence in Mumbai's posh Bandra locality, Mumbai Police crime branch officials said on Monday. The case is currently being probed by the crime branch after an initial investigation by the local Bandra police. As per the police, five rounds were fired outside Salman's Galaxy Apartments in Bandra at 5 a.m. on Sunday by two bike-borne assailants. CCTV footage of the area shows that the two shooters have been identified by the police. As per sources in the Crime Branch, the bike that was used by the shooters was later found parked near Mount Mary Church, which is in close proximity to Salman's residence.

No interim relief for Kejriwal, SC issues notice to ED

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APR 15

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Enforcement Directorate on the plea of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal challenging his arrest by the ED in the Excise policy case.

A bench comprising Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta sought a response from the Enforcement Directorate on the allegations made against Kejriwal in the money laundering case linked to the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy.

The Bench directed the ED to reply to Kejriwal's plea by April 24. The matter will be heard by the Top Court a week after the filing of the reply by ED.

Kejriwal's lawyer Abhishek Manu Singhvi has challenged the ED's conduct and the manner the arrest of the Delhi CM was carried out.

Singhvi alleged that Kejriwal was arrested during the election time so that he could not take part in the elections and to tarnish his image.

Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21, hours after the Delhi High Court had refused to grant protection from taking coercive action by the ED in the money laundering case.

The Delhi High Court had recently dismissed Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrand had ruled that the arrest by ED was 'valid' and 'justified'. The High Court had also said that 'Kejriwal cannot dictate the timing and terms of his arrest as Law is equal for a common man as well as the sitting Chief Minister'.

Mr Kejriwal had approached the Supreme Court after the High Court turned down his appeal, but had to wait because the top court said it would not constitute



a special bench to hear him; the court was closed (for Eid) when the AAP leader approached on Thursday, April 10. Friday was a holiday too.

fore this court is not a conflict between the central government and Arvind Kejriwal. It is a case between Kejriwal and ED."

Delhi Chief Minister is being treated like terrorists: Mann

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal is being treated like a terrorist and has been denied facilities even given to hardcore criminals, said Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann after meeting the Aam Aadmi Party supremo in jail on Monday. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and AAP's National General Secretary (Organization) Dr. Sandeep Pathak met Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in jail and their meeting lasted for about 30 minutes. During this time, Bhagwant Mann became emotional after seeing the ill-treatment being meted out to Arvind Kejriwal in jail. Talking to the media after meeting Shri Arvind Kejriwal in Tihar jail, Bhagwant Mann said that CM Arvind Kejriwal is being treated like a terrorist in jail. We were made to talk on the phone through the glass, the glass was also very dirty, we could not even see each other's faces clearly. Arvind Kejriwal's only fault is that he built schools and hospitals.



Online registrations for 'Char Dham Yatra' begin on tourism portal



AGENCY DEHRADUN, APRIL 15

The online registration for the 'Char Dham Yatra' started on Monday on the tourism department's portal, according to the Uttarakhand tourism department. The pilgrims can register themselves on the official website from April 15 to visit the revered shrines. The Char Dham yatra in Uttarakhand consists of visiting four temples, Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri. This year, Char Dham Yatra will begin on May 10, with the opening of three of the four shrines, including Gangotri, Yamunotri and Kedarnath. The doors

of Badrinath shrine will open on May 12. The Char Dham Yatra holds profound spiritual significance in Hinduism. This journey typically occurs from April/May to October/November. Last week, Chamoli District Magistrate Himanshu Khurana visited the Badrinath Dham and inspected the preparations for the Chardham Yatra. The District Magistrate instructed the officials that before the start of the Yatra, works related to sewer line repair, improvement of internal routes, water, electricity, street lights and vehicle parking should be completed and signage should be installed for passenger convenience.

Gujarat businessman, wife donate Rs 200 crore wealth to become monks

AGENCY SURAT, APRIL 15

An affluent Jain couple from Gujarat has donated nearly 200 crore and adopted monkhood, and now plans to set out on a journey for salvation. Bhavesh Bhandari, and his wife, donated all their wealth during a ceremony in February, and will officially commit to a life of renunciation at an event later this month.

The businessman from Himmatnagar who was in the construction business follows in the footsteps of his 19-year-old daughter and 16-year-old son who adopted monkhood in 2022. People from their community say that Bhavesh and his wife were inspired by their

children to "renounce their material attachments and join the ascetic path".

After taking the pledge on April 22, the couple will have to sever all family ties and won't be allowed to keep any 'materialistic objects'. They will then walk barefoot across India and survive only on alms.

They will be allowed to own only two white garments, a bowl for alms and a "rajoharan", a white broom Jain monks use to brush insects away from an area before they sit -- a mark of the path of non-violence they follow.

The decision by the Bhandari family, known for their immense wealth, has garnered attention across the state. They join a handful of others



like Bhavaralal Jain, who had previously turned away from billions to lead a life of restraint. Bhavaralal Jain pioneered the micro-irrigation

system in India.

The Bhandari couple, along with 35 others, took out a procession spanning four kilometres where they donated all their possessions, including their mobile phones and air conditioners. Videos of the procession show the couple atop a chariot dressed like royalty.

In Jainism, taking 'diksha' is a significant commitment where the individual lives without material comforts, surviving on alms and wandering barefoot across the country.

Last year, a multi-millionaire diamond merchant and his wife in Gujarat made a similar move, five years after their 12-year-old son adopted monkhood. Incidentally, just like

their son, who rode a Ferrari for his diksha ceremony, the couple drove a Jaguar for their initiation.

In 2017, a rich couple from Madhya Pradesh made headlines when they donated 100 crore and left their three-year-old daughter to become monks. Sumit Rathore, 35, and his wife Anamika, 34, left their daughter with her grandparents before making the big move. A day before Sumit became a monk, the Gujarat State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR) had sought a report from the civil and police administration about the steps taken by the couple to secure the future of Ibhya, who will now have no relation with her parents as monks.

Agencies make record seizure of Rs 4650 crore before 1st phase polls: ECI

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APR 15

Even before the country goes to vote for the first phase of polling on April 19, the enforcement agencies have so far seized Rs 4650 crores which is higher than the total seizures of the 2019 General Elections.

Rajasthan topped the list with a total seizure amounting to Rs 778.5 crores, an election commission statement said.

The commission said that authorities under its supervision are making seizures worth Rs 100 crore every day since March 1.

"Enforcement Agencies have made a record seizure of over Rs.4650 crores in ECI's resolute fight against



money power even before the first phase of polling for the 18th Lok Sabha elections commences on Friday. This marks a sharp increase of over Rs 3475

crores seized during the entire Lok Sabha election in 2019," the poll panel said.

Significantly, 45 percent of the sei-

zures are of drugs and narcotics, which are under the special focus of the Commission. The seizures have been possible by comprehensive planning, scaled-up collaboration and unified deterrence action from agencies, proactive citizen participation, and optimal engagement of technology, it said.

The commission has also taken strict action against approximately 106 government servants who were found assisting politicians in campaigning and violating the Model Code of Conduct.

The seizures are a critical part of ECI's resolve to conduct the Lok Sabha elections free of inducements and electoral malpractices and to ensure a level playing field.

Above normal monsoon is expected in India this year: IMD

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APR 15

Above normal monsoon is expected over most parts of the country during June to September this year except some areas of Northwest, East and Northeast India, where below normal rainfall is very likely, the India Meteorological Department said on Monday.

Releasing the long-range forecast for the 2024 southwest monsoon season rainfall, Dr M Ravichandran, Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences said, "2024 southwest monsoon season (June to September) rainfall in the country is likely to be above normal this year. The seasonal rainfall over the country as whole is likely to be 106 per cent of the Long period average. The seasonal rainfall over Northwest, East and Northeast India is likely to be below normal seasonal rainfall, he added. Currently, moderate El Niño conditions are



during the early part of the monsoon season and La Niña conditions are likely to develop during second half of monsoon season, the IMD said in an official statement. At present, neutral Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) conditions are prevailing over the Indian Ocean and the latest Climate model forecasts indicate that the positive IOD conditions are likely to develop during the later part of the southwest monsoon season.

I, Kulwinder s/o Parmjeet r/o Village Bulanda tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Kulwinder to Kulwinder Singh. All concerned note please.	I, Suraj Kant Sharma S/o Maya Dhari R/o.1184/8, Namak Mandi Amritsar have Changed my name to Surya Kant.	I, Devinder Singh Chahal S/O Late Lashman Singh Presently residing at VPO: Bhano Langa Tehsil and District: Kapurthala, Punjab, India permanent resident of 39, Machan Hill Larkhall ML9 2LD England (UK) have changed my name from : Devinder Singh Chahal to Devinderjit Singh Chahal	I,naresh S/o Sat Pal , R/o Anand Vihar Colony,near Shiv Mandir,armaan Palace, byepass Road.batala, dist Gurdaspur, pb. have Changed My Name To Naresh Kumar. All Concerned Please Note.	I, Shavi (D/O Yashwant Rai Goyal) W/O Pawan Kumar R/O 1358/1, Street No.7, 1st Chowk, Abohar, District. Fazilka (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To PreetiJindal.	I Jeet Singh S/o Karnail Singh Sotran Road, MC Colony Banga, Distt S.B.S.Nagar, Punjab, India, 144505 want to change name of my minor Son from Daksh to Daksh Banga.	I, Surjit Lal S/o Ganga Ram R/o Village Hajipur, P.O. Rampur Bilon, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, I have changed my name from Surjit Lal to Surjit Chawla.	I Hitherto Known As Summit Kumar S/O Jugmohan, Residing At House No. B.L.-162, Street No. 04, Green Land, Satnampura, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala-144401, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sumit Kumar.
100066 I Gurnavdeep Singhh S/o Amrik Singh R/o #1238, Adarsh Colony Patiala have changed my name from Gurnavdeep Singh to Gurnavdeep Singhh. Concern Note	72737 I, Suraj Kant Shridhar S/o Maya Dhari R/o.1184/8, Namak Mandi, Amritsar have Changed my name to Surya Kant.	98748 I Parkash Kaur W/o Balbir Singh Vpo.mattewal Tehsil Baba Bakala Amritsar Have Changed My Name Spelling Prakas Kaur To Parkash Kaur	42778 I,Pritpal S/O Lal Chand R/O V.P.O. Bhardwajia, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my minor daughter's name from Ekta to Ekta Rani . All concerned Please note.	63372 I hitherto known as Vivek Kumar Chopra son of Iqbal Nath Chopra residing at House No. 1392, Street No.8, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vivek Chopra.	63372 I Davinder Singh S/o Nirwair Singh R/o Parveznagar (Kapurthala) have changed my name to Singh Davinder.	63372 I, Paramjeet Singh S/o Lakhwinder Singh, R/o V.P.O. Shahwala, Tehsil Zira, (Ferozepur), have changed my name Paramjeet Singh Dhindsa.	63372 I Hitherto Known As Arjun S/O Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Residing At H.No. B-1/184, New Ravi Dass Nagar, Maqsudan, Jalandhar-144008, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Arjun Sharma.
900016 I, NISHTHA SINGH ALIAS NISHTHA D/O KULDEEP SINGH W/o MR. BHAVYA PAHWA R/o Hamdam Press, Opp. Dyal Singh College, Karnal(Rural) Part(1),Karnal, Haryana-132001,have changed my name to NISHTHA.	72737 I Simranjit kaur virk W/o Harpreet Singh R/o Village Both Po. Ibban Kalan, Distt. Amritsar have changed my name from Simranjit kaur virk to Simranjit kaur	50008 I Ashok Singh Chohan S/o Dharampal Singh R/o #35, Modern Valley, Attewali Po Manupur, District Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name From Ashok Singh Chohan To Ashok Singh	42778 I Urmila D/O Jai Pal R/O V.P.O. Mahal, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Urmila to Urmila Randhawa. All concerned please note.	63372 I hitherto known as Ajay Kumar son of Koer Singh residing at House No.23/743, R.D.Colony, Street No.8, Old Suraj Nagri, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ajay Kumar Gupta.	63372 I, Mandeep Singh S/o Pritam Singh R/o 1765/11A Dashmesh Nagar J.T. Road Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Mandeep Singh Rehal.	63372 I, Mohinder Kaur Dhadly W/o Harbans Singh Dhadly R/o H.No. 1110, St No.11, Gurbax Colony Patiala, Distt. Patiala have Changed my name Mohinder Kaur Dhadly to Mohinder Kaur.	63372 I Anita Rani W/o Sarwan Kumar R/o Vpo Ghuman Teh Banga (SBS Nagar) Punjab have changed the name of my minor daughter from Sunidhi to Sunidhi Saroye.
I, Yashpal S/o Sh. Gurdev Singh R/o Village Kharkali Tehsil Ladwa Distt. Kurukshetra, State Haryana.Have Changed My Name From Yashpal to Yashpal singh.	72737 I, Swaraj Vohra alias Raj Talwar W/o Kewal Krishan Vohra R/o.H.No.61, Lane No.4, Model Town,Amritsar Have Changed my name from Swaraj Vohra alias Raj Talwar to Swaraj Vohra.	50008 I, Mandeep Kaur W/o Jagvinder Singh D/o Darshan Singh R/o House Number 353, Street Number 09, Jamiat Singh Road, Moga declare that i am known by two names Mandeep Kaur W/o Jagvinder Singh and Bina D/o Darshan Singh. Both names are mine and the same person	42778 I, Anshdeep Singh S/o Rajdeep Singh R/o Khinda Villa Extension, 17 - Gulmohar City, Hoshiarpur Road Jalandhar, have changed my name from Anshdeep Singh to Anshdeep Singh Khinda. All Coming please note.	63372 I, Arti Rani W/o Pardeep Singh R/o Mohalla Pahar Singh Vpo. Rahon, Teh Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar pin code 144517, Punjab, have changed my name Arti Rani to Aarti Rani.	63372 I, Sandeep Kaur Mann W/o Avtar Singh R/o Vill: Bhaini Salu (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sandeep Kaur.	63372 I Daljit Singh S/O Teja Singh Village Jaipura Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) Have Both Names Daljit Singh And Jeet Singh.	63372 I, Sunita Bisht W/o Khem Singh Rawat R/o H.No. 9608 St.No. 8 Joshi Nagar Haibowal Kalan, Near Shiv Durga Mandir Ludhiana Changed Name Sunita Rawat.
I, Sonia D/o Sh. Hazara Singh R/o H.no-5-A, Shastri Colony, Ambala Cantt, Distt Ambala have changed my name from Sonia to Sonia Saini.	72737 I, Ranjit Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/o.424/25, Gali No.03, Dashmesh Nagar TarnTaran Road Amritsar have Changed my name to Ranjit is my given name and Singh is my surname	900026 I, MAMTA KUMARI is Spouse of No 4002232W Rank Hav. Ravinder Kumar unit: 21 Dogra Co/99 APO and R/o VIII - Durang Khad Po. Tirhari, tehsil-Dharkalan Distt. Pathankot (PB), 145001, have changed my Name From Mamta Kumari To Mamta Devi vide Affidavit dt 15-03-24 Before notary (Govt of India)	42778 I, Manpreet Kaler S/o Amarjit Lal R/o Dhogri Road Nurpur Jalandhar, Tehsil Jalandhar- 1, District Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Manpreet To Manpreet Kaler. All Concerned Please Note.	63372 I Harjeet Singh S/o Pal Singh R/o H. No. 321, Agwar Khidri Boura, Purana Moga (Pb), I have changed my name to Harjit Singh Khosa.	63372 I, Sandeep Kaur Mann W/o Avtar Singh R/o Vill: Bhaini Salu (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sandeep Kaur.	63372 I Veerpal Kaur Brar W/O Jaskaran Singh Rai R/O Vpo Bir Behman District Bathinda Have Changed My Name My Veerpal Kaur Rai.	63372 I, Sunita Bisht W/o Khem Singh Rawat R/o H.No. 9608 St.No. 8 Joshi Nagar Haibowal Kalan, Near Shiv Durga Mandir Ludhiana Changed Name Sunita Rawat.
I Dolly W/o Sh. Bhim Singh R/o Village Dadlana, Tehsil & District Panipat have changed my name from Dolly to Dolly Pundir. In future I may be known as Dolly Pundir.	72737 I Neelam W/o Rakesh Kumar Sharma R/o Hno-4434 Gali No-4 Ranjit Pura Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Neelam To Neelam Rani Sharma All Concerned May Please Note	900026 I, KAMLA DEVI W/o Kashmiri Lal Resident Of Vill Malko, Po Trar, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144026 India Have Changed My Name Kamala Devi To Kamla Devi All Please Note.	42778 I, Parnita W/o Gopi Chand R/o H. No. 166, Guru Nanak Nagar, Kaki Pind, Rama Mandi, Jalandhar Cantt. have changed my daughter's name from Nikita to Nikita Singh. Concerned note.	63372 I Simarjeet Kaur W/O Bhupinder Singh R/O Chauke Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Simarjeet Kaur Jattana.	63372 I, Mohinder Kaur W/O Resham Singh R/O Gumti Khurd (Faridkot) Changed My Name Mahinder Kaur.	63372 I Veerpal Kaur W/O Sukhwinder Singh Brar R/O St No.5/1A, Baba Farid Nagar Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Veer Pal Kaur Brar.	63372 I Shinder Kaur W/o Nirmal Singh R/o Talwandi Mallian (Moga) Changed Name Chhinder Kaur.
I Mith Singh S/O Bakshi Vill.Chahal Khurd P. O. K a m a m Teh.Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, have Changed my name to Meet Singh.Please note.	72737 I, Premjit Singh Rattan S/o Harbans Singh R/o.17C, Mata Kaulan Marg Near Bhatia Hospital Kashmir Avenue Amritsar have Changed my name to Prem jit Singh	461257 I, Buta Singh S/O Tara Singh residing at Patti Barri, Vill. Jandiala, Teh. Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar, Punjab - 144033 have changed the name of my minor daughter Amrit aged 15 years and she shall hereafter be known as Amrit Kaur. All note.	42778 I, Kashmir Singh S/o Tara Singh R/o ward no. 02, Jahangir, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab, Pin Code: 143406 havev declare that that my son Karamjit Singh (RANK HAV 4484175X) is serving in Unit: 7 SIKHLI and my date of birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as 10-04-1954 but my actual date of birth is 01-01-1953. Concerned Note.	63372 I, Shokeela Parveen W/o Mobin Ahmed R/o H.No. 3118 W.No. 8 Nai Abadi Sirhind (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Shakila Parveen.	63372 I, Manpreet Kaur W/o Inderjeet Singh Maan R/o Vill: Gharkhana Teh-Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur Maan.	63372 I, Sunita Rani W/O Satpal R/O H.No 395/396, Green City Rajpura, Urf Hussainpura, Netaji Nagar, Ludhiana. Have Changed My Name From Sunita (Sunit), Sunita Batra To Sunita Rani.	63372 I Hitherto Known As Gurpreet S/O Ram Kumar R/O Vpo. Bhaddi, Tehsil Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India, Pin-144521, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gurpreet Bhambra.
I Neelam W/o Sh. Parminder Shailla R/o H.No. 263, Ward No. 4, Near Pulli, Majri Mohalla Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Neelam Kaur to Neelam. In future I may be known as Neelam.	72737 I, Vidya Rattan W/o prem jit Singh R/o.17C, Mata Kaulan Marg Near Bhatia Hospital Kashmir Avenue Amritsar have Changed my name to Vidya	461257 I, Gurjeet Kaur W/o Harwinder Singh R/o Vill. Issi Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur 148024, Punjab Change My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gurjeet Kaur Madahar	900013 I Ashu w/o Jasbir Singh, VPO Mehta, Tehsil Baba Bakala, District Amritsar, Punjab, India, Aadhar card number 6379 0312 2518 . I am known and called with the names Ashu and Amarjit Kaur. concerned to be noted.	63372 I, Mobin Ahamed S/o Chhotan R/o H.No. 3118 W.No. 8 Nai Abadi Sirhind (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Mobin Ahmed.	63372 I, Rakesh Singh S/o Chanchal Singh R/o Vill: Bahwanipur Teh-Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur) Punjab, have changed my name as Hardesh to Rakesh Singh.	63372 I, Parminder Singh Virk S/o Darbara Singh Virk R/o H No.123,St No.2,New Nagar Nabha,Teh. Nabha,Distt.Patiala have Changed my name Parminder Singh Virk to Parminder Singh.	63372 I Gurmeet Singh Aulakh S/O Niranjan Singh R/O Vpo Sodhiwala Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh.
I Raghbir Dass Dharmsof S/o Darshan Dass Dharmsof R/o village Sitamadh, Tehsil Nioikheri, District Karnal, declare that I have changed my name from Raghbir Dass to Raghbir Das Dharmsof. In future, I should be known and known as Raghbir Das Dharmsof.	72737 I, Kuldip Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o Vpo Paracha Gurdaspur have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh	98726 I, Gurdeep Singh Dhiman S/o Sadhu Singh R/o HNo 126 Ward 3c, Sangat Nagar Dhuri Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur 148024, Punjab ,change My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gurdeep Singh .	989666 ਮੈਂ Gurmeet Kaur ਪਤਨੀ ਗੁਰਜੇਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਕੋਠੇ ਨੱਥਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਮਹਿਮਾ ਸਵਾਈ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਰਹਿਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਅਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ Gurmeet Kaur ਤੋਂ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ Gurmit Kaur ਰੱਖ ਲਿਆ ਹੋਵੇ।	63372 I, Harjobanjit Singh S/o Yadvinder Singh R/o Vill: Sur Singh Wala (Ferozepur) Punjab, have changed my name to Harjobanjit Singh Dhillon.	63372 I, Dalawar Singh S/o Milkhi Ram Vill Dharmkot (Nawanshahr) have changed my name spelling from Dalawar Singh to Dilawar Singh.	63372 I, Neelam Banger alias Neelam Rani W/o Satnam Banger R/o H. No. B/8-311 Moh Ravidasspura Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed the name of my minor son Navjot to Navjot Chumber.	63372 I Hitherto Known As Charanjit Ram S/O Telu Ram R/O Village Dhaul, Post Office Nawanpind Tapprian, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India, Pin-144521, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Nachhatar Singh.
I Pawan Behl S/o Mehar Chand R/o Village Siwan, District Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Pawan Behl to Pawan Kumar. In future I will be known by the name of Pawan Kumar. All concerned please note.	72737 I, Kudeep Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/o Vill. Chainpur Amritsar have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh	98726 I, Gurdeep Singh Dhiman S/o Sadhu Singh R/o H No 126 Ward 3c, Sangat Nagar Dhuri Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur 148024, Punjab ,my Change My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sarbjeet Kaur .	63372 I, Balwinder Kaur W/o Kashmir Singh R/o H. No. 14, ward no. 02, Jahangir, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab, Pin Code: 143406 have declare that that my son Karamjit Singh (RANK HAV 4484175X) is serving in Unit: 7 SIKHLI and my date of birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as 28-07-1957 but my actual date of birth is 01-01-1960. Concerned Note.	63372 I, Harjot Singh S/o Jaspal Singh R/o Vpo. Dhulkot, Distt. Malerkotla, have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Pannu.	63372 I, Manjeet Kaur W/o Sandeep Singh R/o Vill Saikiana Po Dayalpur Teh Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Manjit Kaur.	63372 I Richa Khullar W/O Jatinder Kumar Khanna R/O H.No. 24 Vasant Vihar, Jalandhar-144003, Have Changed My Name From Richa Khullar To Richa Khanna, After Marriage. (Surname As Khanna).	63372 I Madhansetty Chandraiah S/O Madhansetty Chaniah R/O Qtr No 35/15 New Sa Line Jalandhar Cantt,Jalandhar 144005 Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Madhansetty Chandraiah To Madamchetty Chandraiah.
I, Mohinder jit Kaur W/o Gian Singh R/o.1669 Head water works road golden avenue Amritsar have Changed my name to Mohinder jeet Kaur	72737 I, Hardeep Singh Nagra S/o Jagir Singh Nagra R/o.H.No.70, Dashmesh Avenue Polytechnic Road, Rayon & Silk Mills, Amritsar declare that Hardeep Singh Nagra and Hardeep Singh both names are of mine and are of one and same person	98726 I, Sarbjeet Kaur Dhiman W/o Gurdeep Singh R/o H No 126 Ward 3c, Sangat Nagar Dhuri Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur 148024, Punjab ,my Change My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sarbjeet Kaur .	63372 I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Jaspal Singh R/o Vpo. Dhulkot, Distt. Malerkotla, have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Pannu.	63372 I, Navdeep Singh S/o Balvir Singh R/o Vill: Abdullapur Teh-Ahmedgarh (Malerkotla) my given name is Navdeep and my surname is Singh.	63372 I Ashok Kumar S/o Jit Ram R/o Vill Kandola Khurd Teh Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed the name of minor daughter Simran to Simranjit Kaur.	63372 I, Pooja Alias Kanwaljeet Sharma Alias Pooja Rani D/O Faqir Chand W/O Krishan Gopal Sharma R/O H.No.B-2/70, Sheran Wala Gate, Kapurthala, Punjab Changed My Name To Pooja Sharma.	63372 I, Gurmeet Singh Aulakh S/O Niranjan Singh R/O Vpo Sodhiwala Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh.
I, Hardeep Singh Nagra S/o Jagir Singh Nagra R/o.H.No.70, Dashmesh Avenue Polytechnic Road, Rayon & Silk Mills, Amritsar declare that Kulwinder Kaur Nagra and Kulwinder Kaur both names are of mine and are of one and same person	72737 I, Geeta is spouse of No.15159109Y rank Hav(TA) name Ram Niwas Yadav presently residing at vill- Fatehpura, PO- Fatehpura, Teh-Khandela, Dist- Sikar(RJ)pin-332721 have Changed my name from Geeta to Geeta Yadav vide affidavit No. IN- Pb05931287591771W dated 15-04-2024 best before Notary Public Amritsar	98726 I, jasbir kaur w/o jaswant Singh # 199 P.O.haripur sandholi Tehsil Baddi, Distt. Solan H.P. hereby declare that my name is jasbir kaur but in paasport record my name has been wrongly written as jasameer kaur Now I want to get my name corrected in paasport record of jasbir kaur in place of jasameer kaur. All concerned to note.	63372 I, Malkheet Singh S/o Bhag Singh Vill Malhipur Po Doraha Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Malkit Singh.	63372 I, Khushvinder Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh, Patti Dhuri, VPO Chuhar chak (Moga) -142053, Punjab have changed my name to Khushvinder Singh Cheema	63372 I hitherto known as Lekh Raj S/o Baldev Raj, R/o Vpo Nagar Teh Phillaur (Jalandhar), Punjab-144410 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Lekh Raj Pawar.	63372 I, Gurmeet Singh Aulakh S/O Niranjan Singh R/O Vpo Sodhiwala Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh.	63372 I, Gurmeet Singh Aulakh S/O Niranjan Singh R/O Vpo Sodhiwala Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh.
I, Vishal S/o Asha Nand Sharma R/o. 1415, Gali No.3, Guru Nanak Colony Amritsar have Changed my minor Daughter name from Pihu to Pihu Bala	72737 I, Vishal S/o Asha Nand Sharma R/o. 1415, Gali No.3, Guru Nanak Colony Amritsar have Changed my minor Daughter name from Pihu to Pihu Bala	89984 I, Anjali Alias Rupinder Kumari W/O Vipan Kumar R/O 124 Bank Colony, Near Verka Milk Plant, Road Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Rupinder Kumari .	63372 I, Pawan Jindal S/O Yash Pal R/O 1358/1, Street No.7, 1st Chowk, Abohar, District. Fazilka (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Pawan Kumar.	63372 I Manpreet Kaur W/o Navjot Singh Khipal R/o Vpo Wara Bhai Ka (Faridkot) have changed my name Manpreet Kaur to Manpreet Kaur Khipal.	63372 I, Nachhattar Singh S/o Piara Singh R/o Vill: Ghagon Roranwali Po. Bora Teh-Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name from Nachhattar Singh to Nachhatar Singh.	63372 I, Gurmeet Singh Aulakh S/O Niranjan Singh R/O Vpo Sodhiwala Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh.	63372 I, Gurmeet Singh Aulakh S/O Niranjan Singh R/O Vpo Sodhiwala Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh.

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Vikram Saini appointed in-charge of Haridwar Lok Sabha seat



RADAUR (NIRMAL SAINI) : Congress party's youth leader Vikram Saini has been made in-charge of Haridwar Uttarakhand seat for the Lok Sabha elections. He has been appointed by party in-charge Kumari Selja. Vikram Saini has expressed his gratitude to Congress National General Secretary and Uttarakhand in-charge Kumari Selja for this. Vikram Saini said that he will fulfill the responsibility given to him with full honesty and devotion. . He said that the India Alliance will be victorious on all the ten Lok Sabha seats in the Lok Sabha elections.

CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

Maharana Pratap University awarded with Best Horticulture University Award

AGENCY
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 15

In recognition of the remarkable advancements in horticulture, Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU), Karnal, has been honoured with the prestigious Best Horticulture University Award nationwide. This accolade was bestowed by 'Krishi Vyapaar Shikhar Sammelan and Puraskar' at an event in Hyderabad, underscoring MHU's exemplary contributions to the field. Sharing information in this regard, a University spokesperson said that MHU is working on important research in the field of horticulture on fruits, vegetables, flowers, and medicinal plants. The university is committed to fulfilling the needs of the state. In the past years, the university has conducted re-



search to develop many new technologies, whose positive outcomes have now started coming. The spokesperson said that the biggest achievement in recent times has been in research on biological micro-organisms. MHU has identified many good microbial-related bio-inputs. These can be successfully used in the field of horticulture to produce safe and quality crops. For example, their use will reduce the

need for chemical fertilisers by 20 to 25 per cent in the fields. Due to these achievements, the 'Krishi Vyapaar Shikhar Sammelan and Puraskar Sanstha' have honoured MHU by awarding it the Best Horticulture University Award. The entire team of MHU is continuously striving to reach the advanced technologies used in the field of horticulture to the farmers and the main objective of MHU is to boost

quality production. As a result, farmers' incomes rise at less cost, and they become economically affluent, the spokesperson added. The spokesperson stated that there is a growing trend among farmers towards horticulture farming, which will benefit the coming generations. He urged the farmers to contact the scientists of MHU for horticulture-related problems for resolution.

Modi's manifesto based on the spirit of Putting the Nation First: Manohar Lal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GURUGRAM, APRIL 15

Former Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar stated in a press conference in Gurugram that the BJP manifesto embodies the spirit of putting the nation first. Modi's guarantee-backed manifesto has been designed with every class and individual in the country in mind. On Monday, former Chief Minister Manohar Lal discussed the BJP manifesto with journalists at a hotel in Gurugram. He highlighted each point of the manifesto and answered every question from the journalists candidly.

Manohar Lal presented the purpose of the BJP manifesto, explaining that the goal of Modi's guarantee-backed manifesto is to make India self-reliant. The BJP has taken care of every person and family during its ten-year rule. He stated that Prime Minister

Modi promised to empower the poor, youth, farmers, and women in the BJP manifesto. According to the former CM, India's reputation has grown globally due to Prime Minister Modi's charismatic leadership. The slogan "Modi hai to mumin hai" is now being heard across the country and the world.

The former CM stated that the BJP manifesto focuses on public development. The policies formulated over the past decade will continue. Manohar Lal accused the Congress party of appeasement politics, stating that Congress never spoke about removing Article 370. Congress practiced appeasement politics but never considered the respect of Muslim women. He credited the Modi government with abolishing triple talaq and providing justice to Muslim sisters. He noted that the Modi

government swiftly removed Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir. Additionally, the government fulfilled a 500-year-old desire of society by constructing a grand temple for Lord Ram in Ayodhya.

Discussing the BJP manifesto, Manohar Lal emphasized the focus on food processing. He said that measures will be implemented to maximize storage facilities to prevent grain wastage. India's focus is on coarse grains. The former CM stated that the double-engine government has worked towards simplifying and enriching women's lives. Through the Ujjwala scheme, providing gas cylinders and ensuring every household has access to clean water has simplified women's lives. He also highlighted that one crore women have become "Lakhpati Didi" thanks to the government's initiatives.

School operators should understand their social responsibility: DC

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI, APRIL 15

Deputy Commissioner Captain Manoj Kumar directed the operators of all government and private schools and educational institutions of the district to implement the safe school vehicle policy in the vehicles of their respective schools. Strict action will be taken against those who violate the rules of the Safe School Vehicle Policy. School administrators should consider the children studying in the school as their own children and provide them the same facilities that they provide to their own children. All school operators need to understand their social responsibilities. Our open challenge will be to those who ignore the rules in the race to earn money. The DC called a meeting of directors and principals of big schools of the dis-

trict including Haryana School Welfare Association and Yamunanagar District Public School Association in the auditorium of the District Secretariat on Tuesday to implement the school vehicle policy. In this meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed that a safe



school vehicle policy for school vehicles has been made by the government for the safety of children. Under this, it is necessary to have necessary equipment and other arrange-

ments in school vehicles for the safety of children.

He said that the colour of the school bus should be yellow and the name of the school should be written in blue stripe on it. It is necessary to have a first aid box and fire extinguisher inside the bus. Apart from this, there should be CCTV cameras to monitor any type of activity inside the bus. A speed governor should be installed to control the speed of the school vehicle. He said that it is necessary for the school bus driver to have medical fitness and the person hired as a driver should have 5 years of experience and should be educated. There should be a horizontal grill on the window of the school bus so that a child cannot fall out of the bus window due to any reason.

PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL, APRIL 15

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that the arrival of wheat has started in the mandis of the district. In view of the arrival of wheat in the mandis, all necessary arrangements had already been completed by the district administration. About 1 lakh 60 thousand 275 metric tons of wheat arrived in various purchase centers and markets in the district, which was purchased by government procurement agencies. Orders have been given to the procurement agency to immediately get wheat lifted from the mandis.

He said that till last day about 1 lakh 60 thousand 275 tonnes of wheat had arrived in various markets of the district, out of which 66746 metric tonnes of wheat was purchased by the Food Supply Department, 84626 metric tonnes by HAFED and 8237 metric tonnes of wheat was

purchased by Haryana Warehousing Corporation. Appealing to the farmers, he said that whoever comes to the market, should come as



per their order so that their crops can be purchased on time. He said that farmers should not set fire to hay in the fields. While this increases pollution, it also reduces the fertility of the land. Therefore, farmers should manage crop residues properly by not burning them.

BJP working for public welfare, says Nischal Chaudhary

RAHUL KOHLI
JAGADHRI, APRIL 15

BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Constitution maker Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar ji, participated in programs organised at many places including village Tihano, Changanoli, Shivpuri Society under Jagadhri assembly and Tapiya of Jagadhri city ward number 5 Mandkhe-di. Attended as the chief guest and paid tribute to Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Ji. BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary, while paying tribute to the creator of the Constitution, Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, said that Baba Saheb was a great personality, his contribution to the Constitution can never be forgotten. Even today the youth are moving forward taking inspiration from him. The BJP government at the Center and in the state of Haryana is following



the path shown by Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. It is because of the Constitution made by Baba Saheb that we all are breathing in the open air today. BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary said that the double engine BJP government has fulfilled all its promises in the last 10 years.

Whereas the Congress never took care of the people during its many decades of rule. Congress only made the poor poorer. Congress never cared for the farmers nor the youth. Congress never worried about the empowerment and respect of wom-

en. Due to neglect of every section, the condition of Congress has become such that Congress is still not getting candidates for Lok Sabha seats in Haryana state. Many BJP workers including Vice Chairman Manoj Panjeta, Mandal General Secretary Jagdish Dhiman, Pravesh Dhiman, Yuva Morcha Mandal President Rahul Garhi, Robin Chaudhary Jagadhri, Kala Ram Salempur, Sanjeev Pheruwalla, Ajay Mangala Tony, BJP District Yamunanagar Media Incharge Kapil Manish Garg were present.

Crop harvesting experiments going on in district under year Rabi 2023-24



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APRIL 15

Crop harvesting experiments are going on in the district under the year Rabi 2023-24, on the basis of which the average crop yield of every village is calculated so that the potential production can be determined according to the average yield and the losses suffered by the farmers who produce less than this average yield. But compensation for the crop can be given. Therefore, under this, today Dr. Pradeep Meel, Joint Director (Agriculture Engi-

neer), Agriculture Department, Haryana Panchkula along with the officials of Agriculture Department, Karnal inspected the crop harvesting experiments going on in District Karnal. In his presence, he completed the wheat harvesting experiment in village Takhana Part (46) block Nilokheri. He learned from the farmers in various villages of the district about any kind of problem related to wheat harvesting work and also gave various valuable suggestions to the farmers related to agricultural work.

Durga Ashtami and Ram Navami celebrated in DAV Public School Sadhaura



PREETI RANI SADHAURA : On Monday, a religious program was organized at DAV Public School, Sadhaura on the occasion of Ram Navami and Durga Ashtami. In which Dandiya dance was performed by the girl students of class VI, VII and VIII and small children dressed up in the costumes of Ram, Lakshman, Sita and Shabari. The children attracted everyone. Bhajan of Shri Rama was presented by Naman Bakshi Hitesh Gauri and students of class 9th. A very beautiful dance was presented on the song Shri Ram Ji Se Kah Dena Jai Siyaram by the students of class VI and at the end of the program, in praise of Rama was sung by Class 7 student Rudra. On this occasion, head teacher Ajay Sharma, Sandeep Taya, Suman Ghai and all other teachers were present. At the end of the program, Principal Ajay Sharma wished all the students and teachers a happy Ram Navami and Durga Ashtami.

BK's sister Sulochana welcomes drug de-addiction campaign Rath Yatra from Mount Abu

PREETI RANI SADHAURA : The Drug Free India campaign of the Government of India, which was started by Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya, Mount Abu, from March 3, 2023. This yatra, passing through various states of the country, reached Narayangarh in Ambala. After serving the Drug Free India Campaign in Narayangarh, this yatra reached the ancient town of Sadhaura in Yamunanagar district. In Sadhaura, the Drug Free India Campaign Rath Yatra provided local education.



The message of drug-free India campaign was given in dozens of institutions, various temples of the city, and other important places, villages of the area and historical villages like Kapalmochan, Teerth, Chhachhrauli, Ledi, Salempur, Tinho, Khanpara Hadoli, Dadupur Saini etc. In which Lakshya Bhai and Aditya Bhai, who came from Mount Abu, in-charge of the service center, with the support of BK Salochna and brother Sudhir Jolly, Sanjeev Bhai, Sushil Bhai, Chandra Prakash, BK Barkha Ram Dhiman from Narayangarh, and thousands of mothers and sisters of the area. This message reached the souls and inspired the youth not to take drugs, in which there was full support from Sadhaura police station in-charge and administration. On this occasion, BK Salochana sister, in-charge of the service center, honored Lakshya with a gold badge for giving the message of de-addiction to more than 10,000 youth.

DC conducts surprise inspection of Gharaunda grain market regarding crop lifting arrangements



PARI BAJAJ
KARNAL, APRIL 15

DC Uttam Singh conducted a surprise inspection of Gharaunda grain market on Monday. During this, he along with the concerned officials also checked the moisture in the wheat crop that had arrived in the market. While giving instructions to all the concerned officials, he said that the farmers bringing their crops should not face any kind of chaos in the market. He said that the lifting work should continue smoothly and at a fast pace. During this, he also ap-

pealed to the farmers to bring only ripe crops to the market so that they do not have to face any kind of problem while selling the crops. During this, the Deputy Commissioner instructed all the concerned officers to make arrangements for tarpaulin and other necessary facilities due to bad weather. During this, Gharaunda SDM Rajesh Kumar Soni informed the Deputy Commissioner that the lifting work in Gharaunda grain market is going on smoothly. He told that so far 2 lakh 80 thousand quintals of wheat crop has arrived in Gharaunda grain market.

Sarpanches to protest against Khattar in Lok Sabha elections

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, APRIL 15

A meeting of the Indri Sarpanch Association was held in Indri in which a large number of sarpanches of block Indri participated. On this occasion, the upcoming strategy due to elections was discussed. On this occasion, Pradhan Shamsheer Singh Madhan said that today is the time for Lok Sabha elections. The BJP government had taken away a lot of powers of the Sarpanches during its tenure. Today we have a chance to talk to the government about this issue. He said that former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is contesting the election of MP from Karnal Lok Sabha and all the members of Sarpanch Association will be against former Chief Minis-



ter Manohar Lal in these elections. He said that we have no problem with BJP but our complaint is with the policies of BJP. He said that if our demands are not accepted then we will take a concrete decision before the elections. Sarpanch will not organise any program of any leader in the villages. Just as Khattar welcomed us in Panchkula, we

will now welcome him with the power of our votes.

Pradhan said that we should get the same powers now as we had during the first term of the BJP government. Khattar Saheb is not ready to accept the words of the Sarpanches. Whichever party accepts our demands, we will go with that party. Vice President of Sarpanch Association Shyam

Singh said that all the Sarpanches have decided today that they will strongly oppose the MP candidate Manohar Lal in the Lok Sabha elections. We will use all our strength to defeat them. He said that if our demands are accepted before the upcoming legislative elections, then we will make our future strategy at that time. Deputy head Shashi Kamboj said that only the sarpanch knows the problems of the village. The government has reduced our rights. On this occasion, Indri Sarpanch Association President Shamsheer Singh Madhan, Shashi Kamboj, Yashpal Sarpanch, Ishwar Singh Sarpanch, Ramesh Kumar Sarpanch, Minister Kamboj, Praveen Sarpanch, Pratap, Nishank, Vipin, Gurnam Singh, Nishan Singh, Mahipal, Ravinder etc. Sarpanch was present.

Rice Mill Association Karnal holds meeting in context of Lok Sabha elections

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL/ASSANDH, APRIL 15

In the new grain market of the city, a meeting of the members of the Rice Mill Association was held in context of the Lok Sabha elections by former BJP MLA and Assandh Assembly convener Bakshish Singh Virk. The meeting was presided over by Association Vice President Rajendra Mangala.

While giving the presidential address, Vice President Rajendra Mangala said, "Today the eyes of the entire country are on Karnal, Manohar Lal is contesting from Karnal Lok Sabha seat. All the members of our association have to stand shoulder to shoulder with him



and fight and win this election."

Former MLA Bakshish Singh Virk invited to the program of former Chief Minister and BJP candidate from Karnal Lok Sabha constituency Manohar Lal to be held on April 16 at GS Farm

on Salwan Road and said that "Our leader Manohar Lal is fighting from Karnal is an inspiration for all of us. We will make him victorious with a record number of votes and send him to Delhi."

Rajendra Mangala, Sub-

hash Mangala, Jaikumar Rahda, Pramod Goyal, Satish Goyal, Anil Bansal, Anil Garg, Mohan Garg, Anil Bansal, Murari Lal, Pankaj Garg and other rice millers were present on this occasion.*

133rd birth anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar celebrated



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: Medical Practitioners Association Punjab registered 295 district Faridkot celebrated the 133rd birth anniversary of Constitution maker Dr. BR Ambedkar with great pomp. District Body Faridkot, under the leadership of Dr. Amrit Veer Singh Sidhu, celebrated the birth anniversary of Constitution maker Dr. BR Ambedkar at Lala Lalpat Rai Park with reverence and fanfare. Various speakers came to this ceremony to shed light on the struggling life of Dr. BR Ambedkar. The speakers agreed to follow the principles stated by Dr. BR Ambedkar. Dr. Ranjit Singh Block President Kotkapura, Dr. Harpal Singh Delianwall Block President Jaito, Vaid Bagicha Singh District Spokesman, Dr. Saraj Khan District General Secretary, Dr. Jaswinder Singh District Management Committee Chairman, District Delegate Dr. Vikram Chauhan, Dr. Love Kush, Dr. Jagjir Singh District Treasurer, Dr. Balwant Roy, Dr. Rajinder Kumar Kotkapura.

PU SC Employees Welfare Association formed

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA: An important meeting of teachers, senior officers and employees belonging to Scheduled Castes community of the Punjabi University, Patiala was held today at the university campus. During this meeting the problems faced by the employees belonging to Scheduled Castes employees working in the Main Campus, Neighborhood Campuses and Constituent Colleges of Punjabi University were discussed. During this meeting, the employees took serious notice of the fact that like other departments of government of India, government of Punjab and other universities of the country, the Punjabi University, Patiala does not have any association of its employees belonging to Scheduled Castes to solve the problems of Scheduled Castes employees.

Shri Ram Navmi Shobha Yatra taken out with religious fervor, gaiety



PAWAN KALIA KAPURTHALA: An impressive Shobha Yatra on the eve of Shri Ram Navmi was taken out in heritage city of Kapurthala with religious fervor and gaiety. The religious procession which commenced from Shri Sanatan Dham Sabha in the leadership of Mandir committee president Subhash Makrandi & passed through different bazaars and chowks of the heritage city including Shalimar Chowk, Amritsar Road, Shri Satya Narain Bazar, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chowk, Sadar Bazar, Jallowkhana chowk etc.before it reached at its starting point. Members of different mandir committees including Naresh Gosain, Surinder Sharma, Shashi Pathak, Mandeep Joshi, Pawan Kalia Kuldeep Joshi, Ashok Kumar Puri, besides representatives of different political parties including , Chairman Improvement Trust Gurpal Singh Indian, Kanwar Iqbal, Mayor Kulwant Kaur , Harish Kumar, Desh Bandhu , Veenla Salwan, other party supporters registered his presence in this shobha yatra.

Dozens of families from Jandiala Guru join BJP



KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU: Bharatiya Janata Party got strengthened in Jandiala Guru Vidhan Sabha constituency when a large number of families belonging to traditional parties Congress, Akali Dal and Aam Aadmi Party joined BJP. After saying goodbye to these parties, they announced to join BJP. In a program organized in New Abadi, senior BJP leader Gurpratap Singh Tikka, constituency in-charge Hardeep Singh Gill welcomed the families joining BJP and honored them by giving them the party's Siropa. BJP leaders assured the families coming from other parties that they will get due respect in BJP party. Speaking on this occasion, Gurpratap Singh Tikka and Hardeep Singh Gill said that wind is blowing in favour of BJP in Punjab too and this wind will shatter the dreams of opposition parties. Senior BJP president Kanwarvir Singh Manzil and Rajiv Kumar Mana said that Narendra Modi's government is sure to be formed in the country. He said that those who oppose the BJP should also give BJP a chance this time and see the change. Because other parties only made promises which have not been fulfilled till date. Whereas Narendra Modi did what he said. On this occasion former deputy mayor Ajebirpal Singh Randhawa, state secretary of OBC Morcha Tajinder Singh Chandi, Mrs. Sheela Sharma, Sukhwinder Singh Ruby, Amarjit Kaur, Subhash Sharma were also present. On this occasion Sukhwinder Singh Ruby was appointed as the urban president of BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha, Jandiala Guru Mandal.

Aam Aadmi Party is united and stands with Kejriwal like a rock : CM Mann

NEW DELHI, APR 15

Delhi Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal is being treated like a terrorist and has been denied facilities even given to hardcore criminals, said Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann after meeting the Aam Aadmi Party supremo in jail on Monday.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and AAP's National General Secretary (Organization) Dr. Sandeep Pathak met Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in jail and their meeting lasted for about 30 minutes. During this time, Bhagwant Mann became emotional after seeing the ill-treatment being meted out to Arvind Kejriwal in jail.

Talking to the media after meeting Shri Arvind Kejriwal in Tihar jail, Bhagwant Mann said that CM Arvind Kejriwal is being treated like a terrorist in jail. We were made to talk on the phone through the glass, the glass was also very dirty, we could not even see each other's faces clearly. Arvind Kejriwal's only fault is that he built schools and hospitals and made electricity and water free for



the people. That's why he is not even getting the facilities that hardcore criminals get.

Dr Sandeep Pathak said that Arvind Kejriwal asked all the time about the wellbeing of the people of Delhi and Punjab. He asked whether people were getting the facilities of free electricity, water, medical treatment in hospitals and free bus ride for women.

Dr Sandeep Pathak said from next week, Shri Arvind Kejriwal will call twoministers in jail and review the progress of works of their departments.

In response to a reporter's question about his meeting with Shri Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann said that we had a meeting of half an hour.

We were given an appointment from 12 noon to 12:30 pm. As soon as I met him, I was deeply saddened to see that CM Arvind Kejriwal is not being given the same facilities that are given to even the hardcore criminals. What is the fault of Arvind Kejriwal? His only fault is that he built hospitals, mohalla clinics and schools for the

people. Electricity and water were made free for all. You are treating him as if you have caught a big terrorist.

CM Bhagwant Mann said that according to the rules of the jail manual, face-to-face meeting can be allowed to the accused if he has good conduct in the jail. When P. Chidambaram was in jail and Sonia Gandhi used to come to meet him, she was made to sit face-to-face in a room. But today the meeting was arranged through the phone as if a big criminal was sitting.

Government hospitals to open at 8 am today

MOHALI (LK BANSAL): The timings of the government health facilities will be changed from April 16 onwards in the district.

Divulging the details, Civil Surgeon Dr. Davinder Kumar said the government health institutions will now open at 8 am and close at 2 pm. These institutions include Dis-

trict Hospital Mohali, Sub-Divisional Hospitals Kharar, Derabassi and all Primary Health Centers, Community Health Centers, Sub-Health Centers, Aam Aadmi Clinics, ESI hospital and other dispensaries in the district. He said the emergency services in government hospitals will continue 24 hours as before.

The Civil Surgeon clarified that the timings of the Civil Surgeon Office Mohali and other of fices in the hospitals will function as before from 9 am to 5 pm.

It may be mentioned that summer time in the government health facilities (April 15 to October 15) is from 8 am to 2 pm while winter time (October 15 to April 15) is from 9 am to 3 pm.

Quarterly meeting organized by District Legal Services Authority



SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, APR 15

Quarterly meeting of District Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar for quarter ending 31.03.2024 was held today under the Chairmanship of Sh. Harpal Singh, District & Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar. It was attended by Sh. Avtar Singh, Additional District & Sessions Judge-I, Ms. Surabhi Prashar, Secretary, DLSA, SAS Nagar, Sh. Anish Goyal, Chief Judicial Magistrate, SAS Nagar, Sh. Inder Pal, CMFO, Ms. Jyoti Yadav, SP(D), Sh. Satnam Singh, District Attorney, SAS Nagar, Sh. Ravi Inder

Singh, DPRO and Sh. S.K. Sinha, Advocate.

In the meeting, the work done by DLSA, SAS Nagar during previous quarter was assessed. Sh. Harpal Singh, District & Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar informed that legal services were provided to 438 legal aid seekers during the last quarter.

To settle the cases through mediation 339 cases were referred to the Mediation Centre. Besides this, sensitization programme was organized for Special Juvenile Police Officers for adhering to the rules of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

It was also revealed during the Meeting that upcoming National Lok Adalat shall be held on 11.05.2024 in which Criminal Compoundable Offences, NI Act cases under Section-138, Bank Recovery Cases, MACT Cases, Matrimonial Disputes, Labour disputes, Land Acquisition cases, Electricity and Water Bills (Excluding non-compoundable theft cases), Service matters relating to pay and allowances and retiral benefits, Revenue Cases and other Civil Cases (Rent, Easementary Rights, Injunction Suits, Specific Performance suits) etc. shall be taken up.

First place of Amritsar district in providing online services to people: Deputy Commissioner

KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, APR 15

Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ghansham Thori once again congratulated the employees of the district and said that Amritsar district is at the first place in the state by providing timely services to 99.94 per cent of the people.

Thori said that earlier through the e-seva center citizens Amritsar District was number one in providing services to but pendency has been eliminated to a large extent in the last few days due to your strenuous efforts to clear the backlog of e-seva cases. With which our district has been able to maintain its position at number one in the state. He said that the officials and related employees need to work harder to stay at this level. He said that his first priority was to end the pendency



of service centers, in which there has been success. It is worth mentioning that 90 per cent of the work done by the people is done by Seva Kendras and Fard Kendras and the end of pendency has brought a lot of relief to the people.

He said that 41 service centers are working in Amritsar district and services of various departments are being provided to about 425 peo-

ple in these service centers and about 4 lakh 22 thousand 414 from last year 15 April 2023 till now. People have approached the service centers to get services. Mr. Ghansham Thori said that 3 lakh 92 thousand 208 people have been provided various services through service centers and 9558 applications have been rejected due to incompleteness, about 10313 applications are in process and about 10335 applications are pending. There are objections to the letters.

Giving more information in this regard, the Technical Coordinator of the District Administrative Improvement Sector Mr. Prins Singh said that the main services in the service centers include birth and death certificates and updating of learning license, Aadhaar card services in addition to ammunition.

Vigilance Bureau arrests ASI for accepting Rs 5000 bribe



GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, APR 15

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, on Monday has apprehended Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Nachattar Singh, posted at Police Station Ajnala Amritsar district for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 5000.

Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above mentioned police personnel has been arrested on the basis of a complaint lodged by Avtar Singh, a resident of village Shamsheerpur, in block Fatehgarh Churian. He further in-

formed that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged that the said accused has been demanding Rs 10,000 for favoring his son during the investigation of a case lodged against his son in the police station.

He further added that after preliminary investigation of this complaint, the VB team laid a trap in which the said ASI was caught red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 5000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses. In this regard a case under Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered against the accused at VB police station Amritsar range.

Mohali Admin to organize Marathon for Women Voters on April 17

MOHALI, APR 15

To achieve the target of 80 per cent voting in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar District, the district administration to organize a Marathon for Women voters on April 17 from Sports Complex-78, Mohali.

Divulging the details, the Deputy Commissioner, Mrs Aashika Jain said that the District SVEEP Team has chalked out many a activity to boost the voting percentage in the district. In continuation of that, a Marathon has been planned that would cover a distance of 1.6 Km in the morning hours.

She exhorted the women voters, particularly young and first-time voters to come forward and be part of this awareness activity. She said that the assembling time for the Marathon is 6:00 am



while the starting time is 6:30 am from Sports Complex, sector-78, Mohali.

The Deputy Commissioner said that SAS Nagar district's Systematic Voters' Education and Elector Participation team is chalking out various activities to sensitise the voters to their voting rights.

Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar great leader of Dalits: Makhan



VERMA GURDASPUR, APR 15

The birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was celebrated under the chairmanship of Bharatiya Janata Party Madhopur Division General Secretary Balwinder Singh Makhan. In which Mandal President Jagmohan Singh Jagga was especially present. Speaking on this occasion, Jagmohan Singh Jaga said that Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar is a name which is famous all over the world. The birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar is celebrated all over India on 14 April. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was not only the creator of the Constitution of India, but Dr. Bhim-

rao Ambedkar was a great public hero in the truest and true sense. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, popularly known as Baba Saheb, was the creator of the Constitution of India. He was a great thinker, social reformer, law expert, economic expert, multilingual speaker, editor and journalist. There is a holiday in most government offices on his birth anniversary.

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was born on 14 April 1891 in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, in a Mahar family which was considered lower caste in those days. Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was a great leader of Dalits. He devoted his entire life to the upliftment of Dalits.

Only PM Modi can lead the country with his strong will and leadership: Preneet Kaur

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, APR 15

Former minister of State for external Affairs and Member Parliament from Patiala Preneet Kaur today released Bharatiya Janata Party's Sankalp Patra (Manifesto) at the BJP Patiala office today.

She was accompanied by her daughter & BJP Punjab's Mahila Morcha President Jai Inder Kaur, National Executive Member Harjit Singh Grewal and BJP Patiala District's President Sanjeev Sharma Bittu.

Addressing the media after the launch of the Sankalp Patra, Preneet Kaur said, "The Sankalp Patra released by the Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi ji is truly visionary and development centric. Our mani-



fest is focused on ushering India towards Viksit Bharat @2047 and is completely realistic sans any fake promises and poll freebies."

She further said, "The Sankalp Patra covers every section of society focusing mainly on 15 categories. Be it our ladies with schemes like Lakhpati Didi, Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinayam or be it workers with E-Sharmik scheme, the party has also catered to the elderly with covering everyone over the

age of 60 under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme. Only PM Modi Ji's strong will and leadership can take our country forward."

Answering the media query on farmers MSP demand, Preneet Kaur said, "The offer of MSP on 5 crops for the farmers is still on the table by the Central panel, our farmers need to decide which crops they are going to plant and I will personally request the government to provide MSP on those.

Bicycles distributed to girl students at Government High School Chak Ram Singh Wala



ANIL VERMA/ANANT-DEEP KAUR BATHINDA, APR 15

While starting the new academic session at Government High Smart School Chak Ram Singh Wala Bathinda, bicycles were distributed to the needy students coming from far away with the help of the school staff. Speaking on this occasion, Headmaster Ranjit

Singh Sandhu said that like last year, this effort has been made by the school staff to help the girl students to continue their studies. On this occasion, Chairman of School Management Committee Gurpreet Kaur, Vice President of Old Students Association and former Sarpanch Kehar Singh, Association's Gurjant Singh Janti and all the school staff were present.

Baisakhi celebrated at Sanmati Vimal Jain School



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, APR 15

Sanmati Vimal Jain Senior Secondary School celebrated the festival of Baisakhi at its campus with great enthusiasm. The school conducted a program for students of classes 3rd, 4th and 5th under the guidance of school director Shashi Jain.

The students performed Gidha and Bhangra to celebrate Baisakhi and learned

about the importance of the day. The teachers educated students about the day of Baisakhi and encouraged them to keep celebrating such festivals as they are an integral part of our culture.

School Principal Supriya Khurana wished students on their anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar, founder of the Indian constitution and encouraged them to follow teachings of Dr. Ambedkar and make the nation proud.

10 initiatives for quality education launched at BFGI



ANIL VERMA/ANANT-DEEP KAUR BATHINDA, APR 15

The 'Faculty Excellence Award Ceremony' at Baba Farid Group of Institutions Bathinda (BFGI) celebrated the exceptional contribution of over 200 teachers who have significantly impacted academic, research, placement, sports and cultural realms during session 2023-24.

During this prestigious event, Dr. Gurmeet Singh Dhaliwal, Chairman BFGI, graced the occasion as the Chief guest while Dr MP Poonia presided over the function. Dr MP Poonia, the Cam-

pus Director conveyed his warm Greetings and extended a heart felt welcome to all attendees. He highlighted the necessity for novel initiatives in skill development and entrepreneurship alongside the established curriculum. The ceremony not only recognized outstanding faculty but also marked the launch of ten pioneering initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of education at BFGI. These initiatives encompass a wide range of areas such as the Enhanced Student Skill Development Program, Student Mentoring Portal, JAN CHETNA for rural empowerment through education and skill development.

DEO holds meeting with courier and e-commerce companies; directs companies to keep vigil on suspicious, bulk orders

SACHIN MOUDGILL LUDHIANA, APR 15

District Election Officer (DEO)-cum-Deputy Commissioner (DC) Sakshi Sawhney on Monday held a meeting with the representatives of courier and e-commerce companies and directed them to keep vigil on the suspicious/bulk orders during the Lok Sabha-2024 elections.

Representatives of the Department of Posts, Blue Dart, Amazon, Swiggy etc participated in the meeting. Both, private courier services and those run by the government, have been directed to keep a close watch on the delivery of products/goods to ensure that there is no violation of Model Code of Conduct during the Lok Sabha elections. Sawhney told them to



give details of suspicious / bulk orders to the election office regularly. She said that if there is any kind of suspicious buying and selling in the district through the medium of e-commerce and delivery of things via courier, they must intimate election authorities immediately.

She said that companies must try to take declarations from the persons regarding the products/material they

want to deliver especially in the cases of suspicious/bulk delivery till enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct. She said that the booking/delivery of things on the same addresses must also be checked and recorded.

Sawhney also asked the courier companies to make an SOP for their godowns /centres to scan or check the products/materials being delivered during elections.

Tributes paid to Babasaheb at Guru Ravidas Temple



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Tributes paid to Baba Sahib Dr B.R. Ambedkar, father of the Indian Constitution at Guru Ravidas Temple Kotla Khurd on his birth anniversary at night on Sunday yesterday. The people of Kotla Khurd paid tribute to Baba Sahib by offering flowers in the photo of Baba Sahib Ambedkar. On this occasion, the villagers performed Bhajan Kirtan based on the teachings of Guru Ravidas and Baba Sahib. The villagers participated enthusiastically in this program. Baba Sahib is called the symbol of knowledge all over the world. That is why Baba Sahib Ambedkar's birthday is celebrated every year not only in India but in countries all over the world. After the kirtan, sweets and halwa prasad were also distributed to the participants. All the members of the Guru Ravidas Temple Committee Kotla Khurd were also present on this occasion.

Fire breaks out at an iron works store at Mehatpur

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: On Sunday last night at 2:30 AM, a fire incident took place in Anish Plastic and Iron Works (Scrap Store) at Mehatpur Industrial Area Tehsil Una. There is no loss of life or injury at incident place. Four fire tenders at the spot and two fire tenders from NFL Nangal Punjab Fire Department also reached. The cause of the fire has not been known yet. Now the fire has been brought under control and work to cool the plastic scrap is underway.

Applications for vacancies at Kendriya Vidyalaya Saloh to be accepted until April 25

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Kendriya Vidyalaya Saloh has received permission to establish two sections for classes one through five. School Principal Neelam Guleria shared that from the academic session 2024-25, each class section will have a maximum of 32 students according to the National Education Policy 2020. Guleria mentioned that there are 64 vacancies in class one, 27 in class two, 24 in class three, 19 in class four, and 20 in class five. For admission to the Kendriya Vidyalaya, priority is given to children of employees working in central and provincial government departments and enterprises. Admission fees are only ₹25, with quarterly fees of ₹1,500 for classes I and II and ₹1,800 for classes III to VIII. In addition, there are 32 vacancies in class XI (science and commerce streams). Parents can register their children for classes II to V and XI (science and commerce streams) until April 25, at the school office from 9 am to 2 pm. Principal Guleria thanked the school management committee chairperson and Deputy Commissioner Jatini Lal and the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for allowing the establishment of two sections at the school.

‘Bade Bhai Sahab’ reborn on stage



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: A theatrical performance of Bade Bhai Sahab, a short story written by Munshi Premchand in 1910, was presented by child actors under the direction of Amala Rai in Rodi village, Dharampur. Rajesh Sharma, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha (H.P.), attended as the chief guest. The story is based on the lives of two brothers and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience present. The event was attended by Bollywood director and actor Sunil Sinha, Ritesh Arya, international geologist Praveen, senior theatre artists Chandla and Jawahar Kaul from Shimla, Bharati Surjeet Kumar from Solan, theatre artists Om Prakash Ghai, and people from neighbouring states. Local residents, school children, and others were also present at the event.

PM Modi's guarantee is 24 carat gold, which public is getting: Jairam Thakur

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 15

Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said during a press conference in Dharamshala that the BJP has announced its resolution paper, the target is not for 5 years but for 2047, how should India stand in front of the world so that it can achieve the target. Complete the. PM Modi's goal is a developed India. He said that the resolution letter has been prepared keeping in mind the entire country. The party had received 15 lakh suggestion letters. Modi has completed one decade of his tenure and is now moving towards the next decade. The Prime Minister

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Himachal Day celebrated with fervour Governor presides over state level function at Shimla

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APRIL 15

The 77th Himachal Day was celebrated with gaiety and fervour in the State on Monday. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla unfurled the Tricolour and took the salute of an impressive march past at the State-level Himachal Day function held on the historic Ridge, Shimla. The march past was led by Parade Commander, IPS Abhishek in which contingents of State Police, Home Guards, and Bharat Scouts & Guides and NCC cadets also participated. Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Chief Minister was also present on the occasion. The Governor while congratulating the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Himachal Day



highlighted the rich heritage and natural splendour that defines this hill state. Emphasizing the role of its honest and hardworking people, he commended their resilience in overcoming geographical and economic challenges to drive rapid development as we see today. He praised the peaceful

atmosphere and social harmony as hallmarks that set Himachal Pradesh apart. Recognizing the state's journey from modest beginnings to becoming a beacon of hill development, the Governor credited the unwavering dedication to its citizens. Looking ahead, he expressed confidence that the same spirit

of determination will propel the state towards continued progress and prosperity. Coming in existence on April 15, 1948 with the merger of 30 small hill princely hill states, our rich culture, high traditions and natural beauty are the distinctive identity of Dev Bhoomi, he said. The hard-working people contributed a

Two-day district-level Baisakhi Fair concludes in Jawali with wrestling competition

DAULAT CHAUHAN
UNA, APRIL 15

The two-day district-level Baisakhi fair concluded in Jawali with a wrestling competition. SP Nurpur Ashok Ratan attended the closing ceremony as the chief guest. The chief guest, SP Ashok Ratan, was honoured with a traditional turban by the fair committee chairman Rajinder Raju and other members. From the rest house in Jawali to the wrestling venue in Jawali, the committee members escorted the chief guest SP Ashok Ratan in a procession with drums and traditional music. After a prayer ceremony at the wrestling venue, the wrestling matches began. Wrestlers from Himachal, Delhi, Sonipat, Rajasthan, Phagwara, and Haryana showcased their skills in exciting matches. The grand prize match featured Phagwara wrestler Preetpal



and Delhi's Sagar wrestler. Both wrestlers put in great effort to pin each other down. Ultimately, Preetpal defeated Sagar to win the competition. Chief guest SP Ashok Ratan honoured the winning wrestler with a cash prize of 70,000 and the runner-up with 60,000. He stated that fairs are part of our heritage, and it is our duty to preserve them. He added that fairs promote camaraderie. The chief guest was honoured with a shawl, cap, and memento by fair committee chairman

Rajinder Raju. Attendees included DSP Veeri Singh, SHO Pritam Jaryal, Nappn Vice Chairman EV Pathania, JE Shashi Balia, Clerk Balwant Singh, councilors Jagpal Jaggu, Pushpa Chaudhary, Seema, Pooja, appointed counselor Surinder Chinda, Mahendra Singh, Raghuvir, Dhiman, photographer Vijay, JE Shashi Balia, Clerk Balwant Singh, government contractor Karn Dev, Advocate General Amit Chaudhary, Ankush Goswami, Manu Sharma, and a large number of spectators.

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APRIL 15

“The guarantees given by Prime Minister Modi are as dependable as 24-karat gold. Through the commitment to a developed India and Modi's guarantees, the BJP has laid out its vision through its manifesto. Speaking to the media in Shimla”, BJP state president Dr. Rajiv Bindal said that the BJP fulfilled the promises made in its 2019 manifesto, including ending Article 370, providing 33% reservation for women in the Nari Shakti Act, constructing the Ram Temple, and initiatives like free ration for 80 crore people and helping 25 crore people rise above the poverty line. He mentioned that the BJP gathered over 1.5 million suggestions from across the country for the manifesto, using various means such as 4 lakh suggestions through the Nam

2.9 magnitude earthquake jolts Kinnaur

AGENCY
SHIMLA: An earthquake with a magnitude of 2.9 struck Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh last midnight, Indian Meteorological Department confirmed. The epicenter of earthquake was located at approximately 31.6 degrees North latitude and 78.5 degrees East longitude. Residents in the region reported feeling the tremor around 2355 hrs on Saturday, though there were no reports of

significant damage or injuries. Currently many high reaches of district wrapped in thick blanket of snowfall and fresh snowfall also reported in the district during last 24hrs.

Kinnaur is known for its seismic activity and remains under the watchful eye of scientists and seismologists. This is 3rd major tremor in the state during this month as 3.5 and 5.3 magnitude earthquake also felt in Lahaul Spiti and Chamba district.

Light rain and snowfall in scattered places across HP

AGENCY
SHIMLA, APR 15

Despite an orange alert being issued in the last two days, mainly dry weather conditions continue in Himachal Pradesh. However, a few places in the state also experienced light rain and snowfall in scattered areas in the higher reaches. The Indian Meteorological Department reports mainly dry weather in the state except for a few places in Kullu, Lahaul Spiti, and Mandi districts. In Kullu district, Kothi recorded 36.4 mm of rain, the tourist resort Manali 26 mm, Seobagh 20 mm, and Bhunter 10.9 mm. Joggindernagar in Mandi received nine mm of rain. The higher reaches of Lahaul Spiti district also received light to moderate spells of snowfall, with Khoksar receiving 1.2 mm of snowfall. Vehicular

traffic is normal in the district although the Darcha to Sachu road and the Losar to Gramphu roads are still snowbound. Due to mainly cloudy weather in the last 24 hours, temperatures dropped by a couple of degrees. The minimum temperatures are recorded as follows: Shimla 10.4 degrees, Sundernagar 14.4 degrees, Bhuntar 12.6 degrees, Kalpa in Kinnaur six degrees, Dharamshala and Una 16 degrees, and Nahan 18 degrees. Keylong was the coldest in the state at 2.7 degrees, followed by Manali at 3.2 degrees, Solan at 13 degrees, Kangra at 17.6 degrees, Mandi at 14 degrees, Bilaspur at 17 degrees, Hamirpur at 14 degrees, Chamba at 15.3 degrees, Dalhousie at 4.5 degrees, Airport Jubberhatti at 16.4 degrees, Kufri at 9.1 degrees, and Narkanda at 6 degrees.

BJP manifesto committed to welfare and development of poor: Rajiv Bindal



app and 10 lakhs through videos and messages. Bindal outlined several promises in the manifesto, including free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh under the Ayushman scheme for all seniors aged 70 and above, five years of free ration, water, and gas connections, and the PM Solar Home scheme to ensure zero electricity bills. There are also plans for infrastructure, investment, manufacturing, high-value services, startups, tourism, and sports to create millions of jobs for the youth.

The Nari Tu Narayani initiative aims to empower 3 crore women to become millionaires and provide new opportunities by linking women's self-help groups with the service sector. Other commitments include boosting farmers' incomes through the Seed to Market initiative, establishing the Shree Anna plan as a superfood, enhancing agricultural infrastructure, and supporting fishermen with boat insurance, fish processing units, and timely information

via satellite. Fishermen will also be encouraged to engage in seaweed and pearl farming. The manifesto promises respect for OBC, SC, and ST communities in all walks of life. It guarantees to make India a global manufacturing hub, and plans to work on urban housing, transportation, water management, clean air, waste management, and clean water missions. There will be global celebrations of the Ramayana and development in Ayodhya. The BJP plans to expand the 5G network and is working on 6G expansion. There will be stricter action against corruption, the implementation of the Indian Justice Code, and One Nation-One Election with a common electoral roll. The Modi government is committed to helping small traders under the Vishwakarma scheme, providing skills training, credit, and connecting their products to the market.

Nurpur's Anshuman wins gold in International Karate

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, APRIL 15

Nurpur's Anshuman, residing in Ward No. 6, secured a gold medal in the under-17 category in the 47 kg weight class at the Open International Karate Competition held at Delhi's Talkatora Stadium by the World Karate Federation. Ajaya Kumar, coach at Hemang Martial Arts Academy in Nurpur, shared that Anshuman had previously participated in three national Pencak Silat (martial arts) competitions and had won gold and silver medals in the national Vovinam competition. Now, with his gold medal in the open international karate competition, he has brought honour to his state. Kyoshi Joginder Singh Azad, Chairman/Technical Director of the Hemang International Karate Federation, and Bhushan Sharma, President of the Hemang Martial Arts Academy in Nurpur, extended their congratulations and best wishes to Anshuman. Coach Ajay Kumar announced that regular classes at the Hemang Martial Arts Academy in Nurpur will begin on April 18th at



the Atal Indoor Sports Complex in Nurpur. Parents are encouraged to send their children to learn martial arts at the academy.

Got a unique experience after meeting Dalai Lama: Kangana Ranaut

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 15

Film actress and BJP candidate from Mandi Lok Sabha constituency Kangana Ranaut on Monday met Tibetan religious leader Dalai Lama at his residence McLeodganj. During this, She said that meeting Buddhist religious leader Dalai Lama was an amazing experience which he will remember for his entire life. She said that after talking to the Dalai Lama, She got a unique experience which he had never even imagined. This was also an emotional moment in my life. Kangana Ranaut said that after talking to the Dalai Lama, She also got peace of mind. Kangana said that I consider myself fortunate that I met and talked to His



Excellency the Dalai Lama. Regarding the visit to Bharmour of Chamba district, Kangana Ranaut said that she is very excited to go to Bharmour. District Chamba is the most beautiful region of Himachal. Kangana Ranaut that we will work a lot for

the progress and development of Bharmour tribal area. Kangana said that people are getting huge support from Mandi and BJP will win all four Lok Sabha seats of the state and Narendra Modi will again take oath as the Prime Minister of th e country.

Paras Ram Dhiman and supporters meet CM Sukhu

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APRIL 15

Paras Ram Dhiman, an independent candidate from the Kullu district's Ani assembly constituency, met with Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday, along with his supporters. This was the first meeting since his expulsion was lifted. During the meeting, the Chief Minister welcomed Paras Ram and his supporters back into the Congress party by presenting them with traditional scarves at Oak Over. Former President of Kullu District Congress Committee Buddhi Singh



Thakur, Pankaj Parmar, Chairman of Kullu District Council, Sher Singh Thakur, former General Secretary of DCC Kullu, Puran Verma, former Vice President of Block Congress President Ani, Kailash Sharma, former Vice President of Block

Congress President Ani, Vijay Kumar, Seema Verma, former Women's Congress President of Ani, Govind Sharma, former General Secretary of Youth Congress, Om Prakash, Ajit Singh Thakur, Pawan Thakur, Sanyog Thakur, Chetan

Chauhan, Pradeep Thakur, Ishan Singha, Uttam Thakur, Lok Raj Thakur, Hitesh Kaithi, Lal Chand, Ashok Thakur, and Sanjeev Thakur were present with Paras Ram during the meeting. Paras Ram and his supporters donated ₹51,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund. The former candidate stated his commitment to serving the party as a dedicated worker and assured that he would fulfill any responsibilities entrusted to him. Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi, CPS Sanjay Awasthi, and HIMUDA Vice-Chairman Yashwant Chhajta were also present during the meeting.

CII coolex 2024 wraps up with phenomenal success



AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA
CHANDIGARH: After four days of immersive exploration and innovation, the 24th edition of CII Coolex has drawn to a close, leaving behind a trail of resounding success and groundbreaking achievements. With a diverse array of attendees including architects, realtors, healthcare providers, and other B2B clients, the exhibition drew over 5000 enthusiastic attendees eager to explore the latest advancements in energy-efficient cooling solutions. The exhibition provided a fertile ground for meaningful dialogue, knowledge sharing, and business networking to renowned brands such as Sharp India, Daikin Air-conditioning, Elitas, Hitachi, IFB, LG India, Midea, Panasonic, Sensicool Air Systems, Toshiba, Voltas.

Bela pharmacy college organises national workshop on network pharmacist



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Amar Shaheed Baba Ajit Singh Jujhar Singh Memorial College of Pharmacy (Autonomous) Bela and Club Pharmanic recently hosted a dynamic one-day national workshop on Network Pharmacot spearheaded by Dr. Shailesh Sharma. The event welcomed esteemed resource persons, guests, and enthusiastic participants eager to delve into the realm of pharmacology's cutting edge. The workshop's focal point was the insightful discourse delivered by Dr. Anoop Kumar, Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at DIPSAR, Delhi. Dr. Kumar elucidated the significance and applications of network pharmacology in our contemporary landscape. With practical demonstrations, he showcased the utilization of network software, shedding light on how this innovative approach unveils the potential therapeutic uses of naturally occurring compounds.

Vijay Sampla bows down to Shri Khural Garh Sahib



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIAHPUR: Former Union Minister Vijay Sampla and former senior BJP leader Manjeet Ball reached the religious function organized on Vaisakhi and Dr. BR Ambedkar's birthday at Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Religious place Shri Khuralgarh Sahib and received the blessings of Guru Maharaj and prayed for the welfare of Sarbat. On this occasion, Vijay Sampla was honored by the entire management committee. On this occasion, Chaman Lal Bunt, President Kewal Singh and a large number of devotees were present.

Sports competitions for students, faculty at RBU



LK BANSAL MOHALI: The Department of Physics organized sports competitions both in indoor games (Chess and Carrom) and outdoor games as an open competition for all the University Schools within Playat Bahra University. The event started with the motivational address by Vice-Chancellor of the University Dr. Parvinder Singh. He reiterated the importance of games along with studies to enhance mental performance. Dr. Manoj Bali, Dean, USS and Dr. M. S. Mehta, Head of Department of Physics, announced the teams for the matches that continued over two days. In a tough competition the top three positions in chess were bagged by Ashwivad (B. Tech. CSE-IE), Siddharth (BCA, II) and Ramandeep Singh (B. Tech. CSE, IIB) respectively.

Panic due to theft incident in Gorkha dept store during day

BUREAU PATHANKOT: A case of theft in broad daylight has come to light in the Gorkha departmental store



located in the main market of the city. The shop owner Manmohan Gorkha said that the thieves entered the third floor of the shop to carry out the theft incident. Shop owner Manmohan Gorkha said that a similar theft happened at his store a few years ago. They informed the police about the incident of theft. On which the police took immediate action and traced the theft and arrested two boys on the spot, while the third escaped. He said that Main Bazaar is the famous market of the area where it is always crowded. It is very difficult to commit theft in this area. But they are very sad about the way the thieves are carrying out the thefts. They demanded from the police captain that these thefts should be stopped so that no one has to face any trouble. It is to be noted that Manmohan Gorkha is a famous businessman.

Punjab Raj Bhavan celebrates Himachal Pradesh Foundation Day

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, APR 15

Under the inspiration and guidance of Shri Banwari Lal Purohit, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Union Territory Chandigarh, the Foundation Day of Himachal Pradesh was celebrated with great pomp at Punjab Raj Bhawan, Chandigarh.

The Governor extended greetings to all the guests present at the function and said that Himachal Pradesh is a state which is known for its cultural and historical importance. Its people, their rich heritage and diverse communities deserve praise for their unity and strength.

Shri Purohit said that through 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat', mutual familiarization among the people of the states, spirit of unity, diverse traditions, art, culture, costumes and foods are also exchanged. He said that every state has a unique identity, and the unity in diversity of states is the strength of India. Despite this diversity, we are all one which is the specialty of India. He said that Himachal Pradesh is not only



famous for its history and culture, but it is also famous all over the world for tourism. On this occasion, we all have got the opportunity to understand and know how the people of the state have made this ancient land a center of prosperity and prestige. On the occasion, a captivating presen-

tation of folk music and dances of Himachal Pradesh was also presented which mesmerized the guests present.

The dignitaries present on the occasion included Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor of Punjab, Shri K. Siva Prasad, Advisor to the

Administrator UT Chandigarh, Sh. Rajeev Verma, Home Secretary, UT Chandigarh Sh.Nitin Kumar Yadav and DGP UT Chandigarh, Sh. Surendra Singh Yadav, President of Himachal Mahasabha, Pirthi Singh Prajapati was also present along with members of Himachal Mahasabha

UT Health department denies repatriate of doctors

CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA): A news item has been published today in a section of the media stating that UT Chandigarh has ordered the return of doctors to their parent cadre. This news is misleading and not based on facts. There is no proposal to repatriate any doctor to their parent cadre. In the last 6 months, only 7 doctors

have been repatriated; two of them were nearing their age of retirement on superannuation. In other 5 cases, there were Administrative issues. The Hon'ble Administrator has time and again expressed his vision of making the city a medical hub for providing quality patient care services. Patient care is of primary importance for the

Health Department. There is an acute shortage of doctors in the city; however, the doctors continue to provide services to patients from about 8 states in the region. Three rounds of interactions have been held in the last financial year with doctors from nearby states aspiring to work on deputa-tion in the city.

Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar celebrated at Kharar by Bahujan Samaj Party



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, APR 15

Under the leadership of Harbhajan Singh Bajheri General Secretary Bahujan Samaj Party Punjab the 133rd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was celebrated with great fanfare in which a huge gathering of Bahujan Samaj members participated. On this occasion, Harnek Singh Devpuri and Master

Nachhatar Singh were specially present and Harka Das served the stage well. Apart from these, Surinderpal Singh Sahoran, Kuldeep Singh Gharun, Karamjit Kaur Badana, Sucha Singh Saneta, Hakam Singh Machali Ved Prakas, Veg Singh, Jaspal Singh, Swaran Singh Landran, Karamjit Singh, Lakhvir Singh and many other members participated in the program.

At this time, the leaders, while keeping their own views, said that all of them should be informed by Yug Paltau Puras, the country's first law minister and the creator of the constitution, Dr. Amedkar.

Taking inspiration from the life of Bhim Rao Ambedkar ji, a Bahujan Samaj government should be formed in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Discussion held regarding annual meeting of society

NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): A special meeting of the Amal Society for the maintenance of the local Alhoran Gate crematorium was held under the chairmanship of the society's president Baljit Singh Khaira. The duties of the members of the society were exchanged and the duties of the society members were also imposed. The president of the society, Baljit Singh Khaira, said that in this meeting, the members will be informed about the activities done by the society in the last year and the accounts of the last year will be presented. 1 Secretary of the society Chhaju Ram Singhi said that the directory of the society will also be released on this occasion. On this occasion, besides others, patron of the society Major Ranjit Singh Sandhu, Senior Vice President Principal Amarjit Verma, Gurjinder Singh etc.

Spl meeting of Shri Ram Mandir Ajj Sarovar Vikas Samiti Kharar held for celebrating Ram Naumi

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, APR 15

Today a special meeting of Shri Ram Mandir Ajj Sarovar Development Committee, Kharar was held at Shri Ram Bhawan, Kharar.

In this regard, the press secretary of the committee, Shri Rohit Mishra issued a press note and informed that the committee is going to celebrate Shri Ram Naumi on 17th April this year with great grandeur and enthusiasm in collaboration with all the religious and social institutions of Kharar city.

Under which, on the day of Shri Ram Navami, a huge Prabhat Pheri will be taken out at 5 am, which will start from Shri Ram Bhawan and pass through Kharar Nagar and return to Shri Ram Bhawan. He said that on the same day, recitation and bha-



jan kirtan of Shri Sunderkand will continue from 4 pm and Bhandara will continue from 8 pm till Prabhu Isha.

Arvind Kanthwal and co-coordinator of this program Vaneet Jain were made and Prabhat Pheri chief Dharampal Sharma and his wife Indu Pal Sharma were made. Shri Mishra told that the construction work of Shri Ram temple is in progress in Nagar Kharar, which will be the biggest temple of Lord Shri

Ram in Punjab and this time a lot of enthusiasm is being seen in Kharar Nagar regarding the celebration of Shri Ram Navami And the committee is getting a lot of support from all the city residents in this.

Apart from this, Vikas Garg, Davinder Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Subhash Arya, Pandit Narinder Dev Shastri, Vikas Gupta, Pankaj Chadda, Jatinder Gupta, Rajesh Naggi, Dr. Pratibha Mishra and committee members were present.

Students of Government Middle School Khankot made aware about anti-drug, traffic



AMRIK SINGH
AMRITSAR, APR 15

A seminar was organized in Government Middle and Primary School Khankot to make children aware under the leadership of Traffic Marshall District Rural Police Surjan Singh Fauji.

On this occasion, Head of Hace Foundation Women Ranbir Lamba, Head of Southern Voice Manisha Maurya, Senior Congress Leader Angrez Singh, Sahib Singh from Bharatiya Janata Party specially participated.

Surjan Singh Fauji welcomed them by honouring them with Siropa. On this occasion, the school children were encouraged to not take drugs and follow traffic rules and to eat traditional seasonal vegetables and fruits instead of junk food. Madam Lamba said that many people have ruined themselves and their homes due to drug addiction and many people have caused accidents by driving under the influence of drugs, due to which they have ruined their lives and the lives of their families.

Young voters offer 25% meal discount at selected hotels on Poll Day



JALANDHAR (BUNNY SODHI): In a bid to boost youth participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024, hotel and restaurant owners in Jalandhar city have pledged to provide a 25% discount on meals to young voters who show their inked fingers on polling day. Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner, applauded this voluntary initiative during a meeting with hotel and restaurant representatives, highlighting its potential to motivate first-time voters to cast their ballots. With approximately 40,000 young voters aged 18-19 in the district, the administration is actively promoting voter engagement to surpass the 70% voting target for the Lok Sabha elections.

The discount offer from hoteliers is expected to further incentivize youth participation in the electoral process. On June 1, 2024, after voting, young voters can avail the discount at several establishments including Moka Cafe and Bar, Sky Lark Hotel, President New Court, and others, by presenting their inked finger. Hotel owners expressed their enthusiasm to support the voter awareness campaign and announced their participation in offering the discount. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development) Jasbir Singh.

Need to create awareness for prevention of AIDS

TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, APR 15

Faimaly planning association of India (F.P.A.India) project manager Nidhi Sharma,, held a courtesy meeting with Shiv sena Hindustan- youth wing punjab president: Arvind Gautam,, on the growing problem of AIDS in the society.

Nidhi Sharma explained, that their organisation, which is a registered charity organisation, meets the needy people in society, to share their views on the problem of AIDS in Punjab to improve the situation in the state. Respectable personalities of society are needed to be with us in spreading this critical awareness.. Nidhi Sharma informed Arvind Gautam that their organisation was founded In 1949 by Shri DhanWanti Rama Rao and Ava Bhai Mo-



man ji Wariya, and has more than 40 branches in the country dealing with vaginal diseases problems,, and family management, & educating people on these issues.. On the occasion.

Arvind Gautam told the Family planning association of india members that Shiv sena Hindustan will fully cooperate with them in spreading awareness among people, in view of the increasing treat of AIDS in society. On this occasion, Gurnam singh, harjit singh and Mamta arora were also present..

133rd Birth anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar celebrated in Jagraon

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, APR 15

133rd Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. BR Ambedkar was celebrated with great reverence in Jagraon at the premises of Sanmati Matri Sewa Sangh Hall. Safai Sevak Union Punjab district president Arun Gill said that the union members and civilians participated in a flag march and marched through various parts of the city and paused the march at Dr. BR Ambedkar chownk.

"The statue of Baba Saheb was decorated beautifully and 11-membered committee presented flowers of reverence to the statue. MLA Jagraon Sarvjit Kaur Manuake commenced the program with ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a competition conducted for children to add to



their information," he added. "The Union awarded the winners and highly applauded all the participants while encouraging them to religiously follow teachings of Baba Saheb. Spokespersons Baldev Singh Sudhar, Rajinder Rana, Kamal Kala threw light on life, struggles and ideologies of Dr. BR Ambedkar.

In her address, MLA Manuake talked about challenges faced by Baba Saheb and his determination and bravery while dealing with those challenges. She said

that it is due to his determination that we enjoy right to equality today. Captain Naresh Verma and Kulwant Singh Sahota conducted the stage very well. At this occasion, several dignitaries including Safai Karamchhari commission chairman Geja Ram Valmiki, MC Jagraon President Amarjeet Singh Malwa, Kamaljeet Singh Malah, Binder Manila, Kaka Grewal, Money Garg, Kamaljeet Singh Brar, Dr. Narinder Singh and others were present.

Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship bootcamp organised at CGC Jhanjeri campus



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, APR 15

The Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Jhanjeri, Mohali, hosted a two-day Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp, aimed at nurturing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among students and educators. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 291 attendees, representing 32 schools, with 170 teachers and 121 students engaged in various sessions. Day 1 of the bootcamp focused on the Human-Centered Approach to Explore

Innovation and Problem Solving. Prakash Nimbalkar led Session 1, titled Let's IDE! Igniting Innovation with Design Magic, emphasizing design thinking principles and methodologies. This was followed by Dr. Mohd Haroon Anwar's session on Self-Discover Your Entrepre Flow, guiding participants through a self-discovery and fostering an entrepreneurial mindset. Session 3, led by Nimbalkar, delved into Entrepreneurial Innovation, exploring strategies for identifying and capitalizing on entrepreneurial opportunities.

Rally to be held under banner of save the future on May 26th



SHWETA SHARMA
SUJANPUR, APR 15

During the parliamentary elections, a decision was made to launch a special campaign to cancel the illegal and unconstitutional encroachment on 27,550 acres of land by the Forest Department. Under the leadership of Shri Krishna Goe Swami, Roshan Lal Sarpanch, and Joginder Singh Panjala, a crucial meeting was held near Sukhreta in the Shani temple, where all members of the movement actively participated. The meeting concluded that instead of supporting or opposing any political party during the upcoming elections, the fo-

cus would be on canceling this encroachment. A vigorous campaign would be launched, engaging people from various villages to raise awareness and garner support. Starting from May 1st until the end of the elections, continuous protests would be held in Dharkalan, culminating in a massive rally on May 26th under the banner of "Save Land, Village, Business, Shops, Houses, People, and the Future." The meeting also urged all residents of Dharkalan to actively join this campaign to address the issue of illegal encroachment by the Forest Department, which affects the lives and livelihoods of the people in the area.

RTO, SDMs and DSPs conduct checking of school vehicles

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, APR 15

In order to make school buses safe for children in district Sangrur and to avoid untoward the mishap, in compliance with the orders given by Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal today, Sub Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) and DSPs along with the Regional Transport Officer(RTO) conducted a checking campaign of various school vehicles.

While giving this information, the Deputy Commissioner said that the teams deployed for investigation, checked the fitness certificate, authorized seating capacity, speed governor, bus driver's licenses, compliance with the guidelines of the Safe School Vehicle Policy and other parameters in the school vehicles. In the mean-



time, when shortcomings came to light appropriate action was taken as per the rules. SDM Bhawanigarh, Vineet Kumar said that the vehicles of schools and colleges at Bhawanigarh were checked with the help of police and challans of 10 vehicles were issued, while 1 vehicle was impounded. Meanwhile, SDM Sangrur, Charanjot Singh Walia and RTO, Kuldeep Bawa said that during the checking today, the

challans of 9 school vehicles were issued and 1 vehicle was impounded.

He said that this campaign will be continued continuously and those, who risk the lives of school students will not be spared. He further said that during the investigation conducted today, the insurance, fitness certificate, safety standards were checked and this action was taken if the violations of the instructions were found.

Annual Baisakhi Fair held at Dera Baba Tibbi Sahib



JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER KATHGARH : Like every year, this time too, the annual fair was held with great enthusiasm under the guidance of the current Gaddi Nashin Baba Sakhi Ram Ji of Dera Baba Tibbi Sahib Kathgarh and the support of the devotees under the supervision of Sevadar Sai Kale Shah. Done with fanfare. First, the flag ceremony was performed at the Durbar and the text puja was performed. In the cultural program held on this occasion, Sufi and Punjabi folk singers entertained the congregation with their religious and cultural songs. From dusk to dawn Famous artists Pamma Dumewal, Sandeep Udhawal, Pamma Rattewal, Baaghi, Pamma Dumewal, Tipu Sultan, Sunny Mittal, Manjit Sahola, Masha Ali, Zulfi, Jyoti Nooran, Anker Khali, Ballu Lesser, Ranjit Mann etc. made their grand appearance in this program. Adding to the excitement of the fair, Langar Atut was served by the Dera.

PK Das assumes charge as Haryana State Environment Assessment Authority Chairman



PANCHKULA : Shri PK Das took charge as Chairman of Haryana State Environment Assessment Authority on Monday. On this occasion, officials of the department welcomed Shri PK Das with a bunch of flowers. After assuming charge, in a formal meeting of Environment Department officials at Paryatan Bhawan, Sector 2, Panchkula, Shri PK Das said that we all will work together for the objectives of the department.

Retired Employees' Federation President criticizes BJP's views on old pension scheme

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR : The President of the Himachal Pradesh New Pension Scheme Retired Employees Officers Federation, Dr. Sanjeev Guleria, has strongly criticized the BJP leaders and Prime Minister Modi's opinion on the old pension scheme, calling it a "cheap and baseless perception of a freebie." Speaking at a press conference, Guleria condemned BJP leaders and Prime Minister for threatening states ruled by Congress and opposition parties for reinstating the old pension scheme. Guleria questioned the economic expertise of BJP leaders and Prime Minister in deeming the old pension scheme as a disastrous policy. He argued that the country's economy suffers not from restoring the old pension system for employees and officers but from waiving billions of rupees in debt for large corporations.

Thieves give another blow to farmers by stealing electrical equipment



KAMLA RANI SULTANPUR LODHI: The series of theft of farmers' motors and electrical equipment continues. It is being told that wires have been stolen from about 100 motors in the last two weeks. Despite efforts, the police administration has not been able to arrest the thieves. Due to which there is an atmosphere of panic among the farmers. The new case of theft is of fields located on Kalru-Jangla road last night. In which wires and starters were stolen from the motors of Balwinder Singh Bhoruwal, Surjit Singh Bhoruwal, Dilbagh Singh Nasir Pur and other farmers. The concerned farmers said that they came to know about the theft of wires and staturs in the morning when they came to irrigate the maize and capsicum crops. It comes in the morning due to the start of the season. On this occasion, farmers Sukhwinder Singh Shahri, Baljinder Singh and Raghbir Singh said that the wires and other goods stolen from a motor by thieves are sold for Rs 250 to 300 only, while the farmers get To turn on the power supply, one has to buy new wires and staturs by spending around 5 to 6 thousand.

Under BJP rule, people began to feel cheated: Rana Gurjit Singh

JATINDER PAL SINGH KALER KATHGARH, APRIL 15

Rana Gurjit Singh, who holds an important position in the politics of Punjab, said that the people of the country have started feeling like cheats in the BJP state. In this way, the Aam Aadmi Party government left no stone unturned in looting Punjab by occupying the politics of Punjab in the name of change. Rana Gurjit Singh who on his way to Chandigarh stayed at the residence of the late MLA Master Dalip Chand at Kasba Kathgarh. Rana Gurjit Singh consulted Vikas Chaudhary, the grandson of Master Dalip Chand, regarding the state of the constituency. Rana Gurjit Singh said that this time there is an India alliance movement in the country. And this time BJP will have to eat mouth to mouth. In the last 10 years, the country's airports, railway department, BSNL department have been sold to corporate

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Delhi court sends BRS leader K Kavitha to judicial custody in excise case

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The Rouse Avenue Court of Delhi on Monday sent Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader K Kavitha to judicial custody until April 23, 2024, in connection with the excise policy case. The Special Judge Kaveri Baweja on Monday sent K Kavitha to judicial custody until April 23, 2024, after noting that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) did not want her custodial remand in the matter. The CBI, while requesting that the court send her to judicial custody, stated that K Kavitha is not cooperating. Kavitha was produced physically before the court at the end of her three-day remand granted by the court on the last date of the hearing. The court, while sending K Kavitha to CBI remand, said that from the material collected so far by



the investigating agency, it appears that there is a need for a detailed and sustained interrogation of the accused. The investigating agency has been able to show from the records that custodial interrogation of the several accused on certain aspects is necessary for confronting her with the evidence collected so far and also that the witnesses to unearth the larger conspiracy in the matter, said the court. BRS leader K Kavitha was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) last week. She was arrested by CBI while in judicial custody in the ED case. Advocate Nitesh Rana, along with Deepak Nagar and Mohit Rao, appeared for the K Kavitha in the matter. Earlier, the CBI remand application stated that "Kavitha Kalvakuntla was required to be arrested in the instant case to conduct her custodial interrogation for confronting her with the evidence and witnesses to

Commemorative event by writer Pathak Sahitya Sabha on 21st

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Writer Pathak Sahitya Sabha Raji Barnala will hold a memorial ceremony this time on April 21 at 10 am at Government Senior Secondary School Boys Barnala. Giving information in this regard, General Secretary of the Sabha Dr. Amandeep Singh Tallewalia and Press Secretary



Malwinder Shair said that this will be the third commemorative function of the Council in which the writer Kulveer Kaur Jyoti of Kotha Guru District Bathinda will be honored by Sardarni Manjit Kaur and Trilochan Singh. And also Karamjit Jaggi "Bhotna"s first poetry book "Bahurupiya" will be presented to the public.

Police busts 12 members gang operated by US based International gangster Lakhbir Singh Landa

ASHISH PURI KAPURTHALA, APRIL 15

Kapurthala police today busted 12 members gang of extortions operated by US based international gagster and terrorist Lakhbir Singh Landa and his UK based accomplice Harjit Singh Bhandal and recovered three pistols,26 cartridges and two motorcycles from their possession. This was disclosed here today by Senior Superintendent of Police Vatsala Gupta in a press conference. She further disclosed that Kapurthala police in a joint operation by a team of counter intelligence arrested today three gangsters in a police naka at sultanpurlodhi and after their arrests police arrested ten more gang members after raids conducted at jalandhar, Hoshiarpur and Sangrur districts.Police recovered three country made pistols ,



26 live cartridges and two motorcycles from their possession. SSP said gangster jasbir Singh ,Maninder Singh and Gurjit Singh went to the house of a businessman in Sultanpurlodhi and fired at his house following directions from International gangster Lakhbir Singh Landa and Harjit Singh Bhandal . Police said Landa had demanded a ransom of rupees 2 crore from a businessman (whose identity is not disclosed due to security reasons)of Sultanpurlodhi and threatened to kill him.After the threatening call, Landa and Bhandal deputed the gang to threaten the businessman by firing at his house on march 10. The businessman lodged a complaint to the police .Police formed a special investigation team headed by SP (Investigation) Sarbjit Singh Rai who busted the gang in a joint operation with counter intelligence team of Jalandhar. SSP said all the gang members are in early twenties from poor back ground and gangster Landa had promised to pay rupees seventy thousand for executing the crime and paid rupees seven thousand in advance.

Barnala police seizes large consignment of poppy

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, APRIL 15

Shri Sandeep Kumar Malik, IPS The Senior Captain of Police, Barnala while giving information to the press said that following the instructions issued by the Hon'ble Election Commission of India in view of the Lok Sabha Elections-2024, under the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh, the Barnala Police - A special campaign has been launched against smugglers and bad elements. This campaign achieved great success when Mr. Sandeep Singh, PPS. Captain of Police (D) Barnala and Mr. Rajindpal Singh, PPS. Under the able leadership of Deputy Captain Police (Int.) Barnala, Inspector Baljit Singh, In-



charge Special Branch Barnala, on the basis of intelligence tip received from Source Khas, Case No. 42 dated 14/04/2024 A/D 15.25/61/85 NDPS The act was registered at Dhanula police station. During the investigation Thanedar Yashpal, in-charge, CIA. The staff, Barnala, including the accused Vikram Kumar son of Ram Kumar, resident of

Sahuala, District Sirsa (Haryana), along with the police party, seized canter (container) number HR-69-C-1373 and Satvir Singh PPS. Deputy Captain of Police, S.D. A total of 105 sacks (21 quintals) of poppy seeds (20/20 kg per sack) were removed from the canter (container) in the possession of the accused in the presence of Barnala.

Police run door-to-door campaign to make Haryana drug free

KULBHUSHAN SHARMA GUHLA CHEEKA, APRIL 15

Under the Drug Free Haryana campaign, with the aim of making the society drug free, the police team was continuously spreading awareness about the ill effects of drug addiction among the common people in Kaithal district. Under this campaign, HC Sunil Kumar, who was part of the awareness team, conducted a door to door campaign in Paharpur, Chakku Ladana, Sair, Prabhot, Ward No. 11 Cheeka, village Sultania, Sultania Plot and Anaj Mandi Cheeka to make the common people aware about drug addiction. Along with this, he appealed to the general public for cooperation in making this campaign successful. Giving information, DSP Kuldeep



Beniwal said that this team was going from village to village and organizing programs every day. The common people are also supporting the police in this campaign and are praising this welfare campaign of the police. DSP said that drug addiction was a social evil and it cannot be beneficial for anyone. A person who is addicted to drugs can leave this evil with his strong determination. While the

police were tightening its grip on drug smugglers, at the same time every possible effort was being made by the police to help drug addicts get rid of the addiction. Counseling of people suffering from drug addiction is being done by the police in the district. DSP said that the youth should also bring glory to their parents and village society by doing excellent work in sports or other activities.

Palaram Saini is maintaining distinct identity due to his work across state

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL, APRIL 15

After becoming a councilor in the city government in the year 2000, Pala Ram Saini has been working as an active politician for the last 24 years. In the year 2014, he sought ticket from Bharatiya Janata Party but as Rao Surendra Singh got the ticket on time, he had to be patient and continued working actively as a party worker. In the 2019 elections, he was again a strong contender for the assembly ticket from BJP, but this time too he could not get the ticket.

Pala Ram did not stop here and in 2022, he expressed his desire to contest the direct election for the post of Municipal Council Chairman on the party symbol, but BJP made Surabhi contest the election



instead of Pala Ram, so Pala Ram contested the election independently. And received around 6000 votes. After being denied ticket from BJP, he bid goodbye to BJP and joined JJP on 21 July 2022 under the leadership of the then Deputy CM of the state Dushyant Chautala, influenced by the policies of former Deputy Prime Minister of the country Tau Devi Lal. From then till today, he has been continuously following the

path shown by Tau Devi Lal as an active worker. This time, no political party (Congress, AAP, INLD, BJP etc.) has given ticket to Saini community from Kurukshetra Lok Sabha seat. If JJP makes Pala Ram Saini the candidate from this seat, then JJP will contest the elections very strongly and can also win because Saini community has a lot of vote bank in this Lok Sabha constituency. Will not allow any reduction in the education of daughters: Saini Senior JJP leader and social worker Palaram Saini said that he has been working in the field of women's education for the last 15 years.

All these courses are being conducted in Moonlight Public School run by his organization Moonlight Education Society.

8 teams formed in Barnala district for checking of school vehicles: DC

KULDEEP SOOD/ KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA, APRIL 15

8 teams have been formed in Barnala district for checking school vehicles, which will coordinate with the schools and check the vehicles carrying their children according to the rules. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner Barnala Poonamdeep Kaur while addressing an important meeting of various officials under the Safe School Vehicle Policy. He said that one team has been formed at Mahal Kalan, two teams at Tapa Tehsil level and five teams at Barnala level. He said that under the Safe School Vehicle Policy created by the Punjab government, it is necessary that the vehicles used in the transport of school children follow the rules. This checking will be done by Education Department, Transport Department and Police Department. In the meeting, Additional Deputy Commissioner (J)



Anupreeta Johal, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Mahal Kalan Satwant Singh, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Tapa Dr. Poonampreet Kaur, Regional Transport Officer K.S. China, Sub Divisional Magistrate Barnala Varinder Singh, Deputy District Education Officer Dr. Barjinder Pal Singh, Deputy District Education Officer Mrs. Vasundhara Kapila, Assistant District Transport Officer Mr. Rajan and other officers were present.

BJP's manifesto filled with lies: Prem Kaushal

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR, APRIL 15

"The BJP's manifesto is like new wine in an old bottle". Himachal Pradesh Congress chief spokesperson Prem Kaushal stated in a media release that the BJP has presented promises from its old manifestos in a new light. He said that the public will not be misled by BJP's slogans and lies repeatedly, as they have realized that the leader promising to fulfill BJP's guarantees is a deceiver, and there is no credibility in the BJP's manifesto. He accused the BJP of failing to fulfill promises from previous two Lok Sabha elections and instead betraying the people of the country. Kaushal stated that the public will now demand accountability from the BJP regarding its promises of providing 2 crore jobs annually, depositing Rs. 15 lakh in each account, doubling farmers' income, as well as addressing inflation and the major scams during electoral bonds and the youth-unfriendly Agnipath scheme. He concluded by saying that BJP and its leaders have lost all credibility, and the BJP's manifesto is not worth more than a napkin.



Editorial

Bot bias

The word, 'prompt', made its way into the shortlist for the Oxford Word of the Year last year. This only goes to show that Generative Artificial Intelligence is seldom out of the news. The prescient view is that AI is ready to confiscate the globe. But will the reign of AI be a charm or a catastrophe? This is a question that must be contemplated.

ChatGPT insists on a level of intransigence. At a time when conversations on inclusivity and diversity are peaking around the globe, the futuristic AI, at the precipice of superseding humans, remains assertive about its stringent narrative of the world. Be it gender, nationality or colour, AI has a decisive perception, one that is contrary to that of the contemporary world.

A study by Rest of World, which reports on tech stories, found that Midjourney, one of the more popular image-generation AI tools, has left no stone unturned when it comes to racial profiling. "An Indian person" is almost always an old man with a beard. "A Mexican person" is usually a man in a sombrero. Most of New Delhi's streets are polluted and littered. A poor person is typically black. As biased as these statements sound, they are some of the alarming insights based on neural prompts fed to Midjourney.

The consequences of such bias can be serious. Given the frenzy around it, organisations are employing AI to automate recruitment, security, loan provisions and so on. Imagine an AI-powered hiring tool filtering out qualified candidates based on its perceived notions of race or gender. Now stop imagining — because this has already happened. Amazon's AI-based hiring system harboured a bias against female applicants and, thus, had to be scrapped. In 2022, Robert Williams became the first documented individual wrongfully arrested due to bias in facial recognition technology used by US agencies. Studies have also found that these face recognition systems are prone to misidentification of black and Asian minorities. Apart from hiring, AI biases have infringed upon the exchange of wealth too. Algorithmic discrimination in Chicago has led to the denial of loans to residents from black neighbourhoods. When AI systems are used to approve loans automatically, there's a risk of denial to individuals from marginalised communities given the historical biases embedded in the training material.

In response to an interestingly sharp prompt by an X (formerly Twitter) user, ChatGPT stated "white" and "male" are characteristics of a good scientist. Another study by the University of Michigan has revealed that Open AI's CLIP portrays low-income and non-Western lifestyles less accurately. Further, geographical bias against African countries was also identified.

Palestinian Christians: 'Thank god for the Iron Dome'

In the aftermath of Saturday night's Iranian missile attack, Palestinian Christians living in the Bethlehem area expressed gratitude for Israel's air defence system.

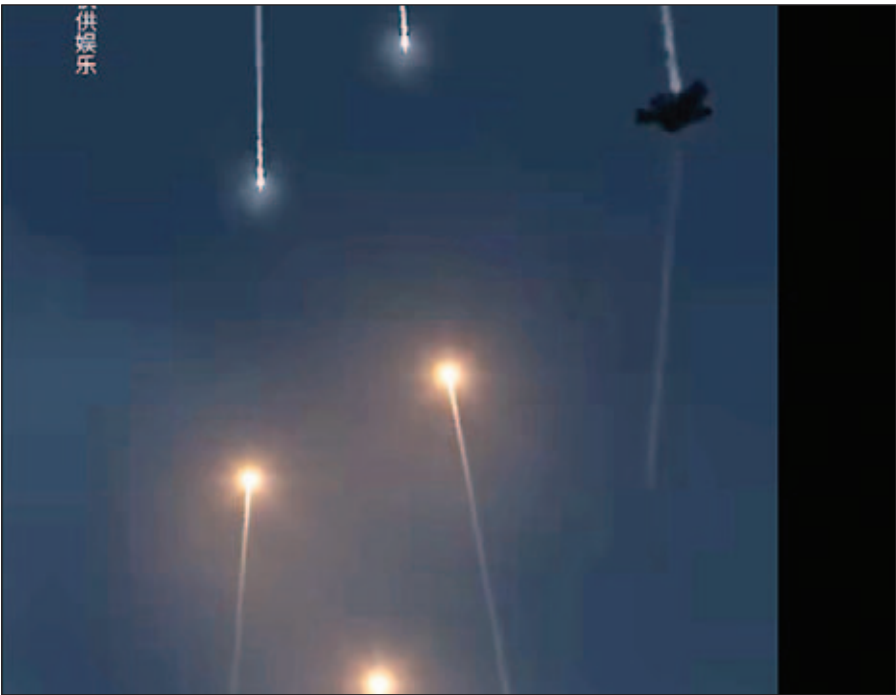
"I said, 'Thank God for the presence of the Iron Dome system.' It absolutely saved lives here. We don't have any safe rooms to guard us, so if a rocket would fall here, there would be a great number of casualties," an eyewitness from the Christian community of Beit Jala, near Bethlehem, recounted to The Press Service of Israel.

The resident, a middle-aged man who is married with children, spoke to TPS-IL on condition of anonymity because he fears his family and business will be targeted by Palestinian Muslims.

"In the beginning, we thought it would be like usual, Iran just talks," he recalled. "Then in the middle of the night, I went to the balcony and saw the rockets of Iron Dome were coming out. I live in the area near some Jewish residences on one side and on the other are all Arab residences, and the rockets were coming right towards them. That's when I witnessed the interception." The missile defence he saw was not the well-known Iron Dome system, but the Arrow-3, which is designed to intercept ballistic missiles at high altitudes, even outside the earth's atmosphere.

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"My perspective is that the technology Israel uses is proven to save lives of people not only from the Israeli side but also Arabs from the other side of the fence, and it's important to acknowledge and thank God for that," he added. Elias Zarina, a Jerusalem-based Christian activist, told TPS-IL he looked at the



high-tech protection through the lens of coexistence. "David's Sling guards the City of David," Zarina remarked, referring to the name of Bethlehem from the Christian Bible. Zarina is the co-founder and community manager of the Jerusalemite Initiative, a Jerusalem-based nonprofit that encourages Arab Christian integration into Israeli society. "In the face of adversity, Israel's defense systems give hope for all who seek peace and security in this region," Zarina stressed. "Israel demonstrated the commitment to safeguarding all residents, regardless of their

background and beliefs. That's the idea of coexistence among diverse communities in this land." On Saturday night, Ofir Gendelman, a spokesperson for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, tweeted a video clip of an Iranian missile being intercepted above the Temple Mount. "Iran launched tonight ballistic missiles at Islam's holy places in Jerusalem. Watch Israel's Iron Dome batteries intercept them and save the Temple Mount and the Al-Aqsa Mosque from Iran," Gendelman tweeted. Palestinian Christians in Judea and Samaria have been facing dis-

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crimination and harassment for years, forcing members of the community to leave the Middle East. Zarina, who has been researching the Holy Land's Christian communities, told TPS-IL in January that their population has been dwindling ever since the Oslo accords brought the Palestinian Authority into power. Citing Bethlehem as an example, he said that in 1993, when the accords were signed, Christians made up 88 percent of the city's population. Three decades later, Christians now make up just 12 percent of Bethlehem's population of roughly 29,000.

Literature & Health

UNICEF chief finally in Israel



For the first time since the outbreak of the war against Hamas terrorists in Gaza, Catherine Russell, the executive director of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, arrived in Israel Sunday in order to "closely examine the situation since October 7 and its consequences for the children (up to the age of 18) in the region."

Russell met with members of the families of Israelis who have been held hostage in Gaza by Hamas for more than six months, including, Tomer Keshet, the cousin of Yarden Bibas, who was kidnapped together with his wife Shir and their children Kafir and Ariel. Baby Kfir is the youngest hostage held in Gaza and turned one year old while in captivity.

The members of the families spoke about their difficult experiences and asked Russell to take the lead in an international message for the release of all the hostages, with an emphasis on the children.

At the beginning of the meeting, Russell made it clear that since the October 7 massacre, she has been calling for the unconditional release of all the hostages. Russell, who listened to the stories of the family members, was moved to tears during the conversation with them.

She will also hold meetings with organisations working on the issue and visit the Schneider Medical Center that treated many of the children who returned from Hamas captivity.

Pakistan bye-elections: 239 candidates to contest 23 vacant seats

A total of 239 candidates will contest 23 vacant seats in both national and provincial assemblies in the upcoming bye-elections on April 21, ARY News reported, citing an official of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Sunday.

A total of 239 candidates will contest in the by elections, with 50 of them competing for vacant National Assembly seats. Notably, the first lady, Aseefa Bhutto Zardari has already been elected unopposed for NA 207, the ECP official said.

He said that a total of 23 candidates were vying for the vacant seats in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, while 154 candidates were seeking their fortunes in Punjab. In Sindh, Zubair Ahmed Junejo secured his seat unopposed on PS-80. ARY News reported that twelve contenders are in the running for the empty seats in the Balochistan Assembly. The Commission has scheduled to commence printing the ballot papers for the by-elections upon the finalization of candidate lists by the relevant returning officers on March 30, he added. He stated that necessary election materials had been provided to provincial election commissioners. Additionally, district Returning Officers and Returning Officers are fulfilling their duties according to

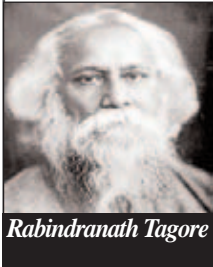


the established election schedule. He said close coordination has been maintained by the commission with the Ministries of Interior and Defense as well as provincial law enforcement agencies. On March 13, the Commission announced the schedule for by-elections across 23 National and Provincial Assembly seats. These elections encompass six National Assembly seats, twelve Punjab Assembly seats, two seats in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, one seat in the Sindh Assembly and two seats in the Balochistan Assembly, all slated for April 21, he said.

POEM

Beggarly Heart

When the heart is hard and parched up, come upon me with a shower of mercy. When grace is lost from life, come with a burst of song. When tumultuous work raises its din on all sides shutting me out from beyond, come to me, my lord of silence, with thy peace and rest. When my beggarly heart sits crouched, shut up in a corner, break open the door, my king, and come with the ceremony of a king. When desire blinds the mind with delusion and dust, O thou holy one, thou wakeful, come with thy light and thy thunder.



Rabindranath Tagore

Transformation of teaching, learning in higher education through open learning

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National Education Policy has opened up different areas for academic discussions and debates to provide quality education in the era of digitalization because it has a significant impact on the life of the learners and society at large, both at local and global level. Providing education to all is the mission of UNESCO and Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan, whereas employability, entrepreneurship, skill development and innovations are other different perspectives to be considered for teaching learning process in higher education according to NEP2020. Therefore, to work on these parameters, the change in the attitude to adopt digitalization, flexibility and sustainability in education is required. And for this reason, open education pedagogical approach and self-directed approach of learning are to be emphasized. Now, the question arises



that how far open education shall bring quality in Education? What are the challenges in this technology enabled learning which is a key issue for open learning pedagogy. To achieve the level of providing educational access to 260 million by 2025 (UNESCO) more focus on life-long learning and open learning is required, that is why, open learning has become an important agenda for most of the universities but its success depends upon equity, quality and access (UNESCO, 2015). The other factors are students' engagement, evaluation, quality

standards and content to be taught through open learning. Therefore, open education system needs to be evaluated on different parameters to bring quality in it. Thus, it necessitates to reflect on changing digitalization and correlating it with the changing needs of teaching and learning theories and practices.

How does a digital learner should construct, relate and share knowledge through social interactions to meet his needs and expectations through meaningful learning? It is a big challenge to go for quality open learning education.

Therefore, another pedagogical approach for open learning can be reflective dialogues and collaborative approach to enrich self-learning. This will enhance the opportunities to learn anywhere, anytime and at any place. Thus, to ensure quality in open learning, the transformation in teaching learning process is required to achieve the meaningful knowledge and life long learning. The Open Educational Resources and MOOCs are providing support to the institutions to enable the learner to be confident and self-directed. Though arguments and debates are going on about the quality of OERs and MOOCs but solutions are yet to be implemented.

Owing to the above discussion, the higher educational institutions must play a significant role in transforming learning and teaching to ensure the quality of learners' learning experiences through technology supported learning environment.

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Spotify Tipped to Be Working on 'Advanced Mixing Tools' Features for Playlists

Spotify is tipped to be working on a new feature that will allow users to remix their playlists with "advanced mixing tools". The mixing tools could allow users to add different transition styles, as well as sequence tracks with a similar key, tempo, and style together. These features could be part of the company's rumoured Music Pro premium plan whose main attraction is said to be lossless music offering. Notably, last week the music streaming giant released a new AI feature that will allow users to create personalised playlists by just entering text prompts. The information about the new mixing tools comes from a Threads post by tipster Chris Messina (via TechCrunch), who found strings of codes in the latest beta version that reveal what these supposed mixing tools can do. Based on the screenshots shared by Messina, the feature will allow users to "Flex your DJ skills with different transition styles to create the ultimate mix."

VLCC School of Beauty Transitions their Institute to State-of-Art facility in Chandigarh for Improved Training Environment

Chandigarh: VLCC School of Beauty, a leading name in the beauty and training industry, has announced the relocation of its Institute to a larger and more advanced facility in Chandigarh. The decision to relocate comes as part of VLCC's commitment to providing enhanced facilities and advanced training opportunities for its students. The new premises offer bigger space and modern amenities, ensuring an enriched learning experience for aspiring beauty professionals. The institute has been opened at SCO 215-216-217 in Sector 34B, Chandigarh. In addition to the relocation, VLCC has strategic plans to open 20 more institutes this year across various locations. This expansion reflects VLCC's dedication to fostering talent and meeting the growing demand for skilled professionals in the beauty and wellness industry. VLCC School of Beauty, formerly known as VLCC Institute, has been making significant strides in skill development in India since 2001. With over 100 academies and more than 10,000 annual students, it stands as the largest contributor of skilled personnel to the Indian wellness and beauty industry. With 100+ courses in Makeup, Hair, Skin, Nails, Aesthetics, Cosmetology & Nutrition, VLCC School of Beauty is the Only Beauty School in India providing UGC approved University Certification along with NSDC Skill India Govt certification with all its courses. With its new address and continued expansion efforts, VLCC School of Beauty remains dedicated to empowering individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the dynamic beauty industry.

Saurabh Mehra Appointed as PNB MetLife's Associate Director & Zonal Business Head for Punjab

CHANDIGARH: Saurabh Mehra steps into the role of Associate Director & Zonal Business Head for Punjab at PNB MetLife, a prominent life insurance company in India. In his new capacity, Mr. Mehra will oversee the strategic management of PNB, an important Bancassurance partner for PNB MetLife, focusing primarily on key zones such as Amritsar and Ludhiana. His responsibilities include spearheading growth initiatives, optimizing distribution channels, and implementing strategic measures to strengthen the organization's presence in the region. Saurabh's appointment will further strengthen PNB MetLife's commitment to providing comprehensive insurance solutions to PNB's extensive customer base. Through its collaboration with Punjab National Bank (PNB), collaborating closely with Richa Sawhney, who leads the PNB Bancassurance partnerships for PNB MetLife, Mr. Mehra will help improve PNB MetLife's distribution footprint in the region. With a proven track record spanning over two decades in the insurance industry, Mr. Mehra's leadership will play a pivotal role in driving growth and innovation in the region. His wealth of experience, coupled with a deep understanding of market dynamics, positions him as a key asset in driving growth for the company in Punjab market.

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Apple is Working on a New Feature for Apple Watch That Will Send Alerts if the User is Drowning

Apple Watch in future could be equipped with capabilities to alert nearby users if a person wearing the device begins to drown in a water body. According to a new patent application, the Cupertino-based tech giant is working on a feature that will be able to sense when a user is showing "irregular behaviour" while swimming and is in distress underwater by using the sensors present on the smartwatch. Notably, a recent report has claimed that the Apple Watch Series 10 could feature an upgraded display that offers better battery life. In a patent application filed with the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Apple shared details on how this feature would work and highlighted the need for such a feature. The tech giant said in its application that every year, 3,500 people drown and lose their lives just in the US. Calling it the "fifth most common cause of accidental deaths in the country", Apple said there is a need for drowning prevention systems.

OnePlus 11 5G Receives Price Cut in India

OnePlus 11 5G was launched in India in February 2023. The price of the model has now been reduced in the country. The phone is powered by a Qualcomm Snapdragon chipset and carries a 5,000mAh battery with SuperVOOC fast charging support. It features a 50-megapixel triple rear camera unit and a 10-bit LTPO 3.0 AMOLED display. The handset is also equipped with the company's HyperBoost Gaming Engine and ships with an Android 13-based UI. Notably, the succeeding OnePlus 12 5G was launched in the country earlier this year in January. OnePlus 11 5G price in India The 8GB + 128GB option of the OnePlus 11 5G was launched at Rs. 56,999. Currently, the variant is listed on the OnePlus India website at a lowered price of Rs. 51,999. It is offered in Eternal Green and Titan Black colourways. The official listing added that customers can avail of an additional Rs. 5,000 exchange bonus and Rs. 300 instant discount on using ICICI, HDFC Bank credit cards or OneCard. Buyers can also get up to 12 months of no-cost EMI options.

Switch to plant-based sources of protein for a healthier life



It's no secret that proteins are also called the bodybuilding food because they are one of the building blocks of our body tissues and even help repair them. This is why it's essential to eat enough high-quality protein every day to keep our bodies healthy. An adult needs 0.8 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight every day.

But, hold on, if you though you could only get your daily dose through meat, you couldn't be more wrong. You can easily meet your daily requirement through plant-based foods. Plant-based foods can be excellent sources of protein and

other nutrients. Plant proteins, such as soybeans and quinoa, are complete proteins, which means that they contain all nine essential amino acids that humans need. Also, plant proteins are good for your heart health and they even benefit the environment. Here are some plant-based proteins that you can add to your daily diet.

Lentils and other legumes such as beans, peas, and seeds are good protein sources. They are a rich source of fibre, minerals, phytonutrients and vitamins. A single serving approx. half-cup cooked lentils can provide up to 9 grams of protein per serving. You can add

them to your soups or salads.

Chickpeas Chickpeas are rich in protein, folate, fibre, iron, phosphorus, and healthy fatty acids. A half-cup serving of chickpeas has about 7 grams of protein. Roast them for a crispy snack, or you can mash them to make hummus.

Nuts Do you know that a handful of nuts can provide up to five to six grams of protein? Almonds are the richest source of proteins, followed by pistachios. You can add almonds, pistachios, cashews, walnuts, or hazelnuts to your smoothies or salads or have them as is.

Quinoa Quinoa is a

complete protein source as it contains all the nine essential amino acids. One cup of cooked quinoa offers eight gram of protein and five gram of fibre. You can enjoy quinoa throughout the day — in the morning as a breakfast cereal, for lunch in your salad, and a meal for dinner.

Tofu Soy is a complete protein as it contains all the essential amino acids. Soybean, curd or tofu contains about 10 grams of protein per half-cup serving. You can try tofu, as a meat substitute, in your favourite sandwich or soup or add it to your stirfry veggies.

Infinite Group Organises Partners Meet 2024



CHANDIGARH : Infinite Group proudly announces the success of its much-anticipated event of the year, Infinite Group Partners Meet 2024, held in Chandigarh and New Delhi. The focus of the event was primarily on the prestigious universities in the United Kingdom. The event served as a platform for meaningful discussion among recruiting agents from across India. The key speakers in the event presented a captivating presentation, thus enlightening the audience with comprehensive insights into the universities and explaining why studying in the university in the UK are an ideal choice for students. While addressing the recruiting agents, they highlighted the opportunities available to stu-

dents in the UK. The event attracted a diverse array of participants, including recruiting agents, educators, and industry leaders, who engaged in fruitful discussion relating to higher education abroad and the potential of the industry. The interactive event hosted by Infinite Group served as a basis for networking opportunities, thus encouraging meaningful connections among attendees. "We take great pride in hosting an enriching event, shedding light on the opportunities available in the United Kingdom. The insights shared by the key speakers have undoubtedly inspired our audience and reinforced our commitment to promoting excellence in education," remarked Mr. Gaurav Batra at Infinite Group.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces New Innova HyCross Petrol GX (0) Grade



Chandigarh/Ludhiana: - In line with its 'customer-first' culture and responding to their requirements, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the reintroduction of a new grade in the Innova HyCross the GX (0) petrol variant. The latest addition to the Innova HyCross line-up, boasts of over 10 advanced comfort and technology features thus raising the bar of the value proposition for customers who are seeking for more. Bookings of the Innova HyCross the GX (0) grade is already open with deliveries expected to

commence from April 15, 2024. Commenting on the new introduction, Mr. Sabari Manohar - Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "At TKM, we are constantly listening to the market needs thus ensuring that every vehicle we offer aligns with the evolving needs of our customers. The New Innova HyCross petrol GX (0) grade is a testament to this philosophy which offers enhanced comfort and advanced technology care fully blending the spirit.

Motorola Razr+ 2024 Reportedly Receives Radio Certification in China, Launch Could Be Imminent

Motorola Razr+ 2024 is said to be in the works as the next foldable offering from the Chinese tech brand. Ahead of any official announcement, the clamshell-style foldable handset has been spotted on the Radio Certification website in China, hinting at an

imminent arrival. The listing reveals model number XT2453-2 for the Motorola Razr+. It is expected to debut as a successor to the Motorola Razr 40 Ultra, which went official in India last year. The Motorola Razr+ 2024 was earlier speculated to come with the Motorola Razr 50 Ultra

moniker. As per a report by GizmoChina, a new Motorola smartphone with the model number XT2453-2 has received Radio Certification in China. This model number is associated with the Motorola Razr+ 2024, thanks to an EEC website listing that surfaced online earlier.

India's Artisanal Single Malt, Godawan, Now Enters Punjab, Chandigarh, and Madhya Pradesh

Chandigarh: Godawan, an artisanal single malt whisky that defies traditional norms while keeping tradition at its core, today announced that it has entered Punjab, Chandigarh, and Madhya Pradesh - a move that strengthens its national presence across 7 markets in India. The brainchild of The Good Craft Co. from Diageo India, Godawan is crafting a distinctive single malt that challenges perceptions and defies traditional whisky production norms.

Distilled in Alwar, a region devoid of conventional whisky making terror, Godawan leverages Rajasthan's elevated temperatures, heritage techniques,

and unique botanicals to bring to life a range of Indian single malts that will cater to every palate - Light and Floral, Fruity and Spicy, Rich and Rounded, Full bodied and Smoky. It achieves this by crafting a mother liquid that is flexible enough to manifest itself across each flavour profile. Currently, the brand has launched two unique expressions - 01 Rich and Rounded and 02 Fruit and Spice-priced between INR 2800 to INR 6000.

"As India's whisky craftsmanship gains global recognition, it's crucial to consistently drive innovation and uphold exceptional quality standards. With Godawan, we are pushing the boundaries of whisky pro-

duction through cutting-edge techniques and unconventional ingredients - to foster a spirit of exploration and innovation within the industry. We are very excited to now be available in Punjab, Chandigarh, and Madhya Pradesh - pivotal markets where whisky is a top choice among consumers. With the Indian single malt category exhibiting an annual growth rate of 42%, our national expansion couldn't come at a more opportune time. Looking ahead, our focus remains on delivering high product quality and solidifying our presence across key markets," says Vikram Damodaran, Chief Innovation Officer, Diageo India.

Doctors at Marengo Asia Hospitals advocate spreading awareness on Kyphoscoliosis

LUDHIANA: Marengo Asia Hospitals Faridabad is proud to announce its support and commitment to raising awareness about Kyphoscoliosis, a severe spinal disorder. This spinal disorder affects millions of individuals worldwide and the team of doctors in the Department of Brain & Spine Surgery aims to promote education, advocacy, and support for those living with this condition. This team is led by Dr. Tarun Sharma, Director & HOD, and supported by Dr. Sachin Goel, Sr Consultant, Marengo Asia Hospitals Faridabad. Kyphoscoliosis is a complex condition characterized by abnormal curvature of the spine in two planes: Kyphosis which is front-to-back curvature and scoliosis which is side-to-side curvature. This condition can lead to various challenges, including cosmetic deformity (a hump at the upper back), limited mobility, respiratory issues, and chronic pain. When both kyphosis and scoliosis occur together, it leads to kyphoscoliosis. This condition can range from mild to severe and can cause various symptoms such as back pain, difficulty breathing, limited mobility, and in severe cases, it can impact organ function due to the compression of the chest cavity. Despite its impact on individuals' quality of life, kyphoscoliosis remains misunderstood and underrepresented in public domains. Dr. Tarun Sharma, Director & HOD, Department of Neurosurgery, Marengo Asia Hospitals Faridabad says, "We recognize the importance of spreading awareness about Kyphoscoliosis to improve early diagnosis, access to care, and quality of life for affected individuals. Through educational initiatives, community outreach programs, and collaborations with healthcare professionals, we seek to empower individuals with Kyphoscoliosis and their caregivers with knowledge and support.

Vodafone Idea Limited Rs. 18,000 crore further Public offering to open on Thursday april 18

GURUGRAM / HISAR Vodafone Idea Limited ("Vi" or The "The Company"), shall open its Bid / Offer in relation to its Further Public Offering ("FPO") of Equity Shares on Thursday, 18th April, 2024. The Total Offer Size comprises of fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹ 1,80,000 million [₹ 18,000 crore]. (The "Fresh Issue") ("The Total Issue Size") The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹ 10 to ₹ 11 Per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 1,298 Equity Shares and in multiples of 1,298 Equity Shares thereafter. (The "Price Band") The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be Tuesday, 16th April, 2024. The Bid/Offer will open Thursday, 18th April, 2024 for subscription and close on Monday, 22nd April, 2024. (The "Bid / Offer Period") The Company proposes to utilize net proceeds from fresh issue of Equity Shares towards funding - (i) Purchase of equipment for the expansion of its network infrastructure amounting to Rs. 1,27,500 million [Rs. 12,750 crore]



which includes (a) setting up new 4G sites; (b) expanding the capacity of existing 4G sites and new 4G sites and (c) setting up new 5G sites; (ii) Payment of certain deferred payments for spectrum to the DoT and the GST thereon amounting to Rs. 21,753.18 million [Rs. 2,175 crore] and (v) balance amount for general corporate purposes. (The "Objects of the Offer") The Equity Shares offered through this Red Herring Prospectus dated April 11, 2024 are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. The Company has received 'in-principle' approvals from BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange.

EaseMyTrip expands its franchise network in Haryana, opens its first store in Karnal

Karnal, : EaseMyTrip.com, one of India's largest online travel tech platforms, announces the launch of its first franchise store in Karnal, Haryana. This move is a part of the brand's expansion plans through the franchise model, highlighting its commitment to providing its customers with superior experiences through both offline and online channels. Rikant Pittie, Co-Founder, EaseMyTrip, said, "In line with expanding our footprint across the country through our franchising model, we have launched the new store in Karnal. This move symbolises our commitment and dedicated approach to catering to the evolving requirements of customers. We aim to redefine their travel experiences, and the rapid establishment of offline retail stores is bringing us closer to this vision. Our constant endeavour is to extend beyond merely providing travel-oriented services and craft memorable experiences for our invaluable customers." Located in the prime area of Mugal Canal, the new store will cater to the diverse travel needs of customers in Karnal. Mirroring EaseMyTrip's core ethos, the store's interiors complement the brand's colour palette, ensuring customers have a strong brand recall. With its welcoming ambience.

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Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (IoE) hosts Information Session in Gurugram for Admissions for 2024-25

Gurugram, 15 April 2024: Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (IoE) welcomed prospective students and their families to an information session in Gurugram. The gathering served as a platform for students and parents to engage with the academic leadership and faculty members, offering insights into admissions for the academic year 2024-25. The university is currently accepting applications to all programs across its four schools in Engineering, Natural Sciences, Management and Entrepreneurship, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Application forms are available on the university's official website (http://www.snu.edu.in/home). Dr. Rajeev Kumar Singh, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Academics at Shiv Nadar Institution of



Eminence who moderated the session highlighted the diverse opportunities available at the university and new scholarships for deserving students. Details about the scholarships are available at this website link: https://snuadmissions.com/. While addressing the parents and students during the session, Dr. Singh, said, "Shiv Nadar Institution of

Eminence is a student-centric, multidisciplinary research university. Teaching at the university is continuously enriched by our faculty's research work along with strong industry connect. The university's Atal Incubation Centre is a cradle that nurtures startup ideas and handholds them till it fructifies.

The Flames of Fire Ministries continue help to the poor



Chandigarh: The Flames of Fire Ministries, a charitable organization that supports downtrodden and impoverished section of society, distributed dry ration to the needy people. The organization also helps people with food, shelter and cloths every month. The beneficiaries of ration particularly included widows and abandoned women

registered with the organization. Pastor Kanchan Mittal, Chairman of The Flames of Fire Ministries, said, "We want to support children, women and elders who are living alone and have nobody to support them in the family. We continue to do whatever we can with the help of our partners and donors. We will soon open more shelter homes in the region."

Baisakhi celebrations at Saint Soldier International School



CHANDIGARH: Saint Soldier International School, Sector 28 B, Chandigarh resonated with the vibrant spirit of Baisakhi as the entire school came together to celebrate this auspicious occasion. The day was marked by a series of engaging

activities and performances that showcased the rich cultural heritage of Punjab. Students of Class VIII presented a Special Assembly on Baisakhi which commenced with a heartfelt reflection on the significance of this day, followed by a news segment

highlighting the importance of this festival in our culture. Students were enlightened with a talk on the historical and cultural significance of Baisakhi, setting the stage for the festivities ahead.

Adding to the festive fervour, students presented a traditional song and a Punjabi poem titled 'Ayi Vaisakhi Ayi'. The assembly concluded with a power-packed Bhangra performance that had everyone tapping their feet in joyous celebration.

A variety of other activities were also conducted across various grades. From decorating soft boards to engaging in creative competitions, every corner of the school resonated with the spirit of Baisakhi. The junior wing had a Traditional Dress Competition which added to the cultural flavour.

Shri Ram Global School Students have a memorable picnic by the Lake at AIPL Dream City Ludhiana

Ludhiana: AIPL Dream City Ludhiana, a leading name in real estate development, recently played host to an unforgettable picnic experience for students of Shri Ram Global School. This collaborative initiative aimed to foster a deeper appreciation for nature and promote sustainability among the younger generation. The picturesque setting of the lake at AIPL Dream City served as the perfect backdrop for a day filled with fun and learning. A total of 63 enthusiastic children, accompanied by their teachers, embarked on a journey of exploration and excitement. From the moment they arrived, the children were greeted with warm hospitality and a plethora of engaging activities. They immersed themselves in the lush green surroundings, relishing in the opportunity to connect with nature firsthand. Exploring the



diverse flora and fauna of AIPL Dream City, the students marvelled at the beauty of their surroundings and gained valuable insights into environmental conservation. One of the highlights of the day was the interactive "nukkad natak" performance, where the students showcased their talents while raising awareness about the importance of sustainability and ecological preservation.

Through creativity and storytelling, they conveyed powerful messages to inspire positive change within their community. As the day progressed, the children indulged in lively games and recreational activities, further strengthening bonds of friendship and camaraderie. The joyous laughter echoed across the serene landscape as they relished every moment of their outdoor adventure.

upGrad ends Fiscal'24 with creating 55,000 Jobs

Mumbai: upGrad, one of Asia's largest integrated learning skilling and workforce development majors concluded FY24 with steady growth in annual placements and transitions record of 55,000 in a single year. Learners have secured positions in nearly 3000 national and global companies through new jobs, career switches, and promotions, with the annual CTC ranging from a baseline of INR 4.5 LPA to a max of INR 1.80 crore. Hiring sentiments have remained strong within the Marketing, Data, and Tech domains with nearly 50% of learners placed across major cities such as Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Chennai followed by the rest across Pune, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Noida, Gurgaon and, Ahmedabad amongst others. Karnataka, Telangana and Tamil Nadu regions have also remained talent-attracted markets. Post-pandemic market conditions have encouraged women professionals to either upskill for stronger career growth or re-enter the workforce through 'returnship' programs. Out of the total pool, nearly two-third of transitions were made by women professionals during the year. Interestingly, upGrad has also witnessed over 1.4 lakh enrollments for their free courses in GenAI, Data, AI/ML, and Technology reassuring the continued demand from India Inc. for instant skill-ups.

Shri Guru Ramdas Seva Society will organize an eye check-up camp today

NARESH GARG LADWA: Shri Guru Ramdas Seva Society of Ladwa will organize an eye check-up camp at Saini Surgical Hospital on April 16. Sevak Surjit Singh told that in the eye examination camp, Dr. Aman Aggarwal and his team will examine your eyes with the help of modern machines. In this, free eye medicines will be given, eye examination will be done from 10 am to 1 pm. He said that on Tuesday itself, Dr. Rakshpal Sharma will treat mental patients at Ganesh Medical Hall in the city, the time will be from 2.30 pm to 4 pm.

Children killed and injured in bus accident should get compensation soon: Jarnail Mohadi

MANISH KUMAR AMBALA: Former District General Secretary of JJP Jarnail Singh Mohadi has demanded from Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini that compensation of Rs 50 lakh should be given to the families of the children killed in the bus accident in Mahendragarh district of the state and compensation of up to Rs 10 lakh to the injured children. He said that every parent is heartbroken by this accident. He prays to God to protect everyone from such accidents so that everyone reaches their destination home safely. Although the negligence of the school administration and the driver is coming to light in this accident, on the other hand there is a need to improve the transport policies also. He suggested that to secure the future of children and to ensure that no parent in Haryana has to face such problems in future, speed governors should be installed in all school buses with immediate effect.

Shri Ram Navami Mahotsav will be celebrated: Kapoor

DARSHAN SHARMA NILOKHERI: On the occasion of Shri Ram Navami Mahaparva, Shri Ram Katha will be concluded with a huge Bhandardara on April 17. On the rest day of Shri Ram Katha organized at Shri Sanatan Dhamam Mandir Neelagar. According to Mandir Sabha President Shri Nath Kapoor, on the rest day of the story but there will also be Maha Aarti and blessings of Lord Shri Ram in the presence of Geeta Manishi Mahamandaleswar Swami Gyan Anand Ji Maharaj. It is noteworthy that before the conclusion of Shri Ram Katha Mahotsav which has been going on since last April 11. Havan Yagya will be held in the morning on April 17 followed by sermons of saints and a huge Bhandardara.

Kang family in collaboration with Youth Welfare Organisation holds blood donation camp

RADHEY SHYAM MORINDA: Kang family in collaboration with Youth Welfare Social Organization Punjab organized a blood donation camp on the occasion of the first death anniversary of late Avtar Singh Kang. Giving information in this regard, blood donation camp organizer Parminder Singh Bittu Kang, organization's president Kamaljit Singh Amoli and President Tajinder Singh Bobby said that this camp was inaugurated by Shiromani Gurdwara Management Committee member Jathedar Ajmer Singh Kheda as the chief guest. But former DTO Karan Singh, in-charge of Shiromani Akali Dal area Sri Chamkaur Sahib, former in-charge Harman Singh Sandhu and Advocate Simranjeet Singh Chandumajra, son of former Lok Sabha member Professor Prem Singh Chandumajra participated. On this occasion, 57 units of blood were collected by Ram Blood Center workers. Blood donors were specially honored by the organizers. On this occasion, Municipal Council Morinda Chairman Jagdev Singh Bittu, Vice Chairman Amritpal Singh Khatra, Bikramjit Singh Jugnu, Dhaminder Singh Kotli, Jaspal Singh Mann, Bahadar Singh, Gurinder Singh, former councilor Manjeet Kaur Kang, Bibi Charanjit Kaur, Vice President of Lead Mortgage Bank were present. Chairman Karnail Singh Jeet, Dr. Nirmal Dhiman, Gursevak Singh Bhurde, Mandeep Singh Rangai Maa Sarabjit Singh Dholmanjira, Rajwinder Singh Binda, Jasvir Singh Rangai, Anil Dhiman, youth leader Amrendra Singh Haley, Kulveer Singh Sonu Ratnagar, Jugraj Singh Manikheri, Mohan Lal. Former Kala Councilor, dignitaries and club members were present.

Aman of Khalsa College gets 2nd position in 5th semester of BA



DR ASHOK KUMAR KARNAL: Aman Kumar, a talented student of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Karnal, has brought laurels to the college by securing second position in Hindi subject of the fifth semester of Bachelor of Arts of Kurukshetra University. Giving detailed information about this, Principal of the college, Dr. Gurinder Singh said that student Aman Kumar has secured a place in the merit list in Kurukshetra University by securing second position in Hindi subject in the fifth semester of BA with 91 percent marks. On reaching the college, Sardarni Jaspreet Kaur Virk, General Secretary of the College Management Committee, welcomed the student Aman by feeding him sweets and along with wishing the student a bright future, assured him of providing all possible help from the college. Student Aman gave the credit of his achievement to his parents, and his professors, Chairman of the Hindi Department, Dr. Bir Singh, Dr. Baljeet Kaur, Dr. Priyanka and Dr. Amandeep Kaur, who educated him.

Hooda and Selja-Surjewala face to face on Lok Sabha tickets in Haryana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 15

There is an uproar in Haryana regarding Congress's Lok Sabha tickets. Congress has not been able to announce even a single candidate yet. Despite meeting with Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge and Sonia Gandhi, factionalism is stuck on 6 out of 9 seats. One Kurukshetra seat has been given by Congress to India block ally Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). In the distribution of tickets, the group of former CM Bhupinder Hooda and Pradhan Uday Bhan is on one side while the group of Selja and Randeep Surjewala is on the other. There is a tussle going on between the two regarding giving tickets to the candidates of their group due to which Congress has not been able to release the list despite the



meeting of the Central Election Committee. As the uproar increased, the right to take the final decision on the candidates has now been given to the Congress high command. There is consent on Rohtak seat for former CM Hooda's Rajya Sabha MP son Deependra Hooda Deependar Hooda will face BJP's Arvind Sharma. From Ssirs Selja will contest elections. She will face BJP's

Ashok Tanwar. In Ambala Varun Mulana's ticket has been approved. His competition was former MP Late Rattanlal AKatia's wife Banto Kataria. Former MPs Brijendra Singh and Jai Prakash are face to face on Hisar seat. Brijendra Singh is the son of former Union Minister Chaudhary Birendra Singh and recently he left BJP and joined Congress. Selja-Surjewala group is advocating

Various activities being organized under Health Day awareness campaign week

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: Various activities are being organized under the Health Day Awareness Campaign Week being run by Red Ribbon and Red Cross Club at Shaheed Udhm Singh Government College, Matak Majri. Under these activities, Dr. Savita gave information to the students about AIDS helpline number 1097. Red Ribbon and Red Cross Club members Professor Pooja, Professor Savita Rani, Professor Dimple had special contribution in these activities. In this, Professor Pooja asked the students to follow the National Aid Control Organization page on Facebook. Dr. Rita Arora made them aware about HIV/AIDS and gave detailed information about its causes and prevention. Professor Dimple informed the students about National Aid Control Organization AIDS App. Professor Pooja brought the program to an end. While taking him, he explained the importance of this campaign and told that only if we are aware, we will be able to make someone else aware, and will be able to discuss such serious issues openly.



NARESH GARG LADWA, APRIL 15

Two unidentified youths opened fire in the air outside the house of Jagdish Singh, son of Fakir Singh in village Gajlana. Due to which there is an atmosphere of panic among the landlords and villagers. On Monday, BJP leader and social worker Sandeep Garg met the family members and took information about the incident. Landlord Jagdish Singh told that he was present at his house at around 8.50 pm on Saturday night. Just then the sound of a motorcycle stopping in front of the gate of his house came. On which two persons were riding. As soon as he came out of his house after hearing the sound of the motorcycle, the people riding the motorcycle started firing in the air. He got scared after hearing the sound of gunshot and immediately ran back to his house. Both the persons fired in the air and fled from the spot on their motorcycle. BJP leader Sandeep Garg, who came to meet the family at



home, said that it is also a very pleasant thing that there was no one near the car at the time when the bullets were fired, because one bullet also hit the window of the car parked at the house. He said that he stands with every member of the family, he can call them whenever they have any need. He said that one should stay away from such incidents and be as careful as possible. He also appealed to the police administration that all those youths who have fired in the air in village Gajlana should be caught as soon as possible and strict action should be taken against them so that these crimes can be stopped.

Anti Corruption Foundation honours top leaders



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Top leaders working selflessly for corruption eradication awareness were honoured by the Anti Corruption Foundation of India by organising a Top Leaders Award Ceremony at Venture Hotel. The programme was presided over by National Supremo Narendra Arora, National Chairman Trade Cell Pawan Sharma and International Chairman Rajesh Garg. On this occasion, all the top leaders were welcomed with flower garlands. Dr. Nisha Gupta, Pawan Kumar Kansal, Sat Narayan Garg, Sunita Gupta, Satish Malhotra, Moti Ram Garg, Ashwani Mehta, Rajendra Kumar, Vikas Garg, Paramjit Kalra, Punit Gupta, Rama Tiwari, Savita Gulati, Dhruv Sharma at the top leaders felicitation ceremony. Mukesh Kumar, Satish Kumar, Pankaj Kumar, Gulshan Kumar Sharma, Bhajanik Singh, Vijay Kumar, Shubham, Pawan Kumar, Rajan Chhibber, Mukta, Suresh Kumar, Balwant Singh, Ashish Kumar were honored with appreciation gifts.

Modi's mission to fulfil hopes of every Indian: Gian Chand Gupta



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA: Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta said that Modi's mission is to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of every Indian. He said that the country has faith in Modi's guarantee. The plan of what to do in the next five years on the basis of Modi's guarantee is in the resolution letter. Shri Gupta said that schemes like free ration to 80 crore people, facility of Ayushman Bharat scheme, curbing corruption through Jan Dhan account, houses to four crore poor, Samman Nidhi to farmers are Modi's guarantees and this will continue in future also. Shri Gupta said that BJP has also resolved to run bullet trains in every corner of the country in the next five years. During this, State Media Co-Chief Naveen Garg, State Yuva Morcha President Yogendra Sharma, Councilor and District Vice President Harendra Malik were also present. Speaking during the press conference in Panchkula, Gian Chand Gupta said that the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas is the soul of BJP's manifesto. The resolution letter prepared after discussing 15 lakh suggestions presents a vision of building a developed India by 2047. PM Modi has targeted the development of poor, youth, women and farmers considering them as four pillars.

Acquiring computer knowledge is the need of hour: Dr. Chawla



RAHUL KOHLI JAGADHRI: Under the leadership of Dr. Vijay Chawla, in-charge of the Admission Committee, a weekly workshop was organised in Maharaja Agrasen College Jagadhri with the courtesy of the Library Department, the main topic of which was creating and designing a website. Librarian Shri Lakhpati Singh ji was present as the keynote speaker in the programme. Keynote speaker Lakhpat ji told the students about the basics of computers and explained in detail about how to create a website on computer. Lakhpat said that creating a website is not a one day task, for this we need continuous hard work and dedication. If we are interested in computers then we can easily learn to create and design a website. Lakhpat gave information to the students about how to create a page on a website and how to create a website. Programme coordinator Dr. Vijay Chawla told the students that our college is continuously moving forward in the interest of the students because today the students who have given the 10th class exams are absolutely free.

MHU receives award of excellent horticultural university: Dr. Suresh



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: In view of the excellent work being done in the horticulture sector under the leadership of Honorable Vice Chancellor of MHU, Dr. Suresh Kumar Malhotra, MHU was recognized among the horticulture departments across the country in a program organized by an organization called Agriculture Business Summit and Awards at Hotel Park Hyatt, Hyderabad, India. Awarded the Best Horticulture University Award. Which is a matter of great pride for Haryana. Vice Chancellor Dr. Suresh Malhotra expressed immense happiness over MHU receiving the award of excellent university and said that MHU is doing important work in the field of horticulture, fruits, vegetables, flowers and medicinal plants. MHU is seriously engaged in fulfilling the requirements of the state. The university has done research work in the last years to create many new technologies. Whose pleasant results have now started coming. Vice Chancellor Dr. Malhotra said that the biggest achievement was recently achieved in research into biological microorganisms. MHU has identified several good microbial related bio-inputs. By successfully using them in the field of horticulture, safe and quality production of crops can be achieved, such that with its use, 20 to 25 percent less chemical fertilisers will be required in the fields.

Six-day state level flood relief training camp inaugurated by Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department



Brahmasarovar under the auspices of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Haryana and District Administration. Earlier, Secretary S Narayanan, Deputy Commissioner Shantanu Sharma, ADC Dr. Vaishali Sharma, SDM Surendra Pal, District Revenue Officer Vikas Singhroha formally inaugurated the camp which will run from April 15-20, 2024 by giving green flag to the boats and lighting the lamp in Brahmasarovar. While giving his message to about 150 trainees who had come from across the state, the Secretary said that Master Trainers have been invited to refresh the trainees who take training every year in this state level training camp. He said that in this camp, employees of various departments have come to take training apart from their normal duties to protect people in emergency situations. All the employees have reached here with their heart's desire and with the goal of social service in mind.

Chant of hymns in praise of Bhole in Sanatan Dharma Temple Ramnagar



PARI BAJAJ KARNAL: Family of Sanatan Dharma Mandir, Ramnagar chanted Om Namah Shivay. Chief servant Sanjay Tikka started the musical praise of Shiva with Sharanam, Namoh Sharanam, Shivay Sharanam, Bhole Baba Sharanam. He wooed Lord Shiva by singing the hymn 'Become my friend Hariom Om Namah Shivay'. The artists enthralled the devotees by singing hymns. The devotees first decorated Bhole Baba with flower decorations and then pleased Bholenath by chanting Har Har Mahadev. The program started with the worship of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles. Then the name of Ram was chanted. Veer Bajrangi was also wooed with the garland of Ram's name. Prasad was distributed after the hymns. In which hundreds of devotees tasted the Prasad. Jaap family's servant Sanjay Tikka encouraged the devotees.

Meeting held at Shri 18 Bhujji Durga Shiva Temple in view of Ram Navmi festival



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: On Tuesday evening at 8.00 o'clock a meeting of all religious social commercial organizations of Nabha was called at Sri 18 Bhujji Durga Shiv Mandir Nabha in which the President of Nabha Utsav Samiti Nabha Krishna Kumar Kuki said this on the day of Shri Ram Naami. It was decided that Shree Ram Naami Utsav should be taken out from Shri 18 Bhujji Durga Mandir Patiala gate at Nabha on 17th April at Nabha at 4.00 pm to which all the members agreed. Jindal, Shiv Kumar, Mahesh Inder Sharma, Mohit Arora, Parminder Gupta President BJP Mandal Nabha, Secretary Ashwini Chopra, Yash Pal Singla, Rajnish Goyal, Shetty Goyal, Bhupesh Bhaski, Praveen Mittal Gogi President Mata Rani Temple Bhikhi Mor Nabha, Dilip Arora, Jatin Gupta.

Youth should stay away from drugs: Miha Singh Ranga



DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: The birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was celebrated with pomp. Chairman of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Education Development Trust, Miha Singh Ranga and Mahila State President Sweetly Ranga participated in the jubilee celebrations by visiting village Ajrana Kala and Kisangarh, Tangori and Nalvi. Miha Singh Ranga and Sweetly Ranga were the first in the village to offer flowers to Baba Saheb and participated in the cake ceremony prepared by the committee. The village committees honored Siropa and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar ji by giving mementos. Miha Singh Ranga and Sweetly Ranga congratulated everyone on the birthday of Dr BR Ambedkar. Ranga said that today we all together are celebrating the birth anniversary of Baba Saheb. Let us all follow the path shown by Baba Saheb and follow his teachings.

